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# ON THE MEAN PROJECTION THEOREM FOR DETERMINANTAL POINT PROCESSES 

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#### Abstract

In this short note, we extend a mean projection theorem for discrete determinantal point processes to the continuous case, thus strengthening a known result in random linear algebra due to Ermakov and Zolotukhin. We also give a new formula for the variance of the exterior power of the random projection.


## 1. Introduction

Kirchhoff's work on electrical networks [Kir47] seems to be one of the earliest works in the literature where linear algebra and graph-theoretical combinatorial methods were put together. Later on, linear algebra problems, and classical determinantal methods for solving them, gave rise to various statistical approaches, notably linked to the so-called determinantal point processes (introduced by Macchi in 1975 [Mac75], and named like this by Borodin, only around 2000 which saw a blossoming of results on those processes from various authors, see [Sos00, ST03, Lyo03, Joh06, Bor11]). These methods recently became an active field in randomized numerical linear algebra [DM21].

In his work, Kirchhoff solved a linear algebra system on an electrical network seen as a finite graph, by expressing the current induced by an external battery hooked on the network, as an average over spanning trees of a certain current associated to the tree. In modern terms, he expressed an orthogonal projection as the expectation of a certain random projection associated to a random spanning tree. Such a mean projection theorem appeared in several guises in the literature, and more or less independently, in works of Maurer [Mau76], Lyons [Lyo03], Catanzaro-Chernyak-Klein [CCK13], and probably others that we are unaware of.

In our work [KL19, Theorem 5.9], we extended the mean projection formula for determinantal point processes on finite sets, thus putting the statements of [Kir47, Mau76, Lyo03, CCK13] in a unified geometric framework, and strengthening the result by proving a mean projection theorem for the exterior powers of the projections, that is, for minors of their matrices in a fixed basis.

Let us quickly recall our statement. Let $\mathbb{K}$ be $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$, let $E$ be a finite dimensional Euclidean space on $\mathbb{K}$ of dimension $d$, and let $\left(e_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$ be an orthonormal basis of $E$. We let $S=\{1, \ldots, d\}$ and consider $H$ a subspace of $E$ of dimension $n$. Let X be the determinantal point process on $S$ associated to the matrix $K=\left(\left\langle e_{i}, \Pi^{H} e_{j}\right\rangle\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$, where $\Pi^{H}$ is the orthogonal projection on $H$. For each $X \subseteq S$, let $E_{X}=\bigoplus_{x \in X} \mathbb{K} e_{x}$ be the corresponding coordinate subspace of $E$.

Theorem 1.1. Almost surely, the equality $E=H \oplus E_{\mathrm{X}}^{\perp}$ holds, and denoting by $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}}$ the projection on $H$ parallel to $E_{\mathrm{X}}^{\perp}$, we have

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\Lambda \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{x}}\right]=\Lambda \square^{H}
$$

In words, in a fixed basis of $E$, the expectation of any minor of the matrix of $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}}$ is equal to the same minor of $\Pi^{H}$.

[^0]A short while ago, it came to our attention while reading the recent statistics paper [GBV19] on Monte-Carlo integration methods, that such a mean projection formula had also appeared in [EZ60] in the case of $S=\mathbb{R}$, in a different guise, although the relation to the above-cited works was not mentioned there. The goal of this short note is to emphasize this link, by extending Theorem 1.1 to the case of a determinantal point process associated to a finite rank orthogonal projection on any Polish space $S$, so that it applies for instance to any orthogonal polynomial ensemble, see [Lyo14, Section 3.8]. This extension is the content of Theorem 2.2. An extension of Theorem 1.1 to the case of a projection with infinite range (both in the case where $S$ is discrete or continuous) would be interesting. It would probably be harder to prove in view of [BQ22] which studies the continuous analogue of $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}}$ in the case of the Bergman kernel.

## 2. The mean projection theorem

Let $S$ be a Polish space and $\lambda$ a positive Radon measure on $S$. Let us consider the space $E=L^{2}(S, \lambda)$ and the space $\mathcal{C}(S)$ of continuous functions on $S .{ }^{1}$ Let $H \subseteq E \cap \mathcal{C}(S)$ be a linear subspace of finite dimension $n$.

Let $\operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)$ be the set of collections of $n$ distinct points in $S$, and let $\mu$ be the determinantal probability measure on $\operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)$ associated with the orthogonal projection on $H$. This means that if we choose an orthonormal basis $\left(\varphi_{j}\right)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ of $H$, then we have for any bounded continuous symmetric test function $T: S^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ the equality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)} T(X) \mathrm{d} \mu(X)=\frac{1}{n!} \int_{S^{n}} T\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)\left|\operatorname{det}\left(\varphi_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}\right)\right|^{2} \mathrm{~d} \lambda^{\otimes n}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right), \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which the right-hand side does not depend on the choice of the orthonormal basis. We will denote by X a random subset of $S$ distributed according to $\mu$, and use the notation $\mathbb{E}[T(\mathrm{X})]$ for either of the two sides of the equality above.

It follows from (1) that $\mu$-almost every $X$ is a uniqueness set for $H$, in the sense that two elements of $H$ that coincide on $X$ are equal. ${ }^{2}$ This fact can be used to define a random projection onto $H$, as follows. For every $X \in \operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)$, let us define $\mathcal{C}(S ; X)=\left\{f \in \mathcal{C}(S): f_{\mid X}=0\right\}$.
Lemma 2.1. For $\mu$-almost every $X \in \operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)$, the decomposition $\mathcal{C}(S)=H \oplus \mathcal{C}(S ; X)$ holds.
Proof. Let $f$ be an element of $\mathcal{C}(S)$. Let $\left(\varphi_{j}\right)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ be an orthonormal basis of $H$. For $\mu$-almost every $X=\left\{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right\}$ in $\operatorname{Conf}_{n}(S)$, we have $\operatorname{det}\left(\varphi_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}\right) \neq 0$, so that the system

$$
\alpha_{1} \varphi_{1}\left(x_{i}\right)+\ldots+\alpha_{n} \varphi_{n}\left(x_{i}\right)=f\left(x_{i}\right), \quad \forall i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}
$$

admits a unique solution. Then $\mathrm{P}_{X} f=\alpha_{1} \varphi_{1}+\ldots+\alpha_{n} \varphi_{n}$ is the unique element of $H$ which takes the same values as $f$ on $X$.

For the rest of this note, we will keep the notation $\mathrm{P}_{X}$ introduced in the previous proof for the projection on $H$ parallel to $\mathcal{C}(S ; X)$. Let us emphasize that the decomposition given by Lemma 2.1 depends on $H$ and $X$, but is independent of the Euclidean structure of $E$. In particular, the projection $\mathrm{P}_{X}$ is independent of this Euclidean structure.

For example, if $S=\mathbb{R}, \lambda$ is a measure with infinite support which admits moments of all orders, and $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n}$ are the first $n$ orthogonal polynomials with respect to $\lambda$, then $H$ is the space of polynomial functions of degree at most $n-1$ and $\mathrm{P}_{X} f$ is the interpolating polynomial of the restriction of $f$ to $X$.

[^1]For all $g_{1}, \ldots, g_{m} \in E \cap \mathcal{C}(S)$, let us define $g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m} \in L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda^{\otimes m}\right) \cap \mathcal{C}\left(S^{m}\right)$ by setting, for all $y_{1}, \ldots, y_{m} \in S$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m}\right)\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{m}\right)=\operatorname{det}\left(g_{j}\left(y_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

We will use several times the Andreieff-Heine identity, which is a continuous analogue of the Cauchy-Binet identity, and can be phrased as follows: if $h_{1}, \ldots, h_{m}$ belong to $E \cap \mathcal{C}(S)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m}, h_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge h_{m}\right\rangle_{L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda^{\otimes m}\right)}=\operatorname{det}\left(\left\langle g_{i}, h_{j}\right\rangle\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

This equality justifies, for instance, the fact that the measure $\mu$ defined by (1) is a probability measure.

Let us write $H^{0}=H$ and $H^{1}=H^{\perp}$. The isomorphism of vector spaces $L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda^{\otimes m}\right) \simeq$ $L^{2}(S, \lambda)^{\otimes m}$ is $\sqrt{m!}$ times an isometry, and the orthogonal decomposition $L^{2}(S)=H^{0} \oplus H^{1}$ gives rise to an orthogonal decomposition

$$
\begin{equation*}
L^{2}\left(S^{m}\right) \simeq L^{2}(S)^{\otimes m}=\bigoplus_{\varepsilon_{1}, \ldots, \varepsilon_{m} \in\{0,1\}} H^{\varepsilon_{1}} \otimes \ldots \otimes H^{\varepsilon_{m}}=\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m}\left[\bigoplus_{\substack{\varepsilon_{1}, \ldots, \varepsilon_{m} \in\{0,1\} \\ \varepsilon_{1}+\ldots+\varepsilon_{m}=k}} H^{\varepsilon_{1}} \otimes \ldots \otimes H^{\varepsilon_{m}}\right] \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us denote by $\Pi_{k}$ the orthogonal projection of $L^{2}\left(S^{m}\right)$ on the $k$-th summand of the last expression. In order to describe this operator more concretely, recall that we denote by $\Pi^{H}$ the orthogonal projection on $H$ in $E$. For all real $t$, let us define the linear operator $\mathrm{D}_{t}=\Pi^{H}+t \Pi^{H^{\perp}}$ on $E$. Then

$$
\mathrm{D}_{t} g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{D}_{t} g_{m}=\sum_{k=0}^{m} t^{k} \Pi_{k}\left(g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m}\right)
$$

In words, $\Pi_{k}\left(g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m}\right)$ is the sum of all the functions obtained from $g_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge g_{m}$ by replacing $k$ of the $g_{i}$ 's by their projections on $H^{\perp}$, and the others by their projection on $H$.
Theorem 2.2. For all $m \geq 1$, and all $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m} \in E \cap \mathcal{C}(S)$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{m}\right] & =\Pi^{H} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \Pi^{H} f_{m}  \tag{5}\\
\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{m}\right) & =\sum_{k=1}^{m}\binom{n-m+k}{k}\left\|\Pi_{k}\left(f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m}\right)\right\|^{2}
\end{align*}
$$

The variance in the second assertion is that of a random element of $L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda^{\otimes m}\right)$, that is, to be explicit, and in view of the first assertion,

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{m}\right)=\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{m}-\Pi^{H} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \Pi^{H} f_{m}\right\|_{L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda \otimes m\right)}^{2}\right]
$$

Further note that the quadratic identity (6) may be polarized to obtain information on covariances.

Given the remark made after Lemma 2.1, one can view Theorem 2.2 as providing a statistical estimator of part of the Euclidean structure of $E$ given $H$ and a realisation X .

When $m=1$, this is the theorem of Ermakov-Zolotukhin [EZ60], rephrased by [GBV19]:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f\right]=\Pi^{H} f \text { and } \operatorname{Var}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f\right)=n\left\|\Pi^{H^{\perp}} f\right\|^{2}
$$

In order to prove Theorem 2.2, we will use the following generalization of Cramer's formula, which surprisingly enough, we have not encountered in our undergraduate linear algebra class.

For all integers $n$ and $m$, we denote by $\llbracket n \rrbracket$ the set $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ and by $\mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)$ the set of its subsets with $m$ elements. Given a $p \times q$ matrix $M$ and two subsets $I \subseteq \llbracket p \rrbracket$ and $J \subseteq \llbracket q \rrbracket$, we define

$$
M_{J}^{I}=\left(M_{i j}\right)_{i \in I, j \in J} \quad \text { and } \quad M^{I}=M_{\llbracket q \rrbracket}^{I}
$$

Proposition 2.3 (Cramer's identity for minors). Let $1 \leq m \leq n$ be two integers. Let $M$ be an $n \times n$ invertible square matrix, and $F$ an $n \times m$ rectangular matrix. Let $A$ be the $n \times m$ rectangular matrix solving $M A=F$. Then for all $I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)$, the $m \times m$ submatrix $A^{I}$ has determinant

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det} A^{I}=(\operatorname{det} M)^{-1} \operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M_{[I \leftarrow F]}$ is the $n \times n$ square matrix obtained by replacing in $M$ the columns indexed by $I$ by the columns of the matrix $F$.

$$
\text { If } I=\left\{i_{1}<\ldots<i_{m}\right\}, \text { then }\left(M_{[I \leftarrow F]}\right)_{i j}=M_{i j} \text { for } j \notin I, \text { and }\left(M_{[I \leftarrow F]}\right)_{i j}=F_{i k} \text { for } j=i_{k} \text {. }
$$

Proof. Let us write $A=M^{-1} F$ and use the Cauchy-Binet formula:

$$
\operatorname{det} A^{I}=\sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \operatorname{det}\left(M^{-1}\right)_{J}^{I} \operatorname{det} F^{J}
$$

Now, by Jacobi's complementary minor formula,

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(M^{-1}\right)_{J}^{I}=(-1)^{\sum_{i \in I} i+\sum_{j \in J} j}(\operatorname{det} M)^{-1} \operatorname{det} M_{I^{c}}^{J^{c}}
$$

Combining the two previous equations and checking signs, we now recognize the Laplace expansion of $\operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]}$ with respect to all columns in $I$ :

$$
\operatorname{det} A^{I}=(\operatorname{det} M)^{-1} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)}(-1)^{\sum_{i \in I} i+\sum_{j \in J} j} \operatorname{det} M_{I^{c}}^{J^{c}} \operatorname{det} F^{J}=(\operatorname{det} M)^{-1} \operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]},
$$

which concludes the proof.
Proof of Theorem 2.2. Let $\left(\varphi_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ be an orthonormal basis of $H$. Let $X=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \in S^{n}$ be such that $\operatorname{det}\left(\varphi_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}\right) \neq \overline{0}$. Let us introduce the following matrices:

- $M=\left(\varphi_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)\right) \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n$,
- $F=\left(f_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)\right) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$,
- $A=\left(\alpha_{i j}\right) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$, the solution to $M A=F$,
- $G=\left(\left\langle\varphi_{i}, f_{j}\right\rangle\right) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$.

For each $I=\left\{i_{1}<\ldots<i_{k}\right\} \subseteq\{1, \ldots, n\}$, let us write $\varphi_{I}=\varphi_{i_{1}} \wedge \ldots \wedge \varphi_{i_{k}}$.
For each $1 \leq i \leq m$, we have

$$
\mathrm{P}_{X} f_{i}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{k i} \varphi_{k} \text { and } \Pi^{H} f_{i}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} G_{k i} \varphi_{k}
$$

so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{P}_{X} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{X} f_{m}=\sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \operatorname{det} A^{I} \varphi_{I} \text { and } \Pi^{H} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \Pi^{H} f_{m}=\sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \operatorname{det} G^{I} \varphi_{I} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to prove the first assertion of the theorem, namely (5), we are thus left to show that for all $I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right]=\operatorname{det} G^{I} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where we view $A$ as a function of the subset $X \subseteq S$ and the expectation is with respect to $\mu$.

By Proposition 2.3, we can write $\operatorname{det} A^{I}=(\operatorname{det} M)^{-1} \operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]}$. Using the form (1) of the density of $\mu$ and the Andreieff-Heine identity (3), we find

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right] & =\frac{1}{n!} \int_{S^{n}} \operatorname{det} A^{I}|\operatorname{det} M|^{2} d \lambda^{\otimes n} \\
& =\frac{1}{n!} \int_{S^{n}} \operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]} \overline{\operatorname{det} M} d \lambda^{\otimes n} \\
& =\operatorname{det}\left(\left\langle\varphi_{a}, \psi_{I, b}\right\rangle\right)_{1 \leq a, b \leq n}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\left(\psi_{I, 1}, \ldots, \psi_{I, n}\right)$ is the list $\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n}\right)$ in which the terms labelled by elements of $I$ have been replaced by $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m}$. In symbols, $\psi_{I, b}=\varphi_{b}$ if $b \notin I$ and $\psi_{I, b}=f_{k}$ if $I=\left\{i_{1}<\ldots<i_{m}\right\}$ and $b=i_{k}$.

It is readily seen that the last determinant is equal to $\operatorname{det} G^{I}$, which proves (9) and thus (5).
We now turn to the computation of the variance. An important observation is that the family $\left\{\varphi_{I}: I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)\right\}$ is orthonormal in $L^{2}\left(S^{m}, \frac{1}{m!} \lambda^{\otimes m}\right)$. Thus, using (8), Pythagoras's theorem, and (5), we find that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{X}} f_{m}\right)=\sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right)^{2}\right]-\left\|\Pi^{H} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \Pi^{H} f_{m}\right\|^{2} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the same strategy as before, we compute, for each set $I$ of cardinality $m$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}\right] & =\frac{1}{n!} \int_{S^{n}}\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}|\operatorname{det} M|^{2} d \lambda^{\otimes n} \\
& =\frac{1}{n!} \int_{S^{n}}\left|\operatorname{det} M_{[I \leftarrow F]}\right|^{2} d \lambda^{\otimes n} \\
& =\operatorname{det}\left(\left\langle\psi_{I, a}, \psi_{I, b}\right\rangle\right)_{1 \leq a, b \leq n}
\end{aligned}
$$

We now use the Schur complement formula to obtain that the last determinant is equal to

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(\left\langle f_{i},\left(\Pi^{H^{\perp}}+\Pi^{H_{I}}\right) f_{j}\right\rangle\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}
$$

where for all $J \subseteq\{1, \ldots, n\}$, we set $H_{J}=\operatorname{Vect}\left(\varphi_{j}, j \in J\right)$. Using the Andreieff-Heine identity, we rewrite this determinant as

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}\right]=\left\langle f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m},\left(\Pi^{H^{\perp}}+\Pi^{H_{I}}\right) f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge\left(\Pi^{H^{\perp}}+\Pi^{H_{I}}\right) f_{m}\right\rangle
$$

and what we need now is to sum this quantity over all $I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)$.
For each $i \in\{1, \ldots, m\}$, let us decompose $f_{i}$ as $f_{i, 0}+f_{i, 1}+\ldots+f_{i, n}$, where $f_{i, 0}=\Pi^{H^{\perp}} f_{i}$ and for all $j \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, f_{i, j}=\left\langle\varphi_{j}, f_{i}\right\rangle \varphi_{j}$. By multilinearity, we find

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}\right]=\sum_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}=0}^{n}\langle f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m}, \underbrace{\left(\Pi^{H^{\perp}}+\Pi^{H_{I}}\right) f_{1, j_{1}} \wedge \ldots \wedge\left(\Pi^{H^{\perp}}+\Pi^{H_{I}}\right) f_{m, j_{m}}}_{R}\rangle
$$

Let us call $R$ the function in the right-hand side of the scalar product. If among the integers $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}$ two are positive and equal, then $R$ vanishes, and so does the corresponding term of the sum. Let us now assume that the positive indices among $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}$ are pairwise distinct, and let us list them as $\left\{l_{1}, \ldots, l_{m-k}\right\}$, where $k=1_{\left\{j_{1}=0\right\}}+\ldots+1_{\left\{j_{m}=0\right\}}$. We make three observations. Firstly, for $R$ not to be zero, it is necessary that $\left\{l_{1}, \ldots, l_{m-k}\right\} \subseteq I$. Secondly, if this condition is satisfied, then $R=f_{1, j_{1}} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m, j_{m}}$, and in particular does not depend on $I$. Finally, the condition $\left\{l_{1}, \ldots, l_{m-k}\right\} \subseteq I$ is verified for $\binom{n-m+k}{k}$ subsets $I$ of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ with $m$ elements. Putting these observations together, we find

$$
\sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}\right]=\sum_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}}\binom{n-m+k}{k}\left\langle f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m}, f_{1, j_{1}} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m, j_{m}}\right\rangle
$$

The sum runs over those $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}$ between 0 and $n$ among which no two are positive and equal, but lifting this condition only adds null terms to the sum. Therefore, we let $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}$ run freely between 0 and $n$, and $k$ is the number of them that are zero.

Let us sort the terms of the last sum according to which of the indices $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}$ are zero and which are not: calling $B$ the set $\left\{p \in \llbracket m \rrbracket: j_{p}=0\right\}$ and with the notation $H^{0}=H$ and $H^{1}=H^{\perp}$, this resummation yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{I \in \mathcal{P}_{m}(\llbracket n \rrbracket)} \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\operatorname{det} A^{I}\right|^{2}\right]=\sum_{k=0}^{m}\binom{n-m+k}{k}\left\langle f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m}, \sum_{B \in \mathcal{P}_{k}(\llbracket m \rrbracket)} \Pi^{H_{B}^{1_{B}(1)}} f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \Pi^{H_{B}(m)} f_{m}\right\rangle \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

The sum over $B$ yields exactly the function $\Pi_{k}\left(f_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge f_{m}\right)$. The result follows from the orthogonality of the decomposition (4) and the observation that the term corresponding to $k=0$ is exactly the last term of (10).

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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ The space of continuous functions plays for us the role usually devoted to a reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS), namely that of a space of functions that can be evaluated at points. However, we do not need this extra structure, because we do not need evaluation at a point to be a continuous linear form. Moreover, it seems that in many examples of interest, the RKHS is a subspace of continuous functions, so that our result applies.
    ${ }^{2}$ The uniqueness property is true for all determinantal processes associated with an orthogonal projection of possibly infinite range, that is with infinitely many points $(n=\infty)$, as proved in the discrete case by Lyons [Lyo03], and recently by Bufetov-Qiu-Shamov [BQS21] in the general case, following partial results by Ghosh [Gho15].

