

# Randomary Nth Contractibility

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*In this paper I show that randomary numbers are Nth contractible if they have the same sign for `N`.*

Assume the following equation:

$$-1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j$$

It is not allowed to add or subtract randomary numbers to both sides of the equation.

For example, this is invalid:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \quad (+ \mathbf{r}_j) \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + 2\mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_i \end{array}$$

However, the following is valid for any `n`:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \quad (+ n\mathbf{r}_k) \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j + n\mathbf{r}_k & = & \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j + n\mathbf{r}_k \end{array}$$

If it is valid for any `n`, then it is valid for any `n + 1`.

This means that `r\_k` can be added or subtracted to both sides later.

Why is not the same possible for `r\_j`?

This is because some randomary numbers are equal but non-contractible along a dimension.

Two randomary numbers are Nth contractible if they have the same sign for `N`.

For example, the following is valid:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \quad (- \mathbf{r}_i) \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_j & = & -\mathbf{r}_j \end{array}$$

Now, one can use the commutation of indices to solve the equation correctly:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \quad (\mathbf{r}_{i-j} = \mathbf{r}_{j-i}) \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j & = & \mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i \quad (+ \mathbf{r}_j) \\ -1 + \mathbf{r}_i + 2\mathbf{r}_j & = & 2\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i \end{array}$$