

Non-Universality of Nodal Length Distribution for Arithmetic Random Waves

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“Arithmetic random waves” are the Gaussian Laplace eigenfunctions on the two-dimensional torus. We are interested in the distribution of the length of their nodal lines. In [1] the authors prove that the asymptotics for the variance is non-universal. Their result is intimately related to the arithmetic of lattice points lying on a circle with radius corresponding to the energy.

In this talk we show that the nodal length converges to a non-universal (non-Gaussian) limiting distribution, depending on the angular distribution of lattice points lying on circles. Our argument has two main ingredients. An explicit derivation of the Wiener-Itô chaos expansion for the nodal length shows that it is dominated by its 4th order chaos component (in particular, somewhat surprisingly, the second order chaos component vanishes - this is closely related to the so-called “obscure” Berry’s cancellation phenomenon). The rest of the argument relies on the precise analysis of the fourth order chaotic component.

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