

**Additional (way-post-publication) corrigenda for**

[DS] K. R. Davidson and S. J. Szarek, *Local operator theory, random matrices and Banach spaces*. In “Handbook on the Geometry of Banach spaces,” Volume 1, W. B. Johnson, J. Lindenstrauss eds., Elsevier Science 2001, pp. 317-366. Addenda and Corrigenda, in Volume 2, 2003, pp. 1819-1820.

- Here is the correct statement of Problem 1.17 from [DS] (p. 333).

PROBLEM 1.17. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , is there a constant  $C(\varepsilon)$  independent of  $n$  such that, for every  $n \times n$  matrix  $T$  with  $\|T\| \leq 1$ , there exists a diagonal operator  $D$  and an invertible operator  $W$  such that

$$\|T - WDW^{-1}\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|W\| \|W^{-1}\| \leq C(\varepsilon)?$$

A compactness argument shows that, for each fixed dimension  $n$ , there is a constant  $C(\varepsilon, n)$  which works. The reader who would like to get a feel for this question may consider the case when  $T$  is a Jordan cell.

- Here is the correct statement of Theorem 2.4. from [DS] (p. 345).

THEOREM 2.4. Let  $G = G^{(n)}$  be an  $n \times n$  random matrix whose entries are independent identically distributed Gaussian random variables following the  $N(0, 1/n)$  law. and let  $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_n$  be the singular values of  $G$ . Then

$$\mathcal{P}\left(s_{n-d+1} \geq \beta \frac{d}{n}\right) \leq \exp(-c\beta^2 dd'), \quad \mathcal{P}\left(s_{n-d+1} \leq \alpha \frac{d}{n}\right) \leq (C\alpha)^{d^2}$$

for  $1 \leq d \leq n$ ,  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ , and  $\alpha \geq 0$ , where  $d' = \min\{d, n-d\}$ . Above,  $c, C$  and  $\beta_0$  are universal positive constants. Apart from the precise values of these constants, the estimates are optimal.

The references for the above are Theorem 1.2 and Lemma 3.1 in Ref. [S] below, the latter covering the first bound in the range  $d > n/2$ . (As originally stated, the first bound was valid only in the  $d \leq n/2$  range; we thank Martin Kroll for bringing this issue to our attention.) Also, the caveat “except possibly (..) when  $n-d = o(n)$ ” is not really needed: while the fluctuations of the largest singular values are more precisely described by the Tracy-Widom phenomenon exemplified in Theorem 2.8 of [DS], this phenomenon belongs to the “small deviation” regime: it shows up only for  $\beta < \beta_0$  and not in the “large deviation” setting of Theorem 2.4. For a selection of related ready-to-use bounds with reasonable constants the reader is referred to Chapter 6 of the recent book [AS].

[AS] G. Aubrun and S. J. Szarek, *Alice and Bob Meet Banach. The Interface of Asymptotic Geometric Analysis and Quantum Information Theory*. Mathematical Surveys and Monographs, Vol. 223, Amer. Math. Soc. 2017, 414 + xxi pp.

[S] S. J. Szarek, *Condition numbers of random matrices*, J. Complexity **7** (1991), 131-149.

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