# Asymptotics of Determinants and Traces of Toeplitz Matrices with Symbols in Weighted Wiener Algebras

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**Abstract.** We prove asymptotic formulas for determinants and traces of finite block Toeplitz matrices with symbols belonging to Wiener algebras with weights satisfying natural submultiplicativity, monotonicity, and regularity conditions. The remainders in these formulas depend on the weights and go rapidly to zero for very smooth symbols. These formulas refine or extend some previous results by Szegő, Widom, Böttcher, and Silbermann.

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## 1. Introduction and main results

1.1. Finite block Toeplitz matrices. Let  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}_+$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$  be the sets of integers, positive integers, nonnegative integers, and all complex numbers, respectively. Suppose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . For a Banach space X, let  $X_N$  and  $X_{N \times N}$  be the spaces of vectors and matrices with entries in X. Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the unit circle. For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let  $L^p := L^p(\mathbb{T})$  and  $H^p := H^p(\mathbb{T})$  be the standard Lebesgue and Hardy spaces of the unit circle. For  $a \in L^1_{N \times N}$  one can define

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} a(e^{i\theta}) e^{-ik\theta} d\theta \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}),$$

the sequence of the Fourier coefficients of a. Let I be the identity operator, P be the Riesz projection of  $L^2$  onto  $H^2$ , Q := I - P, and define I, P, and Q on  $L^2_N$ elementwise. For  $a \in L^{\infty}_{N \times N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ , put  $\tilde{a}(t) := a(\frac{1}{t})$  and  $(Ja)(t) := t^{-1}\tilde{a}(t)$ .

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Define Toeplitz operators

$$T(a) := PaP|\operatorname{Im} P, \quad T(\widetilde{a}) := JQaQJ|\operatorname{Im} P$$

and Hankel operators

$$H(a) := PaQJ | \operatorname{Im} P, \quad H(\widetilde{a}) := JQaP | \operatorname{Im} P.$$

The function a is called the symbol of T(a),  $T(\tilde{a})$ , H(a),  $H(\tilde{a})$ . We are interested in the asymptotic behavior of the determinants and traces of *finite block Toeplitz* matrices  $T_n(a) = [a_{j-k}]_{j,k=0}^n$  generated by (the Fourier coefficients of) the symbol a as  $n \to \infty$ . Many results in this direction are contained in the books by Grenander and Szegő [9], Böttcher and Silbermann [2, 3, 4], and Simon [14].

**1.2. Szegő-Widom limit theorems.** Let us formulate precisely the most relevant results. Let  $K^2_{N\times N}$  be the Krein algebra [11] of matrix functions a in  $L^{\infty}_{N\times N}$  satisfying

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \|a_k\|^2 (|k|+1) < \infty,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is any matrix norm on  $\mathbb{C}_{N\times N}$ . The following beautiful theorem about the asymptotics of finite block Toeplitz matrices was proved by Widom [16].

**Theorem 1.1** (see [16, Theorem 6.1]). Let  $N \ge 1$ . If  $a \in K_{N\times N}^2$  and the Toeplitz operators T(a) and  $T(\tilde{a})$  are invertible on  $H_N^2$ , then  $T(a)T(a^{-1}) - I$  is of trace class and, with appropriate branches of the logarithm,

$$\log \det T_n(a) = (n+1)\log G(a) + \log \det T(a)T(a^{-1}) + o(1) \quad as \ n \to \infty, \ (1)$$

where

$$G(a) := \lim_{r \to 1-0} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \det a_r(e^{i\theta}) d\theta\right), \quad a_r(e^{i\theta}) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^\infty a_n r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}.$$
(2)

Here det  $T(a)T(a^{-1})$  refers to the determinant defined for operators on Hilbert space differing from the identity by an operator of trace class [8, Ch. 4].

The proof of the above result in a more general form is contained in [2, Theorem 6.11] and [4, Theorem 10.30] (in this connection see also [5]).

Let  $\lambda_1^{(n)}, \ldots, \lambda_{(n+1)N}^{(n)}$  denote the eigenvalues of  $T_n(a)$  repeated according to their algebraic multiplicity. Let sp A denote the spectrum of a bounded linear operator A and tr M denote the trace of a matrix M. Theorem 1.1 is equivalent to the assertion

$$\sum_{i} \log \lambda_i^{(n)} = \operatorname{tr} \log T_n(a) = (n+1) \log G(a) + \log \det T(a)T(a^{-1}) + o(1).$$

Widom [16] noticed that Theorem 1.1 yields even a description of the asymptotic behavior of tr  $f(T_n(a))$  if one replaces  $f(\lambda) = \log \lambda$  by an arbitrary function fanalytic in an open neighborhood of the union sp  $T(a) \cup \text{sp } T(\tilde{a})$  (we henceforth call such f simply analytic on sp  $T(a) \cup \text{sp } T(\tilde{a})$ ).

**Theorem 1.2** (see [16, Theorem 6.2]). Let  $N \ge 1$ . If  $a \in K^2_{N \times N}$  and if f is analytic on  $\operatorname{sp} T(a) \cup \operatorname{sp} T(\widetilde{a})$ , then

$$\operatorname{tr} f(T_n(a)) = (n+1)G_f(a) + E_f(a) + o(1) \quad as \ n \to \infty,$$
 (3)

where

$$G_f(a) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\operatorname{tr} f(a))(e^{i\theta}) d\theta,$$
  

$$E_f(a) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} f(\lambda) \frac{d}{d\lambda} \log \det T[a - \lambda] T[(a - \lambda)^{-1}] d\lambda,$$

and  $\Omega$  is any bounded open set containing sp  $T(a) \cup \text{sp } T(\widetilde{a})$  on the closure of which f is analytic.

The proof of Theorem 1.2 for smooth symbols a is also given in [4, Section 10.90].

In the scalar case (N = 1) Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 go back to Gabor Szegő (see [9] and historical remarks in [2, 3, 4, 14]).

**1.3.** The Böttcher-Silbermann higher order asymptotic formulas. Following [16] and [4, Sections 7.5–7.6], for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $a \in L_{N \times N}^{\infty}$  define the operators  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  on  $H_N^2$  by

$$P_n: \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k t^k \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n a_k t^k, \quad Q_n := I - P_n.$$

The operator  $P_nT(a)P_n : P_nH_N^2 \to P_nH_N^2$  may be identified with the finite block Toeplitz matrix  $T_n(a) := [a_{j-k}]_{j,k=0}^n$ . For a unital Banach algebra A we will denote by GA the group of all invertible elements of A. Put

$$H^{\infty}_{\pm} := \left\{ a \in L^{\infty} : a_{\mp n} = 0 \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

and for a Banach subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $L^{\infty}$ , put  $\mathcal{A}_{N\times N}^{\pm} := (\mathcal{A} \cap H_{\pm}^{\infty})_{N\times N}$ . One says that  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{N\times N}$  admits canonical right and left Wiener-Hopf (WH) factorizations in  $\mathcal{A}_{N\times N}$  if there are functions  $u_+, v_+ \in G\mathcal{A}_{N\times N}^+$  and  $u_-, v_- \in G\mathcal{A}_{N\times N}^$ such that  $a = u_-u_+ = v_+v_-$ .

If a is smooth enough one can expect a higher speed of convergence in (1) and (3). Let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to (0, \infty)$  be a weight. Consider weighted Wiener algebras

$$(W_{\omega})_{N\times N} := \bigg\{ a : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{C}_{N\times N} : a(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n t^n, \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \|a_n\|\omega(n) < \infty \bigg\}.$$

If  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  is a power weight of the form

$$\omega(n) := \begin{cases} (-n+1)^{\alpha} & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_+, \\ (n+1)^{\beta} & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \end{cases} \quad (\alpha, \beta > 0), \tag{4}$$

then  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  will be denoted by  $W_{N \times N}^{\alpha,\beta}$ . Böttcher and Silbermann [1] proved among other things the following result.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $N \ge 1$ . Suppose  $a \in W_{N \times N}^{\alpha,\beta}$   $(\alpha, \beta > 0)$  and the Toeplitz operators T(a) and  $T(\widetilde{a})$  are invertible on  $H_N^2$ .

- (a) The matrix function a admits canonical right and left Wiener-Hopf factorizations  $a = u_- u_+ = v_+ v_-$  in  $W_{N \times N}^{\alpha,\beta}$ .
- (b) If  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , then  $T(a)T(a^{-1}) I$  is of trace class and (1) is true with o(1) replaced by  $o(1/n^{\alpha+\beta-1})$ .
- (c) If  $\alpha + \beta > \frac{1}{p}$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , then there exist a constant  $\widetilde{E}(a) \neq 0$  such that

$$\log \det T_n(a) = (n+1) \log G(a) + \log \tilde{E}(a) + \operatorname{tr} \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} G_{\ell,k}(b,c) \right)^j \right] + o\left(1/n^{(\alpha+\beta)p-1}\right)^{(5)}$$

as  $n \to \infty$ , where the correcting terms  $G_{\ell,k}(b,c)$  are given by

$$G_{\ell,k}(b,c) := P_0 T(c) Q_\ell \left( Q_\ell H(b) H(\widetilde{c}) Q_\ell \right)^k Q_\ell T(b) P_0 \quad (\ell, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \tag{6}$$

and the functions b, c are given by  $b := v_- u_+^{-1}$  and  $c := u_-^{-1} v_+$ .

The proof of Theorem 1.3 (for p = 1, 2, 3) is contained in [2, Sections 6.18–6.20] and in [4, Theorem 10.35 and Corollary 10.38].

**1.4. Our main results.** The aim of this paper is to extend or refine the above results in the case of symbols that belong to more general weighted Wiener algebras  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ , where the weight  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  satisfies

$$1 \le \omega(i+j) \le \omega(i)\omega(j) \quad (i,j \in \mathbb{Z}),$$
(7)

$$\omega(\pm n) \le \omega(\pm (n+1)) \qquad (n \in \mathbb{Z}_+), \tag{8}$$

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \sqrt[n]{\omega(n)} = \lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{\omega(-n)}} = 1.$$
(9)

For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , put

$$\varphi_n := \left[\omega(n+1)\omega(-(n+1))\right]^{-1}.$$

Our first main result is the following extension of Theorem 1.3.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7)–(9). Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a compact set in the complex plane,  $a : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  is a continuous function, and the Toeplitz operators  $T(a(\lambda))$  and  $T([a(\lambda)]^{\sim})$  are invertible on  $H^2_N$  for all  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

- (a) For every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , the function  $a(\lambda) : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{C}$  admits canonical right and left Wiener-Hopf factorizations  $a(\lambda) = u_{-}(\lambda)u_{+}(\lambda) = v_{+}(\lambda)v_{-}(\lambda)$ . These factorizations can be chosen so that  $b, c : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  given by  $b := v_{-}u_{+}^{-1}$  and  $c := u_{-}^{-1}v_{+}$  are continuous.
- (b) If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k < \infty$ , then  $T(a(\lambda))T([a(\lambda)]^{-1}) I$  is of trace class for every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  and

 $\log \det T_n(a(\lambda)) = (n+1) \log G(a(\lambda))$ 

$$+\log \det T(a(\lambda)T([a(\lambda)]^{-1}) + o\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty}\varphi_k\right)$$
(10)

as  $n \to \infty$ , where the convergence is uniform with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

(c) If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k^p < \infty$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , then for every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  there exists a constant  $\widetilde{E}(a, \lambda) \neq 0$  such that

$$\log \det T_n(a(\lambda)) = (n+1) \log G(a(\lambda)) + \log E(a,\lambda) + \operatorname{tr} \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} G_{\ell,k}(b(\lambda), c(\lambda)) \right)^j \right] + o \left( \sum_{k=n+1}^\infty \varphi_k^p \right)$$
(11)

as  $n \to \infty$ , where the correcting terms  $G_{\ell,k}(b(\lambda), c(\lambda))$  are defined by (6) and the functions  $b, c : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  are chosen as in (a). The convergence in (11) is uniform with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

Clearly the power weight (4) satisfies all the conditions (7)-(9). So, Theorem 1.3 follows from Theorem 1.4. An example constructed in the proof of [10, Theorem 23] shows that Theorem 1.4 is stronger than Theorem 1.3.

Our second main result is the following refinement of Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7)–(9). If  $a \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ , f is analytic on  $\operatorname{sp} T(a) \cup \operatorname{sp} T(\widetilde{a})$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k < \infty$ , then (3) is true with o(1) replaced by the same o(...) as in (10).

1.5. On the higher order asymptotic formula of Vasil'ev, Maksimenko, and Simonenko. For Wiener algebras with power weights Theorem 1.5 has a very simple form and is obviously predicted by the Böttcher-Silbermann Theorem 1.3(b). **Corollary 1.6.** Let  $N \ge 1$ . Suppose  $a \in W_{N \times N}^{\alpha,\beta}$   $(\alpha, \beta > 0)$  and f is analytic on  $\operatorname{sp} T(a) \cup \operatorname{sp} T(\widetilde{a})$ . If  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , then (3) is true with o(1) replaced by  $o(1/n^{\alpha+\beta-1})$ .

In particular, if  $\gamma > 1$  and  $a \in W_{N \times N}^{\gamma/2, \gamma/2}$ , then (3) is true with o(1) replaced by  $o(1/n^{\gamma-1})$ . Recently Vasil'ev, Maksimenko, and Simonenko [15] stated (without proofs) that if a satisfies

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \|a_k\| + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \|a_k\|^2 (|k|+1)^{\gamma} < \infty$$
(12)

for some  $\gamma > 1$ , then the o(1) in (3) can be replaced by  $o(1/n^{\gamma-1})$ . Obviously, the class  $(W \cap F\ell_{\gamma/2}^2)_{N \times N}$  of matrix functions *a* satisfying (12) is larger than  $W_{N \times N}^{\gamma/2,\gamma/2}$  for a fixed  $\gamma$ . However, Theorems 1.3–1.5 allow different behavior of the negative and positive parts of the Fourier series. Consider the following example. For a given  $\gamma > 1$ , put  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma)$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}(1+\gamma)$ , and

$$a(t) := a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-\beta} t^{-k} \quad (t \in \mathbb{T}, \ a_0 \in \mathbb{C}).$$

Then  $a \in W_{1\times 1}^{\alpha,\gamma-\alpha}$ , however  $a \notin (W \cap F\ell_{\gamma/2}^2)_{1\times 1}$ . This means that Theorem 1.5 is applicable to a and gives the speed  $o(1/n^{\gamma-1})$ , while the theorem of Vasil'ev, Maksimenko, and Simonenko is not applicable to this function.

**1.6.** About this paper. This paper can be considered as a continuation of [10]. It is organized as follows. In Sections 2.1–2.2 we collect necessary facts on weighted Wiener algebras and canonical Wiener-Hopf factorizations in these algebras. Sections 2.3–2.4 contain some auxiliary estimates. In Section 3.1 we state an analogue of Theorem 1.1 for weighted Wiener algebras. Section 3.2 contains a key observation, Lemma 3.2 by Böttcher and Silbermann, which allows us to get better speed than o(1) in (1) and (3) if the symbol *a* is sufficiently smooth. In Section 3.3 we prepare the proof of Theorem 1.4 and actually show that a decomposition required by the hypothesis of Lemma 3.2 can be made even uniform with respect to a parameter  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a compact set as in Theorem 1.4. Sections 3.4 and 3.5 are dedicated to the proofs of Theorems 1.4 and 1.5, respectively.

#### 2. Auxiliary results

**2.1. On weighted Wiener algebras.** It is well known that if (7) is fulfilled, then  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  is a Banach algebra with respect to the norm

$$||a||_{\omega,N} := \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} ||a_k|| \omega(k)$$

and  $(W_{\omega})_{N\times N} \subset W_{N\times N} \subset C_{N\times N}$ . Here W is the standard Wiener algebra of scalar functions with absolutely convergent Fourier series and  $C = C(\mathbb{T})$  is the set of all continuous scalar functions on  $\mathbb{T}$ . In the scalar case (N = 1) the weighted Wiener algebra is commutative. The maximal ideal space of  $W_{\omega} :=$  $(W_{\omega})_{1\times 1}$  is homeomorphic to the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$  if (9) is satisfied. These results can be found in [6, Chapter III, Section 19.4] and in [7].

**2.2. Two facts on canonical Wiener-Hopf factorizations.** The first fact is about stability of the factors in canonical Wiener-Hopf factorizations in weighted Wiener algebras.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7). Suppose  $a, c \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  admit canonical right and left WH factorizations in the algebra  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $||a - c||_{\omega,N} < \delta$ , then for every canonical right WH factorization  $a = a_{-}^{(r)}a_{+}^{(r)}$  and for every canonical left WH factorization  $a = a_{+}^{(l)}a_{-}^{(l)}$  one can choose a canonical right WH factorization  $c = c_{-}^{(r)}c_{+}^{(r)}$  and a canonical left WH factorization  $c = c_{+}^{(l)}c_{-}^{(l)}$  such that

$$\begin{split} \left\|a_{\pm}^{(r)} - c_{\pm}^{(r)}\right\|_{\omega,N} &< \varepsilon, \quad \left\|[a_{\pm}^{(r)}]^{-1} - [c_{\pm}^{(r)}]^{-1}\right\|_{\omega,N} &< \varepsilon, \\ \left\|a_{\pm}^{(l)} - c_{\pm}^{(l)}\right\|_{\omega,N} &< \varepsilon, \quad \left\|[a_{\pm}^{(l)}]^{-1} - [c_{\pm}^{(l)}]^{-1}\right\|_{\omega,N} &< \varepsilon. \end{split}$$

This theorem follows from a more general result due to Shubin [13] on the stability of the factors in Wiener-Hopf factorizations with the same partial indices in general decomposing algebras. Its proof can be found in [12, Theorem 6.15].

The second fact gives some sufficient conditions for the factorability of a in the algebra  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** (see [10, Proposition 3]). Let  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$ be a weight satisfying (7) and (9). If  $a \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  and the Toeplitz operators T(a) and  $T(\tilde{a})$  are invertible on  $H_N^2$ , then a admits canonical right and left Wiener-Hopf factorizations in  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ .

**2.3.** Tails of the norms of functions in weighted Wiener algebras. For  $a \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , put

$$R_n^+(a) := \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \|a_k\| \omega(k), \quad R_n^-(a) := \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \|a_{-k}\| \omega(-k).$$
(13)

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7). Let  $\Sigma$  be a compact set in the complex plane and  $a : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  be a continuous function. Then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Sigma} R_n^+(a(\lambda)) = 0, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Sigma} R_n^-(a(\lambda)) = 0.$$
(14)

*Proof.* Let us prove the first equality. Assume the contrary. Then there exist a positive constant C > 0, a number  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , and a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=n_0}^{\infty}$  such that

$$R_n^+(a(\lambda_n)) \ge C. \tag{15}$$

Since  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=n_0}^{\infty}$  is bounded, there is a convergent subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_j}\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ . Let  $\lambda_0$  be the limit of this subsequence. Clearly,  $\lambda_0 \in \Sigma$  because  $\Sigma$  is closed. Since  $a : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  is continuous, for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, C)$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for every  $\lambda', \lambda'' \in \Sigma$  such that  $|\lambda' - \lambda''| < \delta$  one has  $||a(\lambda') - a(\lambda'')||_{\omega,N} < \varepsilon$ . On the other hand, for that  $\delta$  there exists a number  $J \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\lambda_{n_j} - \lambda_0| < \delta$  for all  $j \geq J$ . Hence, for all  $j \geq J$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_{n_j})) - R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_0)) \right| &\leq \sum_{k=n_j+1}^{\infty} \left| \left\| [a(\lambda_{n_j})]_k \right\| - \left\| [a(\lambda_0)]_k \right\| \right| \omega(k) \\ &\leq R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_{n_j}) - a(\lambda_0)) \\ &\leq \| a(\lambda_{n_j}) - a(\lambda_0) \|_{\omega,N} < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$$(16)$$

Since  $n_j \ge n_0$ , (15) implies that

$$R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_{n_j})) \ge C \quad \text{for all} \quad j \ge J.$$
(17)

On the other hand,

$$R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_0)) \ge R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_{n_j})) - \left| R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_0)) - R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_{n_j})) \right|.$$
(18)

From (16)–(18) it follows that

$$\liminf_{j \to \infty} R_{n_j}^+(a(\lambda_0)) \ge C - \varepsilon > 0,$$

but this contradicts the fact that  $a(\lambda_0) \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ . Hence, the first equality in (14) is proved. The second equality in (14) can be proved by analogy.  $\Box$ 

**2.4.** Norms of truncations of Hankel and Toeplitz operators. The following proposition is stated in [10, Propositions 16, 17].

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $N \ge 1$  and  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7)–(8). If  $a \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , then

$$\|Q_n H(a)\| \le \frac{R_n^+(a)}{\omega(n+1)}, \qquad \|H(\tilde{a})Q_n\| \le \frac{R_n^-(a)}{\omega(-(n+1))}, \\ \|Q_n T(a)P_0\| \le \frac{R_n^+(a)}{\omega(n+1)}, \quad \|P_0 T(a)Q_n\| \le \frac{R_n^-(a)}{\omega(-(n+1))}.$$

## 3. Asymptotic formulas

**3.1.** The Szegő-Widom limit theorem for weighted Wiener algebras. The following version of Theorem 1.1 was established in [10, Theorem 20(a)].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $N \ge 1$  and let  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  be a weight satisfying (7)–(9). Suppose  $a \in (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  and the operators T(a) and  $T(\widetilde{a})$  are invertible on  $H_N^2$ . If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k < \infty$ , then the operator  $T(a)T(a^{-1}) - I$  is of trace class and (1) holds.

Notice that the above theorem is not a corollary of Theorem 1.1.

**3.2. The Böttcher-Silbermann decomposition.** The following result from [2, Section 6.16], [4, Section 10.34] is the basis for our asymptotic analysis.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $N \ge 1$ . Suppose  $a \in L^{\infty}_{N \times N}$  satisfies the following hypotheses:

- (i) there are two factorizations  $a = u_-u_+ = v_+v_-$ , where  $u_+, v_+$  belong to  $G(H^{\infty}_+)_{N \times N}$  and  $u_-, v_-$  belong to  $G(H^{\infty}_-)_{N \times N}$ ;
- (ii)  $u_{-} \in C_{N \times N}$  or  $u_{+} \in C_{N \times N}$ .

Define the functions b, c by  $b := v_- u_+^{-1}$ ,  $c := u_-^{-1} v_+$  and the matrices  $G_{n,k}(b,c)$  by (6). Suppose for all sufficiently large n (say,  $n \ge N_0$ ) there exists a decomposition

$$\operatorname{tr} \log\left\{I - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(b,c)\right\} = -\operatorname{tr} H_n + s_n,$$
(19)

where  $\{H_n\}_{n=N_0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of  $N \times N$  matrices and  $\{s_n\}_{n=N_0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of complex numbers. If  $\sum_{n=N_0}^{\infty} |s_n| < \infty$ , then there exist a constant  $\widetilde{E}(a) \neq 0$ , depending on  $\{H_n\}_{n=N_0}^{\infty}$  and arbitrarily chosen  $N \times N$  matrices  $H_1, \ldots, H_{N_0-1}$ , such that for all  $n \geq N_0$ ,

$$\log \det T_n(a) = (n+1) \log G(a) + \operatorname{tr} (H_1 + \dots + H_n) + \log \widetilde{E}(a) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} s_k,$$

where the constant G(a) is given by (2).

**3.3. The key estimate.** The following result will be used to show that a decomposition (19) satisfying all requirements of Lemma 3.2 exists.

**Proposition 3.3.** Suppose  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \to [1, \infty)$  is a weight satisfying (7)–(8). Let  $\Sigma$  be a compact set in the complex plane and  $b, c : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  be continuous functions. For  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , put

$$G_{n,k}(\lambda) := G_{n,k}(b(\lambda), c(\lambda)), \quad M_n(b,c) := \left(\max_{\lambda \in \Sigma} R_n^+(b(\lambda))\right) \left(\max_{\lambda \in \Sigma} R_n^-(c(\lambda))\right),$$

where  $G_{n,k}(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $R_n^{\pm}(\cdot)$  are defined by (6) and (13), respectively. If  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , then there exist a constant  $C_p \in (0, \infty)$  and a number  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left| \operatorname{tr} \log \left\{ I - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(\lambda) \right\} + \operatorname{tr} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} G_{n,k}(\lambda) \right)^{j} \right] \right| \qquad (20)$$
$$\leq C_{p} [\varphi_{n} M_{n}(b,c)]^{p}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  and all  $n \geq N_0$ .

*Proof.* For  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , put

$$A_n(m,\lambda) := \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} G_{n,k}(\lambda), B_n(m,\lambda) := \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(\lambda), C_n(m,\lambda) := \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} B_n^j(0,\lambda).$$

Then

$$\log\left\{I - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(\lambda)\right\} + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} G_{n,k}(\lambda)\right)^{j}$$
  
=  $-C_{n}(1,\lambda) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} B_{n}^{j}(0,\lambda) - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} B_{n}^{j}(0,\lambda) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} A_{n}^{j}(p-j,\lambda)$  (21)  
=  $-C_{n}(p,\lambda) - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left[A_{n}(p-j,\lambda) + B_{n}(p-j,\lambda)\right]^{j} + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} A_{n}^{j}(p-j,\lambda).$ 

Taking into account that

$$\operatorname{tr} A_n^{\alpha}(m,\lambda) B_n^{\beta}(m,\lambda) = \operatorname{tr} B_n^{\beta}(m,\lambda) A_n^{\alpha}(m,\lambda)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we get

$$\operatorname{tr}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left[A_n(p-j,\lambda) + B_n(p-j,\lambda)\right]^j - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} A_n^j(p-j,\lambda)\right] = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1} \binom{j-1}{\ell} \operatorname{tr}\left[A_n^\ell(p-j,\lambda)B_n^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda)\right].$$
(22)

Let us estimate  $||A_n^{\ell}(p-j,\lambda)||$  and  $||B_n^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda)||$ . In view of Proposition 2.3, taking into account (8), one can choose a number  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\varphi_n M_n(b,c) < 1 \tag{23}$$

for all  $n \ge N_0$ . Then, by Proposition 2.4 and (23),

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_n^{\ell}(p-j,\lambda)\| &\leq \|A_n(p-j,\lambda)\|^{\ell} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} \|G_{n,k}(\lambda)\|\right)^{\ell} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} [\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^{k+1}\right)^{\ell} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} \max_{0 \leq k \leq p-j-1} [\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^{k+1}\right)^{\ell} \\ &= \left[(p-j)\varphi_n M_n(b,c)\right]^{\ell} \\ &\leq p^p \left[\varphi_n M_n(b,c)\right]^{\ell} \end{aligned}$$
(24)

for all  $j \in \{1, ..., p-1\}, \ell \in \{0, ..., j-1\}, n \ge N_0$ , and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . Similarly, taking into account Proposition 2.4 and (23), we obtain

$$\|B_{n}^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda)\| \leq \|B_{n}(p-j,\lambda)\|^{j-\ell}$$
$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=p-j}^{\infty} \|G_{n,k}(\lambda)\|\right)^{j-\ell}$$
$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=p-j}^{\infty} [\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)]^{k+1}\right)^{j-\ell}$$
(25)

$$||B_n^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda)|| \le ||B_n(p-j,\lambda)||^{j-\ell}$$

$$= \left(\frac{[\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^{p-j+1}}{1-\varphi_n M_n(b,c)}\right)^{j-\ell}$$
  

$$\leq [\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^{(p-j+1)(j-\ell)}$$
  
 $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}, \ell \in \{0, \dots, j-1\}, n \ge N_0 \text{ and } \lambda \in \Sigma$ 

for all  $j \in \{1, ..., p-1\}, \ell \in \{0, ..., j-1\}, n \ge N_0$ , and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . It is easy to see that

$$(p-j+1)(j-\ell) + \ell - p = (p-j)(j-1-\ell).$$

Since  $j \in \{1, ..., p-1\}$  and  $\ell \in \{0, ..., j-1\}$ , the latter equality implies that  $(p-j+1)(j-\ell) + \ell \ge p.$ (26)

From (23)–(26) we get for  $j \in \{1, ..., p-1\}, \ell \in \{0, ..., j-1\}, n \ge N_0$ , and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \operatorname{tr} \left[ A_n^{\ell}(p-j,\lambda) B_n^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda) \right] \right| &\leq \left\| A_n^{\ell}(p-j,\lambda) B_n^{j-\ell}(p-j,\lambda) \right\| \\ &\leq p^p \left[ \varphi_n M_n(b,c) \right]^{\ell} [\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^{(p-j+1)(j-\ell)} \quad (27) \\ &\leq p^p \left[ \varphi_n M_n(b,c) \right]^p. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (22) and (27), we obtain

$$\left| \operatorname{tr} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left[ A_n(p-j,\lambda) + B_n(p-j,\lambda) \right]^j - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} A_n^j(p-j,\lambda) \right] \right| \\ \leq \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1} {j-1 \choose \ell} p^p \left[ \varphi_n M_n(b,c) \right]^p \\ = \widetilde{C}_p [\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^p,$$

$$(28)$$

where  $\widetilde{C}_p := p^p \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} 2^{j-1}$ . Similarly we can estimate the trace of  $C_n(p, \lambda)$ :

$$|\operatorname{tr} C_{n}(p,\lambda)| \leq \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(\lambda) \right\|^{j}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|G_{n,k}(\lambda)\| \right)^{j}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)]^{k+1} \right)^{j}$$

$$= \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)}{1-\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)} \right)^{j}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=p}^{\infty} [\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)]^{j}$$

$$= \frac{[\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)]^{p}}{1-\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)}$$

$$\leq [\varphi_{n}M_{n}(b,c)]^{p}$$
(29)

for all  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  and all  $n \geq N_0$ . Combining (21) and (28)–(29), we arrive at (20) with  $C_p = 1 + \widetilde{C}_p$ .

**3.4.** Proof of Theorem 1.4. Part (a) follows from Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 2.1.

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b, c : \Sigma \to (W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$  be chosen as in part (a). By Proposition 3.3, there exists a number  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N_0$  and all  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ ,

$$\operatorname{tr} \log\left\{I - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{n,k}(\lambda)\right\} = -\operatorname{tr}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{j} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{p-j-1} G_{n,k}(\lambda)\right)^{j}\right] + O\left(\left[\varphi_{n} M_{n}(b,c)\right]^{p}\right)$$
(30)

and  $O([\varphi_n M_n(b,c)]^p)$  is uniform with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  and  $n \geq N_0$ . Obviously,

$$M_{k+1}(b,c) \le M_k(b,c) \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(31)

From (31) and Proposition 2.3 it follows that

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} [\varphi_k M_k(b,c)]^p \le [M_n(b,c)]^p \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \varphi_k^p = o\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \varphi_k^p\right) \quad \text{as} \ n \to \infty \quad (32)$$

and this holds uniformly with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

Applying Lemma 3.2 to the decomposition (30) and taking into account (32), we deduce that for every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  there exists a constant  $\widetilde{E}(a, \lambda) \neq 0$  such that (11) is satisfied for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  uniformly with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . This finishes the proof of part (c).

If we take p = 1 in (11), then

$$\log \det T_n(a(\lambda)) = (n+1)\log G(a(\lambda)) + \log \widetilde{E}(a,\lambda) + o\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \varphi_k\right)$$
(33)

and the convergence is uniform with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

On the other hand, by Theorem 3.1,  $T(a(\lambda))T([a(\lambda)]^{-1}) - I$  is of trace class and

 $\log \det T_n(a(\lambda)) = (n+1)\log G(a(\lambda)) + \log \det T(a(\lambda))T([a(\lambda)]^{-1}) + o(1)$ (34)

as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . Combining (33) and (34), we get

$$\log \widetilde{E}(a,\lambda) = \log \det T(a(\lambda))T([a(\lambda)]^{-1})$$

and therefore (10) holds uniformly with respect to  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . Part (b) and Theorem 1.4 are proved.

**3.5.** Proof of Theorem 1.5. Suppose  $\lambda \notin \operatorname{sp} T(a) \cup \operatorname{sp} T(\tilde{a})$ . Since  $a - \lambda$  is continuous with respect to  $\lambda$  as a function from a neighborhood of  $\partial\Omega$  to  $(W_{\omega})_{N \times N}$ , Theorem 1.4(b) shows that

$$\log \det T_n(a-\lambda) = (n+1)\log G(a-\lambda) + \log \det T[a-\lambda]T[(a-\lambda)^{-1}] + o\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \varphi_k\right) \quad \text{as } n \to \infty$$

and the convergence is uniform with respect to  $\lambda$  in a neighborhood of  $\partial\Omega$ . Hence, we can differentiate both sides with respect to  $\lambda$ , multiply by  $f(\lambda)$ , and integrate over  $\partial\Omega$ . The proof is finished by a literal repetition of Widom's proof of Theorem 1.2 (see [16, p. 21] or [4, Section 10.90]) with o(1) replaced by the same  $o(\ldots)$  as in the above formula. Acknowledgements. This work is partially supported by the grant of F.C.T. (Portugal) FCT/FEDER/POCTI/MAT/59972/2004.

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