Solutions to Sakurai Chapter 1

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Start by adding and subracting three terms to the commutation relation.

$$[AB,CD] = ABCD - CDAB$$
 (1)

$$= ABCD - CDAB + ACBD - ACBD + CADB - CADB + ACDB - ACDB$$
 (2)

$$= ABCD + ACBD - ACBD - ACDB - CDAB - CADB + CADB + ACDB$$
 (3)

$$= AC, BD - ACD, B - CD, AB + CADB \tag{4}$$

(3)