

F_π , $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$ and the Chiral Condensate from Renormalization Group Optimized Perturbation

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A recent extension of a variationally optimized perturbation method, combined with renormalization group properties in a straightforward way, can provide a series of approximations to nonperturbative quantities such as the chiral symmetry breaking order parameters. We apply this to evaluate, up to the third order in this modified perturbation, the ratio $F_\pi/\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$ where F_π is the pion decay constant and $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$ the basic QCD scale in the \overline{MS} scheme. We also obtain from a similar approach the chiral quark condensate. We compare our estimates of $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$ and the chiral condensate with recent lattice calculation results.

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