# The tensor hierarchy of N=1,d=4 gauged supergravity

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Before moving forward, we must impose another constraint on the embedding tensor on top of the two quadratic ones  $Q_{MN}^{\ A} = Q^{AB} = 0$ :

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where  $\mathcal{E}_i$  is the e.o.m. of  $Z^i$ . Both equations, together, imply

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The calculations become horribly complicated and we only check the closure of the local supersymmetry algebra in the ungauged  $\vartheta_M{}^A = 0$  case when there are no symmetries acting on the 1-forms i.e.  $T_{AM}{}^N = 0$ .

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