Comments on polarized parton densities, on the validity of angular momentum sum rules and on the definition of parton angular momentum

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Outline

1) Controversial issues concerning the polarized parton densities: Strange quarks and Higher Twist.

2) Validity of the Transverse Angular Momentum Sum Rule.

3) The controversy about defining quark and gluon angular momenta.

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The DIS situation



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$$a_8 = \frac{6}{5} \left[6\Gamma_1^p(Q^2) - \frac{1}{2}a_3 - 2\delta s(Q^2) \right]$$

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 $a_8 = 0.585 \pm 0.025$ i.e. $0.47 \le a_8 \le 0.70$

Thus $\delta s \ge 0$ implies huge breaking of $SU(3)_F!$

Combined DIS and SIDIS analysis assuming $\Delta s = \Delta \bar{s}$ and using DSS fragmentation functions



Note: DSSV use $\alpha_{\overline{s}} = \alpha_{\overline{d}}$ and find = 0.16 LSS find: $\alpha_{\overline{s}} = 0.05 \pm 0.02$ $\alpha_{\overline{d}} = 0.55 \pm 0.12$

Redo DIS including term $(1 + \gamma x)$ to permit sign change.



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A little exercise taking $\Delta s \neq \Delta \bar{s}$

Define, at x = 0.1 and $Q^2 = 2.5$,

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= $\frac{x}{2} [\Delta s + \Delta \overline{s}] [D_{s}^{h} + D_{\overline{s}}^{h}] + \frac{x}{2} [\Delta s - \Delta \overline{s}] [D_{s}^{h} - D_{\overline{s}}^{h}]$

where

$$D_q^h = \int_{0.2}^{0.85} dz D_q^h(z)$$

DSS: Pions

$$D_s^{\pi^+} = D_s^{\pi^+} = D_s^{\pi^-} = D_s^{\pi^-}$$

 $\Delta_{exact}^{\pi} = x[\Delta s + \Delta \bar{s}][D_s^{\pi}] = 0.0008 \pm 0.0017 (\text{COMPASS})$

Is this compatible with

$$\Delta_{exact}^{\pi} = x[\Delta s + \Delta \bar{s}]_{DIS}[D_s^{\pi}] = -0.0072?$$

Marginally

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NO! Find

$$\frac{x}{2}[\Delta s - \Delta \overline{s}] = -0.207 \pm 0.005 \text{ for } K^+$$

= 0.212 ± 0.005 for K^-

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to $1/Q^2$ variation.

We find significant HT contribution



Very important for CLAS data.



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Since LSS formulation is closer in structure to the OPE we believe it to be the correct way to implement HT corrections.

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Dangerous, since $g_{1n}(x,Q^2)_{LT}$ has a zero!

LSS Letter to BB—no response—so (arXiv:1007.4781) "Comments on BB paper"

followed by Version 2 of BB, abandoning factorized form for HT

"We prefer the additive case, since the twist-2 scaling violations of $g_1(X,Q^2)$ do not influence $C_{p,d,n}(x)$."

No reference to LSS

Claim no evidence for HT, but central values essentially same as LSS. BB use only statistical errors, but, more important, define error bars by $\Delta \chi^2 = 9.3$.

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Agrees $1/N_C$ expansion.

Higher Twist: summary

There is no real contradiction. With the revised BB analysis, the difference is entirely due to definition of error bars.

The transverse angular momentum sum rule

Propagation of a myth that one cannot have a sum rule for a transversely polarized nucleon.

Derivation of a sum rule begins with expression for expectation value of angular momentum operators in nucleon state specified by 4-momentum P^{μ} and covariant spin vector S^{μ}

$$\langle P, S \mid J_i \mid P, S \rangle$$
 $i = 1, 2, 3$

i.e. show dependence of matrix element on variables P^{μ} and S^{μ}

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This is origin of incorrect claim that there cannot exist an angular momentum sum rule for a transversely polarized nucleon. Use canonical spin states $|P, s\rangle$ i.e. 'boost' states where the spin state is specified by s, which is twice the spin eigenvector in the *rest* frame ($s^2 = 1$). Use canonical spin states $|P, s\rangle$ i.e. 'boost' states where the spin state is specified by s, which is twice the spin eigenvector in the *rest* frame ($s^2 = 1$).

Correct result for the forward matrix elements of the angular momentum is

$$\langle P', s | J_i | P, s \rangle = 2P^0 (2\pi)^3 \left[\frac{1}{2} s_i + i (P \times \nabla_P)_i \right] \delta^3 (P' - P)$$

and there is then no problem with the transverse case —it is quite analogous to the longitudinal case. Jaffe-Manohar result has

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For longitudinal case exactly same as BLT, but for transverse case, for $p_0 \gg m$

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so no transverse sum rule.

Jaffe-Manohar acknowledge error!

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For simplicity give the proof only for unpolarized quark density q(x), but the argument holds also for the polarized densities $\Delta q(x)$ and $\Delta_T q(x)$.

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At leading twist $\Phi \alpha \beta(x)$ expressed in terms of three LT quark distribution functions,

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{P}\{q(x) - 2\lambda \Delta q(x)\gamma_5 + \Delta_T q(x)\gamma_5 \,\mathscr{S}_{\perp}\}$$

where $\lambda = \pm 1/2$ is the nucleon helicity.

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However, nucleon, mass m, is moving **fast** along OZ so $P^{\mu} \approx (P, 0, 0, P)$

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Thus we may take

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2P_0} Tr[\gamma^0 \Phi(x)],$$

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Using translation invariance, final expression is

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{X,\alpha} |\langle X | \psi_{\alpha}(0) | P, S \rangle|^2 \delta[P_X^+ - (1-x)P^+]$$

This corresponds to intuitive definition of quark density!



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where we use \bar{p} to emphasize that d^{\dagger} creates an antiquark. Note that

$$E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m_q^2}$$
 and $E_{\overline{p}} = \sqrt{\overline{p}^2 + m_q^2}$

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The nucleon, P = (0, 0, P), expanded as superposition of *n*-parton Fock states

$$|P,m\rangle = [(2\pi)^{3}2P_{0}]^{1/2} \sum_{n} \sum_{\mu} \int \frac{d^{3}k_{1}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{3}2k_{1}^{0}}} \cdots \frac{d^{3}k_{n}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{3}2k_{n}^{0}}} \\ \times \psi_{P,m}(k_{1},\mu_{1},...k_{n},\mu_{n}) \\ \times \delta^{(3)}(P-k_{1}-...-k_{n})|k_{1},\mu_{1},...k_{n},\mu_{n}\rangle.$$

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 $\psi_{\pmb{P},m}$ is the partonic wave function of nucleon normalized so that

$$\sum_{\{\sigma\}} \int d^3 k_1 ... d^3 k_n |\psi_{P,m}(k_1,\mu_1,...k_n,\mu_n)|^2 \delta^{(3)}(p-k_1-...-k_n) = \mathcal{P}_n$$

with \mathcal{P}_n the probability of the *n*-parton state.

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Would imply that q(x) is not given simply by the modulus squared of a wave-function, as it ought to be. Sometimes said that the latter form is a miracle of the Light Cone expansion.
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A peculiarity concerning the parton orbital angular momentum in a transversely polarized nucleon

In this section we shall draw attention to a peculiarity regarding the quark and gluon *orbital* angular momentum inside a transversely polarized nucleon, which does *not* depend on the precise definition of quark *vs* gluon angular momentum.

The shortest and most direct way to obtain the correct expression for the angular momentum matrix element $\langle P', s | J_i | P, s \rangle$ is actually from consideration of the effect of rotations on a state vector.

But if one uses the traditional approach, via the energy momentum tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$, then to begin with the matrix element of M^{jk} , where

$$J_{(i=x,y,z)} = \epsilon_{ijk} M^{jk} \tag{1}$$

depends on some of the scalar functions appearing in the matrix element of $T^{\mu\nu}$. Using Ji's notation A and B for these, one has

$$\langle P, s | M^{ij} | P, s \rangle = \frac{A}{2M(P_0 + M)} [P^i (\mathbf{P} \times s)^j - P^j (\mathbf{P} \times s)^i]$$

+
$$\frac{1/2(A + B)}{M} \epsilon^{ij\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha} P_{\beta}$$

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Using the fact that T^{00} is the energy density one can show that the energy of the nucleon fixes the value of A so that

$$A(\text{nucleon}) = 1. \tag{2}$$

Applying Eqn. (2) to the case of a longitudinally polarized nucleon with helicity 1/2 implies that 1/2(A+B) = 1/2. It follows that

$$B(nucleon) = 0 \tag{3}$$

Suppose now that we split A and B into quark (meaning a sum over flavours of quarks and antiquarks) and gluon pieces:

$$A(\text{nucleon}) = A_q + A_g = 1 \tag{4}$$

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Then the quark and gluon components of ${\cal M}_{ij}$ will be given by

$$\langle P, s | M_{q,g}^{ij} | P, s \rangle = \frac{A_{q,g}}{2M(P_0 + M)} [P^i (\mathbf{P} \times s)^j - P^j (\mathbf{P} \times s)^i] \\ + \frac{1/2(A + B)_{q,g}}{M} \epsilon^{ij\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha} P_{\beta}$$
(6)

For a transversely polarized nucleon, say along OX, with $s_T = (1,0,0)$ and P = (0,0,P) this becomes

$$\langle P, s_T | J_x^q | P, s_T \rangle = \frac{1}{2M} [(M - P_0)A_q + 2P_0 1/2(A + B)_q]$$

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Thus, for **total** system it is OK to state $P_B^j = P_C^j$.

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Can show that the matrix element of P_C^j between any normalizable physical states, is unaffected by gauge changes in the operator.

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Crucial: above equation, as it stands, is totally misleading, and should be written

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Suggest: minimal requirement for identifying an operator P_E^j with the momentum carried by E, is to demand that at equal times the analogue of this holds

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