Definition (Trace of a generalized endomorphism). Let $\langle \mathbf{C}, \otimes_{\mathbf{C}}, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{C}}, \mathrm{br} \rangle$ be a symmetric monoidal category. Let $X \in \mathrm{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$ be dualizable and let $f \in \mathrm{Hom}(Y \otimes X, Z \otimes X)$. The *trace over X* of f is the morphism $\mathrm{Tr}_{Y,Z}^{X}(f) \in \mathrm{Hom}(Y, Z)$ defined by

$$Y \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_Y \otimes \eta_X} Y \otimes X \otimes X^{\vee} \xrightarrow{f \otimes \mathrm{id}_{X^{\vee}}} Z \otimes X \otimes X^{\vee} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_Z \otimes \mathrm{br}} Z \otimes X^{\vee} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_Z \otimes \epsilon_X} Z.$$