

213(6): The Simplest Commutator Argument for a  
Non-Zero Antisymmetric Connection.

The commutator argument produces the result:

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] \nabla^\rho = R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma - T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} D_\lambda \nabla^\rho \quad (1)$$

$$= -(\Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu}) D_\lambda \nabla^\rho + R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma$$

and  $[D_\nu, D_\mu] \nabla^\rho = -(\Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} - \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu}) D_\lambda \nabla^\rho + R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \nabla^\sigma \quad (2)$

Let  $\Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} = A$ ,  $\Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} = B \quad (3)$

Then:  $[D_\mu, D_\nu] \nabla^\rho = (B - A) D_\lambda \nabla^\rho + \dots \quad (4)$

$$[D_\nu, D_\mu] \nabla^\rho = (A - B) D_\lambda \nabla^\rho + \dots \quad (5)$$

Now let  $\mu = \nu \quad (6)$

Eq (4) gives  $B - A = 0 \quad (7)$

Eq (5) gives  $A - B = 0 \quad (8)$

S.  $B - A = A - B = 0 \quad (9)$

$2A = 2B = 0 \quad (10)$

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The symmetric connection is zero, Q.E.D.