

# Probabilistic Operator Algebra Seminar

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Title: *Repeated differentiation and free unitary Poisson processes*

We investigate the hydrodynamic behavior of zeros of trigonometric polynomials under repeated differentiation. We show that if the zeroes of a real-rooted, degree  $d$  trigonometric polynomial are distributed according to some probability measure  $\nu$  in the large  $d$  limit, then the zeroes of its  $[2td]$ -th derivative, where  $t > 0$  is fixed, are distributed according to the free multiplicative convolution of  $\nu$  and the free unitary Poisson distribution with parameter  $t$ . In the simplest special case, this result states that the zeroes of the  $[2td]$ -th derivative of the trigonometric polynomial  $(\sin \frac{\theta}{2})^{2d}$  are distributed according to the free unitary Poisson distribution with parameter  $t$ , in the large  $d$  limit. The latter distribution can be defined in terms of the function  $\zeta = \zeta_t(\theta)$  which solves the implicit equation  $\zeta - t \tan \zeta = \theta$  and satisfies

$$\zeta_t(\theta) = \theta + t \tan(\theta + t \tan(\theta + \dots)).$$