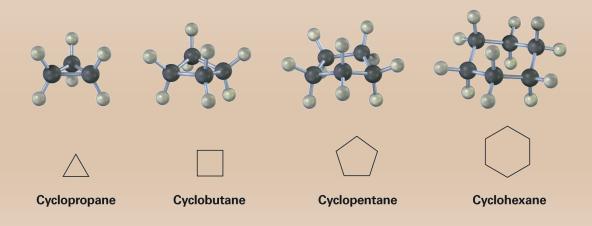
Cycloalkanes and Bicyclics – 2 - Nomenclature

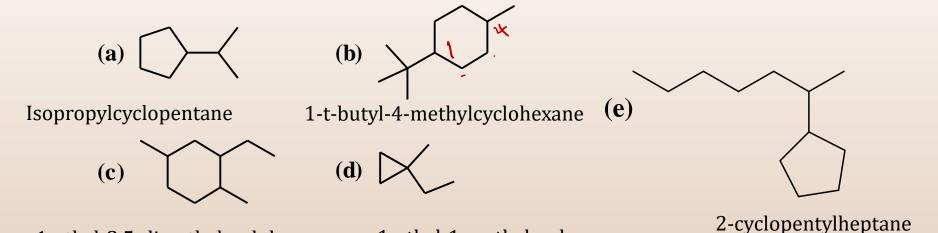
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Cycloalkanes - Nomenclature

- Rings of carbon atoms (-CH₂- groups)
- Formula: C_nH_{2n}
- Cycloalkane name will usually be the base compound
- Number carbons in ring if >1 substituent
- First in alphabet gets lowest number if more than one substituent
- In case where a long chain is attached to cycloalkane then give the name of the chain with cyclic alkane as cycloalkyl group.



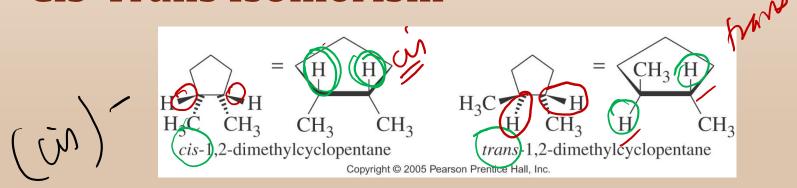
Naming Cycloalkanes



1-ethyl-1-methylcyclopropane

Cis-Trans Isomerism

1-ethyl-2,5-dimethylcyclohexane



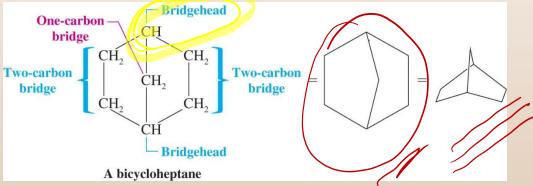
- Cis: like groups on same side of ring
- Trans: like groups on opposite sides of ring

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Bicyclic Compounds



- Bicyloalkanes contain 2 rings fused together (not connected by a bond)
- The alkane with the same number of total carbons is used as the parent and the prefix bicyclo- is used



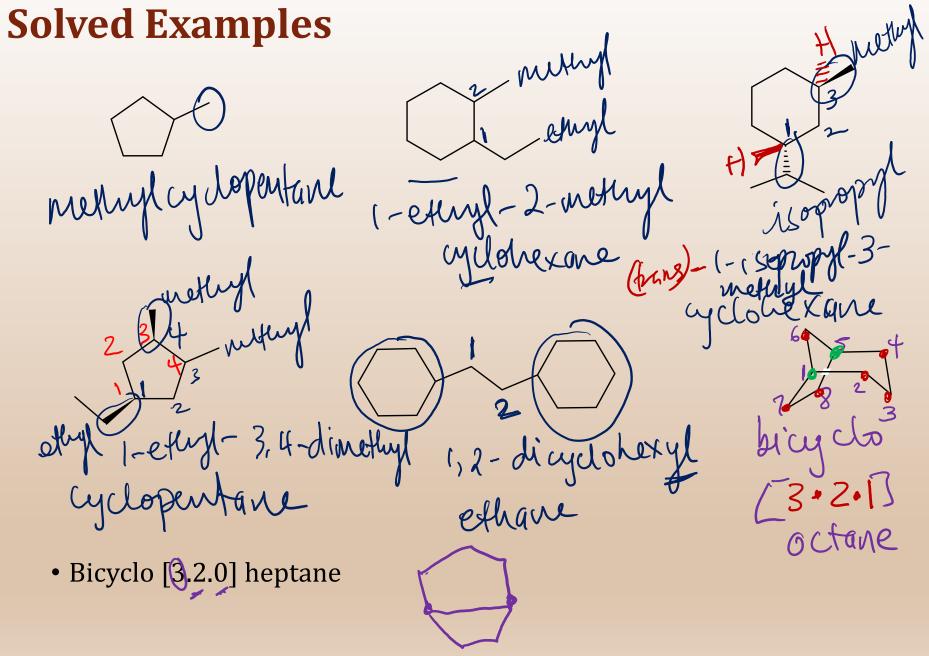
Bicyclo [2.2.1] heptane

• The number of carbons in each bridge is included in the middle of the name in square brackets

For substituents: number the largest ring; the substituent can get a

large number.

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Key Words/Concepts

- Know that alkenes and cycloalkanes have same molecular formula.
- Know where to start numbering.
- Know whether to name the ring or straight chain.
- Bicyclo nomenclature.