

Hadron Spectroscopy & group theory

Quarks are confined in color-neutral mesons $\sim (q_1 \bar{q}_2)$ or baryons $\sim (q_1 q_2 q_3)$. The typical mass scale for QCD is set by $\sim \Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200$ MeV.

Light quark hadrons: only containing (u, d, s) [or just (u, d)]
Heavy quark hadrons: one or more heavy quarks (c, b)
t-quark is irrelevant for hadron states since t decays very rapidly, before hadronization occurs (although virtual t can be very important in certain contexts).

Mesons: (masses in MeV, lifetimes in sec.)

	state	quark content	mass	lifetime	JP	leading decay (s)
pions	π^0	$u\bar{u} - d\bar{d}$	135	8.5×10^{-17}	0^-	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (EM)
	π^\pm	$u\bar{d}, d\bar{u}$	140	2.6×10^{-8}	0^-	$\pi^+ \rightarrow \nu_\mu \mu^+$ (Weak)
kaons	K^\pm	$u\bar{s}, s\bar{u}$	494	1.2×10^{-8}	0^-	$\pi\pi, \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ (W)
	K^0, \bar{K}^0	$d\bar{s}, s\bar{d}$	498	$\sim 10^{-8}$ or 10^{-10}	0^-	$2\pi, 3\pi$ (W) $\pi e \nu_e, \pi \mu \nu_\mu$
	f_0	$\pi\pi$ state?	~ 550	$\sim 10^{-27}$ s	0^+	$\pi\pi$
	η	$\sim u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} - 2s\bar{s}$	548	6.6×10^{-28} s	0^-	$\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (EM), 3π
rho	ρ^0, ρ^\pm	same as π	~ 775	4×10^{-27} s	1^-	$\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$
	ω	$u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}$	782	10^{-24} s	1^-	$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
	$K^{*\pm}, K^{*0}, \bar{K}^{*0}$	same as K	~ 892	$\sim 10^{-26}$ s	1^-	$K\pi$ (strong)
	η'	$\sim u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}$	958	3×10^{-24} s	0^-	$\rho^0 \gamma, \gamma\pi\pi$
	ϕ	$s\bar{s}$	1020	1.5×10^{-25} s	1^-	$\phi \rightarrow K\bar{K}, \rho\pi$

Baryons:

p	uud	938	$\geq 10^{33}$ yrs	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	—	
n	udd	939	880 s	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$n \rightarrow p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	
Λ	uds	1116	2.6×10^{-10}	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$p\pi^-, n\pi^0 (w)$	
Σ^{*+}	uus	1189	0.8×10^{-10}	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$p\pi^0, n\pi^+ (weak)$	
Σ^0	uds	1193	7×10^{-20}	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$\Lambda \gamma$ (Direct EM)	
Σ^-	dds	1197	1.5×10^{-10}	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$n\pi^- (Weak)$	
Δ^{++}	uuu					
Δ^+	uud	~ 1232	$\sim 10^{-27}$ s	$\frac{3}{2}^+$	$n\pi, p\pi$	
Δ^0	udd			$\frac{3}{2}^+$	(strong)	
Δ^-	ddd					
"cascade"	Ξ^0	uss	1314	3×10^{-10} s	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$\Lambda \pi^0 (weak)$
	Ξ^-	dss	1321 1321	1.6×10^{-10}	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	$\Lambda \pi^- (Weak)$
	$\Sigma^{*+}, \Sigma^{*0}, \Sigma^{*-}$	same as Σ	~ 1385	$\sim 10^{-26}$ s	$\frac{3}{2}^+$	$\Lambda \pi, \Sigma \pi (strong)$
	Ξ^{*0}, Ξ^{*-}	same as Ξ	~ 1530	$\sim 7 \times 10^{-26}$ s	$\frac{3}{2}^+$	$\Xi \pi (strong)$
	Ω^-	sss	1672	8×10^{-11} s	$\frac{3}{2}^+$	$\Lambda K^-, \Xi^0 \pi^- (weak)$

+ many other states...

Each particle is ~~also~~ an energy level of the Hamiltonian.

Hints toward an organizing principle:

- (1) Some hadrons (e.g. kaons, Λ , Σ^\pm , Ξ , Ω^-), although they could be produced in collisions very easily, had decays much longer than other states.

(Nature of s quarks & weak interaction unknown.)
 \Rightarrow New additive quantum number "strangeness" S that is conserved by strong interaction, but must be violated in the decay (weak interaction).

The convention was that each s quark gives strangeness $S = -1$, e.g. $S(K^+) = 1$, $S(\Lambda) = -1$, $S(\Omega^-) = -3$.

- (2) Hadron states come in nearly degenerate multiplets:

e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} \pi^+ \\ \pi^0 \\ \pi^- \end{pmatrix}$, Λ , $\begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \\ \Delta^- \end{pmatrix}$, etc.

doublet ($I = \frac{1}{2}$) triplet ($I = 1$) singlet ($I = 0$) quadruplet ($I = \frac{3}{2}$)
 Points to a symmetry called "isospin", rotation between components. Different components have different electric charges & (possibly) decays \Rightarrow EM and weak interaction violate this symmetry.

However, the strong interaction Hamiltonian should preserve this symmetry, since it is generating the masses.

That is, multiplets are representations of $SU(2)$ symmetry.

$$\text{e.g. } I_3 |p\rangle = +\frac{1}{2} |p\rangle, \quad I_3 |n\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} |n\rangle$$

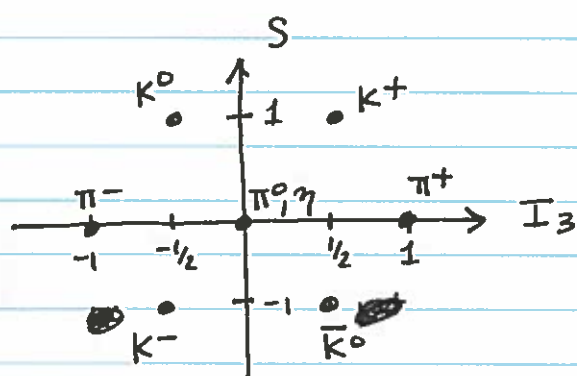
$$|I|^2 |p\rangle = I(I+1) |p\rangle = \frac{3}{4} |p\rangle, \quad \text{same for } |n\rangle$$

Works just like spin.

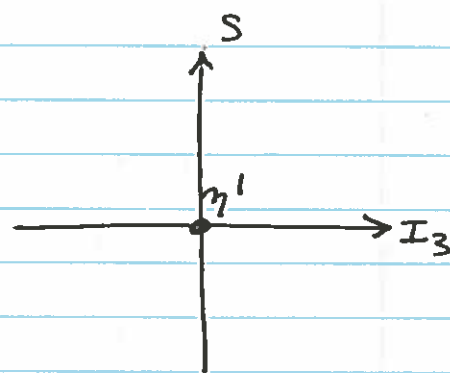
Eight fold way: Gell-mann & Ne'eman showed how to embed these two approximate symmetries within a larger symmetry group ($SU(3)$).

First, consider plotting states of a given J^P in the $I_3 - S$ plane.

Pseudoscalar mesons:

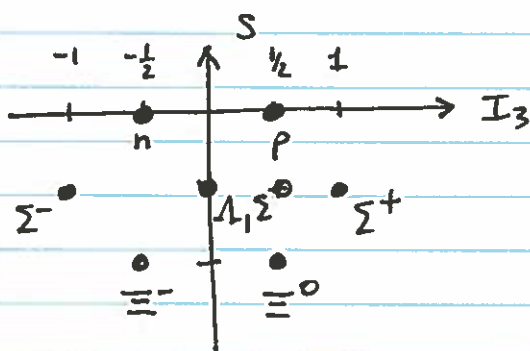


pseudoscalar octet



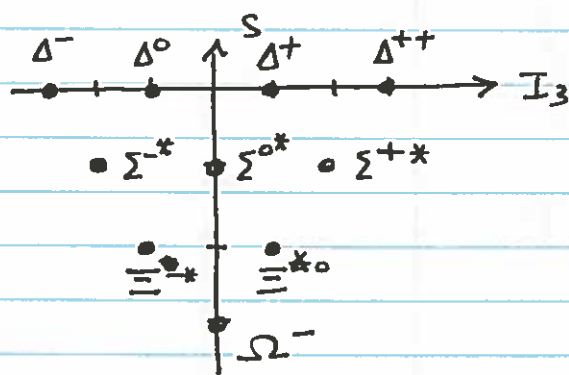
singlet

spin-1/2 baryons



baryon octet

spin-3/2 baryons



baryon decuplet.

These patterns follow representations of $SU(3)$ symmetry.

Symmetry of the strong interaction:

Starting from the SM Lagrangian it is easy to see where the $SU(3)$ symmetry comes from. Neglecting electroweak interactions, the quark Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_q \bar{q} (i(\not{\partial} - ig_s T^A \not{G}^A) - m_q) q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

sum over all quark fields u, d, s, c, b, t .

G_{μ}^A is gluon field.

m_q = quark mass for quark q .

$T^A = SU(3)_c$ generator = $\frac{\lambda^A}{2}$

~~Since~~ ~~hadron~~

hadron

For light quark hadrons, the mass comes predominantly from strong interactions. Those quarks with masses $m_q \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$ can be taken to be approximately degenerate (or massless).

Considering only u, d, s quarks; and setting $m_{u,d,s} \rightarrow m_0$:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q} (i(\not{\partial} - ig_s T^A) - m_0) q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}]$$

where $q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$, triplet of quark flavors.

\mathcal{L} has $SU(3)$ flavor symmetry: $q \rightarrow U q$, where U is $SU(3)$ matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{q} (i(\not{\partial} - ig_s T^A) - m_0) q &\rightarrow \bar{q} U^\dagger (i(\not{\partial} - ig T^A) - m_0) U q \\ &= \bar{q} (i(\not{\partial} - ig T^A) - m_0) q \end{aligned}$$

Can also write e.g. EM interactions ~~as~~ as

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -e \bar{q} Q \gamma^\mu q A_\mu \quad \text{where } Q = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 & & 0 \\ & -1/3 & \\ 0 & & -1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Not invariant under $SU(3)$ flavor \Rightarrow EM interactions violate symmetry.

Note: m_s is comparable to Λ_{QCD} ($m_s \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$).

So m_s provides a non-negligible breaking of $SU(3)$ flavor $SU(2)$ subgroup acting on $\binom{4}{d}$ should be a much better symmetry than $SU(3)$ flavor by itself. This is isospin symmetry.

Young tableaux & Irreducible representations:

Single quark $q = \binom{4}{d}$ is fundamental rep of $SU(3)$. "3"
i.e. 3-dim. representation. $q_i \rightarrow U_{ij} q_j$

Single antiquark $\bar{q} = \binom{4}{s}$ is antifundamental rep "3"
also 3-dim. $\bar{q}_i \rightarrow U_{ij}^* \bar{q}_j$

~~Two quarks~~

(diquark)

Now consider how a two-quark state transforms:
Assume for now quarks are distinguishable, labeled (1), (2).

$$q_i^{(1)} q_j^{(2)} \rightarrow U_{ik} U_{jl} q_k^{(1)} q_l^{(2)}$$

Labels (1,2) assume quarks are distinguishable, kind of artificial.

This state is the product of two 3's: 3×3 . But the 3×3 representation is reducible — can be decomposed into lower dimensional representations that don't mix under $SU(3)$.
There are 9 possible states, $\dim=9$.

Symmetric rep: $q_i^{(1)} q_j^{(2)} + q_j^{(1)} q_i^{(2)} \rightarrow U_{ik} U_{jl} (q_k^{(1)} q_l^{(2)} + q_l^{(1)} q_k^{(2)})$
6-dimensional rep. (6 possible i, j)

antisymmetric rep: $q_i^{(1)} q_j^{(2)} - q_j^{(1)} q_i^{(2)} \rightarrow U_{ik} U_{jl} (q_k^{(1)} q_l^{(2)} - q_l^{(1)} q_k^{(2)})$
3-dimensional rep. (3 possible i, j)

Write antisym rep in compact notation:

$$E_{ijk} g_j^{(1)} g_k^{(2)} \rightarrow E_{ijk} U_{jm} U_{kn} g_m^{(1)} g_n^{(2)}$$

Note: E_{ijk} is invariant under $SU(3)$:

$$E_{ijk} U_{il} U_{jm} U_{kn} = E_{lmn}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{ijk} U_{jm} U_{kn} = U_{il}^* E_{lmn}$$

So antisym rep transforms as ~~as $\bar{3}$~~ a $\bar{3}$.

$$E_{ijk} g_j^{(1)} g_k^{(2)} \rightarrow U_{il}^* E_{lmn} g_m^{(1)} g_n^{(2)}$$

So we decompose a diquark as:

$$3 \times 3 = 6 + \bar{3}$$

We can represent this graphically using Young tableaux.

\boxed{i} = fundamental rep. e.g. with index i

\boxed{j} = fundamental rep. with index j .

$\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ j \end{smallmatrix}}$ = i, j contracted antisymmetrically (3)

$\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} i & j \end{smallmatrix}}$ = i, j contracted symmetrically. (6)

Use Young tableaux to find irreducible representations:

Join together boxes in all possible ways subject to

following rules:

1. length of rows does not increase from top to bottom
2. length of columns does not increase from left to right.
3. No more than 3 boxes in a column for $SU(3)$
(or N for $SU(N)$)

diquark: $\square \times \square = \overline{\mathbf{3}} + \mathbf{6}$

(Counting the dimension of a rep: number of ways put indices 1, 2, 3 into each box subject to rules:

- (1) indices, ^{in a row} do not decrease from left to right (sym. indices)
- (2) indices, ^{in a column} increase from top to bottom. (antisym. indices)

$$\square = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 3\text{-dim}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 3\text{-dim}$$

$$\mathbf{6} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 6\text{-dim.}$$

So $\square \times \square = \overline{\mathbf{3}} + \mathbf{6}$

$$3 \times 3 = \overline{3} + 6$$

meson ($q\bar{q}$): $\square \times \overline{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{8}$

$3 \times \overline{3}$
 $\mathbf{1}$
 $\mathbf{8}$

singlet
octet

$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{all indices antisym.}$$

$$\mathbf{8} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note: same reason we have 8 gluons - octet of $SU(3)_c$)

baryon: qqq

$$\square \times \square \times \square = \square \times (\square + \square\square) = \square + \square\square + \square\square + \square\square\square$$

$$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3 \times (\bar{3} + 6) = 1 + 8 + 8 + 10$$

singlet octet decuplet

Expect meson & baryon states to fall into representations of $SU(3)$. But we also need to consider spin, spatial, & color states.

Mesons: $q\bar{q}$ are distinguishable, so don't need to worry about having e.g. antisym. wavefunction.

Non-relativistic quark model: naive approx. ~~$q\bar{q}$ meson~~ as $q\bar{q}$ hydrogen-like bound state. Lowest lying mesons have $L=0$ spatial wavefunction. Spin of mesons due to spin of quarks.

We can use Young Tableaux to consider spin wave function (applied to $SU(2)$):

$$\underbrace{\square \times \square}_2 \quad \underbrace{\quad}_2 = \underbrace{\square}_1 + \underbrace{\square\square}_3$$

2 spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quarks spin singlet ($J=0$) spin triplet ($J=1$)

Lastly, the color wave function must be in the singlet state (color neutral). for $SU(3)_c$. \rightarrow \square

And also note: $q\bar{q}$ has intrinsic parity (-1) , so the parity of the wavefunction is $(-1)^L = -1$ since $L=0$.

Four possibilities:

pseudoscalar octet or singlet (both together = nonet)

vector octet or singlet

Octet rep. corresponds to matrix M_{ij} transforming $M_{ij} \rightarrow U_{ik} U_{jl}^* M_{kl}$
or in matrix form $M \rightarrow U M U^\dagger$. This is adjoint rep.

M represented by the 8 generators of $SU(3)$ flavor:

$M = M^A T^A$, $T^A = \frac{\lambda^A}{2}$ $M =$ Hermitian, traceless matrix.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} M^3 + M^8/\sqrt{3} & M^1 - iM^2 & M^4 - iM^5 \\ M^1 + iM^2 & -M^3 + M^8/\sqrt{3} & M^6 - iM^7 \\ M^4 + iM^5 & M^6 + iM^7 & -2/\sqrt{3} M^8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each M^A is a degree of freedom, but useful to define particular linear combinations as follows: for the pseudoscalar octet

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{i.e. } \pi^\pm = \frac{M^1 \pm iM^2}{2}, \text{ etc.}$$

~~Remember the following~~

Recall for $SU(2)$, there is one diagonal generator T^3 . Each state of a given $SU(2)$ multiplet is labeled by T^3 . (I.e. each spin component is labeled by S_z .)

For $SU(3)$, there are two diagonal generators T^3 & T^8 . Since $SU(3)$ flavor is a symmetry of the strong Hamiltonian, ~~the~~ states can be labeled by their eigenvalues under T^3, T^8 .

e.g. K^0 $\left[T^3, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \frac{-1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left[T^8, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

How do we get isospin & strangeness?

isospin symmetry is the $SU(2)$ subgroup of $SU(3)$ flavor acting on (d) .

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} V & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V = SU(2) \text{ isospin transform.}$$

↑
3x3 $SU(3)$
transform

Acting on M we have:

$$M \rightarrow U M U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} V & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} V^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} V \begin{pmatrix} \pi^0/\sqrt{2} & \pi^+ \\ \pi^- & -\pi^0/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} V^\dagger + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} \mathbb{1} & V \begin{pmatrix} K^+ \\ K^0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \\ (K^-, \bar{K}^0) V^\dagger & \begin{pmatrix} -2\eta \\ \sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\pi^\pm, \pi^0 =$ isospin triplet (adjoint rep of $SU(2)$)

$\eta =$ isospin singlet

$\begin{pmatrix} K^+ \\ K^0 \end{pmatrix} =$ isospin doublet

$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{K}^0 \\ K^- \end{pmatrix} =$ isospin doublet

What we called I_3 before is just T_3 .

Before we consider strangeness, note there is a third quantum number, baryon number. In $SU(3)$ flavor space, the baryon number operator is proportional to $\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ since $SU(3)$ multiplet components each have same B .

Strangeness $S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} T^8 - B$.

$B = 0$ for mesons, but formula applies to baryon multiplets also.

State:	I_3	I	T^8	S	
π^+	1	1	0	0	} same as what we plotted in I_3-S plane
π^0	0	1	0	0	
π^-	-1	1	0	0	
η	0	0	0	0	
K^+	$1/2$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}$	1	
K^0	$-1/2$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}$	1	
\bar{K}^0	$1/2$	$1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}$	-1	
K^-	$-1/2$	$1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}$	-1	
η'	0	0	0	0	singlet.

Now we can write down a Lagrangian for these states:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\partial_\mu M \partial^\mu M] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \text{Tr} [M^2] + \mathcal{L}_{int} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \eta' \partial^\mu \eta' - \frac{1}{2} \mu_1^2 \eta'^2$$

Just focus on free Lagrangian. Numerical coefficients chosen such that meson fields in canonical form.

~~$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \pi^0)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \pi^0{}^2 + (\partial_\mu \pi^+) (\partial^\mu \pi^-) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \pi^+ \pi^- + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \eta^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_1^2 \eta'^2 + \mathcal{L}_{int}$$~~

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \pi^0)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \pi^0{}^2 + (\partial_\mu \pi^+) (\partial^\mu \pi^-) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \pi^+ \pi^- + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 \eta^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_1^2 \eta'^2 + \mathcal{L}_{int}$$

Consequence of $SU(3)$ flavor: all octet states have common mass μ_8 , singlet state has mass μ_1 .

$$\Rightarrow m_\pi^2 = m_\eta^2 = m_K^2 \quad \text{prediction from exact } SU(3) \text{ flavor symmetry}$$

However, the masses of the mesons don't satisfy this relation

\Rightarrow $SU(3)$ flavor is only an approximate symmetry.

One of the largest sources of $SU(3)$ flavor-breaking is the strange quark mass $m_s \gg m_{u,d}$.

Let's go back to the original quark Lagrangian and put in m_s :

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q} (i \not{D} - \begin{pmatrix} m_0 & & \\ & m_0 & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix}) q + \dots$$

$$= \bar{q} (i \not{D} - m_0 \mathbb{1} - \Delta_S) q + \dots$$

where $\not{D} = \not{D} - ig_s T^A \not{A}^A$ (QCD only), $q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$

$m_0 = m_u = m_d$ common u, d mass

$$\Delta_S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & m_s - m_0 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{since } m_s \gg m_0.$$

Obviously Δ_S breaks $SU(3)$ flavor, picks out preferred component. But we can restore $SU(3)$ flavor by treating Δ_S as a spurion.

That is, assume Δ_S also transforms under $SU(3)$ flavor as

$$\Delta_S \rightarrow U \Delta_S U^\dagger$$

Then $\bar{q} \Delta_S q \rightarrow \bar{q} U^\dagger U \Delta_S U^\dagger U q = \bar{q} \Delta_S q$ is invariant. It doesn't really transform, this is just a trick.

Now we ~~can~~ ^{must} include Δ_S in the effective theory for the meson states.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\partial_\mu M \partial^\mu M] - \frac{1}{2} \mu_B^2 \text{Tr} [M^2] - \frac{1}{2} \alpha \text{Tr} [\Delta_S M^2]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_\theta^2 \eta'^2 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} - \frac{1}{2} \beta \eta' \text{Tr} [\Delta_S M]$$

$$- \frac{\gamma}{2} \text{Tr} [\Delta_S] \eta'^2$$

We are allowed to write down two extra terms in the free \mathcal{L}
(working only at lowest order in m_s)

Expanding out \mathcal{L} :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \dots \text{kinetic terms} - \frac{1}{2} \mu_8^2 (\pi^0^2 + 2\pi^+ \pi^-) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (\mu_8^2 + \frac{d}{3} m_s) (\cancel{K^0 \bar{K}^0} + 2K^+ K^-) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (\eta, \eta') \begin{pmatrix} \mu_8^2 + \frac{2}{3} d m_s & -\beta m_s / \sqrt{6} \\ -\frac{\beta m_s}{\sqrt{6}} & \mu_8^2 + d m_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \eta' \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Spurion technique tells us how symmetry breaking terms propagate from the quark theory to the hadron theory, even though we can compute coefficients of the hadron theory. Group theory restricts the possible numbers of terms & unknown parameters.

Strange quark has two important effects:

- (1) Splits degeneracy between octet states.
- (2) mixes η, η' . So the physical η, η' states are an admixture of the "octet η " and the "singlet η' ".

But mixing angle is known to be small experimentally ($\sim 20^\circ$)

Approximating $\beta \approx 0$, we have:

$$m_\pi^2 = \mu_8^2, \quad m_K^2 = (\mu_8^2 + \frac{d}{3} m_s), \quad m_\eta^2 = \mu_8^2 + \frac{2}{3} d m_s$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 m_K^2 = m_\pi^2 + 3 m_\eta^2 \quad \text{satisfied at } \sim 5\%!$$

We can do same exercise with baryon octet:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda^0}{\sqrt{6}} & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & -\frac{\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda^0}{\sqrt{6}} & n \\ \Xi^- & \Xi^0 & \text{not } -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\Lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(No singlet baryon state due to antisymmetry of wave function.)

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}[\bar{B}(i\not{\partial} - \mu_0)B] - \alpha \text{Tr}[\bar{B}\Delta_S B] - \beta \text{Tr}[\Delta_S \bar{B}B]$$

two possible terms allowed by symmetry. (note: $\bar{B}^\dagger \neq B$)

Expanding out: $m_{p,n} = \mu_0 + \alpha m_s$

$$m_\Lambda = \mu_0 + \frac{2}{3}\alpha m_s + \frac{2}{3}\beta m_s$$

$$m_\Sigma = \mu_0$$

$$m_\Xi = \mu_0 + \beta m_s$$

This implies: $\frac{m_\Sigma + 3m_\Lambda}{2} = \mu_0 + \alpha m_s + \beta m_s =$

$$\frac{m_\Sigma + 3m_\Lambda}{2} = m_\Sigma + m_\Xi$$

This is the Gell-Mann-Okubo mass formula,
works to better than 1%!