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Sommario/riassunto

The rapid progress of the research field of quantum chaos and its
 applications called for a book that keeps students abreast of the new
 developments and at the same time provides a solid basis in subjects
 which form the canon of the field. This book discusses the following
 topics: Spectral statistics and their semiclassical interpretation in terms
 of the Gutzwiller trace formula, Quantum chaos and its applications in
 mesoscopic physics, Spectral statistics and conductance fluctuations
 and Quantum chaos in systems with many degrees of freedom. The
 book connects and continues past and present ac
