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Definition

A rhetorical device in poetry where the final part of the first hemistich matches the final part of the second hemistich in meter, vowel, and rhyme. This produces a harmonious and balanced auditory effect. This technique is used to enhance musicality and symmetry.^[1]

When the rhyme between the two hemistichs occurs only in the first line of a poem (as is common in classical Arabic poetry), this is a separate prosodic device called *taṣrīʿ* which serves a formal role in setting the rhyme scheme.^[2] This is considered a prosodic convention, not a rhetorical figure.

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