Spectral Asymptotics for Helson Matrices

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 Not known whether an analogue of Widom's Theorem holds for Helson matrices.

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The result follows by application of standard spectral perturbation theory.

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{ $H(\zeta(x + 1)) - H(1/x)$ } $w^{1/2} = H(\mathbf{b}_1) + U^*H(\mathbf{b}_2)U + rank one$

where \mathbf{b}_1 and \mathbf{b}_2 are in the Schwartz class and U is unitary.

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• Note that $M(a) \in S_1 \implies a(t)$ is continuous in t > 1.

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