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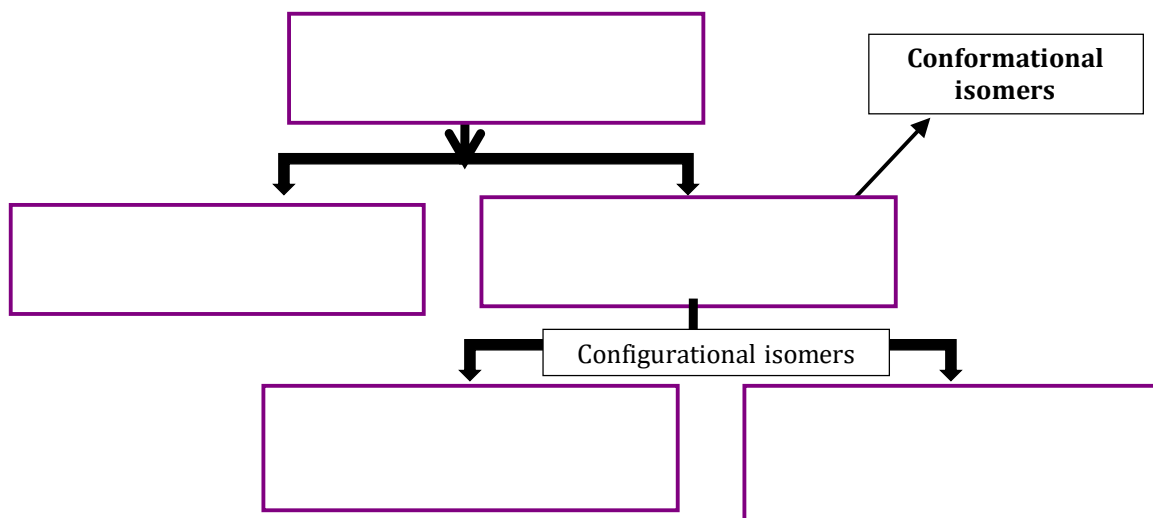
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Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Types of Isomerism



Notes

**Stereoisomers:**

(A)

**Conformational stereoisomers:**

(B)

- staggered and eclipsed conformers
- *gauche* and *anti* conformers
- Chair or boat chair conformers of cyclohexane

**Configurational stereoisomers:**

(C)

NOW:

**enantiomers:**

(D)

**diastereomers:**

(E)

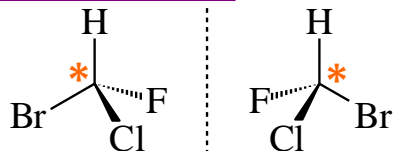
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Molecules with “handedness” possess

(A)

and are

(B)



These are nonsuperimposable mirror images; using definitions on the previous slide, this is a pair of **enantiomers** (“left- and right-handed” isomers). The molecule is chiral and possesses a **chiral (stereogenic) center** (also called a **stereocenter**). These centers can be labeled with asterisks for clarity.

(C)

Notes

Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Identifying Stereocenters and Chirality

**A** For a carbon atom to be a stereocenter it must:

**B**

A molecule WITHOUT a stereocenter is

**C**

If the molecule has a **plane of symmetry** it is

**D**

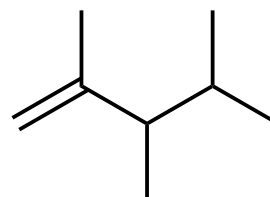
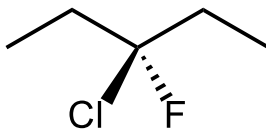
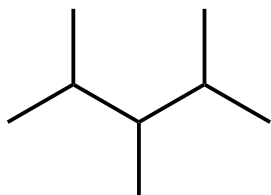
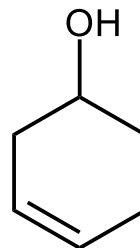
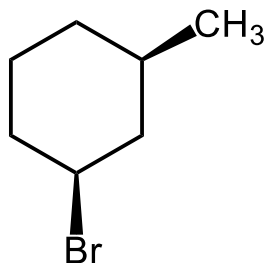
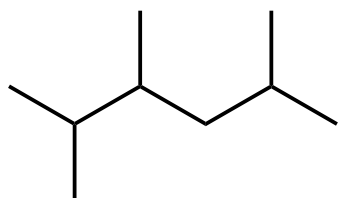
A molecule with a stereocenter **and** a plane of symmetry is achiral.

**E** example:

Such compounds are called **meso** compounds.

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Mark the stereocenters with asterisks.



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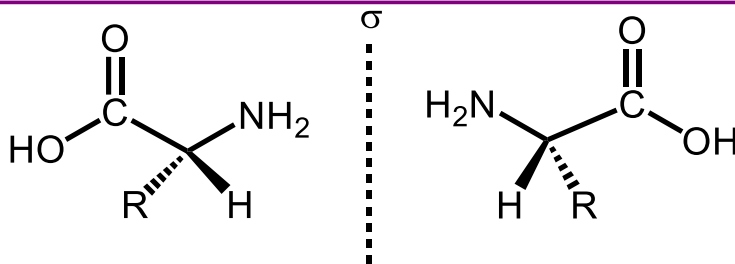
Many physical properties of enantiomers are **IDENTICAL**

(A)

Two Enantiomers can interact very differently with other chiral molecules. **This is especially important in biological systems!**

1. Amino acids

(B)

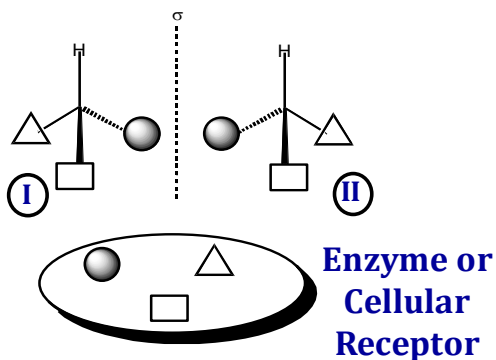


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2. Enzymes/cellular signaling

A



3. Drugs

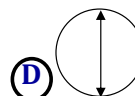
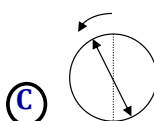
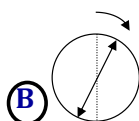
B

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Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Distinguishing Enantiomers

If many physical properties are identical, we use to distinguish two enantiomers?

**A**



Notes

**Optically inactive:**

(A)

**Optically pure:**

(C)

**Optical purity:**

(B)

(a sample with 80% enantiomer 'X' and 20% enantiomer 'Y' has 60% e.e. or 60% optical purity)

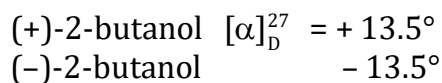
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Enantiomers of different compounds rotate light by different amounts, so an optically pure compound has a characteristic **specific rotation**  $[\alpha]$ . Two enantiomers of the same compound have **specific rotations** with the same magnitude but in opposite directions. The equation used to calculate the specific rotation is:

$$[\alpha]_D^T = \frac{\alpha}{cl}$$

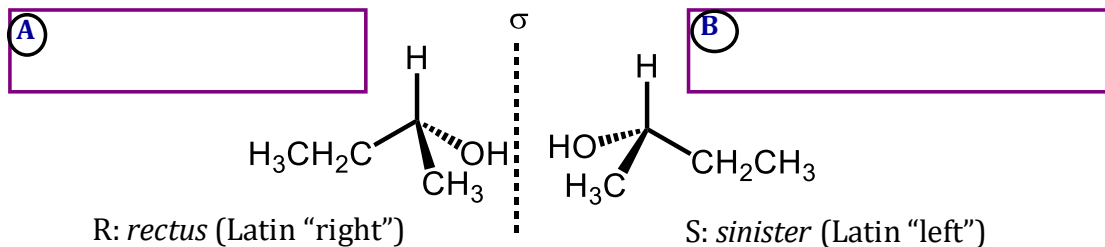
The diagram illustrates the equation  $[\alpha]_D^T = \frac{\alpha}{cl}$  with labels for each variable:

- $[\alpha]_D^T$ : Type of light used (sodium D line)
- $T$ : temperature
- $\alpha$ : observed rotation (degrees)
- $l$ : path length (dm)
- $c$ : concentration (g/mL solution)



Notes

We obviously need a convention to designate the **absolute configuration** of a given molecule.



Whether the configuration of a chiral center is *R* or *S* depends only on

**C**

and is **NOT** determined by

**D**

So, we need a convention for assigning “priority” to the units that are attached to a chiral atom ...

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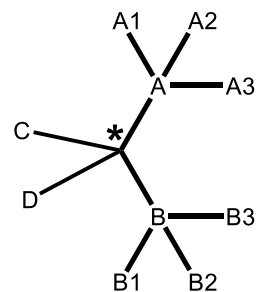
**Priority Rules:**

1. First look at atom directly attached to the stereogenic atom

**A**

2. If same atomic number, higher mass = higher priority (D > H,  $^{13}\text{C}$  >  $^{12}\text{C}$ , etc.)

3. If atoms A and B are identical, move to highest priority atom attached to A and B until a break in the tie is found (first compare A1 to B1 priority. If tie, compare A2 to B2. If tie, compare A3 to B3, etc.)

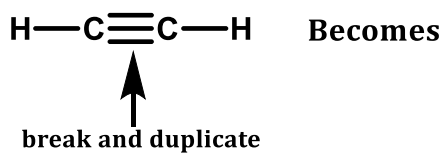


4. For Example:

**B**

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4. If a substituent is doubly or triply bonded to another atom, use the 'break and duplicate' strategy to create 'false atoms' as a visual aid to prioritize:

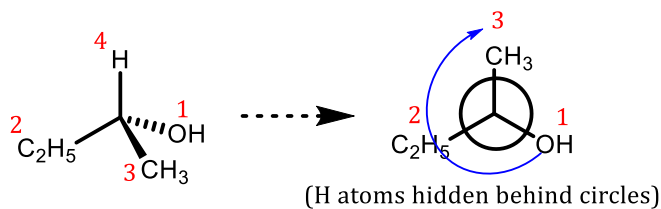


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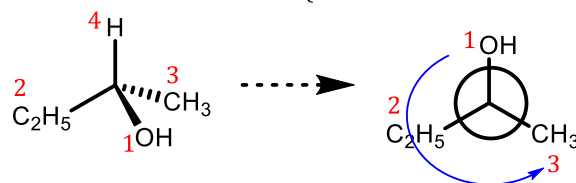
(B)

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1.  (using CIP rules)
2. Point the **lowest** priority group away from you
3. Determine the direction of procession from **1-2-3** priorities:



Clockwise 1-2-3:

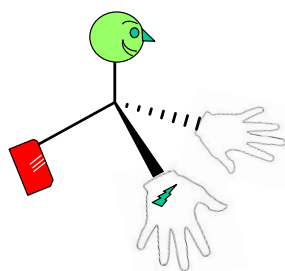
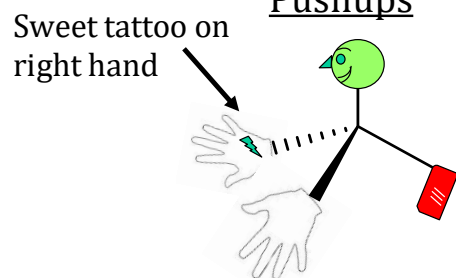


Counterclockwise 1-2-3:

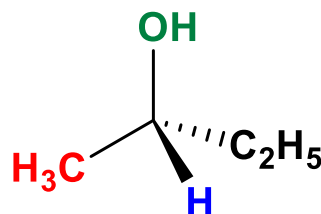
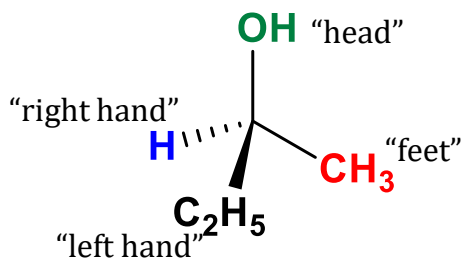
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Chiral Athlete Doing  
Pushups



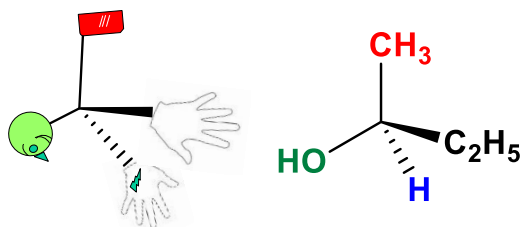
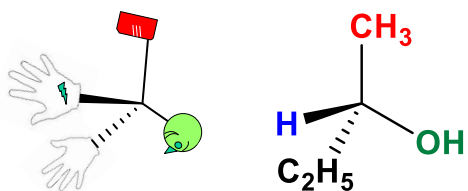
Chiral Molecule ... Doing  
Pushups (?)



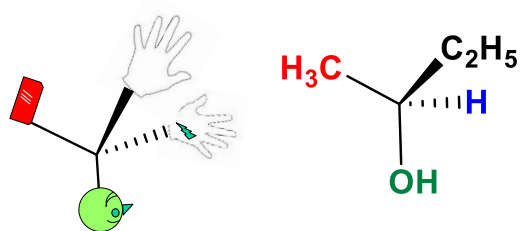
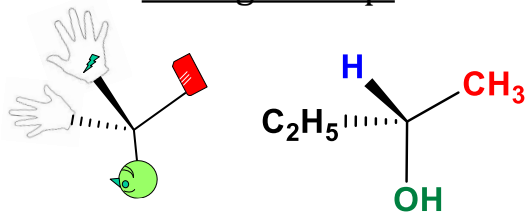
**We need a way to visualize rotation of a chiral molecule without losing stereochemical information**

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Hand-Stand

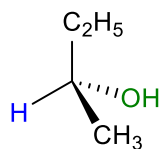
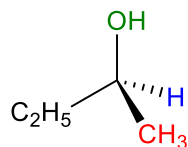
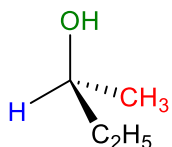
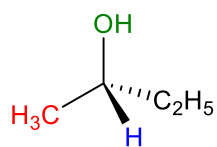


Ceiling Pushup!

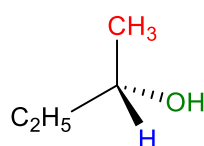
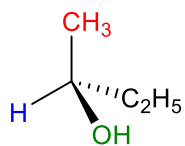
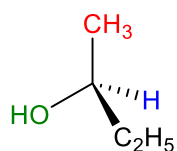
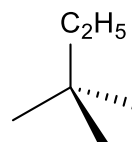
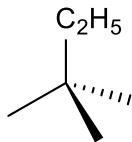


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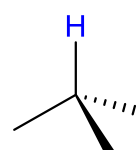
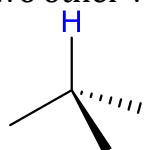
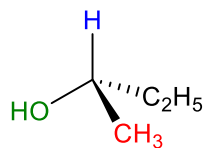
Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Many Ways to Draw (S)-2-butanol



(A) Two other ways:



(B) Two other ways:



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Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Fischer Projections

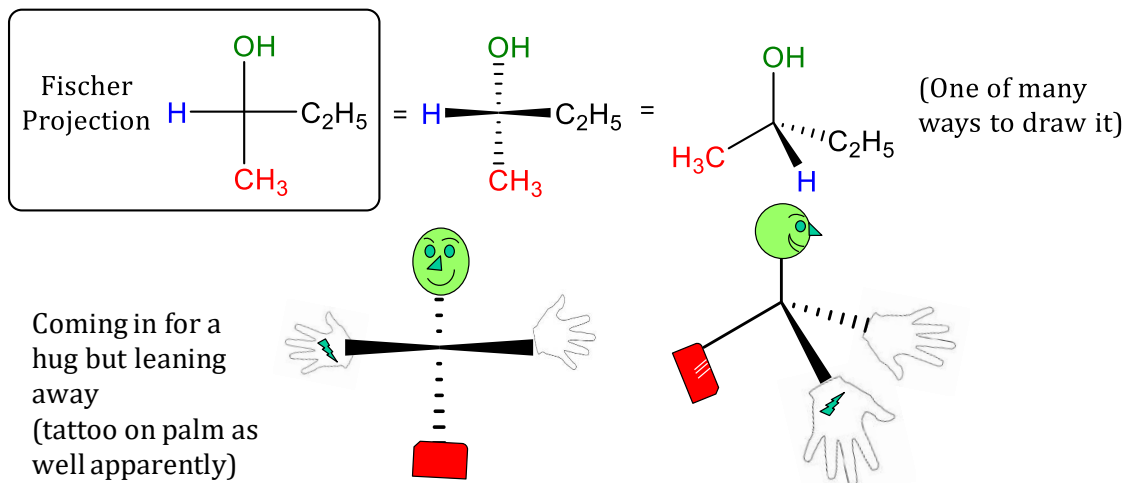
In addition to standard dash-wedge notation, a **Fischer projection** can show 3D shape.

In a Fischer projection, horizontal lines:

(A)

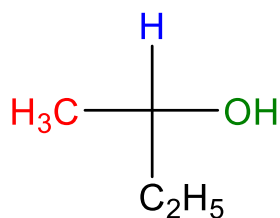
Vertical lines:

(B)



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Lecture Topic I.17-20: Stereochemistry  
Determining R and S with Fischer Projections



(A) Name:

Convert to wedge and dash structure (several correct representations):

(B)

Fischer Projection and Wedge/Hashed Lines for (*R*)-3-methylheptane:

(C)

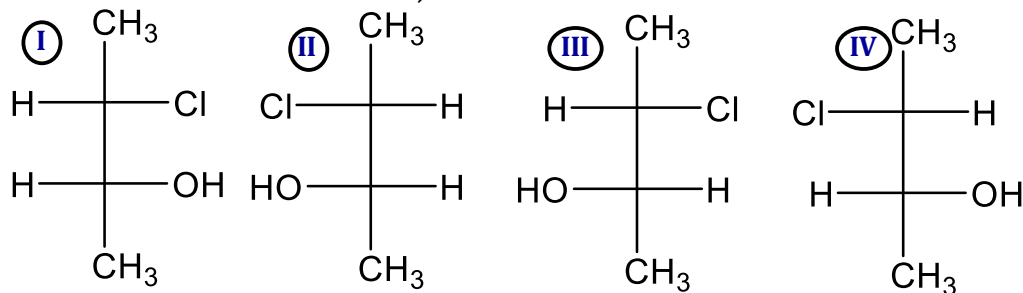
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Diastereomers:

(A)

A compound with 'n' chiral centers can have up to  $2^n$  stereoisomers.

Consider 3-chloro-2-butanol, which has Stereocenters at C2 and C3:



I and II =

(B)

Any other pair =

III and IV =

(C)

(D)

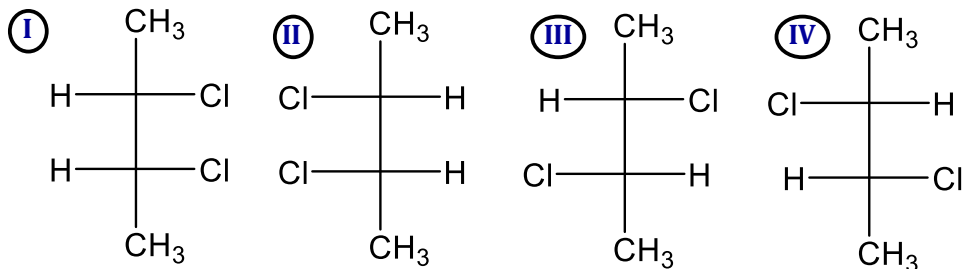
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## Meso Compounds:

A

So compounds I and II are ACHIRAL!

Consider 2,3-dichlorobutanol, which has Stereocenters at C2 and C3:



I and II =

B

Any other pair =

III and IV =

C

D

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