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Self-Consistent Calculation of the ρ -Meson Regge Pole

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The left-hand discontinuities in the partial-wave amplitudes for π - π scattering are assumed to be dominated by the exchange of the ρ meson in a form suggested by the Regge representation for a resonance. This Regge behavior provides the necessary high-energy cutoff and allows the N/D equations to be solved. The partial-wave $I=1$ amplitudes are calculated for noninteger angular momenta $l < 1$ as well as $l=1$. The trajectory $\alpha_\rho(s)$ as well as the residue $\beta_\rho(s)$ of the ρ -meson Regge pole are evaluated. An attempt is made to obtain a self-consistent solution for the relevant parameters, namely the position and width of the ρ resonance and $\alpha_\rho(0)$. The results of this calculation give $\alpha_\rho(0) \gtrsim 0.9$. The $I=0$ vacuum trajectory is also discussed.

I. INTRODUCTION

THERE have been a number of papers written on the problem of determining the position and width of the ρ meson self-consistently.^{1,2} In essence, these bootstrap calculations of the ρ used the exchange of this $I=1$, $l=1$ resonance in the crossed channels to provide the force necessary to produce the ρ meson in the direct channel. The $l=1$ part of the interaction is projected out and the partial-wave dispersion relations are solved by the N/D method. The hope is that the solution yields a resonance having the same position and width as that of the exchanged one.

A major difficulty is due to the divergence arising from the exchange of a massive vector particle, with sufficiently large coupling, which necessitates the use of a cutoff. Instead of considering the ρ to be a vector particle even when the energy of the exchanged ρ is not close to the resonant energy, Wong² employed a form suggested by the Regge representation for a resonance. This then provides a cutoff at high energy, the relevant parameter being the angular momentum of the ρ trajectory at zero energy, $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$.

The purpose of this article is to carry Wong's ρ (bootstrap) calculation with a "Regge cutoff" a step further. For $l=1$ we carry out a calculation similar to his but then continue the N/D equations for noninteger angular momenta and calculate $\alpha_\rho(s)$, comparing $\alpha_\rho(0)$ with the input parameter $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$. In other words, this is an attempt to bootstrap not only the position and width of the ρ resonance, but the slope of its Regge trajectory. The residue function $\beta_\rho(s)$ is also determined. The sensitivity of our results to some of the approximations made is examined. For example, the above calculation is compared to a similar one in which we take the exchanged ρ to have constant angular momen-

tum and employ a straight cutoff. The $I=0$ vacuum trajectory is also calculated.

Section II is devoted to a presentation of the relevant formalism. The results of the numerical calculations are given and discussed in Sec. III.

The results may be summarized as follows: In the same sense that the usual bootstrap calculations of the ρ are not self-consistent, i.e., the output width of the ρ (for reasonable values of the position of the ρ) is larger than the input width of the exchanged ρ ,^{1,2} so the calculated $\alpha_\rho(0)$ is larger than the input parameter $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$. For all cases, both $\alpha_\rho(0)$ are $\gtrsim 0.9$, in agreement with results of Foley *et al.*³ and the calculation of Chang and Sharp⁴; however, in disagreement with other determinations of $\alpha_\rho(0) \sim 0.5$.⁵ The residue of the ρ Regge trajectory, after removal of a threshold factor, turns out to be nearly constant in the scattering region ($s < 0$) and very close to the input β . The calculations of the $I=0$ vacuum pole trajectory give a small slope: $\alpha_\rho'(0) \lesssim 1/500$.⁶

II. FORMULATION OF THE INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

We shall obtain amplitudes for pion-pion scattering by the familiar N/D solution⁷ of the partial-wave dispersion relations. The usual expressions for the scalar variables s , t , and u in terms of the momentum k and scattering angle θ in the center-of-mass system of the direct or s channel are⁶ $s = 4(k^2 + 1)$, $t = -2k^2(1 - \cos\theta)$, and $u = 4 - s - t$. The invariant partial-wave amplitude A_l is defined in terms of the S matrix by

$$A_l(s) \equiv (1/2i\rho)(S_l - 1) \equiv B_l(s) + {}^R A_l(s), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\rho = ((s-4)/s)^{1/2}, \quad (2)$$

and B_l is regular for $s > 0$ and ${}^R A_l(s)$ has only a right-

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¹ F. Zachariasen, Phys. Rev. Letters **7**, 112 (1961); F. Zachariasen and C. Zemach, Phys. Rev. **128**, 849 (1962).

² D. Wong, Phys. Rev. **126**, 1220 (1962).

³ K. Foley, S. Lindenbaum, W. Love, S. Ozaki, J. Russell, and L. Yuan, Phys. Rev. Letters **10**, 376 (1963).

⁴ H. Cheng and D. Sharp, Phys. Rev. **132**, 1854 (1963).

⁵ I. Muzinich, Phys. Rev. Letters **11**, 88 (1963).

⁶ We use units $\hbar = c = m_\pi = 1$.

⁷ G. Chew and S. Mandelstam, Phys. Rev. **119**, 467 (1960).

hand cut. The right-hand discontinuity in $A_l(s)$ is given by unitarity: We make the approximation that elastic unitarity holds for all physical k^2 :

$$A_l(s) = B_l(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \frac{ds'}{s'-s} |A_l(s')|^2 \left(\frac{s'-4}{s'} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (3)$$

The left-hand discontinuity or generalized potential⁸ is derived from application of an approximate form of crossing symmetry. We will first determine $B_l(s)$ and then discuss the N/D equations and their solution.

Using crossing symmetry, $B_l(s)$ is calculated from the scattering amplitude in the crossed t and u channels. We will consider *only* the exchange of the $I=1$ ρ resonance in the t and u channels. Then in the s channel for $I=1$ and l equal to an *integer* we obtain

$$B_l^{I=1}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 P_l(\cos\theta) d\cos\theta \times \left[\frac{1}{2} A_R^{I=1}(t,s) - \frac{1}{2} A_R^{I=1}(u,s) \right], \quad (4)$$

which for l odd becomes

$$B_l^1(s) = \frac{1}{(s-4)} \int_{-(s-4)}^0 P_l \left(1 + \frac{2t}{s-4} \right) dt A_R^1(t,s), \quad (5)$$

where $A_R^1(t,s)$ is the part of the scattering amplitude in the t channel, $A^1(t,s)$, which has no singularities for $s > 0$, i.e., $t < 4$.

Taking a Breit-Wigner form for the ρ resonance, we have

$$A^1(t,s) \approx \frac{3\Gamma(t-4)}{m_\rho^2 - t - i\Gamma(t-4)^{3/2}/t^{1/2}} P_1 \left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4} \right). \quad (6)$$

Further making the narrow width approximation, so that $A_R^1(t,s) = A^1(t,s)$, we have the simple form for l equal to an odd integer⁹:

$$B_l^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{s-4} (m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s) Q_l \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right). \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) has an acceptable behavior in the l plane as $|l| \rightarrow \infty$ and thus can be continued for noninteger l even though both (4) and (5) cannot.¹⁰ However, $B_l(s)$ as given by (7) diverges like $\log(s)$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$ and the resulting N/D equations do not have a unique solution.

A mechanism that damps this singular high-energy behavior is provided by the Regge motion of resonance poles. In the Regge description for the ρ resonance we

⁸ G. Chew and S. Frautschi, Phys. Rev. **124**, 264 (1961).

⁹ If we look at $I=0$ and even angular momenta, the relevant Born term is of the same form as (7) with Γ replaced by 2Γ .

¹⁰ E. Squires, Nuovo Cimento **25**, 242 (1962). A continuation of Eq. (5) based on the lines discussed in this reference will yield the same result.

take

$$A^1(t,s) = \frac{b_\rho(t)}{\sin\pi\alpha_\rho(t)} \frac{1}{2} \left[P_{\alpha_\rho(t)} \left(-1 - \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) - P_{\alpha_\rho(t)} \left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) \right]. \quad (8)$$

We are interested in B_l for $s \geq 4$ and hence in the region $t \leq 0$ where $\alpha_\rho(t)$ is real and < 1 . For large s , (8) is of order $s^{\alpha_\rho(t)}$ and hence an acceptable input to the N/D equations.

Since we do not know the behavior of $b_\rho(t)$ or $\alpha_\rho(t)$ except in the immediate vicinity of the ρ resonance, we will take a very simple form for (8) which reduces to the correct Breit-Wigner form (6) near $t = m_\rho^2$, yields the same $B_{l=1}^1(s=4)$ as Eq. (7), and gives the same high-energy behavior in s (for small t) as the Regge pole:

$$A_R^1(t,s) \approx \frac{3\Gamma(t-4)}{(m_\rho^2 - t)} \left(1 + \frac{2s}{t-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha_{\rho'}(0)(t-m_\rho^2)}. \quad (9)$$

With this approximation, $A_{l=1}^1(s)$ is readily calculated numerically.¹¹ However we are interested in continuing the partial-wave amplitude for noninteger l . Eq. (5) *cannot* be continued; there are alternate formulations for $B_l(s)$ which can be continued.¹⁰ From the point of making the computations manageable, we again note that *expression (7) can be continued in the l plane*. Thus we are led to make the further approximation that using (5) in making the partial-wave projection $B_l^1(s)$ of (9) we evaluate the last factor $(s/4)^{\alpha_{\rho'}(0)(t-m_\rho^2)}$ at $t=0$ (where it gives the maximum contribution). Hence our "Reggeized" $B_l^1(s)$ becomes¹²

$$B_l^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{(s-4)} (m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s) Q_l \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha_{\rho'}(0)-1}. \quad (10)$$

This expression which is our approximate form for the left-hand cut for the partial wave $\pi-\pi$ amplitude in the $I=1$ state and odd integer l has acceptable behavior for large l and *can* be continued in the l plane.

Now in order to insure that $A_l^1(s)$ has the proper threshold behavior, i.e., $(s-4)^l$ and also remove this additional cut from $B_l^1(s)$ for noninteger l , we define new amplitudes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_l^1(s) &\equiv 1/(s-4)^l A_l^1(s) \equiv 1/2i\rho_l(S_l - 1) \\ &\equiv \mathbf{B}_l^1(s) + {}^R\mathbf{A}_l^1(s), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where

$$\rho_l = ((s-4)/s)^{1/2} (s-4)^l, \quad (12)$$

¹¹ Equation (9) and other more complicated approximations to (8) were considered and used to calculate $A_{l=1}^1(s)$ even though these could not be continued to noninteger l simply.

¹² Thus the input cutoff parameter $\alpha_{\rho'}^{in}(0)$ should be considered as some average value. Using form given by (8) would have necessitated a somewhat smaller $\alpha_{\rho'}^{in}(0)$.

and

$$\mathbf{B}_l^1(s) = \frac{6\Gamma}{(s-4)^{l+1}} (m_\rho^2 - 4 + 2s) \times Q_l \left(1 + \frac{2m_\rho^2}{s-4} \right) \left(\frac{s}{4} \right)^{\alpha_\rho(0)-1}. \quad (13)$$

Now define

$$\mathbf{A}_l^1(s) = N_l(s)/D_l(s), \quad (14)$$

where N has only a left-hand cut and D has only a right-hand cut. Then in terms of the generalized potential $\mathbf{B}_l^1(s)$ which is regular in the physical region, the N and D equations are^{2,13}

$$D_l(s) = 1 - (s-s_0) \frac{P}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \rho_l(s') N_l(s') \frac{ds'}{(s'-s)(s'-s_0)} - i\rho_l(s) N_l(s) \Theta(s-4), \quad (15)$$

$$N_l(s) = \mathbf{B}_l^1(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \left(\mathbf{B}_l^1(s') - \frac{(s-s_0)}{(s'-s_0)} \mathbf{B}_l^1(s) \right) \times \rho_l(s') N_l(s') \frac{ds'}{s'-s}. \quad (16)$$

Note that the solutions $\mathbf{A}_l^1(s)$ are independent of the subtraction point s_0 . As long as $0 < l < 2 - \alpha_\rho(0) < 2$, these equations have unique solutions. The Fredholm integral Eq. (16) for $N_l(s)$ was solved by matrix inversion on the Stanford 7090 computer.

For given input parameters m_ρ^{In} , Γ^{In} and $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$, which determine $\mathbf{B}_l^1(s)$ [$\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$ being fixed by the requirement that we get an $l=1$ resonance at m_ρ^{In} , i.e., $\text{Re}D_{l=1}(s = (m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2) = 0$], we calculate the width of the $l=1$ resonance. Then we solve (15) and (16) for non-integer $l < 1$ in order to determine the properties of the ρ trajectory. For a given l , we look for the value of s ($\equiv s_l$) for which $\text{Re}D_l(s) = 0$:

$$\text{Re}D_l(s_l) = 0. \quad (17)$$

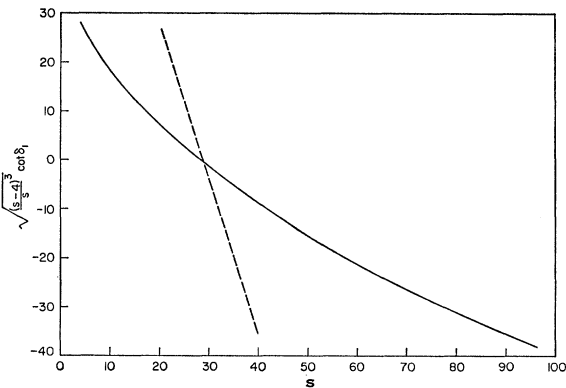


FIG. 1. Phase shift for $I=1, l=1$ amplitude versus s . The solid curve corresponds to the output, whereas the dashed curve comes from our input Breit-Wigner form. $\Gamma^{\text{In}}=0.145$ and $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)=0.949$. For Figs. 1-4, $(m_\rho^{\text{In}})^2=29$ and the "cutoff parameter," i.e., $\alpha_\rho^{\text{In}}(0)$ is adjusted to force an $l=1$ resonance at m_ρ^{In} .

¹³ J. Uretsky, Phys. Rev. **123**, 1459 (1961).

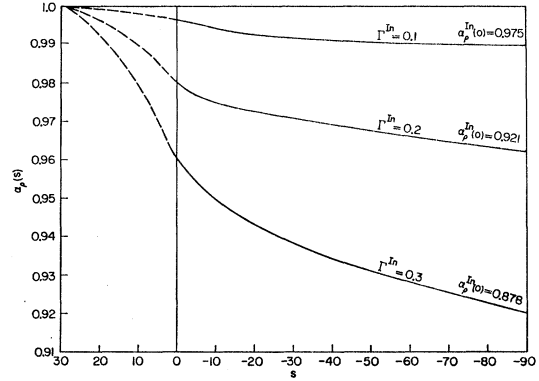


FIG. 2. $\alpha_\rho(s)$ for various input parameters. The dashed lines for $s > 4$ in Figs. 2-4 emphasize that we only investigated the vanishing of the real part of $D_l(s)$.

For $s_l < 4$ this gives directly the Regge trajectory $\alpha_\rho(s)$, whereas for $s_l > 4$, in the limit of a narrow resonance, it gives approximately $\text{Re}\alpha_\rho(s)$. The residue $b_\rho(s)$ is determined as follows: Since $\text{Re}D_l(s_l) = 0$, in the vicinity of s_l we have (for $s_l < 4$)

$$\mathbf{A}_l^1(s) = \left(N_l(s) \left/ \frac{\partial \text{Re}D_l(s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s_l} \right) / (s-s_l). \quad (18)$$

This residue is real since $N_l(s_l)$ is simply given by

$$N_l(s_l) = \frac{P}{\pi} \int_4^\infty \mathbf{B}_l^1(s') \rho(s') N_l(s') \frac{ds'}{s'-s_l}. \quad (19)$$

The partial-wave projection of the ρ Regge pole of "odd j parity"¹⁰ divided by the threshold factor $(s-4)^l$,

$$\frac{b_\rho(s)}{\sin\pi\alpha_\rho(s)(s-4)^l} P_{\alpha_\rho(s)} \left(-1 - \frac{2t}{s-4} \right) \equiv \frac{\beta_\rho(s)\pi(2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{\sin\pi\alpha_\rho(s)} P_{\alpha_\rho(s)} \left(-1 - \frac{2t}{s-4} \right), \quad (20)$$

then must be compared with (18).¹⁴ Now

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 P_l(\cos\theta) P_{\alpha_\rho(s)}(-\cos\theta) d\cos\theta \beta_\rho(s) \frac{\pi(2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{\sin\pi\alpha_\rho(s)} = \frac{\beta_\rho(s)(2\alpha_\rho(s)+1)}{(\alpha_\rho(s)-l)(\alpha_\rho(s)+l+1)} \approx \frac{\beta_\rho(s_l)}{s \approx s_l \alpha_\rho'(s_l)(s-s_l)}. \quad (21)$$

Thus for a given l , we find $\alpha'(s_l)$ from $\alpha(s)$ [as found from (17)] and hence the residue is given by

$$\beta_\rho(s_l) = \left(N_l(s) \left/ \frac{\partial \text{Re}D_l(s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s_l} \right) \alpha_\rho'(s_l). \quad (22)$$

¹⁴ For the evaluation of the residue function $b_\rho(s)$ we have factored out the threshold factor $(s-4)^l$. The partial-wave projection of a single Regge pole does not have this (correct) threshold behavior but goes as $(s-4)^{\alpha_\rho(s)}$. As $\alpha_\rho(s)$ varies little over a large range of s , the above definition of β is adequate. A representation in which each pole has the correct partial-wave threshold behavior has been given by N. Khuri, Phys. Rev. **130**, 429 (1963).

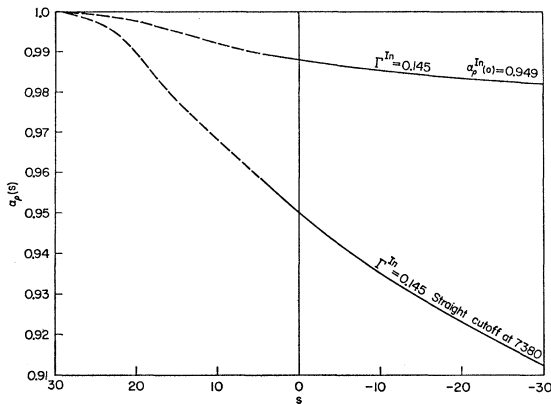


FIG. 3. Comparison of $\alpha_\rho(s)$ for a "straight cutoff" and a "Regge cutoff."

III. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

As discussed earlier, in addition to evaluating the $I=1, l=1$ $\pi-\pi$ scattering amplitude in an attempt to "bootstrap" the ρ meson, we calculate the ρ 's Regge pole parameters for noninteger $l < 1$. We computed both the position α_ρ and residue β_ρ of the pole as functions of s .

We investigated the problem for several values of the input coupling constant Γ^{In} (or input width of the ρ) and for several input masses $(m_\rho^{In})^2$ ranging from 10 to the experimental value of 29. No self-consistent solution was obtained. The procedure was to evaluate the $I=1, l=1$ amplitude for many values of $\alpha_\rho^{In}(0)$ until the mass of the input ρ was reproduced by a zero of $\text{Re}D_{l=1}(s)$ at $s=(m_\rho^{In})^2$, i.e., we always forced the mass of the produced ρ to be the same as that of the exchanged ρ . The output width could be determined either by evaluating the quantity $[N_{l=1}(s)/\partial D_{l=1}(s)/\partial s]$ at the position of the resonance (which is a correct procedure for a narrow resonance), or by actually looking at the $l=1$ phase shift as a function of s . In either the former case or the latter looking below the resonant energy the output width was larger than the input one by a factor of 3-6. Looking at the phase shift itself on the high-energy side of the resonance situation is even worse. The function $((s-4)^2/s)^{1/2} \cot \delta_1(s)$ is plotted in Fig. 1 together with the input value for this function. For energies larger than the position of the ρ resonance the function decreases too slowly for a resonant behavior. The input values for the exchanged ρ were $(m_\rho^{In})^2=29$ and $\Gamma^{In}=0.145$ (which corresponds to a full width at half-maximum of 110 MeV).

Hence for given m_ρ^{In} and Γ^{In} , $\alpha_\rho^{In}(0)$ is determined from the self-consistency requirement on m_ρ in the $l=1$ calculation. Thus the generalized potential $B_l^I(s)$ is determined and we solve the full N_l/D_l Eqs. (15) and (16) to determine the Regge trajectory and residue for the ρ . In Figs. 2 to 4 we present some of the results for $(m_\rho^{In})^2=29$. As the width of the produced ρ meson is rather large, the imaginary parts of the ρ trajectory will

be large above $s=4$. Since we have only looked for the zero of the real part of D_l , we have obtained the actual trajectory only for $s < 4$. We emphasize this by plotting dashed curves for $s > 4$, e.g., the dashed $\alpha_\rho(s)$ curves correspond to an approximation to the real part of $\alpha_\rho(s > 4)$.

For $\Gamma^{In}=0.145$ we show in Fig. 3 a comparison of α_ρ for a calculation as mentioned above to one in which a pure $l=1$ ρ exchange [as given by Eq. (7)] was considered as a straight cutoff used in solving Eqs. (15) and (16) (again the self-consistency requirement of the output ρ position equaling m_ρ^{In} determined the value of the cutoff). We see that although there is some quantitative difference, both trajectories have $\alpha_\rho(0)$ larger than 0.9. These calculations with the straight cutoff and other calculations specifically for $A_{l=1}^I(s)$, e.g., using (9) to calculate $B_{l=1}^I(s)$,¹¹ all gave very similar results for the $l=1$ partial wave. We felt this was a fairly good test for a number of the approximations made in obtaining Eq. (10).

In addition to obtaining the output width larger than the input one, the output $\alpha_\rho(0)$ was larger than $\alpha_\rho^{In}(0)$.¹² The two discrepancies are correlated. Near the resonance, we have from (21), $(d\alpha_\rho/ds) = (\beta_\rho/\Gamma)$ so that a large Γ corresponds to a small slope for α and thus $\alpha_\rho(0)$ is larger at $s=0$ than $\alpha_\rho^{In}(0)$. It is interesting to note that the output β_ρ , as shown in Fig. 4, is almost constant in the relevant scattering region ($s < 0$) and is very close in magnitude to $\beta_\rho^{In} = (d\alpha_\rho^{In}/ds)\Gamma^{In}$.

We have also calculated the scattering amplitude in $I=0$ channel again using only ρ exchange in the crossed channels. If we use the same parameters as for the $I=1$ calculation⁹ we find that there is a vacuum trajectory but that for $s=0$ it has an $l > 1$; specifically for $l=1$ the pole occurs for a very large negative s . Therefore we adjusted the cutoff parameters to force the $I=0$ trajectory to cross¹⁵ 1 at $s=0$ and calculated the vacuum trajectory $\alpha_P(s)$. A typical curve is shown in Fig. 5. Note that the slope is quite small; $(d\alpha_P(s)/ds)_{s=0} \approx 10^{-3}$

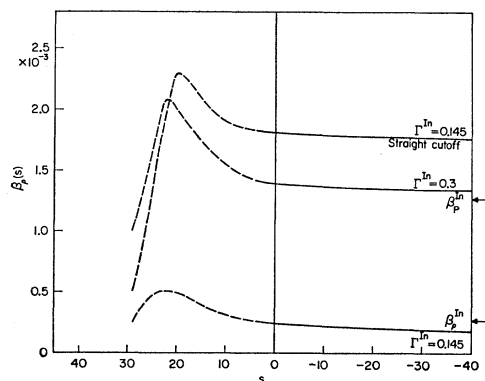


FIG. 4. The residue $\beta_\rho(s)$ for various input parameters. The arrows indicate the input $\beta_\rho^{In} = (d\alpha_\rho^{In}/ds)\Gamma^{In}$.

¹⁵ If we then recalculate the $I=1, l=1$ amplitude, no ρ resonance occurs.

and hence our results would not be consistent with the f^0 ¹⁶ being on the vacuum trajectory. We also calculated the residue of the vacuum pole at $s=0$. The residue corresponding to the trajectory shown in Fig. 5 gave an asymptotic total $\pi-\pi$ cross section of 3 mb as compared to a value of the 15 mb obtained using the factorization theorem¹⁷ and the asymptotic πN and $N N$ cross sections.

We feel that both the problem (a) that the output ρ width is larger than the input ρ width and the problem (b) that using the input ρ parameters which yield a ρ resonance to calculate the ($I=0$) vacuum trajectory give $\alpha_P(0) > 1$ are largely due to the one channel approximation. The effect of an inelastic channel below its threshold is to, (i) always act as an attraction, and (ii) tend to narrow a resonance. Hence if we include the inelastic effects in the $I=1$ channel, which we expect to be due largely to the $\pi\omega$ channel,¹ this would narrow the output ρ width, and increase the attraction so that a

¹⁶ W. Selove, V. Hagopian, H. Broad, A. Baker, and E. Leboy, Phys. Rev. Letters 9, 277 (1962).

¹⁷ M. Gell-Mann, Phys. Rev. Letters 8, 263 (1962); V. Gribov and I. Pomeranchuk, *ibid.* 8, 343 (1962).

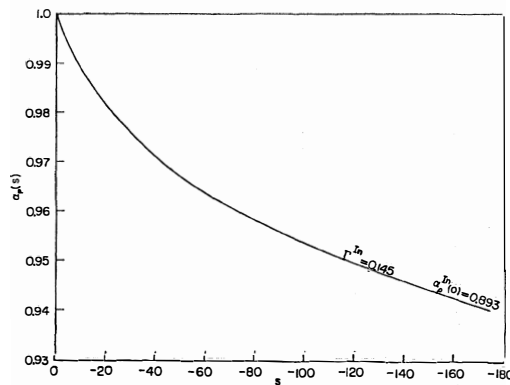


FIG. 5. The $I=0$ vacuum trajectory $\alpha_P(s)$ which has been adjusted to cross $s=0$ at $l=1$.

somewhat smaller $\alpha_P^{\text{In}}(0)$ would be required.¹⁸ On the other hand, the $\pi\omega$ channel does not couple to the $I=0$ channel so that this additional attraction would not be present and hence we would have a smaller $\alpha_P(0)$.

¹⁸ A relatively small change in $\alpha_P^{\text{In}}(0)$ produces a large shift in the output resonance position.