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BOOTSTRAP CALCULATION OF THE
 ρ MESON REGGE POLE

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ABSTRACT

The left hand discontinuities in the partial wave amplitudes for π - π scattering are assumed to be dominated by the exchange of the ρ meson in a form suggested by the Regge representation for a resonance. This Regge behavior provides the necessary high energy cutoff and allows the N/D equations to be solved. The partial wave $I=1$ amplitudes are calculated for non-integer angular momenta $l < 1$ as well as $l = 1$. The trajectory $\alpha_\rho(s)$ as well as the residue $\beta_\rho(s)$ of the ρ meson Regge pole are evaluated. An attempt is made to obtain a self-consistent solution for the relevant parameters, namely the position and width of the ρ resonance and $\alpha_\rho(0)$. The results of this calculation give $\alpha_\rho(0) \gtrsim 0.9$. The $I = 0$ vacuum trajectory is also discussed.

I. INTRODUCTION

There have been a number of papers written on the problem of determining the position and width of the ρ meson self-consistently.^{1,2} In essence, these bootstrap calculations of the ρ used the exchange of this $I=1$, $l=1$ resonance in the crossed channels to provide the force necessary to produce the ρ meson in the direct channel. The $l=1$ part of the interaction is projected out and the partial wave dispersion relations are solved by the N/D method. The hope is that the solution yields a resonance having the same position and width as that of the exchanged one.

A major difficulty is due to the divergence arising from the exchange of a massive vector particle, with sufficiently large coupling, which necessitates the use of a cutoff. Instead of considering the ρ to be a vector particle even when the energy of the exchanged ρ is not close to the resonant energy, Wong² employed a form suggested by the Regge representation for a resonance. This then provides a cutoff at high energy, the relevant parameter being the angular momentum of the ρ trajectory at zero energy, $\alpha_{\rho}^{\text{In}}(0)$.

The purpose of this article is to carry Wong's ρ (bootstrap) calculation with a "Regge cutoff" a step further. For $l=1$ we carry out a calculation similar to his but then continue the N/D equations for non-integer angular momenta and calculate $\alpha_{\rho}(s)$, comparing $\alpha_{\rho}(0)$ with the input parameter $\alpha_{\rho}^{\text{In}}(0)$. In other words, this is an attempt to bootstrap not only the position and width of the ρ resonance, but the slope of its Regge trajectory. The

residue function $\beta_\rho(s)$ is also determined. The sensitivity of our results to some of the approximations made is examined. For example, the above calculation is compared to a similar one in which we take the exchanged ρ to have constant angular momentum and employ a straight cutoff. The $I = 0$ vacuum trajectory is also calculated.

Section II is devoted to a presentation of the relevant formalism. The results of the numerical calculations are given and discussed in Section III.

The results may be summarized as follows: In the same sense that the usual bootstrap calculations of the ρ are not self-consistent, i.e., the output width of the ρ (for reasonable values of the position of the ρ) is larger than the input width of the exchanged ρ ,^{1,2} so the calculated $\alpha_\rho(0)$ is larger than the input parameter $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$. For all cases, both $\alpha_\rho(0)$ are $\gtrsim 0.9$, in agreement with the results of Foley et al.³ and the calculation of Chang and Sharp,⁴ however in disagreement with other determinations of $\alpha_\rho(0) \sim 0.5$.⁵ The residue of the ρ Regge trajectory, after removal of a threshold factor, turns out to be nearly constant in the scattering region ($s < 0$) and very close to the input β . The calculations of the $I = 0$ vacuum pole trajectory give a small slope: $\alpha'_p(0) \lesssim 1/500$.⁶

II. FORMULATION OF THE INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

We shall obtain amplitudes for pion-pion scattering by the familiar N/D solution⁷ of the partial wave dispersion relations. The usual expressions for the scalar variables s, t , and u in terms of the momentum k and scattering angle θ in the center of mass system of the direct or s channel are⁶

$$s = 4(k^2 + 1), \quad t = -2k^2(1 - \cos\theta), \quad \text{and} \quad u = 4 - s - t.$$

The invariant partial wave amplitude A_ℓ is defined in terms of the S matrix by

$$A_\ell(s) \equiv \frac{1}{2i\rho} (S_\ell - 1) \equiv B_\ell(s) + {}^R A_\ell(s) \quad (1)$$

where

$$\rho = \left(\frac{s-4}{s} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

and B_ℓ is regular for $s > 0$ and ${}^R A_\ell(s)$ has only a right hand cut. The right hand discontinuity in $A_\ell(s)$ is given by unitarity: We make the approximation that elastic unitarity holds for all physical k^2 :

$$A_\ell(s) = B_\ell(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \frac{ds'}{s'-s} |A_\ell(s')|^2 \left(\frac{s'-4}{s'} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3)$$

The left hand discontinuity or generalized potential⁸ is derived from application of an approximate form of crossing symmetry. We will first determine $B_\ell(s)$ and then discuss the N/D equations and their solution.

Using crossing symmetry, $B_\ell(s)$ is calculated from the scattering amplitude in the crossed t and u channels. We will consider only the exchange of the $I=1$ ρ resonance in the t and u channels. Then in the s channel for $I=1$ and ℓ equal to an integer we obtain

$$B_\ell^{I=1}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 P_\ell(\cos\theta) d\cos\theta \left[\frac{1}{2} A_R^{I=1}(t,s) - \frac{1}{2} A_R^{I=1}(u,s) \right] \quad (4)$$

which for ℓ odd becomes

$$B_\ell^1(s) = \frac{1}{(s-4)} \int_{-(s-4)}^0 P_\ell\left(1 + \frac{2t}{s-4}\right) dt A_R^1(t,s) \quad (5)$$

where $A_R^1(t,s)$ is the part of the scattering amplitude in the t channel, $A^1(t,s)$, which has no singularities for $s > 0$, i.e., $t < 4$.

Taking a Breit-Wigner form for the ρ resonance, we have

$$A^1(t,s) \approx \frac{3\Gamma(t-4)}{m_\rho^2 - t - i\Gamma(t-4)^{3/2}/t^{1/2}} P_1\left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4}\right) . \quad (6)$$

Further making the narrow width approximation, so that $A_R^1(t,s) = A^1(t,s)$, we have the simple form for ℓ equal to an odd integer:⁹

$$B_\ell^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{s-4} \left(m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s \right) Q_\ell \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right) . \quad (7)$$

Eq. (7) has an acceptable behavior in the l plane as $|l| \rightarrow \infty$ and thus can be continued for non-integer l even though both (4) and (5) cannot.¹⁰ However $B_\ell(s)$ as given by (7) diverges like $\log(s)$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$ and the resulting N/D equations do not have a unique solution.

A mechanism that damps this singular high energy behavior is provided by the Regge motion of resonance poles. In the Regge description for the ρ resonance we take

$$A^1(t,s) = \frac{b_\rho(t)}{\sin\pi\alpha_\rho(t)} \frac{1}{2} \left[P_{\alpha_\rho(t)} \left(-1 - \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) - P_{\alpha_\rho(t)} \left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) \right]. \quad (8)$$

We are interested in B_ℓ for $s \geq 4$ and hence in the region $t \leq 0$ where $\alpha_\rho(t)$ is real and < 1 . For large s , (8) is of order $s^{\alpha_\rho(t)}$ and hence an acceptable input to the N/D equations.

Since we do not know the behavior of $b_\rho(t)$ or $\alpha_\rho(t)$ except in the immediate vicinity of the ρ resonance, we will take a very simple form for (8) which reduces to the correct Breit-Wigner form (6) near $t = m_\rho^2$, yields the same $B_{\ell=1}^1(s=4)$ as Eq. (7), and gives the same high energy behavior in s (for small t) as the Regge pole:

$$A_R^1(t,s) \approx \frac{3\Gamma(t-4)}{(m_\rho^2 - t)} \left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha'_\rho(0)(t-m_\rho^2)} \quad (9)$$

With this approximation, $A_{\ell=1}^1(s)$ is readily calculated numerically.¹¹ However we are interested in continuing the partial wave amplitude for non-integer ℓ . Eq. (5) cannot be continued; there are alternate formulations for $B_\ell(s)$ which can be continued.¹⁰ From the point of making the computations manageable, we again note that expression (7) can be continued in the ℓ plane. Thus we are led to make the further approximation that using (5) in making the partial wave projection $B_\ell^1(s)$ of (9) we evaluate the last factor $(s/4)^{\alpha_\rho(0)(t-m_\rho^2)}$ at $t = 0$ (where it gives the maximum contribution). Hence our "Reggeized" $B_\ell^1(s)$ becomes¹²

$$B_\ell^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{(s-4)} (m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s) Q_\ell \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha_\rho(0)-1} \quad (10)$$

This expression which is our approximate form for the left hand cut for the partial wave π - π amplitude in the $I = 1$ state and odd integer ℓ has acceptable behavior for large ℓ and can be continued in the ℓ plane.

Now in order to insure that $A_\ell^1(s)$ has the proper threshold behavior, i.e., $(s-4)^\ell$ and also remove this additional cut from $B_\ell^1(s)$ for non-integer ℓ , we define new amplitudes

$$\tilde{A}_\ell^1(s) \equiv \frac{1}{(s-4)^\ell} \quad A_\ell^1(s) \equiv \frac{1}{2i\rho_\ell} (S_\ell - 1) \equiv \tilde{B}_\ell^1(s) + \tilde{A}_\ell^1(s) \quad (11)$$

where

$$\rho_\ell = \left(\frac{s-4}{s} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (s-4)^\ell, \quad (12)$$

and

$$B_\ell^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{(s-4)^{\ell+1}} (m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s) Q_\ell \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha_\rho(0)-1}. \quad (13)$$

Now define

$$\tilde{A}_\ell^1(s) = N_\ell(s)/D_\ell(s) \quad (14)$$

where N has only a left hand cut and D has only a right hand cut. Then in terms of the generalized potential $\tilde{B}_\ell^1(s)$ which is regular in the physical region, the N and D equations are^{2,13}

$$D_\ell(s) = 1 - (s-s_0) \frac{P}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \rho_\ell(s') N_\ell(s') \frac{ds'}{(s'-s)(s'-s_0)} - i\rho_\ell(s) N_\ell(s) \Theta(s-4), \quad (15)$$

$$N_\ell(s) = \tilde{B}_\ell^1(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \left(\tilde{B}_\ell^1(s') - \frac{(s-s_0)}{(s'-s_0)} \tilde{B}_\ell^1(s) \right) \rho_\ell(s') N_\ell(s') \frac{ds'}{s'-s}. \quad (16)$$

Note that the solutions $\tilde{A}_\ell^1(s)$ are independent of the subtraction point s_0 .

As long as $0 < \ell < 2 - \alpha_\rho(0) < 2$, these equations have unique solutions.

The Fredholm integral equation (16) for $N_\ell(s)$ was solved by matrix inversion on the Stanford 7090 computer.

For given input parameters m_ρ^{In} , Γ^{In} and $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$, which determine $B_\ell^1(s)$ ($\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$ being fixed by the requirement that we get an $l=1$ resonance at m_ρ^{In} , i.e., $\text{Re } D_{\ell=1}(s = (m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2) = 0$) we calculate the width of the $l=1$ resonance. Then we solve (15) and (16) for non-integer $l < 1$ in order to determine the properties of the ρ trajectory. For a given l , we look for the value of s ($\equiv s_\ell$) for which $\text{Re } D_\ell(s) = 0$:

$$\text{Re } D_\ell(s_\ell) = 0 . \quad (17)$$

For $s_\ell < 4$ this gives directly the Regge trajectory $\alpha_\rho(s)$, whereas for $s_\ell > 4$, in the limit of a narrow resonance, it gives approximately $\text{Re } \alpha_\rho(s)$. The residue $b_\rho(s)$ is determined as follows: Since $\text{Re } D_\ell(s_\ell) = 0$, in the vicinity of s_ℓ we have (for $s_\ell < 4$)

$$A_\ell^1(s) = \left(N_\ell(s) / \frac{\partial \text{Re } D_\ell(s)}{\partial s} \right)_{s_\ell} / (s - s_\ell) . \quad (18)$$

The residue is real since $N_\ell(s_\ell)$ is simply given by

$$N_\ell(s_\ell) = \frac{P}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \tilde{B}_\ell^1(s') \rho(s') N_\ell(s') \frac{ds'}{s' - s_\ell} . \quad (19)$$

The partial wave projection of the ρ Regge pole of "odd j parity"¹⁰ divided by the threshold factor $(s-4)^\ell$,

$$\frac{b_\rho(s)}{\sin\pi \alpha_\rho(s) (s-4)^l} P_{\alpha_\rho(s)} \left(-1 - \frac{2t}{s-4} \right) = \frac{\beta_\rho(s) \pi(2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{\sin\pi \alpha_\rho(s)} P_{\alpha_\rho(s)} \left(-1 - \frac{2t}{s-4} \right), \quad (20)$$

then must be compared with (18).¹⁴ Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 P_l(\cos\theta) P_{\alpha_\rho(s)}(-\cos\theta) d\cos\theta \beta_\rho(s) \frac{\pi(2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{\sin\pi \alpha_\rho(s)} \\ &= \frac{\beta_\rho(s) (2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{(\alpha_\rho(s)-l)(\alpha_\rho(s)+l+1)} \quad s \approx s_l \quad \frac{\beta_\rho(s_l)}{\alpha'_\rho(s_l)(s-s_l)}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Thus for a given l , we find $\alpha'_\rho(s_l)$ from $\alpha(s)$ (as found from (17)) and hence the residue is given by

$$\beta_\rho(s_l) = \left(N_l(s) / \frac{\partial \operatorname{Re} D_l(s)}{\partial s} \right)_{s_l} \alpha'_\rho(s_l). \quad (22)$$

III. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

As discussed earlier, in addition to evaluating the $l=1$, $\pi-\pi$ scattering amplitude in an attempt to "bootstrap" the ρ meson, we calculate the ρ 's Regge pole parameters for non-integer $l < 1$. We computed both the position, α_ρ , and residue, β_ρ , of the pole as functions of s .

We investigated the problem for several values of the input coupling constant Γ^{In} (or input width of the ρ) and for several input masses $(m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2$ ranging from 10 to the experimental value of 29. No self-consistent solution was obtained. The procedure was to evaluate the $I=1, \ell=1$ amplitude for many values of $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$ until the mass of the input ρ was reproduced by a zero of $\text{Re } D_{\ell=1}(s)$ at $s = (m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2$, i.e., we always forced the mass of the produced ρ to be the same as that of the exchanged ρ . The output width could be determined either by evaluating the quantity $(N_{\ell=1}(s) / \partial D_{\ell=1}(s) / \partial s)$ at the position of the resonance (which is a correct procedure for a narrow resonance), or by actually looking at the $\ell=1$ phase shift as a function of s . In either the former case or the latter looking below the resonant energy the output width was larger than the input one by a factor of 3-6. Looking at the phase shift itself on the high energy side of the resonance the situation is even worse. The function $((s-4)^3/s)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cot \delta_1(s)$ is plotted in Fig. 1 together with the input value for this function. For energies larger than the position of the ρ resonance the function decreases too slowly for a resonant behavior. The input values for the exchanged ρ were $(m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2 = 29$ and $\Gamma^{\text{In}} = .145$ (which corresponds to a full width at half maximum of 110 MeV).

Hence for given m_ρ^{In} and Γ^{In} , $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$ is determined from the self-consistency requirement on m_ρ in the $\ell=1$ calculation. Thus the generalized potential $\tilde{B}_\ell^1(s)$ is determined and we solve the full N_ℓ/D_ℓ equations (15) and (16) to determine the Regge trajectory and residue for the ρ . In Fig. 2 to

4 we present some of the results for $(m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2 = 29$. As the width of the produced ρ meson is rather large, the imaginary parts of the ρ trajectory will be large above $s = 4$. Since we have only looked for the zero of the real part of D_ρ , we have obtained the actual trajectory only for $s < 4$. We emphasize this by plotting dashed curves for $s > 4$, e.g., the dashed $\alpha_\rho(s)$ curves correspond to an approximation to the real part of $\alpha_\rho(s > 4)$.

For $\Gamma^{\text{In}} = .145$ we show in Fig. 3 a comparison of α_ρ for a calculation as mentioned above to one in which a pure $l = 1$ ρ exchange (as given by Eq. (7)) was considered as a straight cutoff used in solving equations (15) and (16) (again the self-consistency requirement of the output ρ position equaling m_ρ^{In} determined the value of the cutoff). We see that although there is some quantitative difference, both trajectories have $\alpha_\rho(0)$ larger than 0.9. These calculations with the straight cutoff and other calculations specifically for $A_{l=1}^1(s)$, e.g., using (9) to calculate $B_{l=1}^1(s)$,¹¹ all gave very similar results for the $l = 1$ partial wave. We felt this was a fairly good test of a number of the approximations made in obtaining Eq. (10).

In addition to obtaining the output width larger than the input one, the output $\alpha_\rho(0)$ was larger than $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$.¹² The two discrepancies are correlated. Near the resonance, we have from (21), $(d\alpha_\rho/ds) = (\beta_\rho/\Gamma)$ so that a large Γ corresponds to a small slope for α and thus $\alpha_\rho(0)$ is larger at $s = 0$ than $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$. It is interesting to note that the output β_ρ , as shown in Fig. 4, is almost constant in the relevant scattering region ($s < 0$) and is very close in magnitude to $\beta_\rho^{\text{In}} = (d\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}/ds)\Gamma^{\text{In}}$.

We have also calculated the scattering amplitude in $I=0$ channel again using only ρ exchange in the crossed channels. If we use the same parameters as for the $I=1$ calculation⁹ we find that there is a vacuum trajectory but that for $s=0$ it has an $l > 1$; specifically for $l=1$ the pole occurs for a very large negative s . Therefore we adjusted the cutoff parameters to force the $I=0$ trajectory to cross l at $s=0$ ¹⁵ and calculated the vacuum trajectory $\alpha_p(s)$. A typical curve is shown in Fig. 5. Note that the slope is quite small; $(d\alpha_p(s)/ds)_{s=0} \approx 10^{-3}$ and hence our results would not be consistent with the f^0 ¹⁶ being on the vacuum trajectory. We also calculated the residue of the vacuum pole at $s=0$. The residue corresponding to the trajectory shown in Fig. 5 gave an asymptotic total $\pi\pi$ cross section of 3mb as compared to a value of the 15mb obtained using the factorization theorem¹⁷ and the asymptotic πN and NN cross sections.

We feel that both the problem a) that the output ρ width is larger than the input ρ width and the problem b) that using the input ρ parameters which yield a ρ resonance to calculate the ($I=0$) vacuum trajectory give $\alpha_p(0) > 1$ are largely due to the one channel approximation. The effect of an inelastic channel below its threshold is to, i) always act as an attraction, and ii) tend to narrow a resonance. Hence if we include the inelastic effects in the $I=1$ channel, which we expect to be due largely to the $\pi\omega$ channel,¹ this would narrow the output ρ width, and increase the attraction so that a somewhat smaller $\alpha_p^{In}(0)$ would be required.¹⁸ On the other hand, the $\pi\omega$ channel does not couple to the $I=0$ channel so that this additional attraction would not be present and hence we would have a smaller $\alpha_p(0)$.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1 Phase shift for $I=1$, $l=1$ amplitude versus s . The solid curve corresponds to the output, whereas the dashed curve comes from our input Breit-Wigner form. $\Gamma^{\text{In}} = .145$ and $\alpha_{\rho}^{\text{In}}(0) = .949$. For Fig. 1) - 4), $(m_{\rho}^{\text{In}})^2 = 29$ and the "cutoff parameter," i.e., $\alpha_{\rho}^{\text{In}}(0)$ is adjusted to force an $l=1$ resonance at m_{ρ}^{In} .
- Fig. 2 $\alpha_{\rho}(s)$ for various input parameters. The dashed lines for $s > 4$ in Fig. 2-4 emphasize that we only investigated the vanishing of the real part of $D_{\ell}(s)$.
- Fig. 3 Comparison of $\alpha_{\rho}(s)$ for a "straight cutoff" and a "Regge cutoff."
- Fig. 4 The residue $\beta_{\rho}(s)$ for various input parameters. The arrows indicate the input $\beta_{\rho}^{\text{In}} = (d\alpha_{\rho}^{\text{In}}/ds)\Gamma^{\text{In}}$.
- Fig. 5 The $I=0$ vacuum trajectory $\alpha_{\rho}(s)$ which has been adjusted to cross $s=0$ at $l=1$.









