

Definition (Trace of an endomorphism)

Let $\langle \mathbf{C}, \otimes, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{C}}, \text{br} \rangle$ be a symmetric monoidal category. Let $X \in \text{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$ be dualizable and let $f \in \text{Hom}(X, X)$. The *trace* of f is the morphism $\text{Tr}(f) \in \text{Hom}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$ defined by

$$\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\text{coev}_X} X \otimes X^\vee \xrightarrow{f \otimes \text{id}_{X^\vee}} X \otimes X^\vee \xrightarrow{\text{br}} X^\vee \otimes X \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_X} \mathbf{1}$$