

# Borel transform – a tool for symmetry-breaking phenomena?

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- **Borel transform for random matrices**  
SUSY, Voiculescu R-transform, boson-boson sector

# Introduction

(Motivation by Perspective)

## Symmetry breaking

Statistical mechanics of field  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow M$   
with symmetry group  $G$  (global symmetry)

- ▶ In infinite volume, the thermal equilibrium state may spontaneously break the symmetry  $G$ .

→ Long-range order in correlation functions :

$$\langle \mu(\varphi_x) \mu(\varphi_y) \rangle \xrightarrow{|x-y| \rightarrow \infty} \text{const} \neq 0$$

in spite of  $\oint_G \mu(g \cdot \varphi_x) dg = 0$ .

- ▶ Example :

the ferromagnetic phase of a spin-magnetic system spontaneously breaks rotation symmetry,  $G = \text{SO}_3$  .

## The textbook example of a scalar field

Scalar field  $\phi(x)$  (e.g., Ising model)

Partition function in the presence of external field:

$$Z[j] = \int e^{-S[\phi] + \int d^d x j(x) \phi(x)}$$

► Free energy functional  $F[j] = -\ln Z[j]$  is generating function for connected  $n$ -point functions

► Legendre transform:

$$\Gamma[\phi] = - \int d^d x j(x) \phi(x) + F[j] \Big|_{\delta F / \delta j(x) = \phi(x)}$$

## Why use Legendre transform?

- Perturbation theory :  
graphical expansion of  $\Gamma$  is simpler  
(only 1P-irreducible graphs contribute).
- Spontaneous symmetry breaking signaled by  
appearance of critical points  $\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\phi(x)} = 0$  for  $\phi \neq 0$ .
- $\Gamma$  may remain analytic even in the  
infinite-volume limit ( $\rightarrow$  Landau theory).

# Collective-field methods

- Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

$$V_{\text{int}} = \sum_{x,y \in \Lambda} K_{xy} \mathcal{O}_x \mathcal{O}_y \rightarrow \sum (K^{-1})_{xy} h_x h_y + \sum h_x \mathcal{O}_x$$

- Bosonization

Dirac fermions in 1+1 dimensions

bosonization by gauge forms

- Landau theory of order parameter (phenomenological)
- *! New?* Borel transformation

## Basic notion of Borel transform

The simplest example :

consider some polynomial  $Z(p) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k p^k$ .

Borel transform ( $q \neq 0$ ):

$$\hat{Z}(q) = \int_0^{\infty} Z(p/q) e^{-p} dp = \sum_{k=0}^N k! a_k q^{-k}.$$

Inverse Borel transform :

$$Z(p) = (2\pi i)^{-1} \oint_{U_1} \hat{Z}(q) e^{pq} q^{-1} dq = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k p^k.$$

## Generalization

$M_{\mathbb{C}}$  = complex  $n \times n$  matrices,

$M_0$  = positive Hermitian  $n \times n$  matrices,

Lebesgue measure  $dP$ ,  $\int_{M_0} e^{-\text{Tr } P} dP = 1$ ,

$M_1$  = unitary  $n \times n$  matrices,

Haar measure  $d\mu(Q)$ ,  $\int_{M_1} d\mu(Q) = 1$ .

Define Borel transform of  $f \in \text{Hol}(M_{\mathbb{C}})$  by

$$\hat{f}(Q) = \int_{M_0} f(Q^{-1}P) e^{-\text{Tr } P} dP, \quad Q \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}).$$

- Thm (Littelmann, MZ): Borel transform has inverse

$$f(P) = \oint_{M_1} \hat{f}(Q) e^{\text{Tr}(PQ)} d\mu(Q).$$



# Borel Transform: Interacting Fermions

## Setting

Quantum system of interacting fermions with grand canonical partition function  $Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta(H - \mu n)}$

Use coherent-state path integral representation in terms of fermion fields  $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ .

Let  $O(\bar{\psi}, \psi)$  be a well motivated 'order parameter' (e.g., Cooper pairing with  $d$ -wave symmetry) which is expected to acquire a nonzero expectation value.

How to proceed?

## Main idea

Augment the Hamiltonian by coupling to an external field  $P$  via the order parameter :

$$H \rightarrow H + \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \sum_{\alpha} P_{\alpha}(j) O_{\alpha}(\bar{\psi}(j), \psi(j)) .$$

Sum is over lattice  $\Lambda$  of cubes  $j$  (coarse graining).

► Borel transform of partition function (schematic) :

$$\hat{Z}[Q] = \int Z[P] e^{-PQ} dP .$$

Inverse Borel transform (schematic) :

$$Z[P] = \int \hat{Z}[Q] e^{+PQ} dQ .$$

## Example: ferromagnet

Order parameter = magnetization (spin) of cube :

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_{\uparrow} \psi_{\uparrow} - \bar{\psi}_{\downarrow} \psi_{\downarrow}) & \bar{\psi}_{\uparrow} \psi_{\downarrow} \\ \bar{\psi}_{\downarrow} \psi_{\uparrow} & -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_{\uparrow} \psi_{\uparrow} - \bar{\psi}_{\downarrow} \psi_{\downarrow}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Ambient space is  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and
$$M_0 = \left\{ P \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \mid (JP)^* = JP > 0 \right\} \cong \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})/\mathrm{O}_2$$
$$M_1 = \left\{ Q \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \mid Q^* = Q^{-1} \right\} \cong \mathrm{U}_2/\mathrm{O}_2 .$$
- ▶  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$  acts on  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  by twisted conjugation :
$$X \mapsto g X \tau(g^{-1}) \text{ where } \tau(g^{-1}) = J g^T J^{-1}.$$

## Example: ferromagnet (cont'd)

Introduce coupling:  $H \rightarrow H + \sum_{j \in \Lambda} \text{Tr } P(j) O(j)$ .

For each cube  $j \in \Lambda$  let  $Q(j) \in M_1 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \cap U_2$

and  $P(j) \in M_0 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \cap J^{-1} \cdot \text{Herm}_2^+$

► Borel transform :

$$\hat{Z}[Q] := \int_{M_0^\Lambda} Z[U^{-1} P \tau(U)] \prod_j e^{-\text{Tr } J P(j)} dP(j).$$

where  $Q = U J \tau(U^{-1})$ ,  $U \in U_2$  for each cube.

► Inverse Borel transform :

$$Z[P] = \oint_{M_1^\Lambda} \hat{Z}[Q] \prod_j e^{\text{Tr } P(j) Q(j)} d\mu(Q(j)).$$

# Borel Transform for Random Matrices

Spectral correlations are encoded in the

"partition function"  $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\text{Det}(p_{1,j} - H)}{\text{Det}(p_{0,j} - H)} \right\}.$

► Partition function extends to radial function of supermatrix,  $Z(P) := \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{SDet}^{-1}(P \otimes 1_N - 1_n \otimes H) \right\}.$

► Transform (schematic):  $\hat{Z}(Q) = \int DP e^{+\text{STr}(PQ)} Z(P),$

Inverse (schematic):  $Z(P) = \int DQ e^{-\text{STr}(PQ)} \hat{Z}(Q),$

(integrate over Riemannian symmetric superspaces).

## Why Borel transform?

What's the advantage?

$$\begin{aligned} \blacktriangleright Z(p) &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Det}^{-1}(p-H) \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ e^{-\text{Tr} \ln(p-H)} \right\} \approx e^{-\mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Tr} \ln(p-H) \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

is bad approximation when  $p$  near spectrum.

$$\begin{aligned} \blacktriangleright \hat{Z}(q) &= \oint \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Det}^{-1}(p-H) \right\} e^{pq} dp \\ &\approx \oint e^{-\mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Tr} \ln(p-H) \right\}} e^{pq} dp \end{aligned}$$

is good approximation if  $p$  kept away from spectrum.

► Identity principle ?!



## Voiculescu R-transform

Consider the average trace of resolvent :

$$g(z) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-1} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Tr} (z - H)^{-1} \right\}, \quad z \notin \mathbb{R}.$$

Voiculescu's  $R$ -transform is defined by inversion :

$$z \mapsto g(z) = q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad q \mapsto q^{-1} + R(q) = z.$$

Linearity :  $R_{A+B}(q) = R_A(q) + R_B(q)$  if  $A, B$  free

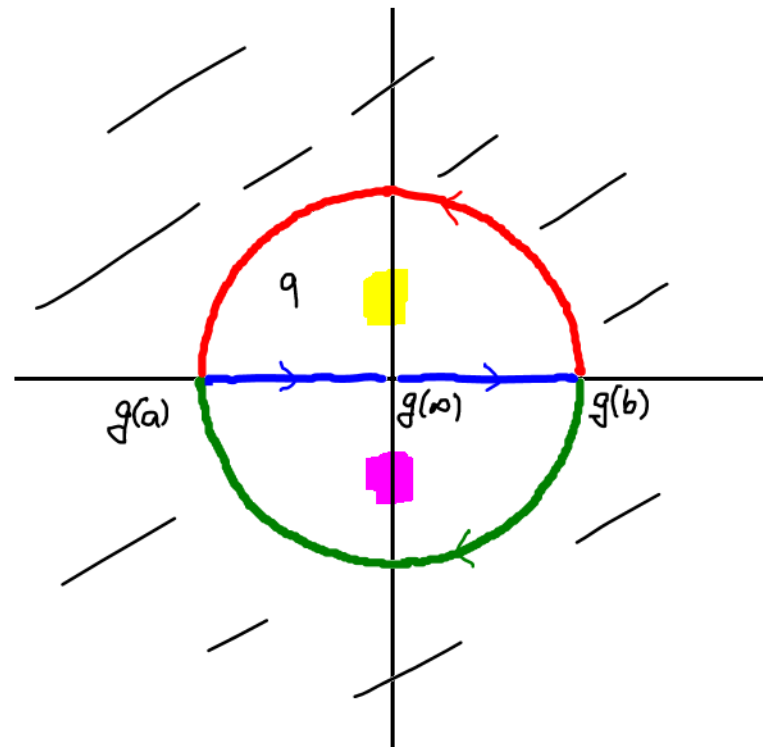
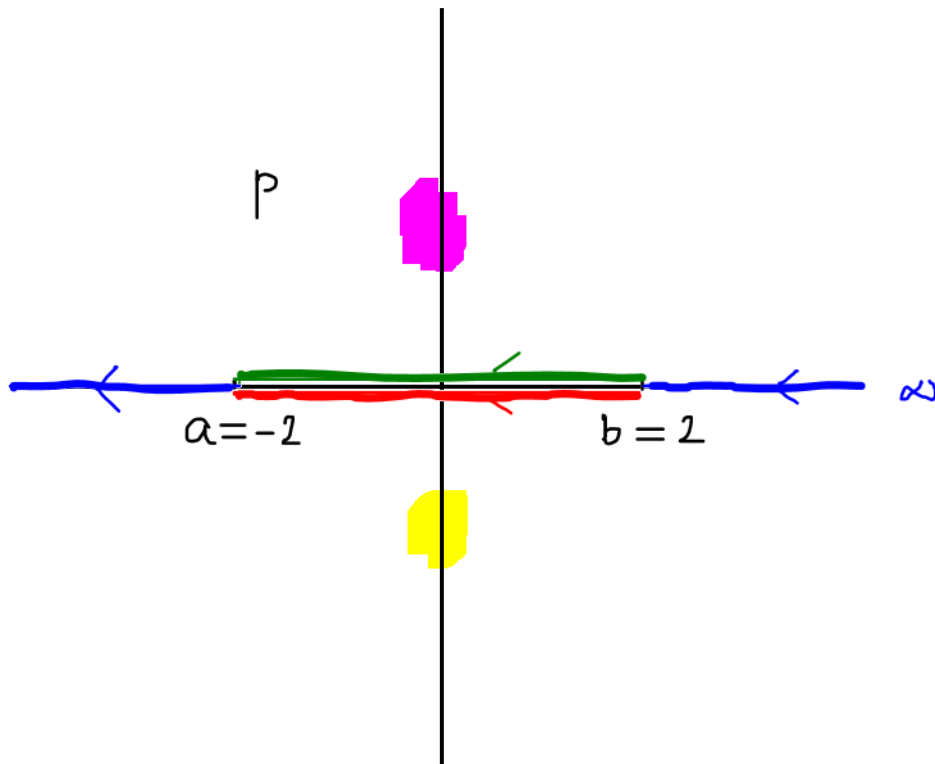
[Hermitian  $N \times N$  random matrices  $A, B$  are *free* in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  if the law of  $A + UBU^*$  is independent of  $U \in U_N$ ].

Power series :  $R(q) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k q^{k-1}$  (free cumulants  $c_k$ ).

# Example: Gaussian Unitary Ensemble

$$d\mu_{\text{GUE}}(H) = \exp\left(-N \text{Tr} H^2 / 2\right) dH,$$

$$R_{\text{GUE}}(q) = q \Leftrightarrow g_{\text{GUE}}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( z \pm \sqrt{z^2 - 4} \right).$$



## The main objective

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Z}_{\text{GUE}}(Q) &= \int DP e^{\text{STr } PQ} \mathbb{E}_{\text{GUE}} \left\{ \text{SDet}^{-1}(P \otimes 1_N - 1_n \otimes H) \right\} \\ &= \text{SDet}^N(Q) \exp\left(\text{STr } Q^2 / 2N\right).\end{aligned}$$

Grand (sine kernel) universality conjecture  
(reformulated):

$$\Gamma(Q) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-1} \ln \hat{Z}(NQ) - \text{STr } \ln Q$$

stays holomorphic for any 'small' deformation of GUE.

$$\text{Expect: } \Gamma(Q) = \text{STr} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k Q^k / k$$

o.k. for sum of Wigner and unitary ensembles

# Random Matrices: Boson-Boson Sector

## Small $q$

Consider  $Z(p) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Det}^{-1}(p - H) \right\}$  with

Borel transform  $\hat{Z}(q) = (2\pi i)^{-1} \oint Z(p) e^{pq} dp$ .

If the spectral measure of  $H$  for  $N \rightarrow \infty$  converges weakly to a compactly supported measure, then:

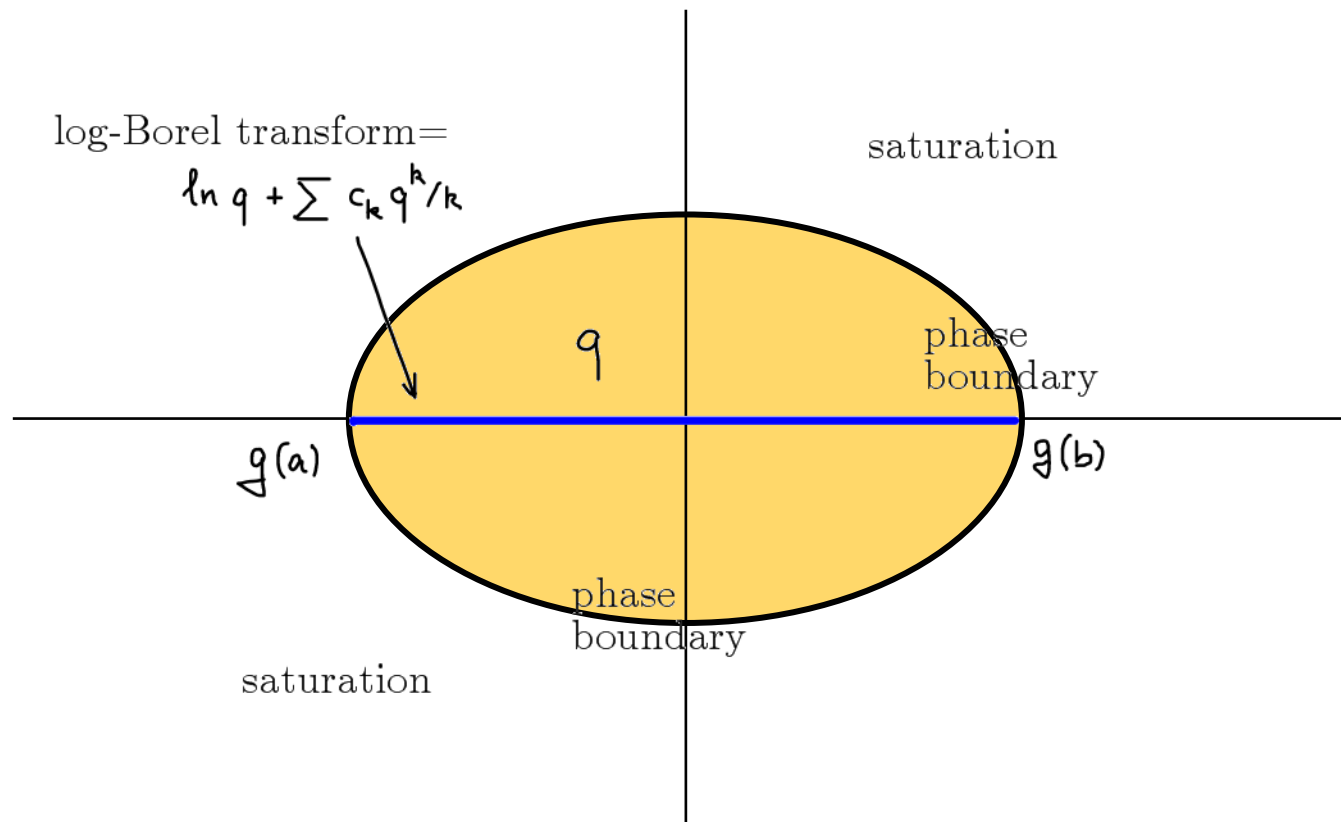
- Thm (Guionnet, Maida; 2004): for  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  small enough,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-1} \ln \hat{Z}(Nq) = \ln q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k q^k / k .$$

Heuristic : do saddle analysis on

$$\hat{Z}(Nq) \approx (2\pi i)^{-1} \oint e^{-N \int_a^b \ln(p-x) d\nu(x)} e^{Npq} dp .$$

# Guionnet and Maida



## Large $q$

Unitary ensemble  $d\mu(H) = e^{-N\text{Tr} V(H)} dH$ .

$$\hat{Z}(Nq) = (2\pi i)^{-1} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Det}^{-1}(p - H) \right\} e^{Nqp} dp$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{e^{Nqx_j}}{\prod_{k(\neq j)} (x_j - x_k)} \right\}$$

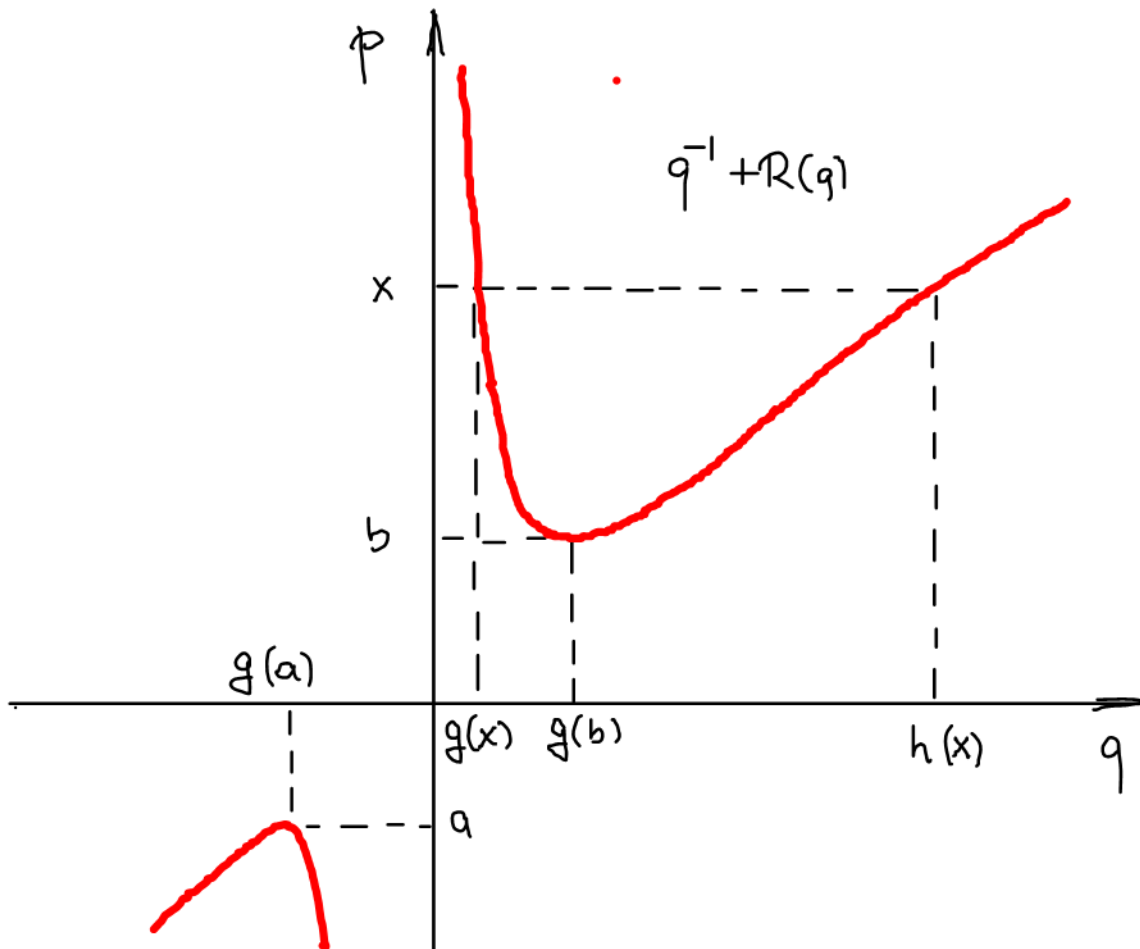
$$= c_N \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{Nqx - NV(x)} \pi_{N-1, N}(x) dx,$$

$\pi_{N-1, N}$  orthogonal polynomial of  $e^{-NV(x)}$  of degree  $N-1$ .

For  $V$  analytic, uniformly convex, let  $q > g(b)$  or  $q < g(a)$ .

- Mandt, MZ (2009):  $\lim N^{-1} \ln \hat{Z}(Nq) = \ln q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k q^k / k$

# Analyticity of Borel transform





## Other symmetry classes: AI

- Propn (Bergere, Eynard, 2008; MZ, 2009):

Let  $H, Q$  be real symmetric matrices

with  $rk(H) - rk(Q) = N - n \in 2\mathbb{N} + 1$ .

Let  $\|Q \otimes H\|_{\text{op}} < 1$ . Then with  $c_{n,N} = \left(\frac{n}{2}(N - n + 1)\right)!$

$$\oint_{\text{SO}_N} e^{\text{Tr}(Qg^{-1}Hg)} d\mu(g) = c_{n,N} \oint_{M_n} \frac{e^{\text{Tr}P} \text{Det}^{(n+1)/2}(P) d\nu(P)}{\text{Det}^{1/2}(P \otimes 1_N - Q \otimes H)},$$

where  $d\mu(g)$  Haar measure, and  $d\nu(P)$  inv. measure on the unitary symmetric matrices  $M_n \cong U_n / O_n$ .

This result allows to establish Borel transform and

its inverse for  $Z(P) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \text{Det}^{-1/2}(P \otimes 1_N - 1_n \otimes H) \right\}$ .

## Summary

- ▶ Borel transform looks intriguing as a method to construct effective field theories for symmetry-broken phases of matter (ferromagnetism, superconductivity, ...)
- ▶ For certain random matrix ensembles the large- $N$  limit of the SUSY-Borel transform of the partition function is determined by the Voiculescu  $R$ -transform.
- ▶ (Sine kernel) grand universality conjecture is reformulated as a conjecture of holomorphicity of Borel transform.
- ▶ Question : Can SUSY-BT be computed in a controlled way, say for the Anderson model?