# Laplacian Growth and Random Matrices

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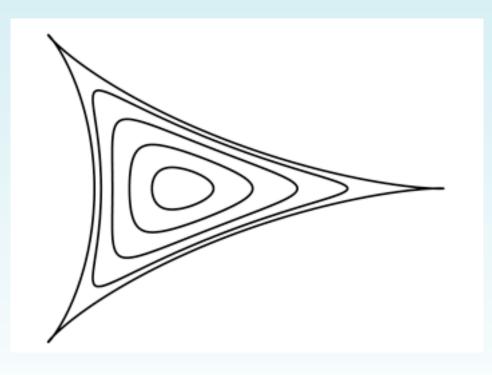
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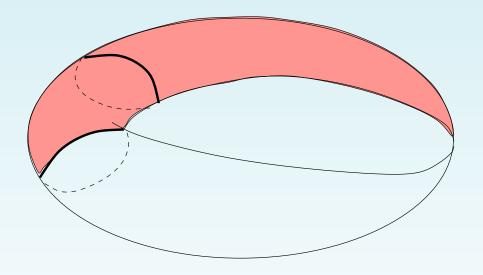
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<u>Problem</u>: find the equivalent of Rankine-Hugoniot and Lax-Oleinik conditions for Laplacian Growth dynamics in a weak sense, from stochastic (RMT) formulation.

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# **Circular symmetry: electrons in uniform magnetic field**

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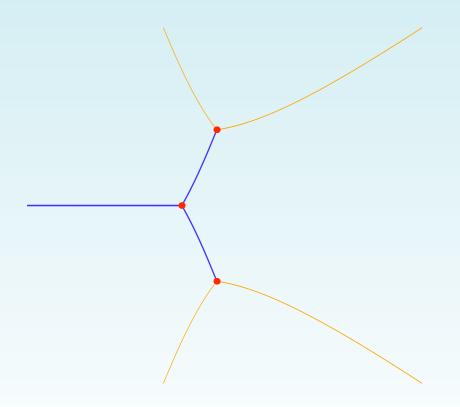
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