

# **Spectral ergodicity for explainable deep learning: A simulation approach**

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# Outline

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# 1. Motivation: Success

- State-of-the-art performance in computer vision  
*LeCun, Bengio, Hinton, Nature, 521, 436 (2015)*
- No explanation so far but success is attributed to
  - *network topology*, multiple processing layers.
  - *availability of large labelled datasets*.
  - *leap in computing capacity*.
- Need a theory or quantification for explanation.

# 1. Motivation: Scope

- Why do we need to explain?
  - Theoretical understanding: Rethinking generalisation  
Probably Approximately Correct (PAC)  
Vapnik-Chervonenkis (VC)  
[Zhang et. al. \(2016\)](#)
  - Quantify how it works to better tune.
  - No black-box tools.
  - Legal issues in industry.

# 1. Motivation: Approaches

- Understanding spectral properties are core practice
  - Weight initialization: Dynamical Isometry.  
Pennington et. al. (2017)
  - Singularity in Hessian.  
Sagun et. al. (2016, 2017)
- Information theory: relative compressibility of layers  
Tishby et. al. (2015)

# 1. Motivation: Our approach

- The concept of *spectral ergodicity*  
Süzen et. al. (2017)
- How to reach to a generic conclusion independent of
  - network architecture (topology).
  - learning algorithm.
  - dataset size and type.
  - training procedure.
- Sample an ensemble of weight matrices.  
Süzen et. al. (2017)

## 2. Circular ensembles: Introduction

- A realistic simulation of weight matrices
  - Generate ensemble of matrices.
  - Spectral radius reflects stable learning.
- Circular ensembles
  - Spectral radius is close to 1 for *Unitary* ensemble.
  - Numerically stable and mathematically sound generation procedures.

## 2. Circular ensembles: Parallel Generation

*Primary object to generate:*

Random Gaussian Hermitian matrix  $H \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{ij} + Ib_{ij} + a_{ji} - Ib_{ji})$$

$$1 \leq i, j \leq N$$

$a_{ij}, b_{ij}, a_{ji}, b_{ji} \in \mathbb{G}$  i.i.d. Gaussian random numbers

bristol.ensembles.Circular

<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/bristol>

## 2. Circular ensembles: Parallel Generation

Circular Unitary Ensemble (CUE) [bristol.ensembles.Circular.gen\\_cue](#)

$$U_{ij} = \exp(\gamma_i I) \cdot v_j^i \quad \gamma_i \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Circular Orthogonal Ensemble (COE) [bristol.ensembles.Circular.gen\\_coe](#)

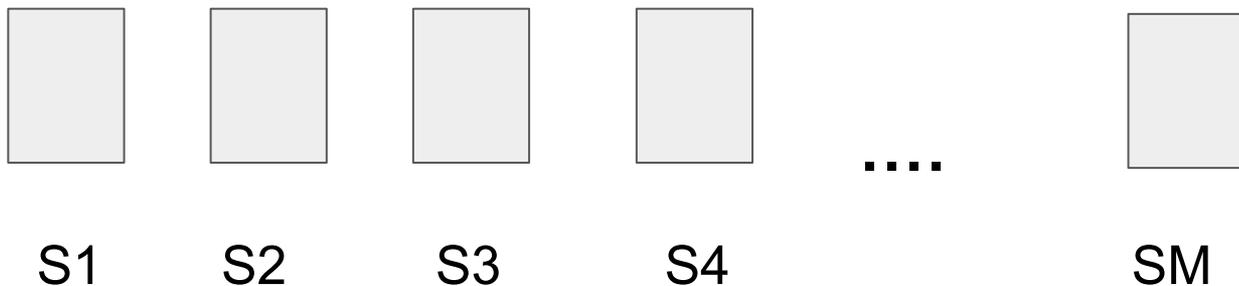
$$O = U^T U$$

Circular Symplectic Ensemble (CSE) [bristol.ensembles.Circular.gen\\_cse](#)

$$S \in \mathbb{C}^{2N \times 2N} \quad S = (ZU^T Z)U$$

## 2. Circular ensembles: Random stream chunking

A note on reproducibility against a serial implementation



Given ensemble of size  $M$ , retain seeds vector  $(S1, S2, S3, S4, \dots, SM)$ , so each processor/chunk gets the same random stream chunking regardless of parallel or serial execution.

[bristol.ensembles.Circular.eigen\\_circular\\_ensemble](#)

## 2. Circular ensembles: Interpretation

- Given network architecture:
  - Ensemble of weight matrices for different layers in feed forward networks.
  - Ensemble of weight matrices for entire network in non-sparse recurrent networks.
- Sample ensemble of circular matrices  $M$  times, number of hidden layers with different sizes  $N$ , depth in the given layer.

### 3. Spectral Ergodicity: Definition

- Sample ensemble of circular matrices  $M$  times, with different sizes  $N$  and given bin size  $b$ .
  - Time-averaged eigenvalue-spectra:  
Compute eigenvalue spectra for  $j$ -th realization

$$\rho_j(b_k)$$

- Ensemble-averaged eigenvalue-spectra:  
Compute average spectra over  $M$  realisation.

$$\bar{\rho}(b_k) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(b_k)$$

### 3. Spectral Ergodicity: Definition

- Approach to spectral ergodicity for given weight matrix size, corresponds to depth of a given layer.

$$\Omega_k^N \equiv \Omega^N(b_k) = \frac{1}{M \cdot N} \sum_{j=1}^M [\rho_j(b_k) - \bar{\rho}(b_k)]^2$$

- Inspired from physical definition of ergodicity, [Süzen \(2014\)](#) recall diffusion coefficient over time.

### 3. Spectral Ergodicity: Definition

- How far would *spectral ergodicity* drift with an additional depth?  
*A distance metric*

$$D_{se}(N_a, N_b) = D_{KL}(\Omega^{N_a} || \Omega^{N_b}) + D_{KL}(\Omega^{N_b} || \Omega^{N_a})$$

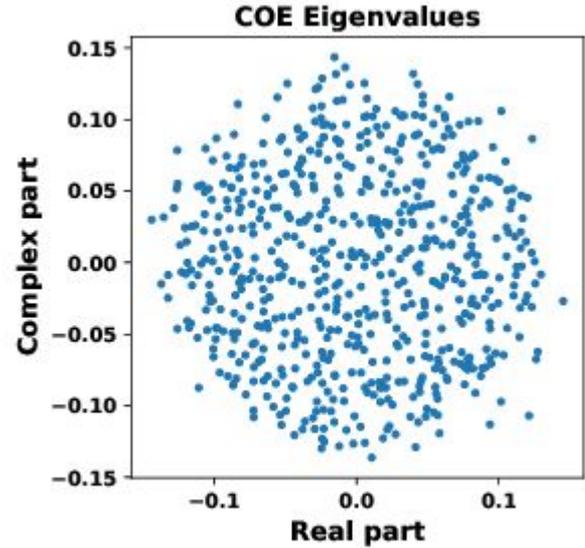
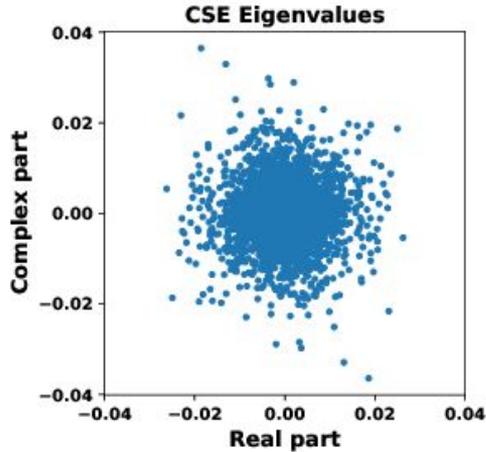
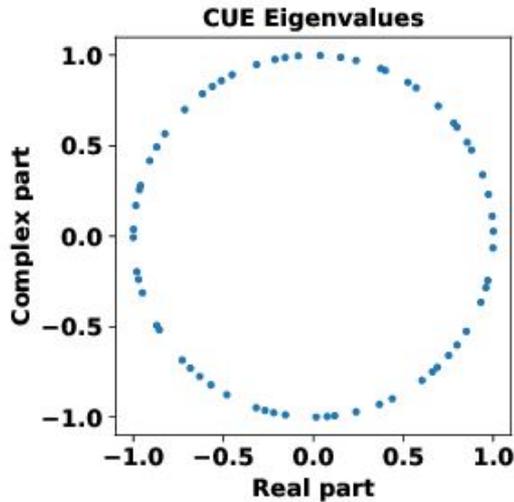
$$D_{KL}(\Omega^{N_a} || \Omega^{N_b}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \Omega_k^{N_a} \log_2(\Omega_k^{N_a} / \Omega_k^{N_b})$$

## 4. Simulations and Results: Summary

- Ensemble size,  $M=40$ , recall, number of hidden layers.
- Weight matrix sizes,  $N=64, 128, 256, 512, 768, 1024$ , recall, layer depth.
- Generate all matrices.
- Generate eigenvalues, data available publicly.  
<https://zenodo.org/record/822411#.WmX1AHWnHqM>
- Compute the distance metric for increasing depth transitions.
  - 64-128, 128-256, 256-512, 512-768, 768-1024
  - Jupyter Notebook, available publicly.  
[https://github.com/msuzen/bristol/blob/v0.2.2/works/spectralErgodicity/02\\_ergodicity\\_random\\_matrix.ipynb](https://github.com/msuzen/bristol/blob/v0.2.2/works/spectralErgodicity/02_ergodicity_random_matrix.ipynb)

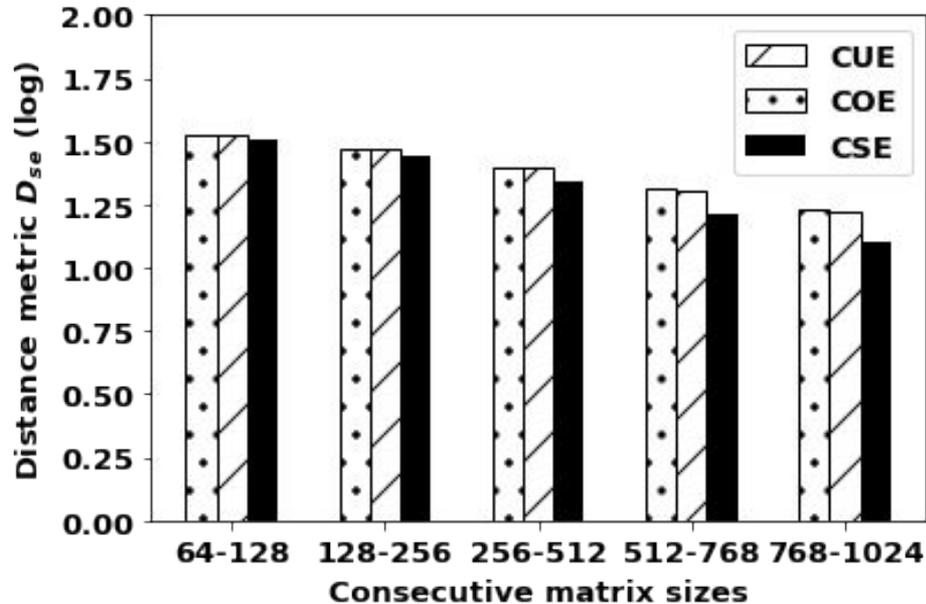
## 4. Simulations and Results: Eigenvalues

- Sample of eigenvalues for different ensembles.



## 4. Simulations and Results: Spectral ergodicity

- Distance metric.



## 5. Conclusions and outlook

- We attribute the success of deep learning to spectral ergodicity of a given topology and learning algorithm using surrogate random matrices.
- Interpretation of ensemble can be different layers or entire network.
- The work can be extended to synaptic matrices in the context of spiking neurons.

# Thank you

## Q & A

### ***Spectral Ergodicity in Deep Learning Architectures via Surrogate Random Matrices***

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*Python package:*

*<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/bristol>*