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identity reaction

Synonym: degenerate chemical reaction

A chemical reaction whose products are chemically identical with the reactants, for example the bimolecular self exchange reaction of CH_3I with I^-.

See also: degenerate rearrangement

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