Exercise Sheet 5 – Particle Physics – Summer 2016

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5.1 Mesons masses (4 points)

Using the meson mass formula

$$m(q_1q_2) = m_1 + m_2 + \frac{A}{m_1m_2} \langle S_1 S_2 \rangle$$
(1)

calculate the masses of pseudoscalar (π , K, η) and vector (ρ , K^{*}, ω , ϕ) mesons.

Use following values for the parameters: $m_d = m_u = 0.307$ GeV, $m_s = 0.490$ GeV and A = 0.06 GeV³. Compare to the measured masses.

5.2 Gluon exchange (4 points)

Write down the matrix element for gluon exchange between two quarks shown in the figure.



5.3 R_{μ} ratio (4 points)

Calculate the R_{μ} ratio at low, middle and high energy corresponding to production of the 3, 4 and 5 lightest quarks.

$$R_{\mu} = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)}$$
(2)

At which energies (energy ranges) these ratios are valid?