# A probabilistic Weyl-law for perturbed Berezin–Toeplitz operators

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Abstract. This paper proves a probabilistic Weyl-law for the spectrum of randomly perturbed Berezin–Toeplitz operators, generalizing a result proven by Martin Vogel (2020). This is done following Vogel's strategy using the exotic symbol calculus developed by the author (2022).

## 1. Introduction

This paper generalizes a result of Martin Vogel in [\[22\]](#page-27-0) which proves a probabilistic Weyl-law for quantizations of functions on tori. Here we do the same, but with the tori replaced by arbitrary Kähler manifolds equipped with positive line bundles.

In [\[22\]](#page-27-0), Vogel considers Toeplitz quantizations of smooth functions on a real  $2d$ -dimensional torus, which associates every smooth function  $f$  on the torus to a family of  $N^d \times N^d$  matrices,  $f_N$ , for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  (here  $N^{-1}$  is the semi-classical parameter). A recent physical motivation for such constructions is written by Deleporte in [\[6,](#page-26-0) Section 1]. Next, a random matrix with sufficiently small norm is added to  $f_N$ , and the spectrum is shown to obey an almost-sure Weyl-law as N goes to infinity. This was conjectured by Christiansen and Zworski in [\[4\]](#page-26-1) and is a major extension of their work.

This result is most striking when the unperturbed matrix is non-self-adjoint. For example, if  $f(x) = \cos(2\pi x) + i \cos(2\pi \xi)$ , then the quantization is

$$
f_N = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi/N) & i/2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & i/2 \\ i/2 & \cos(4\pi/N) & i/2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & i/2 & \cos(6\pi/N) & i/2 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & i/2 & \cos(2(N-1)\pi/N) & i/2 \\ i/2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & i/2 & \cos(2\pi) \end{pmatrix},
$$

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**Figure 1.** Left: Eigenvalues of the Scottish flag operator with  $N = 50$ . Right: Eigenvalues of the Scottish flag operator with a small random perturbation with  $N = 1000$ .

which numerically has spectrum contained on two crossing lines in the complex plane. This operator is aptly named the *Scottish flag operator* and is further described by Embree and Trefethen in [\[21\]](#page-27-1). Interestingly, (as far as we are aware) it is unknown analytically where the spectrum of  $f_N$  lives. However, if randomly perturbed, the spectrum spreads out with density given by the push-forward of the Lebesgue measure on the torus by f. Figure [1](#page-1-0) plots the spectrum of  $f_N$  with no perturbation, and with a small perturbation.

The spectral properties of randomly perturbed non-self-adjoint operators were pioneered by Hager in [\[10\]](#page-26-2), in which the operator  $hD_x + g(x)$ :  $L^2(S^1) \rightarrow L^2(S^1)$ was studied. This result, and numerous subsequent results are discussed by Sjöstrand in [\[15\]](#page-26-3). There are related results describing spectral properties of randomly perturbed Toeplitz matrices, which can be defined as quantizations of symbols on  $\mathbb{T}^2$  with symbol independent of x. See Davies and Hager  $[5]$ , Guionnet, Wood and Zeitouni  $[9]$ , Sjöstrand and Vogel [\[16,](#page-26-6) [17\]](#page-27-2), and references given there.

This paper is the natural generalization of Vogel's result in [\[22\]](#page-27-0). Here we prove a similar result for quantizations of functions on Kähler manifolds (with sufficient structure, as discussed in Section [2\)](#page-4-0). These quantizations, called *Berezin–Toeplitz operators* (or just *Toeplitz operators*) were first described by Berezin in [\[2\]](#page-26-7) as a particular type of quantization of symplectic manifolds. Following [\[2\]](#page-26-7), for every smooth function  $f$  on a quantizable Kähler manifold  $X$ , we get a family of finite rank operators,  $T_N f$ , indexed by  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [\[13\]](#page-26-8) for a connection between these quantizations, and quantizations on the torus) which have physical interpretations. Deleporte in [\[6,](#page-26-0) Appendix A] relates this quantization to spin systems in the large spin limit, and Douglas and Klevtsov in [\[7\]](#page-26-9) use path integrals for particles in a magnetic field to derive the Bergman kernel (a key ingredient in constructing  $T_N f$ ).

Next, if we add a small Gaussian-type random perturbation  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  to these operators (see Definition [2.3\)](#page-5-0), the empirical measures weakly converge almost surely (see Theorem [2](#page-6-0) in Section [2](#page-4-0) for a precise statement). Theorem [3](#page-6-1) states a result about more general random perturbations  $W_{\omega}$  (see Definition [2.3\)](#page-5-0) but with a more restrictive coupling constant. A consequence of Theorem [3](#page-6-1) is the following probabilistic Weyl-law.

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Theorem 1** (A probabilistic Weyl-law). *Given a quantizable Kähler manifold*  $X, f \in$  $C^{\infty}(X;\mathbb{C})$  such that there exists  $\kappa \in (0,1]$  so that

$$
\mu_d(\{x \in X : |f(x) - z|^2 \le t\}) = \mathcal{O}(t^{\kappa})
$$

 $as t \rightarrow 0$  *uniformly for*  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  *(where*  $\mu_d$  *is the Liouville volume form on* X*)*,  $W_\omega$  *a random matrix (see Definition* [2.3](#page-5-0)), and  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ , then almost surely

$$
\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)^d \# \{ \text{Spec}(T_N f + N^{-d} W_\omega) \cap \Lambda \} \xrightarrow{N \to \infty} \mu_d(x \in X; f(x) \in \Lambda).
$$

Finer results are expected for describing the spectrum of randomly perturbed Toeplitz operators. In [\[22\]](#page-27-0), precise statements about the number of eigenvalues are obtained using counting functions of holomorphic functions. Here we only show weak convergence of the empirical measures, but achieve this in a relatively simple way using logarithmic potentials as presented in [\[17\]](#page-27-2).

Here we present numerical examples to motivate the main result of this paper. Consider the Kähler manifold  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  (complex protective space of dimension 1) which can be identified with the real 2-sphere with coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . In Figure 2, we compute the spectrum of the quantization of the function  $f = x_1 + 2x_2^2 + ix_2$ . Before perturbation, the spectrum lies on several lines in the complex plane, somewhat analogous to the Scottish flag operator. However, as a perturbation is added, the spectrum fills in. This paper describes the structure of the spectrum of this perturbed operator in the semiclassical limit, as  $N \to \infty$ .

Numerical verification of this paper's result can be seen if  $f = ix_1 + x_2$  (still on  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ ). Figure [3](#page-3-1) computes the spectrum of  $T_N f$  with a random perturbation added, and plots the number of eigenvalues in circles of increasing radii versus the predicted number of such eigenvalues by Theorem [1.](#page-2-0) More animations can be found on my website. $<sup>1</sup>$  $<sup>1</sup>$  $<sup>1</sup>$ </sup>

Outline of paper. Section [2](#page-4-0) reviews background material and states the main result of this paper (Theorem [2\)](#page-6-0). In Section [3,](#page-7-0) a series of preliminary results about Toeplitz operators are presented. Section [4](#page-8-0) reviews logarithmic potentials and reduces Theorem [2](#page-6-0) to proving a probabilistic bound involving logarithmic derivatives of Toeplitz

<span id="page-2-1"></span><sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https:[//math.berkeley.edu/~izak/research/toeplitz/movies.html](https://math.berkeley.edu/~izak/research/toeplitz/movies.html)

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**Figure 2.** Left: Eigenvalues of the Toeplitz operator on  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  identified with the real 2-sphere with symbol  $x_1 + 2x_1^2 + ix_2$  and  $N = 50$ . Right: Eigenvalues of the same operator but with a small random perturbation and  $N = 1000$ .

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**Figure 3.** Left: Eigenvalues of the randomly perturbed Toeplitz operator on  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  identified with the real 2-sphere with symbol  $ix_1 + x_2$  an  $N = 2000$ . Right: The number of eigenvalues within circles in the complex plane centered at zero with radii ranging from 0 to 1, plotted against the predicted distribution of eigenvalues from Theorem [1.](#page-2-0)

operators. Section [5](#page-11-0) sets up a Grushin problem to further reduce the problem to prove probabilistic bounds on spectral properties of self-adjoint operators. Section [6](#page-15-0) proves a deterministic bound involving the logarithmic derivative of Toeplitz operators. The technique involves scaling the symbol by a power of  $N$ , and therefore relies on the exotic calculus presented in Section [3.](#page-7-0) Finally, Section [7](#page-21-0) chooses constants to establish the required probabilistic bound for the almost sure convergence in Theorem [2.](#page-6-0) In Section [8,](#page-23-0) we describe how to extend this result to the more general random perturbations as stated in Theorem [3.](#page-6-1)

**Notation.** We will use the following notation in this paper for functions  $f$  and  $g$ depending on N. We write  $f = \mathcal{O}(g)$  if there exists  $C > 0$  independent of N such that  $|f| \le Cg$ . We write  $f = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  if for every  $M \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f = \mathcal{O}(N^{-M})$ . Any subscript in the big-O will denote dependence of  $C$  of what is in the subscript. We will write  $f \leq g$  if there exists a  $C > 0$  independent of N such that  $f \leq Cg$ . We write  $f \ll g$  to mean that  $Cf \leq g$  for some sufficiently large  $C > 0$  independent of N. For a  $u, v, w$  elements of a Hilbert space, denote  $u \otimes v$  the map that sends w to  $u\langle w, v\rangle$ .

### <span id="page-4-0"></span>2. Main result

Let  $(X, \sigma)$  be a compact, connected, d-dimensional Kähler manifold with a holomorphic line bundle L with positively curved Hermitian metric locally given by  $h = e^{-\varphi}$ . That is, over each fiber  $x \in X$ ,  $||v||_h := e^{-\varphi(x)}|v|$ . Given this, the globally defined symplectic form,  $\sigma$ , is related to the Hermitian metric by  $i\partial\overline{\partial}\varphi = \sigma$ . Fixing local trivializations,  $\varphi$  can be described as a strictly plurisubharmonic smooth real-valued function (called the *Kähler potential*). This is further outlined by Le Floch in [\[11\]](#page-26-10).

Let  $L^N$  be the N th tensor power of L, which has Hermitian metric  $h_N := e^{-N\varphi}$ . Let  $\mu_d = \sigma^{\wedge d}/d!$  be the Liouville volume form on X. This provides an  $L^2$  structure on sections of  $L^N$ . Indeed, if u and v are smooth sections on  $L^N$ , then define

$$
\langle u, v \rangle_{L^N} := \int\limits_X h_N(u, v) \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d.
$$

Define  $L^2(X, L^N)$  to be the space of smooth sections of  $L^N$  with finite  $L^2$  norm. In this  $L^2$  space, let  $H^0(X, L^N)$  be the space of holomorphic sections.

**Proposition 2.1.** The dimension of  $H^0(X, L^N)$  is finite, and is asymptotically

$$
\left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \text{vol}(X) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}).
$$

*Proof.* See [\[3,](#page-26-11) Corollary 2].

For the remainder of this paper, denote  $\dim(H^0, (X, L^N))$  by  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(N)$ . The orthogonal projection from  $L^2(X, L^N)$  to  $H^0(X, L^N)$  is called the *Bergman projector* and is denoted by  $\Pi_N$ . Finally, given  $f \in C^\infty(X; \mathbb{C})$ , the Toeplitz operators associated to f, written  $T_N f$ , are defined for each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  as  $T_N f(u) = \prod_N (fu)$ , where

 $u \in H^0(X, L^N)$ . In this way,  $T_N f$  are finite rank operators mapping  $H^0(X, L^N)$  to itself. For the remainder of this paper, we will fix a basis for  $H^0(X, L^N)$  so that  $T_N f$ (and similar operators) can be considered as matrices.

The class of functions to quantize will often depend on  $N$ . To define this symbol class requires local control of functions. Fix a finite atlas of neighborhoods  $(U_i, \zeta_i)_{i \in I}$ for the Kähler manifold  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2** (S(1)). S(1) is the set of all smooth functions f on X taking complex values which can be written asymptotically  $f \sim \sum N^{-j} f_j$ , where  $f_j \in C^{\infty}(X;\mathbb{C})$ do not depend on N. This tilde means that, for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$
\partial_x^{\alpha} \Big( f \circ \zeta_i(x) - \sum_{j=0}^{M} N^{-j} f_j \circ \zeta_i(x) \Big) = \mathcal{O}_{\alpha}(N^{-j-1})
$$

for all  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , and all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . By Borel's theorem, given any  $f_j \in S(1)$  not depending on N, there exists  $f \in S(1)$  such that  $f \sim \sum N^{-j} f_j$ .

If  $f \sim \sum N^{-j} f_j$ , we call  $f_0$  the *principal symbol of* f, which is unique modulo  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-1}).$ 

We next add a random perturbation to these Toeplitz operators. For this, we must fix a probability space  $\Omega$  with probability measure  $\mathbb P$ .

<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Definition 2.3** ( $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  and  $\mathcal{W}_{\omega}$ ). For each N, let { $e_i : i = 1, ..., N$ } be an orthonormal basis of  $H^0(X, L^N)$ . Define

$$
\mathcal{G}_{\omega} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \alpha_{j,k} e_i \otimes e_j : H^0(X, L^N) \to H^0(X, L^N)
$$

where  $\alpha_{j,k}$  are independent identically distributed complex Gaussian random variables with mean zero and variance 1.

Similarly define

$$
\mathcal{W}_{\omega} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \tilde{\alpha}_{j,k} e_i \otimes e_j,
$$

with  $\tilde{\alpha}_{i,k}$  independent identically distributed copies of a complex random variable with mean zero and bounded second moment.

The  $\omega$  in the subscript of these objects is to emphasize that these objects are random. That is, for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  is a finite rank operator. The majority of this article describes perturbations by  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  (the Gaussian case), while a brief note at the end concerns the more general perturbations by  $W_{\omega}$ .

This paper will prove almost sure weak convergence of the empirical distribution of eigenvalues of randomly perturbed Toeplitz operators. The principal symbol of f must also satisfy the property that there exists  $\kappa \in (0, 1]$  such that

<span id="page-6-2"></span>
$$
\mu_d(\{x \in X : |f_0(x) - z|^2 \le t\}) = \mathcal{O}(t^{\kappa})
$$
\n(2.1)

as  $t \to 0$  uniformly for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . It is observed in [\[4\]](#page-26-1) that if f is real analytic, then  $(2.1)$  holds. See [\[4\]](#page-26-1), and references presented there, for further discussion of  $(2.1)$ .

<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Theorem 2** (Main theorem). *Given*  $f \in S(1)$  *which satisfies* [\(2.1\)](#page-6-2) *and*  $\mathcal{G}_0$ *, a family* of random operators on  $H^{0}(X, L^{N}),$  as defined in Definition [2.3](#page-5-0), then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ *there exists*  $\beta = \beta(\varepsilon) \in (0, 1)$  *and*  $C > 0$  *such that if*  $\delta = \delta(N)$  *satisfies* 

<span id="page-6-3"></span>
$$
Ce^{-N^{\beta}} < \delta < C^{-1}N^{-d/2 - \varepsilon},\tag{2.2}
$$

*then we have almost sure weak convergence of the empirical measures of*  $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ *to* vol $(X)^{-1}(f_0)_*\mu_d$ .

*More precisely, if*  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(N, \omega)$  *are the (random) eigenvalues of*  $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ *, then for all*  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$ 

$$
\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \varphi(\lambda_i) \xrightarrow{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{\text{vol}(X)} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \varphi(z) [(f_0)_* \mu_d](dz)
$$

*almost surely, where*  $(f_0)_*\mu_d$  *is the push-forward of the volume form*  $\mu_d$  *on* X *by*  $f_0$ *.* 

*Moreover, for each*  $\varepsilon > 0$ *, the constant*  $\beta(\varepsilon)$  *in* [\(2.2\)](#page-6-3) *can be chosen at most strictly less than*

$$
\begin{cases} 2\varepsilon\kappa & \text{if } \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(\kappa+1)}, \\ \frac{\kappa}{\kappa+1} & \text{if } \varepsilon \ge \frac{1}{2(\kappa+1)}, \end{cases}
$$

*where*  $\kappa$  *is defined in* [\(2.1\)](#page-6-2).

We expect Theorem [2](#page-6-0) to hold for a much larger class of random perturbations than described in Definition [2.3.](#page-5-0) Indeed, the only properties of  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  we use is a norm bound (Lemma [4.6\)](#page-10-0) and an anti-concentration bound (Proposition [5.7\)](#page-14-0). See [\[23\]](#page-27-3) where Vogel and Zeitouni establish similar logarithmic determinant estimates with these classes of random perturbations, and [\[1,](#page-26-12) Remark 1.3] where Basak, Paquette, and Zeitouni describe random perturbations satisfying these properties.

Here we present a version of Theorem [2](#page-6-0) for the more general random perturbations  $W_{\omega}$  as described in Definition [2.3.](#page-5-0)

<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Theorem 3** (General perturbations). For  $W_{\omega}$  defined in Definition [2.3](#page-5-0),  $f \in S(1)$  *sat-*isfying [\(2.1\)](#page-6-2),  $\delta = N^{-d}$ , then the empirical measures of  $T_N f + \delta W_\omega$  converge almost *surely to*  $(vol(X))^{-1}(f_0)_*\mu_d$ .

A proof of this result is presented in Section [8.](#page-23-0)

**Remark 2.1.** We expect a wider range of  $\delta$ 's and more general random perturbations in Theorem [3](#page-6-1) should lead to the same conclusion.

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>3. Review of an exotic calculus of Toeplitz operators

In proving Theorem [2,](#page-6-0) non-negative symbols are scaled by powers of  $N^{-1}$ . These functions belong to a more exotic symbol class than smooth functions uniformly bounded in N. Toeplitz operators of functions in this symbol class still have natural composition formulas. A summary of these results is contained in this section. For proofs see [\[12\]](#page-26-13).

**Definition 3.1** (Order function). For  $\rho \in [0, 1/2)$ , a  $\rho$ -order function m on X is a function  $m \in C^{\infty}(X;\mathbb{R}_{>0})$ , depending on N, such that there exists  $M_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$
m(x)/m(y) \lesssim (1 + \text{dist}(x, y)N^{\rho})^{M_0},
$$

where dist $(x, y)$  is the distance between x and y with respect to the Riemannian metric on X induced by the symplectic form  $\sigma$ .

**Definition 3.2** ( $S_{\rho}(m)$ ). Given  $\rho \in [0, 1/2)$  and a  $\rho$ -order function m on X.  $S_{\rho}(m)$  is defined as the set of smooth functions on X depending on N such that, for all  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,

$$
|\partial^{\alpha}(f \circ \zeta_i^{-1}(x))| \lesssim_{\alpha} N^{\delta|\rho|} m \circ \zeta_i^{-1}(x)
$$

for all  $x \in \zeta_i(U_i)$  (recall  $\{(U_i, \zeta_i): i \in \mathcal{I}\}\$ is a finite atlas on X).

<span id="page-7-1"></span>**Proposition 3.3** (Composition). *Given*  $\rho \in [0, 1/2)$ ,  $\rho$ -order functions  $m_1, m_2$  on X,  $f \in S_\rho(m_1)$  and  $g \in S_\rho(m_2)$ , then there exists  $h \in S_\rho(m_1m_2)$  such that

$$
T_N f \circ T_N g = T_N h + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty}),
$$

where  $\mathcal O$  is in terms of the norm from  $L^2(X,L^N)\to L^2(X,L^N)$ . Moreover, the prin*cipal symbol of h is*  $f_0g_0$ *.* 

<span id="page-7-2"></span>**Claim 3.1.** *Given*  $f \in S(1)$  *with*  $f_0 \ge 0$ , *if*  $\rho \in [0, 1/2)$ , *then*  $m(x) = f_0 N^{2\rho} + 1$  *is a*  $\rho$ -order function on *X* and  $f N^{2\rho} \in S_\rho(m)$ .

<span id="page-7-3"></span>**Proposition 3.4** (Parametrix construction). *Given*  $\rho \in [0, 1/2)$ , *a*  $\rho$ *-order function m on*  $X, \rho \in [0, 1/2)$ *, and*  $f \in S_\rho(m)$  *such that there exists*  $C > 0$  *so that*  $f > C_m$ *,*  then there exists  $g \in S_\rho(m^{-1})$  such that

$$
T_N f \circ T_N g = 1 + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty}), \quad T_N g \circ T_N f = 1 + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty}).
$$

<span id="page-8-1"></span>**Proposition 3.5** (Functional calculus). *Given a p-order function*  $m > 1$  *on* X *(for* a fixed  $\rho \in [0,1/2)$ ), a family of operators  $\{R_N\}_{N\in \mathbb{N}}$  mapping  $H^0(X,L^N)$  to itself *such that*  $\|R_N\| = O(N^{-\infty})$  *and*  $T_N f + R_N$  *is self-adjoint for all* N, *and*  $f \in S_0(m)$ *taking real non-negative values such that there exists*  $C > 0$  *with*  $|f| \geq mC^{-1} - C$ , then for any  $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C})$ , there exists  $g \in S_\rho(m^{-1})$  such that

$$
\chi(T_N f + R_N) = T_N g + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})
$$

*and* g *has principal symbol*  $\chi(f_0)$ *.* 

Typically, Proposition [3.5](#page-8-1) will be applied with  $R_N = 0$  for all N.

<span id="page-8-2"></span>**Proposition 3.6** (Trace formula). If m is a p-order function on X (for fixed  $\rho \in$ [0, 1/2)), and  $f \in S_{\rho}(m)$ , then

$$
\operatorname{Tr} T_N f = \left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X f(x) \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-(1-2\rho)}) \max_{x \in X} m(x)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X f_0(x) \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-(1-2\rho)}) \max_{x \in X} m(x),
$$

*where*  $f_0$  *is the principal symbol of*  $f$ *.* 

Note that if  $f = 1$ , then  $Tr T_N 1 = Tr(\Pi_N) = dim(H^0(X, L^N)) = \mathcal{N}$  which is an alternative way of proving that  $\mathcal{N} = vol(X) (N/2\pi)^d + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}).$ 

#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>4. Probabilistic preliminaries

This paper uses the probabilistic machinery of logarithmic potentials. An overview is presented in this section.

**Definition 4.1** ( $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ ). Let  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$  be the collection of probability measures  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ such that  $\int \log(1 + |z|) d\mu(z) < \infty$ .

**Definition 4.2** (Logarithmic potential). For  $v \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ , define the logarithmic potential as  $U_{\nu}(z) := \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |z - w| \, d\nu(w)$ .

Using the fact that  $log|z|$  is the fundamental solution of the Laplacian, it can be shown that, in the sense of distributions,  $\Delta U_v = 2\pi v$ , which is the key ingredient in proving the following theorem.

<span id="page-9-0"></span>Proposition 4.3 (Convergence of random measures by logarithmic potentials). *Given*  $\{v_N\} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$  random measures such that almost surely supp  $v_N \subset \Lambda$  for  $N \gg 1$  (with  $\Lambda \subseteq \overline{\Lambda} \subseteq \Lambda' \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ) and for almost all  $z \in \Lambda'$ , one has  $U_{v_N}(z) \to U_v(z)$  almost surely *for some*  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(C)$  *with* supp  $\nu \subset \Lambda$ *, then almost surely*  $\nu_N \to \nu$  *weakly.* 

*Proof.* See [\[17,](#page-27-2) Theorem 7.1].

We wish to use Proposition [4.3](#page-9-0) to prove almost sure weak convergence of the empirical measures of  $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ .

**Definition 4.4** ( $v_N$ ). Let  $\sigma_N$  be the spectrum of  $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ . Let

$$
\nu_N = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_N} \hat{\delta}_{\lambda}
$$

where  $\delta > 0$  depends on N, and  $\hat{\delta}_{\lambda}$  is the Dirac distribution centered at  $\lambda$ . The logarithmic potentials for these random measures are

$$
U_{\nu_N}(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_N} \log|z - \lambda| = \frac{1}{N} \log|\det(T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} - z)|.
$$

**Definition 4.5** (*v*). Let  $\nu = \text{vol}(X)^{-1}(f_0)_*\mu_d$  (recall  $\mu_d$  is the volume measure on  $X$ ) which has logarithmic potential

$$
U_{\nu}(z) = \int\limits_X \log|z - f_0(x)| \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d(x).
$$

Where  $f_X f d\mu_d$  is defined as  $\text{vol}(X)^{-1} \int f d\mu_d$ .

**Claim 4.1.** *For all*  $N, v_N, v \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{C})$ *.* 

*Proof.* For each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$
\int_{\mathbb{C}} \log(1+|z|) d \nu_N(z) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_N} \log(1+|\lambda|) \le \max_{\lambda \in \sigma_N} \log(1+|\lambda|)
$$

$$
\le \log(1 + \|T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}\|) < \infty.
$$

And similarly,

$$
\int_{\mathbb{C}} \log(1 + |z|) d \nu(z) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(X)} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log(1 + |z|) [(f_0)_* \mu_d] (dz)
$$
\n
$$
\leq \max_{x \in X} \log(1 + |f(x)|) < \infty.
$$

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Let  $\Lambda$  be a neighborhood of  $f(X)$ . Clearly, supp  $\nu \subset \Lambda$ , the same is true with probability 1 for  $v_N$ , for sufficiently large N. A standard random matrix lemma is required to show this.

<span id="page-10-0"></span>Lemma 4.6 (Norm of Gaussian matrix). *There exists* C > 0 *such that*

$$
\mathbb{P}(\|\mathcal{G}_{\omega}\| \le C \mathcal{N}^{1/2}) \ge 1 - \exp(-\mathcal{N}).
$$

*If an event has this lower bound of probability, it is said to occur with overwhelming probability.*

*Proof.* See [\[19,](#page-27-4) Exercise 2.3.3].

For a fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will choose  $\delta = \delta(N)$  such that

$$
0 < \delta = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}^{-1/2 - \varepsilon}).\tag{4.1}
$$

<span id="page-10-3"></span>**Lemma 4.7** (Borel–Cantelli). If  $A_n$  are events such that  $\sum_{1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \infty$ , then the *probability that* A<sup>n</sup> *occurs infinitely often is* 0*.*

*Proof.* See [\[8\]](#page-26-14).

<span id="page-10-2"></span>**Lemma 4.8** (Bound of  $T_N f$ ). *Given*  $f \in S(1)$ *, then*  $||T_N f||_{L^N \to L^N} \leq ||f||$ *.* 

*Proof.* This follows immediately by writing  $T_N f = \Pi_N \circ M_f \circ \Pi_N$  and recalling that  $\Pi_N$  is unitary.

<span id="page-10-5"></span>**Claim 4.2.** *Almost surely,* supp  $\nu_N \subset \Lambda$  *for*  $N \gg 1$ *.* 

*Proof.* First note that  $||T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}|| \le ||T_N f|| + \delta ||\mathcal{G}_{\omega}|| \le \sup f + \mathcal{N}^{-\varepsilon}$  with over-whelming probability (by Lemma [4.6,](#page-10-0) [\(4.1\)](#page-10-1), and Lemma [4.8\)](#page-10-2). Let  $\sigma_N$  be the spectrum of  $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ . In this event, for sufficiently large  $N, \sigma_N \subset \Lambda$ . So, if  $A_N^c$  is the event that  $\sigma_N \subset \Lambda$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(A_N^c) \geq 1 - e^{-\mathcal{N}}$ . Therefore,  $\sum \mathbb{P}(A_N) < \infty$  and so by Lemma [4.7,](#page-10-3) almost surely  $P(A_N^c) = 1$  for  $N \gg 1$ .

<span id="page-10-4"></span>**Lemma 4.9** (Almost sure convergence). If  ${Y_N}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  and Y are random variables *on a probability space*  $(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$  *and*  $\varepsilon_N$  *is a sequence of numbers converging to* 0 *such that*

$$
\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|Y_N - Y| > \varepsilon_N) < \infty,
$$

*then*  $Y_N \to Y$  *almost surely.* 

*Proof.* See [\[8\]](#page-26-14).

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Therefore,  $v_N$  and v satisfy the conditions of Proposition [4.3.](#page-9-0) So, it suffices to show that  $U_{\nu_{\mathcal{N}}}(z) \to U_{\nu}(z)$  for almost all z in the bounded set containing  $\Lambda$ . To prove this almost sure convergence, it suffices to apply Lemma [4.9](#page-10-4) with  $Y_N =$  $\mathcal{N}^{-1}$  log|det( $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} - z$ )| and  $Y = f \log |z - f_0(x)| d\mu_d(x)$  for suitably chosen  $\varepsilon_N$ .

#### <span id="page-11-0"></span>5. Setting up a Grushin problem

To control log|det( $T_N f + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} - z$ )| we follow the now standard method of setting up a Grushin problem. This approach was used in  $[10, 22]$  $[10, 22]$  $[10, 22]$ , and is comprehensively reviewed in [\[18\]](#page-27-5).

Let  $P = T_N f$  and  $\mathcal{H}_N = H^0(X, L^N)$ . Define the z-dependent self-adjoint operators  $Q = (P - z)^*(P - z)$  and  $\tilde{Q} = (P - z)(P - z)^*$ . These operators share the same eigenvalues  $0 \le t_1^2 \le \dots \le t_N^2$ . We can find an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $Q$  for these eigenvalues, denoted by  $e_i$ , and similarly, an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $\tilde{Q}$  denoted by  $f_i$ . These eigenvectors can be chosen such that

$$
(P - z)^* f_i = t_i e_i
$$
,  $(P - z) e_i = t_i f_i$ ,  $i = 1, ..., N$ .

Next we fix  $\rho \in (0, \min(1/2, \varepsilon))$ , and define

$$
\alpha := N^{-2\rho}, \quad A := \max\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : t_i^2 \le \alpha\}.
$$

**Definition 5.1** ( $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$ ). Let  $\delta_j$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{C}^A$ , and define the operators  $R_+(z) = \sum_1^A \delta_i \otimes e_i$ :  $\mathcal{H}_N \to \mathbb{C}^A$  and  $R_-(z) = \sum_1^A f_i \otimes \delta_i$ :  $\mathbb{C}^A \to \mathcal{H}_N$ , where we use the notation  $(u \otimes v)(w) = \langle w, v \rangle u$ . For each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\delta > 0$ , define

$$
\mathcal{P}^{\delta}(z) := \begin{pmatrix} P + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} - z & R_{-}(z) \\ R_{+}(z) & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_N \\ \mathbb{C}^A \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_N \\ \mathbb{C}^A \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (5.1)

**Lemma 5.2.** If  $\delta = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$ , as defined in [\(5.1\)](#page-11-1), is bijective with inverse

$$
\mathcal{E}^{0}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{A+1}^{N} \frac{1}{t_{i}} e_{i} \otimes f_{i} & \sum_{1}^{A} e_{i} \otimes \delta_{i} \\ \sum_{1}^{A} \delta_{i} \otimes f_{i} & -\sum_{1}^{A} t_{i} \delta_{i} \otimes \delta_{i} \end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
:= \begin{pmatrix} E^{0}(z) & E^{0}_{+}(z) \\ E^{0}_{-}(z) & E^{0}_{-+}(z) \end{pmatrix}.
$$
(5.2)

*Proof.* See [\[22,](#page-27-0) Section 5.1].

To ease notation, the  $z$  in the argument for these operators will often be dropped. Unless specified, all estimates are uniform in z.

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**Claim 5.1** (Invertibility of  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$ ).  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$  is invertible if  $\delta \|\mathcal{G}_{\omega} E^0\| \ll 1$ .

*Proof.* By computation,

$$
\mathcal{P}^{\delta} \mathcal{E}^0 = 1 + \begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} E^0 & \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} E^0_+ \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} := 1 + K.
$$

If  $||K|| < 1$  (which is true given the hypothesis), then  $(I + K)^{-1}$  exists as a Neumann series, and we get  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta} \mathcal{E}^0 (I + K)^{-1} = I$  (a similar argument shows this is a left inverse as well).

<span id="page-12-1"></span>**Lemma 5.3** (Norm of  $E^0$ ). *In the notation of* [\(5.2\)](#page-11-2),  $||E^0|| \le \alpha^{-1/2}$ .

*Proof.* By construction,  $E^0 = \sum_{M+1}^{N} (t_i)^{-1} e_i \otimes f_i$ , so that

$$
||E0|| = ||E0 fM+1|| = (tM+1)-1 \le \alpha-1/2.
$$

<span id="page-12-0"></span> $\blacksquare$ 

**Lemma 5.4** (Norm of  $E_+^0$ ). *In the notation of* [\(5.2\)](#page-11-2),  $||E_+^0|| = 1$ .

*Proof.* By construction  $E_+^0(z) = \sum_1^M e_i \otimes \delta_i$  which has norm 1.

These lemmas, along with Lemma [4.6,](#page-10-0) guarantee that if  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{1/2} \mathcal{N}^{-1/2})$ , then  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$  is invertible with overwhelming probability. Denote the inverse of  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta}$  by  $\mathcal{E}^{\delta}$  with the same notation for its components as in  $(5.2)$ .

Define  $P^{\delta} = P + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ . By Schur's complement formula, if  $P^{\delta} - z$  is invertible,

$$
\det\begin{pmatrix}P^{\delta}-z & R_-\\ R_+ & 0\end{pmatrix} = \det(P^{\delta}-z)\det(-R_+(P^{\delta}-z)^{-1}R_-).
$$

Writing  $\mathcal{P}^{\delta} \mathcal{E}^{\delta} = 1$ , we get that  $-R_- = (P^{\delta} - z)E_{+}^{\delta}(E_{-+}^{\delta})^{-1}$  and  $R_+ E_{+}^{\delta} = 1$ . Therefore,  $-R_+(P^{\delta}-z)^{-1}R_- = (E_{-+}^{\delta})^{-1}$ , so that

$$
\log|\det(P^{\delta} - z)| = \log|\det \mathcal{P}^{\delta}(z)| + \log|\det E^{\delta}_{-+}(z)|. \tag{5.3}
$$

Note that  $P^{\delta} - z$  is invertible if and only if  $E^{\delta}_{-+}$  is invertible. Therefore, [\(5.3\)](#page-12-0) holds even when  $P^{\delta} - z$  is not invertible.

Therefore, to prove Theorem [2,](#page-6-0) it suffices to show summability of the probability of the events:

$$
\mathcal{A}_N := \left\{ \left| (\mathcal{N})^{-1} (\log |\det \mathcal{P}^{\delta}| + \log |\det E^{\delta}_{-+}(z)|) - \oint_X \log |z - f_0(x)| \, \mathrm{d} \, \mu \right| > \varepsilon_N \right\}.
$$

We let  $\varepsilon_N = N^{-\gamma}$  for a suitably chosen  $\gamma = \gamma(d, \kappa) > 0$ . Expand

$$
B=B_1+B_2+B_3,
$$

where

<span id="page-13-3"></span>
$$
B_1 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| - \int_X \log|z - f_0(x)| \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu(x),\tag{5.4}
$$

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$$
B_2 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} (\log|\det \mathcal{P}^{\delta}| - \log|\det \mathcal{P}^0|), \tag{5.5}
$$

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$$
B_3 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \log |\det E_{-+}^{\delta}|. \tag{5.6}
$$

Controlling  $B_1$  requires the most work as it requires utilizing the calculus of Toeplitz operators. However, it is completely deterministic, and remains true for unperturbed operators.  $B_2$  will be easily shown to be negligible. Proving a lower bound on  $B_3$  is the key ingredient in proving Theorem [2,](#page-6-0) as it will force the events  $\mathcal{A}_N$  to sufficiently small probability. Without a perturbation,  $B_3$  will have no lower bound.

Proving bounds on  $B_2$  and  $B_3$  closely follows [\[22\]](#page-27-0).

**Lemma 5.5** (Bound on  $E_{-+}$ ). *In the notation of* [\(5.2\)](#page-11-2),  $||E_{-+}^0|| \le \sqrt{\alpha}$ .

*Proof.* By construction,  $E_{-+}^0 = -\sum_1^A t_j \delta_j \otimes \delta_j$ , so

$$
||E_{-+}^{0}|| = |E_{-+}^{0}(\delta_{A})| = t_{A} \leq \sqrt{\alpha}.
$$

<span id="page-13-1"></span>**Lemma 5.6** (Bound on  $E^{\delta}$ ). In the notation of [\(5.2\)](#page-11-2),  $||E^{\delta}|| \leq 2\alpha^{-1/2}$  with overwhelm*ing probability.*

*Proof.* By the Neumann construction,  $||E^{\delta}|| = ||E^{0}(1 + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} E^{0})^{-1}|| \leq 2||E^{0}||$  which is bounded by  $2\alpha^{-1/2}$  by Lemma [5.3.](#page-12-1)

<span id="page-13-4"></span>**Claim 5.2** (Bound on  $B_2$ ). *In the notation of* [\(5.5\)](#page-13-0),  $B_2 = O(\delta \alpha^{-1/2} \mathcal{N}^{1/2})$  *with overwhelming probability.*

*Proof.* Using Jacobi's formula,  $(\log \det A)' = \text{Tr}(A^{-1}A')$ , we have that

$$
\mathcal{N}B_2 = \log|\det \mathcal{P}^\delta| - \log|\det \mathcal{P}|
$$

$$
= \int_0^\delta \frac{d}{d\tau} \log|\det \mathcal{P}^\tau| d\tau
$$

$$
= \int_0^\delta \text{Re}(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{E}^\tau \frac{d}{d\tau} \mathcal{P}^\tau)) d\tau
$$

$$
= \int_0^\delta \text{Re}(\text{Tr}(E^\tau \mathcal{G}_\omega)) d\tau.
$$

Taking absolute values and using properties of trace norms,

<span id="page-14-1"></span>
$$
|\log|\det \mathcal{P}^{\delta}| - \log|\det \mathcal{P}^{0}|| \leq \delta \sup_{\tau \in [0,\delta]} \|E^{\tau}\| \|\mathcal{G}_{\omega}\|_{\text{tr}}
$$
  

$$
\leq \mathcal{O}(\delta \alpha^{-1/2} \mathcal{N} \|\mathcal{G}_{\omega}\|), \tag{5.7}
$$

where we used Lemma [5.6,](#page-13-1) and Hölder's inequality for the Schatten norm. Recalling the bound on  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$ , [\(5.7\)](#page-14-1) is  $\mathcal{O}(\delta \alpha^{-1/2} \mathcal{N}^{3/2})$  with overwhelming probability.

The following theorem about singular values of randomly perturbed matrices is required for proving a lower bound of  $B_3$ . Given a matrix B, let  $s_1(B) \geq s_2(B) \geq$  $\cdots > s_N(B)$  be its singular values.

<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Proposition 5.7.** If B is an  $N \times N$  complex matrix and  $\mathcal{G}_{\omega}$  is a random matrix with *independent identically distributed complex Gaussian entries of mean* 0 *and variance* 1*, then there exists*  $C > 0$  *such that, for all*  $\delta > 0$ *, t* > 0*,* 

$$
\mathbb{P}(s_N(B+\delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}) < \delta t) \leq C N t^2.
$$

*Proof.* See [\[22,](#page-27-0) Theorem 23], which is a complex version proven by Sankar, Spielman, and Teng in [\[14,](#page-26-15) Lemma 3.2].

<span id="page-14-3"></span>Claim 5.3 (Bound on B3). *In the notation of* [\(5.6\)](#page-13-2)*,* B<sup>3</sup> *obeys the probabilistic upper bound*

<span id="page-14-2"></span>
$$
\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}^{-1}\log|\det E_{-+}^{\delta}| < 0) > 1 - e^{-\mathcal{N}},\tag{5.8}
$$

*for*  $N \gg 1$ *. And*  $B_3$  *obeys the probabilistic lower bound: there exists there exists*  $C > 0$  such that for all  $\delta > 0$ 

$$
\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}^{-1}\log|\det E_{-+}^{\delta}| \ge A\mathcal{N}^{-1}\log(\delta t)) > 1 - C\mathcal{N}t^2 - e^{-\mathcal{N}}.
$$

*Proof.* First, by the Neumann series construction and choice of  $\delta$ , with overwhelming probability,

$$
||E_{-+}^{\delta}|| \le ||E_{-+}^{\delta} - E_{-+}^0|| + ||E_{-+}^0||
$$
  
=  $||E_{-}^0(1 - \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} E_{-}^0)^{-1} \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} E_{+}^0|| + ||E_{-+}^0||$   
 $\le 2||\delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}|| + \alpha^{1/2} \le C\alpha^{1/2}.$ 

So, in this event,  $||E_{-+}^{\delta}|| \leq C\alpha^{1/2} < 1$  for  $N \gg 1$ , and therefore log|det  $E_{-+}^{\delta}| < 0$ proving [\(5.8\)](#page-14-2).

For the lower bound, first note that

$$
\log|\det E^{\delta}_{-+}| = \sum_{1}^{A} \log s_j(E^{\delta}_{-+}) \ge A \log s_A(E^{\delta}_{-+}).
$$

For a matrix B, let  $t_1(B)$  be the smallest eigenvalue of  $\sqrt{B^*B}$ , so one has  $s_A(E_{-+}^{\delta})$  =  $t_1(E_{-+}^{\delta})$ . Assume that  $P - z$  is invertible. Using that  $(E_{-+}^0)^{-1} = -R_+(P - z)^{-1}R_$ and properties of singular values of sums and products of trace class operators, we get

$$
(t_1(E_{-+}^0))^{-1} = s_1((E_{-+}^0)^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq s_1(R_{-})s_1(R_{+})s_1((P - z)^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
= ||R_{+}|| ||R_{-}||s_1((P - z)^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
= s_1((P - z)^{-1}) = (t_1(P - z))^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= s_{\mathcal{N}}((P - z)^{-1}).
$$

For  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}^{-1/2} \alpha^{1/2})$ , this holds for  $E_{-+}^{\delta}$  (the event of a singular matrix has probability zero and the singular values depend continuously on  $\delta$ ) so

$$
s_A(E_{-+}^{\delta}) = t_1(E_{-+}^{\delta}) \ge s_{\mathcal{N}}(P + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega} - z)
$$

with overwhelming probability.

Using Proposition [5.7,](#page-14-0) in the event that  $\|\mathcal{G}_{\omega}\| \leq C \mathcal{N}^{1/2}$  (overwhelming probability) and  $s_N(P - z + \delta \mathcal{G}_{\omega}) > \delta t$  (probability at least  $1 - C \mathcal{N} t^2$ ), we have that  $s_A(E_{-+}^{\delta}) > \delta t$  with probability greater than  $1 - C \mathcal{N} t^2 - e^{-\mathcal{N}}$ . Therefore

$$
\log|\det E_{-+}^{\delta}| \ge A \log s_A(E_{-+}^{\delta}) \ge A \log(\delta t)
$$

with probability  $\geq 1 - e^{-\mathcal{N}} - C \mathcal{N} t^2$ .

### <span id="page-15-0"></span>6. Bound on  $B_1$

This section is devoted to estimating  $B_1$  (as in [\(5.4\)](#page-13-3)) which involves computing the trace of a function of a Toeplitz operator belonging to an exotic symbol class. This closely follows [\[22\]](#page-27-0), however several simplifications arise partially due to requiring weaker bounds, and several modifications are required as we are working with Toeplitz operators.

<span id="page-15-1"></span>**Claim 6.1** (Bound on  $B_1$ ). *For*  $P$  *defined in* [\(5.1\)](#page-11-1),

$$
\log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| = N^d \int\limits_X \log |f_0(x) - z|^2 \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu + \mathcal{O}(N^{d - \min(2\rho\kappa, (1-2\rho))} \log(N)).
$$

*Proof.* Let us first consider some preliminary reductions in computing log det  $\mathcal{P}^0$ . By Schur's complement formula,  $|\det \mathcal{P}^0|^2 = |\det(P - z)|^2 |\det E_{-+}^0|^{-2}$ . The first term is

$$
|\det(P - z)|^2 = \det Q = \prod_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} t_i^2.
$$

Because  $E_{-+}^0 = -\sum_{1}^{A} t_j \delta_j \otimes \delta_j$  (recall A is the largest integer such that  $t_A^2 \le \alpha$ ), the second term is

<span id="page-16-1"></span>
$$
|\det E_{-+}^0|^{-2} = \Big(\prod_{i=1}^A t_i^2\Big)^{-2},
$$

therefore

$$
|\det \mathcal{P}^0|^2 = \prod_{i=A+1}^{\mathcal{N}} t_i^2 = \alpha^{-A} \prod_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} 1_{\alpha}(t_i^2) = \alpha^{-A} \det 1_{\alpha}(Q)
$$

where  $1_{\alpha} = \max(x, \alpha)$ . If  $\chi$  is a cut-off function identically 1 on [0, 1], and supported in  $[-1/2, 2]$ , then  $x + (\alpha/4)\chi(4x/\alpha) \leq 1_{\alpha}(x) \leq x + \alpha\chi(x/\alpha)$  for  $x \geq 0$ . Therefore,

$$
\det(Q + 4^{-1}\alpha \chi(Q/(4^{-1}\alpha))) \le \det(1_{\alpha}(Q)) \le \det(Q + \alpha \chi(Q/\alpha)). \tag{6.1}
$$

Now, fix  $1 \gg \alpha_1 > \alpha$ , so that log det $(Q + \alpha \chi(Q/\alpha))$  can be written

$$
-\int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} \frac{d}{dt} \log \det(Q + t\chi(Q/t)) dt + \log \det(Q + \alpha_1 \chi(Q/\alpha_1)).
$$
 (6.2)

First, the integrand is estimated. Let

<span id="page-16-0"></span>
$$
\psi(t) = (t - t\chi'(t))(1 + \chi(t))^{-1}
$$

so that

$$
\frac{d}{dt}\log(x+t\chi(x/t))=t^{-1}\psi(x/t)
$$

for  $t > 0$  and  $\psi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$ . Therefore, by Jacobi's identity,

$$
\frac{d}{dt} \log \det(Q + t\chi(Q/t)) = \text{Tr}(t^{-1}\psi(Q/t)).
$$

While morally the same, here we diverge from Vogel's proof [\[22\]](#page-27-0) to handle this trace term, and must rely on Section [3.](#page-7-0) The main issues are that  $\hat{O}$  is the composition of Toeplitz operators, which may no longer be a Toeplitz operator (but is modulo  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  error),  $Q/t$  belongs to an exotic symbol class so to compute  $\psi(Q/t)$ requires an exotic calculus, and the trace formula (Proposition [3.6\)](#page-8-2) has weaker remainder than for quantizations of tori.

Let  $\rho_t$  be such that  $t = N^{-2\rho_t}$ . By Proposition [3.3,](#page-7-1) one has  $Q = T_N q + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ , where the principal symbol of q is  $|f_0 - z|^2$ . For each t,  $Q/t$  is (modulo  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ ) a Toeplitz operator with symbol in  $S_{\rho t}(m_t)$  where  $m_t = q_0/t + 1$ , by Claim [3.1.](#page-7-2) And so, by Proposition [3.5,](#page-8-1) there exists  $q_t \in S_{\rho_t}(m_t^{-1})$ , such that one has  $\psi(Q/t) = T_N(q_t) + E_N(t)$ . Where  $q_t$  has principal symbol  $\psi(q/t)$  and  $E_N(t) =$  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  (with estimates uniform over t). Therefore,

$$
\int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} \frac{d}{dt} \log \det(Q + t\chi(Q/t)) dt = \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} \operatorname{Tr}(t^{-1}\psi(Q/t)) dt
$$

$$
= \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} t^{-1} \operatorname{Tr}(T_N(q_t) + E_N(t)) dt.
$$

The error term is

$$
\int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} t^{-1} \operatorname{Tr}(E_N(t)) dt = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})
$$

because  $E_N(t)$  is uniformly  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ . While for each t, Proposition [3.6](#page-8-2) shows that

$$
\text{Tr}(T_N(q_t)) = \left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X \psi(q_0/t) \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d(x) + t^{-1} \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1})
$$

because  $m^{-1}$  is bounded. Therefore,

$$
\int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} \frac{d}{dt} \log \det(Q + t\chi(Q/t)) dt
$$
\n
$$
= \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha_1} \left( \int_{X} \left( \frac{N}{2\pi} \right)^d t^{-1} \psi(q_0/t) d\mu_d(x) + t^{-2} \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}) \right) dt
$$
\n
$$
= \left( \frac{N}{2\pi} \right)^d \int_{X} \log(q_0 + t\chi(q_0/t)) \Big|_{t=\alpha}^{t=\alpha_1} d\mu(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}\alpha).
$$

Next, the second term of [\(6.2\)](#page-16-0) is computed. Because  $\alpha_1$  is fixed,  $Q/\alpha_1$  has symbol in S(1). Therefore, by Proposition [3.5,](#page-8-1)  $Q + \alpha_1 \chi(Q/\alpha_1) = T_N r + E_N$  (with  $||E_N|| =$  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ ) where  $r \in S(1)$  with principal symbol  $q_0 + \alpha_1 \chi(q_0/\alpha_1)$ . Let  $r^t = tr +$  $(1 - t) \in S(1)$ , so that

$$
\log \det(Q + \alpha_1 \chi(Q/\alpha_1)) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} \log \det(T_N r^t + t E_N) dt
$$
  
= 
$$
\int_0^1 \text{Tr}\Big( (T_N r^t + t E_N)^{-1} \Big( \frac{d}{dt} T_N r^t + E_N \Big) \Big) dt.
$$

The principal symbol of  $r^t$  is  $r_0^1 = t(q_0 + \alpha_1 \chi(q_0/\alpha_1)) + (1 - t)$ . Note that when  $x \ge 0$ , then  $x + \alpha_1 \chi(x/\alpha_1) \ge \alpha_1 > 0$ . Therefore,  $(r_0^t) \ge \alpha_1$ .

<span id="page-18-0"></span>**Lemma 6.1.** *There exists*  $s(t) \in S(1)$  *(with bounds uniform in t) such that* 

$$
(T_Nr^t + tE_N)^{-1} = T_Ns(t) + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty}),
$$

and the principal symbol of  $s(t)$  is  $(r_0^t)^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition [3.4,](#page-7-3) there exists a symbol  $\ell = \ell(t) \in S(1)$  which inverts (modulo  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  error)  $T_N r^t$ , and has principal symbol  $(r_0^t)^{-1}$ . But then

$$
(T_Nr^t + tE_N)T_N\ell = 1 + K
$$

with  $K = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ , using that  $tE_N = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  and  $T_N \ell$  has norm bounded independent of N. By Neumann series, for  $N \gg 1$ ,  $(1 + K)$  is invertible, so that

$$
(T_N r^t + t E_N)(T_N \ell)(1 + K)^{-1} = 1.
$$

 $(T_N \ell)(1 + K)^{-1}$  will be a Toeplitz operator, modulo a  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$  term, with symbol  $\ell$  which has principal symbol  $(r_0^t)^{-1}$ . By repeating this argument, but left-composing by  $T_N \ell$ , we get the lemma.  $\blacksquare$ 

Clearly,  $\frac{d}{dt}T_N r^t = T_N(r-1)$  so using Lemma [6.1,](#page-18-0) we get that

$$
(T_Nr^t + tE_N)^{-1} \Big(\frac{d}{dt}T_Nr^t + E_N\Big)
$$

is (modulo  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ ) a Toeplitz operator with principal symbol  $(r_0^t)^{-1}(\frac{d}{dt}r_0^t)$ . So, by Proposition [3.6,](#page-8-2)

$$
\operatorname{Tr}\left((T_Nr^t + tE_N)^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{dt}T_Nr^t + E_N\right)\right)
$$
  
= 
$$
\left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X (r_0^t)^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{dt}r_0^t\right) d\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}),
$$

which when integrated from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$  becomes

$$
\left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X \log(r_0^1) dx + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1})
$$
  
= 
$$
\left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X \log(q_0 + \alpha_1 \chi(q_0/\alpha_1)) d\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}).
$$

Therefore, [\(6.2\)](#page-16-0) becomes

$$
\left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X \log(q_0 + \alpha \chi(q_0/\alpha)) \, \mathrm{d}\mu_d + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}\alpha^{-1}).
$$

A calculus lemma is required to estimate  $\int_X \log(q_0 + \alpha \chi(q_0/\alpha)) \, dx$ .

**Lemma 6.2.** *Given*  $q \in C^{\infty}(X; \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$  *such that*  $\mu_d(\lbrace x \in X : q(x) \leq t \rbrace) = \mathcal{O}(t^{\kappa})$  *as*  $t \to 0$  for  $\kappa \in (0, 1]$ , and  $\chi \in C_0^{\infty}((-1/2, 2); [0, 1])$  identically 1 on [0, 1], then

$$
\int\limits_X \log(q + \alpha \chi(q/\alpha)) d\mu_d = \int\limits_X \log(q) d\mu_d + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{\kappa}).
$$

*Proof.* Let  $g(t) = \log(t + \alpha \chi(t/\alpha))$  and  $m(t) = \mu_d(\{x \in X : q(x) \le t\})$ . Then, letting  $q_1 = \max q + 2\alpha,$ 

$$
\int_{X} \log(q + \alpha \chi(q/\alpha)) - \log(\alpha) d\mu_{d}
$$
\n
$$
= \int_{X} g(q(x)) - g(0) d\mu_{d} = \int_{X} \int_{0}^{q(x)} g'(t) dt d\mu_{d}
$$
\n
$$
= \int_{0}^{q_1} g'(t) \int_{q(x) > t} d\mu_{d} dt
$$
\n
$$
= \int_{0}^{q_1} g'(t) (\text{vol}(X) - m(t)) dt
$$
\n
$$
= \text{vol}(X)(g(q_1) - \log(\alpha)) - \int_{0}^{q_1} g'(t) m(t) dt.
$$

So, that

$$
\int_{X} \log(q + \alpha \chi(q/\alpha)) d\mu_d = \text{vol}(X)g(q_1) - \int_{0}^{q_1} g'(t)m(t) dt.
$$
 (6.3)

Similarly, if  $\tilde{g}(t) = \log(t)$ , we get an analogous expression as [\(6.3\)](#page-19-0), that is,

<span id="page-19-0"></span>
$$
\int\limits_X \log(q) \, \mathrm{d}\,\mu_d = \mathrm{vol}(X)\tilde{g}(q_1) - \int\limits_0^{q_1} \tilde{g}'(t)m(t) \, \mathrm{d}\, t.
$$

Note that  $g(q_1) = \tilde{g}(q_1)$ . Therefore,

$$
\left| \int\limits_X \log(q + \alpha \chi(q/\alpha)) - \log(q) d\mu_d \right| = \left| \int\limits_0^{q_1} (\tilde{g}'(t) - g'(t)) m(t) dt \right|
$$
  
= 
$$
\left| \int\limits_0^{q_1} \left( \frac{1}{t} - \frac{1 + \chi'(t/\alpha)}{t + \alpha \chi(t/\alpha)} \right) m(t) dt \right|
$$
  
= 
$$
\left| \int\limits_0^{q_1/\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1 + \chi'(s)}{s + \chi(s)} \right) m(s\alpha) ds \right|
$$
  

$$
\lesssim \int\limits_0^2 s^{-1} m(s\alpha) ds
$$
  

$$
\lesssim \alpha^{\kappa} \int\limits_0^2 s^{\kappa - 1} ds \lesssim \alpha^{\kappa}.
$$

Here we use that  $\chi(0) = 1$  to get a lower bound on  $|s + \chi(s)|$ , and the fact that  $\chi(s) - s\chi'(s)$  is supported in (0, 2).

Applying this lemma, we get

$$
\log \det(Q + \alpha \chi(Q/\alpha)) = \left(\frac{N}{2\pi}\right)^d \int\limits_X \log(q) \, \mathrm{d}\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^k) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-(1-2\rho)}).
$$

Recalling that  $(N/2\pi)^d \mathcal{N}^{-1} = vol(X)^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$ , we get that

<span id="page-20-0"></span>
$$
\log \det(Q + \alpha \chi(Q/\alpha))
$$
  
=  $(\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})) \int \log(q) d\mu_d + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-(1-2\rho)}).$  (6.4)

 $\int_X \log(q) d\mu_d$  can be uniformly bounded in z, so that the  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$  term can be absorbed into  $O(N^{d-(1-2\rho)})$ . By [\(6.1\)](#page-16-1), we get the following lower bound by replacing  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha/4$ :

<span id="page-20-1"></span>
$$
\log \det(Q + \alpha \chi(Q/\alpha)) \ge \mathcal{N} \int \log(q) d\mu_d + \mathcal{O}(N^{d - (1 - 2\rho)}). \tag{6.5}
$$

<span id="page-20-2"></span>**Lemma 6.3** (Bound on A). The number of eigenvalues of  $Q$  that are less than  $\alpha$  is  $O(N^d N^{-\min(2\rho\kappa,(1-2\rho))}).$ 

 $\blacksquare$ 

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*Proof.* Let  $\psi \in C_0^{\infty}([-1/2, 3/2]; [0, 1])$  be identically 1 on [0, 1]. It then suffices to estimate Tr( $\psi(Q/\alpha)$ ). By Proposition [3.5,](#page-8-1)  $\psi(Q/\alpha) = T_{N,q_2} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ , where  $q_2 \in S_\rho(1)$  with principal symbol  $\psi(q/\alpha)$ . Then, by Proposition [3.6,](#page-8-2)

$$
Tr(\psi(Q/\alpha)) = Tr(T_{N,q_2} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty}))
$$
  
=  $(N/2\pi)^d \int_X \psi(q/\alpha) d\mu_d(x) + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-(1-2\rho)})$   
 $\leq N^d \alpha^{\kappa} + N^{d-(1-2\rho)}$   
=  $\mathcal{O}(N^d N^{-\min(2\rho\kappa, 1-2\rho)}).$ 

Therefore, putting everything together, we get that

$$
\log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| = \frac{1}{2} \log(|\det \mathcal{P}^0|^2)
$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \log(\alpha^{-A} \det 1_\alpha(Q))$   
=  $\frac{A}{2} \log(1/\alpha) + \frac{1}{2} \log \det(1_\alpha(Q)).$ 

Formulas [\(6.4\)](#page-20-0) and [\(6.5\)](#page-20-1) provide upper and lower bounds of  $2^{-1} \log \det(1_\alpha(Q))$ . Then, using that  $2^{-1} \log q_0 = |f_0 - z|$  and Lemma [6.3,](#page-20-2) we get

$$
|\log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| - \mathcal{N} \int_X \log |f_0 - z| d\mu_d|
$$
  
\n
$$
\lesssim A \log(1/\alpha) + \alpha^{\kappa} + N^{d - (1 - 2\rho)}
$$
  
\n
$$
\lesssim N^{d - \min(2\rho\kappa, (1 - 2\rho))} \log(N) + N^{-2\rho\kappa} + N^{d - (1 - 2\rho)}
$$
  
\n
$$
\lesssim N^{d - \min(2\rho\kappa, (1 - 2\rho))} \log(N).
$$

Recall  $\mathcal{N}B_1 = \log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| - \mathcal{N} \int \log|z - f_0(x)| d\mu_d$ , so that  $B_1 = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\min(2\rho\kappa,(1-2\rho))}\log(N)).$ 

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>7. Summability of  $A_N$

Recall that  $A_N = \{ |B(N)| > \varepsilon_N \}$ , where  $B(N) = B_1 + B_2 + B_3$  with

$$
B_1 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \log|\det \mathcal{P}^0| - \int \log|z - f_0(x)| d\mu_d(x),
$$
  
\n
$$
B_2 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} (\log|\det \mathcal{P}^\delta| - \log|\det \mathcal{P}^0|),
$$
  
\n
$$
B_3 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \log|\det E_{-+}^\delta|.
$$

Bound	Probability of Bound	Reference
$B_1 = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\min(2\rho\kappa,(1-2\rho))}\log(N))$		Claim 6.1
$B_2 = \mathcal{O}(\delta \alpha^{-1/2} \mathcal{N}^{1/2})$	$> 1 - \exp(-\mathcal{N})$	Claim $5.2$
$B_3 \geq \mathcal{N}^{-1} A \log(t\delta)$	$> 1 - C \mathcal{N} t^2 - \exp(-\mathcal{N})$	Claim 5.3
$B_3 < 0$	$> 1 - \exp(-\mathcal{N})$	Claim $5.3$

The following table summarizes the bounds on  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ , and  $B_3$ :

Recall that  $\rho \in (0, \min(1/2, \varepsilon))$  $\rho \in (0, \min(1/2, \varepsilon))$  $\rho \in (0, \min(1/2, \varepsilon))$  and that  $\alpha = N^{-2\rho}$ . Theorem 2 will follow if  $\sum \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_N) < \infty$  for  $\varepsilon_N = N^{-\gamma}$ . Recall that  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(N^{-d/2-\epsilon}) = \mathcal{O}(N^{-d/2}\alpha^{1/2})$ . Fix  $0 < \gamma < \min(\varepsilon - \rho, 2\rho\kappa, 1 - 2\rho)$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_N) = \mathbb{P}(B > N^{-\gamma}) + \mathbb{P}(B < -N^{-\gamma})$ . The first term is

$$
\mathbb{P}(B > N^{-\gamma}) = \mathbb{P}(B_3 > N^{-\gamma} - B_2 - B_1).
$$

Because  $\gamma < \varepsilon - \rho$  and  $B_2 = \mathcal{O}(N^{\rho-\varepsilon})$  (with overwhelming probability), we see that  $B_2 = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\gamma})$  (with overwhelming probability). Similarly, because of the bound on  $B_1$  and the choice of  $\gamma$ ,  $B_1 = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\gamma})$ . So, if N is sufficiently large,  $N^{-\gamma} - B_2$  - $B_1 \geq C N^{-\gamma} > 0$ . But then by Claim [5.3,](#page-14-3)  $\mathbb{P}(B > N^{-\gamma}) \leq e^{-N^d}$  for  $N \gg 1$ .

Similarly, for N sufficiently large, there exists  $C_0 \in (0, 1/2)$  such that,  $|B_1|$  +  $|B_2| < C_0 N^{-\gamma}$ , so

$$
\mathbb{P}(B < -N^{-\gamma}) \le \mathbb{P}(B_3 < -(1 - C_0)N^{-\gamma})
$$
  
= 1 - \mathbb{P}(B\_3 \ge -(1 - C\_0)N^{-\gamma}).

By the choice of  $\gamma$ , bound on A from Lemma [6.3,](#page-20-2) and selecting  $t = \mathcal{N}^{-2/d-1/2}$ , we get, for large enough  $N$ ,  $-(1 - C_0)N^{-\gamma} \leq \mathcal{N}^{-1}A \log(\delta t)$  as long as

$$
-N^{-\gamma}(1-C_0) \le \mathcal{N}^{-1}A \log(\delta).
$$

This requires that  $\delta \gg e^{-N^{\beta}}$  for  $\beta = \min(2\rho\kappa, 1 - 2\rho) - \gamma \in (0, 1)$ . In this case, by Claim [5.3,](#page-14-3)

$$
\mathbb{P}(B_3 > -N^{-\gamma}) \ge \mathbb{P}(B_3 > A\mathcal{N}^{-1}\log(\delta t))
$$
  
\n
$$
\ge 1 - C\mathcal{N}t^2 - e^{-\mathcal{N}}
$$
  
\n
$$
= 1 - C\mathcal{N}^{-2/d} + e^{-\mathcal{N}}.
$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{P}(B < -N^{-\gamma}) \leq C N^{-2} + e^{-N^d}$  for  $N \gg 1$ . With this,

 $\sim$ 

$$
\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_N) = C + \sum_{N \gg 1} \mathbb{P}(A_N) \le C + \sum_{N \gg 1} (N^{-2} + 2e^{-N^d}) < \infty,
$$

which proves Theorem [2.](#page-6-0)

Note that if  $\varepsilon > (2(\kappa + 1))^{-1}$ , then we can select  $\rho = (2(\kappa + 1))^{-1}$  and choose  $\gamma$  arbitrarily small, so that  $\beta = \kappa(\kappa + 1)^{-1} - \gamma$ . While if  $\varepsilon < (2(\kappa + 1))^{-1}$ , then the maximum  $\beta$  can be is  $2\varepsilon\kappa$ . Therefore, we have

$$
\beta < \begin{cases} 2\varepsilon\kappa & \text{if } \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2(\kappa+1)}, \\ \frac{\kappa}{\kappa+1} & \text{if } \varepsilon \ge \frac{1}{2(\kappa+1)}. \end{cases}
$$

#### <span id="page-23-0"></span>8. General random perturbations

In this section we provide a discussion about how to modify the proof of Theorem [2](#page-6-0) (Gaussian random perturbations) to prove Theorem [3](#page-6-1) (more general random perturbations). We also deduce Theorem [1](#page-2-0) (stated in the introduction) from Theorem [3.](#page-6-1)

*Proof.* Under the assumptions of  $W_{\omega}$  (see Definition [2.3\)](#page-5-0), we have the following probabilistic norm bound:

<span id="page-23-1"></span>
$$
\mathbb{E}[\|W_{\omega}\|^2] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \mathbb{E}[(W_{\omega})_{i,j}|^2] = \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{N}^2),
$$
\n(8.1)

as well as the following anti-concentration bound (from [\[20,](#page-27-6) Theorem 3.2]): for  $\gamma_0$  >  $1/2$ ,  $A_0 \ge 0$ , there exists a  $c > 0$  such that if M is a deterministic matrix with  $||M|| \le$  $\mathcal{N}^{\gamma_0}$  then

$$
\mathbb{P}(s_{\mathcal{N}}(M + W_{\omega}) \leq \mathcal{N}^{-(2A_0 + 1)\gamma_0})
$$
  
 
$$
\leq c(\mathcal{N}^{-A_0 + o(1)} + \mathbb{P}(\|W_{\omega}\| \geq \mathcal{N}^{\gamma_0})).
$$
 (8.2)

Recall, for an  $N \times N$  matrix A, we denote  $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \cdots \geq s_N(A)$  the singular values of A.

From [\(8.1\)](#page-23-1), and Markov's inequality, we get

<span id="page-23-2"></span>
$$
\mathbb{P}(\|\mathcal{W}_{\omega}\| \ge N^{d-1}) = \mathcal{O}(N^{-2})
$$

therefore if  $\delta = N^{-d}$  then  $\delta ||\mathcal{W}_{\omega}|| = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$  with probability at least  $1 - CN^{-2}$ . From this, Claim [4.2](#page-10-5) (the supports of the random empirical measures being contained in a bounded set for  $N \gg 1$ ) will follow by an identical argument.

Next, with probability at least  $1 - CN^{-2}$ , we have  $\delta ||\mathcal{W}_{\omega}||_{\mathcal{L}} \alpha^{1/2} \ll 1$ . In this event, we can build our perturbed Grushin problem the same way as in Section [5.](#page-11-0)

Next, we have to modify the estimate of  $B_2$  which was estimated in Claim [5.2.](#page-13-4) For this, we simply modify [\(5.7\)](#page-14-1) with a weaker estimate on the probability  $\|\mathcal{W}_{\omega}\|$  is small. Specifically, we see there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$
\mathbb{P}(B_2 = \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{-1/2}N^{-1})) > 1 - CN^{-2}.
$$

The final modification is in estimating  $B_3 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \log|\det E_{-+}^{\delta}|$ . We see, by the same argument presented in Section [5,](#page-11-0) that

$$
\mathbb{P}(B_3 < 0) \ge 1 - C N^{-2}.
$$

To prove a lower bound, we go through the same argument, to get that

$$
\log|\det E^{\delta}_{-+}| \ge A \log |s_{\mathcal{N}}(T_N f - z + \delta W_{\omega})|.
$$

Next, let

$$
K_0 := \sup_{z \in \Lambda} \|T_N f - z\| = \mathcal{O}(1)
$$

(recall  $\Lambda$  is a neighborhood of  $f(X)$ ). By [\(8.2\)](#page-23-2) (with  $\gamma_0 = 1$  and  $A_0 = 2$ ), we have (for  $N \gg 1$ )

$$
\mathbb{P}(s_{\mathcal{N}}(T_N f - z + \delta W_{\omega}) \le N^{-7d})
$$
\n
$$
= \mathbb{P}(s_{\mathcal{N}}(\delta^{-1}K_0^{-1}(T_N f - z) + K_0^{-1}W_{\omega}) \le (N^d)^{-(2A_0+1)\gamma_0})
$$
\n
$$
\le c(N^{-2d+o(1)} + \mathbb{P}(\|K_0^{-1}W_{\omega}\| \ge N^{-d}))
$$
\n
$$
\le cN^{-2}.
$$

Here we use that  $\|\delta^{-1}K_0^{-1}(T_Nf-z)\| \leq N^d$ . With this, we can proceed as in Sec-tion [7,](#page-21-0) with weaker probabilistic estimates. We choose  $\rho \in (0, 1/2)$ , and  $0 < \gamma <$  $\min(2\rho\kappa, 1-2\rho)$ . Writing  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_N) = \mathbb{P}(B > N^{-\gamma}) + \mathbb{P}(B < -N^{-\gamma})$ , we see that

$$
\mathbb{P}(B > N^{-\gamma}) \leq C N^{-2}
$$

for  $N \gg 1$ . Similarly, in the event  $s_N (T_N f - z + \delta W_\omega) \ge N^{-7d}$ , we have (for  $N \gg 1$ 

$$
A\log|s_{\mathcal{N}}(T_N f - z + \delta W_{\omega})| \le N^{d-\gamma}
$$

so that

$$
\mathbb{P}(B_3 > -N^{-\gamma}) \ge \mathbb{P}(B_3 > A\mathcal{N}^{-1}\log|s_{\mathcal{N}}(T_N f - z + \delta W_{\omega})|) \ge 1 - CN^{-2}.
$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{P}(B < -N^{-\gamma}) \leq CN^{-2}$  for  $N \gg 1$ . With this,  $\sum_{1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}_N) < \infty$ , and we have almost sure weak convergence of the empirical measures of  $T_N f + \delta W_\omega$  to vol $(X)^{-1}(f_0)_*\mu_d$ . П

Proposition 8.1. *Theorem* [3](#page-6-1) *implies the probabilistic Weyl law (Theorem* [1](#page-2-0)*) stated in the introduction.*

*Proof.* For  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$  given in the hypothesis, let

$$
A_N = (\text{vol}(X)/\mathcal{N}) \# \{ \text{Spec}(T_N f + N^{-d} W_{\omega}) \cap \Lambda \}.
$$

It suffices to show that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

$$
\mathbb{P}(\limsup_{N \to \infty} |A_N - \mu_d(f \in \Lambda)| > \varepsilon) = 0.
$$

We may assume  $\Lambda$  is bounded. If not, let  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  be an open, bounded neighborhood of  $f(X)$ . Recall that almost surely  $Spec(T_N f + \delta W_{\omega}) \subset \tilde{\Lambda}$  for  $N \gg 1$ . Therefore, if

$$
\widetilde{A}_N = (\text{vol}(X)/\mathcal{N}) \# \{ \text{Spec}(T_N f + N^{-d} W_{\omega}) \cap \Lambda \cap \widetilde{\Lambda} \},
$$

then

$$
\mathbb{P}(\limsup_{N\to\infty}|A_N-\mu_d(f\in\Lambda)|>\varepsilon)=\mathbb{P}(\limsup_{N\to\infty}|\widetilde{A}_N-\mu_d(f\in\Lambda)|>\varepsilon).
$$

Now, relabel  $\Lambda \cap \tilde{\Lambda}$  as  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\varphi, \psi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}; [0, 1])$  be such that  $\text{supp}\,\varphi \subset \Lambda$ ,  $\varphi(x) \equiv 1$ for dist $(x, \partial \Lambda) > \varepsilon$ ,  $\psi(x) \equiv 1$  for  $x \in \Lambda$ , and  $\psi(x) = 0$  for dist $(x, \partial \Lambda) > \varepsilon$  (here  $\partial \Lambda$ is the boundary of  $\Lambda$ ). Therefore, we have

<span id="page-25-0"></span>
$$
\frac{\text{vol}(X)}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \varphi(\lambda_i) \le A_N \le \frac{\text{vol}(X)}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{N}} \psi(\lambda_i). \tag{8.3}
$$

By Theorem [3,](#page-6-1) the lower bound of [\(8.3\)](#page-25-0) convergences almost surely to

$$
\int_{\mathbb{C}} \varphi(z) (f_* \mu_d)(\mathrm{d} z) = \mu_d(f \in \Lambda) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{\kappa}).
$$

And similarly the upper bound of [\(8.3\)](#page-25-0) converges almost surely to  $\mu_d(f \in \Lambda)$  +  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^k)$  (where the constant in  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^k)$  is deterministic). Therefore, there exists  $C > 0$ such that

$$
\mathbb{P}(\limsup_{N \to \infty} |A_N - \mu_d(f \in \Lambda)| > C \varepsilon^{\kappa}) = 0.
$$

Because  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, this implies  $A_N$  converges almost surely to  $\mu_d(f \in \Lambda)$ . Then, because  $\mathcal{N} = \text{vol}(X) (N/2\pi)^d + \mathcal{O}(N^{d-1}), (N/2\pi)^d \text{ vol}(X) \mathcal{N}^{-1} A_N \text{ con-}$ verges almost surely to  $\mu_d$  ( $f \in \Lambda$ ).  $\blacksquare$ 

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