

# Correlation functions for products of coupled random matrices

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# 1. Sum and product matrix processes

(Motivated by recent works on products of random matrices:  
**Akemann, Ipsen, and Kieburg; Kuijlaars and Stivigny; Clayes,  
Kuijlaars, and Wang**)

- $H_1, \dots, H_m$ -random Hermitian matrices of the same size  $N \times N$ .
- **Set**

$$X(k) = H_k + \dots + H_1, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

- $x_j^k$ - $j$ th largest eigenvalue of  $X(k)$ . The configuration

$$\{(k, x_j^k) | k = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, N\}$$

forms a point process on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}$ . It is called a **sum matrix process**.

- $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$ -random complex matrices.
- $G_1$  is of size  $N_1 \times N_0$ ,  $G_2$  is of size  $N_2 \times N_1$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $G_m$  is of size  $N_m \times N_{m-1}$ .
- Set

$$X(k) = G_k \dots G_1, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

For each  $k$ ,  $X(k)^*X(k)$  are random matrices of the same size  $N_0 \times N_0$ .

- $x_j^k$ - $j$ th largest eigenvalue of  $X(k)^*X(k)$ . The configuration

$$\{(k, x_j^k) | k = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, N_0\}$$

forms a point process on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . It is called a **product matrix process**.

- Are there product matrix processes (or sum matrix processes) whose correlation functions can be explicitly computed?
- Can we choose complex random matrices  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  such that the resulting product matrix process will be a **determinantal point process** on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ ?
- Can we choose Hermitian random matrices  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m$  such that the resulting sum process will be a **determinantal point process** on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}$ ?

# The Ginibre product process with polynomial ensemble initial conditions

- $G_1, \dots, G_m$ -independent.
- $G_2, \dots, G_m$ -complex Ginibre matrices.
- The squared singular values  $(x_1^1, \dots, x_{N_0}^1)$  of  $G_1$  has density proportional to

$$\Delta(x_1^1, \dots, x_{N_0}^1) \det [f_i(x_j^1)]_{i,j=1}^{N_0}.$$

## Theorem

*The Ginibre product process with polynomial ensemble initial conditions is a determinantal point process on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .*

- **Step 1.** Let  $\underline{x} = (x^1, \dots, x^m)$  be the vector of the squared singular values. The probability density of  $\underline{x}$  is proportional to a product of determinants:

$$\det \left[ (x_j^m)^{k-1} \right]_{j,k=1}^n \prod_{l=1}^{m-1} \det \left[ \frac{(x_j^{l+1})^{\nu_{l+1}}}{(x_k^l)^{\nu_{l+1}+1}} e^{-\frac{x_j^{l+1}}{x_k^l}} \right]_{j,k=1}^n \det [f_k(x_j^1)]_{j,k=1}^n,$$

where  $n = N_0$ ,  $\nu_j = N_j - N_0$ .

- **Step 2.** Apply the **Eynard-Mehta theorem**.

# Example 1. The initial matrix $G_1$ is a complex Ginibre matrix

## Proposition

The correlation kernel is given by

$$K_{n,m}(r, x; s, y) = -\frac{1}{x} G_{0,s-r}^{s-r,0} \left( \begin{array}{c} - \\ \nu_{r+1}, \dots, \nu_s \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} y \\ x \end{array} \right) \mathbf{1}_{s>r} \\ + \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} du \oint_{\Sigma_n} dt \frac{\prod_{j=0}^s \Gamma(u + \nu_j + 1) \Gamma(t - n + 1) x^t y^{-u-1}}{\prod_{j=0}^r \Gamma(t + \nu_j + 1) \Gamma(u - n + 1) t - u},$$

where  $\Sigma_n$  is a closed contour going around  $0, 1, \dots, n$  in the positive direction and such that  $t > -\frac{1}{2}$  for  $t \in \Sigma_n$ .



# Example 2. The initial matrix is a truncation of a random unitary matrix

## Proposition

The correlation kernel is given by

$$K_{n,m}(r, x; s, y)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x} G_{0, s-r}^{s-r, 0} \left( \begin{matrix} - \\ \nu_{r+1}, \dots, \nu_s \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{y}{x} \right) \mathbf{1}_{s>r} + \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{-\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} du$$

$$\oint_{\Sigma_n} dt \frac{\prod_{j=0}^s \Gamma(u + \nu_j + 1) \Gamma(t - n + 1) \Gamma(t + l - n + 1)}{\prod_{j=0}^r \Gamma(t + \nu_j + 1) \Gamma(u - n + 1) \Gamma(u + l - n + 1)} \frac{x^t y^{-u-1}}{t - u}.$$

## Proposition

If  $H_1, \dots, H_m$  are independent GUE matrices, then the sum matrix process is a determinantal point process on  $\{1, \dots, m\} \times \mathbb{R}$ . Its correlation kernel can be written as

$$K_{N,m}(r, x; s, y) = - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}(s-r)^{\frac{1}{2}}\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2(s-r)}} \mathbf{1}_{s>r} \\ + \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{2s}}}{(2\pi s)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{r}{4s}\right)^{\frac{i}{2}} H_i\left(\frac{x}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}r^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right) H_i\left(\frac{y}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}s^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right) \frac{1}{i!},$$

where  $H_i(x)$  are the Hermite polynomials.

# Formulation of the problem

- Drop the assumption that the involved matrices are independent.
- Extend the results to **coupled random matrices**.

## 2. Coupled matrices

# Products of two coupled matrices

- $G_1, G_2$ -random complex matrices;  $G_1$  is of size  $M \times N$ ,  $G_2$  is of size  $N \times M$ ;  $\nu = M - N \geq 0$ .
- The joint distribution of  $G_1, G_2$  is defined by

$$\frac{1}{Z} e^{-a \sum_{l=1}^2 \text{Tr}[G_l^* G_l] + b(\text{Tr}[G_2 G_1] + \text{Tr}[(G_2 G_1)^*])} \prod_{l=1}^2 dG_l.$$

Here  $a > 0, b > 0$ .

- Set

$$X(2) = G_2 G_1, \quad X(1) = G_1.$$

- $x_j^k$ - $j$ th largest eigenvalue of  $X(k)^* X(k)$ . The configuration

$$\left\{ (k, x_j^k) \mid k = 1, 2; j = 1, \dots, N \right\}$$

is called the **Ginibre product process with coupling**.

# The Ginibre product process with coupling as a determinantal process

## Theorem

*The Ginibre product process with coupling is a determinantal point process on  $\{1, 2\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Its correlation kernel is given by*

$$K_N(r, x; s, y) = -\frac{1}{x} e^{-\frac{ay}{x}} \mathbf{1}_{s>r} + \sum_{p=0}^{N-1} P_{r,p}(x; a, b) Q_{s,p}(y; a, b),$$

*where  $1 \leq r, s \leq 2$ , and the functions  $P_{r,p}(x; a, b)$  and  $Q_{s,p}(y; a, b)$  can be written explicitly.*

### 3. Particular case: the singular values of the product matrix.

# The singular values of the product matrix

We consider in detail the determinantal process on  $R_{>0}$  formed by the **squared singular values of  $Y = G_2 G_1$** .

## Proposition

*The density of the squared singular values of  $Y = G_2 G_1$  is given by*

$$P(y_1, \dots, y_N; a, b) = \frac{1}{Z_N} \det \left[ y_j^{\frac{k-1}{2}} I_{k-1} \left( 2by_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]_{j,k=1}^N \\ \times \det \left[ y_j^{\frac{k+\nu-1}{2}} K_{j+\nu-1} \left( 2ay_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]_{j,k=1}^N .$$



- **Set**  $a(\mu) = \frac{1+\mu}{2\mu}$ ,  $b(\mu) = \frac{1-\mu}{2\mu}$ .
- **We have**

$$(a) \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} P(y_1, \dots, y_N; a(\mu), b(\mu)) = P_{Laguerre}(y_1, \dots, y_N),$$

where  $P_{Laguerre}(y_1, \dots, y_N)$  is proportional to

$$\left( \det \left[ y_i^{\frac{j-1}{2}} \right]_{i,j=1}^N \right)^2 \prod_{i=1}^N y_i^{\frac{\nu-1}{2}} \exp \left[ -2y_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \right].$$

$$(b) \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 1} P(y_1, \dots, y_N; a(\mu), b(\mu)) = P_{Indep}(y_1, \dots, y_N),$$

where  $P_{Indep}(y_1, \dots, y_N)$  is the density of the squared singular values of the product of two independent Ginibre matrices.

# The correlation kernel

The squared singular values  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  of the product  $Y = X_1 X_2$  of two coupled matrices form a determinantal point process. The correlation kernel of this process can be written as

$$K_N(x, y; \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} P_n(x) Q_n(y),$$

where

$$P_n(x) = \frac{(-1)^n (\nu + n)! n!}{\nu! \mu^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - \mu} \right)^k \frac{(-n)_k}{(\nu + 1)_k k!} I_k \left( \frac{1 - \mu}{\mu} x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

and

$$Q_n(y) = \frac{2}{(-1)^n (n!)^2 \nu! \mu^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{l=0}^n \left( \frac{2y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 + \mu} \right)^{l+\nu} \frac{(-n)_l}{(\nu + 1)_l l!} K_{l+\nu} \left( \frac{1 + \mu}{\mu} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$

## Proposition

The functions  $P_n(x), Q_n(x)$  satisfy the biorthogonality condition:

$$\int_0^{\infty} P_n(x) Q_m(x) dx = \delta_{n,m}, \quad n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Both  $P_n(x)$  and  $Q_n(y)$  satisfy five term recurrence relations,

$$\begin{aligned} xP_n(x) = & a_{2,n}P_{n+2}(x) + a_{1,n}P_{n+1}(x) + a_{0,n}P_n(x) \\ & + a_{-1,n}P_{n-1}(x) + a_{-2,n}P_{n-2}(x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} yQ_n(y) = & b_{2,n}Q_{n+2}(y) + b_{1,n}Q_{n+1}(y) + b_{0,n}Q_n(y) \\ & + b_{-1,n}Q_{n-1}(y) + b_{-2,n}Q_{n-2}(y). \end{aligned}$$

The recurrence coefficients can be written explicitly.

- Whenever the recurrence coefficients are available a **Central Limit Theorem for the linear statistics** can be derived (Breuer and Duits, 2013).
- The recurrence relations lead to a **Christoffel-Darboux type formula** for the correlation kernel (suitable for a subsequent asymptotic analysis).

# The CLT for the linear statistics

## Theorem

Let  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  be the squared singular values of the product  $Y = G_2 G_1$  of two coupled matrices. Set  $Y_f^{(N)} = \sum_{i=1}^N f(y_i)$ , where  $f$  is a polynomial with real coefficients. If  $a(\mu) = N^{\frac{1+\mu}{2\mu}}$ ,  $b(\mu) = N^{\frac{1-\mu}{2\mu}}$ , then

$$Y_f^{(N)} - \mathbb{E} Y_f^{(N)} \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \hat{f}_k \hat{f}_{-k} \right)$$

in distribution, where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_k &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|w|=1} f(s(w; \mu)) w^k \frac{dw}{w}, \\ s(w; \mu) &= \frac{1}{4w^2} (w+1)^3 (w(1-\mu)^2 + (1+\mu)^2). \end{aligned}$$

# The Christoffel-Darboux type formula for $K_N(x, y; \mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} & K_N(x, y; \mu) \\ &= - \frac{a_{-2,N} P_{N-2}(x) Q_N(y) + a_{-2,N+1} P_{N-1}(x) Q_{N+1}(y) + a_{-1,N} P_{N-1}(x) Q_N(y)}{x - y} \\ &+ \frac{a_{1,N-1} P_N(x) Q_{N-1}(y) + a_{2,N-2} P_N(x) Q_{N-2}(y) + a_{2,N-1} P_{N+1}(x) Q_{N-1}(y)}{x - y}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2,N} &= \frac{(1 - \mu)^2}{4(N + 2)(N + 1)}, \quad a_{1,N} = \mu + \frac{(1 - \mu)^2(2N + \nu + 2)}{2(N + 1)}, \\ a_{-1,N} &= \mu N^2(N + \nu)(3N + \nu) + \frac{(1 - \mu)^2}{2} N^2(\nu + 2N)(\nu + N), \\ a_{-2,N} &= \mu N^2(N - 1)^2(N + \nu)(N + \nu - 1) \\ &+ \frac{(1 - \mu)^2}{4} (\nu + N)(\nu + N - 1) N^2(N - 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Hard edge limit

# Different asymptotic regimes

- **(A) The Bessel regime** ( $\mu(N) = gN^{-\kappa}$ ,  $\kappa \geq 2$ ,  $g > 0$ )
- **(B) The strongly correlated regime** ( $\mu(N) = gN^{-1}$ ,  $g > 0$ )
- **(C) The weakly correlated regime** ( $\mu = g$ ,  $g \in (0, 1)$ )



# (A) The Bessel regime

## Theorem

Assume that  $\mu(N) = gN^{-\kappa}$ , where  $g > 0$ . Assume that  $x, y$  take values in a compact subset of  $(0, +\infty)$ . Then for  $\kappa \geq 2$  we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{N^2} K_N \left( \frac{x^2}{4N^2}, \frac{y^2}{4N^2}; \mu = \frac{g}{N^\kappa} \right)^{-\frac{x}{2N\mu(N)} + \frac{y}{2N\mu(N)}} \right]$$
$$= S^{\sqrt{\text{Bessel}}}(x, y),$$

where

$$S^{\sqrt{\text{Bessel}}}(x, y)$$
$$= - \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{\nu-1} \left( 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) J_{\nu} \left( 2y^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - 2y^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{\nu-1} \left( 2y^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) J_{\nu} \left( 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)}{(x-y)x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^{\frac{\nu}{2}}.$$

## (B) The strongly correlated regime

### Theorem

We have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{N^2} K_N \left( \frac{x^2}{4N^2}, \frac{y^2}{4N^2}; \mu = \frac{g}{N} \right) \right] = \mathbb{S}(x, y; g),$$

where the kernel  $\mathbb{S}(x, y; g)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}(x, y; g) &= \frac{4}{(x^2 - y^2)g} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint_{\Sigma} dt \oint_{\Sigma} ds \frac{\Gamma(-t)\Gamma(-s)x^t y^{s+\nu}}{\Gamma(t+\nu+1)\Gamma(s+\nu+1)} \\ &\quad \times [\mathcal{P}(s, t, \nu) - g(s^2 + t^2 + \nu s - st)] I_t \left( \frac{x}{2g} \right) K_{s+\nu} \left( \frac{y}{2g} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The contour  $\Sigma$  starts at  $+\infty$  in the upper half plane, encircles the positive real axis, and returns to  $+\infty$  in the lower half plane. Here  $\mathcal{P}(s, t, \nu)$  is a polynomial (can be written explicitly).

# (C) The weakly correlated regime

## Theorem

Assume that  $0 < g < 1$ , and that  $x, y$  take values in a compact subset of  $(0, +\infty)$ . We have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{g}{N} K_N \left( \frac{gx}{N}, \frac{gy}{N}; \mu = g \right) \right] = S_{\nu, 0}^{Ind}(x, y),$$

where

$$S_{\nu, 0}^{Ind}(x, y) = \int_0^1 du G_{0,3}^{1,0} \left( 0, \bar{\quad}, 0 \mid ux \right) G_{0,3}^{2,0} \left( \nu, \bar{\quad}, 0 \mid uy \right).$$

$S_{\nu, 0}^{Ind}(x, y)$  is the Meijer G-kernel describing the hard edge limit for the product of two independent Ginibre matrices (obtained by Kuijlaars and Zhang).

## 5. The interpolating process.

# Interpolation between the Bessel-kernel process, and the Meijer $G$ -kernel process

## Theorem

The determinantal point process on  $(0, +\infty)$  defined by the kernel  $\mathbb{S}(x, y; g)$  interpolates between the Bessel-kernel process, and the Meijer  $G$ -kernel process. Namely, for  $x, y$  taking values in a compact subset of  $(0, +\infty)$  we have

$$\lim_{g \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ 2g \mathbb{S} \left( 2(gx)^{\frac{1}{2}}, 2(gy)^{\frac{1}{2}}; g \right) \right] = S_{\nu, 0}^{Ind}(x, y).$$

Furthermore,

$$\lim_{g \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{S}(x, y; g) = S^{\sqrt{Bessel}}(x, y).$$

# Deformation of the Bessel-kernel process

- Since  $\lim_{g \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{S}(x, y; g) = S^{\sqrt{\text{Bessel}}}(x, y)$ , the determinantal process defined by  $\mathbb{S}(x, y; g)$  is a **deformation of the Bessel-kernel process**, and  $g$  is a **deformation parameter**.
- The local density of the Bessel-kernel process is defined by

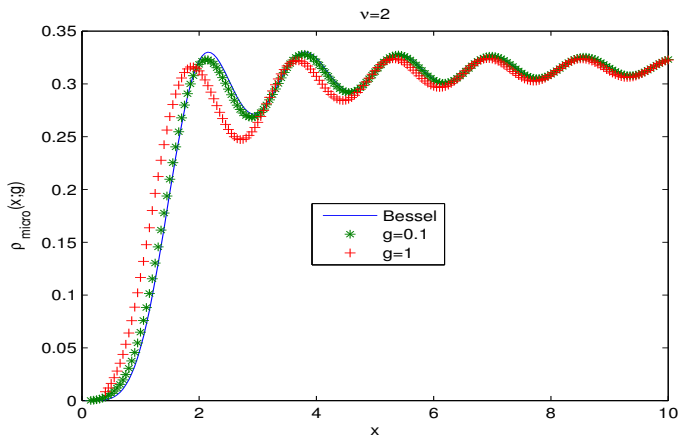
$$\rho_{\text{micro}}^{\text{Bessel}}(x) = x^3 S^{\sqrt{\text{Bessel}}}(x^2, x^2) = x (J_{\nu}(2x)^2 - J_{\nu-1}(2x)J_{\nu+1}(2x))$$

Note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_{\text{micro}}^{\text{Bessel}}(x) = \frac{1}{\pi}$

- The local density of the interpolating process is defined by

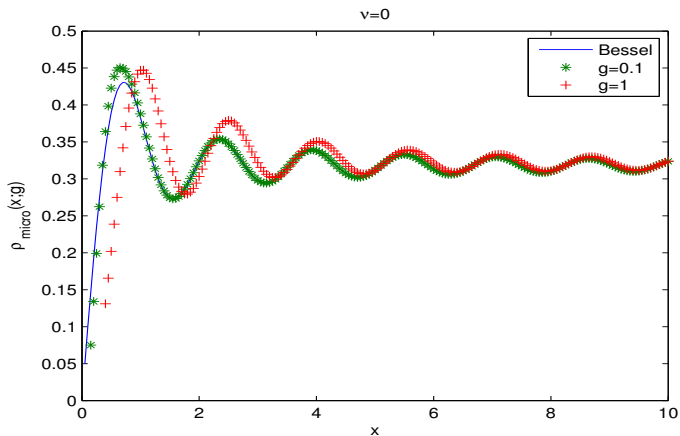
$$\rho_{\text{micro}}(x, g) = x^3 \mathbb{S}(x^2, x^2; g)$$

# The local density of the interpolation process as a deformation of the Bessel density



Plot of  $\rho_{\text{micro}}(x; g)$  for different values of  $g = 0.1$ , and 1, together with  $\rho_{\text{micro}}^{\text{Bessel}}(x)$  corresponding to  $g = 0$ , at  $\nu = 2$ .

# The local density of the interpolation process as a deformation of the Bessel density



Plot of  $\rho_{\text{micro}}(x; g)$  for different values of  $g = 0.1$ , and  $1$ , together with  $\rho_{\text{micro}}^{\text{Bessel}}(x)$  corresponding to  $g = 0$ , at  $\nu = 0$ .



## 5. Comparison with the Borodin deformation of the Bessel-kernel process.

# The Muttalib-Borodin ensemble

- The Muttalib-Borodin ensemble is defined by

$$P_{\text{MB}}(y_1, \dots, y_N) = \text{const} \prod_{j=1}^N y_j^{\alpha - y_j} \det \left[ y_k^{l-1} \right]_{k,l=1}^N \det \left[ y_k^{\theta(l-1)} \right]_{k,l=1}^N$$

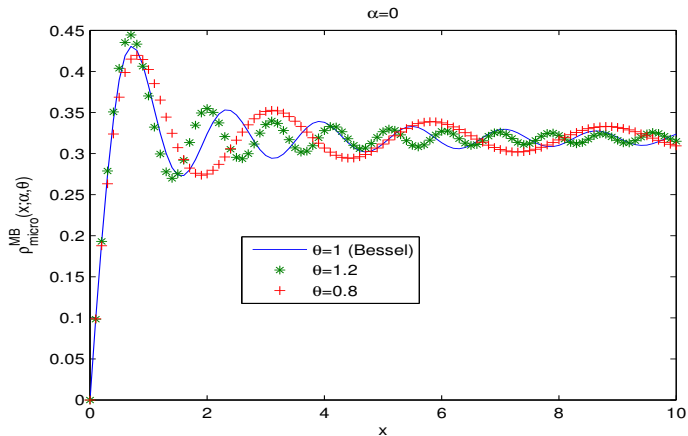
where  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\theta > 0$ .

- $\theta = 1$  gives the standard Laguerre ensemble.
- The hard edge scaling limit is a **deformation of the Bessel-kernel process** defined by the Borodin correlation kernel

$$K^{(\alpha, \theta)}(x, y) = \theta x^\alpha \int_0^1 du J_{(\alpha+1)\theta-1, \theta-1}(xu) J_{\alpha+1, \theta}((yu)^\theta) u^\alpha$$

Here  $J_{a,b}(x)$  is Wright's generalisation of the Bessel function

# The Borodin density as a deformation of the Bessel density



$$\text{Plot of } \rho_{\text{micro}}^{\text{MB}}(x; \alpha, \theta) = xK^{(\alpha, \theta)}(x^{\theta+1}, x^{\theta+1}) \frac{\theta^{-1/(1+\theta)}}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\theta+1}\right)}$$