

# Quark structure of baryons

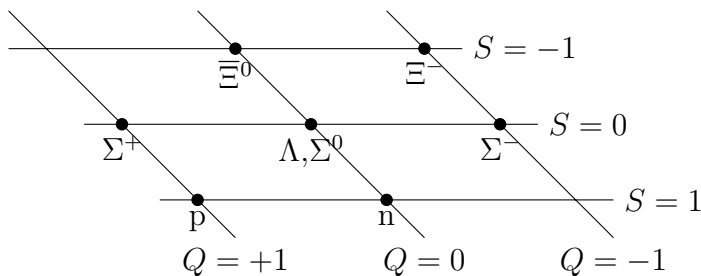
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1. (a) A baryon is formed from three quarks. There are ten possible combinations of the up, down and strange (u, d, and s) which will make baryons. List these ten combinations. u u u, u u d, u u s, u d s, u s s, d d d, d d u, d d s, d s s, s s s.
- (b) The table below shows eleven baryons. Using your list from 1a identify the quark structure in each of the baryons.

particle	Charge ( $Q$ ) / $e$	Baryon number	Strangeness	Quark Structure
p	+1	1	0	u u d
n	0	1	0	d d u
$\Lambda$	0	1	-1	u d s
$\Sigma^+$	+1	1	-1	u u s
$\Sigma^0$	0	1	-1	u d s
$\Sigma^-$	-1	1	-1	d d s
$\Delta^-$	-1	1	0	d d d
$\Delta^{++}$	+2	1	0	u u u
$\Xi^0$	0	1	-2	u s s
$\Xi^-$	-1	1	-2	d s s
$\Omega^-$	-1	1	-3	s s s

- (c) Which two baryons have the same quark structure?  
 $\Lambda$  and  $\Sigma^0$
- (d) How may they be different to each other?  
Difference in rest energy, due to the quarks being in differing energy states.
- (e) The diagram below is often called the *Baryon Octet*. Copy the diagram, and add on the eight particles at the intersections of the lines. (Don't put any  $\Delta$ s on this diagram.)



- (f) Why is there no particle with a strangeness of -2 and a charge of +1?  
For a baryon to have strangeness of -2, it must contain two strange quarks, which would (together) have  $Q = -\frac{2}{3}$ . There exists no quark with the required properties ( $Q = +\frac{5}{3}$ ,  $B = +\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $S = 0$ ) to make the particle described in the question.