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There exists a simple and accurate relation between the masses in the baryon octet, namely,

$$m_p : m_\Lambda : m_\Sigma : m_\Xi = 1 : \sqrt[4]{2} : \sqrt[3]{2} : \sqrt{2}.$$

It may be noted (Table I), that the ratio $\frac{m_\Lambda}{m_p} \sqrt[4]{2}$ is almost exact, while the masses of Σ and Ξ are reproduced within several MeV, corresponding to electromagnetic mass differences.

Table I. Baryon octet *

Baryon	Ratio $\frac{m}{m_p}$		Mass m (MeV)	
	Theory	Expt.	Theory	Expt.
p	1	1	938.28	938.28
Λ	$\sqrt[4]{2}$	1.189	1115.61	1115.60
Σ^+	$\sqrt[3]{2}$	1.267	1182.23	1189.37
Ξ^-	$\sqrt{2}$	1.408	1326.73	1321.29

* Experimental masses are taken from Ref./1/. Note that $\sqrt[4]{2} = 1.189$, $\sqrt[3]{2} = 1.260$ and $\sqrt{2} = 1.414$.

The ratio $\frac{m_E}{m_N} = \sqrt{2}$ has previously been noticed by Takabayasi [2], who also proposed the empirical relation

$$m_N^2 + m_{\Xi}^2 = m_{\Lambda}^2 + m_{\Sigma}^2.$$

This relation is fulfilled almost identically by our "theoretical" masses

$$1 + 2 = 3; \quad \sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2 = 3.002.$$

It is interesting to note, that Gell-Mann-Okubo relation

$$\frac{m_N + m_{\Xi}}{2} = \frac{3m_{\Lambda} + m_{\Sigma}}{4}$$

is fulfilled exactly:

$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{2} = 1.207 = \frac{3\sqrt[4]{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}}{4}.$$

Finally, we note, that the masses of new neutral vector bosons $\psi(3105)$ and $\psi(3695)/3$ are connected by

$$\frac{m_{\psi(3695)}}{m_{\psi(3105)}} = \sqrt[4]{2}$$

or numerically,

$$1.190 \approx 1.189.$$

Empirical relations, considered in this note, have striking simplicity and high numerical precision. It may happen, that they are not simply accidental and have yet unknown physical foundation.

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