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$$\text{WTS: } \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} F^{\mu\nu}) = -\sqrt{-g} J^\nu \quad \text{is}$$

$$\text{equivalent to } D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -J^\nu$$

$$\partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} F^{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} (-\partial_\mu g) F^{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{-g} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\mu g}{\sqrt{-g}} F^{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{-g} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -\sqrt{-g} J^\nu$$

\Rightarrow WTS

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\mu g}{\sqrt{-g}} F^{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -J^\nu$$

is equivalent to

$$D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = -J^\nu,$$

$$\text{in other words, } D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\mu g}{\sqrt{-g}} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Where as usual, $g \equiv \det(g_{\mu\nu})$.

$$D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu F^{\mu\lambda}$$

$\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$ symmetric in λ, μ ,

$$F^{\mu\lambda} = \partial^\mu F^\lambda - \partial^\lambda F^\mu \text{ antisymmetric}$$

$$= \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\mu F^{\lambda\nu}$$

$$= \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\alpha F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} [g_{\sigma\mu,\alpha} + g_{\sigma\alpha,\mu} - g_{\mu\alpha,\sigma}]$$

\uparrow
symmetric in α, σ

\downarrow
antisymmetric in α, σ

$$= \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} g_{\sigma\alpha,\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\sigma} g_{\sigma\alpha,\mu}$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\mu g}{g} ?$$

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