

Towards solving generic singularity problem

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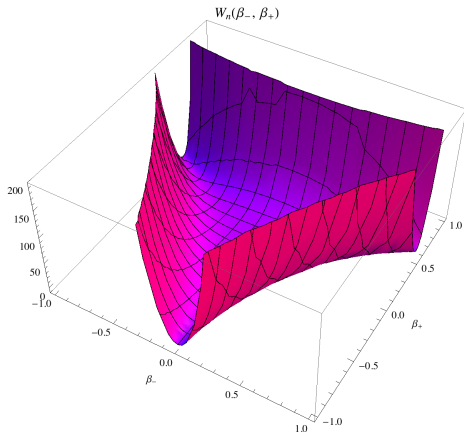


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In **real** system, chaotic and regular regimes may **coexist**: the level spacing distribution can be modelled by distribution **interpolating** between Poisson like and Gaussian like distributions, such as the **Brody distribution**

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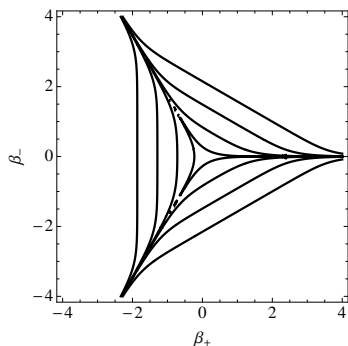


Figure: As time increases, the potential becomes **triangle like**. It is confining and has the \mathbb{C}_{3v} symmetry.

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For **statistical** analysis we should solve the **eigen** problem:

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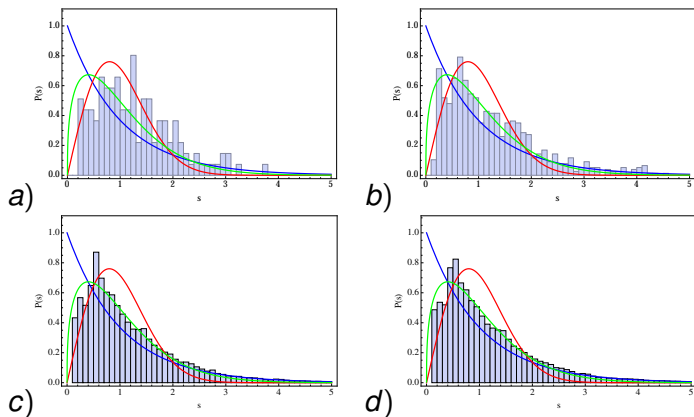


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