An unsaturated fatty acid is a fatty acid whose molecule contains one or more carbon-carbon multiple bonds. (In naturally occurring unsaturated fatty acids, all carbon-carbon multiple bonds are double bonds.)

eg:

![Diagram of oleic acid](image1)

![Diagram of linoleic acid](image2)

see also saturated fatty acid, omega-3 fatty acid, omega-6 fatty acid

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