

Evaluating the Bubble diagram

Evaluate the bubble diagram in SChPT, $B(t)$ in the fully degenerate limit, which is the Fourier transform of

$$B(p) = \mu^2 \frac{1}{L^3} \int \frac{dk_4}{2\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left\{ -4 \left[\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(k+p)^2 + M_{\pi_f}^2} \frac{1}{(k^2 + M_{\pi_f}^2)} + a^2 \delta'_V \frac{1}{(k+p)^2 + M_{\pi_V}^2} \frac{1}{(k^2 + M_{\pi_V}^2)(k^2 + M_{\eta_V}^2)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + a^2 \delta'_A \frac{1}{(k+p)^2 + M_{\pi_A}^2} \frac{1}{(k^2 + M_{\pi_A}^2)(k^2 + M_{\eta_A}^2)} \right] \right. \\ \left. + C \frac{1}{4} \sum_{b=1}^{16} \left[3 \frac{1}{(k+p)^2 + M_{\pi_b}^2} \frac{1}{k^2 + M_{\pi_b}^2} \right] \right\} ,$$

with $\mathbf{p} = 0$, L is the spatial extent, and $C = 1(1/4)$ for unrooted (rooted) staggered quarks. First, assume the spatial \mathbf{k} are finite, and the time direction is infinite, so

$$B(t) = \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{p_1, p_2, p_3} \int \frac{dp_4}{2\pi} \exp(ip_4 t) [B(p)]_{\mathbf{p}=0} .$$

It is best to calculate the integral over k_4 first, then p_4 .

Show that when $C = 1$:

We will want to show for $C = 1$ that

$$B(0) > 0, \frac{dB}{dt} < 0 \text{ for all } t , \tag{1}$$

but that for $C = 1/4$ you can find at least one value of t where $B(t) < 0$.

Finally, evaluate this expression in the large t limit, where only the $\mathbf{k} = 0$ term in the sum over \mathbf{k} contributes.

Show trivially that

$$B(\infty) = 0 , \tag{2}$$

for any value of C . With Eqns. 1 and 2, this proves that the a_0 correlator is guaranteed to be positive for unrooted staggered quarks but not for rooted.