

# Model independent form factor relations at large $N_c$

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  - something is wrong with Sakai-Sugimoto ("top-down") model
  - the underlying reason for this appears to be due to a failure of the flat-space instanton approximation<sup>(6)</sup>

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- The relation is proved in the large  $N_C$  chiral perturbation theory

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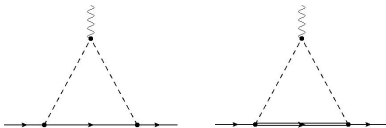
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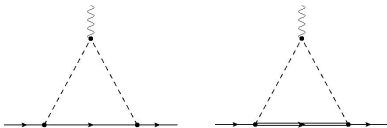
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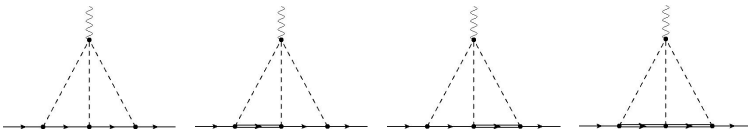
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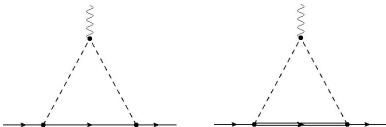


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