commutative semigroup

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A semigroup S is *commutative* if the defining binary operation is `http://planetmath.org/Comm`
That is, for all $x, y \in S$, the identity $xy = yx$ holds.

Although the term *Abelian semigroup* is sometimes used, it is more common simply to refer to such semigroups as *commutative semigroups*.

A monoid which is also a commutative semigroup is called a *commutative monoid*.