

Two manifestations of rigidity phenomena in  
random point sets :  
forbidden regions and maximal degeneracy

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- Natural to ask about rigidity of more general functionals of a point process (other than the particle count), particularly higher moments of the points in  $D$ .

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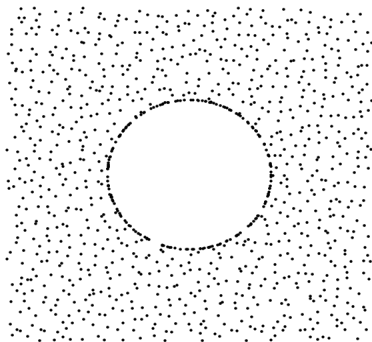
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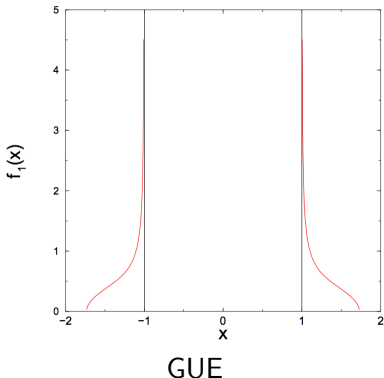
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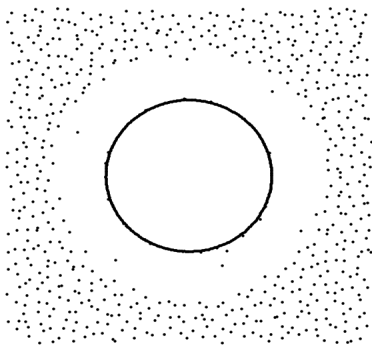
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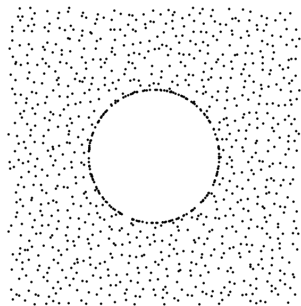
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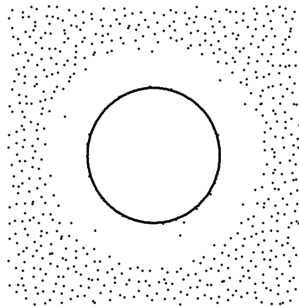
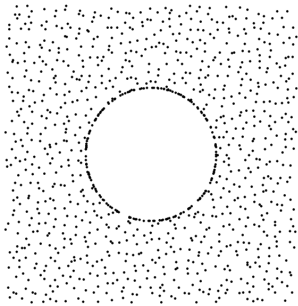
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- Heuristics made rigorous by obtaining “effective” versions of large deviation estimates and approximating the analytic function zeros by those of the polynomials.

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- The existence of a gap / fast decay in the spectrum can be exploited to construct linear functionals of the process which have low variance.
- A linear functional with a low variance is approximately constant, so this gives an approximate linear constraint
- Sufficiently rich class of such constraints can be exploited to deduce degenerate behaviour.



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