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The matrix element \( \langle 0 | J_\mu | i(p) \rangle \) in Eq. (2) is defined as
\[
\langle 0 | J_\mu | i(p) \rangle = f_i m_i \epsilon_\mu, 
\]
where \( f_i \) is the leptonic decay constant of the corresponding heavy vector mesons and \( \epsilon_\mu \) is its polarization vector. Using the parity and time-reversal invariance of the electromagnetic interaction, the matrix element of the electromagnetic current between two vector (axial-vector) mesons is described in terms of three form factors as [47]

\[
\langle f' | J_\mu | i(p, e') \rangle = - (e')^\rho (e')^\beta \left\{ G_1(Q^2) g_{\rho\beta}(p' + p)_\alpha + G_2(Q^2) (q_\rho g_{\alpha\mu} - q_\mu g_{\alpha\rho}) + \frac{G_3(Q^2)}{2m_i^2} q_\rho q_\beta (p + p')_\mu \right\},
\]

where \( \epsilon_j \) is the photon polarization vector. To derive this expression, the transversality condition \( q \epsilon = 0 \) is used.

Now let us turn our attention to the calculation of Eq. (1) from the OPE side. By introducing the electromagnetic background field of a plane wave,

\[
F_{\mu\nu} = i (\epsilon^\nu q_\mu - \epsilon^\mu q_\nu) e^{ipx},
\]

the correlation function can be written in the following way:

\[
\Pi_{\mu\nu} e^{ipx} = i \int d^4x e^{ipx} \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu (x) J_\nu^\dagger (0) \} | 0 \rangle_F. 
\]  

In this expression, the subscript \( F \) means that the vacuum expectation value is evaluated in the presence of the background field \( F_{\mu\nu} \). The correlation function given in Eq. (1) can be obtained from Eq. (8) by expanding it in linear powers of \( F_{\mu\nu} \). More details about the background field method are given in two excellent reviews [48,49].

Using the explicit expressions of the interpolating currents and applying the Wick theorem for the correlation function, we obtain

\[
\Pi_{\mu\nu} e^{ipx} = i \int d^4x e^{ipx} \langle 0 | S_Q(x) \gamma_\mu S(-x) \gamma_\nu | 0 \rangle_F. 
\]  

From this expression, it follows that, to calculate the correlation function in the deep Euclidean domain, it is necessary to know the explicit expressions of the light and heavy quark propagators in the presence of the background gluonic and electromagnetic fields. The expressions of these propagators are obtained in Refs. [50,51]:

\[
\Pi_{\mu\alpha}(p, q) = \frac{\langle 0 | J_\mu | i(p) \rangle \langle i(p) | j_{\alpha\beta} (y) | f(p') \rangle \langle f(p') | J_\beta^\dagger | 0 \rangle + \cdots}{(p^2 - m_i^2)(p'^2 - m_i^2)}. 
\]

The hadronic part of the correlation function can be obtained by inserting a complete set of states carrying the same quantum numbers of the interpolating currents. Isolating the ground state vector mesons, we have

\[
\Pi_{\mu\alpha}(p, q) = \frac{\langle 0 | J_\mu | i(p) \rangle \langle i(p) | j_{\alpha\beta} (y) | f(p') \rangle \langle f(p') | J_\beta^\dagger | 0 \rangle + \cdots}{(p^2 - m_i^2)(p'^2 - m_i^2)}. 
\]
\[
S(x) = \frac{ix}{2\pi^2 x^4} - \frac{m_q}{4\pi^2 x^2} - \frac{ig_s}{16\pi^2 x^3} \int_0^1 du \left\{ \bar{u} \gamma_\mu x \sigma_{\mu \nu} \right\} \ln \left( -\frac{x^2 A^2}{u} + 2\gamma_E \right) - \frac{i e_q}{16\pi^2 x} \int_0^1 du \left\{ -\frac{im_q}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu \nu}(ux) \sigma^{\mu \nu} \ln \left( -\frac{x^2 A^2}{u} + 2\gamma_E \right) \right\},
\]

In result, we get the following sum rules for the charge \( F_c(0) \), magnetic moment \( F_M(0) \), and the sum of charge and quadrupole moment form factors at the \( Q^2 = 0 \) point:

\[
F_c(0) = -\frac{1}{2f_i^2} e^{m_i^2/M_f^2} \Pi_1^{(\pm)},
\]

\[
F_M(0) = -\frac{1}{f_i} e^{m_i^2/M_f^2} \Pi_2^{(\pm)}.
\]

Explicit expressions of \( \Pi_1^{(\pm)}, \Pi_2^{(\pm)}, \Pi_3^{(\pm)} \) are presented in Appendix B. The upper (lower) sign corresponds to vector (axial-vector) mesons. Moreover, we denote \( D_1 \) and \( D_{1J} \) axial-vector mesons with mass 2420 and 2460 MeV, respectively.

### III. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

This section is devoted to the numerical analysis of the sum rules for the multipole moments of the heavy vector (axial-vector) mesons. The values of the input parameters entering the sum rules are presented in Table I. In this study, we use the \( \overline{\text{MS}} \) mass, \( m_c(m_c) = (1.275 \pm 0.035 \text{ GeV}) \), \( m_b(m_b) = (4.18 \pm 0.03 \text{ GeV}) \), and take into account the scale dependence of the \( \overline{\text{MS}} \) masses coming from the renormalization group equation:

\[
m_b(\mu) = m_b(m_b) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \right)^{12/23},
\]

\[
m_c(\mu) = m_c(m_c) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(m_c)} \right)^{12/25}.
\]

Besides the input parameters that are presented in Table I, sum rules contain two more extra parameters, namely, the continuum threshold \( s_0 \) and the Borel mass parameter \( M^2 \). The domain of \( M^2 \) is determined by demanding the standard criteria; namely, both power corrections and continuum contributions should be sufficiently suppressed. The continuum threshold is determined from the condition.
TABLE I. The values of the input parameters.

| Parameter     | Value                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle (1 \text{ GeV})$ | $(-0.246_{-0.019}^{+0.028})^3 \text{ GeV}^3$ [54] |
| $\langle s\bar{s} \rangle (1 \text{ GeV})$ | $0.8 \times \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ [54] |
| $m_0$ (1 GeV)   | $(0.8 \pm 0.2) \text{ GeV}^2$ [55] |
| $m_1$ (2 GeV)   | $(96.8_{-1}^{+4} \times 10^{-3}) \text{ GeV}$ [56] |
| $f_{D^*}$       | $(0.263 \pm 0.021) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{D^*_1}$     | $(0.308 \pm 0.021) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{B^*}$       | $(0.196_{-0.027}^{+0.028}) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{B^*_1}$     | $(0.255 \pm 0.019) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{D}$         | $(0.332 \pm 0.018) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{D_1}$       | $(0.245 \pm 0.017) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{B}$         | $(0.335 \pm 0.018) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $f_{B_1}$       | $(0.348 \pm 0.018) \text{ GeV}$ [57] |
| $\chi (1 \text{ GeV})$ | $-(2.85 \pm 0.5) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [48] |
| $f_{3\gamma}$   | $-0.0039 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [49] |

that the sum rules should reproduce the mass of the ground state mass with 10% accuracy. These conditions are fulfilled in the regions of $M^2$ and $s_0$ presented in Table II. Having specified all input parameters, we are ready to calculate the numerical values of the magnetic and quadrupole moments, i.e., corresponding form factors at the $q^2 = 0$ point of all considered vector and axial-vector mesons.

In Figs. 1 and 2, we presented the dependency of $F_M^{D^+}$ and $F_M^{B^+}$ on $M^2$ at two fixed values of the continuum threshold, respectively, for illustration. From these figures, we observe good stability of $F_M^{D^+}$ and $F_M^{B^+}$ to the variation of $M^2$. In Fig. 3, we depict the dependence of $F_D^{D^+} + F_D^{D^*_1}$ on $M^2$ at two fixed values of $s_0$. Similar to the magnetic momentum case $F_M(0)$, the $F_C^{D^+} + F_D^{D^+}$ shows a weak dependency on the variation of $M^2$. Performing similar calculations for all vector and axial-vector mesons considered, we get the values of $F_M(0)$ and $F_D(0)$ presented in Tables III and IV, respectively.

The uncertainties result from the variation of Borel parameter $M^2$ and continuum threshold $s_0$ as well as from uncertainties in input parameters. All uncertainties are taken quadratically. Moreover, for completeness, in Table III, we also present the predictions on the magnetic moment obtained from the nonrelativistic (NR) quark model [54], Nambu-Jona-Lasinio (NJL) model [10], bag model [12], expanded bag model [58], and chiral perturbation theory (ChPT) [59].

We see that the values of the magnetic moments of $D^{++}$ and $D^{+}_1$ predicted by the light-cone sum rules framework are in good agreement with the other approaches. Once the

FIG. 1. The dependency of the magnetic moment of the $D^{++}$ meson on $M^2$ at two fixed values of $s_0$.

FIG. 2. The same as in Fig. 1, but for the $B^{++}$ meson.

FIG. 3. The dependency of $F_C^{D^+} + F_D^{D^+}$ on $M^2$ for the $D^{++}$ meson.

FIG. 4. The dependency of $F_C^{B^+} + F_D^{B^+}$ on $M^2$ for the $B^{++}$ meson.
light-cone sum rules results from the perturbative part of these magnetic moments for the axial-vector mesons within the light-cone QCD sum rules framework by using photon distribution amplitudes. The magnetic moments of axial-vector mesons are estimated for the first time. Besides, our predictions for the magnetic moments of these mesons are in good agreement within SU(3) symmetry expectations. The violation of SU(3) symmetry is about maximum 20%. The violation of SU(3) symmetry is due to the mass of the strange quark and the different values of quark condensates for u, d, and s quarks as well as the values of the leptonic decay constants. However, predictions of the chiral perturbation theory [59] lead to a huge (4 times) violation of SU(3) symmetry which seems highly unnatural.

The difference between our predictions and the other approaches on the magnetic moments can be explained as follows. The main contribution to the magnetic moments in light-cone sum rules results from the perturbative part of the spectral density. The perturbative part schematically can be written as

\[ (e_Q - e_q)A + e_QB, \]

where numerically A is larger than B. In the charged meson case, \( e_Q - e_q \) is equal to one, and for this reason the magnetic moment is quite large. However, for the neutral meson case, \( e_Q - e_q = 0 \), and, hence, the magnetic moment is rather small. Our last remark to this section is as follows. To increase the precision of our calculations, the next-to-leading-order (NLO) QCD corrections to the correlation functions should be taken into account. In addition, the same order of NLO corrections should be included for the calculation of the leptonic decay constants. However, since the expressions for considered multipole moments depend on the ratio of these two factors, it is expected that our findings may not be changed considerably.

Finally, we emphasize that the magnetic moments of axial-vector heavy mesons are calculated for the first time to our knowledge. It would be interesting to have results within other approaches for the magnetic moments of these mesons.

### IV. CONCLUSION

The magnetic and quadrupole moments of vector and axial-vector mesons containing a heavy quark are estimated within the light-cone QCD sum rules framework by using photon distribution amplitudes. The magnetic moments of axial-vector mesons are estimated for the first time. Moreover, we compared our predictions on magnetic moments with the results obtained from other approaches. Our findings agree with the results of other methods for \( D^{++} \) and \( D_s^+ \) mesons. Besides, our predictions for the magnetic moments of \( D^{++}, D_s^+, B^{0}, B_s^0, B_{s1}^+, D_{s1}^+, B_{s1}^0, B_{s1}^+ \), and \( B_{s1}^0 \) mesons are consistent with SU(3) symmetry expectations. However, the chiral perturbation theory predicts huge SU(3) symmetry breaking (about 4 times), which is bizarre. The calculation of these magnetic moments for the axial-vector mesons within other approaches can be very useful for understanding the inner structure of heavy mesons.

### TABLE III. Magnetic moments (in nuclear magneton) of heavy vector and axial-vector mesons.

| Particle | Our \[0.30 \pm 0.04\] | NJL \[10\] | NR \[56\] | Bag \[12\] | Extended-bag \[58\] | ChPT \[59\] |
|----------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| \( D_0^0 \) | \( 1.47 \) | \( -0.89 \) | \( -1.28 \) | \( 1.48 \pm 0.38 \) |
| \( D^{+} \) | \( 1.16 \pm 0.08 \) | \( 1.32 \) | \( 1.17 \) | \( 1.13 \) | \( 1.62 \pm 0.08 \) |
| \( D_{s1}^+ \) | \( 1.00 \pm 0.14 \) | \( 1.00 \) | \( 1.03 \) | \( 0.93 \) | \( 0.69 \pm 0.25 \) |
| \( B^{+,0} \) | \( 0.90 \pm 0.19 \) | \( 1.47 \) | \( 1.92 \) | \( 1.54 \) | \( 1.56 \) | \( 1.77 \pm 0.30 \) |
| \( B_{s1}^0 \) | \( -0.21 \pm 0.04 \) | \( -0.87 \) | \( -0.64 \) | \( -0.69 \) | \( -0.92 \pm 0.15 \) |
| \( B_{s1}^{-} \) | \( -0.17 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.55 \) | \( -0.47 \) | \( -0.51 \) | \( -0.27 \pm 0.10 \) |
| \( D_0^0 \) | \( 0.18 \pm 0.04 \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) |
| \( D_{s1}^+ \) | \( 0.90 \pm 0.08 \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) |
| \( D_{s1}^+ \) | \( 0.87 \pm 0.08 \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) |
| \( B_{s1}^0 \) | \( 0.14 \pm 0.08 \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) |
| \( B_{s1}^{-} \) | \( 0.60 \pm 0.07 \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) | \( \ldots \) |
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### TABLE IV. The quadrupole moments of heavy vector and axial-vector mesons are depicted in natural units.

| \( F_D \) (in \( e/m_5^2 \) unit) | \( D_0^0 \) | \( D^{+} \) | \( D_{s1}^+ \) | \( B^{0} \) | \( B_{s1}^0 \) |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| \( D_0^0 \)                 | \( 0.25 \pm 0.05 \) | \( -0.64 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.60 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.80 \pm 0.10 \) | \( -0.20 \pm 0.03 \) |
| \( D_{s1}^+ \)             | \( -0.60 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.59 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.12 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.78 \pm 0.02 \) | \( -0.10 \pm 0.02 \) |
APPENDIX A: PHOTON DISTRIBUTION AMPLITUDES

In this Appendix, we present the matrix element of nonlocal operators in terms of photon DAs and their explicit expressions:

\begin{align*}
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)\sigma_{\mu\nu}q(0)|0\rangle &= -ie_q\langle \bar{q}q\rangle(\epsilon_{\mu}q_{\nu} - \epsilon_{\nu}q_{\mu}) \int_0^1 du e^{ixq_{\mu}x} \left( \chi q_{\nu}(u) + \frac{x}{16} \delta_{\nu}(u) \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{i}{2(qx)} e_q(\bar{q}q) \left[ x_{\nu} \left( \epsilon_{\mu} - \frac{q_{\mu}}{qx} \right) - x_{\mu} \left( \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{q_{\nu}}{qx} \right) \right] \int_0^1 du e^{ixq_{\nu}x} h_{\gamma}(u), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)\gamma_{\mu}q(0)|0\rangle &= e_q f_{3\gamma} \left( \epsilon_{\mu} - \frac{q_{\mu}}{qx} \right) \int_0^1 du e^{ixq_{\mu}x} \psi^\gamma(u), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{\nu}q(0)|0\rangle &= -\frac{1}{4} e_q f_{3\gamma} e_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} e^{ix^{\alpha\beta}} \int_0^1 du e^{ixq_{\mu}x} \psi^\gamma(u), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)g_{\lambda}\gamma_{\mu}(vx)q(0)|0\rangle &= -ie_q(\bar{q}q) (\epsilon_{\mu} q_v - \epsilon_v q_{\mu}) \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\mu} + \alpha_v)x} S(\alpha_i), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)g_{\lambda}\gamma_{\mu}i\sigma_5(vx)q(0)|0\rangle &= -ie_q(\bar{q}q) (\epsilon_{\mu} q_v - \epsilon_v q_{\mu}) \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\mu} + \alpha_v)x} S(\alpha_i), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)g_{\lambda}G_{\mu\nu}(vx)q(0)|0\rangle &= e_q f_{3\gamma} q_{\alpha} (\epsilon_{\mu} q_v - \epsilon_v q_{\mu}) \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\mu} + \alpha_v)x} A(\alpha_i), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)g_{\lambda}G_{\mu\nu}(vx)i\gamma_{\nu}q(0)|0\rangle &= e_q f_{3\gamma} q_{\alpha} (\epsilon_{\mu} q_v - \epsilon_v q_{\mu}) \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\mu} + \alpha_v)x} V(\alpha_i), \\
\langle \gamma(q)|\bar{q}(x)\sigma_{\alpha\beta}g_{\lambda}G_{\mu\nu}(vx)q(0)|0\rangle &= e_q(\bar{q}q) \left\{ \left[ \left( \epsilon_{\mu} - \frac{q_{\mu}}{qx} \right) \left( q_v x_{\nu} + q_{\nu} x_v \right) \right] q_{\alpha} - \left( \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{q_{\nu}}{qx} \right) \left( q_v x_{\mu} + q_{\mu} x_v \right) \right\} q_{\beta} \left\{ \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\nu} + \alpha_v)x} T_1(\alpha_i) \\
&\quad + \left[ \left( \epsilon_{\mu} - \frac{q_{\mu}}{qx} \right) \left( q_v x_{\beta} + q_{\beta} x_v \right) \right] q_{\alpha} - \left( \epsilon_{\nu} - \frac{q_{\nu}}{qx} \right) \left( q_v x_{\mu} + q_{\mu} x_v \right) \right\} q_{\beta} \left\{ \int D\alpha_i e^{i(\alpha_{\mu} + \alpha_v)x} T_2(\alpha_i) \\
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\end{align*}

where \( \chi \) is the magnetic susceptibility of the quarks, \( q_{\gamma}(u) \) is the leading twist 2, \( \psi^\gamma(u) \), \( \psi^\alpha(u) \), \( A \), and \( V \) are the twist 3, and \( h_{\gamma}(u), \delta \), and \( T_i \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, 4)\) are the twist 4 photon distribution amplitudes. The integral measure \( D\alpha_i \) is defined as

\[ D\alpha_i = \int_0^1 d\alpha_\beta \int_0^1 d\alpha_\gamma \int_0^1 d\alpha_\delta (1 - \alpha_\gamma - \alpha_\delta - \alpha_\beta). \]  

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The expressions of the photon DAs which we need in our calculations are [49]

\begin{align*}
q_{\gamma}(u) &= 6u\bar{u}[1 + q_{\gamma}(u)] C_2^{\gamma/2}(u - \bar{u}], \\
\psi^\gamma(u) &= 3[3(2u - 1)^2 - 1] + \frac{3}{64} (15w_{\gamma}^v - 5w_{\gamma}^o)[3 - 30(2u - 1)^2 + 35(2u - 1)^4], \\
\psi^\alpha(u) &= [1 - (2u - 1)^2] [5(2u - 1)^2 - 1] \left( \frac{5}{2} \left( \frac{9}{16} w_{\gamma}^v - \frac{3}{16} w_{\gamma}^o \right) \right), \\
\end{align*}

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\[ \mathcal{A}(a_i) = 360\alpha_q\alpha_g\alpha_s^2 \left[ 1 + w_i^A \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha_g - 3) \right], \]
\[ \mathcal{V}(a_i) = 540w_i^Y(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)\alpha_q\alpha_g\alpha_s^2, \]
\[ h_i(u) = -10(1 + 2\kappa^+)^2\left(\gamma - \tilde{u}\right), \]
\[ A(u) = 40u^2\tilde{u}^2(3\kappa - \kappa^+) + 8(\zeta_2^\kappa - 3\zeta_2^\gamma)[u\tilde{u}(2 + 13u\tilde{u}) + 2u^3(10 - 15u + 6u^2)\ln(u) + 2\tilde{u}^3(10 - 15\tilde{u} + 6\tilde{u}^2)\ln(\tilde{u})]. \]
\[ T_1(a_i) = -120(3\zeta_2^\kappa + \zeta_2^\gamma)(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)\alpha_q\alpha_g\alpha_s^2, \]
\[ T_2(a_i) = 30\alpha_g^2(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)[(\kappa + \kappa^+) + (\zeta_1^\kappa - \zeta_1^\gamma)(1 - 2\alpha_g) + \zeta_2^\gamma(3 - 4\alpha_g)], \]
\[ T_3(a_i) = -120(3\zeta_2^\kappa - \zeta_2^\gamma)(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)\alpha_q\alpha_s^2\alpha_g^2, \]
\[ T_4(a_i) = 30\alpha_g^2[(\kappa + \kappa^+)(1 - \alpha_g) + (\zeta_1^\kappa - \zeta_1^\gamma)(1 - 2\alpha_g) + \zeta_2^\gamma[3(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)^2 - \alpha_g(1 - \alpha_g)]] \]
\[ S(a_i) = 30\alpha_g^2[(\kappa + \kappa^+)(1 - \alpha_g) + (\zeta_1^\kappa - \zeta_1^\gamma)(1 - 2\alpha_g) + \zeta_2^\gamma[3(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)^2 - \alpha_g(1 - \alpha_g)]] \]
\[ \tilde{S}(a_i) = -30\alpha_g^2[(\kappa - \kappa^+)(1 - \alpha_g) + (\zeta_1^\kappa - \zeta_1^\gamma)(1 - 2\alpha_g) + \zeta_2^\gamma[3(\alpha_q - \alpha_g)^2 - \alpha_g(1 - \alpha_g)]] \]  

where $C_{2n}^{\kappa}$ is the Gegenbauer polynomial. The constants entering the above DAs are adapted from Ref. [49], and their values are given in Table V.

**APPENDIX B: EXPLICIT EXPRESSIONS OF THE INVARIANT FUNCTIONS**

In this Appendix, we present the explicit expressions of the invariant functions $\Pi_1^{(\pm)}$, $\Pi_2^{(\pm)}$, and $\Pi_3^{(\pm)}$.

1. Coefficient of the $(e \cdot p)p_\mu p_\nu$ structure

\[
\Pi_1^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left[ 3(e_Q - e_q)m_Q^2M^2(\mathcal{I}_3 - m_Q^2\mathcal{I}_4) - \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{24\pi^2M^2} \right] \left[ 48\pi^2e_Qm_\mu\langle \bar{q}q \rangle + e_{m_Q^2/M^2}e_q\langle G^2 \rangle m_Q^2\mathcal{I}_2 \right] 
\]
\[ + \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{3M^4} e_Qm_\mu^Qm_\nu\langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{3M^6} e_Qm_\mu^Qm_\nu^Qm_\mu\langle \bar{q}q \rangle. \]  

2. Coefficient of the $(e \cdot p)p_\mu q_\nu$ structure

\[
\Pi_2^{(\pm)} = -\frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{m_Q^2M^2}{96\pi^2M^2} \left[ e_Q\mathcal{I}_2 + (e_Q - 3e_q)m_Q^2\mathcal{I}_3 - 2(e_Q - e_q)m_Q^4\mathcal{I}_4 \right] 
\]
\[ - \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{96\pi^2M^2} \left[ e_q\langle G^2 \rangle + 144e_Qm_\mu\pi^2\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \right] + \frac{2e_{m_Q^2/M^2}e_q\langle G^2 \rangle m_Q^2\mathcal{I}_2}{M^2} \pm \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{144M^6} \left[ 36e_Qm_\mu^Qm_\nu\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \right] 
\]
\[ + e_{m_Q^2/M^2} \left[ \pm 12\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \mathcal{I}_2(h_r) + f_{3\nu}m_Q(4\tilde{J}_1(\psi^r) + \psi^u(u_0)) \right] \]
\[ + \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{36M^8} e_q\langle G^2 \rangle m_Q^2\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \mathcal{I}_2(h_r) - \frac{e^{-m_Q^2/M^2}}{2} e_qf_{3\nu}[4\tilde{J}_1(\psi^r) + \psi^u(u_0)]. \]  

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3. Coefficient of the \((e \cdot p)q,q_{\mu}\) structure

\[
\Pi_3^{(\pm)} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ 3(e_0 - e_q) m_0^4 M^2 (I_3 - m_q^2 I_4) \right] - \frac{-e_m^2/\Lambda^2}{96 M^2 \pi^2} \left\{ 48 e_0 m_0^2 \pi^2 \langle \bar{q} q \rangle + e_m^2/\Lambda^2 \langle \bar{q} q \rangle G^2 \right\} + \frac{e_m^2/\Lambda^2}{12 M^4} e_0 m_0^2 \langle \bar{q} q \rangle + \frac{e_m^2/\Lambda^2}{36 \Lambda^2} \left[ 3 \bar{q} q \langle \bar{q} q \rangle + e_m^2/\Lambda^2 \right] \langle \bar{q} q \rangle \rangle + \frac{e_m^2/\Lambda^2}{12 M^4} \left\{ 2 e_0 f_3 \left[ 2 i_2 (V, v) + i_2 (A, 1) - i_2 (V, 1) - j_1 (V, 1) \right] \right\},
\]

where

\[
I_n = \int_{m_0^2}^{s_0} ds \frac{e^{-s/M^2}}{s^n},
\]

\[
i_1(\phi, f(v)) = \int D\alpha_i \int_0^1 dv \phi(\alpha_q, \alpha_q, \alpha_q) f(v) \theta(k - u_0),
\]

\[
i_2(\phi, f(v)) = \int D\alpha_i \int_0^1 dv \phi(\alpha_q, \alpha_q, \alpha_q) f(v) \delta(k - u_0),
\]

\[
i_1(\phi, f(v)) = \int D\alpha_i \int_0^1 dv \phi(\alpha_q, \alpha_q, \alpha_q) f(v) \theta(k' - u_0),
\]

\[
i_2(\phi, f(v)) = \int D\alpha_i \int_0^1 dv \phi(\alpha_q, \alpha_q, \alpha_q) f(v) \delta(k' - u_0),
\]

\[
j_1(f(u)) = \int_0^1 du f(u),
\]

\[
j_2(f(u)) = \int_0^1 du (u - u_0) f(u),
\]

and

\[
k = \alpha_q + \alpha_q v, \quad k' = \alpha_q + \alpha_q (1 - v), \quad M^2 = \frac{M_1^2 M_2^2}{M_1^2 + M_2^2}, \quad u_0 = \frac{M_1^2}{M_1^2 + M_2^2}.
\]

In calculations, we take \(M_1^2 = M_2^2\), since the initial and final state mesons are the same; hence, \(u_0 = \frac{1}{2}\).
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