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A b s t r a c t

Dispersion relations for the physical amplitudes in the center of mass system have been derived following a method suggested by N.N.Bogolubov for investigating the processes of bremsstrahlung of electrons on a nucleon and pair production by  $\gamma$ -quanta on a nucleon in the lowest approximation in "e".

## I n t r o d u c t i o n

At present one of the most effective methods of consideration of strong interactions is that of dispersion relations.

In its application to the electromagnetic processes such as Compton effect on nucleons, bremsstrahlung or pair production on nucleons et al this method allows under definite assumptions to obtain information about nucleon structure. It should be noted that during the last years one gives much attention to the investigation of the nucleon structure<sup>x/</sup> since this problem is not only important by itself but also connected closely with the limit of applicability of quantum electrodynamics at small distances.

Dispersion relations (D.R.) for the processes of bremsstrahlung of electrons on nucleons and electron-proton pair production by  $\gamma$  - quanta on nucleons allow to consider theoretically strictly the problem of the influence of nucleon structure on the above processes. From this point of view the investigation of dispersion relation for the virtual Compton effect including both above mentioned processes is of quite definite interest.

In this paper one obtains dispersion relation for the virtual Compton effect in the lowest  $\epsilon$  - approximation by Bogolubov's method<sup>1</sup>.

The proof of dispersion relations for the processes of bremsstrahlung and pair production has been made in [2]. Hence, in the present paper the attention is fixed on obtaining dispersion relation, available for practical applications.

Since the method of the deduction of dispersion relation has been expiunded in<sup>1-3</sup>, in the given paper many intermediate steps in deducing dispersion relation are omitted. In Sections 2,3 dispersion relation are deduced in the most general form. One gives also a minimum number of calculations needed for understanding the deduction of dispersion relation.

Starting from Section 4 our consideration is only referred to the bremsstrahlung process since there is no difference of principle in the dispersion relation derivation for the processes  $e+N \rightarrow e+\gamma+N$  and  $\gamma+N \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + N$ .

The investigation of the unobservable region (Sec. 4) allows to conclude that in bremsstrahlung process there is a finite interval of recoil momenta for which the unobservable region is not present. In Section 5 one calculates an one-nucleon term and shows that the cross section of the processes calculated in one-nucleon approximation coincides with that of the process calculated in the perturbation theory, however, with the difference that the D.R. method allows to introduce in a strict manner Hofstadter form factors into the nucleon vertices

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<sup>x/</sup> One can find a detailed bibliographical information on nucleon structure in the review "Nucleon structure" by D.I. Blokhintsev, V.S. Barashenkov and B.M. Barbashov. UFN (in print).

of the Feynman graphs are connected with the virtual photon line. This is one of the grave advantages of the dispersion relation method in comparison with perturbation theory. In Sections 6 - 8 one gives the relativistically invariant structure of the virtual Compton effect and obtains dispersion relations for structure coefficients in the centre - of - mass system. This is an ultimate end of our paper. These relations may be used further, at least for estimation of the contribution of the single  $\pi$ -meson state to the processes under consideration analogously as it has been made for photoproduction of  $\pi$ -mesons<sup>4,5</sup>.

In the paper<sup>6</sup> one has been calculated the processes of bremsstrahlung and pair production in the lowest approximation of perturbation theory taking into account only the Bethe-Heitler graphs with the Hofstadter form factors. It is obviously that for the incident particle energies up to  $\sim 150$  Mev when the contribution from the meson shell of a nucleon and electromagnetic corrections of the lowest order are not important yet, the results of the paper<sup>6</sup> can be used for testing quantum electrodynamics at small distances. The test of quantum electrodynamics implies the test of the locality of interaction of the electromagnetic field with the current of the charged particle. Analogous results have been given in the paper<sup>7</sup>. However, with the energy increase up to 500-600 Mev the contribution from the meson shell of nucleon must become more appreciable and the single  $\pi$ -meson approximation can change essentially the cross section of the above mentioned processes. Therefore, if we take into account the single  $\pi$ -meson state then we can extend considerably the energy limits of testing quantum electrodynamics at small distances to the photon and electron energies  $\sim 500-600$  Mev. In this case for example, in the bremsstrahlung process for  $\sim 550$  Mev incident electron and emitted photon energy  $\sim 250$  Mev the nucleon recoil reaches  $\sim 600 \frac{\text{Mev}}{c}$ , this allows to test quantum electrodynamics at the distances up to  $\approx 3 \cdot 10^{-14}$  cm.

## 2. Matrix element of the bremsstrahlung of an electron on nucleon

For the process of bremsstrahlung of electron on nucleon  $e + N \rightarrow e + N + \gamma$  the matrix element of the  $S$ -matrix has the following form:

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = \langle P, S; q, \sigma; \kappa, \nu | S | q_0, \sigma_0; p_0, s_0 \rangle = (2\pi)^{3/2} \langle P, S | b^-(\vec{q}, \sigma) a^-(\vec{k}, \nu) S b^*(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0) | P_0, S_0 \rangle \quad (2.1)$$

where  $P, S (P_0, S_0)$  is the 4-momentum and spin of the final (initial) state of a nucleon,  $q_0, \sigma_0 (q, \sigma)$  is the 4-momentum and spin of the initial (final) state of an electron,  $\kappa, \nu$  are the 4-momentum and the photon polarization;  $b^-(\vec{q}, \sigma)$  and  $b^*(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0)$  are the operators of creation and annihilation of an electron in states  $(\vec{q}, \sigma)$  and  $(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0)$  respectively;  $a^-(\vec{k}, \nu)$  is the operator of the production of photon with momentum  $\vec{k}$  and polarization  $\nu$ ;  $|P_0, S_0\rangle = (2\pi)^{3/2} \hat{C}^*(\vec{P}_0, S_0) \Phi_0$  is the amplitude of the initial state of nucleon,  $\hat{C}^*(\vec{P}_0, S_0)$  is the operator of the production of a nucleon

in the state with momentum  $\vec{P}$  and spin  $S_0$ ,  $\phi$  is the amplitude of the vacuum state.

In the lowest approximation in electric charge  $e$  the matrix element (2.1) contains two classes of diagrams (1a) and (1b).

In the given paper we shall only examine the class of diagrams (1b)<sup>x</sup>. Carrying the operators  $\bar{b}(\vec{q}, \sigma)$  and  $a^-(\vec{k}, \nu)$  to the right from  $S$ , and  $\bar{b}^+(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0)$  to the left from  $S$  and using the generalized Wick theorem for the chronological products<sup>3</sup> we write the expression (2.1) in the form:

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = -e \frac{me^n g^{m\ell}}{\sqrt{2k_0 \epsilon_0} \cdot e} \bar{u}(\vec{q}, \sigma) \gamma^m u(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0) \int e^{i(q-q_0)x + ikz'} d^4x \cdot d^4z \cdot \mathcal{D}^c(x-z) \langle P, S | \frac{\delta^2 S}{\delta A_n(x) \delta A_\rho(z)} | P_0, S_0 \rangle \quad (2.2)$$

where  $k_0$ ,  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon$  are the fourth components of the momenta  $K$ ,  $q_0$  and  $q$  accordingly,  $g^{m\ell}$  is the metric tensor,  $u(\vec{q}, \sigma)$  is spinor, describing an electron in the state  $(\vec{q}, \sigma)$ ,  $\ell^n$  is the polarization vector of the free photon and  $\mathcal{D}^c(x-z)$  is the photon propagator,  $A_\rho(z)$  is the  $\ell$  component of the electromagnetic field operator, the spinors are normalized so that  $\bar{u}(\vec{q}, \sigma) u(\vec{q}, \sigma) = 1$ . Performing the integration in (2.2) over the  $\mathcal{D}^c$  function argument we get the final expression for the matrix element of interest

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = e \frac{me^n g^{m\ell}}{\sqrt{2k_0 \epsilon_0} \cdot e} \frac{\bar{u}(\vec{q}, \sigma) \gamma^m u(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0)}{\mathcal{X}^2} \int e^{-i\mathcal{X}z} e^{ikz'} d^4z \cdot d^4z' \langle P, S | \frac{\delta^2 S}{\delta A_n(z') \delta A_\rho(z)} | P_0, S_0 \rangle \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{X} = q_0 - q$$

### 3. Dispersion relations for the virtual Compton effect amplitude

Before to proceed to the direct derivation of dispersion relations let us introduce several notations and obtain some useful relations.

Let us insert the electromagnetic current operators

$$\begin{aligned} j^\ell(z) &= i \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_\rho(z)} S^+ \\ j^n(z') &= i \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_n(z')} S^+ \\ j^\ell &= (j^\rho)^+ \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

<sup>x</sup>) The class of diagrams (1a) has been considered in the paper of I.S.Zlatev and P.S.Isaev, JETP, 35, 309 (1958); Nuovo Cimento (in print)

and the notations

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^c(z',z) = i \langle P, \sigma | \frac{\delta^2 S}{\delta A_e(z) \delta A_n(z')} S^+ | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.2)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^{ret}(z',z) = \langle P, \sigma | \frac{\delta j^e(z)}{\delta A_n(z')} | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.3)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^{adv}(z',z) = \langle P, \sigma | \frac{\delta j^n(z')}{\delta A_e(z)} | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.4)$$

( where  $\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^{ret}(z',z) = 0$  for  $z' \leq z$  ,  $\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^{adv}(z',z) = 0$  for  $z \leq z'$  ),

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^- = i \langle P, \sigma | j^n(z') \cdot j^e(z) | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.5)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{n,e}^+ = i \langle P, \sigma | j^e(z) \cdot j^n(z') | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.1) - (3.6) it follows

$$\mathcal{F}^c = \mathcal{F}^{ret} - \mathcal{F}^+ - \mathcal{F}^{adv} - \mathcal{F}^- \quad (3.7)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{ret} - \mathcal{F}^{adv} = \mathcal{F}^+ - \mathcal{F}^- \quad (3.8)$$

Finally let us introduce Fourier transform for the function  $\mathcal{F}(x)$ :

$$T(k) = \int dx \cdot e^{ikx} \mathcal{F}(x) \quad (3.9)$$

Using now the property of stability of one-nucleon state  $S^+ | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle = | P_0, \sigma_0 \rangle$  and that translational invariance and integrating (2.3) over  $x+z'$  we get

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = -ie \frac{m e^n \xi^e}{\sqrt{2k_0 \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_0}} \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^4}{x^2} \cdot \delta^{(k+P-x-P)} T_{n,e}^c \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right) \quad (3.10)$$

where  $E$  and  $E_0$  are the fourth components of the 4-momenta  $P$  and  $P_0$  accordingly,  $\xi^e = \bar{u}(\vec{q}, \sigma) \gamma^e u(\vec{q}_0, \sigma_0)$  is the virtual photon "polarization"

$$T_{n,e}^c \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right) = \int e^{i \frac{\partial c + k}{2} x} \mathcal{F}_{n,e}^c(x) dx \quad (3.10a)$$

Further we shall work with the amplitude

$$T^c \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right) = e^n \xi^e T_{n,e}^c \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right)$$

For the purpose of deducing dispersion relations it is important to note that

$$T^c \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right) = T^{ret} \left( \frac{k+\partial c}{2} \right) \quad (3.11)$$

in the region where the law of conservation of energy holds true, and for the positive values of energy, i.e. when  $\frac{k_0 + \alpha_0}{2} > 0$ .

By analogous means for  $\frac{k_0 + \alpha_0}{2} < 0$  the relation

$$T^c\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{2}\right) = T^{adv}\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{2}\right) \quad (3.12)$$

takes place. In order to pick out explicitly the independent variables of energy and momentum it is convenient to pass on to the Breit system  $\vec{p}_0 + \vec{p} = 0$ . Let us introduce into this system of coordinates a unit vector  $\vec{a} = \vec{\lambda} / |\vec{\lambda}|$  orthogonal to  $\vec{p}$ : We get such relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{k} &= \vec{a} \lambda + (1-\delta) \vec{p}_0 \\ \vec{\alpha} &= \vec{a} \lambda - (1+\delta) \vec{p}_0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

$$k_0 = \alpha_0$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\vec{\alpha}^2 - (1+\delta)^2 \vec{p}^2} = \sqrt{k_0^2 - (1-\delta)^2 \vec{p}^2}$$

where

$$\delta = \frac{m^2}{4\vec{p}^2}, \quad -m^2 = \alpha_0^2 - \vec{\alpha}^2$$

Now the relation (3.9) takes the form:

$$T^c(k_0, \vec{a}) = \int dx \cdot e^{i(k_0 x_0 - \vec{a} \vec{x} \sqrt{k_0^2 - (1-\delta)^2 \vec{p}^2} + \delta \vec{p}_0 \vec{x})} \mathcal{F}^c(x) \quad (3.14)$$

One can see from (3.14) that  $T^c(k_0, \vec{a})$  is only determined on the two segments of the real axis:

$$-\infty < k_0 < -\sqrt{(1-\delta)^2 \vec{p}^2} \quad (1-\delta)|\vec{p}| < k_0 < +\infty$$

The ambiguity in the exponential factor is eliminated by introducing symmetrical and antisymmetrical combinations:

$$\begin{aligned} S_+ T(k_0, \vec{a}) &= \frac{T(k_0, \vec{a}) + T(k_0, -\vec{a})}{2} \\ S_- T(k_0, \vec{a}) &= \frac{T(k_0, \vec{a}) - T(k_0, -\vec{a})}{2\lambda} \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

As regards the questions of the analytical continuation of  $T^c$  into the upper and lower half-planes of the complex variable  $k_0$  and determination of its analyticity region they have been considered in details in the paper [2].

Following now the way given in the paper [7] and supposing, that the virtual Compton effect amplitude behaves at the infinity  $\sim \frac{1}{k_0}$  [8] we obtain dispersion relation in the following form:

$$\mathcal{D}(k_0) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{E_1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}(k_0') dk_0'}{k_0' - k_0} - \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{E_1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}(-k_0') dk_0'}{k_0' + k_0} + \frac{\mathcal{A}^{(1)}(-\lambda \vec{a} - \delta \vec{p})}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\mathcal{A}^{(2)}(+\lambda \vec{a} - \delta \vec{p})}{E_p + k_0} \quad (3.16)$$



where

$$\mathcal{D}(k_0) = \frac{ST^{ret}(k_0) + ST^{adv}(k_0)}{2}; \quad \mathcal{A}(k_0) = \frac{ST^{ret}(k_0) - ST^{adv}(k_0)}{2i};$$

$$A^{(1)}(-\lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}) = (2\pi)^3 \frac{M^2 + \delta\vec{p}^2}{M^2 + \vec{p}^2} \varepsilon^{\ell n} S \sum \langle \vec{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(\omega) | \lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}, \rho \rangle \langle \lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}, \rho | j^\ell(\omega) | \vec{p}_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \quad (3.17)$$

$$A^{(2)}(\lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}) = (2\pi)^3 \frac{M^2 + \delta\vec{p}^2}{M^2 + \vec{p}^2} \varepsilon^{\ell n} S \sum \langle \vec{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(\omega) | \lambda\vec{a} + \delta\vec{p} \rangle \langle \lambda\vec{a} + \delta\vec{p}, \rho | j^\ell(\omega) | \vec{p}_0, \sigma_0 \rangle$$

For the process of production of pairs by photon on proton dispersion relations are obtained from (2.4) by simple substitution  $k \rightarrow x$ ,  $x \rightarrow q + q_0$  and  $m_p^2 = x_0^2 - \vec{x}^2$ .

#### 4. Investigation of the unobservable region

When deducing dispersion relations (3.16) we examined the difference

$$S\tilde{T} = ST^{ret} - ST^{adv} = ST^+ - ST^-$$

in the region of the real variables  $k_0$ . Then, one made an assumption that one considered only strong interactions. The weak interactions were neglected and the electromagnetic interactions considered in the lowest  $e$  approximation.

Expanding now  $ST^+$  and  $ST^-$  in a complete system of functions and integrating over three-dimensional momenta of intermediate states, we get:

$$ST^{ret}(k_0, \vec{a}) - ST^{adv}(k_0, \vec{a}) = i(2\pi)^4 S \sum \left\{ \langle \vec{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(\omega) | \lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}, \rho \rangle \langle \lambda\vec{a} - \delta\vec{p}, \rho | j^\ell(\omega) | \vec{p}_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \delta\left(\frac{x_0 + k_0 - E_0 - E + l_0}{2}\right) - \right. \\ \left. - \langle \vec{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(\omega) | \lambda\vec{a} + \delta\vec{p}, \rho \rangle \langle \lambda\vec{a} + \delta\vec{p}, \rho | j^\ell(\omega) | \vec{p}_0, \sigma_0 \rangle \delta\left(\frac{x_0 + k_0 + E_0 + E - l_0}{2}\right) \right\} \quad (4.1)$$

The first argument of the  $\delta$  function has a form  $k_0 - \sqrt{M^2 + \vec{p}^2} + \sqrt{M_p^2 + \lambda^2 + \delta^2 \vec{p}^2}$  and the second:  $k_0 + \sqrt{M^2 + \vec{p}^2} - \sqrt{M_p^2 + \lambda^2 + \delta^2 \vec{p}^2}$  where  $M_p$  is the mass of intermediate states.

In one-nucleon state ( $M_p = M$ ) the right first term of Eq. (4.1) is not zero under the condition

$$k_0 = E_p = \frac{(1-\delta)\vec{p}^2}{\sqrt{M^2 + \vec{p}^2}} \quad (4.2)$$

and the second - under the condition

$$k_0 = -E_p = -\frac{(1-\delta)\vec{p}^2}{\sqrt{M^2 + \vec{p}^2}} \quad (4.3)$$

The continuous spectrum starts with the values  $M_p = M + \mu$  i.e. for  $|k_0| > E_1$ ,  $\mu$  - being the mass of  $\pi$  - meson

$$\bar{\epsilon}_1 = \bar{\epsilon} \frac{2M\mu + \mu^2 - 2(1-\delta)\bar{p}^2}{2\sqrt{M^2 + \bar{p}^2}} \quad (\text{the sign } \bar{\epsilon} \text{ are related to the first and second } \delta \text{ - functions, respectively).}$$

In order that the one-nucleon poles  $\pm E_p$  might not lie in the region of the continuous spectrum  $|k_0| \geq E_1$  i.e. in order that  $|E_p| < E_1$ ,  $\bar{p}^2$  has satisfy the condition

$$\bar{p}^2 < \frac{2M\mu + M^2 + m_\pi^2}{4} \quad (4.4)$$

which imposes some restrictions to the electron energy .

It is important to note that in the considered dispersion relations the unobservable region is absent for the finite momentum transfer  $\bar{p}^2$  . The interval of the momenta for which the unobservable region is absent is defined by the inequality

$$(1-\delta)|\bar{p}| > \frac{2M\mu + M^2 - 2(1-\delta)\bar{p}^2}{2\sqrt{M^2 + \bar{p}^2}} \quad (4.5)$$

Solving (4.5) with respect to  $|\bar{p}|$  we obtain

$$|\bar{p}| < \sqrt{\frac{(2M\mu + M^2)^2 + (M+\mu)^2 \cdot m_\pi^2 + m_\pi^2 M^2 + (2M\mu + M^2)\sqrt{(2M\mu + M^2 m_\pi^2)^2 + 4M^2 m_\pi^2}}{8(M+\mu)^2}} \quad (4.6)$$

For the real Compton effect  $m_\pi^2 = 0$  and we get

$$|\bar{p}| < \frac{2M\mu + M^2}{2(M+\mu)}$$

which coincides with the results given in the paper <sup>9</sup> .

### 5. Calculation of an one-nucleon term

In order to calculate one-nucleon terms in (3.23) firstly let us examine the expression

$$\langle \bar{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(0) | -\lambda \bar{a} - \delta \cdot \bar{p}, \rho \rangle \quad (5.1)$$

which we write in terms of variational derivative:

$$\langle \bar{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(0) | \bar{p}'' S'' \rangle = i e^{-i(P-P'')x} \langle \bar{p}, \sigma | \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(x)} | \bar{p}'' S'' \rangle \quad (5.2)$$

where

$$\bar{p}'' = -\lambda \bar{a} - \delta \cdot \bar{p}, \quad p = S''$$

Passing on from the variation over  $\mathcal{A}_\rho(x)$  to that over  $\mathcal{A}_\rho(k)$  we get

$$\delta(p-p''-k) \langle \bar{p}, \sigma | j^\ell(0) | \bar{p}'' S'' \rangle = \frac{i}{(2\pi)^3} \langle \bar{p}, \sigma | \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(k)} | \bar{p}'' S'' \rangle \quad (5.3)$$

It is easy to verify that  $\vec{P}''^2 > 0$ . This allows to work with  $|\vec{P}'', S''\rangle$  like with a real state. Performing commutation of the operators of creation and annihilation of nucleons from the amplitudes  $\langle \vec{P}, \sigma |$  and  $|\vec{P}'', S''\rangle$  with  $\frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(K)}$  we obtain that

$$i \langle \vec{P}, \sigma | \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(K)} | \vec{P}'', S'' \rangle = \frac{i}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{M^2}{E \cdot E''}} \bar{w}(\vec{P}, \sigma) \left\langle \frac{\delta^3 S}{\delta \bar{\psi}(\vec{P}) \cdot \delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(K) \cdot \delta \psi(\vec{P}'')} \right\rangle w(\vec{P}'', S'') \quad (5.4)$$

where  $E = \sqrt{\vec{P}^2 + M^2}$  and  $E'' = \sqrt{\vec{P}''^2 + M^2}$ . According to the relativistic invariance reasons it follows

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta^3 S}{\delta \bar{\psi}(P) \cdot \delta \mathcal{A}_\rho(K) \cdot \delta \psi(P'')} \right\rangle = \ell \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) \cdot \delta(P - P'' - K), \quad \hat{K} = \gamma K, \quad (5.5)$$

$\mathcal{F}_i(K^2)$  - are the scalar functions (form factors of a nucleon). Now from (5.5), (5.4), (5.3) and (3.21) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{ne}(\lambda \vec{a}) &= -\frac{\ell^2}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{M^2 + \delta \cdot \vec{P}^2}{M^2 + \vec{P}^2} \frac{M^2}{\sqrt{E \cdot E''}} S \sum_{S''} \bar{w}(\vec{P}, \sigma) \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}'', S'') \cdot \bar{w}(\vec{P}'', S'') \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}_0, \sigma_0) \quad (5.6b) \\ \mathcal{A}_{en}(-\lambda \vec{a}) &= -\frac{\ell^2}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{M^2 + \delta \cdot \vec{P}^2}{M^2 + \vec{P}^2} S \sum_{S''} \frac{M^2}{\sqrt{E \cdot E''}} \bar{w}(\vec{P}, \sigma) \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}'', S'') \cdot \bar{w}(\vec{P}'', S'') \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}_0, \sigma_0) \quad (5.6a) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the sum over  $S''$  and performing the symmetrization operation ( see 3.15 ) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{en} &= -\ell^2 \frac{M(M^2 + \delta \cdot \vec{P}^2)}{2(2\pi)^3 (M^2 + \vec{P}^2) E \cdot \sqrt{E \cdot E_0}} \bar{w}(\vec{P}, \sigma) \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) (\vec{P}'' + M) \cdot \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}_0, \sigma_0) \quad (5.7) \\ \mathcal{A}_{ne} &= -\ell^2 \frac{M(M^2 + \delta \cdot \vec{P}^2)}{2(2\pi)^3 (M^2 + \vec{P}^2) E \cdot \sqrt{E \cdot E_0}} \bar{w}(\vec{P}, \sigma) \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) (\delta_0 E'' + \vec{P}'' + M) \cdot \left( \mathcal{F}_1(K^2) \gamma^0 \mathcal{F}_2(K^2) \frac{\mu [\hat{K}, \gamma^{\rho\ell}]}{4M} \right) w(\vec{P}_0, \sigma_0) \end{aligned}$$

In the relations (5.7)  $\mathcal{F}_1(0) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_2(0) = 1$ ,  $\ell$  is the electric charge of a nucleon, and  $\mu$  is the anomalous magnetic moment of a nucleon measured in nuclear magnetons.

It is important to note, that in one-nucleon approximation, i.e. when

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = -ie \frac{m \ell^n \epsilon^\ell}{\sqrt{2k_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_0}} \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2\epsilon^2} \cdot \delta(k + p - \epsilon_0 - p_0) \left( \frac{\mathcal{A}_{en}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_{ne}}{E_p + k_0} \right) \quad (5.8)$$

the expression (5.8) coincides with the sum of matrix elements corresponding to the graphs 2a) and 2b), in which at the vertices related to the virtual photon instead of the form factor functions  $\mathcal{F}_1(x^2, p'^2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2(x^2, p'^2)$  there are  $\mathcal{F}_1(x^2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2(x^2)$  and the vertices related to the real photon - instead of  $\mathcal{F}_1(0, p'^2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2(0, p'^2)$  there are  $\mathcal{F}_1(0)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2(0)$ .

Thus, the use of the dispersion relation allows to introduce in a strict a manner into the process of bremsstrahlung and pair production in the lowest  $\mathcal{L}$  approximation the form factors depending on one variable which have been investigated for the negative argument values by Hofstadter<sup>10</sup>.

6. Virtual Compton effect amplitude structure

We expand the virtual Compton effect amplitude  $T^c$  in relativistically invariant structure obeying gauge invariance requirements. Let us write  $T^c$  in the following form

$$T^c = e^n \mathcal{E}^l T_{ne}^c = \bar{w}(P) e^n R_{ne} \mathcal{E}^l w(P_0) \quad (6.1)$$

where

$$R_{ne} = R_{ne}(P_0, P_i, k, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$$

$$T_{ne}^c \text{ must satisfy the conditions } k_n T_{ne}^c = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{X}_e T_{ne}^c = 0 \quad (6.2).$$

Let us introduce, as it has been suggested in [11]  $\mathcal{Y}$  factors:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{nd} = \delta_{nd} - \frac{(P+P_0)_n k_d}{(P+P_0, K)} \quad (6.3)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{e\beta} = \delta_{e\beta} - \frac{(P+P_0)_e \mathcal{X}_\beta}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})}$$

where  $(P+P_0, K)$  denotes scalar product of the two vectors  $P+P_0$  and  $K$ . Let us write:

$$T_{ne}^c = \mathcal{Y}_{nd} \mathcal{Y}_{e\beta} T'_{d\beta} \quad (6.4)$$

In the expression (6.4)  $\mathcal{Y}$  - factors automatically take into account the gauge invariance condition. The choice of  $\mathcal{Y}$  factors yields:

$$(P+P_0)_\alpha \mathcal{Y}_{nd} = 0$$

$$(P+P_0)_\beta \mathcal{Y}_{e\beta} = 0$$

$$K_\alpha \mathcal{Y}_{nd} = k_n$$

Using the general theorem of expansion of the matrix element ( see 11 ) let us represent  $T^c$  in the form:

$$T^c = \bar{w}(P) e^n \mathcal{E}^l \sum_{s,t} \Omega'_{s,t} \Lambda^{(s)} \mathcal{Y}_{nd} \mathcal{Y}_{e\beta} R_{d\beta}^+ w(P_0) \quad (6.5)$$

where  $\Omega'_{s,t}$  are some scalar functions, depending only on scalar products of 4 - momenta of initial and final states.

$$\Lambda^{(1)} = 1, \quad \Lambda^{(2)} = \hat{K},$$

$$R_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)} = \mathcal{X}_\alpha \mathcal{X}_\beta; \quad R_{\beta\alpha}^{(2)} = \mathcal{X}_\beta \mathcal{X}_\alpha; \quad R_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)} = \mathcal{X}_\alpha k_\beta; \quad R_{d\beta}^{(4)} = \mathcal{X}_d \mathcal{X}_\beta; \quad (6.6)$$

$$R_{\alpha\beta}^{(5)} = \mathcal{X}_\alpha \mathcal{X}_\beta; \quad R_{d\beta}^{(6)} = \mathcal{X}_d k_\beta; \quad R_{d\beta}^{(7)} = \mathcal{X}_d \mathcal{X}_\beta$$

Thus, from (6.4), (6.5) and (6.6) we obtain

$$T^c = \ell^n \xi^\ell \sum_{s=1,2} T_{\ell,n}^{s,t} \Omega_{s,t}'$$

However, the fourteen structures  $T_{\ell,n}^{s,t} \ell^n \xi^\ell$  under consideration are not linear - independent ones: the combinations  $\frac{1}{2} (T^{4,1} - T^{1,2})$  and  $\frac{1}{2} (T^{2,1} - T^{2,2})$  are expressed in terms of other structures. The final form of our twelve linear - independent structures is

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2} (T^{4,1} + T^{4,2}) = \bar{w}(P) \left( \ell - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)K}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( \xi - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(2)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( \hat{\ell} - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)\hat{K}}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi K) - \frac{(K\mathcal{X})(\xi, P+P_0)}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(3)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( \hat{\ell} - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)\hat{K}}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}^2}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(4)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( \hat{\xi} - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\hat{\mathcal{X}}}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(5)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi K) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(6)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}^2}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(7)} &= \frac{1}{2} (T^{2,1} + T^{2,2}) = \bar{w}(P) \hat{K} \left( \ell - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)K}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( \xi - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(8)} &= \bar{w}(P) \hat{K} \left( \hat{\ell} - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)\hat{K}}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi K) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(9)} &= \bar{w}(P) \hat{K} \left( \hat{\ell} - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)\hat{K}}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}^2}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(10)} &= 2T^{(2,5)} - 2T^{(1,6)} = \bar{w}(P) \left[ \hat{K} \left( \hat{\ell} - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)\hat{\mathcal{X}}}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) - \left( \hat{\xi} - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\hat{\mathcal{X}}}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) \hat{K} \right] \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(11)} &= \bar{w}(P) \hat{K} \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi K) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \\ R^{(12)} &= \bar{w}(P) \left( (\ell \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\ell, P+P_0)(K\mathcal{X})}{(P+P_0, K)} \right) \left( (\xi \mathcal{X}) - \frac{(\xi, P+P_0)\mathcal{X}^2}{(P+P_0, \mathcal{X})} \right) w(P_0) \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

Thus

$$T^c = \sum_{i=1}^{12} R^i \Omega_i \quad (6.9)$$

The structures (6.8) comply with the requirements of relativistic invariance, gauge invariance and conditions of the type of the "crossing symmetry" theorem :

$$R^i = \pm (R^i)^* \begin{pmatrix} P \rightarrow P_0, & \sigma \rightarrow \sigma_0 \\ K \rightarrow -K, & \mathcal{X} \rightarrow -\mathcal{X} \end{pmatrix}$$

The last condition leads to the following relations for the coefficients  $\Omega_i$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_i &= +\Omega_i^+ & i &= 1, 5, 6. \\ \Omega_i &= -\Omega_i^+ & i &= 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. \end{aligned} \quad (6.10)$$

For the real Compton effect the structures  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^9$  and  $R^{12}$  vanish. Thus,

for the real Compton effect there remains eight independent structures. This result coincides with that of the paper [12].

But dispersion relations can not be written directly for the coefficients  $\Omega_i$  since the structures of  $R^i$  are not symmetrical in  $\vec{\lambda}$ . Therefore, at first it is necessary to expand  $T^c$  in the system  $\vec{p}_0 + \vec{p} = 0$  in twelve independent three-dimensional structures. We choose the following independent structures

$$\begin{aligned}
 z_1 &= \vec{e} \vec{e} & z_5 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{\lambda})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{e}]) & z_9 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{\lambda}]) \\
 z_2 &= (\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{e} \vec{\lambda}) & z_6 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{\lambda}]) & z_{10} &= i(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{\lambda}_x \vec{e}]) \\
 z_3 &= (\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{e} \vec{p}) & z_7 &= \frac{i}{\lambda^2}(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{e} \vec{\lambda})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{\lambda}]) & z_{11} &= \frac{i}{\lambda^2}(\vec{e} \vec{\lambda})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{\lambda}_x \vec{e}]) \\
 z_4 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{e}]) & z_8 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{p}_x \vec{e}]) & z_{12} &= i(\vec{e} \vec{p})(\vec{\sigma}[\vec{\lambda}_x \vec{e}])
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.11}$$

Thus, in the system  $\vec{p}_0 + \vec{p} = 0$  the amplitude  $T^c$  can be written in the form:

$$T^c = \sum_K \mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0, \vec{p}^2) z_K \tag{6.12}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0, \vec{p}^2)$  are the scalar functions of the variable  $\kappa_0$  and recoil  $\vec{p}^2$ . The symmetrization operation  $S$  over  $\vec{\lambda}$  is now fulfilled trivially in consequence of explicit dependence of the structures  $z_K$  on the vector  $\vec{\lambda}$ .

### 7. Dispersion relations for the Lorentz - invariant coefficients

It is obviously that due to the independence of the structures  $z_K$  dispersion relations (3.16) can be written for each coefficient  $\mathcal{L}_K$  taken separately. Each coefficient must conduct itself in the complex  $\kappa_0$  variable plane not worse than the amplitude  $T^c$  and decrease at the infinity not slower than  $\frac{1}{\kappa_0}$ . The symmetrization operation leads in addition to the fact that the coefficients for the antisymmetrical in  $\vec{\lambda}$  structures will decrease not slower than  $\frac{1}{\kappa_0^2}$ .

$$R_e \mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0) = \frac{P}{\pi} \int \left( \frac{1}{\kappa_0' - \kappa_0} + \frac{1}{\kappa_0' + \kappa_0} \right) \mathcal{J}_m \mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0') d\kappa_0' + \frac{\mathcal{L}_K^{(1)}}{E_p - \kappa_0} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_K^{(2)}}{E_p + \kappa_0}; \quad K=1, 2, 3 \tag{7.1}$$

$$R_e \mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0) = \frac{P}{\pi} \int \left( \frac{1}{\kappa_0' - \kappa_0} - \frac{1}{\kappa_0' + \kappa_0} \right) \mathcal{J}_m \mathcal{L}_K(\kappa_0') d\kappa_0' + \frac{\mathcal{L}_K^{(1)}}{E_p - \kappa_0} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_K^{(2)}}{E_p + \kappa_0}; \quad K=4, 5, \dots, 12$$

In order to proceed from dispersion relations (7.1) to relations for the coefficients  $\Omega_i$ , at first it is necessary to establish the connection between  $\Omega_i$  and  $\mathcal{L}_K$  and then analyse the behaviour of  $\Omega_i(\kappa_0)$  in the complex plane.

From (6.9) and (6.12) we have

$$T^c = \sum_i R^{(i)} \Omega_i = \sum_K \mathcal{L}_K z_K$$

In the system  $\vec{P}_0 + \vec{P} = 0$  the four-dimensional structures  $R_i$  are connected with three-dimensional ones  $z_k$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left( -E \cdot z_1 + \frac{2E}{K_0^2} \cdot z_2 + \frac{2E(1+\delta)}{K_0^2} \cdot z_3 \right) \\
 R^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left\{ \left( -2 + \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_4 + \frac{(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} z_5 \right\} \\
 R^{(3)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left\{ \frac{\lambda^2(1+\delta)}{K_0^2} z_4 + \frac{\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_5 \right\} \\
 R^{(4)} &= \frac{2}{M} \left\{ -\frac{1+\delta}{K_0^2} z_6 - \frac{\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_7 + z_8 \right\} \\
 R^{(5)} &= \frac{2E}{M} \left\{ \frac{(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \cdot z_2 + \left( -2 + \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_3 \right\} \\
 R^{(6)} &= \frac{2E}{M} \left\{ \frac{\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_2 + \frac{\lambda^2(1+\delta)}{K_0^2} z_3 \right\} \\
 R^{(7)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left\{ -K_0 M z_1 + \frac{2M}{K_0} \cdot z_2 + \frac{2M(1+\delta)}{K_0} \cdot z_3 - \frac{2(1+\delta)}{K_0^2} z_6 - \frac{2\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_7 + z_9 \right\} \\
 R^{(8)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left\{ -\frac{(K\lambda)}{K_0} z_2 + K_0 \left( 2 - \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_3 + M(1-\delta) \left( 2 - \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_4 - \frac{M(1-\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \cdot z_5 - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{2K_0^2 - (1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{(E+M)K_0^2} \cdot z_6 + \frac{(K\lambda)\lambda^2}{K_0^2(E+M)} z_7 - E \left( 2 - \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_{10} + \frac{E(K\lambda)\lambda^2}{K_0^2} \cdot z_{11} \right\} \\
 R^{(9)} &= \frac{1}{M} \left\{ \frac{\lambda^2}{K_0} z_2 - \frac{\lambda^2(1+\delta)}{K_0} z_3 - \frac{(1-\delta^2)M\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_4 - \frac{M(1-\delta)\lambda^2}{K_0^2} \cdot z_5 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{(1+\delta)\lambda^2}{K_0^2(E+M)} z_6 + \frac{\lambda^2\lambda^2}{K_0^2(E+M)} \cdot z_7 + \frac{E(1+\delta)\lambda^2}{K_0^2} \cdot z_{10} + \frac{E\lambda^2\lambda^2}{K_0^2} \cdot z_{11} \right\} \\
 R^{(10)} &= \frac{4}{M} \left\{ \frac{\vec{P}\vec{\lambda}}{K_0} \cdot z_2 - \frac{\lambda^2 + \lambda^2}{K_0} \cdot z_3 + \left( \frac{1}{E+M} + \frac{2M(1+\delta)}{K_0^2} \right) z_6 + \frac{2M\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_7 - M(1-\delta)z_8 + E \cdot z_{12} \right\} \\
 R^{(11)} &= \frac{2}{M} \left\{ \frac{M(K\lambda)}{K_0} z_2 - MK_0 \left( 2 - \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_3 + \left( 2 - \frac{(1+\delta)(K\lambda)}{K_0^2} \right) z_6 - \frac{(K\lambda)\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_7 \right\} \\
 R^{(12)} &= \frac{2}{M} \left\{ \frac{M\lambda^2}{K_0} z_2 + \frac{M(1+\delta)\lambda^2}{K_0} \cdot z_3 - \frac{(1+\delta)\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_6 - \frac{\lambda^2\lambda^2}{K_0^2} z_7 \right\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.2}$$

Let us write (7.2) briefly  $R_i = \sum a_{ik} z_k$ . Thus,  $\sum_{i,k} \Omega_i a_{ik} z_k = \sum_k L_k z_k$  or  $\sum_i \Omega_i a_{ik} = L_k$   
 Let us write down connections between  $\Omega_i$  and  $L_k$  in the explicit form:

- 1)  $\Omega_{10} \cdot a_{10,12} = L_{12}$
- 2)  $\Omega_7 \cdot a_{7,9} = L_9$
- 3)  $\Omega_i \cdot a_{i,1} + \Omega_7 a_{7,1} = L_1$

$$4) \Omega_4 a_{4,8} + \Omega_{10} a_{10,8} = \mathcal{L}_8$$

$$5) \Omega_8 a_{8,10} + \Omega_9 a_{9,10} = \mathcal{L}_{10}$$

$$6) \Omega_8 a_{8,11} + \Omega_9 a_{9,11} = \mathcal{L}_{11}$$

$$7) \Omega_2 a_{2,4} + \Omega_3 a_{3,4} + \Omega_8 a_{8,4} + \Omega_9 a_{9,4} = \mathcal{L}_4$$

$$8) \Omega_2 a_{2,5} + \Omega_3 a_{3,5} + \Omega_8 a_{8,5} + \Omega_9 a_{9,5} = \mathcal{L}_5$$

$$9) \Omega_4 a_{4,6} + \Omega_7 a_{7,6} + \Omega_8 a_{8,6} + \Omega_9 a_{9,6} + \Omega_{10} a_{10,6} + \Omega_{11} a_{11,6} + \Omega_{12} a_{12,6} = \mathcal{L}_6 \quad (7.3)$$

$$10) \Omega_4 a_{4,7} + \Omega_7 a_{7,7} + \Omega_8 a_{8,7} + \Omega_9 a_{9,7} + \Omega_{10} a_{10,7} + \Omega_{11} a_{11,7} + \Omega_{12} a_{12,7} = \mathcal{L}_7$$

$$11) \Omega_1 a_{1,2} + \Omega_5 a_{5,2} + \Omega_6 a_{6,2} + \Omega_7 a_{7,2} + \Omega_8 a_{8,2} + \Omega_9 a_{9,2} + \Omega_{10} a_{10,2} + \Omega_{11} a_{11,2} + \Omega_{12} a_{12,2} = \mathcal{L}_2$$

$$12) \Omega_1 a_{1,3} + \Omega_5 a_{5,3} + \Omega_6 a_{6,3} + \Omega_7 a_{7,3} + \Omega_8 a_{8,3} + \Omega_9 a_{9,3} + \Omega_{10} a_{10,3} + \Omega_{11} a_{11,3} + \Omega_{12} a_{12,3} = \mathcal{L}_3$$

Now we have only to answer the questions: whether  $\Omega_i$  acquires additional poles in comparison with  $\mathcal{L}_K$  and how  $\Omega_i$  behaves at the infinity. One can obtain the answer from the solution of the system (7.3).

We first make the following remark: for  $\lambda = 0$  in  $\mathcal{T}^c$  all the structures, containing the vector  $\vec{\lambda}$  must vanish and, consequently  $L_7 = L_{11} = 0$  for this value of  $\lambda$ .

The coefficients  $L_7$  and  $L_{11}$  are analytical functions of  $K_0$  and can be expanded in Taylor series at the points  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$L_K(K_0) = L_K((1-\delta)/|\vec{\beta}|) + L'_K((1-\delta)/|\vec{\beta}|)(K_0 - (1-\delta)/|\vec{\beta}|) + \dots \quad (K=7,11)$$

Thus, the expression  $\frac{L_K}{\lambda^2} = \frac{L_K}{[K_0 - (1-\delta)/|\vec{\beta}|][K_0 + (1-\delta)/|\vec{\beta}|]}$  contains no additional poles for  $\lambda = 0$ .

Solving now the system (7.3) with respect to  $\Omega_i$  and analysing the behaviour of  $\Omega_i$  with regard to  $K_0$  (taking into account the above remark) we find that all coefficients  $\Omega_i$  are



analytical functions of the variable  $k_0$  in the same region where the function  $ST^c$  is analytical too. The coefficient  $\Omega_i$  at the infinity conducts itself like a constant and, therefore, dispersion relations should be written with one subtraction.

Taking into account the condition (6.10) we get the following dispersion relations for the coefficients  $\Omega_i$  (in the system  $\vec{p} + \vec{p} = 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \Omega_i(k_0) &= \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{E_i}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k'_0 - k_0} + \frac{1}{k'_0 + k_0} \right) \mathcal{I}_m \Omega_i(k'_0) dk'_0 + \frac{\Omega_i^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_i^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0}; & i=1,5 \\ \operatorname{Re} \Omega_i(k_0) &= \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{E_i}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k'_0 - k_0} - \frac{1}{k'_0 + k_0} \right) \mathcal{I}_m \Omega_i(k'_0) dk'_0 + \frac{\Omega_i^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_i^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0}; & i=2,3,4,7,\dots,12 \\ \operatorname{Re} \Omega_6(k_0) &= \frac{2k_0^2}{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{P} \int_{E_1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{I}_m \Omega_6(k'_0) dk'_0}{k'_0(k'^2_0 - k_0^2)} + \operatorname{Re} \Omega_6(0) + \frac{\Omega_6^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_6^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0}; \end{aligned} \quad (7.4)$$

$$\Omega_6(0) = \frac{1-\delta}{2\delta} \Omega_5(0) + \frac{1}{4\delta \bar{p}^2} \Omega_1(0)$$

In the relations (7.4) the coefficients  $\Omega_i^{(1)}$  and  $\Omega_i^{(2)}$  are corresponding parts of the one-nucleon terms  $\mathcal{A}_{en}(-\lambda \vec{a})$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{ne}(\lambda \vec{a})$ . The explicit form of these coefficients is given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad \frac{\Omega_1^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_1^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} &= -\frac{M_e^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \mathcal{J}_1 \\ 2) \quad \frac{\Omega_2^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_2^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} &= \frac{M_e^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \left[ \mathcal{J}_2 \frac{k^2}{M^2} - \frac{2(1+\mathcal{M})(Pk)}{(P_0 k) + (Pk)} \mathcal{J}_3 - \left( 1 + \frac{k_0 E}{2\bar{p}^2} - \frac{k_0 M^2 (1-\delta^2)}{2E\lambda^2} \right) \mathcal{J}_2 \right] \\ 3) \quad \frac{\Omega_3^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_3^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} &= \frac{M_e^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \left( \frac{Ek_0}{2\bar{p}^2} + \frac{M^2 k_0 (1-\delta)^2}{2E\lambda^2} \right) \mathcal{J}_2 \\ 4) \quad \frac{\Omega_4^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_4^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} &= \frac{M_e^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \left( -\mathcal{J}_3 - \mathcal{J}_2 \left[ \frac{Ek_0}{2\bar{p}^2} + \frac{M^2 k_0 (1-\delta)^2}{2E\lambda^2} \right] \right) \\ 5) \quad \frac{\Omega_5^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_5^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} &= \frac{M_e^2}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \left( -\frac{\mathcal{J}_1}{2(P_0 k)} + \frac{M k_0^2}{2\bar{p}^2 \lambda^2} \mathcal{J}_2 + \frac{\lambda}{2M} \mathcal{J}_3 + \mathcal{J}_4 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6) \quad & \frac{\Omega_6^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_6^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = 0 \\
 7) \quad & \frac{\Omega_7^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_7^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = (1 + \mu) \mathcal{J}_3 \frac{M e^2}{(2\pi)^3 \cdot 2E} \\
 8) \quad & \frac{\Omega_8^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_8^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = \frac{M e^2}{(2\pi)^3 \cdot 2E} \left[ \frac{M k_0 (1 + \delta)}{2 E \lambda^2} \mathcal{J}_2 - (1 + \mu) \mathcal{J}_4 \right] \\
 9) \quad & \frac{\Omega_9^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_9^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = \frac{M e^2}{(2\pi)^3 \cdot 2E} \left[ \frac{M k_0 (1 - \delta)}{2 E \lambda^2} \mathcal{J}_2 \right] \\
 10) \quad & \frac{\Omega_{10}^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_{10}^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = \frac{M e^2}{(2\pi)^3 \cdot 2E} \left( - \frac{M k_0 (1 - \delta)}{4 E \lambda^2} \mathcal{J}_2 + \frac{\mu}{4M} \mathcal{J}_3 \right) \\
 11) \quad & \frac{\Omega_{11}^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_{11}^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = \frac{M e^2}{(2\pi)^3 \cdot 2E} \left( - \frac{M^2 k_0}{2 E \vec{p} \lambda^2} \mathcal{J}_2 - \frac{\mu}{2M} \mathcal{J}_4 \right) \\
 12) \quad & \frac{\Omega_{12}^{(1)}}{E_p - k_0} + \frac{\Omega_{12}^{(2)}}{E_p + k_0} = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.5}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{J}_1 &= \frac{2\mu}{M} (\mathcal{F}_1 + (1 + \mu) \mathcal{F}_2) \\
 \mathcal{J}_2 &= \frac{\mu^2}{M^2} \mathcal{F}_2 + (1 + \mu) (\mathcal{F}_1 + \mu \mathcal{F}_2) \left( \frac{1}{p_K} - \frac{1}{p_{\cdot K}} \right) \\
 \mathcal{J}_3 &= (\mathcal{F}_1 + \mu \mathcal{F}_2) \left( \frac{1}{p_0 K} + \frac{1}{p_K} \right) \\
 \mathcal{J}_4 &= \frac{\mu}{2M} \mathcal{F}_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_0 K} + \frac{1}{p_K} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.6}$$

In order to proceed to dispersion relations in o.m.s. it is convenient to write down firstly the relations (7.4) in terms of invariant variables  $z, t$  which we choose by the following means

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= k (p + p_0) \\
 t &= (x - k)^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.7}$$

For the Breit system we have the connection :

$$z = 2k_0 E = 2k_0 \sqrt{M^2 + \vec{p}^2} \tag{7.8}$$

$$t = -4\vec{p}^2; \quad z = k_0 \sqrt{4M^2 - t}$$

In o.m.s. as independent variables we choose the full energy  $w$  of the system and the angle  $\theta$  between the directions of incident virtual photon and emitted real photon. In this case the connection is too cumbersome

$$z = \frac{w^2 - M^2}{4w^2} \left[ 3w^2 + M^2 + m_y^2 + \sqrt{(w^2 - M^2) + 2m_y^2(w^2 + M^2) + m_y^4 \cdot \cos \theta} \right]$$

$$t = -m_y^2 + \frac{w^2 - M^2}{2w^2} \left[ -w^2 + M^2 + m_y^2 + \sqrt{(w^2 - M^2)^2 + 2m_y^2(w^2 + M^2) + m_y^4 \cdot \cos \theta} \right] \quad (7.9)$$

$$z = w^2 - M^2 + \frac{m_y^2 + t}{2}$$

Dispersion relations (7.4) in terms of variables  $z, t$  have now the following form

$$\text{Re } \Omega_i(z, t) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{z' - z} + \frac{1}{z' + z} \right) \mathcal{I}_m \Omega_i(z', t) dz' + \overset{\circ}{\Omega}_i; \quad i = 1, 5$$

$$\text{Re } \Omega_i(z, t) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{z' - z} - \frac{1}{z' + z} \right) \mathcal{I}_m \Omega_i(z', t) dz' + \overset{\circ}{\Omega}_i; \quad i = 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.$$

$$\text{Re } \Omega_6(z, t) = \frac{2z^2}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{I}_m \Omega_6(z', t) dz'}{z' (z'^2 - z^2)} + \text{Re } \Omega_6(0); \quad (7.10)$$

$$\text{Re } \Omega_6(0) = -\frac{t + m_y^2}{2m_y^2} \Omega_5(0) + \frac{1}{m_y^2} \Omega_1(0)$$

$$\text{Re } \Omega_{1,2}(z, t) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{z' - z} - \frac{1}{z' + z} \right) \mathcal{I}_m \Omega_{1,2}(z', t) dz'$$

In the relations (7.10)  $\Omega_6$  and  $\Omega_{1,2}$  equal zero. One-nucleon terms in the invariant variables have the form:

$$\overset{\circ}{\Omega}_1 = -\frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{J}_1}{\sqrt{4M^2 - t}}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\Omega}_2 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2 - t}} \left[ \mathcal{J}_2 \frac{\mu^2}{M^2} - \frac{2(1+\mu)(p\kappa)}{(p_0\kappa) + (p\kappa)} \mathcal{J}_3 - \left( 1 - \frac{z}{t} - \frac{4M^2(t^2 - m_y^2)z}{t[4tz^2 + (4M^2 - t)(t + m_y^2)^2]} \right) \mathcal{J}_2 \right]$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\Omega}_3 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2 - t}} \left[ -\frac{z}{t} + \frac{4M^2 z (t + m_y^2)^2}{t[4tz^2 + (t + m_y^2)^2(4M^2 - t)]} \right] \mathcal{J}_3$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\Omega}_4 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2 - t}} \left[ -\mathcal{J}_3 - \mathcal{J}_2 \left( -\frac{z}{t} + \frac{4M^2 z (t + m_y^2)^2}{t[4tz^2 + (t + m_y^2)^2(4M^2 - t)]} \right) \right] \quad (7.11)$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\Omega}_5 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2 - t}} \left[ -\frac{\mathcal{J}_1}{2(p_0\kappa)} - \frac{8Mz^2}{4tz^2 + (t + m_y^2)(4M^2 - t)} \cdot \mathcal{J}_2 + \frac{4}{2M} \cdot \mathcal{J}_3 + \mathcal{J}_4 \right]$$

$$\Omega_7 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2-t}} (1+\mu) \mathcal{J}_3$$

$$\Omega_8 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2-t}} \left[ \frac{4t\tau M(t-m_f^2)}{[4t\tau^2+(t+m_f^2)^2(4M^2-t)]} \mathcal{J}_2 - (1+\mu) \mathcal{J}_4 \right]$$

$$\Omega_9 = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2-t}} \cdot \frac{4t\tau M(t+m_f^2)}{4t\tau^2+(t+m_f^2)^2(4M^2-t)} \cdot \mathcal{J}_2$$

$$\Omega_{10} = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2-t}} \left[ -\frac{\mathcal{J}_2}{2} + \frac{4Mt\tau(t+m_f^2)}{4t\tau^2+(t+m_f^2)^2(4M^2-t)} + \frac{\mu}{4M} \mathcal{J}_3 \right]$$

$$\Omega_{11} = \frac{Me^2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{4M^2-t}} \left[ \frac{16M^2\tau}{4t\tau^2+(t+m_f^2)^2(4M^2-t)} \mathcal{J}_2 - \frac{\mu}{2M} \mathcal{J}_4 \right]$$

Now dispersion relation for coefficients  $\Omega_i$  in the c.m.s. are obtained simply from (7.9), (7.10) and (7.11) when proceeding from the variables  $\tau$  and  $t$  to  $w$  and  $\cos\theta$ . The final form of these dispersion relations is extremely cumbersome and not given here.

### 8. Dispersion relations for physical amplitudes in the center-of-mass system

In order to obtain dispersion relation for physical amplitudes in the c.m.s. let us expand the amplitude  $T^c$  in independent three-dimensional structures  $\rho_K^i$  in the same system:

$$T^c = \sum_{K=1}^{12} M_K \rho_K \quad (8.1)$$

where  $M_K$  - are physical amplitudes depending on  $w$  and  $\cos\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= \vec{e} \vec{E} & \rho_5 &= i(\vec{E} \vec{k})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{e} \times \vec{e}]) & \rho_9 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{E})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{e}]) \\ \rho_2 &= (\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{E} \vec{k}) & \rho_6 &= i(\vec{E} \vec{e})(\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{e}]) & \rho_{10} &= i(\vec{E} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{e}]) \\ \rho_3 &= (\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{E} \vec{e}) & \rho_7 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{E} \vec{k})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{e}]) & \rho_{11} &= i(\vec{E} \vec{k})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{e}]) \\ \rho_4 &= i(\vec{E} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{e} \times \vec{e}]) & \rho_8 &= i(\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{e} \times \vec{E}]) & \rho_{12} &= i(\vec{e} \vec{e})(\vec{\sigma} [\vec{k} \times \vec{E}]) \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

Let us find the connection between the coefficients  $\Omega_i(w, \cos \theta)$  and  $M_K(w, \cos \theta)$ , substituting the expansion of the relativistically invariant structures (6.8) in  $\beta_K$  :

$$R_i = \sum_K b_{iK} \beta_K \quad (8.3)$$

into the relation

$$T^c = \sum \Omega_i R_i = \sum_K M_K \beta_K$$

we obtain

$$M_K = \sum_i \Omega_i b_{iK} \quad (8.4)$$

The coefficients  $b_{iK}$  are the known functions of the variables  $w$  and  $\cos \theta$ . The matrix  $\|C_{iK}\| = \|b_{iK}\|^{-1}$  is obtained from the solution of the system (8.3). The system (8.3) including twelve equations has a cumbersome form. Choosing suitable structures, namely, (8.2) one succeeds in unlinking the system (8.3), and reducing it, thus, to the solution of two systems of the second order and two systems of the fourth order. Hence, it is easy to find the connection:

$$T^c = \sum_i \Omega_i R_i = \sum_{K,i} M_K C_{iK} R_i \quad (8.5)$$

or

$$\Omega_i = \sum_K C_{iK} M_K$$

Coefficients  $C_{iK}$  in the relation (8.5) have a highly cumbersome form and, hence, the connection (8.5) is not given in the explicit form. From (7.10), (7.9) and (8.5) we obtain dispersion relations for the physical amplitudes  $M_j$  in the o.m.s.

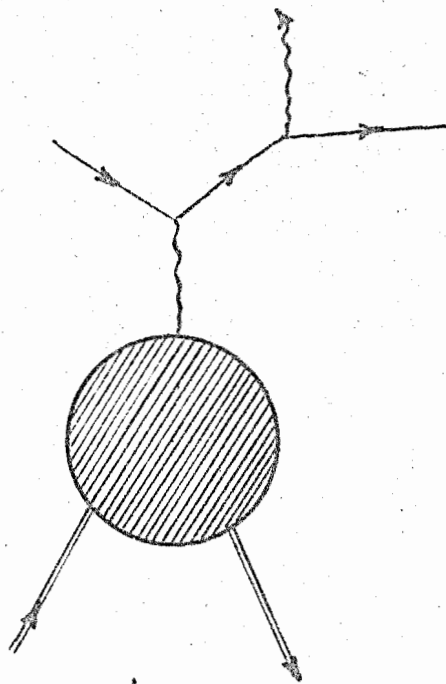
$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} M_j(w, t, m_j^2) &= \frac{2\mathcal{P}}{\pi} \int_{M+\mu}^{\infty} \sum_i \xi_i \left( \frac{1}{w'^2 - w^2} + \eta_i \frac{1}{w'^2 + w^2 - 2M^2 + m_j^2 + t} \right) \times \\ &\times b_{ji}(w, t, m_j^2) \sum_K C_{iK}(w', t, m_j^2) J_m M_K(w', t, m_j^2) w' dw' + \sum_i b_{ji}(w, t, m_j^2) \Omega_i^0 + \\ &+ b_{j6}(w, t, m_j^2) \sum_K M_K \left( \sqrt{M^2 - \frac{t+m_j^2}{2}}, t, m_j^2 \right) \left[ \frac{1}{m_j^2} C_{i,K} \left( \sqrt{w^2 - \frac{t+m_j^2}{2}}, t, m_j^2 \right) - \frac{m_j^2 + t}{2m_j^2} C_{i,K} \left( \sqrt{M^2 - \frac{t+m_j^2}{2}}, m_j^2, t \right) \right] \\ &\xi_0 = \frac{2}{2i}; \quad \xi_i = 1 \text{ for } i \neq 6; \quad \eta_i = w'^2 - M^2 + \frac{m_j^2 + t}{2}; \\ &\eta_i = +1, \quad i = 1, 5; \quad \eta_i = -1, \quad i = 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, \dots, 12. \end{aligned} \quad (8.6)$$

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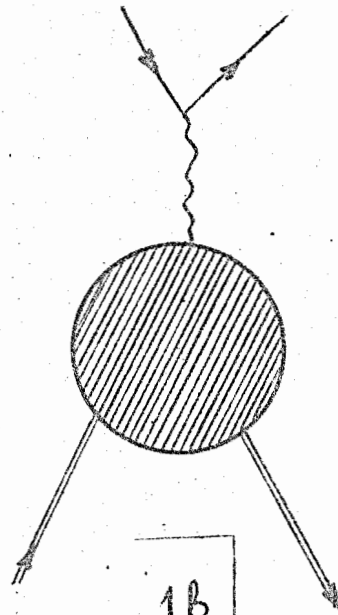
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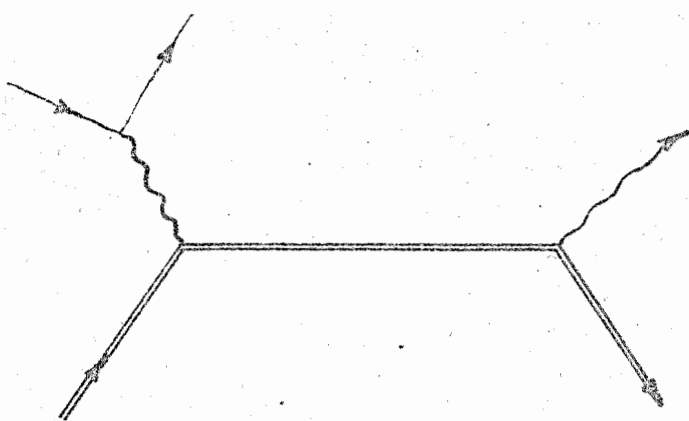
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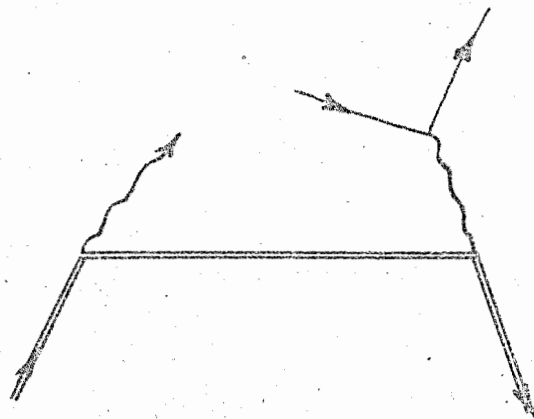
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