

Recent works on the asymptotic analysis of Coulomb gases

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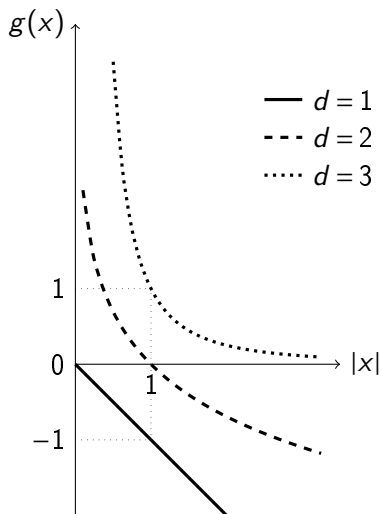
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- Riesz kernel $|x|^{-s}$, if $s = d - \alpha$ then fractional Laplacian Δ_α

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- Aka “O. Frostman measure” (PhD student of M. Riesz)

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$$U_{\mu_r}(x) = -\log(r)\mathbf{1}_{|x| \leq r} - \log|x|\mathbf{1}_{|x| > r} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}(\mu_r) = -\frac{\log(r)}{2}$$

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- Euler-Lagrange: if $c_V = \mathcal{E}(\mu_V) - \int V d\mu_V$ then q.e.

$$U_{\mu_V} + V \begin{cases} = c_V & \text{on } \text{supp}(\mu_V) \\ \geq c_V & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$

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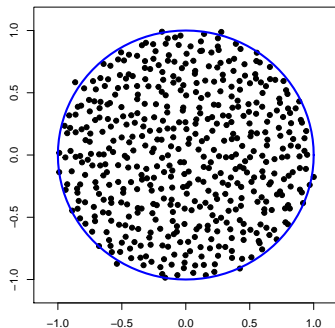
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High dimensional phenomenon : random matrix spectrum



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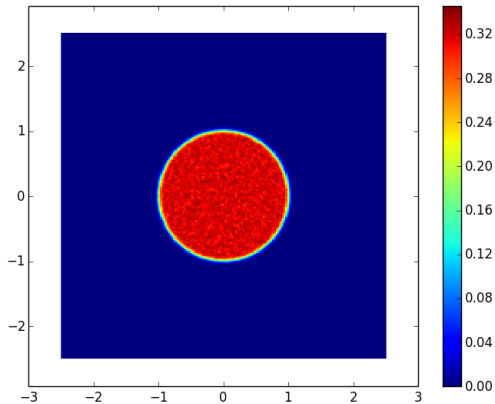
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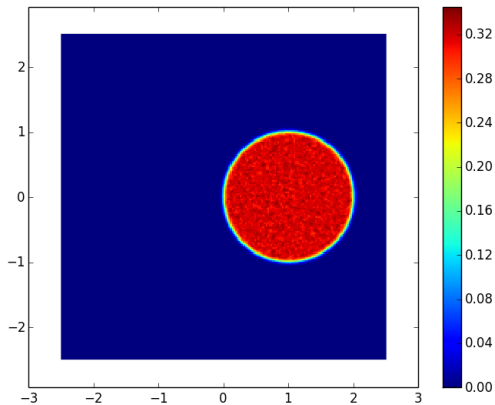
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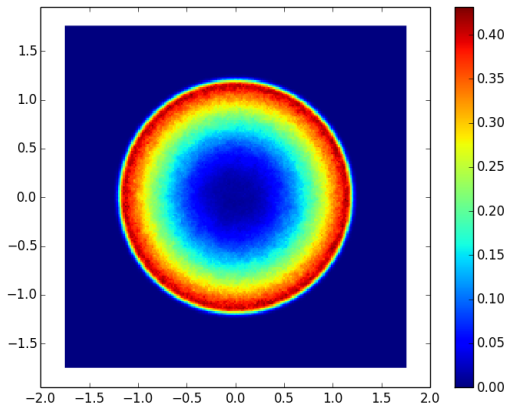
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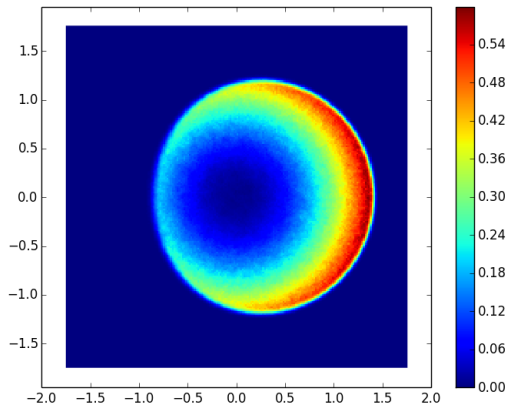
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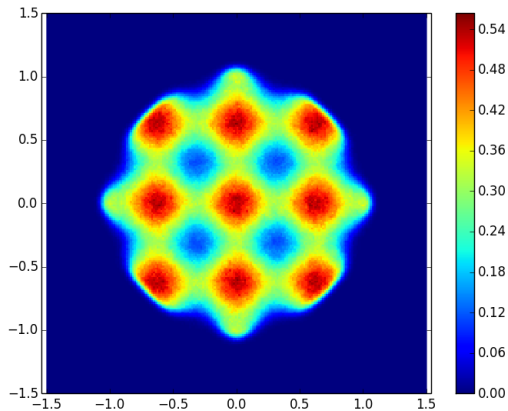
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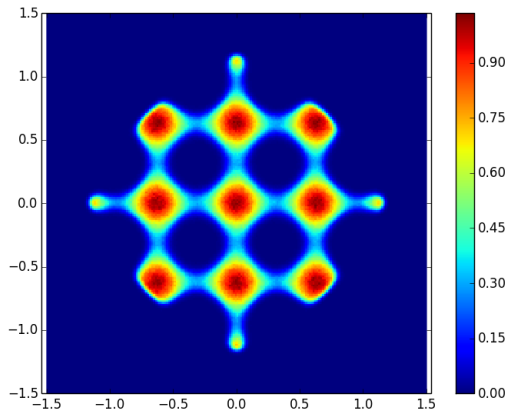
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