

Lectures on Perturbative QCD or from basic principles to current applications

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Outline of the lectures

Lecture 1: basic ideas; exploring the QCD final state

Lecture 2: origin of singularities; infrared safety

Lecture 3: QCD initial-state; factorization; renormalization

Lecture 4: more on factorization & renormalization; pdfs

Lecture 5: applications in hadron-hadron collisions; spin

Literature & useful links

Lecture notes & write-ups:

Wu-Ki Tung: Perturbative QCD and the Parton Structure of the Nucleon (from www.cteg.org) Dave Soper: Basics of QCD Perturbation Theory (hep-ph/9702203) J. Collins, D. Soper, G. Sterman: Factorization of Hard Processes in QCD (hep-ph/0409313)CTEQ Collaboration: Handbook of Perturbative QCD (Rev. Mod. Phys. 67 (1995) 157 or from www.cteq.org)

Talks & lectures on the web:



annual CTEQ summer schools (tons of material !): www.cteq.org

1st summer school on QCD Spin Physics @ BNL: www.bnl.gov/qcdsp

Lecture 3

QCD initial state, partons, DIS factorization & renormalization

Electron-positron annihilation factorization (cont.)

let's see what factorization does for



fragmentation functions D_a^h

contains all long-distance interactions hence not calculable but universal

physical interpretation: probability to find a hadron carrying a certain momentum of parent parton

hard scattering $\widehat{F}_{oldsymbol{a}}$

contains only short-distance physics amenable to pQCD calculations

Electron-positron annihilation factorization (cont.)



we postpone a closer look at the factorization scale dependence until we have introduced partons also in the initial state to cover

electron-hadron and hadron-hadron interactions

the fact that experimental results do *not* depend on μ_f will then lead us to the famous DGLAP evolution equations

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) kinematics

let us now consider the process

s
$$l(k) h(p) \rightarrow l'(k') + X$$



relevant kinematics:

• momentum transfer $q^{\mu} = k^{\mu} - k'^{\mu}$ $Q^2 = -q^2$

"Bjorken"-x
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

invariant mass

$$W^{2} = (p+q)^{2} = m_{h}^{2} + \frac{1-x}{x}Q^{2}$$

deep-inelastic":
$$Q^2 \gg 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$
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'scaling limit'': $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$, x fix

fractional energy transfer $y = rac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k} \stackrel{\text{lab}}{=} rac{E - E'}{E}$

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) a neutral current event

here is how DIS looks like in "your" detector:

a neutral current event with photon-exchange



Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) a charged current event

a charged current event with W-boson-exchange (the electron turns into a neutrino which is "invisible")



Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) towards the parton model

first analysis of DIS does not require any knowledge about QCD

electroweak theory tells us how the virtual vector boson couples: (let's assume only photon exchange)





(can be easily generalized to W/Z-boson exchange)

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Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) towards the parton model (cont.)

to all orders in the strong interaction $W_{\mu\nu}$ is given by the square of $\gamma^*(q) h(p) \rightarrow X$



symmetries (parity, Lorentz), hermiticity & current conservation tell us that $W^{\nu\mu}=W^{\mu\nu*}$ $q_{\mu}W^{\mu\nu}=0$

$$W_{\mu\nu}(p,q) = -\left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2}\right)F_1(x,Q^2) + \left(p_{\mu} - q_{\mu}\frac{p \cdot q}{q^2}\right)\left(p_{\nu} - q_{\nu}\frac{p \cdot q}{q^2}\right)\frac{1}{p \cdot q}F_2(x,Q^2)$$
structure functions

can be easily combined with the "trivial" leptonic tensor (just QED)

$$L_{\mu\nu} = 2(k^{\mu}k'^{\nu} + k^{\nu}k'^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu}k \cdot k')$$

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) towards the parton model (cont.)

DIS cross section:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left[[1 + (1-y)^2]F_1(x,Q^2) + \frac{(1-y)}{x} [F_2(x,Q^2) - 2xF_1(x,Q^2)] \right]$$

different y-dep. can differentiate between F_1 and F_2 -2x F_1

before we turn on the full glory of QCD dynamics let's explore **DIS** in the naive quark-parton model: Feynman: Bjorken, Paschos

Bjorken scaling limit: Q^2 , $v = p \cdot q \rightarrow \infty$ with x fixed

- F_1 , F_2 obey scaling law, i.e., they are indep. of Q^2
- virtual photon scatters off pointlike constituents
- DIS is like taking a snapshot of the hadron

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) space-time structure

this can be best understood in a reference frame where the proton moves very fast and $Q\!\!>\!\!m_h$ is big

(recall light-cone kinematics from Lecture 1)



Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) space-time structure (cont.)

simple estimate for typical time-scale of interactions among the partons inside a fast-moving hadron:

Prest frame:
$$\Delta x^{+} \sim \Delta x^{-} \sim \frac{1}{m}$$

Breit frame: $\Delta x^{+} \sim \frac{1}{m} \frac{Q}{mm} = \frac{Q}{m^{2}}$ large
 $\Delta x^{-} \sim \frac{1}{m} \frac{m}{Q} = \frac{1}{Q}$ small
interactions between
partons are spread out
inside a fast moving hadron

How does this compare with the time-scale of the hard scattering?

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Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) space-time structure (cont.)

now let the virtual photon meet our fast moving hadron ...



upshot:

- partons are free during the hard interaction
- hadron effectively consists of partons that have momenta $(p_i^+, p_i^-, \vec{p_i})$

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• convenient to introduce momentum fractions $0 < \xi_i \equiv p_i^+/p^+ < 1$

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) according to the naive parton model

the space-time picture suggests the possibility of separating short and long-distance physics (=**factorization**!)

turned into the language of Feynman diagrams DIS looks like

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} \sim \int_0^1 d\xi \sum_a f_a^h(\xi) \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{x}dQ^2} \Big|_{\hat{x}=x/\xi} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m}{Q}\right)$$



f^h_a(ξ)dξ probability to find

 a parton with flavor a in a hadron h
 carrying light-cone momentum ξp⁺
 d² σ̂/dxdQ² cross section
 for electron-parton scattering

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) naive parton model (cont.)

let's see how the scaling property comes about:

a quick computation of the hard scattering cross section at LO yields:

$$\frac{d\widehat{\sigma}}{dQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 e_q^2}{Q^4} [1 + (1 - y)^2]$$

the scattered quark is on-mass shell:



coupling with

guark charge e_a

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) naive parton model (cont.)

compare with the definition of the structure functions!

find:

$$F_{2}(x) = 2xF_{1}(x) = \sum_{a=q,\bar{q}} \int_{0}^{1} d\xi f_{a}(\xi) x e_{a}^{2} \delta(x-\xi)$$

= $\sum_{a=q,\bar{q}} e_{a}^{2} x f_{a}(x)$

- the desired scaling property: no dependence on Q^2
- $F_L(x) \equiv F_2(x) 2x F_1(x)$ vanishes! (Callan-Gross relation) (test that quarks are spin-1/2: they cannot absorb a long. pol. γ^*)

How does this compare with experiment?



Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) SLAC-MIT experiment of 1969



two unexpected results:





birth of the pre-QCD parton model

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Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) HERA: scaling violations



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we got a long way (parton model) without invoking QCD

now we have to study QCD dynamics in DIS - this leads to similar problems already encountered in e⁺e⁻

let's try to compute the QCD corrections to the parton model picture



 α_s corrections to the LO process photon-gluon fusion our experience so far: have to expect divergencies!

we cannot calculate with infinities \implies introduce some regulator remove it in the end

possible regulators:

let's choose this one

 small quark/gluon masses
 intuitive and transparent but works only in NLO



dimensional regularization

= change dimension of space-time to $4-2\epsilon$ calculations more involved; works in general

depending on your choice singularities will be hidden as large logarithms, e.g., log(m²/Q²) or as $1/\epsilon$

only if we have done everything consistently, including factorization, we can safely remove the regulator and can compare to experiment

the general structure of the $\alpha_{\rm s}$ corrections looks like this:



the structure of the results

large logarithms + finite coefficients

already hints towards factorization ...



fasten your seatbelts and prepare for the "magic" of factorization

first it is important to notice that

• large logarithms (or $1/\epsilon$) incorporate *all* long-distance physics (collinear emission)

 the coefficients P_{ij}(x) multiplying the log's are universal and calculable (splitting functions)

the physical meaning of the splitting functions is easy:



to obtain the physical cross section we have convolute our partonic results with the parton densities (like in the parton model!):



now ... here comes the "trick":

the $f_{a,0}(x)$ are unmeasurable bare (=infinite) densities and need to be re-defined (=renormalized) to make them physical

the **renormalized quark densities** (at order α_s) are given by:

$$f_{q}(x,\mu_{f}^{2}) \equiv f_{q,0}(x) + \frac{\alpha_{s}}{2\pi} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_{q,0}(\xi) P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \ln\left(\frac{\mu_{f}^{2}}{m_{g}^{2}}\right) + z_{qq}$$

absorb *a*//long-distance singularities
at a factorization scale μ_{f} into $f_{q,0}$

physical densities: not calculable in pQCD but universal

insert back and keep only terms up to α_s : $F_2(x,Q^2) = x \sum_{a=q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_a(\xi,\mu_f^2)$ This is our final result! Let's analyze it piece by piece! $\left[\delta(1-\frac{x}{\xi}) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_r)}{2\pi} \left[P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} + (C_2^q - z_{qq})\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \right] \right]$

the physical structure fct. is independent of μ_f (this will lead to the concept of renormalization group eqs.)

both, pdf's and the short-dist. coefficient depend on μ_f (choice of μ_f : shifting terms between long- and short-distance parts) $F_2(x,Q^2) = x \sum_{a=q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_a(\xi,\mu_f^2) \left[\delta(1-\frac{x}{\xi}) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_r)}{2\pi} \left[P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} + (C_2^q - z_{qq})\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \right] \right]$

yet another scale: μ_r' due to the renormalization of ultraviolet divergencies

short-distance "Wilson coefficient"

choice of the factorization scheme





that was a lot of material and perhaps hard to swallow

let us postpone questions like

- What the hell does renormalization?
- Pdfs are universal, so what is their formal definition?
- What should I do with all these arbitrary scales?
- What is a factorization scheme?

until tomorrow!