# Finite-Mass Sum Rules for Inclusive Reactions\*

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Taking account of analyticity, crossing, and signature, we derive sum rules relating triple-Regge vertices to integrals over low missing masses in inclusive reactions. Some implications for triple-Regge couplings are discussed.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Recently it has been suggested<sup>1</sup> that it might be possible to use analyticity to derive sum rules for single-particle distributions in inclusive reactions. On the basis of model studies sum rules have been proposed relating integrals over low missing masses in inclusive spectra at high incoming energies to triple-Regge vertices. In form and content these finite-mass sum rules are similar to finite-energy sum rules for two-body processes.

In this paper we discuss the derivation of such sum rules, paying particular attention to the correct incorporation of crossing. We emphasize which pairs of crossed reactions are related by the sum rules, what sum rules are free of wrong-signature fixed poles, and how triple-Regge signature should be taken into account. The sum rules we obtain take the form

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{N} d\nu \,\nu^{n} \bigg( E_{c} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{c}} (a + b - c + \text{anything}) + (-1)^{n+1} E_{a} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{a}} (c + b - a + \text{anything}) \bigg) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k} \left[ 1 + (-1)^{n+1} \tau_{i} \tau_{j} \tau_{k} \right] \bigg( \frac{\eta}{N} \bigg)^{\alpha_{i}(t) + \alpha_{j}(t) - 1} N^{\alpha_{k}(0) + n} \xi_{i}(t) \xi_{j}^{*}(t) \frac{\beta_{a\bar{c}}^{i}(t) \beta_{a\bar{c}}^{k}(t) \beta_{b\bar{b}}^{k}(0)}{\alpha_{k}(0) + n + 1 - \alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{j}(t)} , \end{split}$$

$$(1)$$

where  $\nu = p_b \cdot (p_a - p_c) = \frac{1}{2} (M^2 - t - m_b^2)$ ,  $t = (p_a - p_c)^2$ , and  $\eta = p_b \cdot (p_a + p_c) = \frac{1}{2} (s_{ab} - s_{bc} - m_a^2 + m_c^2)$  (see Fig. 1). Other quantities in Eq. (1) are defined as follows:  $\tau_i$ ,  $\tau_j$ , and  $\tau_k$  are Regge signatures, and  $\xi_i(t) \equiv (\tau_i + e^{-i\pi\alpha_i(t)})/\sin\pi\alpha_i(t)$ ,  $\beta_{ac}^i(t)$  and  $\beta_{b\bar{b}}^k(0)$  are the reduced residue functions familiar from twobody scattering, and  $g_{ii}^{k}(t)$  is the vertex for the three Reggeons  $\alpha_i(t)$ ,  $\alpha_i(t)$ , and  $\alpha_k(0)$ . In order that Regge exchanges in the t channel dominate, the range of integration in (1) must be such that  $\eta \gg N, |t|.$ 

Strictly speaking the sum rules should be evaluated at fixed t and fixed  $\eta$ . However, experiments are normally done at discrete laboratory energies, and  $p_a \cdot p_b = \frac{1}{2}(\eta + \nu)$ , so that data do not exist at fixed  $\eta$ . However, evaluating

$$E_c \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_c} (a + b \rightarrow c + \text{anything})$$

at one fixed laboratory energy  $\omega_a = p_b \cdot p_a / m_b$  and

$$E_a \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_a} (c + b - a + \text{anything})$$

at another fixed energy  $\omega_c = p_b \cdot p_c / m_b$  will yield an approximation to the sum rule accurate to orders  $N/m_b\omega_a$ ,  $N/m_b\omega_c$ , provided  $|\omega_a - \omega_c| = O(N/m_b)$  $\ll \omega_a, \omega_c$ . This point will be discussed below.

## **II. DERIVATION**

It has been made plausible<sup>2,3</sup> that the inclusive differential cross section for the process  $a + b \rightarrow c$ + anything (see Fig. 1) is related to a discontinuity in  $M^2 = (p_a + p_b - p_c)^2$  of the forward  $a + b + c \rightarrow a + b + c$ scattering amplitude  $A(s_{ab}, M^2, t)$ . This discontinuity must be evaluated on a sheet where the square of the incoming subenergy  $s_{ab}$  is just above its physical cut, and the outgoing squared subenergy

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 $s_{\bar{a} \bar{b}}$  just below its physical cut, as indicated in Fig. 2. Clearly at fixed t we may equally well regard the amplitude A as a function of  $\eta$  and  $\nu$  rather than  $s_{ab}$  and  $M^2$ .

Then

$$E_{c}\frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{c}}(a+b-c+\text{anything}) = \frac{1}{\lambda(s_{ab},m_{a}^{2},m_{b}^{2})}\operatorname{disc}_{\nu>0}A(\eta,\nu,t),$$
(2)

where  $\lambda(s_{ab}, m_a^2, m_b^2)$  is the usual flux factor. According to the Steinmann-like relations,<sup>3</sup> the locations relative to their cuts of variables overlapping the squared-missing-mass variable  $M^2$  $=(p_a+p_b-p_c)^2$  do not affect the value of the discontinuity appearing in Eq. (2). We choose the incoming subenergy  $s_{bc}$  just below its cut and the outgoing subenergy  $s_{\overline{bc}}$  just above its cut. Then A is on a sheet such that the inclusive cross section for  $c + b \rightarrow a$  + anything is the discontinuity of A in  $(p_c + p_b - p_a)^2$ . In terms of  $\nu$ ,

$$E_{a}\frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{a}}\left(c+b-a+\text{anything}\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{\lambda(s_{bc},m_{c}^{2},m_{b}^{2})}\text{disc}_{\nu<0}A(\eta,\nu,t).$$
(3)

Regge analyses<sup>4</sup> of the (3-3) amplitude A suggest that in the limit  $\eta \gg \nu$ , t it may be approximated asymptotically as

$$A \sim \sum_{i,j} \eta^{\alpha_i(t) + \alpha_j(t)} f_{ij}(\nu, t) + \tilde{A}(\eta, \nu, t).$$
(4)

For notational simplicity, we have absorbed signature factors and residues into the definition of  $f_{ii}(\nu, t)$ .] The powers of  $\eta$  in the first term of Eq. (4) are determined by the leading helicity poles which are related to the Regge poles indicated in Fig. 3. The remainder term  $\tilde{A}$  has a different power behavior in  $\eta$  and is not expected <sup>5</sup> to contribute to the discontinuities in  $\nu$ . The quantity  $f_{ii}(\nu, t)$  is referred to loosely as the Reggeon-particle scattering amplitude – more precisely it is the analytic continuation of the maximum-helicityflip amplitude in the center-of-mass system of the crossed channel  $b\overline{b} - \overline{\alpha}_i \alpha_i$ .

In order to write a dispersion relation for  $f_{ij}(\nu, t)$ , and therefore derive a sum rule, one must understand its singularity structure. Supposing  $\tilde{A}$  has no discontinuity in  $\nu$ , we find for large  $\eta$  from Eqs. (2) and (4) that

$$E_{c} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{c}} (a+b \rightarrow c + \text{anything}) \approx \sum_{i,j} \eta^{\alpha_{i}+\alpha_{j}-1} \operatorname{disc}_{\nu>0} f_{ij}(\nu, t)$$
(5)

and from Eqs. (3) and (4) that

$$E_{a}\frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{a}}\left(c+b \rightarrow a + \text{anything}\right) = \sum_{i,j} \eta^{\alpha_{i}+\alpha_{j}-1} \operatorname{disc}_{\nu<0} f_{ij}(\nu, t).$$
(6)

Thus  $f_{ij}$  has a right-hand cut which may be interpreted as the absorptive part of the  $\alpha_i + b - \alpha_j + b$ Reggeon-particle scattering amplitude, and a lefthand cut which corresponds to the absorptive part of  $\overline{\alpha}_i + b \rightarrow \overline{\alpha}_i + b$ . Both cuts are required because if  $f_{ij}$  is continued to particle poles in positive tone expects to recover the usual analyticity properties of two-body scattering amplitudes.

The question arises whether, at negative values of t,  $f_{ii}(\nu, t)$  has any other singularities in the complex  $\nu$  plane. Such singularities do not occur in models that have been studied such as perturbation theory,<sup>6</sup> the Gribov Reggeon calculus,<sup>7</sup> and the dual-resonance model.<sup>8</sup> Further there is no reason yet known from S-matrix theory why singularities should occur at complex values of  $\nu$ . Thus normal threshold singularities of the (3-3)amplitude A in other physical-region variables such as  $(p_a + p_b + p_c)^2$  move off to  $\infty$  as  $\eta \to \infty$ , and so could not appear in  $f_{ij}(\nu, t)$ . Most simple triangle and box-diagram Landau singularities in A move off to  $\infty$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ ; those that occur at finite values of  $\nu$  lie on the real axis, and are included <sup>3</sup> in the definitions of the discontinuities to be associated with inclusive cross sections. It therefore seems reasonable to follow previous authors in assuming that  $f_{ii}(\nu, t)$  has the same analyticity properties in  $\nu$  as a (2-2) particle scattering amplitude.

In order to derive useful sum rules it is necessary to know the asymptotic behavior of  $f_{ij}$  in  $\nu$ . This is determined by Reggeons in the  $b\overline{b}$  channel via the "triple Regge" formula<sup>9</sup>



FIG. 1. Kinematics for  $a + b \rightarrow c + anything$ .

FIG. 2. Discontinuity related to the inclusive cross section.

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$$\eta^{\alpha_{i}(t)+\alpha_{j}(t)}f_{ij}(\nu,t) \underset{\nu \to \infty}{\sim} -\sum_{k} \left(\frac{\eta}{\nu}\right)^{\alpha_{i}(t)+\alpha_{j}(t)} \nu^{\alpha_{k}(0)} \left(\frac{\tau + \exp\left\{-i\pi\left[\alpha_{k}(0) - \alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{j}(t)\right]\right\}}{\sin\pi\left[\alpha_{k}(0) - \alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{j}(t)\right]}\right) \xi_{i}(t)\xi_{j}^{*}(t)\beta_{a\bar{c}}^{i}(t)\beta_{b\bar{b}}^{i}(0)g_{ij}^{k}(t).$$

$$(7)$$

All the symbols in Eq. (7) were defined in Sec. I, with the exception of  $\tau$ , the triple-Regge signature factor.

That  $\tau$  is *not* simply the signature  $\tau_k$  of the Regge trajectory  $\alpha_k$  can be seen by imagining a case where  $\alpha_i(t)$  and  $\alpha_j(t)$  are unit-separated trajectories of opposite signatures. Proceeding to a double particle pole in the *t* channel,  $f_{ij}$  is proportional to an amplitude with crossed-channel helicity flipped by  $\alpha_i + \alpha_j$ , an odd number. It is well known<sup>10</sup> that in such a case  $\tau = -\tau_k$ . A choice of  $\tau$  consistent with this observation is  $\tau = \tau_i \tau_j \tau_k$ . This is indeed the form taken by  $\tau$  in Feynman tree-graph models with elementary-particle exchanges, and, more realistically, in the dual-resonance model as shown in the Appendix.

We have now motivated the required analyticity properties of the Reggeon-particle scattering amplitudes  $f_{ij}(\nu, t)$ , related [Eqs. (5) and (6)] its cuts to inclusive cross sections, and know the behavior of  $f_{ij}(\nu, t)$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, we can derive a sum rule for each  $f_{ij}(\nu, t)$  using the contour shown in Fig. 4. Adding these sum rules together with weights  $\eta^{\alpha_i + \alpha_j - 1}$  the finite-mass sum rules (1) for inclusive reactions are immediately obtained. Note that (2-2) processes such as elastic reactions should be included in the missing-mass integrals, and will give important contributions.

As mentioned in Sec. I, the finite-mass sum

rules should strictly speaking be evaluated using data on inclusive cross sections at fixed values of  $\eta = p_b \cdot (p_a + p_c)$ . As  $\nu = p_b \cdot (p_a - p_c)$  varies this corresponds to varying the incident laboratory energies  $\omega_a$  and  $\omega_c$  over a range  $O(N/m_b)$ . But in the approximation where a *t*-channel Regge description is used this variation in energy makes a fractional change in the cross section of  $O(N/\eta) \ll 1$ . Hence if we insert data at fixed laboratory energies into the sum rules (1) they should still be accurate to order  $N/\eta$ . In fact to the same accuracy it is not necessary that the laboratory energies  $\omega_a$  and  $\omega_c$ be exactly equal, as long as  $|\omega_a - \omega_c| = O(N/m_b)$ . However this does mean that terms down by  $O(N/\eta)$  relative to the leading terms in the Reggepole expansions (5), (6), or (7) cannot be evaluated reliably using the sum rules (1). For example, in processes where both the Pomeranchukon and ordinary meson trajectories can be exchanged in the t channel, sum rules at fixed laboratory energies will permit the determination of Pomeranchukon-Pomeranchukon and Pomeranchukon-Reggeon contributions, but not Reggeon-Reggeon contributions.

Schwarz-like<sup>11</sup> sum rules can be written down for other combinations of integrals over the inclusive cross sections  $a + b \rightarrow c$  + anything and  $c + b \rightarrow a$  + anything, but then nonsense-wrong-signature fixed-pole residues  $R_{ij}^{(n)}(t)$  must also be included on the right-hand sides:

$$\int_{0}^{N} d\nu \,\nu^{n} \left( E_{c} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{c}} \left( a + b - c + \text{anything} \right) + (-1)^{n} E_{a} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{a}} \left( c + b - a + \text{anything} \right) \right) \\ = \sum_{i,j} \eta^{\alpha_{i}(t) + \alpha_{j}(t) - 1} \xi_{i}(t) \xi_{j}^{*}(t) \beta_{a\bar{c}}^{i}(t) \beta_{a\bar{c}}^{j*}(t) \left( R_{ij}^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{k} [1 + (-1)^{n} \tau_{i} \tau_{j} \tau_{k}] \frac{g_{ij}^{k}(t) \beta_{b\bar{b}}^{k}(0) N^{\alpha_{k}(0) + n + 1 - \alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{j}(t)}}{\alpha_{k}(0) + n + 1 - \alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{j}(t)} \right).$$
(8)



FIG. 3. Representation in the limit  $s_{ab} \gg M^2$ , t of term in (3-3) amplitude with  $M^2$  discontinuity.



FIG. 4. Contour used in deriving sum rules.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

The most interesting applications of the finitemass sum rules (1) are likely to be in the estimation of triple-Reggeon vertices by integrating over data at relatively low values of the missing mass. Data in the triple-Regge region  $\eta \gg \nu \gg m_b^2$  are not likely to be available until there are results from NAL; precise evaluations of triple-Regge vertices from fits will have to wait until then. It would also be interesting to use the sum rules to investigate whether the Harari-Freund<sup>12</sup> conjecture can be generalized in the natural way to Reggeon-particle scattering. One would evaluate resonance production contributions to the inclusive cross-section integrals to see whether they built up Regge exchanges in the  $b\overline{b}$  channel. A similar analysis could help resolve the controversy<sup>13</sup> on the duality properties of Pomeranchukon-particle scattering.

It has been argued <sup>14</sup> that certain of the fixed-pole residues  $R_{ij}^{(n)}(t)$  appearing in Eq. (8) may vanish at t=0 because of crossed-channel unitarity. This suggestion could in principle be checked by using the sum rules (1) to evaluate the triple-Regge vertices  $g_{ij}^{k}(t)$ , and substituting them into the Schwarz sum rules (8) to evaluate the residues  $R_{ij}^{(n)}(t)$ . The evaluation of fixed-pole residues in the Reggeonparticle amplitude for a range of t is quite interesting physically, since the fixed-pole residues set the scale of Reggeon-Reggeon cut contributions to two-body scattering. Thus measurements of single-particle inclusive cross sections in principle determine the magnitude of cuts in two-body scattering. Thus the Regge-pole description we have assumed could be checked for self-consistency.<sup>15</sup>

In all the above work the Pomeranchukon has been treated as an ordinary Regge trajectory (possibly with zero slope), on the assumption that this is a reasonable first approximation to its nature. The sum rules give a lower limit to the rate of falloff of Pomeranchukon-particle scattering amplitudes. Consider the special case of the sum rule (1) with particles *a* and *c* identical, n = 1, and  $\eta$  so large that nondiffractive processes may be ignored. Then

$$\int_{0}^{N} d\nu \,\nu E_{a} \frac{d^{3}\sigma}{dp_{a}} \left(a + b - a + \text{anything}\right) \simeq \sum_{k} \left(\frac{\eta}{N}\right)^{2 \,\alpha_{P}(t) - 1} (N)^{\alpha_{k}(0) + 1} \frac{2|\beta_{a\bar{a}}^{P}(t)|^{2}}{1 - \cos\pi\alpha_{P}(t)} \,\frac{g_{PP}^{k}(t)g_{b\bar{b}}^{k}(0)}{\alpha_{k}(0) + 2 - 2\,\alpha_{P}(t)} \,, \tag{9}$$

where  $\alpha_{P}(t)$  is the Pomeranchukon trajectory, and the sum is over trajectories k with positive signature. The left-hand side of the sum rule (9) has a nonzero positive contribution from the elastic process  $a + b \rightarrow a + b$ . Because the inclusive cross section is positive this contribution cannot be canceled, so that the coefficient of  $s^{2\alpha p(t)-1}$  on the right-hand side of (9) cannot fall to zero for large N. Hence there must be a nonzero coupling  $g_{PPb}$ for the Pomeranchukon to some positive-signature *J*-plane singularity with  $\alpha_{\mu} \ge 0$ . This could either be the  $f^0$  or Pomeranchukon trajectory,<sup>16</sup> or some other cut. trajectory, or fixed pole with  $J \ge 0$ . Under reasonable assumptions<sup>14</sup> about the residues of wrong-signature fixed poles in Pomeranchukonparticle scattering, this restriction on multi-Pomeranchukon couplings can be strengthened to establish<sup>17</sup> a lower bound on the triple-Pomeranchukon coupling at  $t \neq 0$ .

The term  $\sin \pi [\alpha_k(0) - \alpha_i(t) - \alpha_j(t)]$  in the denominator of Eq. (7) might appear to give an unphysical singularity in t in the full 3-3 amplitude. It has

been pointed out<sup>18</sup> that the apparent singularity can be canceled by terms in  $\tilde{A}(s_{ab}, M^2, t)$  for  $\alpha_i(t) + \alpha_j(t)$  $-\alpha_k(0) = 0, -1, -2, \ldots$  and suggested that for  $\alpha_i(t)$  $+\alpha_{i}(t) - \alpha_{k}(0) = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$  the poles are canceled by zeros in the vertices  $g_{ij}^k(t)$ . This latter proposal is clearly required by sum rules (1) (continued if necessary to positive t) for the cases  $\alpha_i(t) + \alpha_i(t)$ -  $\alpha_k(0) = \iota > 0$  such that  $(-1)^{\iota} = \tau_i \tau_j \tau_k$ . These zeros arise because right-signature fixed poles were assumed to be absent in the triple-Regge formula (7). If nonsense-wrong-signature fixed-pole residues were nonsingular, then the finite-mass Schwarz sum rules (8) could be used to prove the existence of the zeros at integers  $\iota: (-1)^{\iota} = -\tau_i \tau_j \tau_k$ . A recent paper by Mueller and Trueman<sup>19</sup> reaches a similar conclusion on the basis of Feynman-diagram calculations.

*Note added in proof.* A recent paper by Kwiecinski<sup>20</sup> also discusses finite-mass sum rules for inclusive reactions, and reaches conclusions similar to some of those reported here.

### APPENDIX

In the dual-resonance model, the helicity pole limit can be investigated explicitly.<sup>5</sup> We multiply each cyclically inequivalent ordering of the external momenta by the appropriate Chan-Paton factor. Then, in the limit  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\eta \gg \nu$  (fixed t), the asymptotic behavior of the amplitude is determined by the sum

of eight cyclically inequivalent terms<sup>21</sup> (Fig. 5):

$$A \sim \sum_{i,j,k} \gamma_{ij}^{k} \{ [(-s_{ab})^{\alpha_{i}} + \tau_{i}(-s_{b\bar{c}})^{\alpha_{i}}] [(-s_{\bar{a}\bar{b}})^{\alpha_{j}} + \tau_{j}(-s_{\bar{b}\bar{c}})^{\alpha_{j}}] (-s_{ab\bar{c}})^{\alpha_{k}-\alpha_{i}-\alpha_{j}} + [(-s_{a\bar{b}})^{\alpha_{i}} + \tau_{i}(-s_{\bar{b}\bar{c}})^{\alpha_{i}}] [(-s_{\bar{a}\bar{b}})^{\alpha_{j}} + \tau_{j}(-s_{bc})^{\alpha_{j}}] \tau_{k} (-s_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}})^{\alpha_{k}-\alpha_{i}-\alpha_{j}} \}.$$
(A1)

The residue,  $\gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma(-\alpha_i)\Gamma(-\alpha_j)\Gamma(\alpha_i + \alpha_j - \alpha_k)$ , is the same for all eight terms. To the expression above must be added another term which has no discontinuity in the missing mass and is of no interest for the present discussion. In the limit of interest, we have

$$s_{ab} = s_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \approx -s_{b\bar{c}} = -s_{\bar{b}c} \approx -s_{a\bar{b}} = -s_{\bar{a}b} \approx s_{\bar{b}\bar{c}} = s_{bc} \approx \eta > 0,$$

$$s_{ab\bar{c}} \approx -s_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}} \approx \nu > 0.$$

A complete definition of the expression requires a specification of the phases of each of the powers  $(-\eta)^{\alpha}$ . To obtain the inclusive cross section  $d\sigma(a+b+c+a)$ , the prescription is to choose  $^{2,3}$ 

(a) 
$$\operatorname{Res}_{ab} = \operatorname{Res}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \approx \eta$$
,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{ab} = +i\epsilon$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} = -i\epsilon$ .

Notice that the inclusive cross section  $d\sigma(a + b \rightarrow c + anything)$  could equally well be obtained by the alternative prescription

(b) 
$$\operatorname{Res}_{ab} = \operatorname{Res}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \approx \eta$$
,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{ab} = -i\epsilon$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} = +i\epsilon$ .

In general, the two prescriptions correspond to taking the discontinuity in  $s_{ab\bar{c}}$  on different Riemann sheets. Of course, the complete determination of the sheet requires the specification of other energy variables, such as  $s_{bc}$  and  $s_{b\bar{c}}$ , relative to their physical cuts; however, according to the Steinmann-like relations,<sup>3</sup> the discontinuity in  $s_{ab\bar{c}}$ is independent of the specification of the overlapping variables. [Furthermore, the equality of the discontinuity on sheets having either prescription (a) or (b) is a consequence of time-reversal in-



FIG. 5. Cyclically inequivalent terms contributing in triple-Regge limit.

variance]. Although the discontinuity in  $s_{ab\bar{c}} > 0$  is independent of the choice of phase of  $s_{bc}$  and  $s_{b\bar{c}}$ , the discontinuity in  $s_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}}$  will not be. The inclusive cross section  $d\sigma(c+b-a+a)$  will be obtained from either of the following choices:

- (c)  $\operatorname{Res}_{bc} = \operatorname{Res}_{\overline{bc}} \approx \eta$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{bc} = -i\epsilon$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{\overline{bc}} = +i\epsilon$ .
- (d)  $\operatorname{Res}_{bc} = \operatorname{Res}_{\overline{bc}} \approx \eta$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{bc} = +i\epsilon$ ,  $\operatorname{Ims}_{\overline{bc}} = -i\epsilon$ .

On a sheet satisfying prescriptions (a) and (c), the expression given above, Eq. (A1), can be written simply as

$$A \sim \sum_{ijk} \gamma_{ij}^{k} \eta^{\alpha_{i} + \alpha_{j}} \xi_{i} \xi_{j}^{*} [(-\nu)^{\alpha_{k} - \alpha_{i} - \alpha_{j}} + (\tau_{i} \tau_{j} \tau_{k}) \nu^{\alpha_{k} - \alpha_{i} - \alpha_{j}}].$$
(A2)

If however we choose (a) and (d), we find

$$A \sim \sum_{ijk} \gamma_{ij}^{k} \eta^{\alpha_{i} + \alpha_{j}} [\xi_{i} \xi_{j}^{*} (-\nu)^{\alpha_{k} - \alpha_{i} - \alpha_{j}} + \xi_{j} \xi_{i}^{*} \tau_{i} \tau_{j} \tau_{k} \nu^{\alpha_{k} - \alpha_{i} - \alpha_{j}}].$$
(A3)

Using the fact that  $\gamma_{ij}^k = \gamma_{ji}^k$  the two expressions are precisely equal.

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Assuming Regge asymptotic behavior on each of the many sheets, other sum rules could be written down; however, it seems that only on the sheets discussed above can the discontinuities be actually determined experimentally. For example, imagine choosing all subenergies above their cuts as for the physical 3 - 3 amplitude. The discontinuity in  $s_{ab\bar{c}}$  would then be quite complicated, and multibody S-matrix elements would be needed for its evaluation.

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