Unison

One or "As One", same as; in sympathy or Love.

(1) Having the same number of vibrations; homophonous.

(2) Music in octaves for mixed voices or instruments.

(3) **Unisons**; two or more parts playing in **unison** with each other, or at the octave, according to the character of the instrument or voice." [A Dictionary of Musical Terms; Novello, Ewer and Co., London, pre-1900]

Ramsay

Nine-tenths of a string, if stopped and acted on, gives a tone the ratio of 9:10, but if touched and acted on as a harmonic it gives a note which is three octaves and a major third above the whole string. If the remaining tenth of the string be acted on either as a stopped note or a harmonic it will give the same note which is three octaves and a major third above the whole string the ratio of 1:10, so that the stopped note of one-tenth and the harmonic of nine-tenths are the same. Indeed the bow acting on stopped note of one-tenth, on harmonic of nine-tenths, or on harmonic of one-tenth, produces the same note, as the note is the production of one-tenth in each case; for in the harmonic, whether you bow on the nine-tenths or the one-tenth, while it is true that the whole string is brought into play, yet by the law of sympathy which permeates the entire string, it vibrates in ten sections of one-tenth each, all vibrating in **unison**. This is what gives the harmonic note its peculiar brilliancy. [Scientific Basis and Build of Music, page 92]

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