

# Rectilinear

adjective: characterized by a straight line or lines

"**Rectilinear**, oscillatory, and vibratory motions are like the chords in music that have a [note in common](#); but while these motions are like each other in one or two particulars, they are unlike perhaps in ten others; and to suppose that that they are like where they are unlike is inevitable error." [[Scientific Basis and Build of Music](#), page 24]

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