



# Advanced Stereochemistry

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# Syllabus

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## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY SPECIALIZATION CH-401: Paper XIII (Special I-Organic Chemistry)

Unit III: 15 h

A] Advanced Stereochemistry:

❖ Conformation of sugars, monosaccharides, disaccharides, mutarotation,

❖ Recapitulation of Stereochemical concepts- enantiomers, diastereomers, homotopic and heterotopic ligands, Chemo-, regio-, diastereo- and enantio-controlled approaches;

❖ Chirality transfer,

❖ Stereoselective addition of nucleophiles to carbonyl group:

Re-Si face concepts,

Models: Cram's rule, Felkin Anh rule, Houk model, Cram's chelate model.

Asymmetric synthesis use of chiral auxiliaries,

asymmetric hydrogenation,

asymmetric epoxidation

asymmetric dihydroxylation,

# Unit 3 - Stereochemistry

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- Stereoisomers
- Chirality
- (R) and (S) Nomenclature
- Depicting Asymmetric Carbons
- Diastereomers
- Fischer Projections
- Stereochemical Relationships
- Optical Activity
- Resolution of Enantiomers

# Stereochemistry

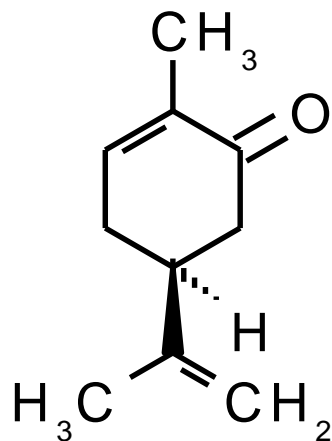
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- **Stereochemistry:**
  - The study of the three-dimensional structure of molecules
- **Structural (constitutional) isomers:**
  - same molecular formula but different bonding sequence
- **Stereoisomers:**
  - same molecular formula, same bonding sequence, different spatial orientation

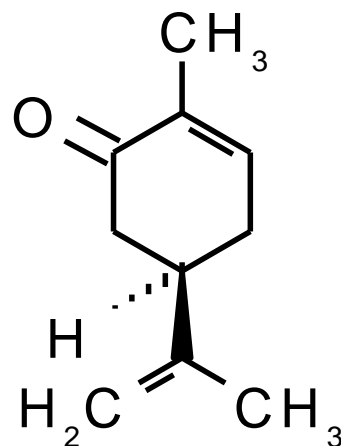
# Stereochemistry

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- Stereochemistry plays an important role in determining the properties and reactions of organic compounds:



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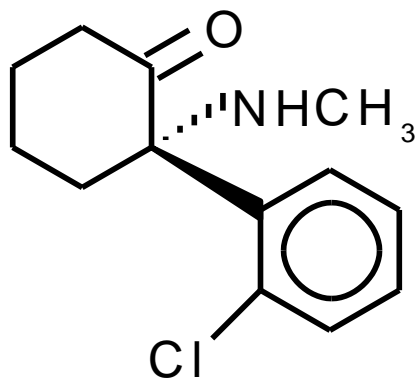


**spearmint**

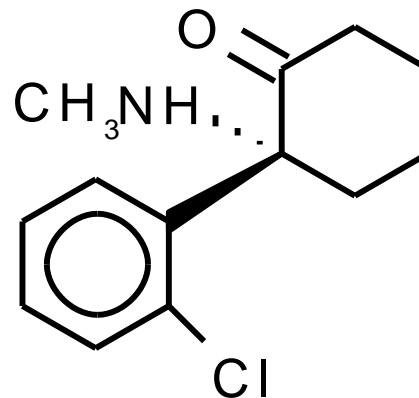
# Stereochemistry

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- The properties of many drugs depends on their stereochemistry:



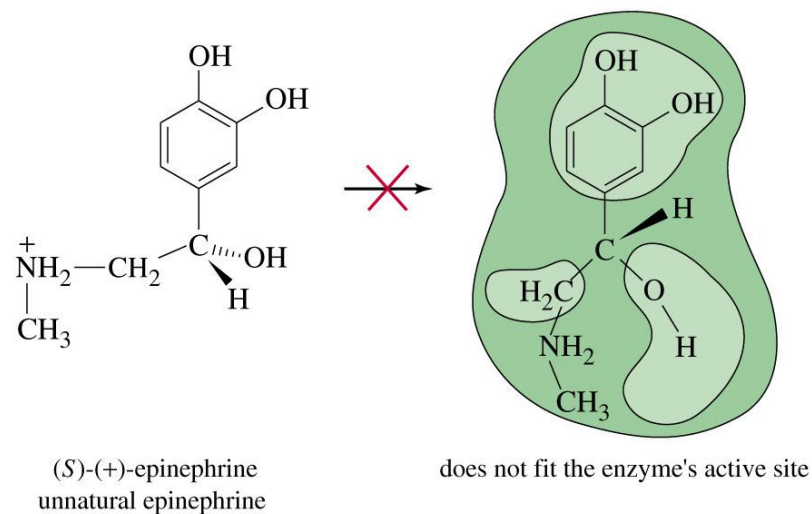
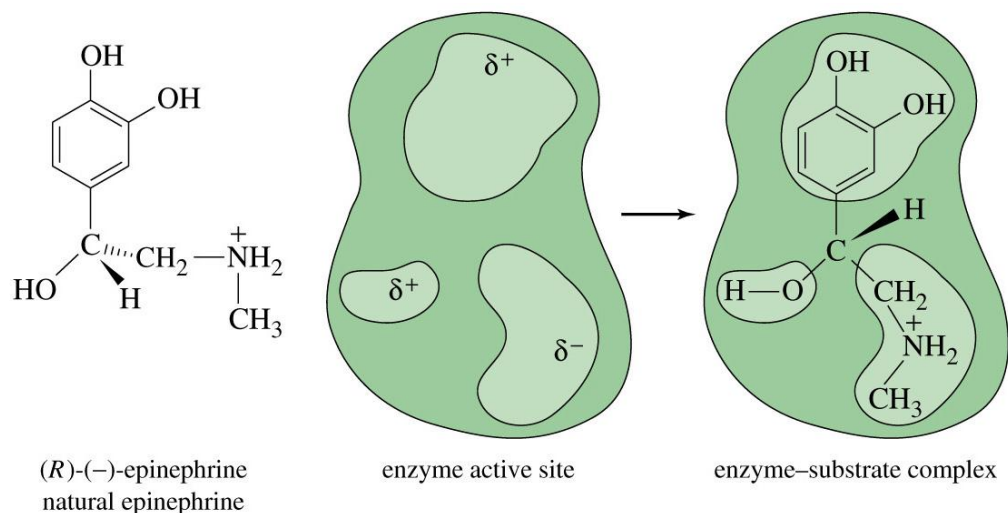
**(S)-ketamine**  
**anesthetic**



**(R)-ketamine**  
**hallucinogen**

# Stereochemistry

- Enzymes are capable of distinguishing between stereoisomers:



# Types of Stereoisomers

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- Two types of stereoisomers:
  - **enantiomers**
    - two compounds that are nonsuperimposable mirror images of each other
  - **diastereomers**
    - Two stereoisomers that are not mirror images of each other
    - **Geometric isomers** (cis-trans isomers) are one type of diastereomer.



# Chiral

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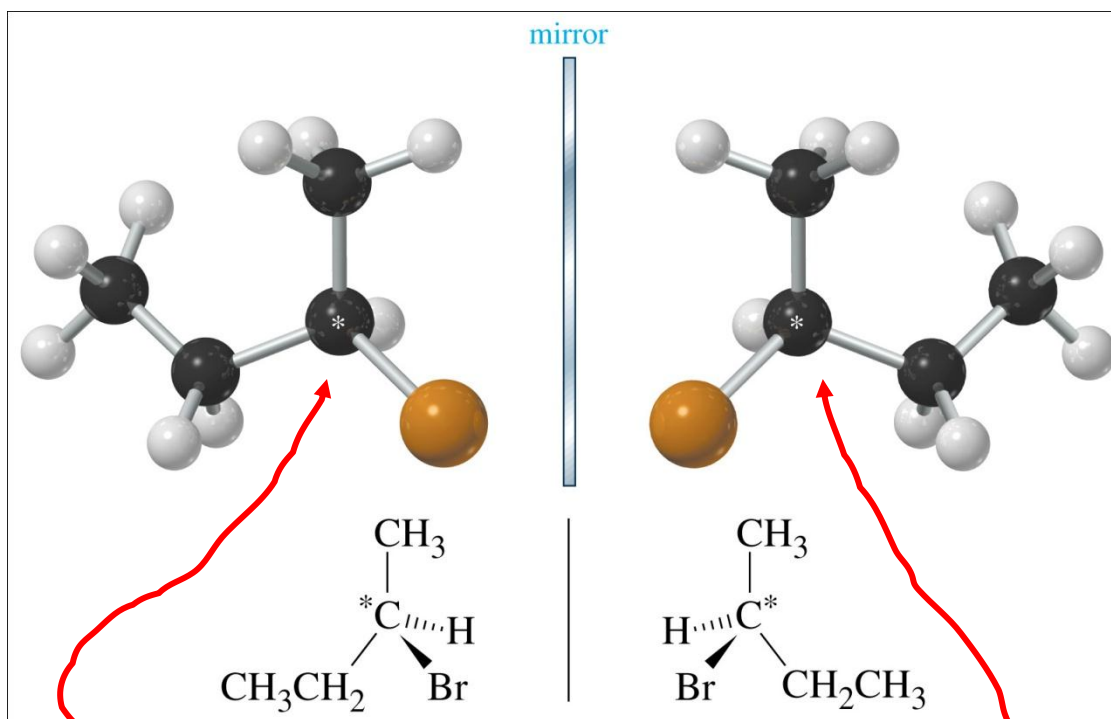
- Enantiomers are **chiral**:
  - **Chiral**:
    - Not superimposable on its mirror image
- Many natural and man-made objects are chiral:
  - **hands**
  - **scissors**
  - **screws** (left-handed vs. right-handed threads)



Right hand threads  
slope up to the right.

# Chiral

- Some molecules are **chiral**:



**Asymmetric  
(chiral) carbon**

# Asymmetric Carbons

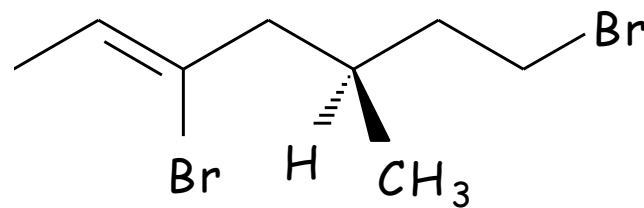
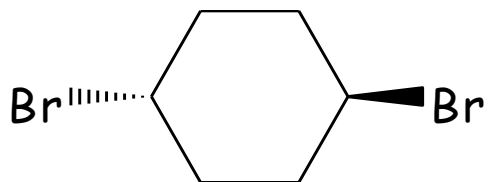
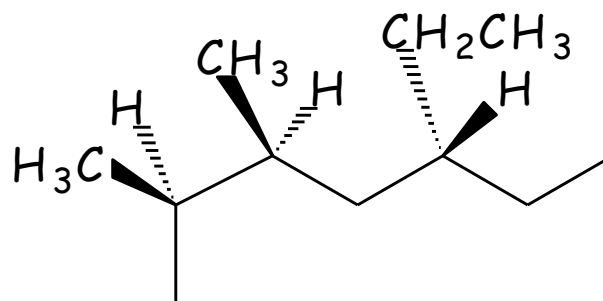
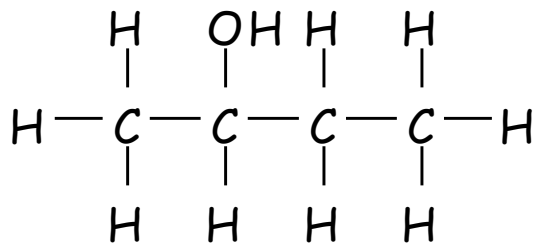
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- The most common feature that leads to chirality in organic compounds is the presence of an **asymmetric (or chiral) carbon atom**.
  - A carbon atom that is bonded to four different groups
- **In general:**
  - no asymmetric C → usually achiral
  - 1 asymmetric C → always chiral
  - ≥ 2 asymmetric C → may or may not be chiral

# Asymmetric Carbons

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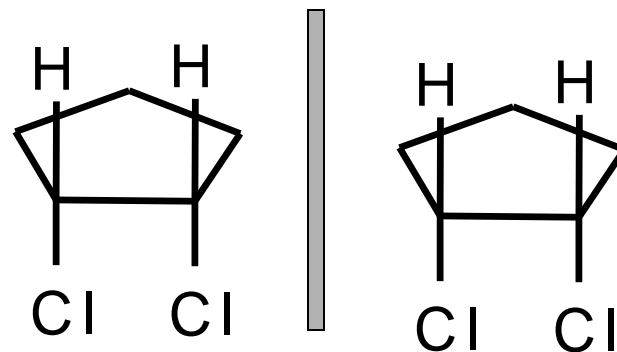
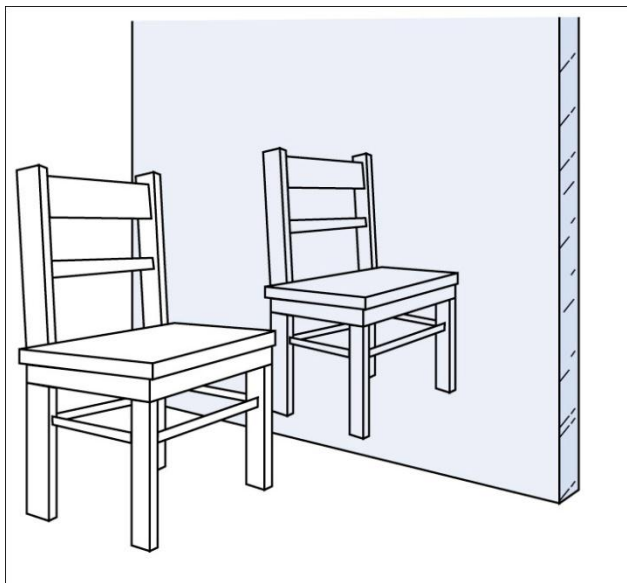
**Example:** Identify all asymmetric carbons present in the following compounds.



# Achiral

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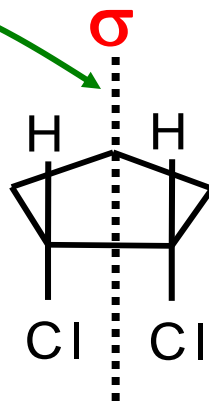
- Many molecules and objects are **achiral**:
  - identical to its mirror image
  - not chiral



# Internal Plane of Symmetry

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- Cis-1,2-dichlorocyclopentane contains two asymmetric carbons but is achiral.
  - contains an **internal mirror plane of symmetry**



- Any molecule that has an internal mirror plane of symmetry is achiral even if it contains asymmetric carbon atoms.

# Internal Plane of Symmetry

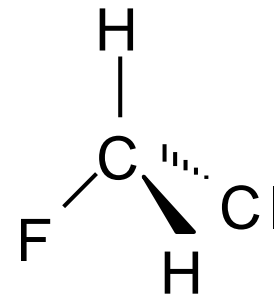
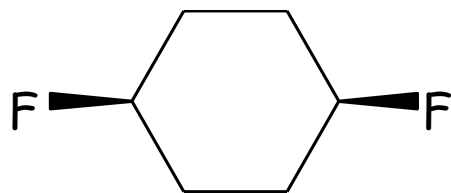
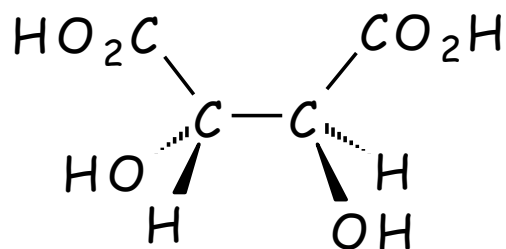
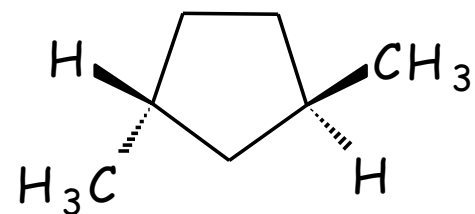
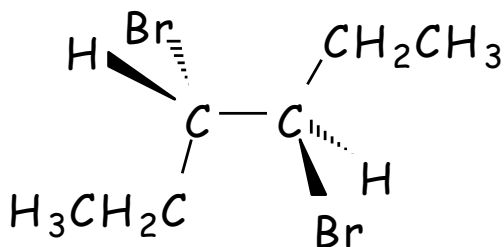
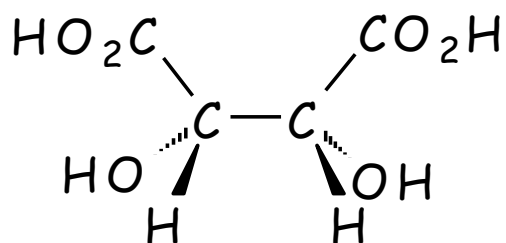
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- Cis-1,2-dichlorocyclopentane is a **meso compound**:
  - an achiral compound that contains chiral centers
  - often contains an internal mirror plane of symmetry

# Internal Plane of Symmetry

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**Example:** Which of the following compounds contain an internal mirror plane of symmetry?





# Chiral vs. Achiral

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- To determine if a compound is chiral:
  - 0 asymmetric carbons: → Usually achiral
  - 1 asymmetric carbon: → Always chiral
  - 2 asymmetric carbons: → Chiral or achiral
    - Does the compound have an internal plane of symmetry?
      - Yes: → achiral
      - No:
        - If mirror image is non-superimposable, then it's chiral.
        - If mirror image is superimposable, then it's achiral.

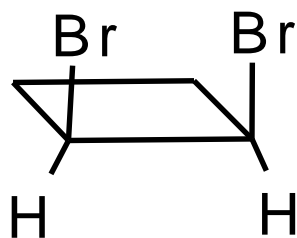
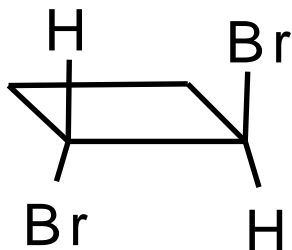
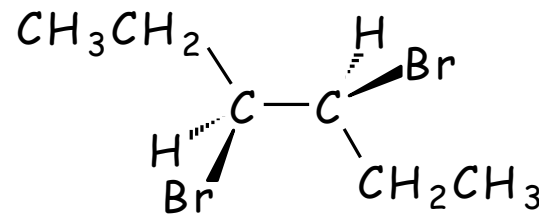
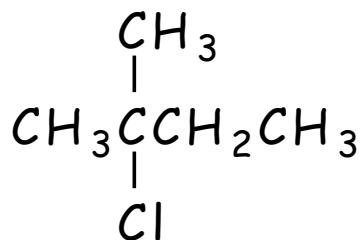
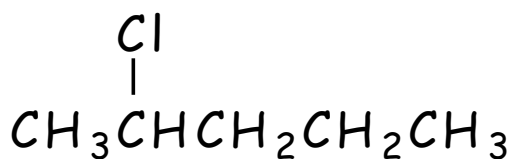
# Conformationally Mobile Systems

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- Alkanes and cycloalkanes are conformationally mobile.
  - rapidly converting from one conformation to another
- In order to determine whether a cycloalkane is chiral, draw its most symmetrical conformation (a flat ring).

# Chiral vs. Achiral

**Example:** Identify the following molecules as chiral or achiral.



**trans-1,3-dibromocyclohexane**  
**ethylcyclohexane**

# (R) And (S) Nomenclature

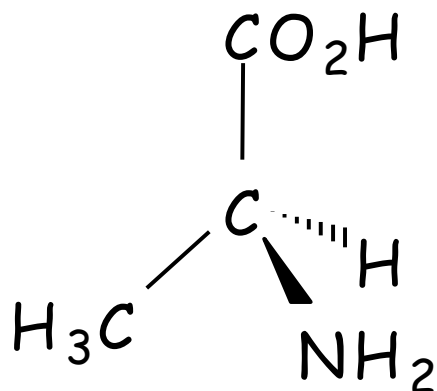
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- Stereoisomers are different compounds and often have different properties.
- Each stereoisomer must have a unique name.
- The Cahn-Ingold-Prelog convention is used to identify the configuration of each asymmetric carbon atom present in a stereoisomer.
  - (R) and (S) configuration

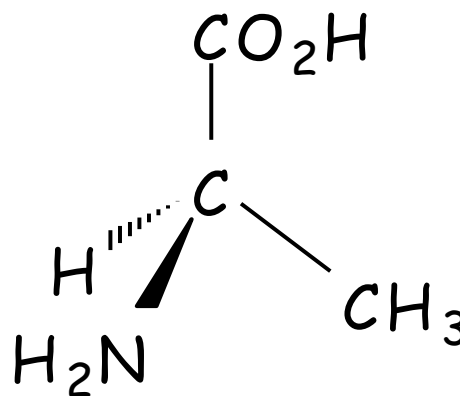
# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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- The two enantiomers of alanine are:



**Natural alanine**  
**(S)-alanine**



**Unnatural alanine**  
**(R)-alanine**

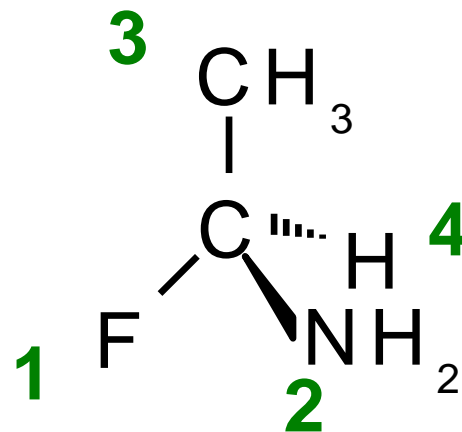
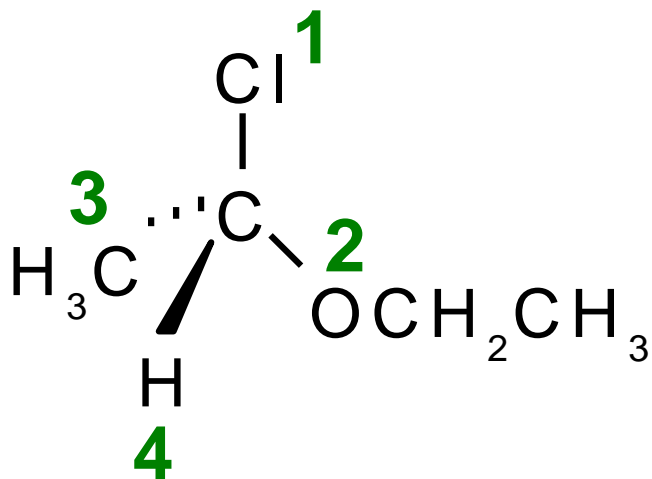
# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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- Assign a numerical priority to each group bonded to the asymmetric carbon:
  - group 1 = highest priority
  - group 4 = lowest priority
- Rules for assigning priorities:
  - Compare the first atom in each group (i.e. the atom directly bonded to the asymmetric carbon)
    - Atoms with higher atomic numbers have higher priority

# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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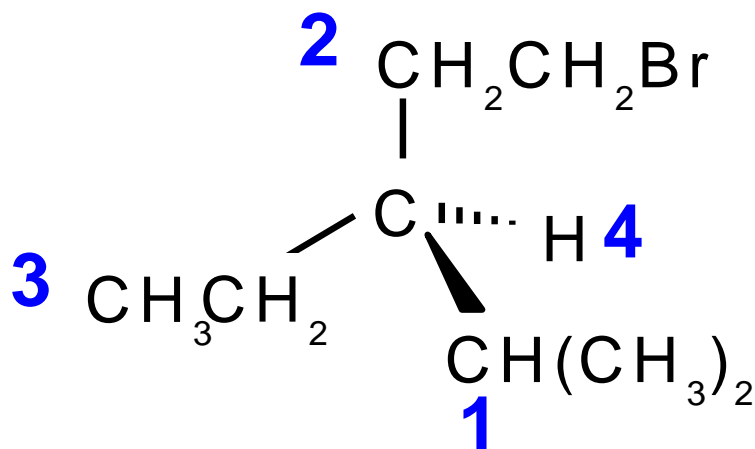
Example priorities:

I > Br > Cl > S > F > O > N > <sup>13</sup>C > <sup>12</sup>C > <sup>3</sup>H > <sup>2</sup>H > <sup>1</sup>H

# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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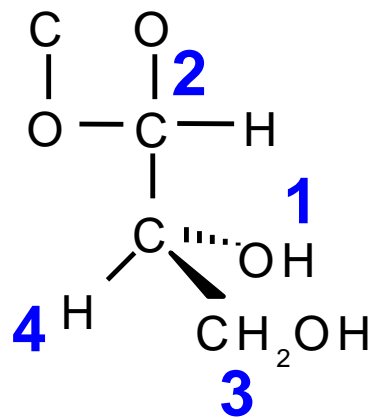
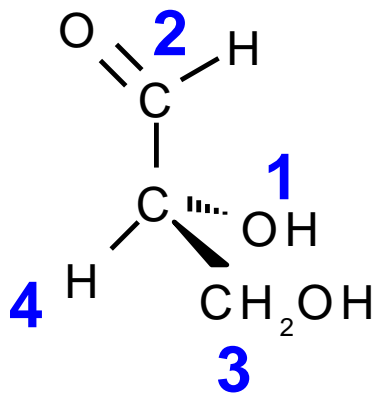
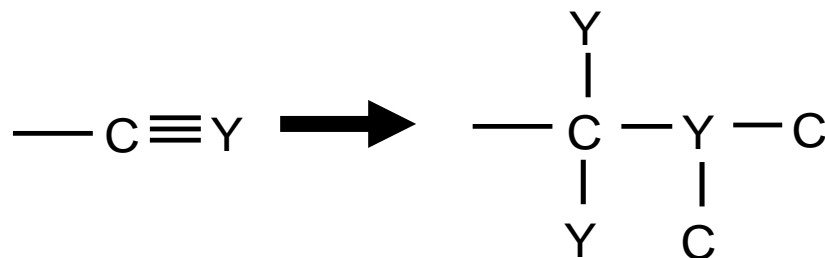
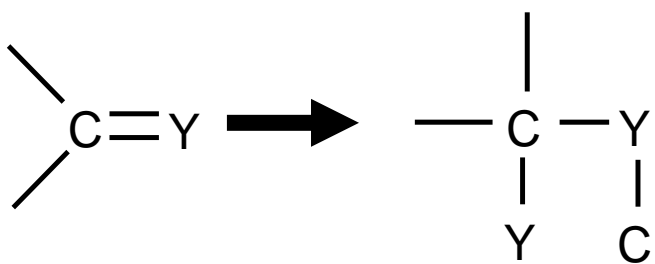
- In case of ties, use the next atoms along the chain as tiebreakers.







# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

- Treat double and triple bonds as if both atoms in the bond were duplicated or triplicated:



# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

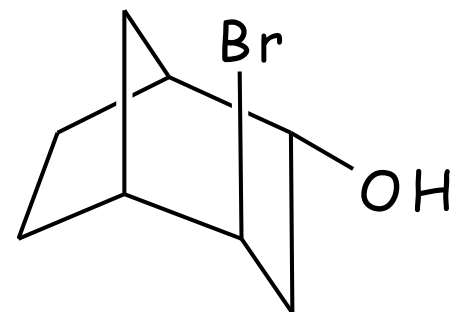
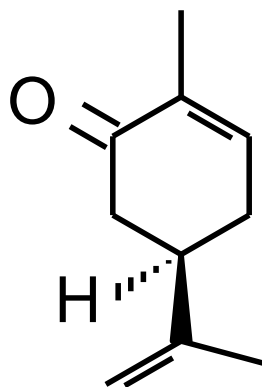
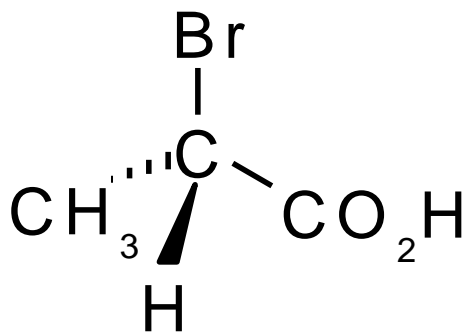
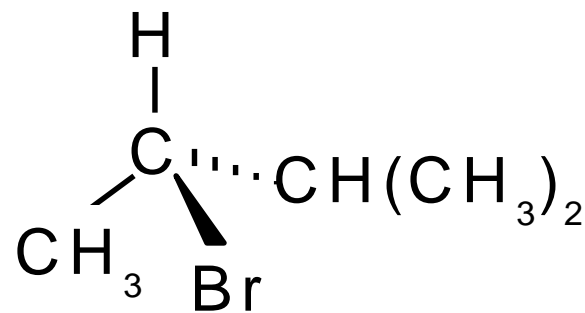
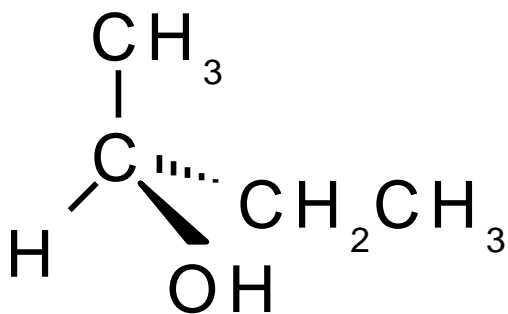
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- Using a 3-D drawing or model, put the 4th priority group in back.
- Look at the molecule along the bond between the asymmetric carbon and the 4th priority group.
- Draw an arrow from the 1<sup>st</sup> priority group to the 2<sup>nd</sup> group to the 3<sup>rd</sup> group.
  - Clockwise arrow  (R) configuration
  - Counterclockwise arrow  (S) configuration

# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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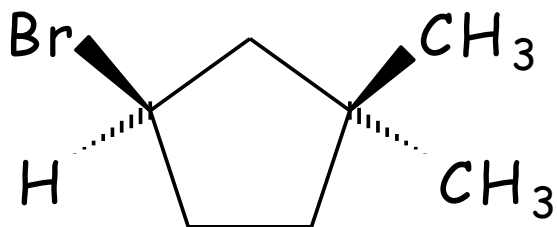
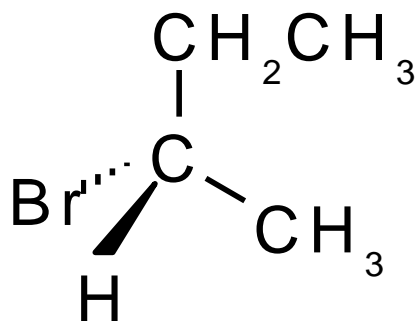
**Example:** Identify the asymmetric carbon(s) in each of the following compounds and determine whether it has the (R) or (S) configuration.



# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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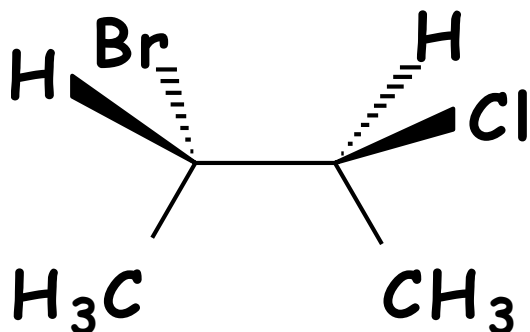
**Example:** Name the following compounds.



# (R) and (S) Nomenclature

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- When naming compounds containing multiple chiral atoms, you must give the configuration around each chiral atom:
  - position number and configuration of each chiral atom in numerical order, separated by commas, all in ( ) at the start of the compound name



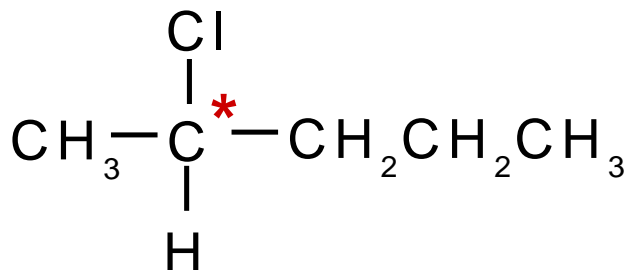
**(2S, 3S)-2-bromo-3-chlorobutane**

# Depicting Structures with Asymmetric Carbons

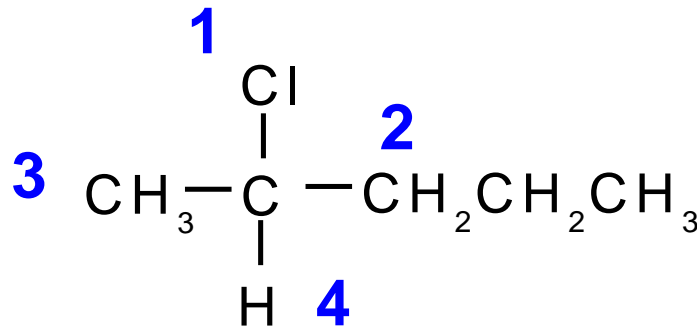
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**Example:** Draw a 3-dimensional formula for (R)-2-chloropentane.

**Step 1:** Identify the asymmetric carbon.



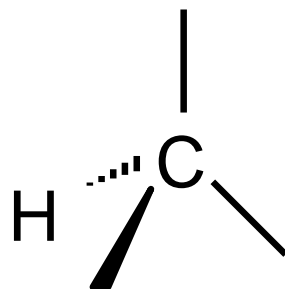
**Step 2:** Assign priorities to each group attached to the asymmetric carbon.



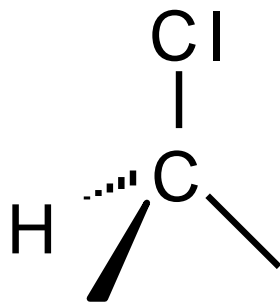
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**Step 3:** Draw a "skeleton" with the asymmetric carbon in the center and the lowest priority group attached to the "dashed" wedge (i.e. pointing away from you).



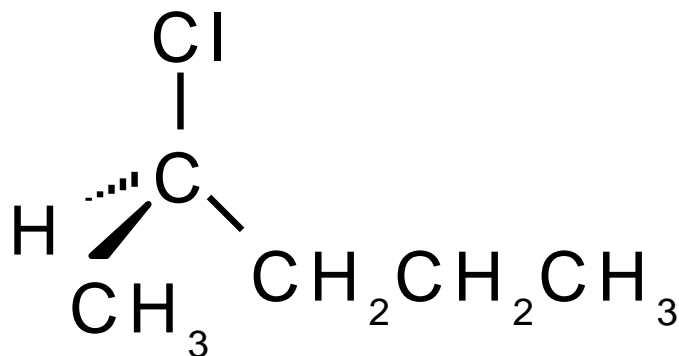
**Step 4:** Place the highest priority group at the top.



# Depicting Structures with Asymmetric Carbons

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**Step 5:** For (R) configuration, place the 2nd and 3rd priority groups around the asymmetric carbon in a clockwise direction.



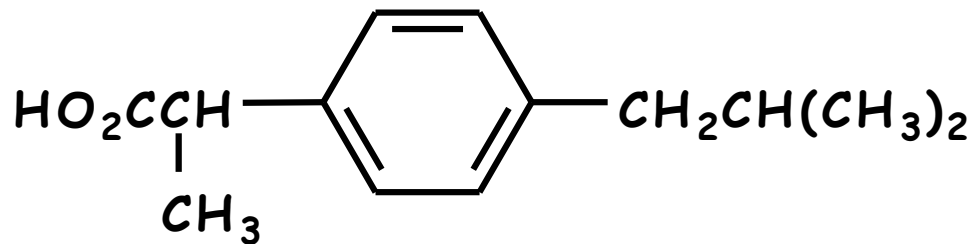
**Step 6:** Double-check your structure to make sure that it has the right groups and the right configuration.



# Depicting Structures with Asymmetric Carbons

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**Example:** The R-enantiomer of ibuprofen is not biologically active but is rapidly converted to the active (S) enantiomer by the body. Draw the structure of the R-enantiomer.



# Depicting Structures with Asymmetric Carbons

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**Example:** Captopril, used to treat high blood pressure, has two asymmetric carbons, both with the *S* configuration. Draw its structure.

