

# High Energy Scattering of Particles with Anomalous Magnetic Moment in Quantum Field Theory

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**Abstract:** The functional integration method is used for studying the scattering of a scalar pion on nucleon with the anomalous magnetic moment in the framework of nonrenormalizable quantum field theory. In the asymptotic region  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $|t| \ll s$  the representation of eikonal type for the amplitude of pion-nucleon scattering is obtained. The anomalous magnetic moment leads to additional terms in the amplitude which describe the spin flips in the scattering process. It is shown that the renormalization problem does not arise in the asymptotic  $s \rightarrow \infty$  since the unrenormalized divergences disappear in this approximation. Coulomb interference is considered as an application.

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## 1. Introduction

The eikonal approximation for the scattering amplitude of high-energy particles in quantum field theory including quantum gravity has been investigated by many authors using various approaches [1 – 17]. Nevertheless, these investigations do not take into account the spin structure of the scattering particles. It is, however, well known from recent experiments that spin effects are important in many processes [18 – 20]. This motivates us to study the problem of generalizing the functional integration method allowing for the spin effects; namely, we consider the scattering of particles with anomalous moments.

Here, we investigate the electromagnetic interaction, i.e., the interaction due to the exchange of vector particles with vanishing mass  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ . It is pointed out that the eikonal approximation works well in a wide energy range [21 – 23]. This approximation was applied to the problem of bound states,

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not only the Balmer formula was obtained but also the relativistic corrections to the ground level energy [5, 24].

The interaction between a particle with an anomalous magnetic moment and an electromagnetic field is nonrenormalizable [25, 26]. Since ordinary perturbation theory does not work in nonrenormalizable field theories [27–29], in this work we use the functional integration which enables us to perform the calculations in a compact form.

The rest of this article is organized as the following. In the second section, we consider the scattering of a scalar pion on a nucleon with an anomalous magnetic moment. Using the exact expression of the single-particle Green's function in the form of a functional integral, we obtain the two-particle Green's function by the averaging of two single-particle Green's function. By transition to the mass shell of external two-particle Green's function, we obtain a closed representation for the  $\pi N$  elastic scattering amplitude expressed in the form of the functional integrals. To estimate the functional integrals we use the straight line path approximation, based on the idea of rectilinear paths of interacting particles of asymptotically high energies and small momentum transfers. The third section is devoted to investigating the asymptotic behavior of this amplitude in the limit of high energies  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $|t| \ll s$ , and we obtained an eikonal or Glauber representation of the scattering amplitude. As an application of the eikonal formula obtained in fourth section, we consider the Coulomb interference in the scattering of charged hadrons. Here, we find a formula for the phase difference; this is a generalization of the Bethe's formula in the framework of relativistic quantum field theory. Finally, concluding remarks are presented.

## 2. Construction of the two-particle scattering amplitude

We consider the scattering of a scalar particle (pion  $\pi$ ) on a Dirac particle with anomalous magnetic moment (nucleon  $N$ )<sup>1</sup> at high energies and at fixed transfers in quantum field theory. To construct the representation of the scattering in the framework of the functional approach we first find the two-particle Green's function, once the Green's function is obtained we consider the mass respective to the external ends of the two particle lines.

Using the method of variational derivatives we shall determine the two particles Green's function  $G_{12}(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2)$  by the following formula:

$$G_{12}(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) = \exp \left[ \frac{i}{2} \int d^4k D_{\mu\nu}(k) \frac{\delta^2}{\delta A_\mu(k) \delta A_\nu(-k)} \right] G_1(p_1, q_1 | A) G_2(p_2, q_2 | A) S_0(A) \Big|_{A=0}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $S_0(A)$  is the vacuum expectation of the S matrix in the given external field A. For simplicity, we shall henceforth ignore vacuum polarization effects and also the contributions of diagrams containing closed nucleon loops;  $G_1(p_1, q_1 | A)$  - the Fourier of the Green's function (A.5) (see appendix) of particle 1 in the given external field takes the form

<sup>1</sup> For simplicity, pion will be regarded as particle 1 and nucleon as particle 2.

$$G_1(p_1, q_1 | A) = i \int_0^s ds e^{i(p_1^2 - m_1^2)s} \int d^4x e^{i(p_1 - q_1)x} \int [\delta^4 v]_0^s \exp[ie \int_0^s J_\mu A_\mu], \tag{2.2}$$

here we use the notation  $\int JA = \int J_\mu(z)A_\mu(z)$  and  $J_\mu(z)$  is the current of the particle 1 defined by

$$J_\mu(z) = 2 \int_0^s d\xi v_\mu(\xi) \delta(z - x_i + 2 \int_0^\xi [v_i(\eta) + p_i] d\eta). \tag{2.3}$$

We notice that on the mass shell the ordinary Green's function  $G_2(p_2, q_2 | A)$  and the squared Green's functions  $G_2(p, q | A)$  are identical [4], in eq. (2.1), we thus use the latter in eq. (A.11) (see appendix):

$$\bar{G}_2(p_2, q_2 | A) = i \int_0^s ds e^{i(p_2^2 - m_2^2)s} \int d^4x e^{i(p_2 - q_2)x} T_\gamma \int [\delta^4 v]_0^s \exp\{ie \int_0^s J_\mu A_\mu(x)\}, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $T_\gamma$  is the symbol of ordering the  $\gamma_\mu$  matrices with respect to the ordering index  $\xi$ , and  $J_\mu(z)$  is the current of particle 2 defined by

$$J_\mu(z) = 2 \int_0^s d\xi [v_\mu(\xi) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu}(\xi) i \partial_\nu] \delta(z - x_i + 2 \int_0^\xi [v_i(\eta) + p] d\eta). \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting eq.(2.2), (2.4) into eq.(2.1) and performing variational derivatives, for the two particle Green's function we find the following expression:

$$G_{12}(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) = - \prod_{i=1,2} \left( \int_0^\infty ds_i e^{i(p_i^2 - m_i^2)s_i} \int [\delta^4 v_i]_0^{s_i} \int d^4x_i e^{i(p_i - q_i)x_i} \exp\left[-\frac{ie^2}{2} \int D(J_1 + J_2)^2\right] \right), \tag{2.6}$$

here we introduce the abbreviated notion  $JDJ = \int dz_1 dz_2 J_\mu(z_1) D_{\mu\nu}(z_1 - z_2) J_\nu(z_2)$ .

Expanding expression eq.(2.6) with respect to the coupling constant  $e^2$  and taking the functional integrals with respect to  $v_i(\eta)$ , we obtain the well-known series of perturbation theory for the two-particle Green's function. The term in exponent eq.(2.6), we can rewrite in the following form:

$$-\frac{ie^2}{2} \int D(J_1 + J_2)^2 = -ie^2 \int DJ_1 J_2 - \frac{ie^2}{2} \int DJ_1^2 - \frac{ie^2}{2} \int DJ_2^2, \tag{2.7}$$

the first term on the right-hand side eq.(2.7) corresponds to the one-photon exchange between the two-particle and the remainder lead to radiative corrections to the lines of the two-particles.

The scattering amplitude of two particles is expressed in the two particles Green's function by equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & i(2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 - q_2) T(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m_2} \bar{u}(q_2) \left[ \lim_{p_i^2, q_i^2 \rightarrow m_i^2} (p_i^2 - m_i^2) G_{12}(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) (q_i^2 - m_i^2) \right] u(p_2), \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

the spinors  $\bar{u}(q_2)$  and  $u(q_2)$  on the mass shell satisfy the Dirac equation and the normalization condition  $\bar{u}(q_2)u(p_2) = 2m_2$ .

The transition to the mass shell  $p_i^2; q_i^2 \rightarrow m_i^2$ ; calls for separating from formula eq.(2.8) the pole terms  $(p_i^2 - m_i^2)^{-1}$  and  $(q_i^2 - m_i^2)^{-1}$  which cancel the factors  $(p_i^2 - m_i^2)$  and  $(q_i^2 - m_i^2)$ . In perturbation theory this compensation is obvious, since the Green's function is sought by means of methods other

than perturbation theory, the separation of the terms entails certain difficulties. We shall be interested in the structure of scattering amplitude as a whole, therefore the development of a correct procedure for going to the mass shell in the general case is very important. Many approximate methods that are reasonable from the physical point of view when used before the transition on the mass shell, shift the positions of the pole of the Green's function and render the procedure of finding the scattering amplitude mathematically incorrect. In present paper we shall use a method for separating the poles of the Green's functions that generalizes the method introduced in Ref. [30] to finding the scattering amplitude in a model of scalar nucleon interacting with scalar meson field, in which the contributions of closed nucleon loops are ignored.

Substituting eq.(2.6) into eq.(2.8), we get

$$(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 - q_2) iT(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) \\ = \frac{1}{2m_2} \bar{u}(q_2) \left[ \lim_{p_i^2, q_i^2 \rightarrow m_i^2} \left( \prod_{i=1,2} (p_i^2 - m_i^2)(q_i^2 - m_i^2) \int d^4 x_i e^{i(p_i - q_i)x_i} \int_0^\infty ds_i \int_0^\infty d\xi_i e^{i(p_i^2 - m_i^2)s_i} \right) \right. \\ \left. e^2 DJ_1 J_2 \int_0^1 d\lambda \exp(-ie^2 \lambda \int DJ_1 J_2) \right] u(p_2). \quad (2.9)$$

To derive eq.(2.9), we employ the operator of subtracting unity in the formula eq.(2.9) from the exponent function containing the D-function in its argument in accordance with

$$e^{-ie^2 \int DJ_1 J_2} - 1 = -ie^2 \int_0^1 d\lambda DJ_1 J_2 e^{-i\lambda \int DJ_1 J_2}.$$

This corresponds to eliminating from the Green's function the terms describing the propagation of two noninteracting particles. Taking into account the identity:

$$\prod_{k=1,2} \int_0^\infty ds_k \int_0^{s_k} d\xi_k \dots \rightarrow \prod_{k=1,2} \int_0^\infty d\xi_k \int_\xi^\infty ds_k \dots$$

and making a change of the ordinary and the functional variables

$$s_i \rightarrow s_i + \xi_i; i = 1, 2, x_i \rightarrow x_i - 2 \int_0^{\xi_i} [p + v(\eta)] d\eta, v_i(\eta) \rightarrow v_i(\eta - \xi) - (p - q)\theta(\eta - s_i).$$

We transform eq.(2.9) as follow

$$(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 - q_2) iT(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) \\ = \frac{1}{2m_2} \bar{u}(q_2) \left[ \lim_{p_i^2, q_i^2 \rightarrow m_i^2} \left( \prod_{i=1,2} (p_i^2 - m_i^2)(q_i^2 - m_i^2) \int d^4 x_i e^{i(p_i - q_i)x_i} \int_0^\infty d\xi_i e^{i(p_i^2 - m_i^2)\xi_i} \int_0^\infty ds_i e^{i(q_i^2 - m_i^2)s_i} \right) \right. \\ \left. \int [\delta^4 v_1]_{\xi_1}^{s_1} \int [\delta^4 v_2]_{\xi_2}^{s_2} e^2 DJ_1 J_2 \int_0^1 d\lambda \exp(-ie^2 \lambda \int DJ_1 J_2) \right] u(p_2). \quad (2.10)$$

In the following we consider the forward scattering, and the radiative corrections to lines of the particles in eq (2.10) will be omitted. We now note that the integrals with respect to  $s_i$  and  $\xi_i$  give factors  $(p_i^2 - m_i^2)^{-1}$  and  $(q_i^2 - m_i^2)^{-1}$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ . Therefore, in eq.(2.10) we can go over the mass shell with respect to the external lines of the particle using the relations [31]

$$\lim_{a, \epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ ia \int_0^\infty e^{ias - \epsilon} f(s) \right] = f(\infty),$$

which holds for any finite function  $f(s)$ . By means of the substitutions  $x_1 = (y + x)/2$  and  $x_2 = (y - x)/2$  in eq.(2.10) and performing the integration with respect to  $dy$  we can separate out the  $\delta$  - function of the conservation of the four-momentum  $\delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 - q_2)$ . As a result, the scattering amplitude takes the for

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) &= \frac{1}{2m_2} \bar{u}(q_2) \left[ e^2 \prod_{i=1,2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta^4 v_i] \int d^4 x e^{i(p_1 - q_1)x} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times [p_1 + q_1 + 2\nu(0)] D^{\mu\nu}(x) [p_2 + q_2 + 2\nu(0)]_\nu \int_0^1 d\lambda \exp[-ie^2 \lambda \int DJ_1 J_2] \right] u(p_2) \\
 J_{1\mu}(k; p_1, q_1 | \nu) &= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi [p_1 \theta(\xi) + q_1 \theta(-\xi) + \nu(\eta)]_\mu \exp \left\{ 2ik [p_1 \xi \theta(\xi) + q_1 \xi \theta(-\xi) + \int_0^\xi v_1(\eta) d\eta] \right\} \\
 J_{2\mu}(k; p_2, q_2 | \nu) &= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi \left\{ [p_2 \theta(\xi) + q_2 \theta(-\xi) + \nu(\eta)]_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu}(\xi) i \partial_\nu \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \exp \left\{ 2ik [p_2 \xi \theta(\xi) + q_2 \xi \theta(-\xi) + \int_0^\xi v_2(\eta) d\eta] \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Here,  $\exp(-ie^2 \lambda \int DJJ)$  describes virtual-photon exchange among the scattering particles. The integration with respect to  $d\lambda$  ensures subtraction of the contribution of the freely propagating particles from the matrix element. By going over to mass shell of external two particle Green's function, we obtain an exact closed representation for the "pion-nucleon" elastic scattering amplitude, expressed in the form of the double functional integrals. We would like to emphasize that eq.(2.11) can be applied for different ranges of energy.

### 3. Asymptotic behavior of the scattering amplitude at high energy

The important point in our method is that the functional integrals with respect to  $\delta^4 v$  are calculated by the straight-line path approximation [2, 3], which corresponds to neglecting the functional variables in the arguments of the D-functions in eq.(2.11). In the language of Feynman diagrams, this linearizes the particle propagators with respect to the momenta of the virtual photon. Therefore, the scattering amplitude eq.(2.11) in this approximation takes the form

$$T(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) = \frac{1}{2m_2} \bar{u}(q_2) \left[ e^2 \int d^4 x e^{i(p_1 - q_1)x} [p_1 + q_1] D^{\mu\nu}(x) [p_2 + q_2]_\nu \int_0^1 d\lambda \exp[-ie^2 \lambda \int DJ_1 J_2] \right] u(p_2). \tag{3.1}$$

We perform the following calculation in the center -of-mass system of colliding particles  $\vec{p}_1 = -\vec{p}_2 = \vec{p}$  and we direct the z-axis along the momentum  $\vec{p}_1$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 &= (p_{10}, 0, 0, p = p_z); p_2 = (p_{20}, 0, 0, -p), \\
 s &= (p_{10} + p_{20})^2 = 4p_0^2; p_{10} = p_{20} = p_0, t = (p_1 - q_1)^2 = (p_2 - q_2)^2;
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

integrating over  $db_0$  and  $db_z$  in eq.(3.1) we obtain for the scattering amplitude

$$T(s,t) = -2is \frac{\bar{u}(q_2)}{2m_2} \int d\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\Delta\vec{b}_\perp} \times \left\{ T_\gamma \exp \left[ ie \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_2 J_{1\mu}(\hat{p}_1^\mu) D_{\mu\nu}(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}) J_{2\nu}(\hat{p}_2^\nu, \gamma(\tau_2)) \right] - 1 \right\} u(p_2), \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\hat{p}_i^\mu = p_i^\mu / |p|$ ,  $\tau_i = 2|p|\xi_i$ , ( $i=1,2$ ),  $b_{\tau_1\tau_2} = \vec{b}_\perp \perp - p_1\tau_1 + p_2\tau_2$ .

Let us consider the asymptotic behavior of the elastic forward amplitude of the two-particles eq.(3.1) in the region  $s \rightarrow \infty, |t| \ll s$ . In this region, spinors  $u(p)$  and  $\bar{u}(p)$ , which are solutions of the Dirac equation [25]

$$u(p) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{\vec{\sigma}\vec{p}}{|p|} \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{m} \psi_p, \bar{u}(q) = \bar{\psi}_q \sqrt{m} \begin{pmatrix} 1, \frac{\vec{\sigma}\vec{p}}{|p|} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\vec{p}| \approx |\vec{q}|, \tag{3.4}$$

where  $\psi_p$  and  $\bar{\psi}_q$  are ordinary two-component spinors.

Using the expansion of  $J^\mu[\hat{p}_2, \gamma(\tau_2)]$  with respect to the  $z$  component of the momentum and substituting eq.(3.4) into eq.(3.3), we obtain

$$T(s,t) = -2is \bar{\psi}_{q_2} \int d\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\Delta\vec{b}_\perp} \left[ e^{i\chi_0(b)} \Gamma_1(b) - 1 \right] \psi_{p_2}, \tag{3.5}$$

where  $\chi_0(b)$  is the phase corresponding to the Coulomb interaction. This phase is determined by

$$\chi_0(b) = \frac{e^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int d\vec{k}_\perp \frac{e^{-i\vec{k}_\perp \vec{b}_\perp}}{\mu^2 + \vec{k}_\perp^2} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi} K_0(\mu |\vec{b}_\perp|), \tag{3.6}$$

where  $K_0(\mu |\vec{b}_\perp|)$  - is the MacDonald function of zeroth order, and the expression  $\Gamma_1(b)$  is equal to

$$\Gamma_1(b) = \frac{1}{2} (1, -\sigma_z) T_{\tau_2} \exp \left\{ \begin{matrix} -i\kappa \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_2 \hat{p}_1^\mu \bar{\gamma}^\perp(\tau_2) \times \vec{\partial}_\perp D_{\mu\rho}^c(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}) \hat{p}_2^\rho \\ -\hat{p}_1^\mu \left( \gamma^z(\tau_2) + \gamma^0(\tau_1) \frac{p_z}{p_0} \right) \times \left[ \partial_z D_{\mu 0}^c(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}) - \partial_0 D_{\mu z}^c(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}) \right] \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sigma_z \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.7}$$

Note that the expansion of the last expression in a series in powers of  $\left[ \gamma^z + \gamma^0 \frac{p_z}{p_0} \right]$  is actually with respect to  $\left[ \gamma^z + \gamma^0 \frac{p_z}{p_0} \right]^2 = -\frac{m^2}{p_0^2}$ , since  $(1, -\sigma_z) \left[ \gamma^z + \gamma^0 \frac{p_z}{p_0} \right] (1, -\sigma_z) = 0$ . Therefore, the second term in the argument of the exponent in eq.(3.7) can be ignored altogether. Thus, we have

$$\Gamma_1(b) = \frac{1}{2} (1, \sigma_z) T_{\tau_2} \exp \left[ -2e\kappa \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_2 \bar{\gamma}_\perp(\tau_2) \vec{\partial}_\perp D(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sigma_z \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.8}$$

Since  $\left[ \bar{\gamma}_\perp(\tau_2) \vec{\partial}_\perp D_0^c(b_{\tau_1\tau_2}), \bar{\gamma}_\perp(\tau'_2) \vec{\partial}_\perp D_0^c(b_{\tau_1\tau'_2}) \right] \Big|_{\tau'_2 \neq \tau_2}, \tag{3.9}$

the  $\bar{\gamma}_\perp(\tau_2)$  matrix in (3.8) does not depend on the ordering parameter  $\tau_2$  and the  $T_{\tau_2}$  ordering exponential is equal to the ordinary exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1(b) &= \frac{1}{2}(1, \sigma_z) \exp \left[ -2e\kappa \vec{\gamma}_\perp \vec{\partial}_\perp \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau_2 D(b_{\tau_1 \tau_2}) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sigma_z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1, \sigma_z) \exp \left[ -\frac{e\kappa}{2\pi} \vec{\gamma}_\perp \vec{\partial}_\perp K_0(\mu | \vec{b}_\perp) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\sigma_z \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

We go over to cylindrical coordinates  $\vec{b}_\perp = \vec{\rho} = \rho \vec{n}$ ,  $\vec{n} = (\cos\phi, \sin\phi)$ ,  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle in the plane  $(x, y)$ . Remembering further that

$$[\vec{n} \times \vec{\sigma}]_z = -\sigma_x \sin \phi + \sigma_y \cos \phi, [\vec{n} \times \vec{\sigma}]_z^2 = 1, \tag{3.11}$$

We obtain

$$\Gamma_1(b) = \exp \{ i [\vec{n} \times \vec{\sigma}]_z \chi_1(\vec{\rho}) \} \tag{3.12}$$

where  $\chi_1(\rho)$  is determined by

$$\chi_1(\vec{\rho}) = \frac{e\kappa}{2\pi} \partial_\rho K_0(\mu | \rho) \tag{3.13}$$

As a result, we obtain the eikonal representation for the  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude<sup>2</sup>

$$T(s, t) = -2is \bar{\psi}_{q_2} \int d\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\Delta \vec{b}_\perp} \left\{ \exp \left[ i \chi_0(b) + i (\vec{n} \times \vec{\sigma})_z \chi_1(b) \right] - 1 \right\} \psi_{p_2}. \tag{3.14}$$

Thus, allowance for the anomalous magnetic moment of the nucleon in the eikonal phase leads to appearance of an additive term responsible for the spin flip in the scattering process. Integrating in eq.(3.14) with respect to the angular variable [32], we obtain the amplitude

$$T(s, t) = \bar{\psi}_{q_2} \left[ f_0(s, \Delta) + i \sigma_y f_1(s, \Delta) \right] \psi_{p_2}, \tag{3.15}$$

where  $f_0(s, \Delta), f_1(s, \Delta)$  describe processes with and without spin flip, respectively, and they are given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(s, \Delta) &= -4\pi s \int_0^\infty \rho d\rho J_0(\Delta\rho) \left[ e^{i\chi_0} \cos \chi_1 - 1 \right] \\ f_1(s, \Delta) &= 4\pi s \int_0^\infty \rho d\rho J_1(\Delta\rho) \sin \chi_1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

It is obvious that all the expressions eqs.(3.14)-(3.16) are finite, and therefore the renormalization problems does not arise in our approximation in the limit  $s \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### 4. Coulomb interference

Coulomb interference for particles with anomalous magnetic moment was considered for the first time in Ref. [39], in which the amplitude was actually only in the first Born approximation in the Coulomb interaction. The relativistic eikonal approximation was used for the first time to calculate

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<sup>2</sup> Scattering amplitude  $T(s, t)$  in c.m.s can be normalized by the expression  $\sigma_{tot} = \frac{ImT(s, t=0)}{s}, \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{|T(s, t)|^2}{64\pi^2 s}$ .

Coulomb interference without allowance for spin [34]. It is interesting to use our results to consider Coulomb interference [33 – 39] in the scattering of the charges hadrons  $\pi N$ . The nuclear interaction can be included in our approach by replacing the eikonal phase in accordance with [34]  $\chi_{em}(b) \rightarrow \chi_{em}(b) + \chi_h(b)$

$$T(s, t) = -2is\bar{\psi}_{q_2} \int d\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\Delta\vec{b}_\perp} \left( \exp[i\chi_{em}(b) + i\chi_h(b)] - 1 \right) \psi_{p_2}, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\chi_{em}(b) = \chi_0(b) + i[\vec{n} \times \vec{\sigma}]_z \chi_1(b)$ , is eikonal phase that corresponds to the nuclear interaction.

For the following discussion, the eq. (4.1) is rewritten in the form

$$T(s, t) = T_{em}(s, t) + T_{eh}(s, t), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $T_{em}(s, t)$  is the part of the scattering amplitude due to the electromagnetic interaction and determined by eq. (3.14) or eqs.(3.15) – (3.16), and  $T_{eh}(s, t)$  is the interference electromagnetic hadron part of the scattering amplitude

$$T_{eh}(s, t) = e^{\phi_i} T_h(s, t) = -2is\bar{\psi}_{q_2} \int d\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\Delta\vec{b}_\perp} \left( e^{i\chi_h(b)} - 1 \right) e^{i\chi_{em}(b)} \psi_{p_2}, \quad (4.3)$$

here  $\phi_i$  is the sum of the phase of the Coulomb and nuclear interaction,  $T_h(s, t)$  is the purely nuclear amplitude obtained in the absence of an electromagnetic interaction. In the region of high energies  $s \rightarrow \infty, |t|/s \rightarrow 0$ , it is sufficient to retain only the terms linear in  $\kappa$  because  $\kappa$  is small in the all the following calculations. Integrating in the expression (3.15), we obtain

$$T_{em}(s, t) = \frac{8\pi\alpha s}{\Delta^2} \frac{\Gamma(1-i\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+i\alpha)} \exp \phi_{em} \bar{\psi}_{q_2} \left[ 1 - i \frac{\kappa}{e} \sigma_y \Delta \right] \psi_{p_2}, \quad \phi_{em} = ie \left[ \ln \frac{\Delta^2}{\mu^2} - 2\gamma \right], \quad (4.4)$$

where  $\alpha = e^2 / 4\pi, \mu$  is the photon mass, and  $\gamma = 0,577215\dots$  is the Euler constant. Calculating  $T_{ch}(s, t)$  we use the standard formulas

$$T_h(s, t) = \bar{\psi}_{q_2} f_h(s, t=0) \psi_{p_2} e^{R^2 t}, \quad t = -\Delta^2 \quad (4.5)$$

$$\text{where} \quad f_h(s, t=0) = s \sigma_{tot} \left[ i + \frac{Re f_h(s, t=0)}{Im f_h(s, t=0)} \right]. \quad (4.6)$$

Then, calculating the integral (4.3), we obtain

$$T_{emh}(s, t) = T_h(s, t) \left[ 1 + \frac{e\kappa}{4\pi} \sigma_y \Delta \right] \exp \phi_t, \quad \phi_t = -ie \left[ \ln(R\mu)^2 + 2\gamma \right]. \quad (4.7)$$

Hence, for the difference of the (infinite) phases of the amplitudes  $T_{eh}(s, t)$  and  $T_c(s, t)$  we find the expression

$$\varphi = \varphi_t - \varphi_c = -i\alpha \ln(R\Delta)^2. \quad (4.8)$$

In contrast to [39] in which Coulomb interference with allowance for anomalous magnetic moment, in our approach we have exactly summed all ladder and cross-ladder Feynman graphs. In the

case of scattering through small angles  $\Delta = 2psin\frac{\theta}{2} \approx p\theta$ ,  $p$  is the relativistic momentum in cms), the phase difference is equal to  $\phi = 2i\alpha\ln\frac{1}{Rp\theta}$ . This result is practically the same as Bethe's [33].

### 5. Conclusions

In the framework of the functional integration, a method is proposed for studying the scattering of a scalar pion on nucleon with an anomalous magnetic moment in quantum field theory. We obtained an eikonal representation of the scattering amplitude in the asymptotic region  $s \rightarrow \infty, |t| \ll s$ . Allowance for the anomalous magnetic moment leads to the additional terms in the amplitude that do not vanish as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , and these describe spin flips of the particles in the scattering process. It is shown that in the limit  $s \rightarrow \infty$  in the eikonal approximation the renormalization problem does not arise since the unrenormalized divergences disappear in this approximation. As an application of the eikonal formula obtained, we considered the Coulomb interference in the scattering of charged hadrons, and we found a formula for the phase difference, which generalizes the Bethe's formula in the framework of relativistic quantum field theory.

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#### APPENDIX: THE GREEN'S FUNCTION IN THE FORM OF A FUNCTIONAL INTEGRAL[40]

In this appendix we find the representation of the Green's functions of the Klein-Gordon equation and the Dirac equation for single particles in an external electromagnetic field  $A_\mu(x), \partial A_\mu(x) / \partial x_\mu = 0$  in the form of a functional integral. Let us consider the Klein-Gordon equation for the Green' function<sup>3</sup>

$$[(i\partial_\mu + eA_\mu(x))^2 - m^2]G(x, y | A) = -\delta^4(x - y). \tag{A.1}$$

Writing the inversion operator in exponential form, as proposed by Fock [41] and Feynman [42], we express the solution of eq.(A.1) in an operator form

$$G(x, y | A) = i \int_0^\infty d\xi \exp \left\{ i \int_0^\xi (i\partial_\mu(\xi) + eA_\mu(x, \xi))^2 - im^2 \right\} \delta^4(x - y), \tag{A.2}$$

<sup>3</sup> Here we use all the notations presented in Ref. [4]

the exponent in expression (A.2), which contains the non-commuting operators  $\partial_\mu(x, \xi)$  and  $A_\mu(x, \xi)$  is considered as  $T_\xi$ -exponent, where the ordering subscript  $\xi$  has meaning of proper time divided by mass  $m$ . All operators in (A.2) are assumed to be commuting functions that depend on the parameter  $\xi$ . The exponent in eq. (A.2) is quadratic in the differential operator  $\partial_\mu$ . However, the transition from  $T_\xi$ -exponent to an ordinary operator expression ("disentangling" the differentiation operators in the argument of the exponential function by terminology of Feynman [42]) cannot be performed without the series expansion with respect to an external field. But one can lower the power of the operator  $\partial_\mu(x, \xi)$  in eq. (A.2) by using the following formal transformation

$$\exp\left\{i\int_0^s d\xi \left[i\partial_\mu(\xi) + eA_\mu(x, \xi)\right]^2\right\} = C \int \delta^4 v \exp\left\{-i\int_0^s v_\mu^2(\xi) d\xi + 2i\int_0^s \left[i\partial_\mu(\xi) + eA_\mu(x, \xi)\right]\right\}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The functional integral in the right-hand side of eq.(A.3) is taken in the space of 4-dimensional function  $v_\mu(\xi)$  with a Gaussian measure. The constant  $C_\mu$  is defined by the condition:

$$C_\mu \int \delta^4 v_\mu \exp\left\{-i\int v_\mu^2(\xi) d\xi\right\} = 1. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

After substituting (A.3) into (A.2), the operator  $\exp\left[2i\int_0^s v^\mu(\xi)\partial_\mu(\xi)\right]$  can be "disentangled" and we can find a solution in the form of the functional integral:

$$G(x, y | A) = i\int_0^s ds e^{-im^2 s} \int [\delta^4 v]_0^s \exp\left[ie\int_0^s 2v_\mu(\xi)A_\mu(x - 2\int_\xi^s v(\eta)d\eta)\right] \delta^4\left(x - y - 2\int_\xi^s v(\eta)d\eta\right), \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where

$$[\delta^4 v]_{s_1}^{s_2} = \frac{\delta^4 \exp\left[-i\int_{s_1}^{s_2} v_\mu^2(\eta)d\eta\right] \Pi_\eta d^4 \eta}{\int \delta^4 \exp\left[-i\int_{s_1}^{s_2} v_\mu^2(\eta)d\eta\right] \Pi_\eta d^4 \eta},$$

and  $[\delta^4 v]_{s_1}^{s_2}$  is volume element of the functional space of the four-dimensional functions  $v_\mu(\eta)$  defined in the interval  $s_1 \leq \eta \leq s_2$ .

The expression for the Fourier transform of the Green's function (A.5) takes the form.

$$G(p, q | A) = \int d^4 x d^4 y G(x, y | A) = i\int_0^s d\xi e^{i(p^2 - m^2)s} \int d^4 x e^{i(p-q)x} \int [\delta^4 v]_0^s \exp\left(ie\int_0^s J_\mu A_\mu\right), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

here we use the notation  $\int JA = \int J_\mu(z)A_\mu(z)$ , and  $J_\mu(z)$  is the current of the particle 1 defined by

$$J_\mu(z) = 2\int_0^s v_\mu(\xi) \delta\left(z - x_i + 2p_i \xi + 2\int_0^\xi v_i(\eta)d\eta\right). \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Up to this point, we have found the closed expression for the Green's function of single spinless particles in an external given field in the form of functional integral. In a similar manner we find the representation of the Green's function for the Dirac equation,

$$[i\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - m + e\gamma_\mu A_\mu(x)]G(x, y | A) = -\delta^4(x - y). \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Since functional integrals are related to the solution of second - order equations, it is convenient to introduce the squared Green's function  $\bar{G}(x, y | A)$

$$G(x, y | A) = [i\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + m + \gamma_\mu A_\mu(x)] \bar{G}(x, y | A), \tag{A.9}$$

in which  $\bar{G}(x, y | A)$  satisfies

$$\left[ (i\partial_\mu + eA_\mu(x))^2 - m^2 + e\sigma_{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu(x) \right] \bar{G}(x, y | A) = -\delta^4(x - y). \tag{A.10}$$

Comparing eq. (A.2) and eq.(A.9), we get to see some term  $\sigma_{\mu\nu}$  related to spin of particle 2<sup>4</sup>

$$\bar{G}(x, y | A) = i \int_0^s e^{-im^2 s} T_\gamma \int [\delta^4 v]_0^s \exp \left[ ie \int_0^s J_\mu A_\mu(x) \right] \delta^4 \left( x - y - 2 \int_\xi^s v(\eta) d\eta \right), \tag{A.11}$$

where  $T_\gamma$  is the symbol of ordering the  $\gamma_\mu$  matrices with respect to the ordering index  $\xi$  and  $J_\mu(z)$  is the current of the particle 2 defined by

$$J_\mu(z) = 2 \int_0^s \left[ v_\mu(\xi) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu}(\xi) i \partial_\nu \right] \delta \left( z - x_i + 2 p_i \xi + 2 \int_0^\xi v_i(\eta) d\eta \right). \tag{A.12}$$

It is important to notice that the solutions of eqs. (A.2) and (A.9) are similar, however, the one of the latter contains one more term related to the spin. Because  $\sigma_{\mu\nu}$  depends on  $\xi$  as an ordering index, the solution of eq. (A.9) must contain  $\gamma_\xi$ , therefore,  $T_\xi$  remains in eq. (A.12).

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