Nucleon-nucleon scattering in the large N_c limit

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In this work, implications of the extreme large N_c limit for nucleon-nucleon scattering are examined. Several arguments are shown strongly suggesting that the logarithm of a typical S-matrix element (or equivalently a typical scattering phase shift) is proportional to N_c . Interestingly, the relation holds both for the real and imaginary part. From there, an exact formula for the nucleon-nucleon cross section is derived: $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2\pi/m_{\pi} \log^2(N_c)$, with corrections of order $1/\log(N_c)$. Additionally, an interesting result determining the inelastic cross section to be exactly 1/8 of the total cross section emerges.

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