

**THE TRANSVERSE ANGULAR  
MOMENTUM SUM RULE AND  
COMMENTS ON ORBITAL ANGULAR  
MOMENTUM**

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## Outline of talk

- 1) Reminder why problem is non-trivial in traditional approach
- 2) The incorrect result
- 3) New ultra-simple derivation of correct result
- 4) Comments on orbital angular momentum

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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!

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The solution is an old one: Build a wave packet, a superposition of **physical** plane wave states

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where  $\psi(\mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{p})$  is peaked at  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_0$

We then calculate some physical quantity and at the end take the limit of a very sharp wave packet

In field theory we do essentially the same and build a physical wave packet state:

$$|\Psi(p_0)\rangle = \int d^3\mathbf{p} \psi(\mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{p}) |\mathbf{p}\rangle$$

then an expectation value in the state  $|\Psi(p_0)\rangle$  will involve **non-diagonal** matrix elements

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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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Recall that the parton picture is supposed to be valid when the nucleon is viewed in a frame where it is moving very fast. In other words to derive a sum rule involving partons we must take the limit

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which  $\rightarrow \infty$  as  $p_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , so no sum rule is possible.

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Thanks for taking care and finding this mistake. It's good to get it cleared up.

I have to add that I found your paper rather difficult to read. There is quite a bit of stuff that gets in the way of the relatively simple error. For example I'm not sure why you have to go through wave packets any more than we did. We made a rather straightforward error of replacing  $u(p', s)u(p, s)$  by unity. Isn't it rather easy to set straight? All the best, Bob and Aneesh

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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.

We have left out for later discussion a term

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

Thus we have

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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. (more correctly: the matrix generator of rotations for that spin) e.g. for spin 1/2 just  $\sigma_i/2$ .

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With our correct result there is no fundamental distinction between the transverse and longitudinal cases.

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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.

A comment about the calculation and meaning of the orbital angular momentum.

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Beautifully consistently can show that this leads to two terms. The first

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i.e the angular momentum of the nucleon as a whole **about the origin**. This cancels the same term on the LHS of the sum rule.

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where  $\langle L_i \rangle_{m' m}$  is the contribution from the internal angular momentum arising from the partons

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This is the usual QM form for angular momentum!

It is absolutely crucial to note that the sum rule involves a **SUM of Quark and Antiquark densities**.

Not realizing this has led to some misunderstandings.

What some people call the **TENSOR CHARGE** of the **NUCLEON** is the **difference between quark and antiquark** contributions.

Thus the transverse spin sum rule, although it involves the transverse spin or transversity quark and antiquark densities, does **NOT** involve the nucleon's transversity. The Tensor Charge operator is **NOT** related to the angular momentum.

# Comments on orbital angular momentum

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