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**Seung-Yeop Lee** and **Meng Yang\*** (mengyang@mail.usf.edu). *Discontinuity in the asymptotic behavior of planar orthogonal polynomials under a perturbation of the Gaussian weight.*

We consider the orthogonal polynomials,  $\{P_n(z)\}_{n=0,1,\dots}$ , with respect to the measure

$$|z - a|^{2c} e^{-N|z|^2} dA(z)$$

supported over the whole complex plane, where  $a > 0$ ,  $N > 0$  and  $c > -1$ . We look at the scaling limit where  $n$  and  $N$  tend to infinity while keeping their ratio,  $n/N$ , fixed. The support of the limiting zero distribution is given in terms of certain “limiting potential-theoretic skeleton” of the unit disk. We show that, as we vary  $c$ , both the skeleton and the asymptotic distribution of the zeros behave discontinuously at  $c = 0$ . The smooth interpolation of the discontinuity is obtained by the further scaling of  $c = e^{-\eta N}$  in terms of the parameter  $\eta \in [0, \infty)$ . (Received January 23, 2018)