

DERIVING ANGULAR MOMENTUM SUM RULES

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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Despite all the care, there are flaws. With the J-M result one cannot have a sum rule for a transversely polarized nucleon.

With the correct version one can!

OUTLINE OF TALK

The Ugly: The traditional way of deriving angular momentum sum rules. Its pitfalls and problems. Horrible infinities all over the place.

The Bad: Our improvement of the traditional approach. No infinities but the price is high in terms of complexity.

The Good: Larry Trueman's brilliant idea. All is beautiful and simple.

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$\therefore G(x) = 0$ for ALL x .

Clearly absurd!

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But this is **incorrect**. The wave packet is **not** physical. Recall that for a **physical** nucleon

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$$\bar{u}(p', S) [\gamma^\mu F_1 + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2] u(p, S)$$

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Note that the covariant spin vector, for spin quantized along the Z axis, is then

$$S^\mu = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{s}}{m}, \mathbf{s} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{s}}{m(p_0 + m)} \mathbf{p} \right)$$

Thus S **varies** as we integrate over \mathbf{p}

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Result: For general polarization state of nucleon BLT differs from J-M. Details later.

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$$\hat{R}_z(\beta)|\mathbf{p}, m\rangle = |\mathbf{R}_z(\beta)\mathbf{p}, m'\rangle D_{m'm}^s[R_z(\beta)]$$

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From the above we know what the matrix element of $\hat{R}_z(\beta)$ looks like. So we simply differentiate, multiply by i , and put $\beta = 0$.

One technical point: you have to know that the derivative of the rotation matrix for spin s at $\beta = 0$ is just the spin matrix for that spin. e.g. for spin $1/2$ just $\sigma_z/2$.

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There are two independent cases:

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As mentioned no such parton model sum rule is possible with the J-M formula because, as $p \rightarrow \infty$, for $i = x, y$ the matrix elements diverge.

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They can also be determined from the asymmetry in semi-inclusive hadronic interactions like

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where H is a detected hadron, typically a pion.

Also in SIDIS reactions with a transversely polarized target

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The problem is that in these semi-inclusive reactions $\Delta_T q_f(x)$ always occurs multiplied by the largely unknown Collins fragmentation function. Moreover recent studies seem to indicate that in hadronic reactions the Collins asymmetry is largely washed out by phase effects.

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