Crossover between the Gaussian orthogonal ensemble, the Gaussian unitary ensemble, and Poissonian statistics

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Until now only for specific crossovers between Poissonian statistics (P), the statistics of a Gaussian orthogonal ensemble (GOE), or the statistics of a Gaussian unitary ensemble (GUE) have analytical formulas for the level spacing distribution function been derived within random matrix theory. We investigate arbitrary crossovers in the triangle between all three statistics. To this aim we propose an according formula for the level spacing distribution function depending on two parameters. Comparing the behavior of our formula for the special cases of P → GUE, P → GOE, and GOE → GUE with the results from random matrix theory, we prove that these crossovers are described reasonably. Recent investigations by F. Schweiner et al. [Phys. Rev. E 95, 062205 (2017)] have shown that the Hamiltonian of magnetoexcitons in cubic semiconductors can exhibit all three statistics in dependence on the system parameters. Evaluating the numerical results for magnetoexcitons in dependence on the excitation energy and on a parameter connected with the cubic valence band structure and comparing the results with the formula proposed allows us to distinguish between regular and chaotic behavior as well as between existent or broken antiunitary symmetries. Increasing one of the two parameters, transitions between different crossovers, e.g., from the P → GOE to the P → GUE crossover, are observed and discussed.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It is now widely accepted that classical chaotic dynamics manifests itself in the statistical quantities of the corresponding quantum system [1–3]. All systems with a Hamiltonian leading to global chaos in the classical dynamics can be assigned to one of three universality classes: the orthogonal, the unitary, or the symplectic universality class [4]. To which of these universality classes a given system belongs is determined by the remaining symmetries of the system. Many physical systems are invariant under time reversal or possess at least one remaining antiunitary symmetry. These systems show the statistics of a Gaussian orthogonal ensemble (GOE). Only if all antiunitary symmetries are broken does the statistics of a Gaussian unitary ensemble (GUE) occur. The Gaussian symplectic ensemble will not be treated here and is described, e.g., in Ref. [4]. Until now only a few physical systems are known showing a crossover between GOE and GUE statistics in dependence on the system parameters: the kicked top [5], the Anderson model [6], and magnetoexcitons in cubic semiconductors [7,8]. While the kicked top is a time-dependent system, which has to be treated within Floquet theory [5,9], and the Anderson model is rather a model system for a d-dimensional disordered lattice [6], we showed in Ref. [10] that magnetoexcitons, i.e., excitons in magnetic fields, are a realistic physical system perfectly suitable to study crossovers between the Poissonian (P) level statistics, which describes the classically integrable case, GOE statistics, and GUE statistics.

Only for the specific crossovers of P → GOE, P → GUE, and GOE → GUE analytical formulas for the level spacing distribution function have been derived within random matrix theory [11]. We have recently investigated the crossovers P → GUE and GOE → GUE for magnetoexcitons [10] and obtained a very good agreement with these functions. However, what has not been investigated so far are arbitrary crossovers in the triangle between all three statistics in dependence on two of the system parameters. In this paper we will investigate these crossovers in dependence on the energy and one of the Luttinger parameters, which describes the cubic warping of the valence bands in a semiconductor. Within random matrix theory it would be, in principle, possible to derive an analytical formula which describes these arbitrary crossovers and with which our results for magnetoexcitons could be compared. However, this derivation is very challenging and beyond the scope of the present work. On the other hand, crossovers between different symmetry classes are not universal [12]. Hence, we propose a function with two parameters for arbitrary crossovers and show that it describes these crossovers reasonably well by comparing it for the special cases of P → GOE, P → GUE, and GOE → GUE with the analytical formulas known. We choose the two parameters such that one describes the crossover from regular to irregular behavior and that the other one describes the breaking of antiunitary symmetries. Hence, by evaluating the numerical results with the function proposed, we can distinguish between regular and chaotic behavior as well as between existent or broken antiunitary symmetries. Varying one of the two control parameters allows us to observe and discuss transitions between different crossovers, e.g., from the P → GOE to the P → GUE crossover.

The paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II we propose the function for arbitrary crossovers in the triangle P-GOE-GUE and compare it with the results from random matrix theory for specific crossovers. After a short discussion of the model system of magnetoexcitons in cubic semiconductors in Sec. III, we present a comprehensive discussion of the numerical results for all possible crossovers in the triangle in Sec. IV. Finally, we give a short summary and outlook in Sec. V.

II. CROSSOVER FUNCTIONS

In this section we propose a formula for arbitrary crossovers in the triangle of Poissonian, GOE, and GUE statistics.
For crossovers between each two of the statistics analytical formulas have been derived within random matrix theory in Ref. [11]. They investigated the statistical properties of a \(2 \times 2\) random matrix of the form

\[
H = H_0 + \lambda H_p
\]

with a coupling parameter \(\lambda\). \(H_p\) describes the perturbation breaking the symmetry of the original system \(H_0\). The Poisson process is defined by

\[
H_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix}
\]

with a Poisson-distributed non-negative random number \(p\). The GOE process and the GUE process are described by a real symmetric matrix

\[
H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}
\]

and a complex Hermitian matrix

\[
H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & c_0 + i c_1 \\ c_0 - i c_1 & b \end{pmatrix},
\]

respectively. A detailed evaluation of the level spacing distribution yields the probability densities to find two neighboring eigenvalues at a distance \(s\) [11]: \(P_{P \to \text{GOE}}(s; \lambda)\), \(P_{P \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda)\), and \(P_{\text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda)\). These formulas are presented in detail in Refs. [10,11]. It is important to note that the parameter \(\lambda\) can have all values between 0 and \(\infty\). However, already for \(\lambda \approx 1\) the crossover to the statistics of lower symmetry is almost completed [10].

For the most general case of arbitrary crossovers between the three processes, one would have to choose the ansatz

\[
H = H_0 + \lambda_1 H_1 + \lambda_2 H_2
\]

to derive the nearest-neighbor spacing distribution \(P_{P \to \text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda_1; \lambda_2)\). However, as already the exact analytical calculations of Ref. [11] are very complicated, we here present a different approach.

We already stated in the introduction that the crossover between different symmetry classes is not universal. Besides the crossover formulas derived within random matrix theory there are also other interpolating distributions, e.g., for the crossover \(P \to \text{GOE}\), which have been proposed in the literature [13–17]. Hence, we also propose a formula for the arbitrary crossovers based on the formulas of random matrix theory. We define the function

\[
P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda) \equiv P_{P \to \text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}}(s; \alpha; \lambda) = (1 - \alpha)P_{P \to \text{GOE}}(s; \lambda) + \alpha P_{P \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda),
\]

which is normalized

\[
\int_0^\infty ds \, P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda) = (1 - \alpha) + \alpha = 1
\]

and fulfills the condition

\[
\int_0^\infty ds \, s \, P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda) = (1 - \alpha) + \alpha = 1
\]

for the mean spacing. In Fig. 1 we show the function \(P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda)\) for different values of \(\alpha\) and \(\lambda\).

It can be easily seen that this function correctly describes the crossovers \(P \to \text{GOE}\) (for \(\alpha = 0\)) and \(P \to \text{GUE}\) (for \(\alpha = 1\)). When setting \(\lambda \gg 1\) and increasing \(\alpha\) from 0 to 1 this function should also describe the remaining crossover \(\text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}\). Therefore, we fit the function \(P_{\text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda)\) from random matrix theory to \(P_\Delta(s; \alpha, 10)\) for given values of \(\alpha\) using \(\lambda\) as a fit parameter (cf. Refs. [10,11], where the maximum value of \(\lambda\) is 10). For the optimum values \(\lambda(\alpha)\), we then calculate the

\[
\lambda(\alpha) = \frac{\int_0^\infty ds \, P_{\text{GOE} \to \text{GUE}}(s; \lambda) \, s \, P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda)}{\int_0^\infty ds \, s \, P_\Delta(s; \alpha, \lambda)}
\]
$L_2$ distance

$$\Delta_2(\alpha) = \left[ \int_0^\infty ds \left[ P_{\text{GOE}\to\text{GUE}}(s; \lambda(\alpha)) - P_{\triangle}(s; \alpha, 1) \right]^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

(9)

as a measure of the fit quality [11]. The results for $\Delta_2(\alpha)$ and $\lambda(\alpha)$ are shown in Fig. 2. It can be seen that the value of $\lambda$ grows monotonically for increasing values of $\alpha$ and that $\Delta_2(\alpha)$ approaches zero for $\alpha \to 0$ and $\alpha \to 1$, which describe the limiting cases of GOE and GUE statistics, respectively. Both observations indicate that our function $P_{\triangle}(s; \alpha, 1)$ describes the crossover GOE → GUE reasonably well. It is understandable that our function deviates from $P_{\text{GOE}\to\text{GUE}}(s; \lambda)$ for $0 < \alpha < 1$. For $\alpha \approx 0.4$ the deviation is largest with $\Delta_2 \approx 0.3$. Due to these findings and the fact that crossover functions are not universal, we are certain that the function $P_{\triangle}(s; \alpha, \lambda)$ provides an adequate description of crossovers in the triangle of Poisson, GOE, and GUE statistics.

We finally note that the value of the parameter $\alpha$ in Eq. (10) is ambiguous for $\lambda = 0$ since it is

$$P_{\triangle}(s; \alpha, 0) = (1 - \alpha)P_p(s) + \alpha P_p(s) = P_p(s).$$

(10)

Hence, when having fitted the function $P_{\triangle}(s; \alpha, \lambda)$ to numerical results, we always present the product $\alpha \lambda$ instead of $\alpha$.

In Fig. 3 we show the triangle of Poissonian, GOE, and GUE statistics, which will be important when discussing the numerical results. Since we plot $\alpha \lambda$ against $\lambda$, the lower left corner corresponds to Poissonian statistics, while the lower right corner and the upper right corner correspond to GOE statistics and GUE statistics, respectively. The green solid line shows the value of $\alpha = 1$.

III. MAGNETOELECTRONS

Excitons in semiconductors are fundamental quasiparticles, which are often regarded as the hydrogen analog of the solid state. They consist of a negatively charged electron in the conduction band and a positively charged hole in the valence band interacting via a Coulomb interaction which is screened by the dielectric constant. Especially for cuprous oxide (Cu$_2$O) an almost perfect hydrogen-like absorption series has been observed for the yellow exciton up to a principal quantum number of $n = 25$ [18]. This remarkable high-resolution absorption experiment has opened the field of research of giant Rydberg excitons, and stimulated a large number of experimental and theoretical investigations [7,8,10,18–39].

When treating excitons in magnetic fields, i.e., magnetoelectrons, it is indispensable to account for the complete cubic valence band structure of a semiconductor in a quantitative theory [26]. Very recently, we have shown that this cubic valence band structure breaks all unitary symmetries [7] and that, depending on the system parameters, Poissonian, GOE, and GUE statistics can be observed [10].

The Hamiltonian of magnetoelectrons has been discussed thoroughly in Refs. [10,26,33]. In this paper we use the simplified model of magnetoelectrons of Ref. [10], in which the spins of the electron and the hole are neglected. Without the magnetic field the Hamiltonian of the relative motion between electron and hole reads in terms of irreducible tensors

$$H_0 = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\gamma'_I}{2\hbar^2 m_0} \left[ \delta' \sum_{k=\pm 4} \left[ p_{(2)}^k \times I_{(2)}^k \right]_0 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{70}}{5} \left[ p_{(2)}^0 \times I_{(2)}^0 \right]_0 + \hbar^2 \frac{\mu'}{3} \frac{p_{(2)}^0}{I_{(2)}^0} + \frac{\mu'}{3} P_{(2)}^0 \cdot I_{(2)}^0$$

(11)

with the dielectric constant $\varepsilon$ and the parameters $\gamma'_I$, $\mu'$, and $\delta'$, which are connected to the Luttinger parameters of the semiconductor and describe the curvature of the uppermost valence bands [25,40,41]. The tensor operators correspond to the Cartesian operators of the relative momentum $p$ and the quasipin $I = 1$, which is connected with the three uppermost valence bands. The parameter $\delta'$ is of particular importance since it describes the cubic warping of the valence bands and thus the breaking of the spherical symmetry of the
remaining terms in the Hamiltonian. The magnetic field \(B\) can finally be introduced in the Hamiltonian \(H_0\) via the minimal substitution [26].

We have shown in Refs. [7,10,33] that if the magnetic field is not oriented in one of the symmetry planes of the lattice, all antiunitary symmetries are broken unless \(\delta' = 0\) holds. For the subsequent calculations we choose the orientation of \(B\) given by the angles \(\phi = \pi/8\) and \(\vartheta = \pi/6\) in spherical coordinates, which is far away from the symmetry planes (cf. Ref. [10]).

We also use the method of a constant scaled energy known from atomic physics [42]. Within this method the coordinate \(r\), momentum \(p\), and the energy \(E\) are scaled by different powers of \(\gamma = B/B_0\) with \(B_0 = 2.3505 \times 10^5 \text{T}/(\gamma^2 e^2)\) as described in detail in Ref. [10]. The Schrödinger equation can then be written as a generalized eigenvalue problem

\[
Dc = \gamma^{1/3} Mc
\]

using the complete basis of Ref. [10]. The matrices \(D\) and \(M\) and, hence, also the solutions of the Schrödinger equation depend on the two parameters \(\delta' = E\gamma^{-2/3}\) and \(\delta'\). It is well known from atomic physics that for small values of \(\delta'\) the behavior of the system is regular while it becomes chaotic for larger values of \(\delta'\). Consequently, \(\delta'\) and \(\delta'\) are the important parameters when describing arbitrary crossovers in the triangle of Poissonian, GOE, and GUE statistics. We investigate the level spacing statistics of the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian \(H(\delta', \tilde{E})\) depending on these two parameters in the next section.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Having solved the Schrödinger equation corresponding to the Hamiltonian \(H(\delta', \tilde{E})\) of magnetoexcitons, we unfold the spectra according to the descriptions in Ref. [10] to obtain a constant mean spacing [43–45]. In doing so, we have to leave out a certain number of low-lying sparse levels to remove individual but nontypical fluctuations [43]. Since the number of level spacings analyzed is comparatively small and comprises about 250 to 500 exciton states, we use the cumulative distribution function [46]

\[
F(s) = \int_0^s P(x) dx,
\]

which is often more meaningful than histograms of the level spacing probability distribution function \(P(s)\).

The numerical results are then fitted by the cumulative distribution function \(F_c(s; \alpha, \lambda)\) corresponding to the level spacing distribution of Eq. (10). This is shown exemplarily in Fig. 4. As can be seen, the agreement between the results and the function \(F_c(s; \alpha, \lambda)\) is reasonable. Note that this is generally true for all parameter sets. We evaluate numerical spectra for \(\delta' = 0.02, -0.04, \ldots, -0.16\) and \(\delta' = 0.4, 0.5, \ldots, 0.9\).

The results for the fit parameters \(\alpha\) and \(\lambda\) are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The two figures show the change in the fit parameters when keeping one of the two values \(\delta'\) and \(\tilde{E}\) fixed and varying the other one.

Let us start with Fig. 5 and the evaluation for fixed values of the parameter \(\delta'\). In the limit \(\delta' \rightarrow 0\) the influence of the cubic valence band structure vanishes and the system becomes hydrogen-like. It is well known that the hydrogen atom shows Poissonian statistics for small values of \(\tilde{E}\) and that a crossover to GOE statistics occurs when increasing the scaled energy [43]. Hence, we expect for very small values of \(|\delta'|\) an almost horizontal line in the figures at small values of \(\alpha\lambda\). This can be seen in Fig. 5 for \(\delta' = 0.02\) and even better for \(\delta' = -0.04\).

Here we already want to state that due to the comparatively small number of exciton states, which can be used in the numerical evaluation, the numerical data show some fluctuations as can be seen, e.g., for larger values of \(s\) in Fig. 4. Furthermore, when varying the parameters \(\alpha\) and \(\lambda\) only slightly, the shape of the function \(P_c(s; \alpha, \lambda)\) or \(F_c(s; \alpha, \lambda)\) hardly changes (cf. also Fig. 1). Consequently, due to these facts the results shown in Figs. 5 and 6 also show some fluctuations. However, one can nevertheless see the general behavior, when changing the \(\delta'\) and \(\tilde{E}\).

When increasing \(|\delta'|\) the cubic valence band structure becomes important and all antiunitary symmetries are broken. Hence, we see from Fig. 5 that the points are shifted towards higher values of \(\alpha\lambda\) indicating that the line statistics becomes more and more GUE-like. We also observe that the line for fixed values of \(\delta'\) tends to change its shape from an almost horizontal line to a more diagonal line. The crossover for fixed values of \(\delta'\) and increasing \(\tilde{E}\) becomes more and more \(P \rightarrow\) GUE-like as expected.

Let us now turn to Fig. 6. We already observed in Ref. [10] that the parameter \(\delta'\) does not only break the remaining antiunitary symmetry of the hydrogen atom in external fields but also increases the chaotic behavior. When keeping the scaled energy \(\tilde{E}\) fixed at a very small value \(\tilde{E} = -0.9\) and increasing \(\delta'\), the statistics does not remain Poisson-like but the value of \(\lambda\) already increases. Since \(\alpha\) furthermore remains constant with \(\alpha = 1\), this indicates the crossover from Poissonian to GUE statistics. On the other hand, it is known from the hydrogen atom in external fields that when increasing...
FIG. 5. Resulting values for the parameters $\alpha \lambda$ and $\lambda$ when fitting the function $F_{\Delta}(s; \alpha, \lambda)$ corresponding to the level spacing distribution of Eq. (10) to the cumulative distribution function of the magnetoexciton. Here we show the behavior of the two fit parameters when keeping the value $\delta'$ fixed (see label in the panels) and increasing the scaled energy $\hat{E}$ (color scale).

The behavior of the system becomes more and more chaotic, as well. For large values of $\hat{E}$ the system stays completely in the chaotic regime independent of the value of $\delta'$. This can be seen in Fig. 6 for $\hat{E} = -0.4$, where the value of $\lambda$ is always larger than 0.4. For $\hat{E} \geq -0.4$ the statistics is GOE-like in the hydrogen-like case with $\delta' \to 0$. When increasing the value of $|\delta'|$ it becomes more and more GUE-like as expected from the results of Ref. [7,10]. Hence, we observe the crossover GOE $\to$ GUE as an almost vertical line in the lower right panel of Fig. 6. For the intermediate values $-0.9 \leq \hat{E} \leq -0.4$ of the scaled energy we observe the transition from the P $\to$ GUE crossover to the GOE $\to$ GUE crossover as a change in the line shape from a diagonal to a more and more vertical line.

V. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

We have proposed a nearest-neighbor spacing distribution function, which allows us to investigate arbitrary crossovers in the triangle of Poissonian, GOE, and GUE statistics. Comparing the behavior of this function for the special cases of P $\to$ GOE, P $\to$ GUE, and GOE $\to$ GUE with the analytical formulas from random matrix theory, we could show that our function allows for a reasonable description of these crossovers. As excitons in external magnetic fields show all these statistics in dependence on the system parameters, they are ideally suited to investigate arbitrary crossovers between the three statistics. Evaluating numerical spectra for different values of the parameter $\delta'$ and the scaled energy $\hat{E}$ we could observe transitions from the P $\to$ GOE crossover to the P $\to$ GUE crossover when increasing $\delta'$ or from the P $\to$ GUE crossover to the GOE $\to$ GUE crossover when increasing $\hat{E}$.

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