



# Asymptotic Expansion of Spherical Integral

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## Abstract

We consider the spherical integral of real symmetric or Hermitian matrices when the rank of one matrix is one. We prove the existence of the full asymptotic expansions of these spherical integrals and derive the first and the second term in the asymptotic expansion.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the expansion of the spherical integral

$$I_N^{(\beta)}(D_N, B_N) = \int \exp\{N \operatorname{Tr}(D_N U^* B_N U)\} dm_N^{(\beta)}(U), \quad (1)$$

where  $m_N^{(\beta)}$  is the Haar measure on orthogonal group  $O(N)$  if  $\beta = 1$ , on unitary group  $U(N)$  if  $\beta = 2$ , and  $D_N, B_N$  are deterministic  $N \times N$  real symmetric or Hermitian matrices, that we can assume diagonal without loss of generality. We follow [4] to investigate the asymptotics of the spherical integrals under the case  $D_N = \operatorname{diag}(\theta, 0, 0, 0, 0 \dots 0)$ :

$$I_N^{(\beta)}(D_N, B_N) = I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N) = \int \exp\{\theta N(e_1^* B_N e_1)\} dm_N^{(\beta)}(U), \quad (2)$$

where  $e_1$  is the first column of  $U$ .

The main result of this paper can be stated as follows,

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**Theorem** *If  $\sup_N \|B_N\|_\infty < M$ , then for any  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ , the spherical integral has the following asymptotic expansion (up to  $O(N^{-n-1})$  for any given  $n$ ):*

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-N(\theta v - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i(B_N)+2\theta v))} I_N(\theta, B_N) \\ &= m_0 + \frac{m_1}{N} + \frac{m_2}{N^2} + \cdots + \frac{m_n}{N^n} + O(N^{-n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $v$  and the coefficients  $\{m_i\}_{i=0}^n$  depend on  $\theta$  and the derivatives of the Hilbert transform of the empirical spectral distribution of  $B_N$ .

The spherical integral provides a finite-dimensional analogue of the  $R$ -transform in free probability [8,10], which states that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two freely independent self-adjoint noncommutative random variables, then their  $R$ -transforms satisfy the following additive formula:

$$R_{X+Y} = R_X + R_Y.$$

In the scenario of random matrices, let  $\{B_N\}$  and  $\{\tilde{B}_N\}$  be sequences of uniformly bounded real symmetric (or Hermitian) matrices whose empirical spectral distributions converge in law toward  $\tau_B$  and  $\tau_{\tilde{B}}$  respectively. Let  $V_N$  be a sequence of independent orthogonal (or unitary) matrices following the Haar measure. Then the noncommutative variables  $\{B_N\}$  and  $\{V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N\}$  are asymptotically free. And the law of their sum  $\{B_N + V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N\}$  converges toward  $\tau_{B+V^* \tilde{B} V}$ , which is characterized by the following additive formula,

$$R_{\tau_{B+V^* \tilde{B} V}} = R_{\tau_B} + R_{\tau_{\tilde{B}}}. \quad (4)$$

We refer to [1, Section 5] for a proof of this.

For the spherical integral, using the same notation as above, we have the following additive formula

$$\frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{V_N} \left[ I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N + V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N) \right] = \frac{1}{N} \log I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N) + \frac{1}{N} \log I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, \tilde{B}_N).$$

So if we define the finite-dimensional  $R$ -transform for a random or deterministic matrix  $B_N$  as follows

$$R_N(B_N) = \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E}_{B_N} \left[ I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N) \right],$$

then the additive law can be formulated in a more concise way,

$$R_N(B_N + V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N) = R_N(B_N) + R_N(\tilde{B}_N). \quad (5)$$

Compare with (4), which takes advantage of the fact that  $\{B_N\}$  and  $\{V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N\}$  are asymptotically free, and which holds after we take the limit as  $N$  goes to infinity.

However, additive formula (5) holds for any  $N$ , which provides a finite-dimensional analogue of the additivity of the  $R$ -transform. Indeed, the  $R$ -transform is some sort of limit of our  $R_N$ :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N(B_N) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N) = \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^{\frac{2\theta}{\beta}} R_{\tau_B}(s) ds.$$

Combining this and some concentration of measure estimates, i.e., almost surely, as  $N$  goes to infinity,

$$\left| \frac{1}{N} \log I_N^{(\beta)}(\theta, B_N + V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N) - R_N(B_N + V_N^* \tilde{B}_N V_N) \right| \rightarrow 0, \tag{6}$$

Guionnet and Maïda in [4] showed that the additivity of  $R$ -transform (4) is a direct consequence of (5). Moreover, with a more quantitative version of (6), the finite-dimensional analogue of  $R$ -transform may be used to study the rate of convergence of sums of asymptotically free random matrices.

The asymptotic expansion and some related properties of spherical integrals were thoroughly studied by Guionnet et al. [4–6]. However, in their paper, they only studied the first term in the asymptotic expansion. We here derive the higher-order asymptotic expansion terms. The proofs are different from those in [4]; Guionnet and Maïda relied on large deviation techniques and used central limit theorem to derive the first-order term. In this paper, we express the spherical integral as an integral over only two Gaussian variables, hence allowing for easier asymptotic analysis.

The spherical integral can also be used to study the Schur polynomials. Spherical integral (1) can be expressed in terms of Schur polynomials. The Harish-Chandra-Itzykson-Zuber integral formula [2,7,9] gives an explicit form for integral (1) in the case  $\beta = 2$  and all the eigenvalues of  $D$  and  $B$  are simple:

$$I_N^{(2)}(D, B) = \prod_{i=1}^N i! \frac{\det(e^{N\lambda_i(D)\lambda_j(B)})_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}}{N^{\frac{N^2-N}{2}} \Delta(\lambda(D)) \Delta(\lambda(B))}, \tag{7}$$

where  $\Delta$  denotes the Vandermonde determinant,

$$\Delta(\lambda(D)) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (\lambda_i(D) - \lambda_j(D)),$$

and  $\lambda_i(\cdot)$  is the  $i$ -th eigenvalue. If we define the  $N$ -tuple  $\mu = (\lambda_i(B_N) - N + i)_{i=1}^N$ , then above expression (7) is the normalized Schur polynomial times an explicit factor,

$$\begin{aligned} I_N^{(2)}(D, B) &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^N i! S_{\mu}(e^{N\lambda_1(D)}, e^{N\lambda_2(D)}, \dots, e^{N\lambda_N(D)}) \prod_{i < j} (e^{N\lambda_i(D)} - e^{N\lambda_j(D)})}{N^{\frac{N^2-N}{2}} \prod_{i < j} ((\mu_i - i) - (\mu_j - j)) \prod_{i < j} (\lambda_i(D) - \lambda_j(D))} \\ &= \frac{S_{\mu}(e^{N\lambda_1(D)}, e^{N\lambda_2(D)}, \dots, e^{N\lambda_N(D)}) \prod_{i < j} (e^{N\lambda_i(D)} - e^{N\lambda_j(D)})}{S_{\mu}(1, 1, \dots, 1) \prod_{i < j} (N\lambda_i(D) - N\lambda_j(D))}. \end{aligned}$$

In [3], Gorin and Panova studied the asymptotic expansion of the normalized Schur polynomial  $\frac{S_\mu(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)}{S_\mu(1, 1, \dots, 1)}$ , for fixed  $k$ . Its asymptotic expansion can be obtained from a limit formula [3, Proposition 3.9], combining with the asymptotic results for  $S_\mu(x_i, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$ , which corresponds to the spherical integral where  $D$  is of rank one. Therefore, our methods give a new proof of [3, Proposition 4.1].

## 2 Some Notations

Throughout this paper,  $N$  is a parameter going to infinity. We use  $O(N^{-l})$  to denote any quantity that is bounded in magnitude by  $CN^{-l}$  for some constant  $C > 0$ . We use  $O(N^{-\infty})$  to denote a sequence of quantities that are bounded in magnitude by  $C_l N^{-l}$  for any  $l > 0$  and some constant  $C_l > 0$  depending on  $l$ .

Given a real symmetric or Hermitian matrix  $B$ , with eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . Let  $\lambda_{\min}(B)$  ( $\lambda_{\max}(B)$ ) be the minimal (maximal) eigenvalue. We denote the Hilbert transform of its empirical spectral distribution by  $H_B$ :

$$H_B(z) : \mathbb{R} \setminus [\lambda_{\min}(B), \lambda_{\max}(B)] \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

$$z \mapsto \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{z - \lambda_i}.$$

On intervals  $(-\infty, \lambda_{\min}(B))$  and  $(\lambda_{\max}(B), +\infty)$ ,  $H_B$  is monotonous. The  $R$ -transform of empirical spectral distribution of  $B$  is

$$R_B(z) := H_B^{-1}(z) - \frac{1}{z},$$

on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $H_B^{-1}$  is the functional inverse of  $H_B$  from  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $(-\infty, \lambda_{\min}(B)) \cup (\lambda_{\max}(B), +\infty)$ . In the following paper, for given nonzero real number  $\theta$ , we denote  $v(\theta) = R_B(2\theta)$ , for simplicity we will omit the variable  $\theta$  in the expression of  $v(\theta)$ .

**Remark 1** Notice  $v$ , defined above, satisfies the following explicit formulas:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} = v. \tag{8}$$

We denote the normalized  $k$ -th derivative of Hilbert transform

$$A_k := \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!(2\theta)^k} \frac{d^{k-1}H_B}{dz^{k-1}} \left( v + \frac{1}{2\theta} \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)^k}. \tag{9}$$

Notice from the definition of  $v$ ,  $A_1 = 1$ . The coefficients in asymptotic expansion (3) can be represented in terms of these  $A_k$ 's.

Also we denote

$$F := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i}{(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)^2} = -\frac{1}{2\theta} + \frac{1 + 2\theta v}{2\theta} A_2,$$

$$G := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i^2}{(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)^2} = -\frac{1 + 4\theta v}{4\theta^2} + \frac{(1 + 2\theta v)^2}{4\theta^2} A_2.$$

### 3 Orthogonal Case

#### 3.1 First-Order Expansion

In this section, we consider the real case,  $\beta = 1$ . For simplicity, in this section we will omit the superscript ( $\beta$ ) in all the notations. We can assume  $B_N$  is diagonal  $B_N = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N)$ . Notice  $e_1$  is the first column of  $U$ , which follows Haar measure on orthogonal group  $O(N)$ .  $e_1$  is uniformly distributed on  $S^{N-1}$ , the surface of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , and can be represented as the normalized Gaussian vector,

$$e_1 = \frac{g}{\|g\|},$$

where  $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_N)^T$  is the standard Gaussian vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Plug them into (2)

$$I_N(\theta, B_N) = \int \exp \left\{ \theta N \frac{\lambda_1 g_1^2 + \lambda_2 g_2^2 \cdots + \lambda_N g_N^2}{g_1^2 + g_2^2 + \cdots + g_N^2} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i). \tag{10}$$

where  $P(\cdot)$  is the standard Gaussian probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Following the paper [4], define

$$\gamma_N := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N g_i^2 - 1, \quad \hat{\gamma}_N := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i g_i^2 - v.$$

Then (10) can be rewritten in the following form

$$I_N(\theta, B_N) = \int \exp \left\{ \theta N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N + v}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i).$$

Next we will do the following change of measure

$$P_N(dg_1, dg_2, \dots, dg_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N \left( \sqrt{1 + 2\theta v - 2\theta\lambda_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(1+2\theta v-2\theta\lambda_i)g_i^2} dg_i \right).$$

With this measure, we have  $\mathbb{E}_{P_N}(\gamma_N) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}_{P_N}(\hat{\gamma}_N) = 0$ . Therefore, intuitively from the law of large number, as  $N$  goes to infinity,  $\gamma_N$  and  $\hat{\gamma}_N$  concentrate at origin. This is exactly what we will do in the following.

Let us also define

$$I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N) = \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp \left\{ \theta N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N + v}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i),$$

where constants  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  satisfy  $\frac{1}{2} > \kappa_1 > 2\kappa_2$  and  $2\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 > 1$ . We prove the following proposition, then the difference between  $I_N(\theta, B_N)$  and  $I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N)$  is of order  $O(N^{-\infty})$ . A weaker form of this proposition also appears in [4]. With this proposition, for the asymptotic expansion, we only need to consider  $I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N)$ .

**Proposition 1** *Given constants  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{2} > \kappa_1 > 2\kappa_2$  and  $2\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 > 1$ . There exist constants  $c, c'$ , depending on  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  and  $\sup \|B_N\|_\infty$ , such that for  $N$  large enough*

$$|I_N(\theta, B_N) - I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N)| \leq ce^{-c'N^{1-2\kappa_1}} I_N(\theta, B_N). \tag{11}$$

**Proof** We can split (11) into two parts

$$I_N(\theta, B_N) - I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N) = \underbrace{\left( \int - \int_{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}} \right)}_{E_1} + \underbrace{\left( \int_{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}} - \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}} \right)}_{E_2}.$$

Following the same argument as in [4, Lemma 14],

$$|E_1| \leq ce^{-c'N^{1-2\kappa_1}} I_N(\theta, B_N).$$

For  $E_2$ , notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp \left\{ \theta N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N + v}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i) \\ &= \exp \left\{ \theta N v + \theta N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N) - \theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i) \\ &= e^{\theta N v} \exp \left\{ -\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} g_i^2 (1 - 2\theta \lambda_i + 2\theta v)} dg_i. \end{aligned}$$

With the change of variable  $g_i = \frac{\tilde{g}_i}{\sqrt{1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\left\{\theta N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N + v}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i) \\ &= e^{\theta N v - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} \exp\left\{-\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i), \end{aligned}$$

where in terms of the new variables  $\tilde{g}_i$ 's, we have

$$\gamma_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} - 1, \quad \hat{\gamma}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i \tilde{g}_i^2}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} - v. \tag{12}$$

We can bound  $|E_2|$  as,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| > N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{\theta N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N + v}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(g_i) \right| \\ &= e^{\theta N v - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} \left| \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| > N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \right| \\ &\leq e^{\theta N v - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} e^{|\theta|(\|B_N\|_\infty + v)N^{1-\kappa_1}} P(|\hat{\gamma}_N| > N^{-\kappa_2}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\hat{\gamma}_N| > N^{-\kappa_2}) &= P\left(\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i \tilde{g}_i^2}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} - v\right| > N^{-\kappa_2}\right) \\ &= P\left(\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i (\tilde{g}_i^2 - 1)}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v}\right| > N^{\frac{1}{2} - \kappa_2}\right) \\ &\leq 2e^{-c'N^{1-2\kappa_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality comes from the concentration measure inequality in Lemma A1 and the uniformly boundedness of  $\|B_N\|_\infty$ . Moreover from [4, Lemma 14], we have the lower bound for  $I_N(\theta, B_N)$ ,

$$I_N(\theta, B_N) \geq c e^{\theta N v - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} e^{-|\theta|(\|B_N\|_\infty + v)N^{1-\kappa_1}}.$$

From our assumption  $\kappa_1 > 2\kappa_2$ , so  $e^{|\theta|(\|B_N\|_\infty + v)N^{1-\kappa_1}} \ll e^{c'N^{1-2\kappa_2}}$ . Therefore for  $N$  large enough

$$|E_2| \leq ce^{-c'N^{1-2\kappa_2}} I_N(\theta, B_N).$$

This finishes the proof of (11). □

Since the difference between  $I_N(\theta, B_N)$  and  $I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N)$  is of order  $O(N^{-\infty})$ , for asymptotic expansion, we only need to consider  $I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N)$ .

$$I_N^{\kappa_1, \kappa_2}(\theta, B_N) = e^{N\left(\theta v - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i(B_N) + 2\theta v)\right)} \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{-\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i),$$

The next thing is to expand the following integral,

$$\int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{-\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i). \tag{13}$$

We recall the definition of  $\gamma_N$  and  $\hat{\gamma}_N$  from (12). Since the denominator  $\gamma_N + 1$  in the exponent has been restricted in a narrow interval centered at 1, we can somehow “ignore” it by Taylor expansion, which results in the following error  $R_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &:= \left| \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{-\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \exp\left\{\theta N \gamma_N^2 \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} - 1 \right) \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \right|. \tag{14} \end{aligned}$$

Under our assumption  $2\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 > 1$ ,  $\theta N \gamma_N^2 \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1} = O(N^{1-2\kappa_1-\kappa_2}) = o(1)$ , which means the above error  $R_1$  is of magnitude  $o(1)$ . Therefore, the error  $R_1$  won’t contribute to the first term in asymptotic expansion of integral (13). And the first term of asymptotics of the spherical integral comes from the following integral

$$\int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i). \tag{15}$$



We will revisit this for higher-order expansion in next section. In the remaining part of this section, we prove the following theorem about the first term of asymptotic expansion of spherical integral. This strengthens [4, Theorem 3], where they require additional conditions on the convergence speed of spectral measure).

**Theorem 1** *If  $\sup_N \|B_N\|_\infty < M$ , then for any  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ , the spherical integral has the following asymptotic expansion,*

$$e^{-N\left(\theta v - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i(B_N)+2\theta v)\right)} I_N(\theta, B_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} + o(1), \tag{16}$$

where  $A_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(1+2\theta v-2\theta\lambda_i)^2}$ .

Notice (16) is an integral of  $N$  Gaussian variables and the exponent  $-\theta N\gamma_N(\hat{\gamma}_N - v\gamma_N)$  is a quartic polynomial in terms of  $g_i$ 's; So, one cannot compute the above integral directly. Using the following lemma, by introducing two more Gaussian variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , we can reduce the degree of the exponent to two, and it turns to be ordinary Gaussian integral. Then we can directly compute it, and obtain the higher order asymptotic expansion.

Write the exponent in integral (15) as sum of two squares, then we can implement Lemma A2, to reduce its degree to two. Let  $b^2 = \theta/2$ ,  $I_1 = [-N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_1+\epsilon}, N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_1+\epsilon}]$  and  $I_2 = [-N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_2+\epsilon}, N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_2+\epsilon}]$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then on the region  $\{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-\theta N\gamma_N(\hat{\gamma}_N - v\gamma_N)} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{\theta}{2} \frac{(\sqrt{N}((1-v)\gamma_N + \hat{\gamma}_N))^2 - (\sqrt{N}((1+v)\gamma_N - \hat{\gamma}_N))^2}{2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{-ibx_1\sqrt{N}((1-v)\gamma_N + \hat{\gamma}_N)} e^{-bx_2\sqrt{N}((1+v)\gamma_N - \hat{\gamma}_N)} e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}} \\ & \quad e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_1 dx_2 + O(N^{-\infty}). \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Plug it back into (15), ignoring the  $O(N^{-\infty})$  error,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N\gamma_N(\hat{\gamma}_N - v\gamma_N)} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \\ &= \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \left\{ \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{-ibx_1\sqrt{N}((1-v)\gamma_N + \hat{\gamma}_N)} e^{-bx_2\sqrt{N}((1+v)\gamma_N - \hat{\gamma}_N)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_1 dx_2 \right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_1 \times I_2} e^{ibx_1\sqrt{N}} e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}} \prod_{i=1}^2 e^{-\frac{x_i^2}{2}} dx_i \\
 &\int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}\right)} \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i. \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice here in the inner integral, the integral domain is the region  $\mathcal{D} = \{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}\}$  and the Gaussian variables  $\tilde{g}_i$  are located in this region with overwhelming probability. It is highly likely that if we instead integrate over the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , the error is exponentially small. We will first compute the integral under the belief that the integral outside this region  $\mathcal{D}$  is negligible, then come back to this point later. Replace the integral region  $\mathcal{D}$  by  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &e^{ibx_1\sqrt{N}} e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}\right)} \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i \right\} \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\exp\left\{\frac{b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}\right\}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}}}, \tag{19}
 \end{aligned}$$

where for the numerator we used the definition (8) of  $v$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1-v+\lambda_i}{1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1+v-\lambda_i}{1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v} = 1. \tag{20}$$

Let  $\mu_i = \frac{b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}$ . Then  $\mu_i = O(N^{\epsilon-\kappa_2})$ , where  $0 < \epsilon < \kappa_2$ . So we have the Taylor expansion

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{e^{\mu_i}}{\sqrt{1+2\mu_i}} = \prod_{i=1}^N e^{\mu_i^2 + o(\mu_i^2)} = \prod_{i=1}^N e^{\mu_i^2} \left(1 + o\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2\right)\right),$$

later we will see  $\int e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2 dP(x_1)dP(x_2) = O(1)$ . Thus, the first term in the asymptotics of integral (18) comes from the integral of  $e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2}$ , which is

$$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{\frac{\theta}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^2}{(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2} - \frac{x_1^2+x_2^2}{2}} dx_1 dx_2. \tag{21}$$

The exponent is a quadratic form and can be written as  $-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle$  where  $K$  is the following  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices,

$$K := \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \theta((1-v)^2 A_2 + 2(1-v)F + G) & -\theta i((1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G) \\ -\theta i((1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G) & 1 - \theta((1+v)^2 A_2 - 2(1+v)F + G) \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A_2, F, G$  are respectively  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2}, \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i}{(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i^2}{(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2}$ . With this notation, above integral (21) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx_1 dx_2. \tag{22}$$

To deal with this complex Gaussian integral, we will use Lemma A3. Now we need to verify that our matrix  $K$  satisfies the condition of Lemma A3. Write  $K$  as the following sum

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \theta \left( (1-v)^2 A_2 + 2(1-v)F + G \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \theta \left( (1+v)^2 A_2 - 2(1+v)F + G \right) \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\theta \left( (1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G \right) \\ -\theta \left( (1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G \right) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\min\{\lambda_i\} \leq v(\theta) \leq \max\{\lambda_i\}, |v(\theta)| < \max |\lambda_i| < M$ . If  $\theta < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ , it is easy to check the real part of matrix  $K$  is positive definite. To use Lemma A3, the only thing is to compute the determinant of matrix  $K$ . Notice the algebraic relations between parameters  $A_2, F, G, \det(K) = A_2$ . Therefore, we obtain the first-order asymptotic of the spherical integral,

$$e^{-N(\theta v - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1-2\theta\lambda_i(B_N)+2\theta v))} I_N(\theta, B_N) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} (1 + o(1)) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} + o(1).$$

Go back to integral (18), we need to prove that the integral outside the region  $\mathcal{D}$  is of order  $O(N^{-\infty})$ , then replacing the integral domain  $\mathcal{D} = \{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, |\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}\}$  by the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^N$  won't affect the asymptotic expansion.

**Lemma 1** Consider integral (18) on the complement of  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e., on  $\{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_1}$  or  $|\gamma_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_2}\}$ ,

$$R := \left| \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{ibx_1\sqrt{N}+bx_2\sqrt{N}} e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_1 dx_2 \int_{\substack{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ \text{or } |\gamma_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}} \right)} \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i \right|.$$

Then for  $N$  large enough, the error  $R \leq c'e^{-cN^\zeta}$ , for some constant  $c, c', \zeta > 0$  depending on  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  and  $\|B_N\|_\infty$ .

**Proof**

$$R \leq \int_{I_2} \int_{I_1} e^{\Re\{ibx_1\sqrt{N}+bx_2\sqrt{N}\}} e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_1 dx_2$$

$$\int_{\substack{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ \text{or } |\gamma_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\Re \left\{ \frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} \right) \right\}} \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i.$$

Since  $b = \sqrt{\theta/2}$ ,  $b$  is either real or imaginary. For simplicity, here we only discuss the case when  $b$  is real. The case when  $b$  is imaginary can be proved in the same way. The above integral can be simplified as

$$R \leq \int_{I_2} e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}} \left\{ \int_{\substack{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ \text{or } |\gamma_N| \geq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)} \right)} \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i \right\} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_2.$$

To simplify it, we perform a change of measure. Let  $h_i = \tilde{g}_i \sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}$ ,

$$R \leq \int_{I_2} \frac{e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}}}{\prod_{i=1}^N \sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}} P_h(\mathcal{D}^c) e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_2. \tag{23}$$

Here  $P_h(\cdot)$  is the Gaussian measure of  $(h_i)_{i=1}^N$ . Take  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2} - \kappa_1$ , we can separate the above integral into two parts,

$$\begin{aligned} R &\leq \underbrace{\int_{[-N^\epsilon, N^\epsilon]} \frac{e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}}}{\prod_{i=1}^N \sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}} P_h(\mathcal{D}^c) e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_2}_{E_1} \\ &+ \underbrace{\int_{I_2 \cap [-N^\epsilon, N^\epsilon]^c} \frac{e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}}}{\prod_{i=1}^N \sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_2}_{E_2}. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

For  $E_2$ , it is of the same form as (19). Use the same argument, the main contribution from  $E_2$  is a Gaussian integral on  $[-N^\epsilon, N^\epsilon]^c$ . So it stretched exponential decays,  $E_2 \leq c'e^{-cN^\zeta}$ . For  $E_1$ ,

$$E_1 \leq \int \frac{e^{bx_2\sqrt{N}}}{\prod_{i=1}^N \sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2}{\sqrt{N}(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} dx_2 \sup_{x_2 \in [-N^\epsilon, N^\epsilon]} \{P_h(\mathcal{D}^c)\}.$$

If we can show that on the interval  $[-N^\epsilon, N^\epsilon]$ ,  $P_h(\mathcal{D}^c)$  is uniformly exponentially small, independent of  $x_2$ , then  $E_1$  is exponentially small. For the upper bound of  $P_h(\mathcal{D}^c)$ , first by the union bound,

$$P_h(\mathcal{D}^c) \leq P_h(|\gamma_N| > N^{-\kappa_1}) + P_h(|\hat{\gamma}_N| > N^{-\kappa_2}).$$

For simplicity here I will only bound the first term, the second term can be bounded in exactly the same way.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P_h(|\gamma_N| > N^{-\kappa_1}) \\
 &= P_h\left(\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_i^2}{1 - 2\lambda_i\theta + 2\theta v + 2bx_2(1 + v - \lambda_i)/\sqrt{N}} - 1\right| \geq N^{-\kappa_1}\right) \\
 &= P_h\left(\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_i^2 - 1}{1 - 2\lambda_i\theta + 2\theta v + 2bx_2(1 + v - \lambda_i)/\sqrt{N}} + O(N^{\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}})\right| \geq N^{-\kappa_1}\right) \\
 &\leq c'e^{-cN^\zeta}, \tag{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the second to last line, we used the defining relation (8) of  $v$ , such that  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{1 - 2\lambda_i\theta + 2\theta v} = 1$ . And for the last inequality, since  $\epsilon - \frac{1}{2} < -\kappa_2$ , the term  $O(N^{\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}})$  is negligible compared with  $N^{-\kappa_1}$ . Then the concentration measure inequality in Lemma A1 implies (25).  $\square$

### 3.2 Higher-Order Expansion

We recall the definition of  $\gamma_N$  and  $\hat{\gamma}_N$  in terms of the new variables  $\tilde{g}_i$ 's,

$$\gamma_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} - 1, \quad \hat{\gamma}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i \tilde{g}_i^2}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} - v. \tag{26}$$

To compute the higher-order expansion of the spherical integral  $I_N(\theta, B_N)$ , we need to obtain a full asymptotic expansion of (13).

$$\int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp\left\{-\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^{i=N} dP(\tilde{g}_i) \tag{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \exp\left\{\theta N \gamma_N^2 \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \\
 &= \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \left\{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\theta N \gamma_N^2 \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1}\right)^k\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \\
 &= \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) + \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{\sum_{k=1}^l \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{(-1)^k \theta^k}{k!} (-\gamma_N)^l (\sqrt{N} \gamma_N)^k (\sqrt{N} (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N))^k\right\} \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i). \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

We consider the  $l$ -th summand in expression (28). As proved in [4, Theorem 3], the distribution of  $(\sqrt{N}\gamma_N, \sqrt{N}\hat{\gamma}_N)$  tends to  $\Gamma$ , which is a centered two-dimensional Gaussian measure on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with covariance matrix

$$R = 2 \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}.$$

Moreover, the matrix  $R$  is non-degenerate. Therefore, by the central limit theorem, we can obtain the asymptotic expression of the  $l$ -th term in (28)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \sum_{k=1}^l \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{(-1)^k \theta^k}{k!} (-\gamma_N)^l (\sqrt{N} \gamma_N)^k \\ & \quad \left( \sqrt{N} (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N) \right)^k \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i) \\ & = \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{N}} \right)^l \left\{ \int e^{-\theta N x (y - vx)} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^l \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{(-1)^k \theta^k}{k!} x^{l+k} (y - vx)^k \right\} d\Gamma(x, y) + o(1) \right\} \\ & = O(N^{-l/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if we cut off the infinite sum (28) at the  $l$ -th term, then the error terms are of magnitude  $O(N^{-(l+1)/2})$ . To obtain the full expansion, we need to understand each term in expansion (28).

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-\theta N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{(-1)^k \theta^k}{k!} (-\gamma_N)^l N^k (\gamma_N)^k \\ & \quad (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)^k \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i). \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Define

$$f_l(t) = \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} e^{-t N \gamma_N (\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N)} \gamma_N^l \prod_{i=1}^N dP(\tilde{g}_i). \tag{30}$$

By the dominated convergence theorem, we can interchange derivative and integral. Integral (29) can be written as

$$(-1)^l \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{\theta^k}{k!} \left. \frac{d^k f_l(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=\theta}.$$

Therefore to understand asymptotic expansion of (29), we only need to compute the asymptotic expansion of  $f_l(t)$ , for  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . We have the following proposition

**Proposition 2** *If  $\sup_N \|B_N\|_\infty < M$ , then for any  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ ,  $f_l$  has the following asymptotic expansion (up to  $O(N^{-n-1})$  for any given  $n$ )*

$$f_l(t) = m_0 + \frac{m_1}{N} + \frac{m_2}{N^2} + \dots + \frac{m_n}{N^n} + O(N^{-n-1}), \tag{31}$$

where  $\{m_i\}_{i=0}^n$  depends explicitly on  $t, \theta, v$  and the derivative of the Hilbert transform of the empirical spectral distribution of  $B_N$ , namely,  $A_2, A_3, A_4 \dots A_{2n+2}$ , as defined in (9).

**Proof** First we show that  $f_l$  has asymptotic expansion in form (31), then we show those  $m_i$ 's depend only explicitly on  $t, \theta$  and  $\{A_k\}_{k=2}^{+\infty}$ . We introduce two Gaussian random variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , the same as in (17) and (18), we obtain the following expression of  $f_l(t)$ ,

$$f_l(t) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^2} \int_{I_1 \times I_2} e^{ibx_1\sqrt{N}+bx_2\sqrt{N}} \prod_{i=1}^2 e^{-\frac{x_i^2}{2}} dx_i$$

$$\int_{\substack{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ |\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1+(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}\right)} \gamma_N^l \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i + O(N^{-\infty}),$$

where  $b^2 = t/2$ ,  $I_1 = [-N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_1+\epsilon}, N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_1+\epsilon}]$  and  $I_2 = [-N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_2+\epsilon}, N^{\frac{1}{2}-\kappa_2+\epsilon}]$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . The same argument, as in Lemma 1, about replacing integral domain in the inner integral can be implemented here without too much change. So we can replace the integral domain  $\{|\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1}, |\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}\}$  by  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

$$e^{ibx_1\sqrt{N}+bx_2\sqrt{N}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1+(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}\right)} \tag{32}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(\tilde{g}_i^2 - 1)}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} \right\}^l \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\exp \left\{ \frac{b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1+(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}} \right\}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1+(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2}} \tag{33}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{1 + \frac{2b(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1+(1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)}}} - 1}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v} \right\}^l \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i$$

$$= \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{e^{\mu_i}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\mu_i}}}_{E_1} \underbrace{\int \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_i^2}{2}} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{v_i}{1 + 2\mu_i} (\tilde{g}_i^2 - (1 + 2\mu_i)) \right\}^l \prod_{i=1}^N d\tilde{g}_i}_{E_2}, \tag{34}$$

where we used (20) for the first equality, and

$$v_i := \frac{1}{1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v}, \quad \mu_i := \frac{b(i(1 - v + \lambda_i)x_1 + (1 + v - \lambda_i)x_2)}{\sqrt{N}(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)}.$$

Notice here  $\mu_i$  can be written as a linear function of  $v_i$

$$\mu_i = \left( i \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\theta} \right) \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{N}} + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2\theta} \right) \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{N}} \right) b v_i + \left( \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{N}} - i \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{N}} \right) \frac{b}{2\theta}. \tag{35}$$

Formula (34) consists of two parts: a product factor  $E_1$  and a Gaussian integral  $E_2$ . For  $E_1$  we can obtain the following explicit asymptotic expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{e^{\mu_i}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\mu_i}} &= \prod_{i=1}^N e^{\mu_i - \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + 2\mu_i)} = \prod_{i=1}^N e^{\mu_i^2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 2^{k-1}}{k} \mu_i^k} \\ &= e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2} e^{\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}-1}} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^k 2^{k-1}}{k} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{b^k (i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^k}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^k} \right\}}. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1 - v + \lambda_i)x_1 + (1 + v - \lambda_i)x_2)^k}{N(1 - 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)^k} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^k \left\{ \binom{k}{m} (ix_1 - x_2)^m (i(1 - v)x_1 + (1 + v)x_2)^{k-m} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i^m}{N(1 + 2\theta\lambda_i + 2\theta v)^k} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If we regard  $v$  and  $\theta$  as constants (since they are of magnitude  $O(1)$ ), then the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\lambda_i^m}{N(1+2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^k}$  can be written as a linear combination of  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k$  for any  $0 \leq m \leq k$ . Thus we can expand (36), to obtain

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{e^{\mu_i}}{\sqrt{1 + 2\mu_i}} = e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i^2} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} g_k(x_1, x_2) \right\},$$

where  $g_k(x_1, x_2)$ 's are polynomials of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Consider  $t, \theta$  and  $v$  as constants, the coefficients of  $g_k(x_1, x_2)$  are polynomials in terms of  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{k+2}$ . Moreover the degree of each monomial of  $g_k(x_1, x_2)$  is congruent to  $k$  modulo 2.

Next we compute the Gaussian integral  $E_2$  in (34). Expand the  $l$ -th power, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{v_i}{1 + 2\mu_i} (\tilde{g}_i^2 - (1 + 2\mu_i)) \right\}^l \\ &= \frac{1}{N^l} \sum_{\substack{k_1 \geq k_2 \dots \geq k_m \\ k_1 + k_2 \dots + k_m = l}} \left\{ \frac{l!}{k_1! k_2! \dots k_m!} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \leq N \\ \text{distinct}}} \prod_{j=1}^m \left( \frac{v_{i_j}}{1 + 2\mu_{i_j}} \right)^{k_j} (\tilde{g}_{i_j}^2 - (1 + 2\mu_{i_j}))^{k_j} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$



Denote

$$p_{k_j}(\mu_{i_j}) = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\tilde{g}_{i_j}^2}{2}} (\tilde{g}_{i_j}^2 - (1 + 2\mu_{i_j}))^{k_j} d\tilde{g}_{i_j},$$

then  $p_{k_j}$  is a  $k_j$ -th degree polynomial, which only depends on  $k_j$ . With this notation, the Gaussian integral  $E_2$  can be written as,

$$\frac{1}{N^l} \sum_{\substack{k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_m \\ k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = l}} \left\{ \frac{l!}{k_1! k_2! \dots k_m!} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \leq N \\ \text{distinct}}} \prod_{j=1}^m \left( \frac{v_{i_j}}{1 + 2\mu_{i_j}} \right)^{k_j} p_{k_j}(\mu_{i_j}) \right\}.$$

By the following lemma, the above expression can be expressed in a more symmetric way, as a sum in terms of

$$\frac{1}{N^{l-m}} \prod_{j=1}^m \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{v_i}{1 + \mu_i} \right)^{k_j} q_{k_j}(\mu_i) \right\}, \tag{37}$$

where  $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_m$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = l$  and  $q_{k_j}$ 's are some polynomials depending only on  $k_j$ . □

**Lemma 2** *Given integers  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$  and polynomials  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$ , consider the following polynomial in terms of  $2N$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$*

$$h = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \leq N \\ \text{distinct}}} \prod_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}^{s_j} q_j(y_{i_j}).$$

Then  $h$  can be expressed as sum of terms in the following form

$$\prod_{j=1}^l \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^{t_j} \tilde{q}_j(y_i) \right\}, \tag{38}$$

where  $l, \{t_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and polynomials  $\{\tilde{q}_i\}_{i=1}^N$  are to be chosen.

**Proof** We prove this by induction on  $m$ . If  $m = 1$  then  $h$  itself is of form (38). We assume the statement holds for  $1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$ , then we prove it for  $m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \prod_{j=1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^{s_j} q_j(y_i) \right) \\ &= - \sum_{d=1}^{m-1} \sum_{\substack{\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_d \\ \text{a partition of } \{1, 2, \dots, m\}}} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d \leq N \\ \text{distinct}}} \prod_{j=1}^d x_{i_j}^{\sum_{l \in \pi_j} s_l} \prod_{l \in \pi_j} q_l(y_{i_j}). \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Notice the summands of (39) are  $\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d \leq N \\ \text{distinct}}} \prod_{j=1}^d x_{i_j}^{\sum_{l \in \pi_j} s_l} \prod_{l \in \pi_j} q_l(y_{i_j})$ , which are of the same form as  $h$  but with less  $m$ . Thus, by induction, each term in (39) can be expressed as a sum of terms in form (38), so does  $h$ .  $\square$

In view of (37), since we have  $\mu_i = O(N^{\epsilon - \kappa_2})$ , we can Taylor expand  $1/(1 + \mu_i)$  in (37). Also notice (35), the relation between  $\mu_i$  and  $v_i$ , (37) has the following full expansion

$$\frac{1}{N^{l-m}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} h_k(x_1, x_2), \tag{40}$$

where  $h_k(x_1, x_2)$  are  $k$ -th degree polynomials of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Consider  $t, \theta$  and  $v$  as constant (since they are of magnitude  $O(1)$ ), the coefficients of  $h_k(x_1, x_2)$  are polynomials of  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{k+l-m+1}$ . Since the Gaussian integral  $E_2$  is the sum of terms which has the asymptotic expansion (40), itself has the full asymptotic expansion,

$$E_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} s_k(x_1, x_2), \tag{41}$$

where the coefficients of  $s_k(x_1, x_2)$  are polynomials of  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{k+1}$ . And the degree of each monomial of  $s_k$  is congruent to  $k$  modulo 2. Combine the asymptotic expansions of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , we obtain the following expansion of  $f_l(t)$  (up to an error of order  $O(N^{-\infty})$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{I_1 \times I_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, \tilde{K}x \rangle} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} g_k(x_1, x_2) \right\} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} s_k(x_1, x_2) \right\} dx_1 dx_2, \\ & = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{I_1 \times I_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, \tilde{K}x \rangle} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{l=0}^k g_l(x_1, x_2) s_{k-l}(x_1, x_2)}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} \right\} dx_1 dx_2. \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

where  $\tilde{K}$  is the following  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\tilde{K} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 + t((1-v)^2 A_2 + 2(1-v)F + G) & -ti((1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G) \\ -ti((1-v^2)A_2 + 2vF - G) & 1 - t((1+v)^2 A_2 - 2(1+v)F + G) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Formula (42) is a Gaussian integral in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . If we cut off at  $k = m$ , this will result in an error term  $O(N^{-\frac{m+1}{2}})$ . Now the integrand is a finite sum. The integral is  $O(N^{-\infty})$  outside the region  $I_1 \times I_2$ ; thus, we obtain the following asymptotic expansion,

$$f_l(t) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{N^{\frac{k}{2}}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, \tilde{K}x \rangle} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^k g_l(x_1, x_2) s_{k-l}(x_1, x_2) \right\} dx_1 dx_2 + O\left(N^{-\frac{m+1}{2}}\right). \tag{43}$$

Notice the degree of each monomial of  $g_l(x_1, x_2)$  is congruent to  $l$  modulo 2, and the degree of each monomial of  $s_{k-l}(x_1, x_2)$  is congruent to  $k - l$  modulo 2. For any odd

$k, \sum_{l=0}^k g_l(x_1, x_2)s_{k-l}(x_1, x_2)$  is sum of monomials of odd degree. Since here  $x_1, x_2$  are centered Gaussian variables, the integral of  $\sum_{l=0}^k g_l(x_1, x_2)s_{k-l}(x_1, x_2)$  vanishes. Using Lemma A5, (43) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \frac{1}{N^k} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x, \tilde{K}x)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^{2k} g_l(x_1, x_2)s_{2k-l}(x_1, x_2) \right\} dx_1 dx_2 + O(N^{-\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 1}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \frac{1}{N^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\tilde{K})}} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^{2k} g_l(\partial_{\xi_1}, \partial_{\xi_2})s_{2k-l}(\partial_{\xi_1}, \partial_{\xi_2})e^{\frac{1}{2}(\xi, \tilde{K}^{-1}\xi)} \right\} \Big|_{\xi=0} + O(N^{-\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since the entries of matrix  $\tilde{K}$  and the coefficients of  $\sum_{l=0}^{2k} g_l(x_1, x_2)s_{2k-l}(x_1, x_2)$  depend only on  $t, \theta, v$  and  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{2k+2}$ . This implies  $f_l(t)$  has the expansion (31). □

From the argument above, the asymptotic expansion of (27) up to  $O(N^{-l/2})$  is a finite sum in terms of derivatives of  $f_k(t)$ 's at  $t = \theta$ . Differentiate  $f_l(t)$  term by term, we arrive at our main theorem of this paper,

**Theorem 2** *If  $\sup_N \|B_N\|_\infty < M$ , then for any  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ , the spherical integral has the following asymptotic expansion (up to  $O(N^{-n-1})$ ) for any given  $n$ )*

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-N(\theta v - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - 2\theta \lambda_i(B_N) + 2\theta v))} I_N(\theta, B_N) \\ &= m_0 + \frac{m_1}{N} + \frac{m_2}{N^2} + \dots + \frac{m_n}{N^n} + O(N^{-n-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $v = R_{B_N}(\theta)$  and  $\{m_i\}_{i=0}^n$  depends on  $\theta, v$  and the derivatives of Hilbert transform of the empirical spectral distribution of  $B_N$  at  $v + 1/2\theta$ , namely  $A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{2n+2}$  as defined in (9). Especially we have

$$m_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}}, \quad m_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{A_4}{A_2^2} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{A_3^2}{A_2^3} + \frac{1}{6} \right).$$

**Proof** In the last section, Theorem 1, we have computed the first term in the expansion  $m_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}}$ . We only need to figure out the second term  $m_1$ . For this, we cut off (31) at  $l = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\substack{|\gamma_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_1} \\ |\hat{\gamma}_N| \leq N^{-\kappa_2}}} \exp \left\{ -\theta N \gamma_N \frac{\hat{\gamma}_N - v \gamma_N}{\gamma_N + 1} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^{i=N} dP(\tilde{g}_i) \\ &= f_0 \Big|_{t=\theta} - \theta \frac{d}{dt} f_1 \Big|_{t=\theta} + \left( \frac{\theta^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \theta \frac{d}{dt} \right) f_2 \Big|_{t=\theta} + O(N^{-2}). \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Take  $l = 0, 1, 2$  in (30), we obtain the asymptotic expansion of  $f_0, f_1$  and  $f_2$  (we put the detailed computation in the appendix),

$$\begin{aligned} f_0|_{t=\theta} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} + \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( \frac{7}{6} - \frac{3}{A_2} + \frac{2A_3}{A_2^2} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{A_3^2}{A_2^3} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{A_4}{A_2^2} \right) + O(N^{-2}), \\ -\theta \frac{d}{dt} f_1|_{t=\theta} &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( -4 + \frac{6}{A_2} - \frac{2A_3}{A_2^2} \right) + O(N^{-2}), \\ \left( \frac{\theta^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \theta \frac{d}{dt} \right) f_2|_{t=\theta} &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( 3 - \frac{3}{A_2} \right) + O(N^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Plug them back to (44), we get

$$m_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}}, \quad m_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{A_4}{A_2^2} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{A_3^2}{A_2^3} + \frac{1}{6} \right).$$

□

## 4 Unitary Case

In this section, we consider the unitary case,  $\beta = 2$ . As we will see soon that the unitary case is a special case of orthogonal case. With the same notation as before, let  $B_N = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N)$ , and  $U$  follows the Haar measure on unitary group  $U(N)$ . The first column  $e_1$  of  $U$  can be parametrized as the normalized complex Gaussian vector,

$$e_1 = \frac{g^{(1)} + ig^{(2)}}{\|g^{(1)} + ig^{(2)}\|},$$

where  $g^{(1)} = (g_1, g_3, \dots, g_{2N-3}, g_{2N-1})^T$  and  $g^{(2)} = (g_2, g_4, \dots, g_{2N-2}, g_{2N})^T$  are independent Gaussian vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Then the spherical integral has the following form

$$I_N^{(2)}(\theta, B_N) = \int \exp \left\{ N\theta \frac{\lambda_1(g_1^2 + g_2^2) + \dots + \lambda_N(g_{2N-1}^2 + g_{2N}^2)}{g_1^2 + g_2^2 + \dots + g_{2N-1}^2 + g_{2N}^2} \right\} \prod_{i=1}^{2N} dP(g_i).$$

Consider the  $2N \times 2N$  diagonal matrix  $D_{2N} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N, \lambda_N\}$  with each  $\lambda_i$  appearing twice. Then we have the following relation,

$$I_N^{(2)}(\theta, B_N) = I_{2N}^{(1)}(\theta/2, D_{2N}).$$

Define  $\tilde{v}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  as in the notation section but replace  $\theta$  by  $\theta/2$  and replace  $B_N$  by  $D_{2N}$ , namely  $\tilde{v} = R_{B_N}(\theta)$  and

$$\tilde{A}_k = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)! \theta^k} \frac{d^{k-1} H_{B_N}}{dz^{k-1}} \left( \tilde{v} + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(1 - \theta \lambda_i + \theta \tilde{v})^k}. \tag{45}$$

Then from Theorem 2, we have the following theorem for unitary case.

**Theorem 3** *If  $\sup_N \|B_N\|_\infty < M$ , then for any  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4M^2+10M+1}$ , the spherical integral  $I_N^{(2)}(\theta, B_N)$  has the following asymptotic expansion (up to  $O(N^{-n-1})$  for any given  $n$ )*

$$I_N^{(2)}(\theta, B_N) = I_{2N}^{(1)}(\theta/2, D_{2N}) = e^{N(\theta v - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - \theta \lambda_i(B_N) + \theta v))} \left\{ m_0 + \frac{m_1}{N} + \frac{m_2}{N^2} + \dots + \frac{m_n}{N^n} + O(N^{-n-1}) \right\},$$

where  $\tilde{v} = R_{B_N}(\theta)$  and  $\{m_i\}_{i=0}^n$  depends on  $\theta, \tilde{v}, \{\tilde{A}_i\}_{i=2}^{2n+2}$ , and the derivatives of Hilbert transform of the empirical spectral distribution of  $B_N$  at  $\tilde{v} + 1/\theta$ . Especially we have

$$m_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{A}_2}}, \quad m_1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\tilde{A}_2}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{\tilde{A}_4}{\tilde{A}_2^2} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{\tilde{A}_3^2}{\tilde{A}_2^3} + \frac{1}{6} \right).$$

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### Appendix A. Properties of Gaussian Random Variables

The following is a useful lemma on the concentration of measure for the sum of squares of Gaussian random variables.

**Lemma A1** *Given independent Gaussian random variables  $\{g_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , consider the weighted sum  $\sum_{i=1}^N a_i g_i^2$ , where the coefficients  $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^N$  depend on  $N$ . If there exists some constant  $c > 0$ , such that  $\max\{|a_i|\} \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{N}}$ , then for  $N$  large enough, the weighted sum satisfies the following concentration inequality,*

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^N a_i (g_i^2 - 1) \right| \geq N^\kappa \right) \leq 2e^{-c' N^{2\kappa}}, \quad 0 < \kappa < \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Proof** This can be proved by applying Markov’s inequality to  $\exp\{t \sum_{i=1}^N a_i (g_i^2 - 1)\}$  for some well-chosen value of  $t$ . □

The following is a useful trick, which states that we can express  $e^{\alpha^2/2}$  as a Gaussian integral. Then the exponents are all linear in  $\alpha$ .

**Lemma A2** For any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\alpha| \leq CN^K$ ,

$$e^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_I e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} e^{-x\alpha} dx + O(N^{-\infty}),$$

where interval  $I = [-N^{K+\epsilon}, N^{K+\epsilon}]$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**Proof** Recall the formula, for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\frac{(x+\alpha)^2}{2}} = 1.$$

The main contribution of the above integral comes from where  $|x + \alpha|$  is small. More precisely,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| e^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\frac{(x+\alpha)^2}{2}} dx - e^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2}} \int_I e^{-\frac{(x+\alpha)^2}{2}} dx \right| &\leq e^{\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \left| \int_{I^c} e^{-\frac{(x+\alpha)^2}{2}} dx \right| \\ &\leq 2e^{\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \int_{N^{K+\epsilon}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-|\alpha|)^2}{2}} dx \leq 2e^{\frac{C^2N^{2K}}{2}} \int_{N^{K+\epsilon}-CN^K}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \leq c'e^{-eN^{2K+2\epsilon}} = O(N^{-\infty}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  and  $c'$  are constants independent of  $N$ . Therefore

$$e^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2}} = e^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-\frac{(x+\alpha)^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_I e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} e^{-x\alpha} dx + O(N^{-\infty}).$$

□

The following lemmas are useful identities about Gaussian integrals.

**Lemma A3** If an  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric matrix  $K$  can be written as  $K = A + iB$ , where  $A$  is a real positive definite matrix,  $B$  is a real symmetric matrix. Then we have the Gaussian integral formula

$$\frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(K)}}.$$

**Proof** Since  $A$  is positive definite, there exists a positive definite matrix  $C$  such that  $A = C^T C$ . Since  $CBC^T$  is symmetric, it can be diagonalized by some special orthogonal matrix  $U$ , let  $P = UC$ . Then we have  $A = P^T P$  and  $B = P^T D P$ , where  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ . Thus  $K = A + iB = P^T(I + iD)P$ . Plug this back to the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, P^T(I+iD)Px \rangle} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n \det(P)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle y, (I+iD)y \rangle} dy = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n \det(P)} \prod_{k=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{(1+id_k)}{2} y_k^2} dy_k \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^n \det(P)} \prod_{k=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{1+id_k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(K)}}, \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

where the square root in (46) is the branch with positive real part, in our case  $K$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. □

**Lemma A4** *Given  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric matrix  $K$ , whose real part is positive definite, then we have the following change of variable formula for Gaussian type integral,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx = \det(A) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(Ay + b)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle Ay + b, K(Ay + b) \rangle} dy,$$

where  $F$  is a polynomial in terms of  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $A = \text{diag}\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $\Re(a_i) > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Proof** This can be proved by reducing to one dimensional case. □

**Lemma A5** *Given  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric matrix  $K$ , whose real part is positive definite, then we have the following integral formula for any polynomial  $F$  (or even infinite power series) in the variables  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}^n}{\sqrt{\det(K)}} \left\{ F(\partial_\xi) e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi, K^{-1}\xi \rangle} \right\} \Big|_{\xi=0}.$$

**Proof** Consider the Laplacian transform,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(\partial_\xi) e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx.$$

Since  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle}$  is a Schwartz function, with decaying speed faster than  $e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle}$ . By dominated convergence theorem, we can interchange the integral and differential.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx &= F(\partial_\xi) \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx \right\} \\ &= F(\partial_\xi) \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi, K^{-1}\xi \rangle} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle (x - K^{-1}\xi), K(x - K^{-1}\xi) \rangle} dx \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma A3 and Lemma A4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\langle x, \xi \rangle} F(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx \Big|_{\xi=0} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}^n}{\sqrt{\det(K)}} \left\{ F(\partial_\xi) e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi, K^{-1}\xi \rangle} \right\} \Big|_{\xi=0}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### Appendix B. Detailed Computation for $m_1$

In this section, we give the detailed computation for coefficient  $m_1$ . To compute  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , take  $l = 0, 1, 2$  in (30) and follow the process in Page 14, 15. It is not hard to derive,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_0(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left( 1 + \frac{1}{N} p_0(x_1, x_2) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, Kx \rangle} dx + O(N^{-2}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(K)}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{N} p_0(\partial_{\xi_1}, \partial_{\xi_2}) e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi, K^{-1}\xi \rangle} \right) \Big|_{\xi=0} + O(N^{-2}), \tag{47}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_0(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^4}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\theta^3}{9} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^3}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^3} \right\}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

And for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_i(t) &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int p_i(x_1, x_2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle x, \tilde{K}x \rangle} dx + O(N^{-2}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\tilde{K})}} p_i(\partial_{\xi_1}, \partial_{\xi_2}) e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi, \tilde{K}^{-1}\xi \rangle} \Big|_{\xi=0} + O(N^{-2}), \tag{48}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{2t^2}{3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2} \right\} \\
 &\quad \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^3}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^3} \right\} \\
 &\quad + 2t \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)^2}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^3}, \\
 p_2(x_1, x_2) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2} + 2t \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(i(1-v+\lambda_i)x_1 + (1+v-\lambda_i)x_2)}{N(1-2\theta\lambda_i+2\theta v)^2} \right\}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

For integral (47) and (48), it is merely symbolic computation, and we can easily do it by some mathematic software, like Mathematica, then get explicit formula for  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .



$$f_0(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} + \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_2}} \left( \frac{7}{6} - \frac{3}{A_2} + \frac{2A_3}{A_2^2} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{A_3^2}{A_2^3} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{A_4}{A_2^2} \right) + O(N^{-2}),$$

$$f_1(t) = \frac{1}{N} \left\{ \frac{2t(t-\theta)(2tA_2^2 - A_3(t-2\theta) - A_2(t+2\theta))}{\theta^3(\det(\tilde{K}))^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right\} + O(N^{-2}),$$

$$f_2(t) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{2A_2}{(\det(\tilde{K}))^{\frac{3}{2}}} + O(N^{-2}).$$

Actually in this way, we can obtain any higher expansion terms of the spherical integral.

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