

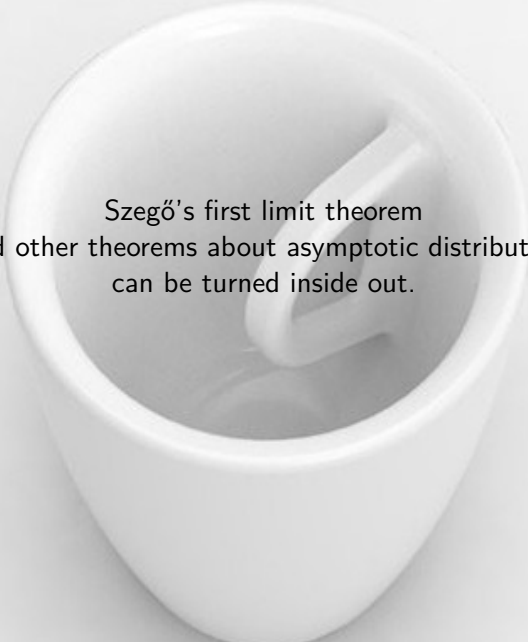
# Avram–Parter and Szegő limit theorems: from weak convergence to uniform approximation

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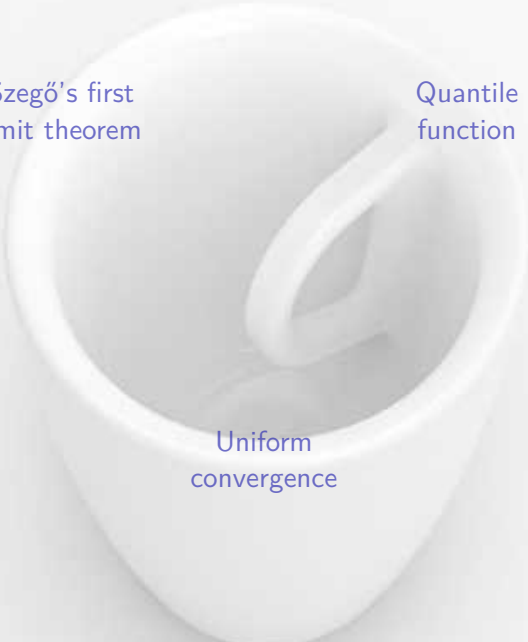
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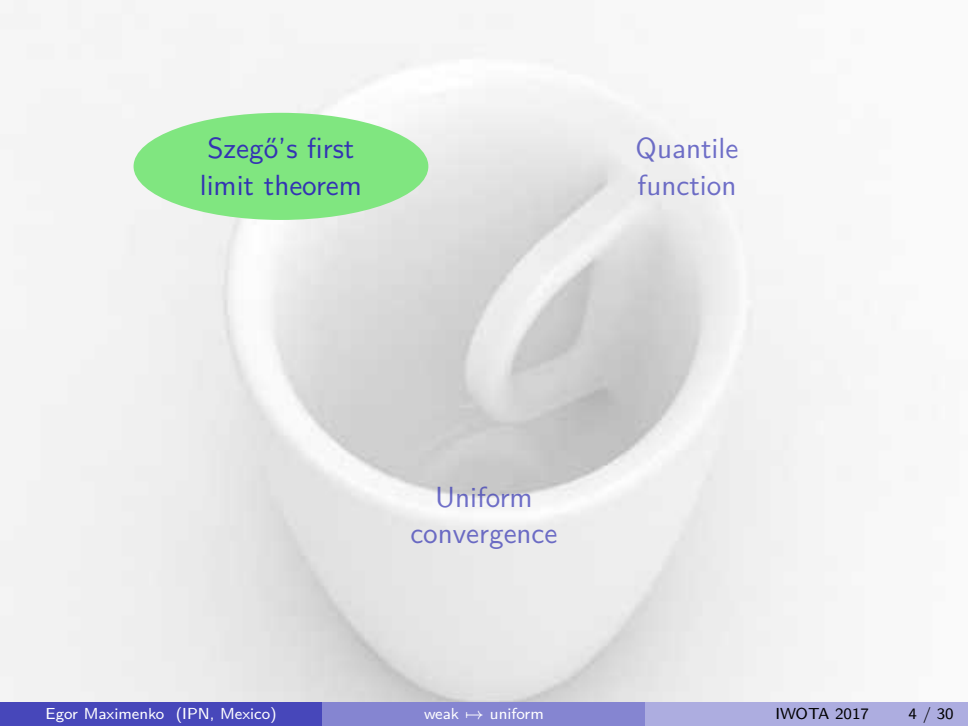
Szegő's first limit theorem  
and other theorems about asymptotic distribution  
can be turned inside out.



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# Toeplitz matrices

$$T_5(a) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_{-1} & a_{-2} & a_{-3} & a_{-4} \\ a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} & a_{-2} & a_{-3} \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} & a_{-2} \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} \\ a_4 & a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is convenient to think that  $a_k$  are the Fourier coefficients of a certain function  $a$  defined on  $[0, 2\pi]$ :

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} a(\theta) e^{-ki\theta} d\theta.$$

The function  $a$  is called the *generating symbol* of the matrices

$$T_n(a) = [a_{j-k}]_{j,k=1}^n.$$

## Hermitian Toeplitz matrices, real bounded symbols

We suppose that the generating symbol is bounded and real:

$$a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{R}).$$

The corresponding Toeplitz matrices are Hermitian:  $a_{-k} = \overline{a_k}$ ,  $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

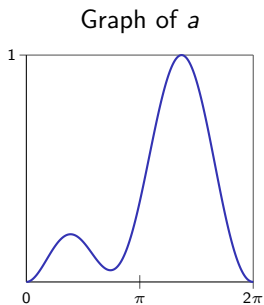
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The spectra of  $T_n(a)$  “asymptotically fill”  $[\text{ess inf}(a), \text{ess sup}(a)]$ :

$$\text{ess inf}(a) \leq \lambda_1^{(n)} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n^{(n)} \leq \text{ess sup}(a),$$

$$\text{sp}(T_n(a)) \rightarrow [\text{ess inf}(a), \text{ess sup}(a)] \quad (\text{in Hausdorff distance}).$$

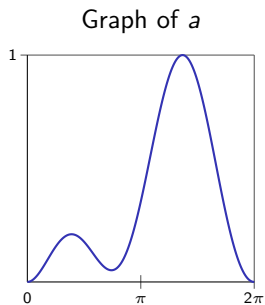
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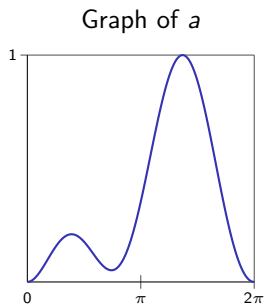


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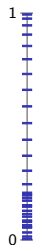




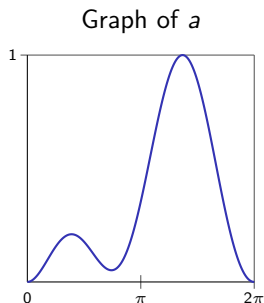
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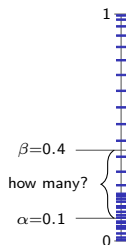
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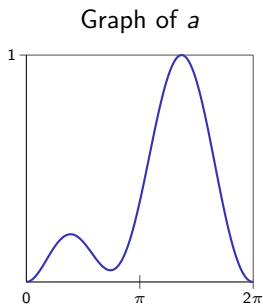


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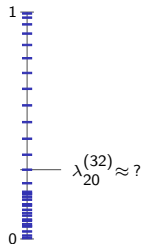


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Second question:  $\lambda_j^{(n)} \approx ?$

## Szegő's first limit theorem (1920)

generating symbol  
 $a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{R})$

test function  
 $\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R})$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi(\lambda_j^{(n)}) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi(a(\theta)) d\theta$$

## Another form of the Szegő's first limit theorem

generating symbol  
 $a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{R})$

$\alpha < \beta$   
 $a(\theta) \neq \alpha, \beta$  a.e.

$$\frac{\#\{j: \alpha \leq \lambda_j^{(n)} \leq \beta\}}{n} \longrightarrow \frac{\mu_{\mathbb{R}}(a^{-1}([\alpha, \beta]))}{2\pi}$$

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distribution of the eigenvalues of Hermitian Toeplitz matrices

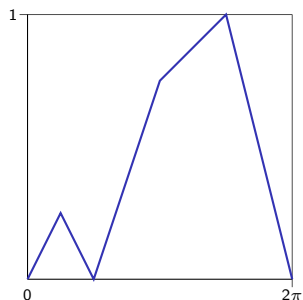
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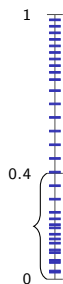
$$\frac{\#\{j: \lambda_j^{(n)} \leq v\}}{n} \longrightarrow \frac{\mu_{\mathbb{R}}(\{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]: a(\theta) \leq v\})}{2\pi}$$

# Example to illustrate Szegő's first limit theorem

Graph of  $a$

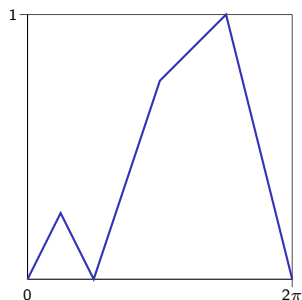


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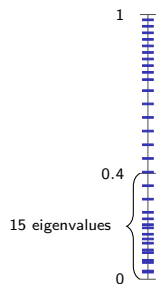


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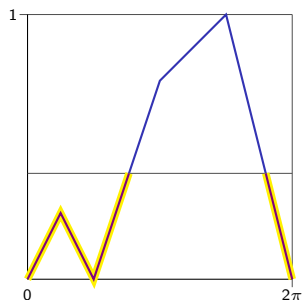


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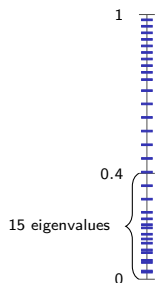


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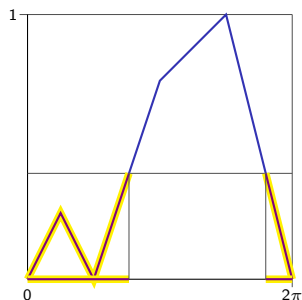
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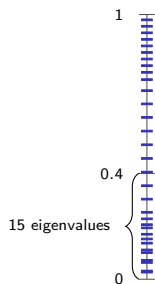
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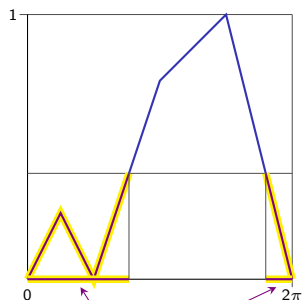
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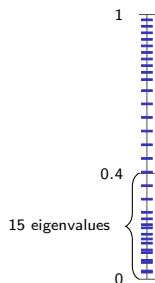
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$$\frac{\mu_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \theta : a(\theta) \leq 0.4 \}}{2\pi} = 0.483$$

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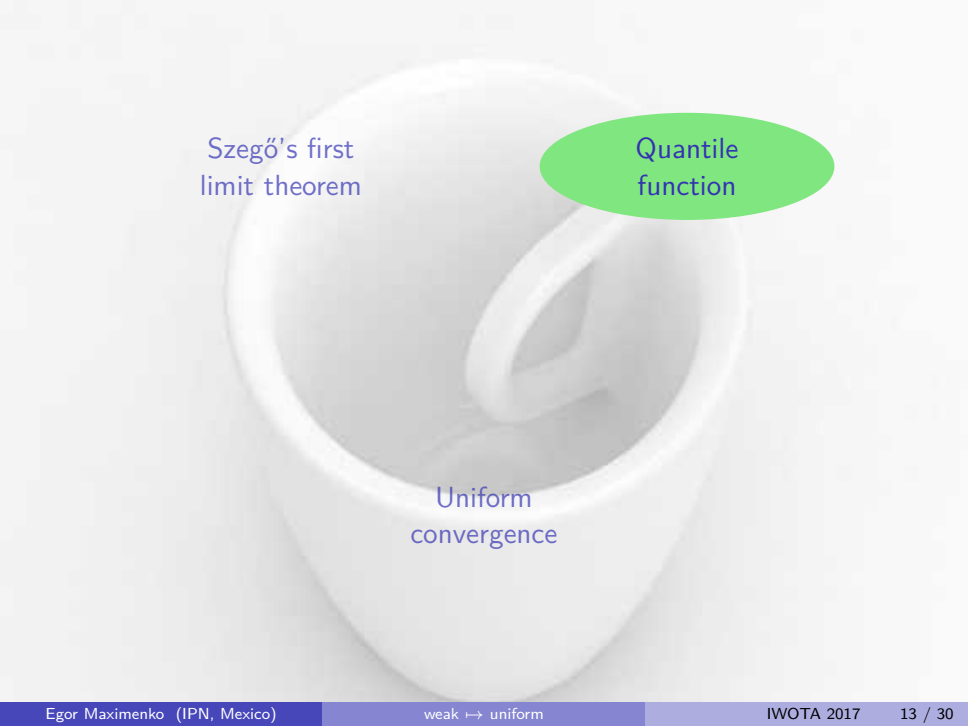


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Szegő found an approximate answer to the first question:  
how many eigenvalues belong to a given interval?

The second question was still open:

$$\lambda_j^{(n)} \approx ?$$



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# Definition of the quantile function

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and the support of  $\mu$ :

$$\text{supp}(\mu) := \{v \in \mathbb{R} : \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \mu(v - \varepsilon, v + \varepsilon) > 0\}.$$



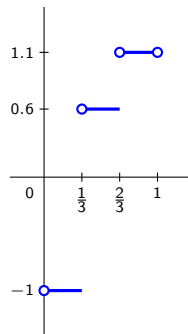
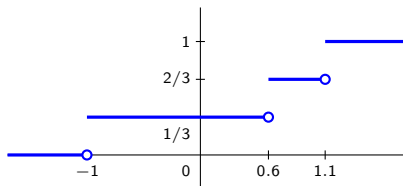
## Quantile function associated to a list of real numbers

$$X = (-1, 0.6, 1.1).$$

Associate the weight  $1/3$  to each one of the elements of  $X$ :

$$\mu(\{-1\}) = \mu(\{0.6\}) = \mu(\{1.1\}) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

The corresponding cdf and the quantile function:




## Quantile function associated to a list of real numbers



The same numbers in the ascending order ( $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_{10}$ ):




$$Q_\alpha(1/3) = \alpha_{\lceil 10/3 \rceil} = \alpha_4 = 118.$$

$$Q_\alpha(p) = \alpha_{\lceil np \rceil}.$$

## Quantile function associated to a function

Let  $a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{R})$ .

Pushforward measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\mu(B) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \mu_{\mathbb{R}}(a^{-1}(B)).$$

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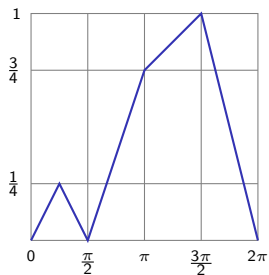
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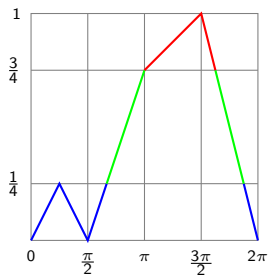
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Graph of  $a$



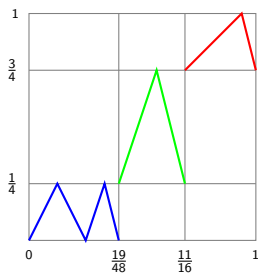
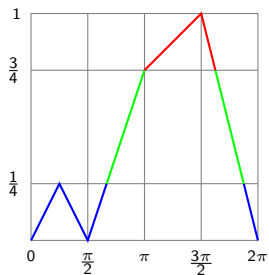
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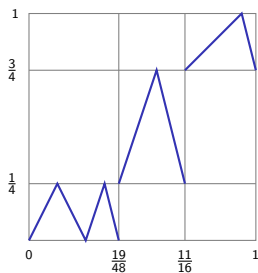
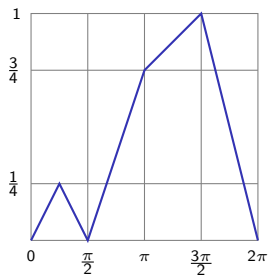
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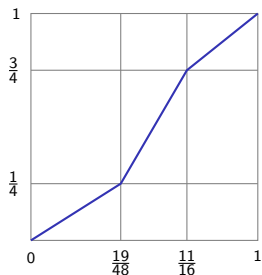


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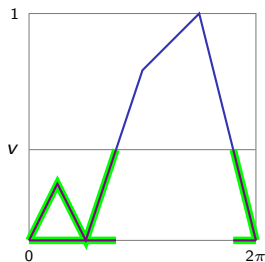


Graph of  $Q_a$

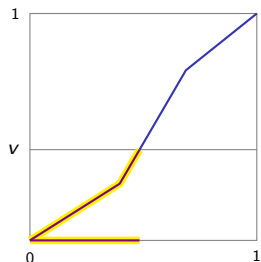


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Graph of  $Q_a$



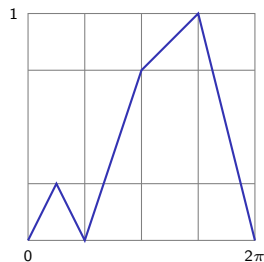
$a$  and  $Q_a$  are identically distributed:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \mu_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi] : a(\theta) \leq v \} = \mu_{\mathbb{R}} \{ p \in [0, 1] : Q_a(p) \leq v \}$$

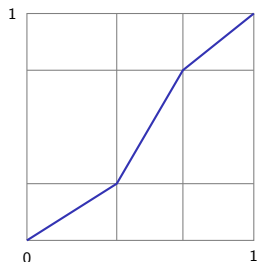


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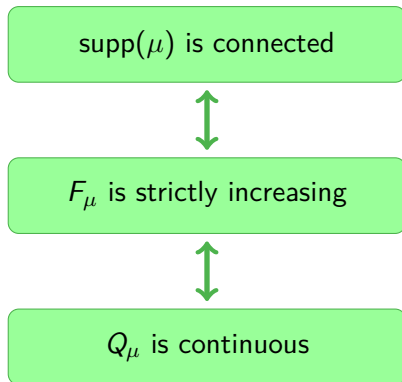


$a$   $\xrightarrow{\text{reordering in Lebesgue-style}}$   $Q_a$

## Criterion for continuity of the quantile function

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R})$  with compact  $\text{supp}(\mu)$ .

Then the following conditions are equivalent:



# Convergence in distribution ( $\mu_n \rightsquigarrow \Lambda$ )

(convergence in law, weak convergence)

Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $(\mu_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R})$ .  
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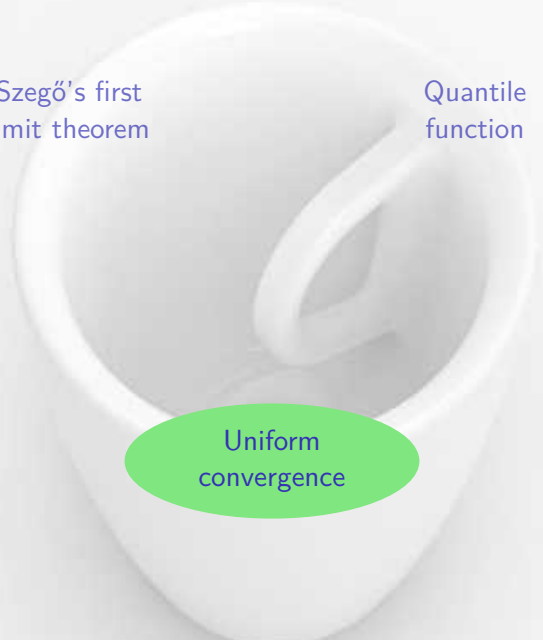
$$\forall \varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R}) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi d\mu_n = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi d\Lambda$$



$$\forall v \in \mathcal{C}(F_\Lambda) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\mu_n}(v) = F_\Lambda(v)$$



$$\forall p \in \mathcal{C}(Q_\Lambda) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_{\mu_n}(p) = Q_\Lambda(p)$$



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# Main result

$$\mu_n \rightsquigarrow \Lambda$$

$$\mu_n \in \mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R}) \\ \text{supp}(\mu_n) \subseteq [\alpha, \beta]$$

$$\Lambda \in \mathcal{BPM}(\mathbb{R}) \\ \text{supp}(\Lambda) = [\alpha, \beta]$$

$$Q\mu_n \xrightarrow{[0,1]} Q\Lambda$$

# Application to Toeplitz matrices: uniform approximation of the eigenvalues

$$a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{R})$$

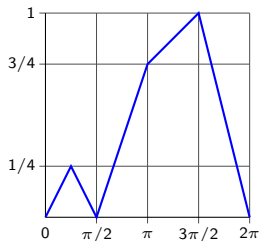
$$\mathcal{R}(a) = [\alpha, \beta]$$

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\lambda_j^{(n)} - Q_a(j/n)| \longrightarrow 0$$

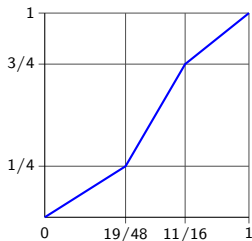
# First example

continuous piecewise-linear generating symbol

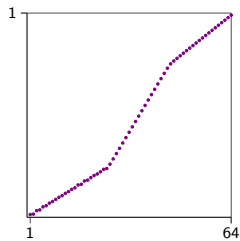
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Graph of  $Q_a$



Eigenvalues of  $T_{64}(a)$



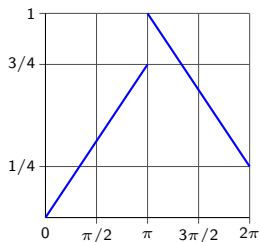
Every eigenvalue  $\lambda_j^{(n)}$  is shown as a point  $\left(\frac{j}{n}, \lambda_j^{(n)}\right)$ .

The third picture mimics the second one.

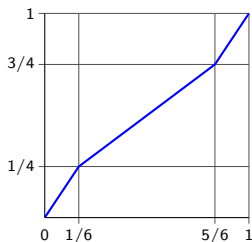
## Second example

$a$  is not continuous, but  $\mathcal{R}(a)$  is connected

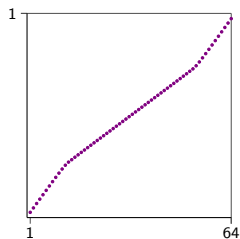
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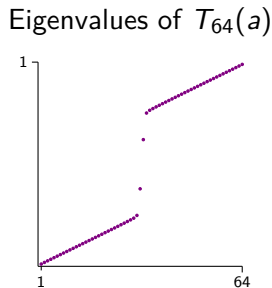
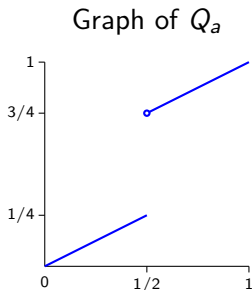
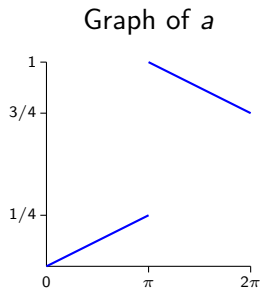


In this example,  $\lambda_j^{(n)}$  is also uniformly approximated by  $Q_a(j/n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



## Third example

If  $\mathcal{R}(a)$  is not connected, then the uniform convergence fails



In this example,  $\lambda_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{(n)}$  can not be approximated by values of  $Q_a$ .

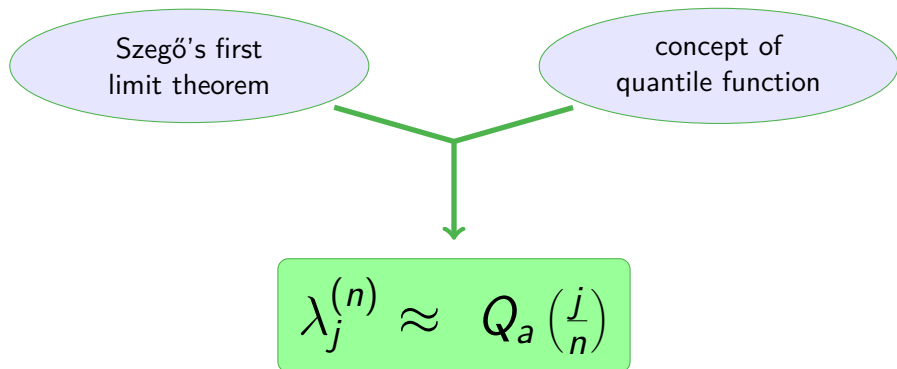
# Summary

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concept of  
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$$\lambda_j^{(n)} \approx Q_a\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)$$

# Summary



Similar results, without using the terminology of quantile function:

Di Benedetto, Serra, Fiorentino (1993): pointwise convergence.

Trench (2012): convergence in  $L^1$  sense.

## More applications

There are other results about asymptotic distribution:

- Avram–Parter theorem,
- Szegő type theorems for locally Toeplitz matrices,
- Lévy's arcsine law for random walks,
- Weyl's theorem about uniformly distributed sequences.

Applying the concept of quantile function  
one easily deduces corollaries about uniform approximation.

# Uniform approximation of the singular values (quantile version of Avram–Parter theorem)

$$a \in L^\infty([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})$$

$$\mathcal{R}(|a|) = [0, \|a\|_\infty]$$

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |s_j^{(n)} - Q_{|a|}(j/n)| \longrightarrow 0$$

## Interactive visualization

<http://www.egormaximenko.com>



Thanks for attention!