8.851 Homework 4

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Problem 1) HQET for Antiquarks

Do problem 1 in section 2 of the book.

Problem 2) Heavy-to-Light Form Factors in HQET

Consider heavy-to-light semileptonic decays, B to a vector meson.

a) Do the first part of problem 3 in section 2 of the book. (Do not bother with the last part which asks you to discuss the decays to ρ mesons.) Argue that

$$\langle V(p',\epsilon)|\bar{q}\Gamma Q_v|P^{(Q)}(v)\rangle = \operatorname{tr}\left(M_V\Gamma H_v^{(Q)}\right),\tag{1}$$

where M_V depends on p', ϵ^* , and v. Then show that the most general M_V gives no reduction in the number of vector and axial-vector form factors (which is why this problem considers flavor symmetry relations but not spin symmetry relations).

b) (For bonus only) Use your results from a) to solve problem 4 in section 2 which shows that there are spin symmetry relations for the tensor current.