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adj.

Diagonal.

adv.

In a diagonal position.

[From obsolete *cater*, four at dice, from Middle English, from Old French *catre*, four, from Latin *quattuor*; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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