Lecture 1: QCD Sum Rules in Quantum Mechanics

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We will consider the regular quasi-perturbative method of Sum Rules to determine energy E_0 and $|\psi_0(0)|^2$ of the ground state.

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• Our aim: to determine $|\psi_0(0)|^2$ and E_0 from this SR by calculating spectral density $\rho_0(E)$ and coefficients C_{2n} and by demanding stability of this SR in variable $\mu \in [\mu_L, \mu_U]$.

Green functions and Correlators

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Asymptotic Freedom for HO Correlator
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Asymptotic Freedom in Quantum Mechanics is violated by Power Corrections of the type ω^2/μ^2

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For small μ in spectral part survives only ground state $|\psi_0|^2 e^{-E_0/\mu}$. **But**: PT breaks down.



For large μ **AF** works well: $M(\mu) \simeq M_0(\mu)$. **But**: We need more and more resonances to saturate $M(\mu)$.



Global and Local

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dictates **Global Duality** for these two densities

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At first glance they have completely different behaviour:



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• Fidelity window: $\mu_{L} \leq \mu \leq \mu_{U}$. Only for μ inside it is reasonable to demand **minimal sensitivity** of SRs to variations in μ !

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We take into account 3 power corrs. and obtain fidelity window $[0.74 \,\omega; 1.8 \,\omega]$ and $E_0 = 0.98 \,\omega$ for $S_0 = 1.88 \,\omega$:


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to suppress "higher states" and to kill "subtractions" in DR.

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Here $\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\mu\nu} \rangle = 0.012 \text{ GeV}^4$, $\alpha_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 = 0.0018 \text{ GeV}^6$.

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$$\langle 0 | J_{\mu}(0) | \rho(P, \varepsilon) \rangle = f_{\rho} m_{\rho} \varepsilon_{\mu}.$$

Decay $\rho^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ allows to measure $f_{\rho^0} = 150$ MeV, that gives $f_{\rho^{\pm}} = 210$ MeV.

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with $p \cdot \varepsilon = 0$, and therefore $\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon = -1$. From current conservation it follows A = 0, i. e. $(B = f_X m_X)$

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