

# **Alkanes, Alkenes, Alkynes Cycloalkanes, Bicyclics, Alkyl Halides, Alcohols Nomenclature and Constitutional Isomers**

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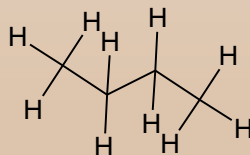
# Structure

- Hydrocarbon: A compound composed only of carbon and hydrogen.
- Saturated hydrocarbon: A hydrocarbon containing only single bonds.
- Alkane: A saturated hydrocarbon whose carbons are arranged in an open chain.
- Alkanes are also called “Aliphatic” hydrocarbons.
- Organic Structures – review
  - Molecular formula -  $C_4H_{10}$

- Condensed structure  $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_3$

- Structural formula

- Expanded structure



- Line structure



# Naming Straight Chain Alkanes

# of C	prefix
1	Meth
2	Eth
3	Prop
4	But
5	Pent
6	Hex
7	Hept
8	Oct
9	Non
10	Deca

**Table 3.3** Names of Straight-Chain Alkanes

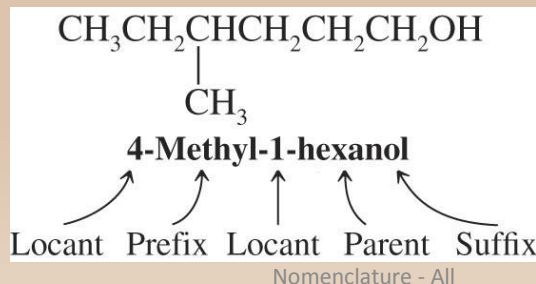
Number of carbons ( $n$ )	Name	Formula ( $C_nH_{2n+2}$ )	Number of carbons ( $n$ )	Name	Formula ( $C_nH_{2n+2}$ )
1	Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	9	Nonane	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub>
2	Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	10	Decane	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>22</sub>
3	Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	11	Undecane	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>24</sub>
4	Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	12	Dodecane	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub>
5	Pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	13	Tridecane	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>28</sub>
6	Hexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	20	Icosane	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub>
7	Heptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	30	Triacontane	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>62</sub>
8	Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>			

# Nomenclature Alkanes-1

1. Find the longest continuous carbon chain.
2. Number the carbons, starting closest to the first branch.
3. Numbering generally starts from the end of the chain which is closest to the group named in the suffix
4. Name the groups attached to the chain, using the carbon number as the locator.
5. Alphabetize substituents.
6. Use di-, tri-, etc., for multiples of same substituent. (don't use these during alphabetizing substituents)
7. An IUPAC name may have up to 4 features: locants, prefixes, parent compound and suffixes


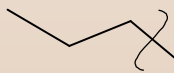
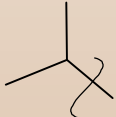
**Locant** — **Prefix** — **Parent** — **Suffix**

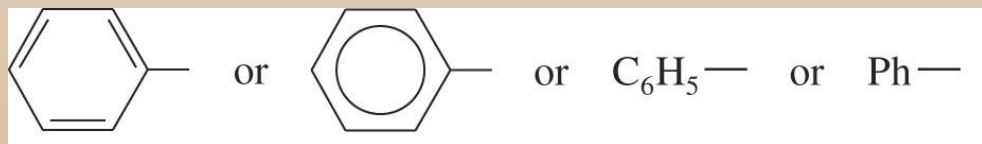
Where are the substituents and functional groups?    What are the substituents?    How many carbons?    What is the primary functional group?



# Alkyl Groups (substituents)

Alkyl groups are [alkane-1H]. The -yl ending on any group indicates that it is connected to a larger compound. Common substituents are up to 4C except for phenyl.

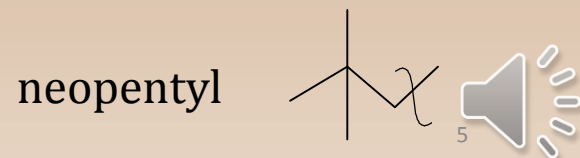
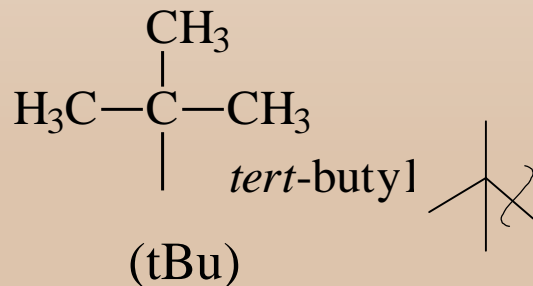
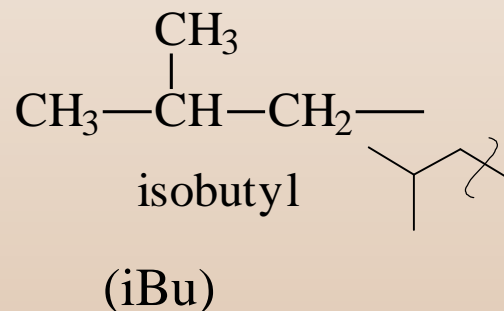
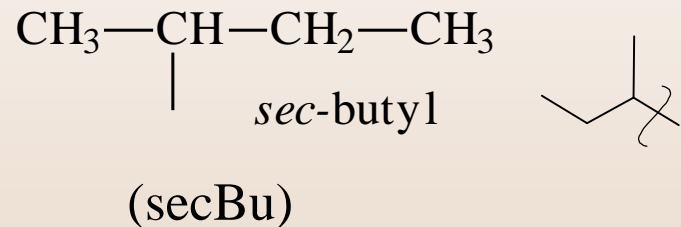
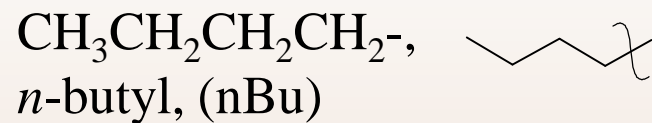
- $\text{CH}_3$ -, methyl (Me)
- $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ -, ethyl (Et) 
- $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ -, *n*-propyl (nPr) 
- $\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_3$  (iPr)   
|  
isopropyl



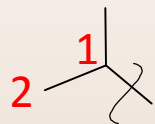
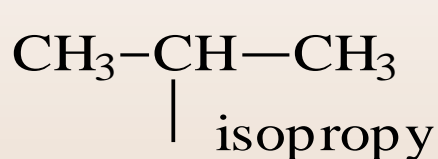
or  $\phi-$  or  $\text{Ar}-$  (if ring substituents are present)

Phenyl group (Benzene  
connected on one carbon)

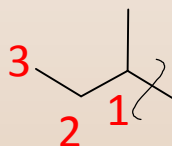
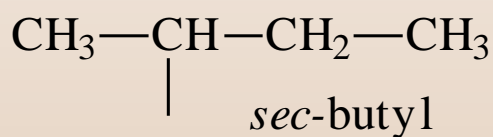
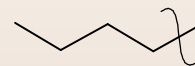
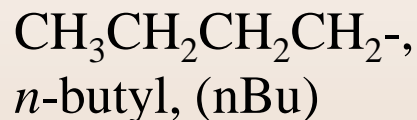
Nomenclature - All



# One More Thing on Alkyl Groups



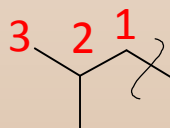
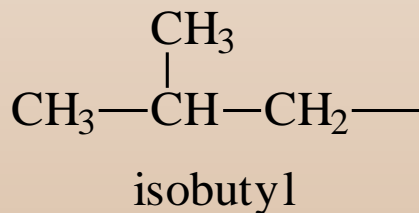
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**(1-methylpropyl)**

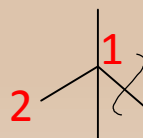
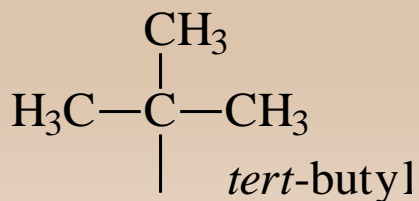
***No other name  
as there is no  
branching***

**(secBu)**



**(2-methylpropyl)**

**(iBu)**

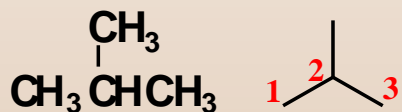


**(1,1-dimethylethyl)**

**(tBu)**

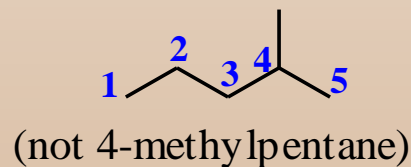
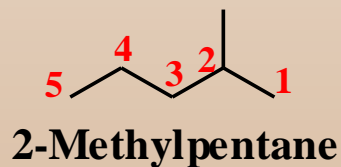
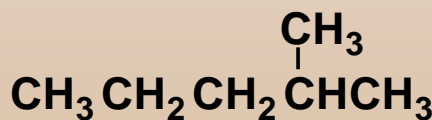
# Nomenclature Alkanes-2

- The name of a saturated hydrocarbon with an unbranched chain consists of a prefix and suffix.
- The **parent chain** is the longest chain of carbon atoms.
- Each substituent is given a name and a number. Use a hyphen to connect the number to the name.



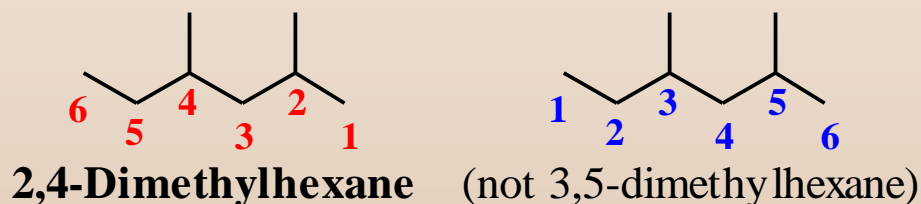
**2-Methylpropane**

- If there is one substituent, number the chain from the end that gives it the lower number.

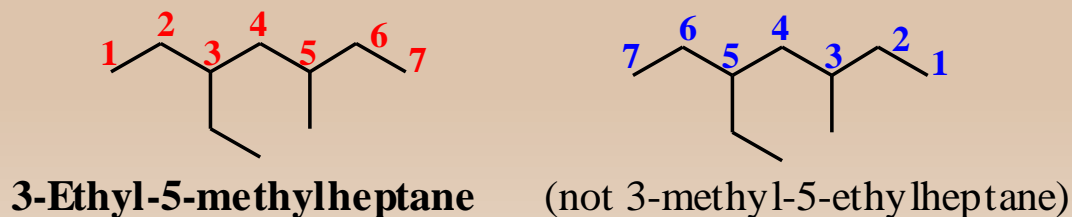


# Nomenclature Alkanes-3

- If there are two or more identical substituents, number the chain from the end that gives the lower number to the substituent encountered first.
- Indicate the number of times the substituent appears by a prefix di-, tri-, tetra-, etc.
- Use commas to separate position numbers



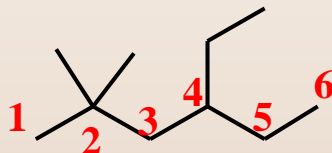
- If there are two or more different substituents,
- list them in alphabetical order.
- number from the end of the chain that gives the substituent encountered first the lower number





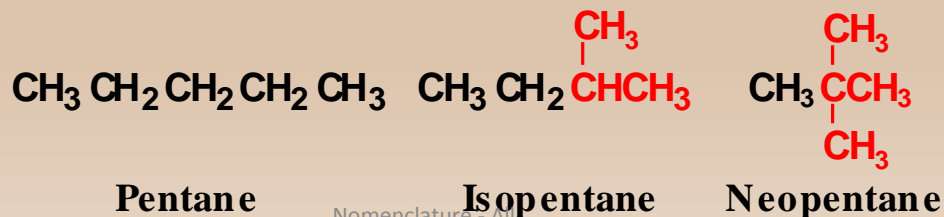
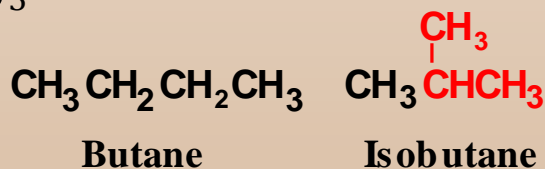
# Nomenclature Alkanes-4

- The prefixes di-, tri-, tetra-, etc. are not included in alphabetization
  - Alphabetize the names of substituents first and then insert these prefixes.



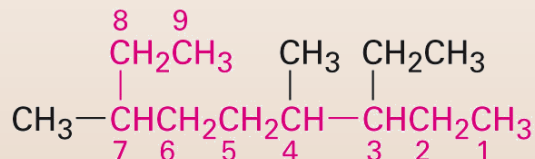
**4-Ethyl-2,2-dimethylhexane**  
(not 2,2-dimethyl-4-ethylhexane)

- Some common names of alkanes with four carbons are butanes, those with five carbons are pentanes, etc.
- iso-** indicates the chain terminates in  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ; **neo-** that it terminates in  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ .

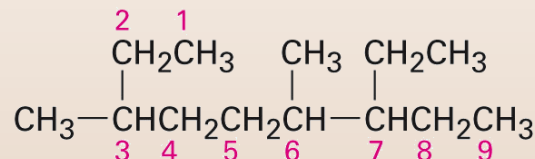


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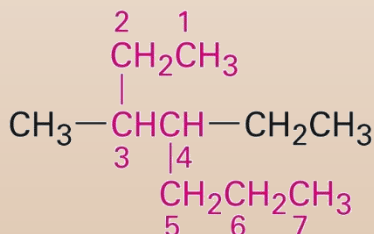
- Carbons in that main chain are numbered in sequence



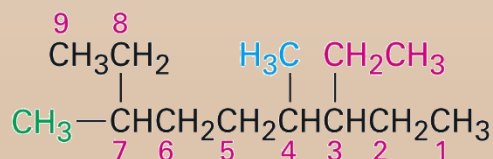
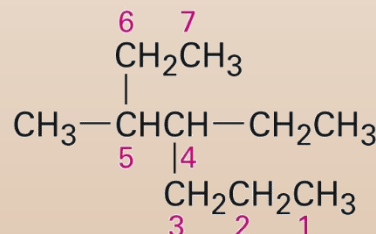
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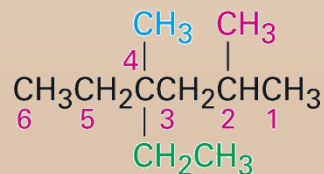
- Substituents are identified and numbered



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Named as a nonane



Named as a hexane

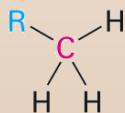
Substituents: On C3,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$  (3-ethyl)  
On C4,  $\text{CH}_3$  (4-methyl)  
On C7,  $\text{CH}_3$  (7-methyl)

Substituents: On C2,  $\text{CH}_3$  (2-methyl)  
On C4,  $\text{CH}_3$  (4-methyl)  
On C4,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$  (4-ethyl)

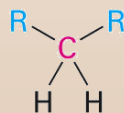


# Classification of Carbons and Hydrogens

- Primary ( $1^\circ$ ) C: A carbon bonded to one other carbon.
  - $1^\circ$  H: a hydrogen bonded to a  $1^\circ$  carbon
- Secondary ( $2^\circ$ ) C: A carbon bonded to two other carbons.
  - $2^\circ$  H: a hydrogen bonded to a  $2^\circ$  carbon
- Tertiary ( $3^\circ$ ) C: A carbon bonded to three other carbons.
  - $3^\circ$  H: a hydrogen bonded to a  $3^\circ$  carbon
- Quaternary ( $4^\circ$ ) C: A carbon bonded to four other carbons.



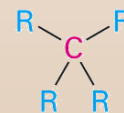
**Primary carbon ( $1^\circ$ )**  
is bonded to one  
other carbon.



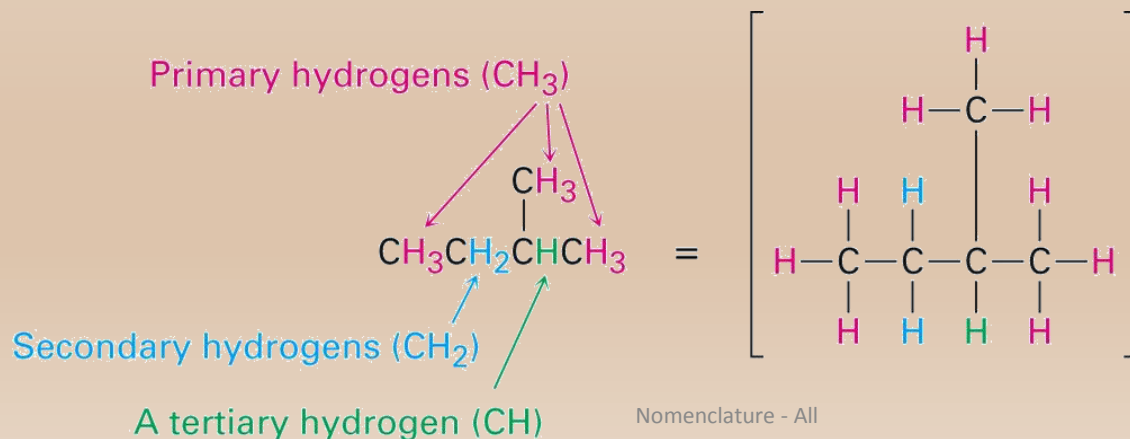
**Secondary carbon ( $2^\circ$ )**  
is bonded to two  
other carbons.



**Tertiary carbon ( $3^\circ$ )**  
is bonded to three  
other carbons.

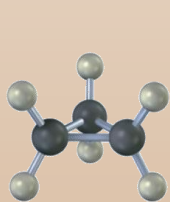


**Quaternary carbon ( $4^\circ$ )**  
is bonded to four  
other carbons.

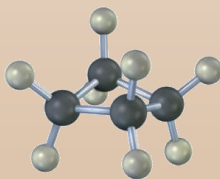


# Cycloalkanes – Nomenclature

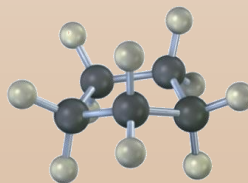
- Rings of carbon atoms ( $-\text{CH}_2-$  groups)
- Formula:  $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n}$
- Cycloalkane name will usually be the base compound
- Number carbons in ring if >1 substituent
- First in alphabet gets lowest number if more than one substituent
- In case where a long chain is attached to cycloalkane then give the name of the chain with cyclic alkane as cycloalkyl group.



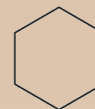
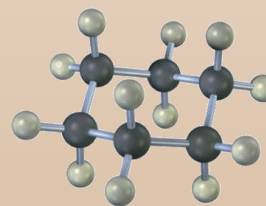
Cyclopropane



Cyclobutane

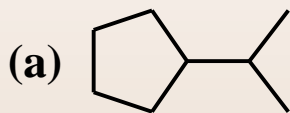


Cyclopentane

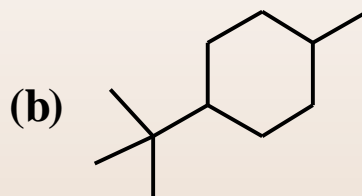


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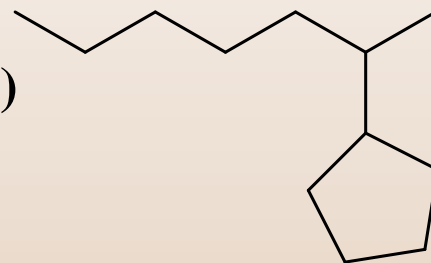
# Naming Cycloalkanes



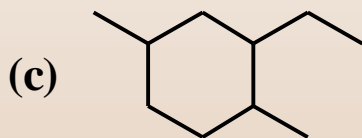
Isopropyl cyclopentane



1-t-butyl-4-methylcyclohexane (e)



2-cyclopentylheptane

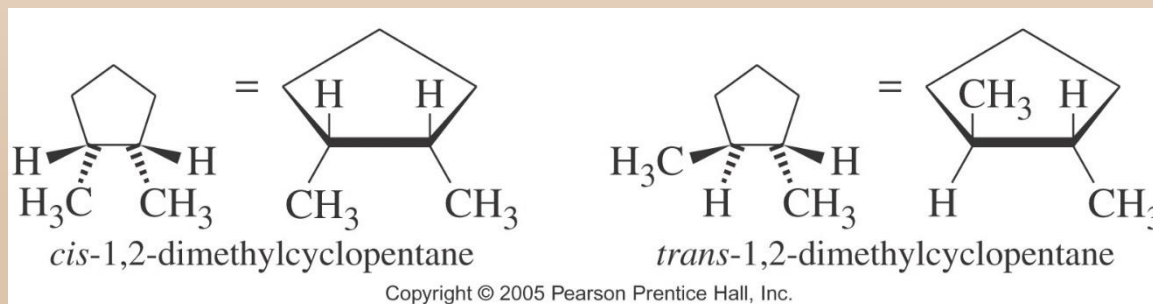


1-ethyl-2,5-dimethylcyclohexane



1-ethyl-1-methylcyclopropane

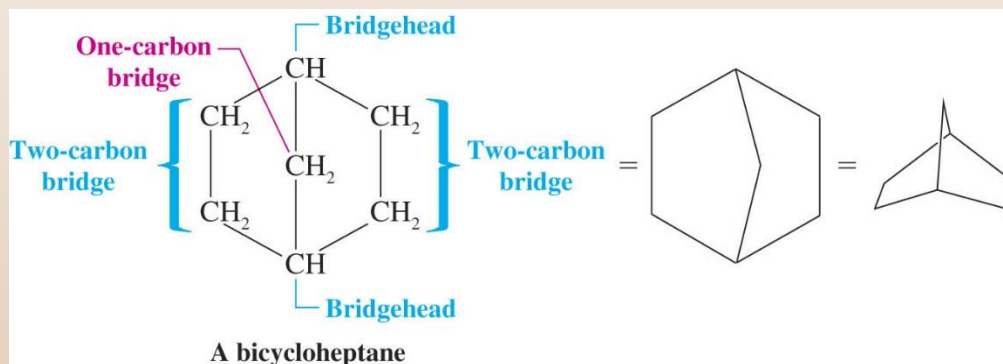
## Cis-Trans Isomerism



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

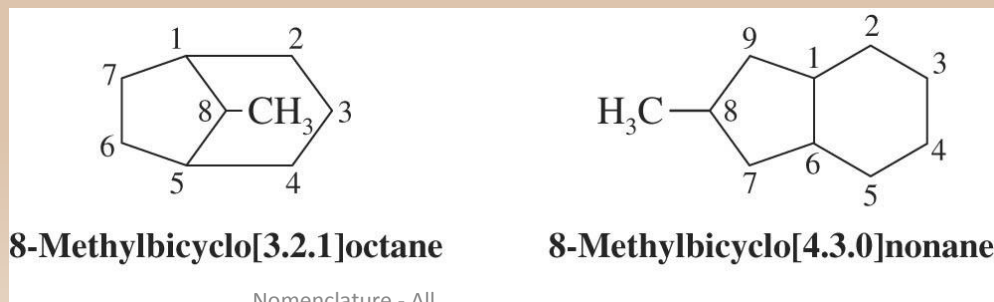
# Bicyclic Compounds

- Bicycloalkanes 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.

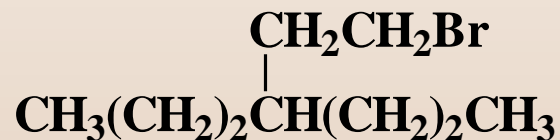


# Alkyl Halides

- Name as haloalkane.
- Choose the longest carbon chain, even if the halogen is not bonded to any of those C's.
- Use lowest possible numbers for position.



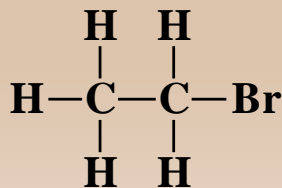
**2-chlorobutane**



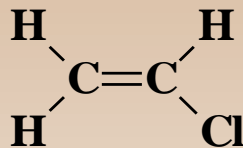
**4-(2-bromoethyl)heptane**

## Classes of Halides

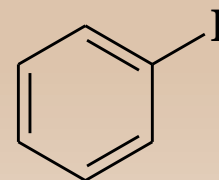
- Alkyl: Halogen, X, is directly bonded to  $sp^3$  carbon.
- Vinyl: X is bonded to  $sp^2$  carbon of alkene.
- Aryl: X is bonded to  $sp^2$  carbon on benzene ring. Examples:



**alkyl halide**



**vinyl halide**



**aryl halide**

# “Trivial” Names

- $\text{CH}_2\text{X}_2$  called methylene halide (e.g.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is methylene chloride)
- $\text{CHX}_3$  is a haloform (e.g.  $\text{CHCl}_3$  is chloroform)
- $\text{CX}_4$  is carbon tetrahalide. (e.g.  $\text{CCl}_4$  is carbon tet)

## More Classification of Alkyl Halides

- Methyl halides: only one C,  $\text{CH}_3\text{X}$
- Primary, Secondary and Tertiary
- Geminal and vicinal

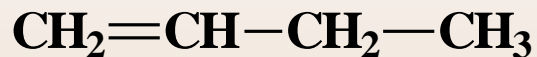


# Alkenes

- Parent is longest chain containing the double bond.
- -ane changes to -ene. (or -diene, -triene)
- Number the chain so that the double bond has the lowest possible number.
- In a ring, the double bond is assumed to be between carbon 1 and carbon 2.

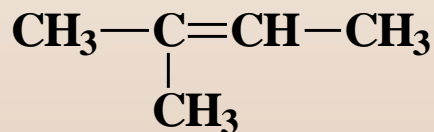
# Examples

*Note: Red names are new IUPAC*



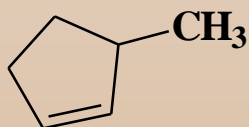
1-butene

*but-1-ene*

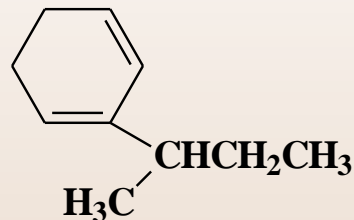


2-methyl-2-butene

*2-methylbut-2-ene*

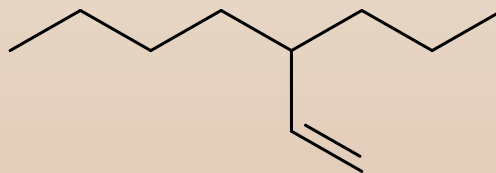


3-methylcyclopentene



2-*sec*-butyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene

*2-sec-butylcyclohexa-1,3-diene*



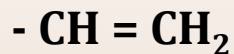
3-*n*-propyl-1-heptene

*3-n-propylhept-1-ene*

# Alkene Substituents



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(methylidene)

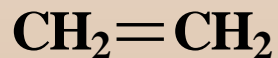


vinyl  
(ethenyl)



allyl  
(2-propenyl)

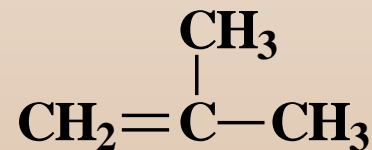
## Common names for small molecules



ethylene



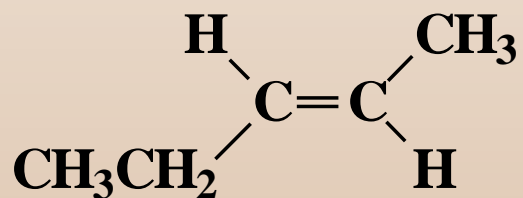
propylene



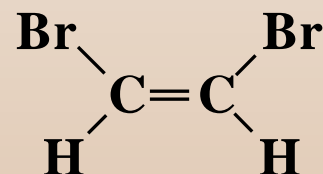
isobutylene

# Cis-trans Isomerism

- Hydrogens on same side of double bond, alkene is cis.
- Hydrogens on opposite sides of double bond, alkene is trans.
- Cycloalkenes are assumed to be cis.
- Trans cycloalkenes are not stable unless the ring has at least 8 carbons.



*trans*-2-pentene  
*trans*-pent-2-ene



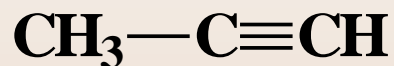
*cis*-1,2-dibromoethene

# Alkynes

- Find the longest chain containing the triple bond.
- Change **-ane** ending to **-yne**.
- Number the chain, starting at the end closest to the triple bond.
- Give branches or other substituents a number to locate their position.

# Examples

## IUPAC Names

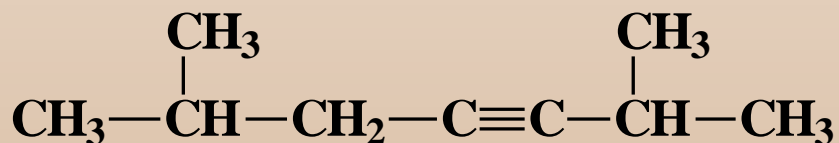


propyne



5-bromo-2-pentyne

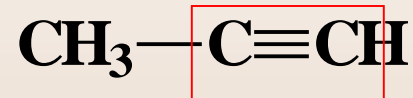
5-bromopent-2-yne



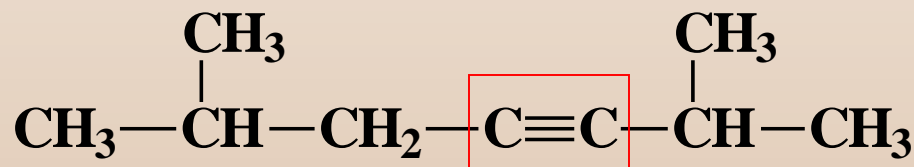
2,6-dimethyl-3-heptyne

2,6-dimethylhept-3-yne

## Common Names



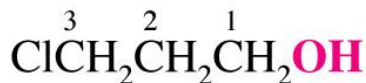
Methylacetylene  
(terminal alkyne)



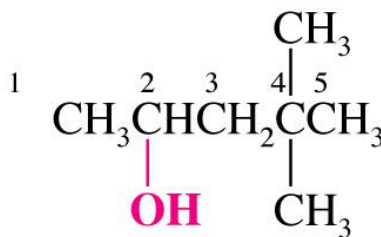
isobutylisopropylacetylene  
(internal alkyne)

# Alcohols

- Select the longest chain containing the hydroxyl and change the suffix name of the corresponding parent alkane from -ane to -ol
- Number the parent to give the hydroxyl the lowest possible number
- The other substituents take their locations accordingly



**3-Chloro-1-propanol**  
or **3-chloropropan-1-ol**



**4,4-Dimethyl-2-pentanol**  
or **4,4-dimethylpentan-2-ol**

# Alcohols and Halides – Common Names

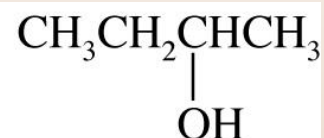
Common names of *simple alcohols* and *halides* still used and approved by IUPAC



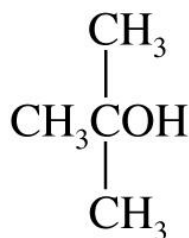
**Propyl alcohol**



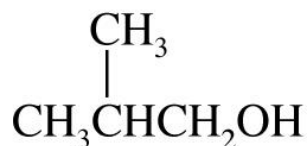
**Butyl alcohol**



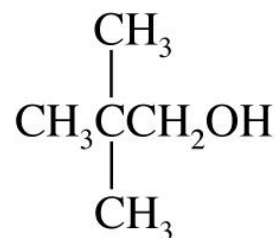
***sec*-Butyl alcohol**



***tert*-Butyl alcohol**



**Isobutyl alcohol**



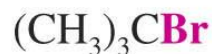
**Neopentyl alcohol**



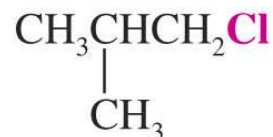
**Ethyl  
chloride**



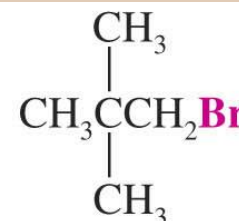
**Isopropyl  
bromide**



***tert*-Butyl  
bromide**



**Isobutyl  
chloride**

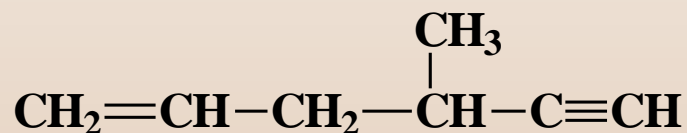


**Neopentyl  
bromide**

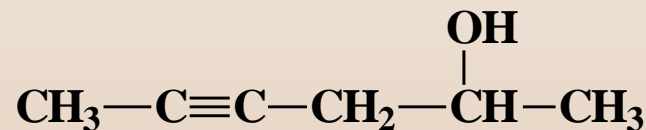


# Additional Functional Groups

- All other functional groups, except ethers and halides have a higher priority than alkynes.
- For a complete list of naming priorities, look inside the back cover of your text.

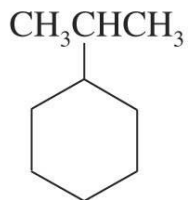


4-methyl-1-hexen-5-yne  
4-methylhex-1-en-5-yne

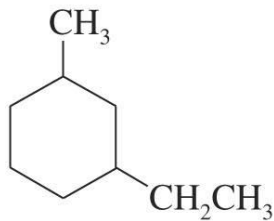


4-hexyn-2-ol  
hex-4-yn-2-ol

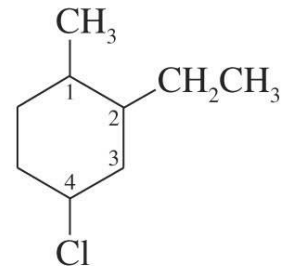
# Solved Examples



**Isopropylcyclohexane**



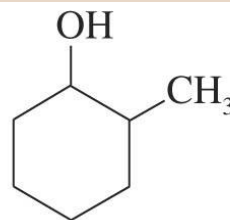
**1-Ethyl-3-methylcyclohexane**  
(not 1-ethyl-5-methylcyclohexane)



**4-Chloro-2-ethyl-1-methylcyclohexane**  
(not 1-chloro-3-ethyl-4-methylcyclohexane)



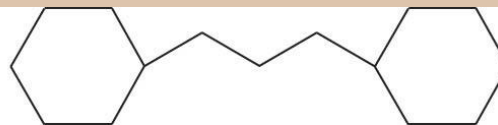
**Chlorocyclopentane**



**2-Methylcyclohexanol**



**1-Cyclobutylpentane**



**1,3-Dicyclohexylpropane**

# Tips and Tricks for Writing Structural Isomers

- The following functional groups can have the same molecular formula.
  - Alkenes and Cycloalkanes
  - Alcohols and Ethers
  - Aldehydes and Ketones
  - Carboxylic acids and Esters
- It is very likely that you may have to draw more than one type of functional group for a given molecular formula in the different isomers.
- It is also likely that you may have more than one functional group in one compound!

# Key Words/Concepts

- Naming alkanes, cycloalkanes and bicycloalkanes
- Constitutional isomers
- Cis and trans isomers in cycloalkanes
- Be able to write all types of representations (line structure, condensed structure and expanded structure)
- Know all the alkyl groups and the phenyl group