

### Quark mass matrices with full first-order perturbation

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In view of current experimental constraints on the top-quark mass  $m_t$  and the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements  $V_{ij}$ , we study a modified form of the Fritzsche quark mass matrices, in which two nonzero diagonal elements for the charm and strange quarks are introduced as the additional first-order perturbative terms. In a reasonable analytical approximation, this modification can yield the upper bound of  $m_t$  twice as much as that predicted by the Fritzsche *Ansatz*. The magnitudes of the CKM matrix elements and the parametrization-invariant measure of *CP* violation are restricted very well in terms of ratios of quark masses, and some interesting relations such as  $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|^2 \approx m_u/m_c$ ,  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2 \approx m_d/m_s$ , and  $|V_{ub}| \approx |V_{ts}|$  are obtained to better accuracy.

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In the standard electroweak model, the family structure of Yukawa couplings is not constrained by gauge invariance so that the values of the fermion masses and flavor-mixing parameters are completely model undetermined. In trying to understand this puzzle, various forms of mass matrices have been proposed [1]. Among those suggested *Ansätze*, the most popular and economical one is the Fritzsche *Ansatz* [2]

$$M_F^{(q)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_q e^{i\alpha_q} & 0 \\ x_q e^{-i\alpha_q} & 0 & y_q e^{i\beta_q} \\ 0 & y_q e^{-i\beta_q} & z_q \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where  $x_q$ ,  $y_q$ , and  $z_q$  are real parameters and  $q = u$  ( $d$ ) denotes the up (down) charge sector of the quark mass matrices. Within this scheme the masses of the heavy quarks ( $t, b$ ) are introduced initially as the “driving terms,” while the masses of the light quarks ( $c, s$ ) and ( $u, d$ ) are generated through the first- and second-order perturbations, respectively. In other words, the masses of the  $i$ th family ( $i = 1, 2$ ) fully pick up values from mixing of the  $i$ th and ( $i + 1$ )th families. Unfortunately, the prediction of the Fritzsche *Ansatz* to the top-quark mass [3],

$$m_t \leq m_c [(m_s/m_b)^{1/2} - |V_{cb}|]^{-2}, \quad (2)$$

with  $m_t^{\text{phys}} \leq 90$  GeV [4], is below or, at best, near to the lower bound of  $m_t$  ( $m_t^{\text{phys}} > 91$  GeV) indicated by the present measurements [5]. This implies that the form of the Fritzsche quark mass matrices should be either abandoned or modified to fit our better experimental data on the top-quark mass and flavor mixing. In Ref. [6] Albright has pursued a numerical approach to investigate the general form of the three-family mass matrices, where the 22, 13, and 31 matrix elements are nonzero for both the up and down charge sectors. He identified the crucial role played by the 22 elements in extending the allowed range for  $m_t$  but keeping a good fit to the mixing data.

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In contrast the off-diagonal 13 and 31 elements were expected to have little effect on the upper bound of  $m_t$  [6,7]. Recently three specific phenomenological approaches have been reattempted for the modification of the Fritzsche mass matrices  $M_F^{(u)}$  and  $M_F^{(d)}$  [8–10]. The first is to treat the Fritzsche *Ansatz* as the tree approximation resulting from a spontaneously broken symmetry of the Lagrangian, and to take into account the corresponding radiative corrections so as to make the *Ansatz* compatible with all the existing experimental data [8]. Another approach is to introduce two additional nonzero off-diagonal elements into  $M_F^{(u)}$  and  $M_F^{(d)}$  so that the generalized mass matrices can serve as a full realization of the idea that the lighter quarks in each charge sector get masses through mixing [9]. However, this treatment fails to lead to an appreciable increase in the upper bound of the top-quark mass, as pointed out by Albright and Lindner [6,7]. The third approach, examined by Gupta and Johnson [10], is to introduce a nonzero diagonal element for the charm quark into the Fritzsche matrix  $M_F^{(u)}$  in view of the fact that  $m_c$  is much larger than  $m_u$ ,  $m_d$ , and  $m_s$ , but comparable with  $m_b$ . They obtain  $m_t^{\text{phys}} \leq 170$  GeV by comparing their theoretical results for the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements with the relevant experimental data [11].

In this Brief Report we start from a somewhat different point of view and take an analytical approach to modify the form of the Fritzsche quark mass matrices. Following the assumption that the matrices for both up and down sectors have parallel dynamical origins in a perturbative structure around a heavy quark [2,12], we introduce two nonzero diagonal elements for the charm and strange quarks into  $M_F^{(u)}$  and  $M_F^{(d)}$  as the additional first-order perturbation:

$$M_F^{(q)} \rightarrow M^{(q)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_q e^{i\alpha_q} & 0 \\ x_q e^{-i\alpha_q} & w_q & y_q e^{i\beta_q} \\ 0 & y_q e^{-i\beta_q} & z_q \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where  $w_q$  is a real parameter. This modification can of course be understood as a generalization of the Gupta-Johnson's work [10] but it is based on the following non-trivial consideration: (1) the physical value of  $m_c$  is far above the QCD threshold scale  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  and has the same order as that of  $m_b$ ; and (2) the ratio  $m_c/m_t$  is smaller than  $m_s/m_b$  in view of the existing lower bound of  $m_t$  indicated by experimental data [5,13]. As a matter of fact, a nonzero  $w_q$  means that the second family quarks  $c$  and  $s$  may not gain their masses fully via mixing of the second and third families. Note that the form of  $M^{(q)}$  in Eq. (3) includes the same number of parameters as that with full off-diagonal mixing [7,9]; therefore, it is also worth looking at. Instead of trying to justify  $M^{(q)}$  by dynamical principles or to construct a model giving rise to  $M^{(q)}$  in a natural way, here we are going to explore its consequences on the top-quark mass and flavor mixing. A remarkable result of ours is that  $M^{(q)}$  can yield the upper bound of  $m_t$  twice as much as that predicted by the Fritzsch *Ansatz* [comparing Eq. (2) with Eq. (21)]. We also find that the magnitudes of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements and the parametrization-invariant measure of  $CP$  violation may be restricted very well by ratios of quark masses, and some interesting relations such as  $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|^2 \approx m_u/m_c$ ,  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2 \approx m_d/m_s$ , and  $|V_{cb}| \approx |V_{ts}|$  are obtained in better accuracy. Therefore, we hope that our generalization of the Fritzsch *Ansatz* might contain something reasonable and provide some clues to the origin of the quark mass matrices. This will be helpful in constructing models of the Higgs-boson couplings of quarks, which are currently of much experimental and theoretical interest.

In Eq. (3), the diagonal elements corresponding to the light quarks  $u$  and  $d$  are expected to be vanishingly small. Based on the assumption that the masses of the heavy quarks  $t$  and  $b$  set the scales of  $M^{(u)}$  and  $M^{(d)}$ , respectively, we can require further that the diagonal elements corresponding to  $t$  and  $b$  are approximately equal to the observed values of their masses:

$$z_u \approx m_t, \quad z_d \approx m_b. \quad (4)$$

$$U^{(q)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\left[\frac{m_1}{m_2}\right]^{1/2} & \left[\frac{m_1 m_2 (m_2 + w_q)}{m_3^3}\right]^{1/2} \\ \left[\frac{m_1}{m_2}\right]^{1/2} e^{-i\alpha_q} & e^{-i\alpha_q} & \left[\frac{m_2 + w_q}{m_3}\right]^{1/2} e^{-i\alpha_q} \\ -\left[\frac{m_1 (m_2 + w_q)}{m_2 m_3}\right]^{1/2} e^{-i(\alpha_q + \beta_q)} & -\left[\frac{m_2 + w_q}{m_3}\right]^{1/2} e^{-i(\alpha_q + \beta_q)} & e^{-i(\alpha_q + \beta_q)} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

The flavor-mixing matrix

$$V_{\text{CKM}} \equiv U^{(u)\dagger} U^{(d)} \quad (10)$$

is then obtained as

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -B + Ae^{i\phi_1} & Ae^{i\phi_1}(\xi D - \zeta Ce^{i\phi_2}) \\ -A + Be^{i\phi_1} & e^{i\phi_1} & e^{i\phi_1}(\xi D - \zeta Ce^{i\phi_2}) \\ Be^{i\phi_1}(\zeta C - \xi De^{i\phi_2}) & e^{i\phi_1}(\zeta C - \xi De^{i\phi_2}) & e^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

It should be noted that the mass matrices  $M^{(q)}$  can yield  $z_u \approx m_t$  and  $z_d \approx m_b$  naturally only if  $x_q \ll y_q \ll z_q$  and  $w_q \ll z_q$ . Considering that the intermediate masses  $m_c$  and  $m_s$  may not pick up their values fully through mixing of the second and third families, we treat  $w_u$  and  $w_d$  as the additional first-order perturbative variables which may be comparable with  $y_u$  and  $y_d$ , respectively [12]. As a result, we restrict the values of  $w_q$  in the range

$$0 \leq w_u \leq m_c, \quad 0 \leq w_d \leq m_s. \quad (5)$$

It can be seen later on that a nonzero  $w_q$  has little effect on the scale term  $z_q$  and the second-order perturbative term  $x_q$  in  $M^{(q)}$ , but can affect the first-order perturbative term  $y_q$  significantly.

In order to derive the CKM matrix, one first diagonalizes  $M^{(q)}$  through the following unitary transformation:

$$M^{(q)} = U^{(q)} M_{\text{diag}}^{(q)} U^{(q)\dagger} \quad (6)$$

with

$$M_{\text{diag}}^{(q)} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Here  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3$  correspond to  $m_u$ ,  $m_c$ , and  $m_t$  for  $M_{\text{diag}}^{(u)}$  and  $m_d$ ,  $m_s$ , and  $m_b$  for  $M_{\text{diag}}^{(d)}$ , respectively. In view of our knowledge of the quark masses [13], we retain only the leading powers of  $m_1/m_2$ ,  $m_1/m_3$ ,  $m_2/m_3$ , and  $w_q/m_3$ , and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_q &= \left[ \frac{m_1 m_2 m_3}{m_1 - m_2 + m_3 - w_q} \right]^{1/2} \approx (m_1 m_2)^{1/2}, \\ y_q &= (-x_q^2 + z_q w_q + m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 - m_1 m_3)^{1/2} \\ &\approx [(m_2 + w_q) m_3]^{1/2}, \\ z_q &= m_1 - m_2 + m_3 - w_q \approx m_3. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Thus the matrix  $U^{(q)}$  can be approximately given by

where

$$A = \left( \frac{m_u}{m_c} \right)^{1/2}, \quad B = \left( \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right)^{1/2}, \quad C = \left( \frac{m_c}{m_t} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (12)$$

$$D = \left( \frac{m_s}{m_b} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \zeta = \left( \frac{m_c + w_u}{m_c} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \xi = \left( \frac{m_s + w_d}{m_s} \right)^{1/2};$$

$$\phi_1 = \alpha_u - \alpha_d, \quad \phi_2 = \beta_u - \beta_d. \quad (13)$$

In obtaining Eq. (11), we have only kept the leading term of every matrix element [14]. To transform  $V_{\text{CKM}}$  into a simpler form, we make the following successive rotations of the quark fields:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & c \rightarrow ce^{i\phi_1}, \quad t \rightarrow te^{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}, \\ (2) & u \rightarrow ue^{i(\phi_1 - \phi)}, \quad d \rightarrow de^{i(\phi_1 - \phi)}, \\ (3) & t \rightarrow te^{i\theta}, \quad b \rightarrow be^{i\theta}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \arctan[\sin\phi_1 / (\cos\phi_1 - A/B)], \\ \theta &= \arctan[\sin\phi_2 / (-\cos\phi_2 + \xi D / \zeta C)]. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Accordingly we obtain

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\eta^2 & \eta & A\rho e^{i\phi} \\ -\eta & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\eta^2 & \rho \\ -B\rho e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi)} & -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= (A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos\phi_1)^{1/2}, \\ \rho &= (\zeta^2 C^2 + \xi^2 D^2 - 2\xi\zeta CD \cos\phi_2)^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

and we have added the next-to-leading terms in the diagonal elements  $V_{ud}$  and  $V_{cs}$  by using the unitary condition.

Clearly, the form of  $V_{\text{CKM}}$  in Eq. (16) is quite similar to that parametrized by Wolfenstein [15]. To some extent, this similarity might imply the reasonableness of the quark mass matrices  $M^{(q)}$  given in Eq. (3), and one may be interested in speculating the underlying physics which gives rise to  $M^{(q)}$ . In the following paragraph we will explore some consequences of our modified form of the Fritzsch *Ansatz*.

Except for the top-quark mass, there still exist four unknown variables in the CKM matrix  $V_{\text{CKM}}$  [see Eqs. (15)–(17)]:  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$ ,  $w_u$ , and  $w_d$ , originating from the proposed mass matrices  $M^{(u)}$  and  $M^{(d)}$ . Here we do not want to allow these unknown parameters to vary numerically so as to achieve close agreement between the theoretical results and the experimentally determined central values of the magnitudes of the CKM matrix elements [6,8,10]. Instead of quantitative evaluation, we use our analytical results to restrict the magnitudes of the nine CKM matrix elements, to give an upper bound of the top-quark mass, and to look at the rephasing-invariant measure of *CP* violation.

According to our argument that the diagonal element  $w_u$  ( $w_d$ ) may vary from zero to  $m_c$  ( $m_s$ ) in  $M^{(u)}$  ( $M^{(d)}$ ),

we obtain from Eqs. (5) and (12) that

$$1 \leq \xi \leq \sqrt{2}, \quad 1 \leq \zeta \leq \sqrt{2}. \quad (18)$$

For various possible values of the unknown phases  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , the ranges of  $\eta$  and  $\rho$  in Eq. (17) are limited by

$$\begin{aligned} B - A \leq \eta \leq B + A, \\ D - \sqrt{2}C \leq \rho \leq \sqrt{2}(D + C). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In obtaining the lower bound of  $\rho$  one needs to take  $\zeta = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\xi = 1$ , in view of the fact that  $m_t^{\text{phys}} > 91$  GeV and  $C < D$  [5,13], to ensure sufficient cancellation between  $C$  and  $D$ . Using Eqs. (16)–(19), the magnitudes of the CKM matrix elements can be approximately restricted by ratios of quark masses as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{m_u}{m_c} - \frac{m_d}{m_s} - 2 \left( \frac{m_u m_d}{m_c m_s} \right)^{1/2} &\leq |V_{ud}| \approx |V_{cs}| \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{m_u}{m_c} - \frac{m_d}{m_s} + 2 \left( \frac{m_u m_d}{m_c m_s} \right)^{1/2}, \\ \left( \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right)^{1/2} - \left( \frac{m_u}{m_c} \right)^{1/2} &\leq |V_{us}| \approx |V_{cd}| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right)^{1/2} + \left( \frac{m_u}{m_c} \right)^{1/2}, \\ \left( \frac{m_s}{m_b} \right)^{1/2} - \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{m_c}{m_t} \right)^{1/2} &\leq |V_{cb}| \approx |V_{ts}| \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \left[ \left( \frac{m_s}{m_b} \right)^{1/2} + \left( \frac{m_c}{m_t} \right)^{1/2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{|V_{ub}|}{|V_{cb}|} \approx \left( \frac{m_u}{m_c} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \frac{|V_{td}|}{|V_{ts}|} \approx \left( \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right)^{1/2}, \quad |V_{tb}| \approx 1.$$

Three features should be noted in the above expressions.

(1) The magnitudes of  $V_{us}$  and  $V_{cd}$  ( $V_{ud}$  and  $V_{cs}$ ), which correspond to the flavor mixing between (within) the first and second quark families, are mainly limited by  $m_u$ ,  $m_d$ ,  $m_c$ , and  $m_s$ . They are approximately independent of the masses of the third quark family,  $m_t$  and  $m_b$ .

(2) The magnitudes of  $V_{cb}$  and  $V_{ts}$ , which correspond to the flavor mixing between the second and third quark families, are mainly determined by  $m_c$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_t$ , and  $m_b$ . They are approximately independent of the masses of the first quark family,  $m_u$  and  $m_d$ .

(3) The ratios  $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|^2$  and  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2$  are approximately equal to  $m_u/m_c$  and  $m_d/m_s$ , respectively [11,16]. They are almost irrelevant to the corresponding masses of the heavy quarks  $b$  and  $t$ .

It is remarkable that Eq. (20) can straightforwardly yield the upper bound of the top-quark mass:

$$m_t \leq 2m_c [(m_s/m_b)^{1/2} - |V_{cb}|]^{-2}. \quad (21)$$

This result shows that our mass matrices  $M^{(q)}$  can make the upper bound of  $m_t$  twice as much as that predicted by the Fritzsch *Ansatz* [3,4]. In Eq. (21) the coefficient 2

comes out under the condition  $w_u = m_c$  and  $w_d = 0$ . This means that in our generalized quark mass matrices the maximal value of the upper bound of  $m_t$  is obtained when the diagonal elements corresponding to the light quarks  $u$ ,  $d$ , and  $s$  are vanishingly small, while those corresponding to the heavy quarks  $c$ ,  $b$ , and  $t$  are approximately equal to the observed values of their masses. This special condition has just been chosen by Gupta and Johnston [10] so that they obtain  $m_t^{\text{phys}} \leq 170$  GeV in their numerical calculation. Here we get it in a natural and analytical way. Using the current values  $|V_{cb}| = 0.030 - 0.058$  [5],  $m_c$  (1 GeV) =  $1.35 \pm 0.05$  GeV, and  $m_s/m_b = 0.033 \pm 0.011$  [13], and transforming  $m_t$  (1 GeV) into  $m_t(m_t)$  [17], we obtain the approximate value of the upper bound of the top-quark mass as

$$m_t^{\text{phys}} \leq 190 \text{ GeV} . \quad (22)$$

Of course, this result increases the values of the upper bound of  $m_t$  predicted in Refs. [3,4,7,9].

Finally, let us look at the rephasing-invariant measure of  $CP$  violation in the electroweak interactions [18]:

$$J \equiv |\text{Im}(V_{ij}V_{kl}V_{il}^*V_{kj}^*)| . \quad (23)$$

Using our flavor mixing matrix  $V_{\text{CKM}}$  with leading-order elements in Eq. (16), we obtain

$$J \approx AB\rho^2 \sin\phi_1 . \quad (24)$$

Note that our  $CP$ -violating phase factor ( $e^{i\phi_1}$ ) is associated with the second-order perturbative terms in the quark mass matrices  $M^{(u)}$  and  $M^{(d)}$ . Thus  $CP$  violation might be vanishing small if  $m_u$  and  $m_d$  tend to be zero or  $\alpha_u$  is equal to  $\alpha_d$ . A similar result has also been obtained in Ref. [11] with more detailed arguments. As a result, the maximal value of  $J$  in Eq. (24) is given by

$$J_{\text{max}} \approx 2AB(C+D)^2 , \quad (25)$$

which is of order  $10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$  for current values of the quark masses [5,13].

We have followed a phenomenological approach to find a modified form of the Fritzsche quark mass matrices so as to deal with flavor mixing and  $CP$  violation in the electroweak interactions. Considering that the masses of the second family quarks are not too small compared with those of the third family quarks and might not pick up values fully from mixing these two families, we introduced two nonzero diagonal elements for  $c$  and  $s$  into the Fritzsche mass matrices as the additional first-order perturbation. Our treatment leads to an interesting Wolfenstein pattern of the flavor mixing matrix, and yields the upper bound of the top quark mass twice as much as that predicted by the Fritzsche *Ansatz*. In addition, the magnitudes of the CKM matrix elements and the rephasing-invariant measure of  $CP$  violation can be restricted very well by ratios of quark masses, and some interesting relations such as  $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|^2 \approx m_u/m_c$  and  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2 \approx m_d/m_s$  are obtained in better accuracy.

In conclusion, our modification of the Fritzsche *Ansatz* can fit current experimental data on the CKM matrix and the top-quark mass. Evidently any simple *Ansatz* (containing only a few free parameters), which can account for the observed systematics of fermion masses, is useful in order to find clues of the origin of the fermion mass matrices. We are looking forward to obtaining more precise experimental data to examine our phenomenological model.

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