

Modified Approach for Calculating Four-Quark Condensates

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Abstract: By differentiating the dressed quark propagator with respect to a variable background field, the linear response of the dressed quark propagator in the presence of the background field can be obtained. From this general method, using the vector background field as an illustration, we extract a general formula for the four-quark condensate $\langle 0 | : \bar{q}(0) \gamma_\mu q(0) \bar{q}(0) \gamma_\mu q(0) : | 0 \rangle$. This formula contains the corresponding fully dressed vector vertex. We use this formula to analyze the factorization problem of the four-quark condensate and show that in the bare vertex approximation factorization holds exactly.

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