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Show that covariant differentiation obeys product rule:

$$(V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma})_{;\mu} = V^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} W_{\beta\sigma} + V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma;\mu}.$$

$$(V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma})_{;\mu} = T^{\alpha}_{\sigma;\mu} \quad \left(\text{using } T^{\alpha}_{\sigma} = V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma} \right)$$

$$= T^{\alpha}_{\sigma;\mu} + T^{\sigma}_{\tau} T^{\alpha}_{\sigma\mu} - T^{\alpha}_{\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu}$$

$$= (V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma})_{;\mu} + V^{\sigma\beta} W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu} - V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu}$$

$$= V^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} W_{\beta\sigma} + V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma;\mu} + V^{\sigma\beta} W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu} - V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu}$$

$$= (V^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} + V^{\sigma\beta} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\sigma\mu}) W_{\beta\sigma} + V^{\alpha\beta} (W_{\beta\sigma;\mu} - \cancel{W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu}})$$

Recall that $V^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} = V^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} + V^{\alpha\sigma} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\sigma\mu} + V^{\sigma\beta} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\sigma\mu}$,

$$W_{\beta\sigma;\mu} = W_{\beta\sigma\mu} - W_{\beta\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\tau\mu} - W_{\sigma\tau} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\beta\mu}.$$

So it only remains to show

$$V^{\alpha\sigma} \Gamma^{\beta}_{\sigma\mu} W_{\beta\sigma} - V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\sigma\tau} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\beta\mu} = 0.$$

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Observe that

$$V^{\alpha\sigma} T_{\sigma\mu}^{\beta} W_{\beta\lambda} - V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\sigma\lambda} T_{\beta\mu}^{\sigma} \quad \text{is}$$

written completely in tensors, so we can apply an index change.

~~$$V^{\alpha\sigma}$$~~
$$V^{\alpha\beta} = g_{\sigma}^{\beta} V^{\alpha\sigma}.$$

$$\Rightarrow V^{\alpha\sigma} T_{\sigma\mu}^{\beta} W_{\beta\lambda} - V^{\alpha\beta} W_{\sigma\lambda} T_{\beta\mu}^{\sigma}$$

$$= V^{\alpha\sigma} \left[T_{\sigma\mu}^{\beta} W_{\beta\lambda} - g_{\sigma}^{\beta} W_{\lambda\sigma} T_{\beta\mu}^{\lambda} \right].$$

$$= V^{\alpha\sigma} \left[T_{\sigma\mu}^{\beta} W_{\beta\lambda} - W_{\lambda\sigma} T_{\sigma\mu}^{\lambda} \right].$$

$$= 0.$$