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adj.

Zoology

1. Enclosed within a hard shell, usually the skin of the last larval instar. Used of an insect pupa.
2. Constricted, narrowed, or compressed, as a segment of a blood vessel.

[Latin *coarctātus*, past participle of *coarctāre*, to compress, alteration of *coartāre* : *co-*, *co-* + *artāre*, to compress (from *artus*, tight, confined; see *ar-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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