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Problem 4

Show $[S^{\mu\nu}, S^{\rho\sigma}] = i [g^{\nu\rho} S^{\mu\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho} S^{\nu\sigma} - g^{\nu\sigma} S^{\mu\rho} + g^{\mu\sigma} S^{\nu\rho}]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [S^{\mu\nu}, S^{\rho\sigma}] &= \left(\frac{i}{4}\right)^2 [[\mu, \nu], [\rho, \sigma]] = \left(\frac{i}{4}\right)^2 [\mu\nu - \nu\mu, \rho\sigma - \sigma\rho] \\
 &= \left(\frac{i}{4}\right)^2 \{ [\mu\nu, \rho\sigma] - [\nu\mu, \rho\sigma] - [\mu\nu, \sigma\rho] + [\nu\mu, \sigma\rho] \} \\
 &= \left(\frac{i}{4}\right)^2 \{ \mu\nu\rho\sigma - \rho\sigma\mu\nu - \nu\mu\rho\sigma + \rho\sigma\nu\mu - \mu\nu\sigma\rho + \sigma\rho\mu\nu + \nu\mu\sigma\rho - \sigma\rho\nu\mu \} \\
 &= \left(\frac{i}{4}\right)^2 \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \text{A} & \text{B} & \text{C} \\ \mu\nu\rho\sigma & -\mu\nu\rho\sigma & +\mu\nu\rho\sigma \\ \rho\sigma\mu\nu & -\rho\sigma\mu\nu & -\rho\sigma\mu\nu \\ \nu\mu\rho\sigma & -\nu\mu\rho\sigma & -\nu\mu\rho\sigma \\ \rho\sigma\nu\mu & -\rho\sigma\nu\mu & +\rho\sigma\nu\mu \\ \mu\nu\sigma\rho & -\mu\nu\sigma\rho & -\mu\nu\sigma\rho \\ \sigma\rho\mu\nu & -\sigma\rho\mu\nu & +\sigma\rho\mu\nu \\ \nu\mu\sigma\rho & -\nu\mu\sigma\rho & +\nu\mu\sigma\rho \\ \sigma\rho\nu\mu & -\sigma\rho\nu\mu & -\sigma\rho\nu\mu \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &i[g^{\nu\rho}S^{\mu\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho}S^{\nu\sigma} - g^{\nu\sigma}S^{\mu\rho} + g^{\mu\sigma}S^{\nu\rho}] \\
 &= \frac{(i)^2}{8} (\{ \nu, \rho \} [\mu, \sigma] - \{ \mu, \rho \} [\nu, \sigma] - \{ \nu, \sigma \} [\mu, \rho] + \{ \mu, \sigma \} [\nu, \rho]) \\
 &= \frac{i^2}{8} ((\nu\rho + \rho\nu)(\mu\sigma - \sigma\mu) - (\mu\rho + \rho\mu)(\nu\sigma - \sigma\nu) - (\nu\sigma + \sigma\nu)(\mu\rho - \rho\mu) + (\mu\sigma + \sigma\mu)(\nu\rho - \rho\nu)) \\
 &= \frac{i^2}{8} [\nu\rho\mu\sigma - \nu\rho\sigma\mu + \rho\nu\mu\sigma - \rho\nu\sigma\mu - \mu\rho\nu\sigma + \mu\rho\sigma\nu - \rho\mu\nu\sigma + \rho\mu\sigma\nu \\
 &\quad - \nu\sigma\mu\rho + \nu\sigma\rho\mu - \sigma\nu\mu\rho + \sigma\nu\rho\mu + \mu\sigma\nu\rho - \mu\sigma\rho\nu + \sigma\mu\nu\rho - \sigma\mu\rho\nu]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{i^2}{8} \nu\rho\mu\sigma &= B3 + C3 \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \nu\rho\sigma\mu &= A8 + B4 \\
 \frac{i^2}{8} \rho\nu\mu\sigma &= \textcircled{1} \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \rho\nu\sigma\mu &= A4 + C4 \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \mu\rho\nu\sigma &= A1 + C1 \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \mu\rho\sigma\nu &= A5 + B7 \\
 \frac{i^2}{8} \rho\mu\nu\sigma &= B6 + A2 \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \rho\mu\sigma\nu &= B2 + C2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \nu\sigma\mu\rho &= A7 + C7 \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \nu\sigma\rho\mu &= \textcircled{1} \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \sigma\nu\mu\rho &= B8 + C8 \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \sigma\nu\rho\mu &= \text{ } + \text{ } \textcircled{2} \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \mu\sigma\nu\rho &= B5 + C5 \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \mu\sigma\rho\nu &= \text{ } \textcircled{2} \\
 +\frac{i^2}{8} \sigma\mu\nu\rho &= B1 + A3 \\
 -\frac{i^2}{8} \sigma\mu\rho\nu &= A6 + C6
 \end{aligned}$$

I guess I don't understand: from top $B3 + C3 = -2\nu\rho\mu\sigma$ where?
 $= 2\nu\rho\mu\sigma - 4\nu\sigma\rho\mu$ term you want.

Lastly, the two terms labelled ① and ② sum to zero:

$$\rho\nu\mu\sigma = -\nu\rho\mu\sigma \quad + 2g^{\rho\nu}g^{\mu\sigma} \quad + 2g^{\nu\mu}g^{\rho\sigma} - 2g^{\rho\mu}g^{\nu\sigma} \text{ etc.}$$

$$\rho\nu\mu\sigma = -\nu\rho\mu\sigma = \nu\mu\rho\sigma = -\nu\mu\sigma\rho = \nu\sigma\mu\rho$$

$$= -\nu\sigma\rho\mu \quad (\text{so } \rho\nu\mu\sigma + \nu\sigma\rho\mu = 0)$$

and

$$\sigma\nu\rho\mu = -\sigma\nu\mu\rho = \sigma\mu\nu\rho = -\mu\sigma\nu\rho = \mu\sigma\rho\nu$$

(so $\sigma\nu\rho\mu + \mu\sigma\rho\nu = 0$)

Since you can always add zero to something without changing it, I've accounted for all the terms in $i[g^{\nu\rho}S^{\mu\sigma} - g^{\mu\rho}S^{\nu\sigma} - g^{\mu\sigma}S^{\nu\rho} + g^{\nu\sigma}S^{\mu\rho}]$ and showed they can be combined to form $[S^{\mu\nu}, S^{\rho\sigma}]$.