

Small perturbations of non-Hermitian matrices

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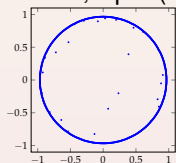
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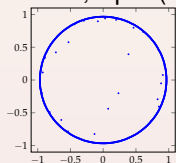
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Goes back to Trefethen et als - pseudo-spectrum.

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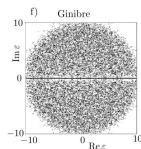
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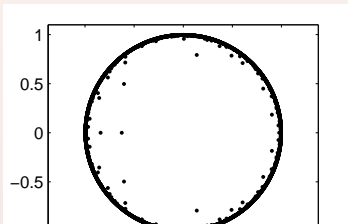
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Why is this particular perturbation picked up? (General criterion - Guionnet, Wood, Z.)

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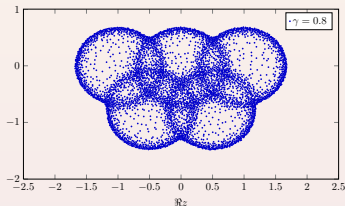
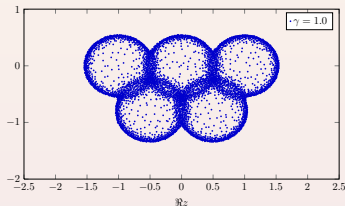
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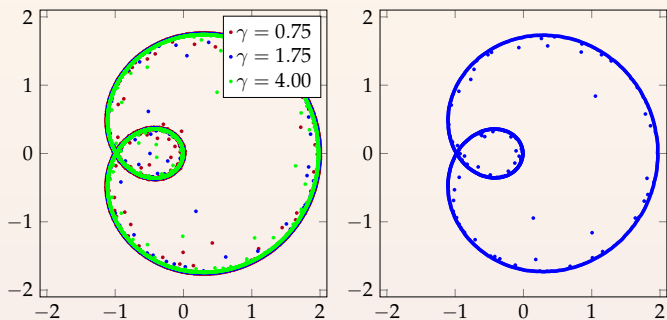


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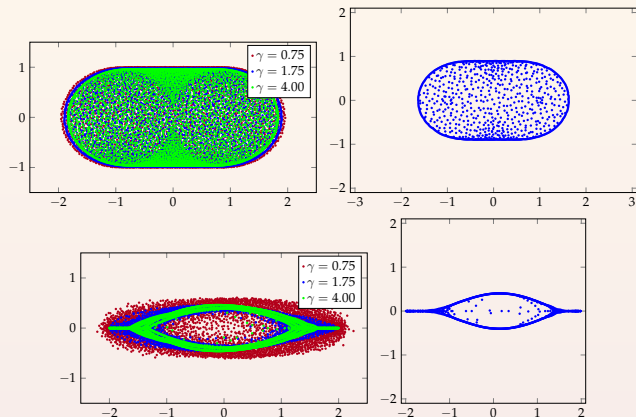


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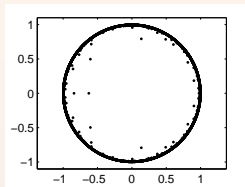
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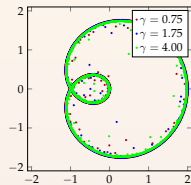
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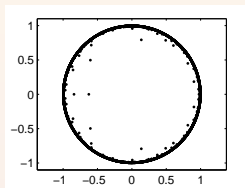


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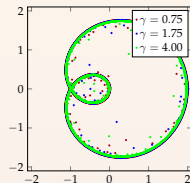


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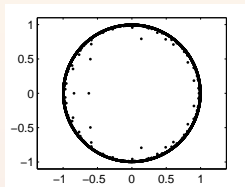
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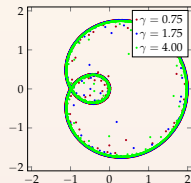
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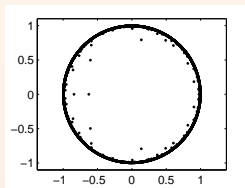


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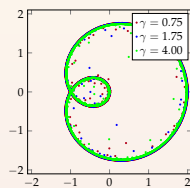
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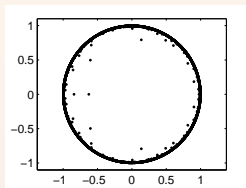


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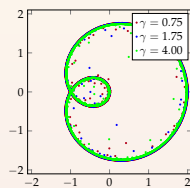
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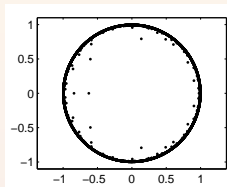


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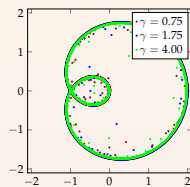
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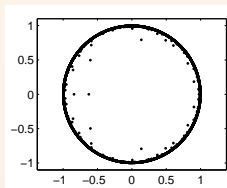


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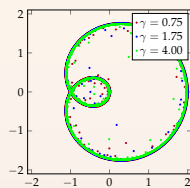
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