

1. Let's start with an exercise on 't Hooft's anomaly matching conditions. Consider an $SU(3)$ gauge theory with chiral fermions. In terms of LH Weyl spinors, they comprise six $\psi^{ij} = +\psi^{ji}$ in a symmetric tensor multiplet **6**, and 21 χ_i^f in seven 'flavors' of antifundamental $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ multiplet.

(a) Check that the $SU(3)$ gauge symmetry itself is anomaly free.

The global continuous symmetry of this theory is $SU(7) \times U(1)$, where the $U(1)$ charges of the fermions are -7 for the ψ^{ij} and $+5$ for the χ_i^f , while the $SU(7)$ quantum numbers should be obvious.

(b) Check that this global symmetry is free from the $SU(3)$ anomaly.

The $SU(3)$ gauge symmetry has negative beta-function, so at some IR energy scale it becomes strongly interacting and confines. Suppose the confinement does not cause spontaneous breakdown of the chiral global symmetry $SU(7) \times U(1)$. Instead, the spectrum of $SU(3)$ -singlet composite hadrons includes a massless chiral baryon made from one ψ quark and two χ quarks. In terms of their gauge, flavor, and spin quantum numbers

$$B_\alpha^{ff'} = \psi^{ij,\beta} (\chi_{i,\alpha}^f \chi_{j,\beta}^{f'} + \chi_{i,\beta}^f \chi_{j,\alpha}^{f'}). \quad (1)$$

By construction, these baryons are in the antisymmetric **21** tensor multiplet of the $SU(7)$ and have $U(1)$ charge $+3$.

(c) Check that these massless baryons obey the 't Hooft's anomaly matching conditions,

$$\text{tr}_{\text{baryons}}(t^a \{t^b, t^c\}) = \text{tr}_{\text{quarks}}(t^a \{t^b, t^c\}) \quad \forall a, b, c \in SU(7) \times U(1). \quad (2)$$

2. The rest of this homework is a reading assignment, ['t Hooft's 1999 lecture notes](#), chapter 4. Read about the instantons and their effects from the Hamiltonian point of view.