

# Trivial Commutative Symmetry

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A function `f` has trivial commutative symmetry for some symmetry operator `g` when:

$$f[g \times g \rightarrow \text{id}] \Leftrightarrow f$$

For example:

$$\text{mul}(\text{neg}(a), \text{neg}(b)) = \text{mul}(a, b)$$

Notice that since the arguments are not swapped, this also holds when multiplication is anti-commutative.

In exterior algebra, the exterior product is anti-commutative, yet it has trivial commutative symmetry:

$$\therefore ((-a)\mathbf{e}_1 + (-b)\mathbf{e}_2) \wedge ((-c)\mathbf{e}_1 + (-d)\mathbf{e}_2)$$

$$\therefore ((-a)(-d) - (-b)(-c)) \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$\therefore (ad - bc) \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$\therefore (a\mathbf{e}_1 + b\mathbf{e}_2) \wedge (c\mathbf{e}_1 + d\mathbf{e}_2) = (ad - bc) \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2$$