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dy·ad  (dī ăd', -əd)

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n.

1. Two individuals or units regarded as a pair: *the mother-daughter dyad*.
2. *Biology* One pair of homologous chromosomes resulting from the division of a tetrad during meiosis.
3. *Mathematics*

a. A function that draws a correspondence from any vector **u** to the vector **(v·u)w** and is denoted **vw**, where **v** and **w** are a fixed pair of vectors and **v·u** is the scalar product of **v** and **u**. For example, if **v** = (2,3,1), **w** = (0,-1,4), and **u** = (a,b,c), then the dyad **vw** draws a correspondence from **u** to (2a + 3b + c)**w**.

b. A tensor formed from a vector in a vector space and a linear functional on that vector space.

adj.

Made up of two units.

[From Greek *duas*, *duad*-, from *duo*, two; see **dwo**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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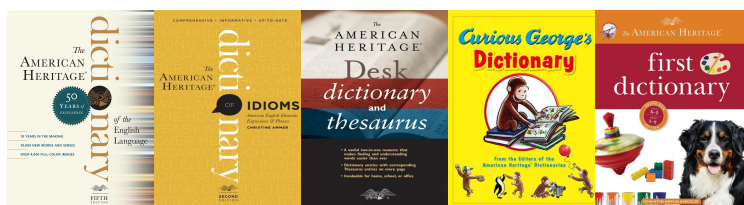
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