

Book 10

Proposition 24

A rectangle contained by medial straight-lines (which are) commensurable in length is medial.

For let the rectangle AC be contained by the medial straight-lines AB and BC (which are) commensurable in length. I say that AC is medial.

For let the square AD have been described on AB . AD is thus medial [see previous footnote]. And since AB is commensurable in length with BC , and AB (is) equal to BD , DB is thus also commensurable in length with BC . Hence, DA is also commensurable with AC [Props. 6.1, 10.11]. And DA (is) medial. Thus, AC (is) also medial [Prop. 10.23 corr.]. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.

