Small perturbations of non-Hermitian matrices

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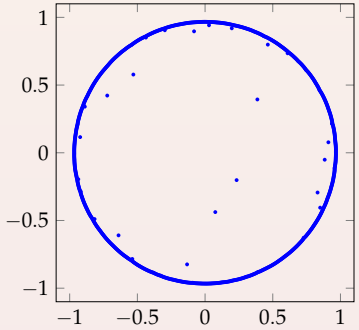

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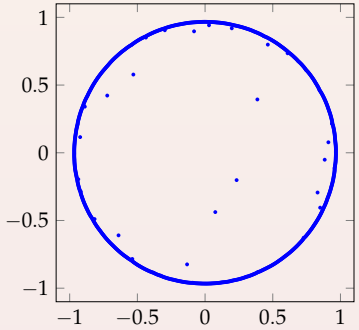

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Thus, spectrum computations involves the determinant of a family of Hermitian matrices built from A!

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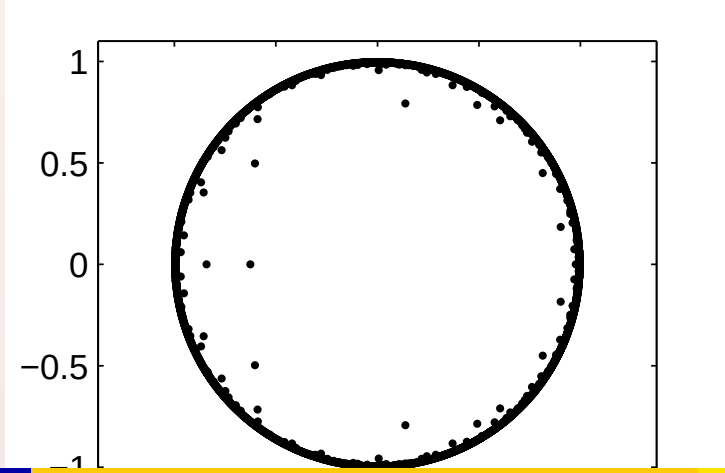

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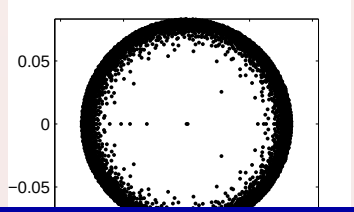

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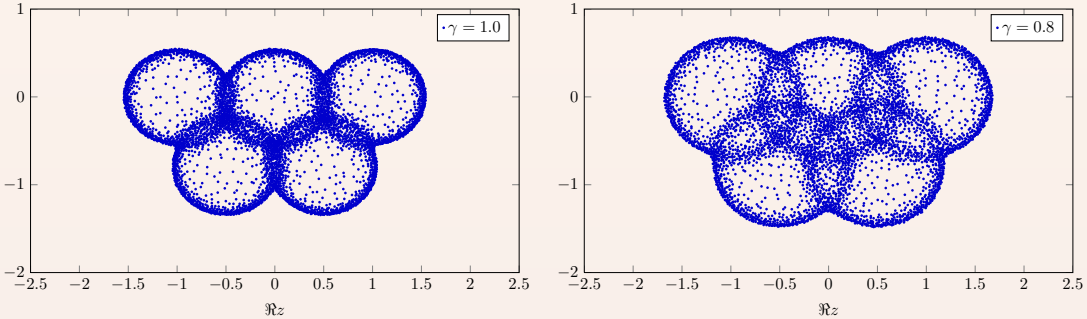

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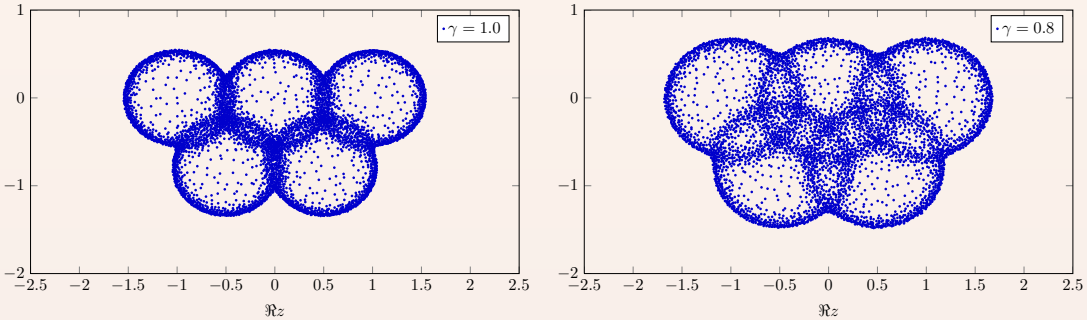

Analyzed by Feldheim-Paquette-Z. (2015).

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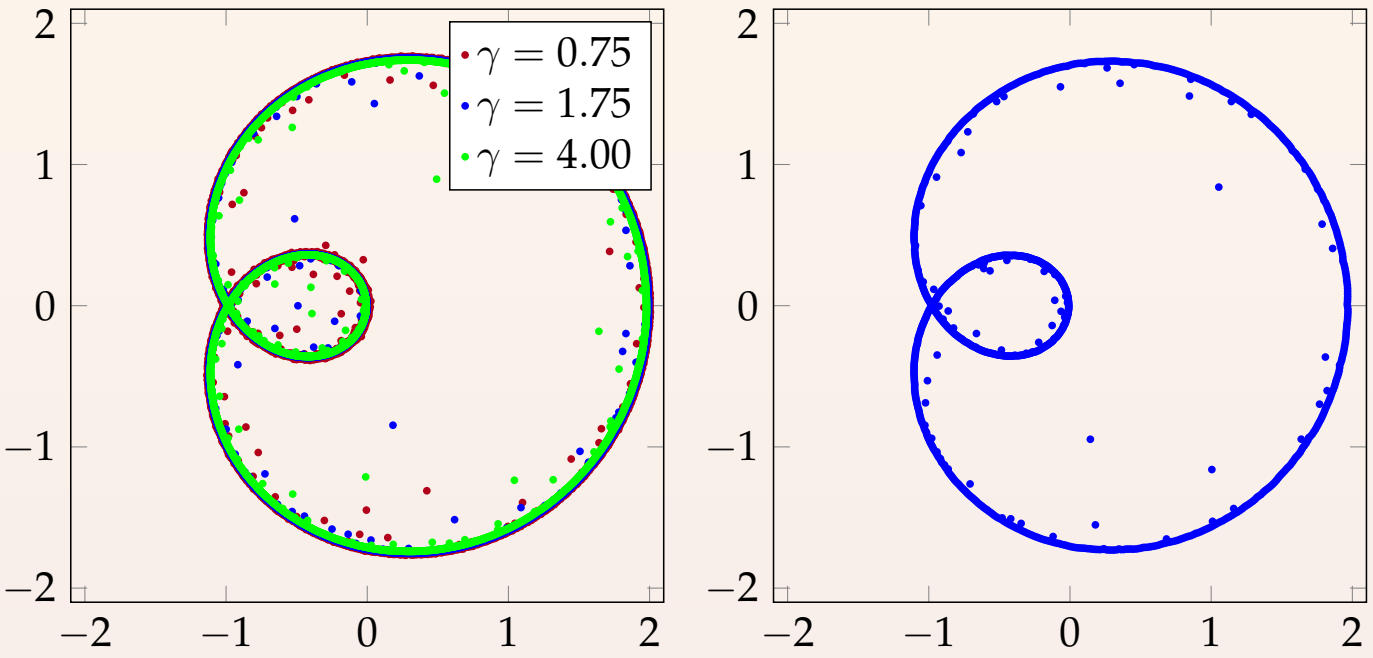

Figure: The eigenvalues of $J_N + J_N^2 + N^{-\gamma} G_N$, with $N = 4000$ and various γ. On left, actual matrix. On the right, $U_N(J_N + J_N^2)U_N^*$.

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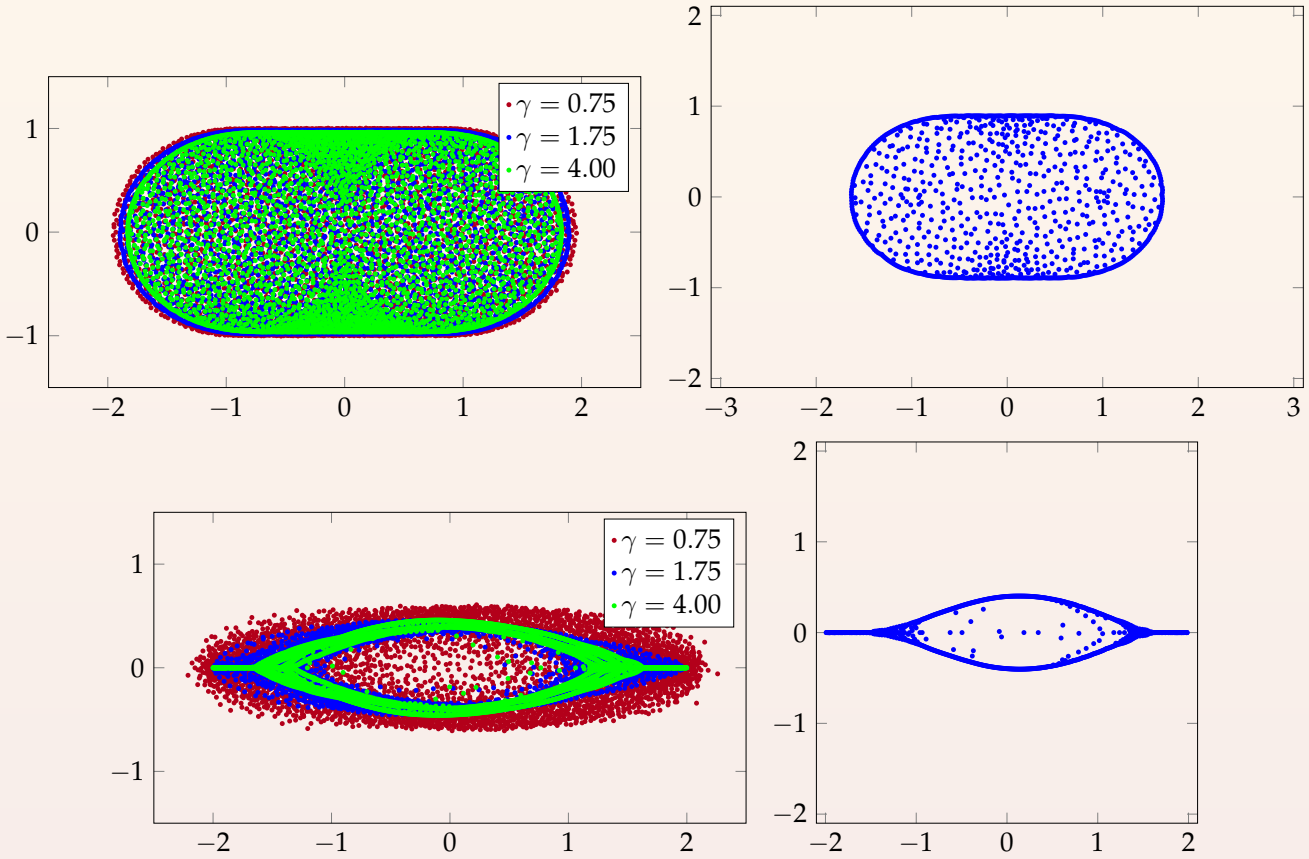

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Related (different methods, Gaussian noise - Grushin problem) - Sjöstrand and Vogel '19.

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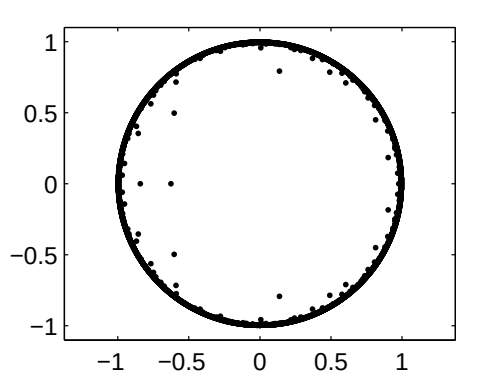

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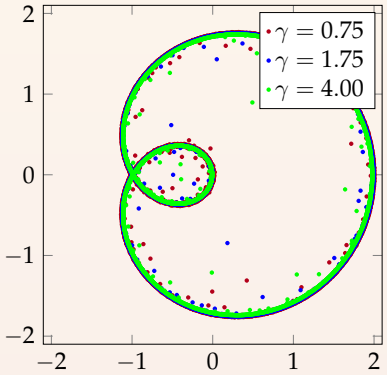

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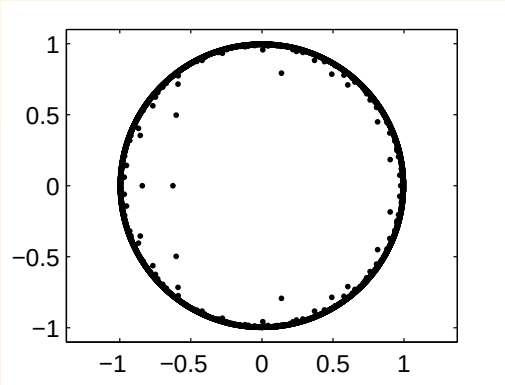

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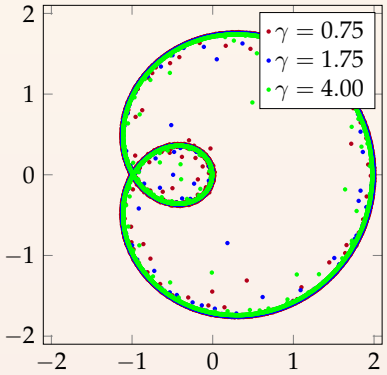

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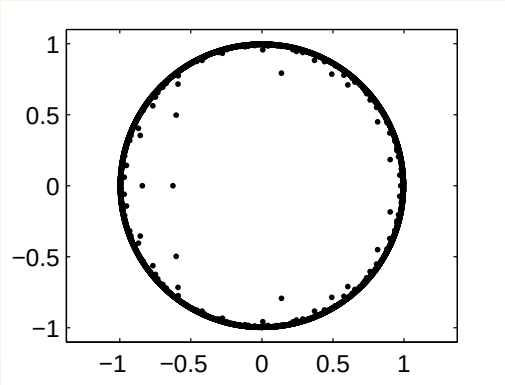

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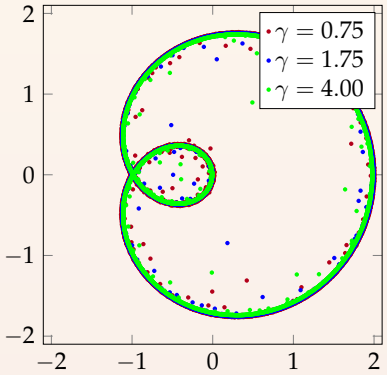

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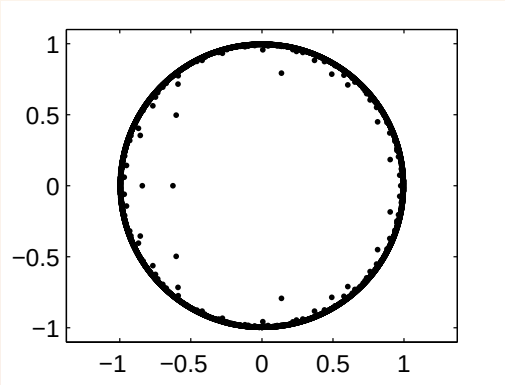

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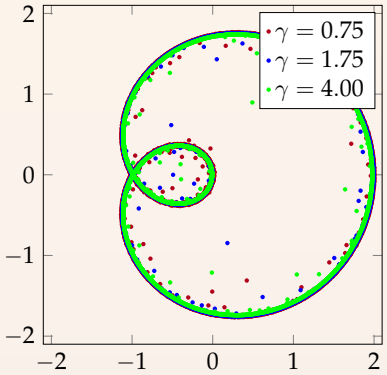

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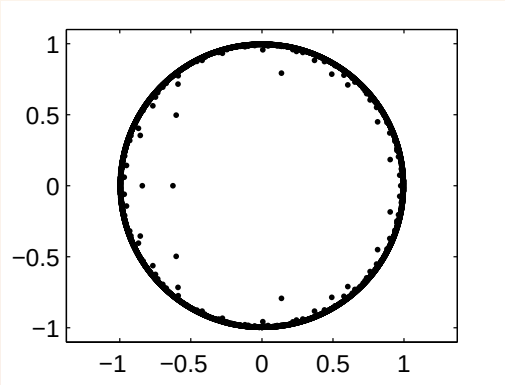

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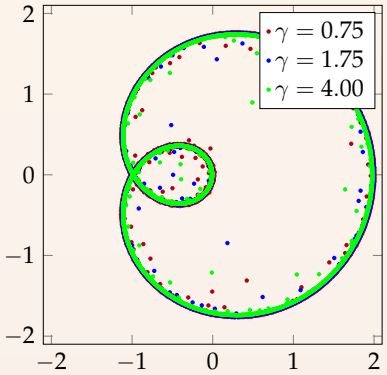

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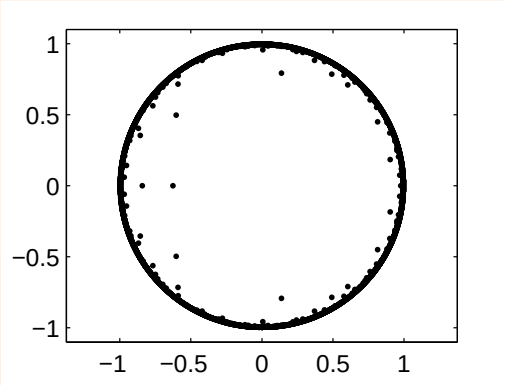

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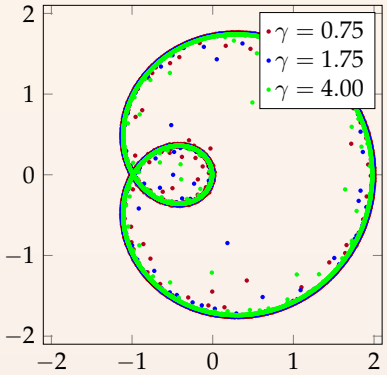

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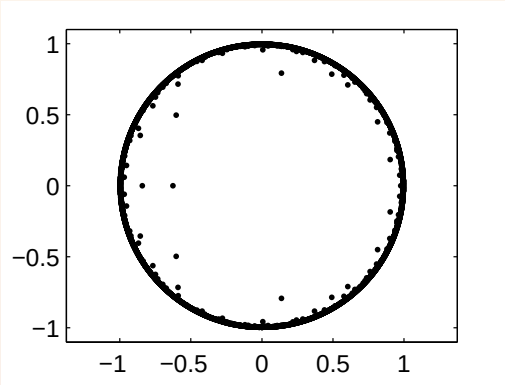

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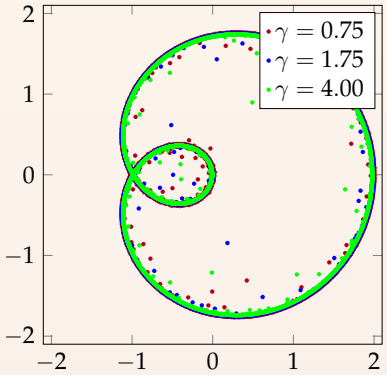

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