

PHYS-4303 Homework 11 NOT TO HAND IN

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1. Quark Creation from Quarks

Consider as an example $u + \bar{u}$ quarks annihilating and producing an $s + \bar{s}$ quark pair through the strong force. This process has the same Feynman diagram as $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$ production via electromagnetism except with a gluon replacing that photon.

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{array}{c} \bar{u} \quad \bar{s} \\ \nearrow \quad \nearrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \searrow \quad \searrow \\ u \quad s \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Because the diagrams are the same, the spinor and gamma matrix factors are all the same as for muon creation.

- Write the color factors for this amplitude. Label the u quark as particle 1, the \bar{u} as particle 2, the s as particle 3, and \bar{s} as particle 4.
- Evaluate the color factors for $\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle$ by averaging over incoming colors and summing over outgoing colors.