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ABSTRACT

The use of covariance and the Jacobi identity in the study of equal-time commutators is investigated. Denoting by $T_{\mu\nu}$ the usual conserved and symmetric tensor density of Poincaré transformations (the symmetric energy-momentum tensor in Lagrangian models) and by X any of the operators ϕ , $\partial_0\phi$, J_0 , J_ℓ , or $J_{0\ell}$ (defined by $J_{0\ell} = \partial_0 J_\ell - \partial_\ell J_0$) we use the most general form of the equal-time commutators $[i T_{0\mu}(x), X(y)]$ and $[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)]$ compatible with covariance together with the Jacobi identities for $\{[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)], X(z)\}$ to derive relations between

the equal-time commutators $[i T_{00}(x), X(y)]$ and $[i T_{00}(x), Y(y)]$, where Y is any of the operators denoted by X or $\square\phi$, $\partial^\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu$, $\partial^\mu J_\mu$, and $\partial^0 J_{0m}$. This information is first used in deriving equal-time commutators in canonical models. We then show that the assumption of $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$ charge-current commutators together with $[A_0^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y)]_{x_0=y_0} \propto \bar{\psi}(x) \tau^\alpha \gamma_5 \delta(x - y)$ (where A_μ^α denotes the axial vector current and ψ a spinor field) implies (as obtained earlier by the authors under different assumptions)

$$[A_k^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0]_{x_0=y_0} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma_k \tau^\alpha \delta(x - y) + i(y - x)_k [A_0^\alpha(x), f_m^\dagger(y) \gamma_0]_{x_0=y_0}$$

[where f denotes $(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi$]. In addition we obtain an analogous equation for the conserved vector current, derived earlier by the authors directly using covariance. (For conserved currents the x -integrated equations are a simple consequence of the Heisenberg equation of motion.) The incompatibility of field algebra current commutators with

$$\int d^3x [A_k^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0]_{x_0=y_0} \propto \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_5 \gamma_k$$

is noted. Taking ψ to be the nucleon field (and

assuming usual current-field identities) it is shown that a certain form of the nucleon current leads to the above unless the right-hand side vanishes. (The consistency of $[A_k^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0]_{x_0=y_0} = 0$ with covariance is checked.) Imposing this requirement one then obtains $g_{A_1} = g_\rho$, where $g_{A_1} a_\mu^\alpha(x) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \frac{\tau^\alpha}{2} \psi(x)$ $[g_\rho v_\mu^\alpha(x) \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau^\alpha}{2} \psi(x)]$ denotes the contribution of $A_1(\rho)$ to f_m in terms of the renormalized field $a_\mu^\alpha(v_\mu^\alpha)$. From this and the usual saturation of the Weinberg spectral function sum rules by single particle intermediate states we obtain

$$g_\rho = \frac{m_\rho^2}{f_\rho} \quad \text{and} \quad g_{A_1} = \left(\frac{m_\rho}{m_{A_1}} \right)^2 \frac{m_{A_1}^2}{f_{A_1}},$$

where $f_{A_1}(f_\rho)$ is defined by $\rho_{A_1}(m^2) = f_{A_1}^2 \delta(m^2 - m_{A_1}^2)$

$[\rho_\rho(m^2) = f_\rho^2 \delta(m^2 - m_\rho^2)]$. For currents obeying the algebra of fields commutators restrictions on Schwinger terms contained in equal-time commutators involving time derivatives of the currents are obtained. These relations show for example that in canonical realizations of current-field identities one needs derivative couplings of the spin-one field.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is generally assumed¹⁻⁷ that in relativistic local field theories a conserved and symmetric local tensor operator $T_{\mu\nu}(x)$ exists with the property that the generators of Poincaré transformations may be written as

$$P_{\mu} = \int d^3x T_{0\mu}(x) \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$M_{\mu\nu} = \int d^3x [x_{\mu} T_{0\nu}(x) - x_{\nu} T_{0\mu}(x)] \quad (1.2)$$

Denoting by ϕ , $\bar{\psi}$, J_{μ} , and $J_{\mu\nu}$ (defined as $J_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} J_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} J_{\mu}$) local operators with spins 0, 1/2, 1, and 2 respectively, one finds that the equal-time commutators (ETC) between $T_{\mu\nu}$ and these operators (and between the $T_{\mu\nu}$'s themselves) are partly determined by covariance.^{1-4,8,9} Using the Lorentz transformation properties of X (defined as any of the operators ϕ , $\bar{\psi}$, r_0 , J_0 , J_{ℓ} , or $J_{0\ell}$) and Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2) we obtain the most general form of the ETC $[i T_{0\mu}(x), X(y)]$ obeying these restrictions in Eqs. (1.14) - (1.20) and (1.24) - (1.29). As may be read off from Eqs. (1.14) - (1.20), the non-Schwinger terms (NST) and the first order Schwinger terms (FOST)--the canonical terms--in the ETC $[i T_{00}(x), X(y)]$ are completely specified by covariance, whereas in the ETC $[i T_{0m}(x), X(y)]$ only the NST are completely determined this way while the FOST are shown to satisfy relations (1.30)-(1.35). These ETC have some immediate applications which we discuss next.

Turning first to Eq. (1.17) we remark that it follows from this that the Gell-Mann condition^{6,10}

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), J_0(y)] = \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) \quad (1.3)$$

is equivalent to¹²

$$\sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_0)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} j_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

As we shall also see below for canonical currents the noncanonical terms (NCT) $j_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}$ are absent^{13,14} so that Eq. (1.3) holds in this case. In addition it is frequently assumed^{6,11} that only the scalar part of $T_{\mu\nu}$ breaks the symmetry so that

$$\int d^3y [i T_{0m}(x), J_0(y)] = 0. \quad (1.5)$$

From (1.26) we see that (1.5) is equivalent to

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{0m}(J_0)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} j_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{0m}(x) = 0. \quad (1.6)$$

In Sec. III it is seen that in certain models¹⁶⁻¹⁹ $j_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{0m}$ vanishes so that Eq. (1.5) holds in such models. Furthermore (Sec. III) for fields ψ proportional to canonical ones the NCT in Eq. (1.15) are absent²⁰ and thus

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] = \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) r_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \partial^k \bar{\psi}(x) r_k \quad (1.7)$$

in analogy to Eq. (1.3) [Conditions under which the additional Eqs. (3.38) - (3.42) hold are also investigated in Sec. III.]

As a consequence of Eq. (1.31) [Eq. (1.33)] the ETC of T_{0m} with fields of spin 1/2 (space components of spin one fields) must at least have first order ST. Since the ETC between the time-space components of the canonical energy-momentum tensor Θ_{0m} with any field which is proportional to a canonical one does not have ST, this property distinguishes the generators of local Lorentz transformations $T_{\mu\nu}$ (the symmetric energy-momentum tensor in canonical theories) from $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$. Canonical models in which both coincide therefore only contain basic fields of spin 0 (the generalization of the argument to canonical variables with spin higher than one should be obvious) and thus no fermion operators at all. Since we are mainly interested in ETC in canonical theories which contain operators with spin 1/2 we can not use the determination of the ST in Eqs. (1.14), (1.18), and (1.26) of Ref. 3, where Eq. (1.2) has been assumed with $\Theta_{0\mu}$ replacing $T_{0\mu}$.²¹

It is the main purpose of the present paper (Secs. II and III) to derive restrictions on the canonical and noncanonical terms in Eqs. (1.4)-(1.20) and (1.24)-(1.29). It is in view of the applications made^{2-4,6,8,9,11} of these relations (see also Sec. IV and the Appendix) that a systematic investigation is desirable.

The results obtained in Secs. II and III are of different generality. Whereas in Sec. III we calculate ETC in canonical models (the results are described in statements 1-3), Sec. II depends only on the assumed validity of the Jacobi identities²² for $[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)], X(z)]$ (where X denotes any of the operators $\phi, \bar{\psi}\gamma_0, J_0, J_\ell, J_{0\ell}$, or $\partial_0\phi$) and on the transformation properties of $T_{\mu\nu}$ and X under Lorentz transformations. Writing these Jacobi identities [Eqs. (2.1)] we then calculate the left-hand sides of these equations by use of Eq. (1.21) and the right-hand sides by use of Eqs. (1.14)-(1.20). By suitable manipulations (as described in Sec. II) the contributions of the NCT in Eq. (1.21) are eliminated and the results given in Sec. II [mainly Eqs. (2.12)-(2.17), (2.34), and (2.35)] are obtained. These equations are used in obtaining²⁴ some of the results in Sec. III [Eqs. (3.20), (3.24), and (3.25)] but we would like to illustrate here possible applications by obtaining the commutator $[i T_{00}(x), J_{0\ell}(y)]$ in the Sugawara model⁵ in which we have

$$\int d^3y (y - z)_m [i T_{0n}(y), J_\ell(z)] = g_{\ell n} J_m(z). \quad (1.8)$$

Then we use (2.35d) [and the absence of NCT in Eqs. (1.17) and (1.18) for the Sugawara model] to see that at most NCT of second order contributes to the commutator under discussion. Using (1.8) and (2.15) we obtain

$$[i T_{00}(x), J_{0\ell}(y)] = \partial^0 J_{0\ell}(x) \delta(x - y) + J_{k\ell}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y). \quad (1.9)$$

(Of course, the above result would also follow by direct calculation, a procedure which involves ambiguities due to products of fields at a point which is avoided by the derivation presented above.)

Absence of NCT in Eq.(1.21) may be made plausible by assuming Schwinger's action principle¹ which may be used to obtain

$$[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)] = i T_{0k}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + i T_{0k}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (1.10)$$

However, our results do not depend on this assumption.

Next we would like to make explicit²⁵ the consequences which Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2) together with the transformation properties of X have for the commutators $[i T_{0\mu}(x), X(y)]$. To describe a possible derivation we consider the commutators involving $\bar{\Psi} r_0$. Assuming only existence of the equal-time limit we may write

$$[i T_{00}(x), \bar{\Psi}(y) r_0] = \chi(x) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \chi_k(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (1.11)$$

Note the particular choice of the arguments of the ST in the above equation. This may always be achieved and will prove convenient in what follows. From the Heisenberg equation of motion [using Eq. (1.1)] we find

$$\partial_0 \bar{\psi}(y) r_0 = \chi(y) - \partial^k \chi_k(y) . \quad (1.12)$$

Writing Eq. (1.11) for $y_\mu = 0$, multiplying by x_k and integrating over $\underline{x}$ we find by use of Eq. (1.2) from the known transformation properties of ψ under boosts

$$\chi_k(y) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(y) \quad k , \quad (1.13)$$

which determines the CT in Eq. (1.15). Applying the same reasoning to the other operators denoted by X one obtains the results²⁵

$$\begin{aligned} [i T_{00}(x), \phi(y)] \\ = \partial_0 \phi(x) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\phi)} \phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) , \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [i T_{00}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] \\ = \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) r_\mu \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_k \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \\ + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) , \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

where we have defined

$$\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu = \overrightarrow{\partial}_\mu - \overleftarrow{\partial}_\mu . \quad (1.16)$$

One also obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{00}(x), J_0(y)] \\
 &= \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) \delta(x - y) + J_k(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \\
 &+ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_0)} j_{0;\{k\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \quad (1.17)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{00}(x), J_\ell(y)] \\
 &= J_{0\ell}(x) \delta(x - y) + J_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \delta(x - y) \\
 &+ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_\ell)} j_{\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \quad (1.18)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{00}(x), J_{0\ell}(y)] \\
 &= \partial_0 J_{0\ell}(x) \delta(x - y) + J_{k\ell}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \\
 &+ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_{0\ell})} j_{0\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \quad (1.19)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{00}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)] \\
 &= \square \phi(x) \delta(x - y) + \partial_k \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \\
 &+ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\partial_0 \phi)} \phi_{0; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \quad (1.20)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)] \\
 &= i T_{0k}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) + i T_{0k}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \\
 &+ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(T_{00})} t_{00; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y). \quad (1.21)
 \end{aligned}$$

NST are absent in Eq. (1.21) since $\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu T_{\nu\mu} = 0$. However, the consequences of Lorentz covariance are not yet completely exhausted in the above equations since from the transformation properties of $T_{00}(x)$ it also follows that

$$\sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(T_{00})} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} t_{00; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) = 0 \quad (1.22)$$

and

$$\sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(T_{00})} \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} t_{00; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) = 0. \quad (1.23)$$

We next use Eq. (1.1) for $\mu = m$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [i T_{Om}(x), \phi(y)] \\ &= \partial_m \phi(x) \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{Om}(\phi)} \phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [i T_{Om}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] \\ &= \partial_m \bar{\psi}(x) r_0 \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{Om}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [i T_{Om}(x), J_0(y)] \\ &= -J_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{Om}(J_0)} j_{0; \{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [i T_{Om}(x), J_\ell(y)] \\ &= \partial_m J_\ell(x) \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{Om}(J_\ell)} j_{\ell; \{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.27)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(x), J_{O\ell}(y)] \\
 &= \partial_m J_{O\ell}(x) \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{OO}(J_{O\ell})} j_{O\ell; \{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) ,
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.28}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(x), \partial_O \phi(y)] \\
 &= -\partial_O \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^{Om}(\partial_O \phi)} \phi_{O; \{k_\alpha\}}^{Om}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.29}$$

Using Eq. (1.2) we further obtain

$$-\phi_k^{Om}(y) + \phi_m^{Ok}(y) = 0 , \tag{1.30}$$

$$-\chi_n^{Om}(y) + \chi_m^{On}(y) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_O \gamma_m \gamma_n - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_O g_{mn} , \tag{1.31}$$

$$-j_{O;k}^{Om}(y) + j_{O;m}^{Ok}(y) = 0 , \tag{1.32}$$

$$-j_{\ell;k}^{Om}(y) + j_{\ell;m}^{Ok}(y) = g_{\ell k} J_m(y) - g_{\ell m} J_k(y) , \tag{1.33}$$

$$-j_{O\ell;k}^{Om}(y) + j_{O\ell;m}^{Ok}(y) = g_{\ell k} J_{Om}(y) - g_{\ell m} J_{Ok}(y) , \tag{1.34}$$

and

$$-\phi_{O;k}^{Om}(y) + \phi_{O;m}^{Ok}(y) = 0 . \tag{1.35}$$

Before discussing applications of the results described above we proceed to introduce our basic assumptions and notations concerning ETC between currents and fields. We will restrict our attention to chiral $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$ and assume usual ETC between charge densities. The currents $A_\mu^\alpha(x)$ and $V_\mu^\alpha(x)$ ($\alpha = 1-3$) will be denoted by $J_\mu^a(x)$ ($a = 1-6$) with $J_\mu^a(x) = V_\mu^a(x)$ for $a = 1-3$ and $J_\mu^a(x) = A_\mu^{a-3}(x)$ for $a = 4-6$. The structure constants e^{abc} are then defined by

$$[J_0^a(x), J_0^b(y)] = i e^{abc} J_0^c(x) \delta(x - y). \quad (1.36)$$

For the fermion field we will occasionally assume²⁶

$$[A_0^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y)] = -r_A \bar{\psi}(x) \tau_5^\alpha \delta(x - y). \quad (1.37)$$

It follows²⁷ from this (by an appropriate choice of the phase of A) assuming usual ETC between charge densities that

$$[J_0^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y)] = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) \Gamma^a \delta(x - y) \quad (1.38)$$

with

$$\Gamma^a = \begin{cases} \tau^a & \text{for } a = 1-3 \\ \tau_5 \tau^{a-3} & \text{for } a = 4-6 \end{cases}. \quad (1.39)$$

Turning next to the applications of Eqs. (1.14)-(1.21) we note that the connection between usual ETC of charge densities, ST in $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$, and current algebra commutators has already been partly discussed.^{2,3,7} The discussion given in Refs. 2 and 3

made use of Eq. (1.17) and assumed for the main conclusions that NCT were absent while in Ref. 7 use was made of Lorentz invariance and it was assumed that the ETC occurring in that derivation ($T_{\mu\nu}$ was not used in Ref. 7) contain at most a FOST. It was then shown^{2,3,7} that usual current algebra commutators follow provided that

$$(x - y)_m [J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)] = 0, \quad (1.40)$$

i.e., the above ETC contains no ST.

In Refs. 8 and 9 it was shown that in certain models it follows from Eq. (1.37) that³⁰

$$[J_m^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) \Gamma^a r_m \delta(x - y) + i(y - x)_m [J_0^a(x), f_m^\dagger(y) r_0], \quad (1.41)$$

where f_m is defined by

$$f_m(x) = (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi(x) \quad (1.42)$$

for any m . [As noted in Ref. 9, Eq. (1.41) may be obtained for conserved currents, using direct consequences of covariance,²⁷ from the Heisenberg equation of motion. Also for conserved currents the x -integrated Eq. (1.41) is a simple consequence of the Heisenberg equation of motion.] Absence of ST in the ETC

$[J_k^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0]$ and $[\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x), \bar{\psi}(x)]$ was also derived in Refs. 8 and 9.³⁰ This result may be combined with Eq. (1.41) to see that $[J_0^a(x), f^\dagger(y) r_0]$ contains at most a FOST.

It is the first purpose of the applications made in Sec. IV to derive Eq. (1.41) from covariance and Eq. (1.37) alone and to discuss the dependence of the results of Refs. 8 and 9 on the absence of NCT in Eqs. (1.15) and (1.17) (as is the case for certain models discussed in Sec. III).

We next illustrate³¹ applications of Eqs. (1.14)-(1.21) by considering the Jacobi identity for $[i T_{00}(x), [J_0^a(y), J_0^b(x)]]$.² We thus write

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [J_0^a(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(z)] \delta(x - z) - [J_0^b(z), \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x)] \delta(x - y) \\
 & \quad - i e^{abc} \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(z) \delta(x - y) \delta(y - z) \\
 & = [J_0^b(z), J_k^a(x)] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) - [J_0^a(y), J_k^b(x)] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \\
 & \quad - i e^{bac} J_k^c(x) \delta(y - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) + Z(x, y, z) . \quad (1.43)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the above equation we have denoted by Z the sum of terms which depend on $j_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}$. Due to covariance we have

$$\int d^3x Z(x, y, z) = \int d^3x x_k Z(x, y, z) = 0 . \quad (1.44)$$

Note that if one assumes Eq. (1.3) then one may also write

$$\int d^3y d^3z Z(x, y, z) = 0 . \quad (1.45)$$

Next we multiply Eq. (1.43) by $(x - y)_m$, integrate over x and z , and use Eq. (1.44) to obtain (as a result of covariance, and the ETC between charge densities only)

$$[Q^b(y_0), J_m^a(y)] = i e^{bac} J_m^c(y) + \int d^3z (y - z)_m [J_0^a(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(z)] . \quad (1.46)$$

Assuming Eq. (1.3) we then obtain from Eqs. (1.43) and (1.45)

$$[Q^a(x_0), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(x)] - [Q^b(x_0), \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x)] = i e^{abc} \partial^\mu J_\mu^c(x) . \quad (1.47)$$

The above relation has been derived in Ref. 7 by use of Lorentz covariance and the assumption that at most a FOST is present in the ETC $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$ and $[J_0^a(x), J_k^b(y)]$. In Ref. 3 it was obtained assuming absence of NCT in Eq. (1.17). Our derivation shows that it is a simple consequence of Eq. (1.3).

From Eqs. (1.40) and (1.46) evidently usual charge-current commutators follow.^{2,3,7} From covariance we derive in the Appendix absence of ST in $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$ for currents which obey field algebra commutators with charge densities. Also in the Appendix the usual² symmetry relations for the FOST in $[J_0^a(x), J_m^b(y)]$ are obtained from assuming at most a FOST in this commutator. The Appendix, in which we employ the methods of Refs. 2 and 3, is independent of NCT in Eq. (1.17) and contains also a discussion of the further consequences of Eq. (1.3). This investigation is motivated

by noting that only for canonical currents absence of NCT [in Eqs. (1.17) or (3.4)] has been obtained.^{2,3,8,9}

It is the main purpose of Sec. IV to investigate consequences of Eq. (1.41) for ETC between currents and fermion fields. It is argued in that section³² that large effects due to the interaction term in Eq. (1.41) are to be expected in contrast to Eq. (1.46) in which these effects are expected to be small. The relation in Eq. (1.41) shows that it is in fact due to the interaction of the spin 1/2 field that deviations from the quark model result for $[J_k^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0]$ are possible (as pointed out in Ref. 9). Since proportionality of the NST of this ETC to $\bar{\psi} \Gamma^a \gamma_m$ is incompatible⁹ with commutativity of the space components of the currents, we immediately see that the algebra of field current commutators are excluded if the fermion field is free. In order to investigate the compatibility of Eq. (1.37) with field algebra commutators we present in Sec. IV the following model for the nucleon current

$$f_m(x) = \{c_\pi P[\phi(x)] + [c_v V_\mu^\alpha(x) + c_A A_\mu^\alpha(x) \gamma_5] \gamma^\mu \tau^\alpha\} \psi(x), \quad (1.48)$$

which may be interpreted by use of current-field identities. In Eq. (1.48), $P[\phi(x)]$ denotes an arbitrary polynomial of the pion field. If algebra of fields current commutators are assumed together with Eq. (1.48) then the second term on the right-hand side of Eq. (1.41) (the interaction term) is proportional to the first term. Thus,

field algebra current commutators are compatible with Eq. (1.41) [a consequence of (1.37)] and Eq. (1.48) only if the right-hand side of Eq. (1.41) vanishes, which yields the relations (4.18)-(4.31).

Therefore Eqs. (1.41) and (1.48) suggest that³³

$$[J_k^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y)] = 0 \quad (1.49)$$

in case of algebra of fields commutators. (Note that the above equation is also a consequence of the canonical rules in case of canonical realizations of current-field identities.³⁴)

In the remaining part of Sec. IV consequences of Eqs. (1.15) and (1.17) are first discussed when they are combined with Eqs. (1.37) and (1.49) and finally the consequences of Eqs. (1.17) and (1.18) for currents obeying field algebra commutators are obtained. The main results are Eqs. (4.40) and (4.42) which are obtained without any assumption about the NCT in (1.17) and (1.18). We would like to note here that Eq. (4.40) shows that in canonical realizations of current-field identities one needs derivative couplings involving the spin one field.^{17,18,34}

II. CONSEQUENCES OF COVARIANCE

In the present section²² we assume the Jacobi identities involving $\left[[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)], X(z) \right]$ and utilize Eqs. (1.14)-(1.22) and (1.24)-(1.29) to obtain relations connecting the ST in $[i T_{00}(x), X(y)]$ with the NCT in $[i T_{00}(x), Y(y)]$. In the above $X(Y)$ denotes either of the operators $\phi, \bar{\psi}\gamma_0, J_0, J_\ell, J_{0\ell}$, or $\partial_0\phi$ ($\partial^\mu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu, \partial^\mu J_\mu, J_{0m}, \partial_0 J_{0\ell}$, or $\square\phi$). Our present considerations are model independent since we only make some rather general assumptions about existence of equal-time limits and validity of the Jacobi identity. Since all the relations below are obtained by analogous manipulations we shall only choose the commutators involving ψ to illustrate the calculations and merely give the results for the other cases.

We start by writing the following Jacobi identities

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)], X(z) \right] \\ &= [i T_{00}(x), [iT_{00}(y), X(z)]] - [i T_{00}(y), [i T_{00}(x), X(z)]] \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

In this equation X denotes either of the operators indicated above.

For $X(z) = \bar{\psi}(z)$, we use (1.15) and (1.21) to rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{0k}(x), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) + [i T_{0k}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \\
 & + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(T^{00})} [t_{00\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) \\
 & = [i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(y) r_\mu] \delta(x - z) - \frac{1}{2} [i T_{00}(x), \partial^k \bar{\psi}(y) r_k] \delta(y - z) \\
 & - [i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) r_\mu] \delta(x - z) + \frac{1}{2} [i T_{00}(y), \partial^k \bar{\psi}(x) r_k] \delta(x - z) \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi}(x) r_\ell r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\ell} \delta(x - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - z) \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi}(y) r_\ell r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\ell} \delta(x - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(y) r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - z) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \\
 & + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \\
 & - \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} [i T_{00}(y), \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) .
 \end{aligned}$$

(2.2)

For a consistency check we first multiply the above equation by $(y - z)_m$ and integrate over $\underline{x}$ and $\underline{y}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3x [i T_{0m}(x), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] &= - \int d^3y (y - z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\mu] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int d^3y (y - z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^k \bar{\Psi}(z) r_k] + \frac{1}{4} \partial^\ell \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\ell r_0 r_m \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Using once again Eq. (1.15) as well as Eq. (1.25) we then obtain, after some rearrangements

$$\int d^3y (y - z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\mu r_0] = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\mu) r_m. \quad (2.4)$$

Therefore, comparison with Eq. (1.15) shows that $\partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\mu$ transforms like a spin 1/2 field, as it should.

Employing the same reasoning as above and using Eqs. (1.14) and (1.17)-(1.21) for each of the cases $X = \phi, J_0, J_\ell, J_{0\ell}$, and $\partial_0 \phi$ respectively we then obtain the correct transformation properties for $\partial_0 \phi, \partial^\mu J_\mu, J_{0\ell}, \partial_0 J_{0\ell}$, and $\square \phi$.

We now return to Eq. (2.2) and multiply it by $(x - y)_m$ and integrate over $\underline{x}$ with the result

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2[i T_{0m}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] &= \int d^3x (x-y)_m [i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(y) r_\mu] \delta(x-z) \\
 - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x-y)_m [i T_{00}(x), \partial^k \bar{\psi}(y) r_k] \delta(x-z) \\
 - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(y) j_m j_0 j_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(x-z) - (z-y)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) r_\mu] \\
 + \frac{1}{2} (z-y)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^k \bar{\psi}(z) r_k] \\
 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \int d^3x (x-y)_m \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-z) \\
 \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x-z) \\
 + \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \int d^3x (x-y)_m [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-z) .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.5}$$

Note that there are no contributions from the higher order ST in Eq. (1.21). Therefore the resulting expressions are identical to those which would be obtained by use of Schwinger's condition.

Using Eqs. (2.4) and (1.15) the above equation may then be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{0m}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] &= -\frac{1}{2} (y - z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) r_\mu] \\
 &- \frac{1}{4} \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(y) r_\mu r_m r_0 \delta(x - z) + \partial_m \bar{\psi}(y) r_0 \delta(x - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m} \delta(x - z) + \frac{1}{8} \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 (r_k r_m - r_m r_k) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \delta(x - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x - y)_m \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \left\{ \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) r_0 r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \right. \\
 &\times \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) - [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) r_0 r_m \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) . \quad (2.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Employing the same reasoning as above the collection of formulas obtained for $X = \phi, J_0, J_\ell, \partial_0 \phi$, and $J_{0\ell}$ may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{0m}(y), \phi(z)] &= -\frac{1}{2} (y - z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \phi(z) \delta(x - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x - y)_m [i T_{00}(x), \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\phi)} \phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) , \\
 &\quad (2.7)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{Om}(y), J_O(z)] &= -\frac{1}{2} (y - z)_m [i T_{OO}(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu(z)] \\
 &- J_O(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m} \delta(x - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x - y)_m \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{OO}(J_k)} j_{k; \{k_\alpha\}}^{OO}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) \right. \\
 &\times \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \right. \\
 &- \left. \left[i T_{OO}(x), \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{OO}(J_O)} j_{O; \{k_\alpha\}}^{OO}(z) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) \right\}, \quad (2.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{Om}(y), J_\ell(z)] &= -\frac{1}{2} (y - z)_m [i T_{OO}(y), J_{O\ell}(z)] \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} J_{\ell m}(z) \delta(x - z) - J_m(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\ell} \delta(x - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x - y)_m \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{OO}(J_O)} j_{O; \{k_\alpha\}}^{OO}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y) \right. \\
 &\times \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \delta(x - z) - \left[i T_{OO}(x), \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{OO}(J_\ell)} j_{\ell; \{k_\alpha\}}^{OO}(z) \right] \\
 &\times \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - z) \right\}, \quad (2.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{Om}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] &= -\frac{1}{2}(y-z)_m [i T_{00}(y), \square \phi(z)] \\
 &\quad - \partial_0 \phi(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m} \delta(x-y) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x-y)_m \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\phi)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left[\phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-y) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \delta(x-y) \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\partial_0 \phi)} [i T_{00}(x), \phi_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-y) \right\}, \quad (2.10)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 [i T_{Om}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\ell J_{Om}(y) \delta(x-y) - \frac{1}{2} J_{Om}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\ell} \delta(x-y) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell m} J_{Ok}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(x-y) + \frac{1}{2} (z-y)_m [i T_{00}(y), \partial^0 J_{0\ell}(z)] \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^m} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_\ell)} j_{\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-y) \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\ell} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_m)} j_{m;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-y) \right\} \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x (x-y)_m \left[i T_{00}(x), \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_{0\ell})} j_{0\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x-y) \right]. \quad (2.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

We will next obtain the relation between the FOST in $[i T_{Om}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0]$ and the second order ST in $[i T_{Oo}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) r_\mu]$ multiplying Eq. (2.6) by $(y - z)_m$ and integrating over y . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d^3y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3y (y - z)_m (y - z)_n [i T_{Oo}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) r_\mu] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} g_{mn} \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 + \frac{1}{8} \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 (r_m r_n - r_n r_m) + \partial^\mu \chi_{mn}^{00}(z) r_\mu r_0 . \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Analogously, the results for the other cases may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d^3y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), \phi(z)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3y (y - z)_m (y - z)_n [i T_{Oo}(y), \partial_\mu \phi(z)] + \partial_\mu \phi_{mn}^{00}(z) , \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d^3y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), J_0(z)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3y (y - z)_n (y - z)_m [i T_{Oo}(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu(z)] \\ &+ g_{mn} J_0(z) + \partial^\mu j_{\mu;mn}^{00}(z) , \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int d^3 y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), J_\ell(z)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3 y (y - z)_n (y - z)_m [i T_{O0}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] \\
 & \quad + g_{\ell n} J_m(z) + \partial_0 j_{\ell;mn}^{00}(z) - \partial_\ell j_{0;mn}^{00}(z) , \tag{2.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int d^3 y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3 y (y - z)_n (y - z)_m [i T_{O0}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] \\
 & \quad + g_{mn} \partial_0 \phi(z) + \partial_0 \phi_{0;mn}^{00}(z) + \partial^k \partial_k \phi_{mn}^{00}(z) , \tag{2.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int d^3 y (y - z)_n [i T_{Om}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3 y (y - z)_n (y - z)_m [i T_{O0}(y), \partial_0 J_{0\ell}(z)] \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell m} J_{On}(z) + \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell n} J_{Om}(z) + \partial_0 j_{0\ell;mn}^{00}(z) . \tag{2.17}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that Eqs. (1.30)-(1.35) (which have not been used in the preceding calculation) emerge from the above by antisymmetrization in m and n .

Next we multiply Eq. (2.2) with $(x - z)_m$, integrate over x , and use Eq. (1.15) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{0m}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{0k}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 \delta(y - z) + \frac{1}{8} \bar{\psi}(z) r_0 (r_k r_m - r_m r_k) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\psi)} \left\{ \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \chi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) r_0 r_m \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z). \quad (2.18)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note once again that the ST in Eq. (1.21) have not contributed. By an analogous procedure we obtain for the remaining cases the following list of formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{0m}(y), \phi(z)] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{0k}(y), \phi(z)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \phi(z) \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\phi)} \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), \phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z), \quad (2.19)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(y), J_0(z)] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{Ok}(y), J_0(z)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_m J_0(y) \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_m)} j_{m; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_0)} \int d^3x (x - z)_m [iT_{00}(x), j_{0; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z), \\
 &\hspace{25em} (2.20)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(y), J_\ell(z)] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{Ok}(y), J_\ell(z)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} J_{m\ell}(z) \delta(y - z) - \frac{1}{2} J_m(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\ell} \delta(y - z) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell m} J_k(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell m} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_0)} j_{0; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_\ell)} \int d^3x (x - z)_m [iT_{00}(x), j_{\ell; \{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z), \\
 &\hspace{25em} (2.21)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{Ok}(y), \partial_0 \phi(z)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \partial_0 \phi(y) \delta(y - z) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^m} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\phi)} \phi_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \right\} \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(\partial_0 \phi)} \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), \phi_{0;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.22}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [i T_{Om}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)_m [i \partial^k T_{Ok}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] \\
 &= + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m} J_{0\ell}(y) \delta(y - z) + \frac{1}{2} g_{\ell m} J_{0k}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \delta(y - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} J_{0m}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\ell} \delta(y - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\ell} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_m)} j_{m;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \right\} \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^m} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_\ell)} j_{\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) \right\} \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N^{00}(J_{0\ell})} \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), j_{0\ell;\{k_\alpha\}}^{00}(z)] \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{k_\alpha}} \delta(y - z) .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.23}$$

We would next like to obtain relations between the higher order ST. To achieve this, we multiply Eq. (2.18) by $(y - z)_{n_1}$ $(y - z)_{n_2}$, integrate over y , and use Eq. (1.25) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\chi_{n_1 n_2}^{Om}(z) + \chi_{mn_2}^{On_1}(z) + \chi_{n_1 m}^{On_2}(z) &= \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{n_1 n_2}^{00}(z)] \\ &+ \chi_{n_1 n_2}^{00} r_0 r_m . \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

From the above equation it is easy to derive that $\chi_{n_1 n_2}^{Om} = 0$ whenever $\chi_{n_1 n_2}^{00} = 0$. In fact, when $\chi_{n_1 n_2}^{00} = 0$ Eq. (2.24) gives

$$\chi_{n_1 n_2}^{Om}(z) - \chi_{mn_2}^{On_1}(z) - \chi_{n_1 m}^{On_2}(z) = 0 \quad (2.25)$$

and

$$\chi_{n_1 m}^{On_2}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2}^{Om}(z) - \chi_{mn_2}^{On_1}(z) = 0 . \quad (2.26)$$

Adding these relations we then obtain

$$-2 \chi_{mn_2}^{On_1}(z) = 0 , \quad (2.27)$$

the desired result.

We next derive the analogous results for the ST of third order by multiplying Eq. (2.18) by $(y - z)_{n_1} (y - z)_{n_2} (y - z)_{n_3}$, integrating over y , and using Eq. (1.25). We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -3[\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{Om}(z) - \chi_{mn_2 n_3}^{On_1}(z) - \chi_{n_1 mn_3}^{On_2}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2 m}^{On_3}(z)] \\
 & = 3 \int d^3x (x - z)_m [i T_{00}(x), \chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{00}(z)] + 3 \chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{00}(z) . \quad (2.28)
 \end{aligned}$$

Once again it follows from the above that $\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{00} = 0$ implies that $\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{Om} = 0$. To see this, we write Eq. (2.28) when $\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{00} = 0$.

We obtain

$$\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{Om}(z) - \chi_{mn_2 n_3}^{On_1}(z) - \chi_{n_1 mn_3}^{On_2}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2 m}^{On_3}(z) = 0 . \quad (2.29)$$

and

$$\chi_{mn_2 n_3}^{On_1}(z) - \chi_{n_1 mn_3}^{On_2}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2 m}^{On_3}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{Om}(z) = 0 . \quad (2.30)$$

Adding and subtracting these equations we get

$$\chi_{n_1 mn_3}^{On_2}(z) + \chi_{n_1 n_2 m}^{On_3}(z) = 0 . \quad (2.31)$$

and

$$\chi_{n_1' n_2' n_3'}^{Om'}(z) - \chi_{m' n_2' n_3'}^{On_1'}(z) = 0 . \quad (2.32)$$

Choosing $m' = n_2$, $n_1' = n_3$, $n_2' = m$, $n_3' = n_1$, and using the symmetry of $\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{Om}$ in the lower three indices we obtain from (2.32)

$$\chi_{n_1 m n_3}^{0n_2}(z) - \chi_{n_1 n_2 m}^{0n_3}(z) = 0, \quad (2.33)$$

which upon comparison with Eq. (2.31) shows that $\chi_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^{0m}(z)$ vanishes. Clearly an analogous reasoning may be performed for higher order ST but we shall not do so in this paper since the generalizations are now apparent.

Our results may be schematically expressed as

$$\int d^3x (x-y)_{n_1} \prod_{i=2}^R (x-y)_{n_i} [i T_{0m}(x), X(y)]$$

$$= \begin{cases} Z_{\emptyset}(\emptyset_{k_1}^{00}, \dots, k_R) & \text{for } X = \emptyset \quad (2.34a) \\ Z_{\bar{\Psi}}(\chi_{k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}) & \text{For } X = \bar{\Psi} \gamma_0 \quad (2.34b) \\ Z_{J_0}(j_{0;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}; j_{m;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}) & \text{for } X = J_0 \quad (2.34c) \\ Z_{J_{\ell}}(j_{\ell;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}; j_{0;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}) & \text{for } X = J_{\ell} \quad (2.34d) \\ Z_{\partial_0 \emptyset}(\emptyset_{k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}; \emptyset_{0;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}) & \text{for } X = \partial_0 \emptyset \quad (2.34e) \\ Z_{J_{0\ell}}(j_{0m;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}; j_{\ell;k_1 \dots k_R}^{00}) & \text{for } X = J_{0\ell} \quad (2.34f) \end{cases}$$

since analogous calculations may be performed for the other choices of X . In the above we have denoted by Z those linear forms in the

ST obtained following the procedure indicated. Note that they vanish whenever the ST vanish.

To obtain analogous results for commutators involving T_{00} and Y , with $Y = \partial_0 \phi, \partial^\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu, \partial^\mu J_\mu, J_{0m}, \square \phi$, or $\partial_0 J_{0m}$ we return to Eq. (2.6). We multiply this equation by $(y - z)_{n_1} \prod_{i=2}^R (y - z)_{n_i}$ ($R = 2, 3$) and integrate over y . The explicit non-ST on the right-hand side do not contribute and we are left with a relation expressing the ST of order $R + 2$ in $[i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_\mu]$ in terms of the ST of order $R + 1$ in $[i T_{0m}(y), \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_0]$ and $\chi_{k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots$,

$\chi_{k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}$. Using Eq. (2.34b) we then obtain a relation expressing the ST of order $R + 2$ in $[i T_{00}(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_\mu]$ in terms of $\chi_{k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, \chi_{k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}$. Our results for the different Y may be schematically represented as

$$\int d^3x (x-y)_m (x-y)_{n_1} \prod_{i=2}^R (x-y)_{n_i} [i T_{00}(x), Y(y)]$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} Z_{\phi}(\phi_{k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, \phi_{k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = \partial_0 \phi \quad (2.35a) \\ \\ Z_{\psi}(\chi_{k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, \chi_{k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = \partial^{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu} \quad (2.35b) \\ \\ Z_{J_0}(j_{0;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{0;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}; j_{m;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{m;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = \partial^{\mu} J_{\mu} \quad (2.35c) \\ \\ Z_{J_{\ell}}(j_{m;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{m;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}; j_{0;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{0;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = J_{0m} \quad (2.35d) \\ \\ Z_{\partial_0 \phi}(\phi_{k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, \phi_{k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}; \phi_{0;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, \phi_{0;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = \square \phi \quad (2.35e) \\ \\ Z_{J_{0\ell}}(j_{0\ell;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{0\ell;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}; j_{\ell;k_1 k_2}^{00}, \dots, j_{\ell;k_1 \dots k_{R+2}}^{00}) & \text{for } Y = \partial_0 J_{0\ell} \quad (2.35f) \end{array} \right.$$

The explicit form of the Z (which vanish whenever the ST vanish) may be obtained by performing the manipulations described above, taking into account the explicit forms of the equations used.

III. COMMUTATORS IN CANONICAL THEORIES

We obtain in this section some equal-time commutators of $T_{0\mu}$ with currents and fields in canonical theories with basic canonical fields of spins 0 and 1/2. We will sometimes also assume that the interaction Lagrangian does not contain derivatives of the spin 1/2 field. If canonical variables of higher spin are present, a generalization of our derivations under this assumption requires absence of derivatives of any field carrying spin from the interaction Lagrangian. In obtaining these commutators we will also make use of the information obtained in Sec. II.

We start with some remarks concerning the canonical energy-momentum tensor $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$ and the symmetric energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ (the generator of local Lorentz transformations). The canonical tensor is given by Noether's theorem as

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial_\mu \phi_a(x)} \partial_\nu \phi_a(x) - g_{\mu\nu} L(x), \quad (3.1)$$

while the symmetric energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ is defined by

$$T_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(x) = \Theta_{\mu\nu}(x) - \partial^\lambda f_{\lambda\mu\nu}(x). \quad (3.2)$$

We employ the formalism of Ref. 15. However, we choose the adjoint of the $T_{\mu\nu}$ given there as our symmetric energy-momentum tensor. This will prove convenient and is possible even if $T_{\mu\nu}$ is not Hermitian, since the non-Hermitian parts can not contribute to Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2).

The canonical energy-momentum tensor $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$ has the advantage that equal-time commutators such as³⁵

$$[i \Theta_{00}(x), \psi(y)] = \partial_0 \psi(x) \delta(x - y), \quad (3.3)$$

$$[i \Theta_{00}(x), J_0(y)] = \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) \delta(x - y) + J_k(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y), \quad (3.4)$$

$$[i \Theta_{0m}(x), \psi(y)] = \partial_m \psi(x) \delta(x - y) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$[i \Theta_{0m}(x), J_0(y)] = -J_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \delta(x - y) \quad (3.6)$$

are readily calculated, while if we consider the analogous commutators with $T_{\mu\nu}$ replacing $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$ we note that $[i T_{00}(x), \psi(y)]$ is different⁸ from $[i \Theta_{00}(x), \psi(y)]$ [see Eq. (3.15) below], $[i T_{00}(x), J_0(y)]$ is the same³⁶ as $[i \Theta_{00}(x), J_0(y)]$, and $[i T_{0m}(x), \psi(y)]$ and $[i T_{0m}(x), J_0(y)]$ are in general not completely determined unless additional assumptions are made.³⁶ Incidentally we also note that⁹

$$[i \Theta_{00}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0] = \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu \delta(x - y) + \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y). \quad (3.7)$$

Evidently Eqs. (3.3) and (3.7) may not hold with T_{00} replacing Θ_{00} due to covariance [i.e., Eq. (1.2)]. Since for any canonical variable ϕ_a one derives^{9,15}

$$[i \theta_{00}(x), \phi_a(y)] = \partial_0 \phi_a(x) \delta(x - y) \quad (3.8)$$

one finds from covariance that

$$M_{0i} = - \int d^3x x_i \theta_{00}(0, x) \quad (3.9)$$

can hold only if all the basic canonical variables have vanishing spin. Similarly Eq. (3.5) with θ_{0m} replaced by T_{0m} would be in contradiction with Eq. (1.31). These facts have already been discussed in the introduction. It should also be noted that even though the equal-time commutators involving $T_{0\mu}$ are in general different from those involving $\theta_{0\mu}$ they give the same results in some instances.^{8,9,37}

We will next derive $\chi^{00} = 0$ without making any assumptions about derivative couplings. To this end we note that for spin 1/2

$S_{\mu\nu;\alpha\beta}$ [Eq. (4.18) of Ref. 15] is given by

$$S_{\mu\nu;\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4} (r_\mu r_\nu - r_\nu r_\mu) . \quad (3.10)$$

Thus we may write [Eq. (4.19) of Ref. 14]

$$f_{m00}(x) = \frac{1}{4} \pi(x) (r_0 r_m - r_m r_0) \hat{\psi}(x) , \quad (3.11)$$

where π is canonically conjugate to $\hat{\psi}$

$$\pi(x) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial_0 \hat{\psi}(x)} . \quad (3.12)$$

In the above $\hat{\psi}$ denotes the canonical field to which ψ is assumed to be proportional. We also note that if derivative couplings involving $\hat{\psi}$ are absent one has

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial_m \hat{\psi}(x)} = \pi(x) r_m r_0 . \quad (3.13)$$

Now, from Eq. (3.11) one easily obtains (using the antisymmetry of f in the first two indices)

$$\partial^\lambda f_{\lambda 00}(x) = \partial^m f_{m00}(x) = \frac{1}{4} \partial^m \{ \pi(x) (r_0 r_m - r_m r_0) \hat{\psi}(x) \} .$$

Then from Eqs. (3.2) and (3.3) one obtains

$$[i T_{00}^\dagger(x), r_0 \psi(y)] = \partial^\mu r_\mu \psi(x) \delta(x - y) + \frac{1}{2} r_k \psi(x) \frac{\overleftrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \quad (3.14)$$

or

$$[i T_{00}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] = \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) r_\mu \delta(x - y) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) r_k \frac{\overleftrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) . \quad (3.15)$$

Next, for the time component of a canonical current defined by

$$J_0^a(x) = -i \pi^b(x) \phi^c(x) F_{bc}^a , \quad (3.16)$$

where F_{bc}^a are the structure constants of the group considered, we use Eqs. (3.4) and (3.16) to obtain (J_0 is Hermitian)

$$[i T_{00}(x), J_0(y)] = \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) \delta(x - y) + J_k(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) . \quad (3.17)$$

(To derive the above equation it is sufficient to realize that $[\partial^\mu f_{\mu 00}(x), J_0(y)]$ contains at most a FOST and thus the result follows by covariance.)

Next we assume absence of derivative couplings involving $\hat{\psi}$ and obtain from Eqs. (3.10) and (3.13) [using Eq. (4.18) in Ref. 14]

$$\partial^\mu f_{0\mu n}(x) = \frac{1}{8} \partial^m \{ \pi(x) (r_m r_n - r_n r_m) \hat{\psi}(x) + 4 g_{mn} \pi(x) \hat{\psi}(x) \} . \quad (3.18)$$

Since the above expression contains only canonical variables we may calculate $[i T_{0m}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0]$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [i T_{0m}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0] &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_n \bar{\psi}(x) r_0 \delta(x - y) \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} \bar{\psi}(y) (r_m r_n - r_n r_m) r_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \delta(x - y) - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi}(x) r_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \delta(x - y) . \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Now, since due to Eqs. (2.34b), (2.35b), (3.15), and (3.19), at most a second order ST is contained in $[i T_{00}(x), \bar{f}_m(y) r_0]$ [f_m has been defined in Eq. (1.42)] and at most a FOST in $[i T_{0m}(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0]$ we obtain from Eq. (2.12) and covariance that Eq. (3.19) is equivalent to

$$[i T_{00}(x), \bar{f}_m(y) r_0] = \partial^\mu \bar{f}_m(x) r_\mu \delta(x - y) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{f}_m(x) r_k \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}} \delta(x - y) . \quad (3.20)$$

Therefore, Eq. (3.20) is derived for canonical theories which do not involve derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$ in the interaction Lagrangian.

Our next task is to determine the commutators $[i T_{00}(x), J_k(y)]$, $[i T_{0k}(x), J_0(y)]$, and $[i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$ in canonical theories under the assumption that the interaction does not contain derivatives of the fermion field. We will make use of Eq. (3.6), obtained in Ref. 3 and show under the present assumptions that the additional terms in the definition of T_{0m} do not contribute so that

$$[i T_{0m}(x), J_0(y)] = - J_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \delta(x - y) . \quad (3.21)$$

The relations in Sec. II will then be used to derive $[i T_{00}(x), J_k(y)]$ together with further commutators.

The derivation of Eq. (3.21) from Eqs. (3.6) and (3.18) is a straightforward calculation. Using the associative law and defining Γ_{mn} by

$$\Gamma_{mn} = r_m r_n - r_n r_m \quad (3.22)$$

we may write

$$\begin{aligned} & [T_{0m}^\dagger(x) - \Theta_{0m}(x), J_0^e(y)] \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \{ [\pi_a^\alpha(x) \psi_a^\beta(x), \pi_c^\delta(x) \psi_d^\delta(x)] \Gamma_{mn}^{\alpha\beta} F_{cd}^e \\ &+ 4 g_{mn} [\pi_a^\alpha(x) \psi_a^\alpha(x), \pi_c^\delta(x) \psi_d^\delta(x)] F_{cd}^e \} = 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

We next note that due to Eq. (2.20) it follows from the absence of ST of higher order than one in Eq. (3.21) and from Eq. (3.17) that

$$[i T_{00}(x), J_m(y)] = J_{0m}(x) \delta(x - y) - J_0(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \delta(x - y). \quad (3.24)$$

Note that in obtaining Eq.(3.24) from (3.21) the special form of the FOST was not needed. Therefore, Eq. (3.24) depends only on the absence of ST of order higher than one in Eq.(3.21) and on the absence of NCT in Eq. (3.17). Now, due to Eqs. (2.34c) and (2.34d) absence of ST of order higher than one in Eq. (3.21) and in the commutator $[i T_{0\ell}(x), J_m(y)]$ follows from Eqs. (3.17) and (3.24). It also follows from these equations [using Eqs. (2.25c) and (2.25d)] that no ST of order higher than two are present in the commutators of T_{00} with $\partial^\mu J_\mu$ and with J_{0m} . Thus [Eq. (2.34a)] in this case ST of order higher than two are also absent in $[i T_{0m}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$.

Next, assuming Eqs. (3.17) and (3.24) we show that Eq. (3.21) and

$$[i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)] = \partial_0 \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) \delta(x - y) \quad (3.25)$$

are equivalent. Then, since Eqs. (3.17) and (3.21) are derived for certain¹⁶ models and since, as shown above, Eq. (3.24) follows from Eq. (3.21), this establishes the validity of Eq. (3.25) in these models. To prove the equivalence, we note that Eq. (3.21) follows from Eq. (3.25) since [Eq. (2.34c)] at most a FOST is contained in this commutator which [Eq. (2.14)] is as given in Eq.(3.21). Assuming Eq. (3.21), we

first note [Eq. (2.35c)] that at most a second order ST is contained in $[i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$. This ST also vanishes [Eq. (2.14)] and Eq. (3.25) follows from covariance. Thus, Eq. (3.25) is indeed a consequence of Eqs. (3.17) and (3.21).

Furthermore we note that as soon as Eq. (3.25) is established, absence of ST of order higher than two in $[i T_{00}(x), \partial_0 \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$ [Eq. (2.35a)] and of order higher than one in $[i T_{0m}, \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$ [eq. (2.34a)] follows [note also Eq. (2.13)]. In addition from Eqs. (3.17) and (3.24) it may be seen that ST of order higher than two are absent in $[i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)]$ [Eq. (2.35c)] and in $[i T_{00}(x), J_{0\ell}(y)]$ [Eq. (2.35d)] and that ST of order higher than one are absent in $[i T_{0m}(x), J_\ell(y)]$ [Eq. (2.34d)]. Note also that the relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d^3y (y - z)_n [i T_{0m}(y), J_\ell(z)] \\ &= g_{\ell n} J_m(z) - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3y (y - z)_m (y - z)_n [i T_{00}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)] \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

[Eq. (2.15)] connects the ST in $[i T_{0m}(y), J_\ell(z)]$ with those in $[i T_{00}(y), J_{0\ell}(z)]$.

We would like to investigate next scalar fields $\phi(x)$ which are proportional to canonical ones. For example, the divergence of the axial vector current in Langrangian models of PCAC has this property. Since, for such fields^{15,9}

$$[i \theta_{00}(x), \phi(y)] = \partial_0 \phi(x) \delta(x - y) \quad (3.27)$$

and

$$[i \theta_{00}(x) - i T_{00}^\dagger(x), \phi(y)] = 0 \quad (3.28)$$

we have

$$[i T_{00}(x), \phi(y)] = \partial_0 \phi(x) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (3.29)$$

If the coupling does not contain derivatives of the fields carrying spin we have (since ϕ is Hermitian

$$[i T_{0m}(x), \phi(y)] = \partial_m \phi(x) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (3.30)$$

[Absence of ST of order higher than one is already a consequence of Eqs.(2.34a) and (3.29).] From Eqs. (2.35a) and (3.29) we learn that at most a second order ST is contained in $[i T_{00}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)]$ and that this term vanishes due to (3.29), (3.30), and (2.13). Thus it follows (using covariance) that

$$[i T_{00}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)] = \square \phi(x) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \partial_k \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (3.31)$$

This relation, which may have been obtained easily from the formulas given in the Appendix of Ref. 9 if $\partial_0 \hat{\phi}$ is canonically conjugate to $\hat{\phi}$ (i.e., if derivative couplings involving $\hat{\phi}$ are absent) now is seen to be valid even when the coupling contains derivatives of ϕ .

Using Eqs. (2.13), (2.34a), and (3.29) one may evidently also derive Eq. (3.30) from (3.31). From (3.29), (3.31), (2.34e), and (2.35e) it follows that ST of order higher than two (one) are absent in the ETC $[i T_{00}(x), \square \phi(y)]$ $\{[i T_{0k}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)]\}$.

From Eqs. (3.31) and (2.16) we thus obtain equivalence of the relations

$$[i T_{Om}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)] = - \partial_0 \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \delta(x - y) \quad (3.32)$$

and

$$[i T_{OO}(x), (\square + m^2) \phi(y)] = (\square + m^2) \partial_0 \phi(x) \delta(x - y). \quad (3.33)$$

Note that Eq. (3.32) is a consequence of the canonical rules in case that derivative couplings are completely absent.

The following statements summarize the content of the above discussion.

Statement 1a. Assume Eq. (3.15). Then:

- (1) There are no ST of order higher than one in

$$[i T_{Om}(x), \bar{\psi}(y)].$$

- (2) The Eqs. (3.19) and (3.20) are equivalent.

Statement 1b. For a nucleon field proportional to a canonical field $\hat{\psi}$ Eq. (3.15) holds. If the interaction Lagrangian does not contain derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$ then in addition Eq. (3.19) holds [and consequently Eq. (3.20) holds.]

Statement 2a. Assume Eq. (3.17) and at most a FOST in

$[i T_{Om}(x), J_0(y)]$. Then Eq. (3.24) follows.

Statement 2b. Assume Eqs. (3.17) and (3.24). Then:

- (1) The Eqs. (3.21) and (3.25) are equivalent.

- (2) ST of order higher than one are absent in the commutators

$$[i T_{Om}(x), J_0(y)] \text{ and } [i T_{Om}(x), J_\ell(y)].$$

(3) ST of order higher than two are absent in the commutators

$$[i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)], [i T_{00}(x), J_{0m}(y)], \text{ and } [i T_{0k}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)].$$

Statement 2c. If $J_\mu(x)$ denotes a canonical current Eq. (3.17) holds. If the interaction Lagrangian does not contain derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$, Eq. (3.21) holds [and consequently Eqs. (3.24) and (3.25) also hold].

Statement 3a. Assume Eq. (3.29). Then

(1) The Eqs. (3.30) and (3.31) are equivalent.

(2) There are no ST of order higher than one (two) in the ETC

$$[i T_{0k}(x), \partial \phi(y)] \{ [i T_{00}(x), \square \phi(y)] \}.$$

Statement 3b. Assume Eqs. (3.29) and (3.30). Then Eqs. (3.32) and (3.33) are equivalent.

Statement 3c. If $\phi(x)$ is a canonical spin zero field, Eq. (3.29) holds. If the coupling does not contain derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$, Eq. (3.30) [and consequently (3.31)] holds. If all derivative couplings are absent, Eq. (3.32) [and consequently (3.33)] also holds.

Finally we note relations analogous to Eq.(1.3) which may also be obtained. This relation itself (as noted in the introduction) follows from Eq. (3.17) and has thus been derived for canonical currents. Analogously we may derive Eq. (1.7) from Eq. (3.15) (which holds for all spinor fields ψ proportional to canonical fields). If the coupling does not contain derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$ we may write [from Eq. (3.20) and statement 1b]

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), \bar{f}_m(y) r_0] = \partial^\mu \bar{f}_m(x) r_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \partial^k \bar{f}_m(x) r_k. \quad (3.34)$$

From Eqs. (3.21), (3.24), (3.25), and with the assumption of Eq. (3.34) we have (using statement 2c)

$$\int d^3y [i T_{0m}(x), J_0(y)] = 0, \quad (3.35)$$

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), J_m(y)] = J_{0m}(y), \quad (3.36)$$

and

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu(y)] = \partial_0 \partial^\mu J_\mu(x). \quad (3.37)$$

If ϕ is proportional to a canonical field it follows from Eq. (3.29) and statement 3c that

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), \phi(y)] = \partial_0 \phi(x). \quad (3.38)$$

If the coupling does not contain derivatives of $\hat{\psi}$ it follows from statement 3c and Eqs. (3.30) and (3.31)

$$\int d^3y [i T_{0m}(x), \phi(y)] = \partial_m \phi(x) \quad (3.39)$$

and

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)] = \square \phi(x). \quad (3.40)$$

If the coupling does not contain any derivatives of the canonical variables we obtain from Eqs. (3.32), (3.33), and statement 3c

$$\int d^3y [i T_{0m}(x), \partial_0 \phi(y)] = 0 \quad (3.41)$$

and

$$\int d^3y [i T_{00}(x), (\square + m^2) \phi(y)] = (\square + m^2) \partial_0 \phi(x). \quad (3.42)$$

IV. SELECTED APPLICATIONS

Applications of the relations obtained in the preceding sections may be distinguished as to whether the result depends on absence of NCT or as to whether it depends on the specific form of the FOST in Eqs. (1.24)-(1.29) obtained in canonical theories. Those applications which only depend on general assumptions such as existence of equal-time limits and Jacobi identities will as such be of a much higher generality than the others.

First let us consider the applications to the ETC assumed in Eq. (1.37). We then note²⁷ the validity of Eq. (1.38) (assuming usual $SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$ commutators between charges and currents) and write the Jacobi identity for $[i T_{00}(x), [J_0^a(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0]]$ making use of Eqs. (1.15) and (1.17)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [J_k^a(x), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) &= \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) \Gamma^a r_\mu \delta(x - z) \delta(y - z) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi}(x) \Gamma^a r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \delta(y - z) + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi}(y) \Gamma^a r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - y) \delta(x - z) \\
 &- \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi}(y) \Gamma^a r_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \delta(y - x) - [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \delta(x - y) \\
 &- [J_0^a(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\psi}(x) r_\mu] \delta(x - z) + Z(x, y, z) . \quad (4.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the above equation $Z(x, y, z)$ denotes the sum of the contributions from NCT; it has the property stated in Eq. (1.44). We have also defined

$$\hat{\partial}_\mu = (\partial_0, \frac{1}{2} \partial_k) . \quad (4.2)$$

In Ref. 8 and 9 this equation with $Z = 0$ has been obtained if NCT are absent. Multiplying Eq.(4.1) by $(x - y)_m$, integrating over x , and using Eq. (1.44) we obtain

$$[J_m^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] = \bar{\Psi}(y) \frac{r_m^a}{2} r_m \delta(x - z) + i(z - y)_m [J_0^a(y), r_m^\dagger(y) r_0] , \quad (4.3)$$

where f_m has been defined in Eq. (1.42). Note that Eq. (4.3) has been obtained in Refs. 8 and 9 assuming absence of NCT and is thus seen to hold independent of this assumption. We next discuss the dependence of the further results of Refs. 8 and 9 on the model dependent assumptions made there.

We multiply Eq. (4.1) by $(x - z)_m$ and integrate over x to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [J_m^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] + (y - z)_m \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} [J_k^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] \\ = (y - z)_m [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] . \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Integrating the above equation over y we obtain

$$\int d^3y (y - z)_m [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] = 0 , \quad (4.5)$$

i.e., the above ETC has no FOST if one writes its ST with arguments z . This result has been obtained in Ref. 27 by a more explicit use of covariance. Multiplying Eq. (4.4) by $(y - z)_n$ and integrating over y we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int d^3y (y - z)_n [J_m^a(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] \\
& = - \int d^3y (y - z)_m (y - z)_n [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] . \quad (4.6)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for conserved currents FOST are absent in $[J_m^a(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0]$. Furthermore it may be seen by multiplying Eq. (4.4) with $(y - z)_{n_1} \dots (y - z)_{n_N}$, integrating over y and using a little algebra that for conserved currents also no ST of higher order are contained in this commutator. This result has also been obtained in Ref. 27 by a direct use of covariance. In Ref. 9 this result has been used to obtain Eq. (4.3) for the conserved vector currents. We note in passing that the y -integrated Eq.(4.3) for conserved currents is a simple consequence of the Heisenberg equation of motion.

Applying the manipulations described above to Eq. (4.6) for $\partial^\mu J_\mu^a \neq 0$ relations between ST are obtained. To obtain the most powerful results of Refs. 8 and 9 one must assume the validity of Eqs. (3.15) and (3.17). Then $Z = 0$ in Eq. (4.1) and integration over y shows the absence of ST in the ETC $[\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0]$. Multiplying Eq. (4.1) by $(x - z)_m (x - y)_n$, integration over y shows then also the absence of ST in the ETC $[J_k^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) r_0]$ for nonconserved currents.

It is evident that Eq. (1.37) is a natural assumption for current-field commutators in a model in which ψ is proportional to a canonical field and $J_\mu^a(x)$ is a canonical current since this equation

is then a formal consequence of the canonical rules and the associative law. Since formal agreement with current algebra commutators might therefore be expected, no such direct formal argument for algebra of fields commutators exists and it is not at all clear from the outset if the assumed current-field commutator (1.37) would be in formal agreement with algebra of fields commutators. The answer depends on the ETC between space components of the currents and the fermion field. Since^{8,9} proportionality of $\int d^3x [J_m^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0]$ to $\bar{\psi}(y) \gamma^a \gamma_m$ (the quark model result) excludes (using the Jacobi identity for

$\int d^3x d^3y [[J_m^a(x), J_n^b(y)], \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_0]$ commutativity between the space components of the currents, Eq.(4.3) shows that for a free fermion field the field algebra commutators are in fact excluded. However, one expects³² in Eq. (4.3) large effects due to the interaction term [we shall exhibit below a model for the nucleon currents for which the right-hand side of Eq. (4.3) vanishes], in sharp distinction from Eq. (1.46) in which the deviation from the twice integrated current algebra commutators is due to ST in $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$, a term which is usually assumed to arise only in electromagnetic or weak interactions. Incidentally, note that the associative law and canonical rules do not allow for a ST in the ETC between the time component of a canonical current and a canonical field. The presence of such terms³ in $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu A_\mu^\beta(y)]$ in case of minimal electromagnetic coupling shows an immediate conflict between formal reasoning, PCAC, and minimal electromagnetic coupling.

We shall next investigate

$$[A_k^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0] = 0, \quad (4.7)$$

which using the Jacobi identity involving

$$[[J_0^a(x), J_k^b(y)], \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_0] \quad (4.8)$$

is equivalent to

$$[V_k^\alpha(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0] = 0. \quad (4.9)$$

In order to motivate the above choice we first mention that Eqs. (4.7) and (4.9) are simple consequences of the canonical rules if current-field identities and PCAC hold. Next note that the above choice is the only possibility to express current-field commutators as linear forms in ψ and its space derivatives which is compatible with the algebra of fields. As another justification of Eqs. (4.7) and (4.9) we will give a model for f_m for which these equations hold.

Consider the part of the nucleon current f_m which may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x) &\equiv (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi(x) \\ &= \{P[\phi(x)] + [c_v V_\mu^\alpha(x) + c_A A_\mu^\alpha(x) \gamma_5] \gamma^\mu \tau^\alpha\} \psi(x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

where $P[\phi(x)]$ denotes any polynomial in the pion field with the right quantum numbers. Concerning the part of the nucleon current not

contained in Eq. (4.10) it will be sufficient for our conclusion to assume that its equal-time commutator with J_0^a contains no FOST.

We assume field algebra commutators for the currents and define the c-number ST by

$$[J_0^a(x), J_k^b(y)] = i e^{abc} J_c^k(x) \delta(x - y) + ic \delta^{ab} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \delta(x - y) . \quad (4.11)$$

Next we remark that due to Eq. (4.11), PCAC, Eq. (1.46), and the absence of ST of order higher than one³⁸ in the ETC $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$ we may write

$$\int d^3x (x - y)_m [J_0^a(x), \phi^b(y)] = 0 . \quad (4.12)$$

We define normalized π , A_1 , and ρ fields by³⁴

$$\partial^\mu A_\mu^\alpha(x) = m_\pi^2 f_\pi \phi^\alpha(x) , \quad (4.13)$$

$$a_\mu^\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{f_{A_1}} [f_\pi \partial_\mu \phi^\alpha(x) + A_\mu^\alpha(x)] , \quad (4.14)$$

and

$$v_\mu^\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{f_\rho} v_\mu^\alpha(x) . \quad (4.15)$$

Next we integrate Eq. (4.3) over y and obtain

$$\int d^3y [J_m^a(y), \bar{\psi}(z) r_0] = \bar{\psi}(z) \frac{r^a}{2} r_m + \int d^3y i(z - y)_m [J_0^a(y), f_m^\dagger(z) r_0] . \quad (4.16)$$

Upon use of Eqs. (4.10), (4.12), and (4.16) it follows that

$$\int d^3x [J_m^a(x), \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0] = (-c_J c + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma^a \gamma_k. \quad (4.17)$$

Using the Jacobi identity for $\int d^3x d^3y [[J_m^a(x), J_n^b(y)], \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_0]$ one sees that Eq. (4.17) is incompatible with the assumed commutativity of the space components of the currents unless

$$2c c_V = 1 \quad (4.18)$$

and

$$2c c_A = 1. \quad (4.19)$$

We now use Eqs. (4.13)-(4.15) to express the nucleon current in Eq. (4.10) in terms of the normalized π , A_1 , and ρ fields as

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x) &= \{P[\phi(x)] + [-g_\pi \partial_\mu \phi^\alpha(x) j_5^\mu + g_\rho v_\mu^\alpha(x) + g_{A_1} a_\mu^\alpha(x) \gamma_5] \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau^\alpha}{2}\} \psi(x), \\ &\quad (4.20) \end{aligned}$$

where we have defined

$$g_X = 2c_J f_X, \quad (4.21)$$

i.e.

$$g_\pi f_\pi^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}, \quad (4.22)$$

$$g_{A_1} f_{A_1}^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}, \quad (4.23)$$

and

$$g_\rho f_\rho^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}. \quad (4.24)$$

Comparing Eqs. (4.23) and (4.24) we obtain

$$g_{A_1} f_\rho = g_\rho f_{A_1}. \quad (4.25)$$

A more detailed result is obtained if one saturates the vacuum expectation value of (4.11) for $a = 1-3$ by the ρ meson intermediate state. Then

$$c = f_\rho^2 m_\rho^{-2}, \quad (4.26)$$

which, combined with Eq. (4.24) gives

$$g_\rho = m_\rho^2 f_\rho^{-1}. \quad (4.27)$$

Combining this with Eq. (4.25) we have

$$g_{A_1} = f_{A_1} \frac{m_\rho^2}{f_\rho^2}. \quad (4.28)$$

Assuming validity of the usual saturation of the Weinberg spectral function sum rules³⁹ one has

$$f_{A_1} = f_\rho. \quad (4.29)$$

Thus Eqs. (4.25) and (4.28) may be written as

$$g_{A_1} = g_\rho \quad (4.30)$$

and

$$g_{A_1} = \frac{m_\rho^2}{f_\rho} = \left(\frac{m_\rho}{m_{A_1}} \right)^2 m_{A_1}^2 f_{A_1}^{-1}. \quad (4.31)$$

Having discussed a nucleon current such that Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9) hold we would next like to obtain consequences of covariance for this case. From Eq. (4.3) we obtain

$$\bar{\Psi}(y) \frac{\Gamma^a}{2} r_m \delta(y - z) = i(y - z)_m [J_0^a(y), f_m^\dagger(y) r_0] \quad (4.32)$$

or equivalently

$$0 = (y - z)_m [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] = (y - z)_m [\partial^0 J_0^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] \quad (4.33)$$

i.e., the result obtained for the nonconserved axial current from assuming absence of NCT in Eqs. (1.15) and (1.17) now holds due to covariance even if NCT are present in these equations.

Next we use Eqs. (1.15) and (1.18) to write the Jacobi identity involving $[i T_{00}(x), [J_\ell^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0]]$ as

$$\begin{aligned} [i T_{00}(x), [J_\ell^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0]] &= [J_\ell^a(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(x) r_\mu] \delta(x - z) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} [J_\ell^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(x) r_k] \delta(x - z) + \frac{1}{2} [J_\ell^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(x) r_k] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta(x - z) \\ &+ [J_{0\ell}^a(x), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] \delta(x - z) - \bar{\Psi}(x) \frac{\Gamma^a}{2} r_0 \delta(x - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\ell} \delta(x - z) \\ &+ Z(x, y, z) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

Under the present assumptions of Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9) the left-hand side as well as the $[J_\ell^a(x), \bar{\Psi}(y) r_0]$ terms on the right-hand side

vanish. Multiplying the above equation with $(x - z)_m$ and integrating over $\underline{x}$ we thus obtain

$$(y - z)_m [J_{0\ell}^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] = 0 ; \quad (4.35)$$

i.e. in canonical realizations of current-field identities with canonical fermion fields $\hat{\Psi}$ we have

$$(y - z)_m \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \partial_0 J_\ell(y)} - J_{0\ell}^a(y), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0 \right] = 0 , \quad (4.36)$$

due to the canonical rules. Multiplying Eq. (4.34) by $(x - y)_m$ and integrating over $\underline{x}$ we obtain a relation which is identical to Eq. (4.34) if use is made of the Heisenberg equation of motion. It reads

$$(z - y)_m [J_\ell^a(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(z) r_\mu] = \bar{\Psi}(z) \frac{r^a}{2} r_0 \delta(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) . \quad (4.37)$$

Note that as a consequence of the Heisenberg equation of motion one may also write

$$\int d^3y [J_k^a(y), \partial^\mu \bar{\Psi}(x) r_\mu] \partial(z - \underline{y}) = - [J_{0k}^a(x), \bar{\Psi}(z) r_0] . \quad (4.38)$$

Finally we would like to obtain the restrictions which Lorentz covariance imposes on currents obeying the algebra of fields commutators.

To this end we first write the Jacobi identity for

$$[i T_{00}(x), [J_k^a(y), J_\ell^b(z)]] \text{ as}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [J_\ell^b(z), J_{Ok}^a(x)] \delta(x - y) - [J_k^a(y), J_{O\ell}^b(x) \delta(x - z)] \\
&= i e^{bac} J_k^c(x) \delta(x - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\ell} \delta(x - z) \\
&\quad - i e^{abc} J_\ell^c(x) \delta(x - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \delta(x - y) + Z(x, y, z) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4.39}$$

Note that the c-number ST contributions have dropped. As usual, Z has the property stated in Eq. (1.44). Multiplying Eq.(4.39) by $(x - z)_m$ and integrating over x we obtain

$$(z - y)_m [J_\ell^b(z), J_{Ok}^a(y)] = i e^{bac} g_{\ell m} J_k^c(y) \delta(y - z) . \tag{4.40}$$

From this we see that canonical realizations of current-field identities³⁴ require derivative couplings involving the vector and axial vector fields. From Eq. (4.40) we also obtain absence of ST of order higher than one in the ETC $[J_\ell^b(z), J_{Ok}^a(y)]$. Note once again that only covariance is required in this application.

Next consider the Jacobi identity for $[i T_{00}(x), [J_0^a(y), J_\ell^b(z)]]$ which under the present assumptions reads

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x), J_\ell^b(z)] \delta(x - y) + [J_0^a(y), J_{O\ell}^b(x)] \delta(x - z) \\
&= i e^{abc} J_{O\ell}^c(x) \delta(x - z) \delta(y - z) - i e^{abc} J_0^c(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\ell} \delta(x - z) \delta(y - z) \\
&\quad + i e^{abc} J_0^c(x) \delta(x - y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\ell} \delta(x - z) + Z(x, y, z) .
\end{aligned} \tag{4.41}$$

We multiply the above equation by $(x - y)_m$ and integrate over $\underline{x}$ to obtain

$$(z - y)_m [J_0^a(y), J_{0\ell}^b(x)] = ie^{abc} g_{m\ell} J_0^c(y) \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) . \quad (4.42)$$

Multiplying Eq. (4.41) by $(x - z)_m$ and integrating over $\underline{x}$ we obtain

$$(y - z)_m [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), J_\ell^b(z)] = 0. \quad (4.43)$$

The above Eqs. (4.42) and (4.43) show that ST of orders higher than one are absent in the ETC involved. Finally, those weaker relations which follow by use of the Heisenberg equation of motion alone may be obtained from Eqs. (4.39) and (4.41) by integration over $\underline{x}$ and read

$$\begin{aligned} & [J_\ell^b(z), J_{0k}^a(y)] - [J_k^a(y), J_{0\ell}^b(z)] \\ &= ie^{bac} J_k^c(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\ell} \delta(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) - ie^{abc} J_\ell^c(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^k} \delta(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) , \end{aligned} \quad (4.44)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & [\partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y), J_\ell^b(z)] + [J_0^a(y), J_{0\ell}^b(z)] \\ &= ie^{abc} J_{0\ell}^c(z) \delta(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) - ie^{abc} J_0^c(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\ell} \delta(\underline{z} - \underline{y}) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

Note that for conserved currents Eqs. (4.42) and (4.45) are equivalent.

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APPENDIX

In this Appendix we would like to note more fully some consequences of Eq. (1.3) and of the Jacobi identity given in Eq. (1.43). We start by noting that as an immediate consequence of the Heisenberg equation of motion we may write

$$[Q^a(x_0), \partial^0 J_0^b(x)] - \int d^3y [J_0^b(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y)] = ie^{abc} \partial^0 J_0^c(x), \quad (A.1)$$

where charge-current commutators have been assumed. Combining Eqs. (1.47) and (A.1) one obtains as a consequence of assuming Eq. (1.3)

$$[Q^a(x_0), \partial^k J_k^b(x)] = ie^{abc} \partial^k J_k^c(x) - \int d^3y \{ [J_0^b(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(y)] - [J_0^b(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu^a(x)] \}. \quad (A.2)$$

Next we compare this equation with Eq. (1.46) under the assumption that at most a second order ST contributes to $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$. For later use we write for any R

$$[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)] = \sigma^{ab}(x) \delta(x - y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^R \sigma_{\{k_\alpha\}}^{ab}(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k_\alpha}} \delta(x - y), \quad (A.3)$$

and obtain for $R = 2$ upon comparing Eqs. (1.46) and (A.2) no restrictions on σ^{ab} and σ_k^{ab} , whereas for σ_{kl}^{ab} it follows that [as a result of Eq. (1.3)]

$$\partial^k \partial^\ell \sigma_{k\ell}^{ab}(x) = 0. \quad (A.4)$$

A more involved relation would be obtained for general R .

We next obtain-using the method of Refs. 2 and 3-the consequences of covariance if at most a FOST is present in $[J_0^a(x), J_\ell^b(y)]$. We do not specialize to $R = 2$ in Eq. (A.3) in what follows. Multiplying Eq. (1.43) by $(x - y)_m$ and integrating over $\underline{x}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (z - y)_m [J_0^a(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(z)] &= ie_{bac} J_m^c(y) \delta(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) \\ &- [J_0^b(z), J_m^a(y)] + [J_0^a(y), J_m^b(z)] + (z - y)_m \frac{\partial}{\partial z_k} [J_0^a(y), J_k^b(z)]. \end{aligned} \quad (A.5)$$

In the special case of $R = 2$ it follows from this that [multiplying (A.5) by $(z - y)_n$ and integrating over $\underline{z}$]

$$2\sigma_{mn}^{ab}(y) = S_{m;n}^{ba}(y) - S_{n;m}^{ab}(z). \quad (A.6)$$

Assuming, for general R , absence of ST of order higher than one in $[J_0^a(y), J_k^b(z)]$, we multiply for $R \geq 2$ Eq. (A.5) successively with $(z - y)_{m_1} \dots (z - y)_{m_R}, \dots, (z - y)_{m_1} (z - y)_{m_2}$ and obtain that at most a ST of second order is contained in $[J_0^a(y), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(z)]$. For this therefore Eq. (A.6) holds. Especially for field algebra commutators with only the usual first order c-number ST we find from this result, Eq. (A.6), and Eq. (1.46) that no ST are contained in $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$.

We collect our results for the conserved vector current and the nonconserved axial vector in the following two statements.

Statement A1. If usual field-algebra commutators of charged densities with currents hold, $[J_0^a(x), \partial^\mu J_\mu^b(y)]$ contains no ST.

Statement A2. Assume

$$(y - x)_m [J_0^a(x), J_\ell^b(y)] = S_{\ell;m}^{ab}(x) \delta(x - y). \quad (A.7)$$

Then $R = 2$ in Eq. (A.3),

$$S_{m;n}^{V_\alpha V_\beta} = S_{n;m}^{V_\beta V_\alpha}, \quad (A.8)$$

and

$$S_{m;n}^{V_\beta A_\alpha} = S_{n;m}^{A_\alpha V_\beta}. \quad (A.9)$$

Furthermore

$$\sigma_{mn}^{ab} = 0 \quad (A.10)$$

is equivalent to

$$S_{m;n}^{A_\alpha A_\beta} = S_{n;m}^{A_\beta A_\alpha}. \quad (A.11)$$

Moreover, from Eqs. (A.4) [as a result of Eq. (1.3)]

$$\partial^m \partial^n S_{mn}^{A_\alpha A_\beta} = \partial^m \partial^n S_{nm}^{A_\beta A_\alpha}. \quad (A.12)$$

The reader should notice that Eqs. (A.8), (A.9), and (A.11) have been obtained in Ref. 2 from different assumptions by essentially the same method. For another method to obtain analogous results see Ref. 7.

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22. We will assume in this paper that the equal-time limits considered exist and that the Jacobi identities employed are valid. (See Ref. 23 for a discussion of equal-time limits and their possible nonexistence.) Occasionally we shall also assume the associative law. For brevity we shall refer to the consequences of assuming the Jacobi identities for $\left[[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y), X(z)]\right]$ without imposing any restrictions on the possible NCT in the ETC $[i T_{00}(x), X(z)]$ and $[i T_{00}(x), i T_{00}(y)]$ as "consequences of covariance."
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