

# Alkane, Alkene and Alkynes

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Subject: Chemistry I

Unit: III(A)

# Organic Chemistry - Introduction

- Organic chemistry is the study of carbon compounds.
- Animals, plants, and other forms of life consist of organic compounds.

# Bonding in Organic Compounds

- Besides carbon, the most common elements in organic compounds are hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and the halogens.
- organic compounds have covalent bonding.

# Hydrocarbons

- Hydrocarbons are the most simple organic compounds.
- Hydrocarbons contain only carbon (C) and hydrogen (H).
- For classification purposes, all other organic compounds are considered derivatives of hydrocarbons.
- Hydrocarbons can be divided into aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons.

# *Hydrocarbons*

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graph TD; A[Hydrocarbons] --> B[Aliphatic]; A --> C[Aromatic];
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**Aliphatic**

**Aromatic**

# *Hydrocarbons*

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graph TD; A[Hydrocarbons] --> B[Aliphatic]; A --> C[Aromatic]; B --> D[Alkanes]; B --> E[Alkenes]; B --> F[Alkynes];
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**Aliphatic**

**Aromatic**

**Alkanes**

**Alkenes**

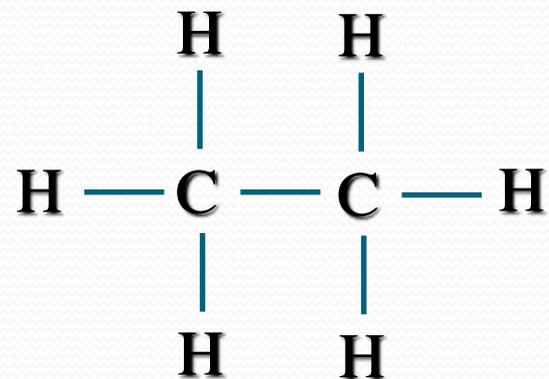
**Alkynes**

# Hydrocarbons

Aliphatic

Alkanes

Alkanes are hydrocarbons in which all of the bonds are *single bonds*.

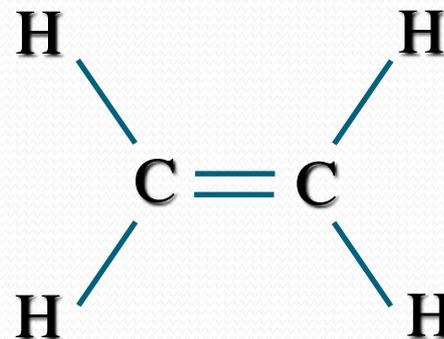


# Hydrocarbons

Aliphatic

Alkenes

Alkenes are hydrocarbons that contain a carbon-carbon *double bond*.



# Hydrocarbons

Aliphatic

Alkynes are hydrocarbons that contain a carbon-carbon *triple bond*.

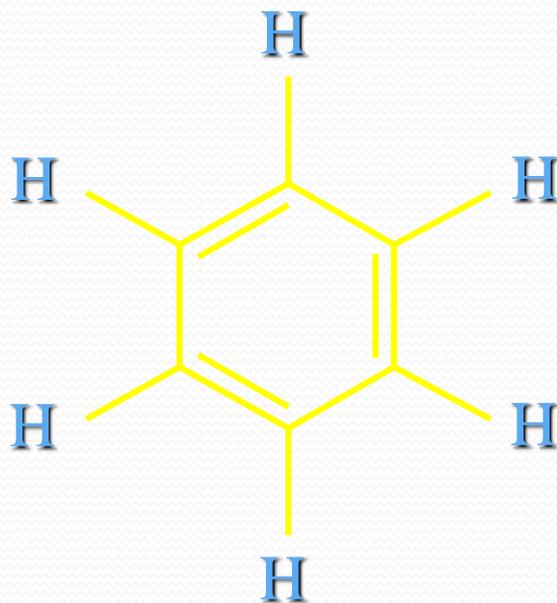
Alkynes



## *Hydrocarbons*

The most common aromatic hydrocarbons are those that contain a benzene ring.

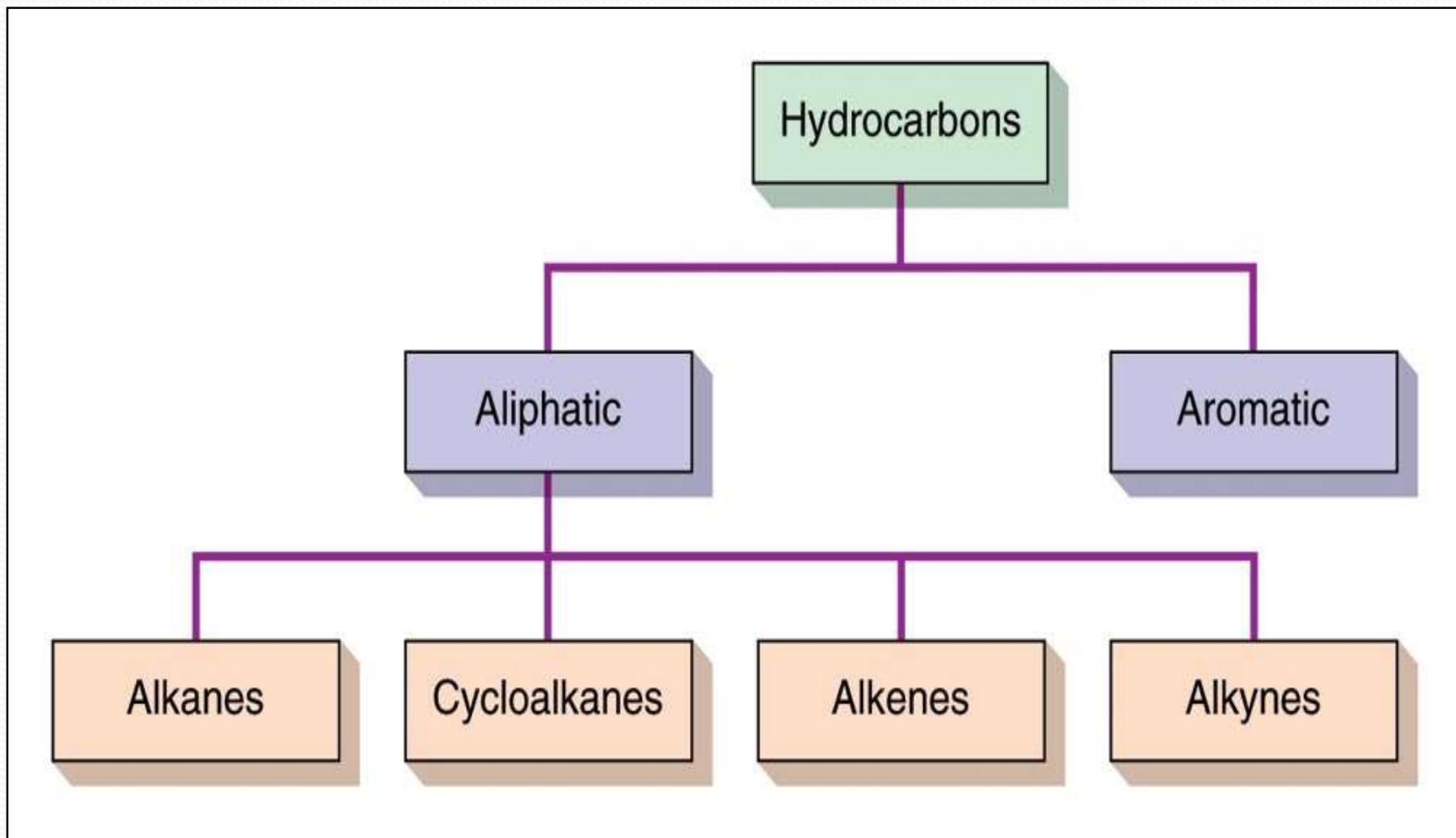
Aromatic



# Aliphatic Hydrocarbons

- Aliphatic hydrocarbons are hydrocarbons having no benzene rings.
- Aliphatic hydrocarbons can be divided into four major divisions:
  - *Alkanes*
  - *Cycloalkanes*
  - *Alkenes*
  - *Alkynes*

# Classification of Hydrocarbons



# Alkanes

- Alkanes are hydrocarbons that contain only single bonds.
- Alkanes are said to be saturated hydrocarbons
  - *Because their hydrogen content is at a maximum.*
- Alkane general formula  $\rightarrow C_nH_{2n+2}$
- The names of alkanes all end in “-ane.”
- Methane  $\rightarrow$  butane are gases
- Pentane  $\rightarrow C_{17}H_{36}$  are liquids
- $C_{18}H_{38}$  and higher are solids

# Physical Properties

- No color & odour
- Lower alkane: gases
- Middle alkane: liquids
- Higher alkane: solid
- Higher boiling point : higher molecular wt.
- Branched chain: decrease surface area
- Long chain : higher surface area.
- Even no. of carbon : higher M.P
- Odd no. of carbon : lower M.P
- Higher density: higher mol. Wt
- Non polar : soluble in organic solvent
- Higher mol. Wt : decrease solubility

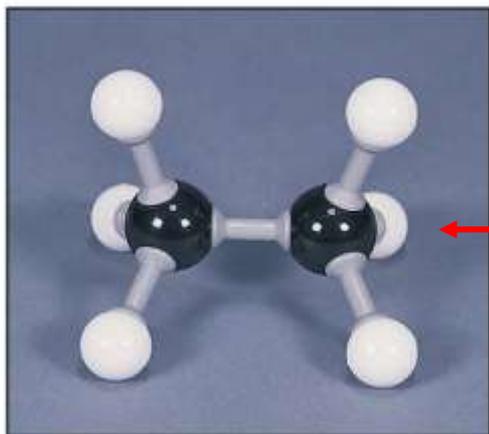
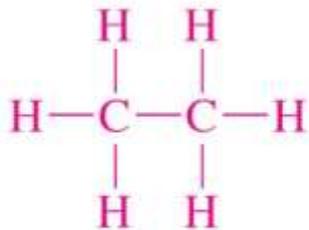
# The First Eight Members of the Alkane Series

*All satisfy the general formula  $C_nH_{2n+2}$*

Name	Molecular Formula	Condensed Structural Formula
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Hexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Heptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>

# Visualization of an Alkane's Structure

Ethane



Structural formula – a graphical representation of the way atoms are connected

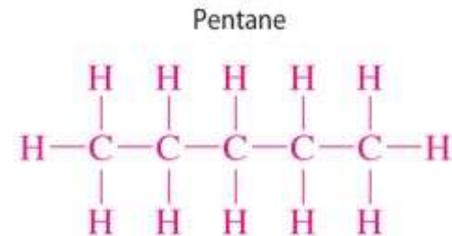
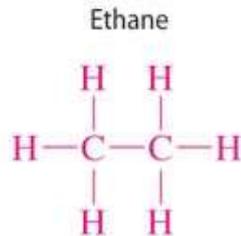
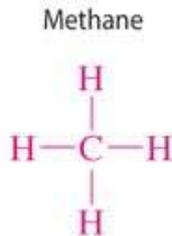
Condensed structural formula – save time/space and are convenient

Ball-and-Stick models – 3D models that can be built by students

# Models of Three Alkanes

- Names, Structural Formulas, Condensed Structural Formulas, and Ball-and-Stick Models*

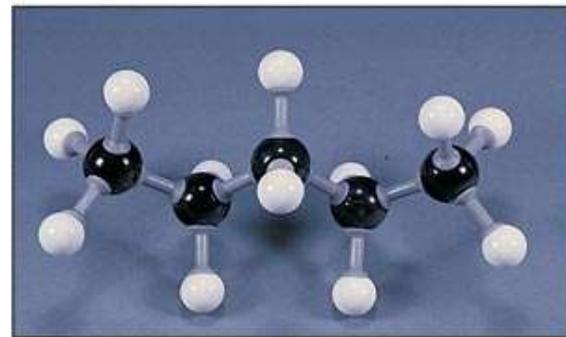
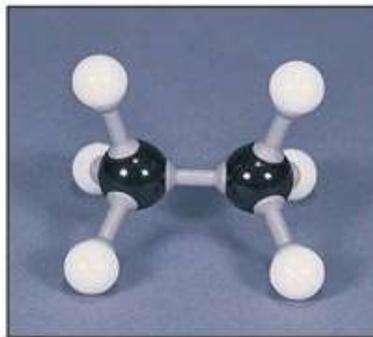
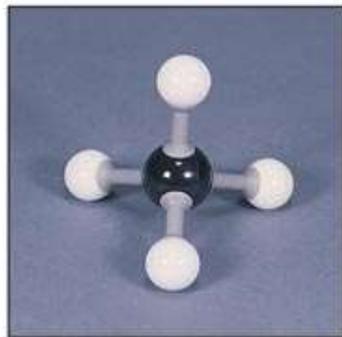
Full structural formula:



Condensed structural formula:

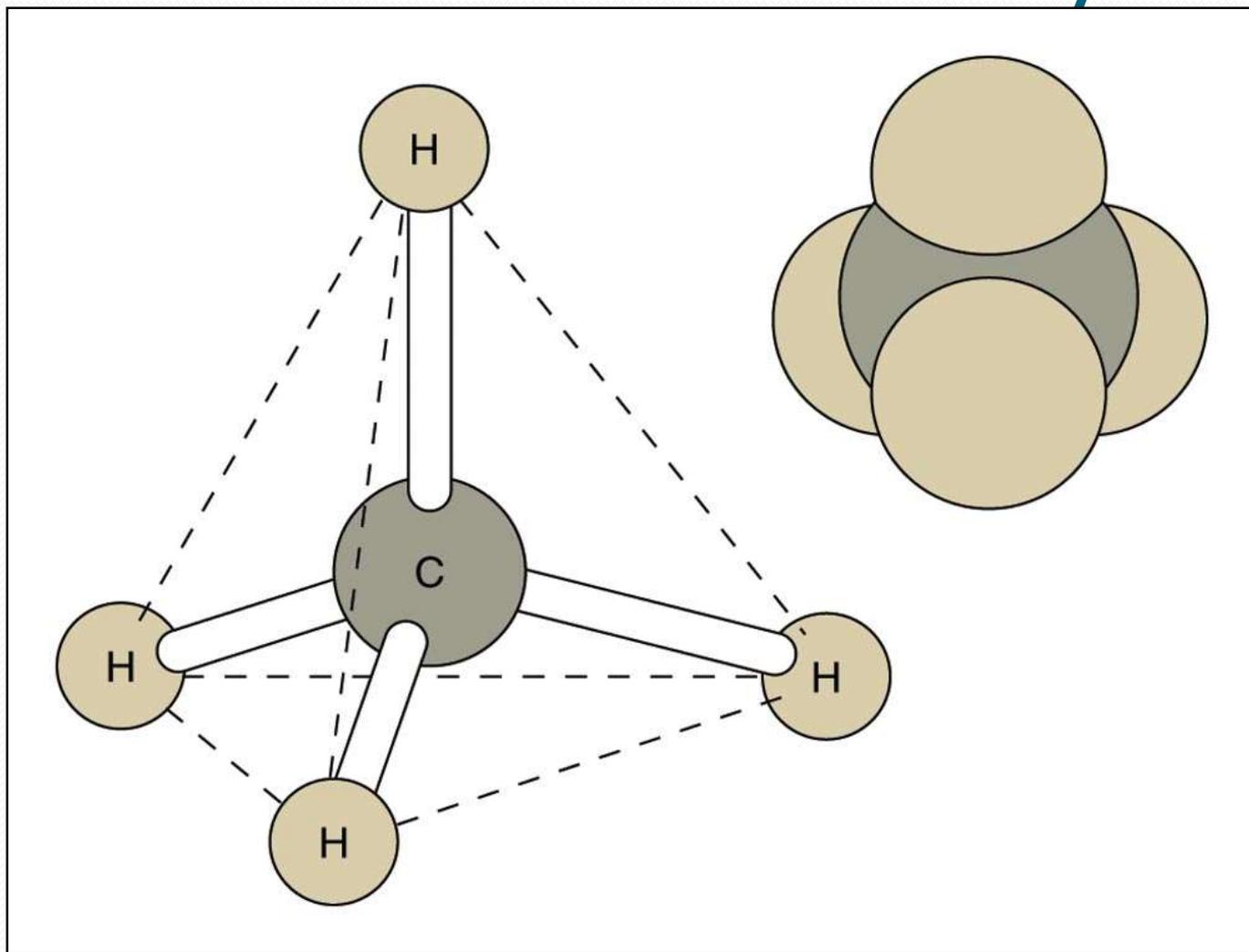


Ball-and-stick model:



# Methane – Tetrahedral Geometry

*Ball-and-Stick & Space-Filling Models*  
Carbon's four single bonds form angles of  $109.5^\circ$

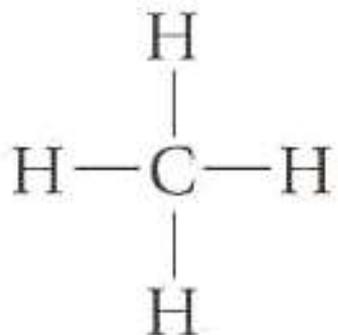


# Alkyl Group

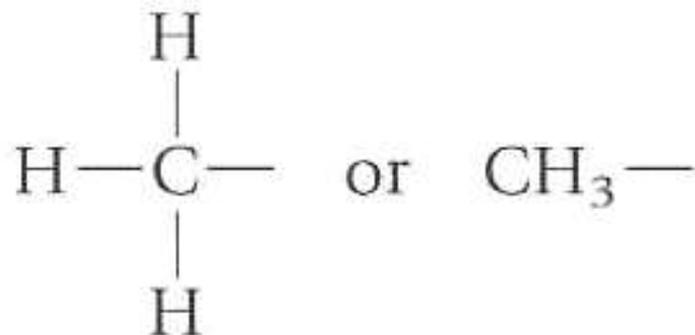
- Alkyl group contains one less hydrogen than the corresponding alkane.
- General abbreviation “R” (for Radical, an incomplete species or the “rest” of the molecule)
- In naming this group the “-ane” is dropped and “-yl” is added.
  - $\text{CH}_3$  is “methyl” (from methane)
  - $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$  is “ethyl” from ethane

# Alkyl Group

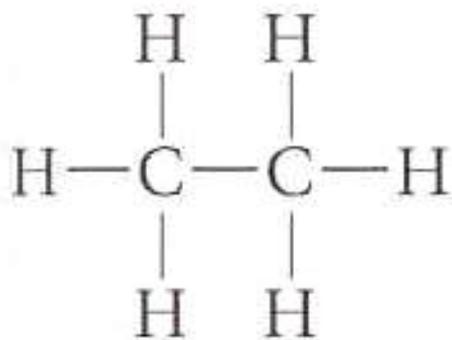
*This group does not exist independently but occurs bonded to another atom or molecule.*



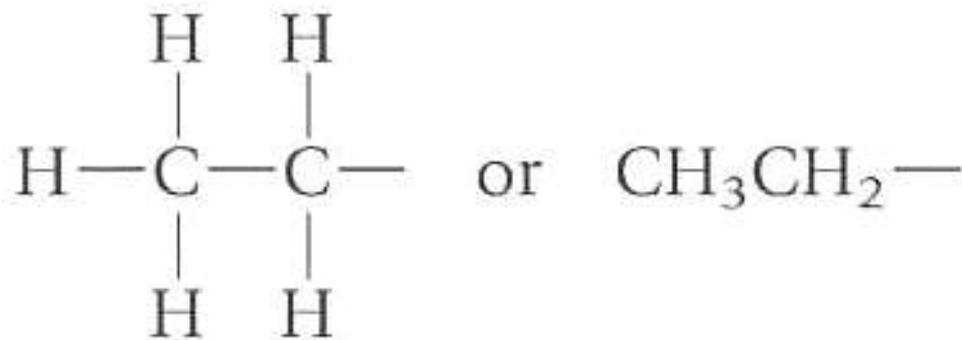
**Methane**



**Methyl group**



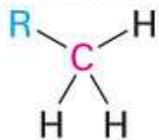
**Ethane**



**Ethyl group**

# Types of Alkyl groups

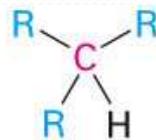
- Classified by the connection site
  - a carbon at the end of a chain (**primary** alkyl group)
  - a carbon in the middle of a chain (**secondary** alkyl group)
  - a carbon with three carbons attached to it (**tertiary** alkyl group)



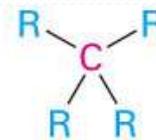
**Primary carbon (1°)**  
is bonded to one  
other carbon.



**Secondary carbon (2°)**  
is bonded to two  
other carbons.



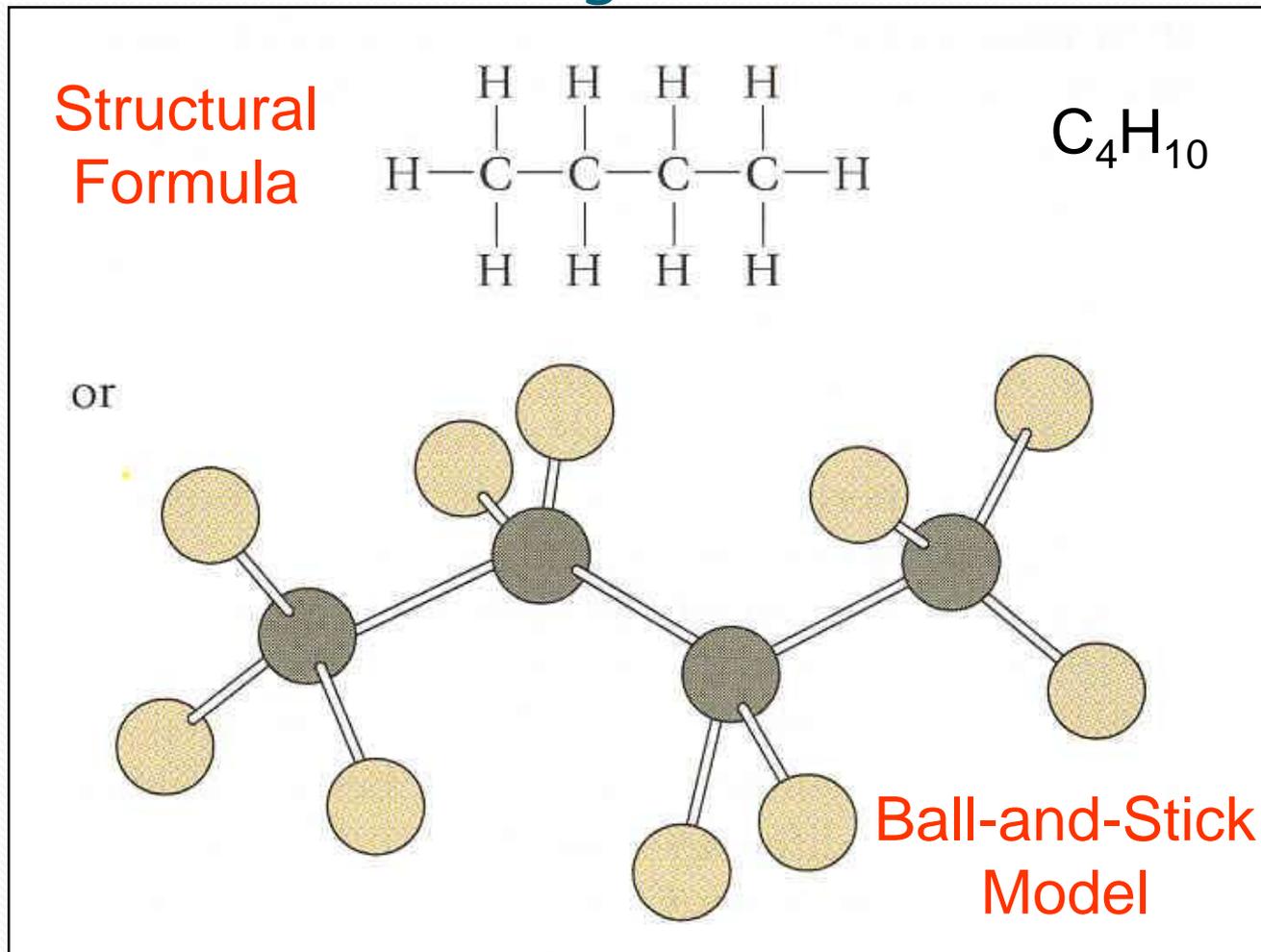
**Tertiary carbon (3°)**  
is bonded to three  
other carbons.



**Quaternary carbon (4°)**  
is bonded to four  
other carbons.

# Butane

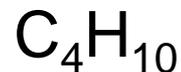
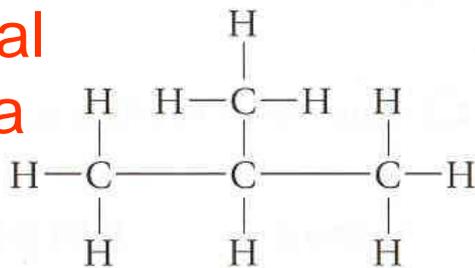
## *Continuous-Chain or Straight-Chain Structure*



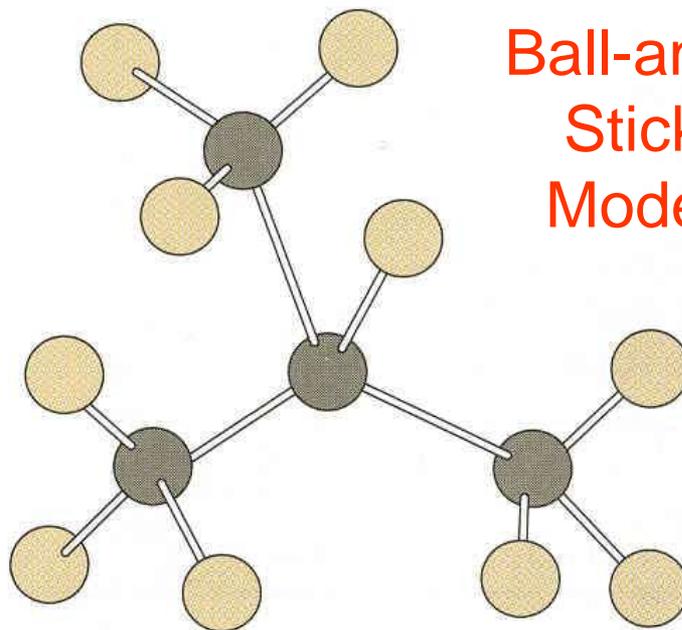
# Isobutane (2-methylpropane)

## Branched-chain Structure

Structural  
Formula



OR



Ball-and-  
Stick  
Model

# Organic Compound Nomenclature

- Due to the large number, variety, and complexity of organic compounds, a consistent method of nomenclature has been developed.

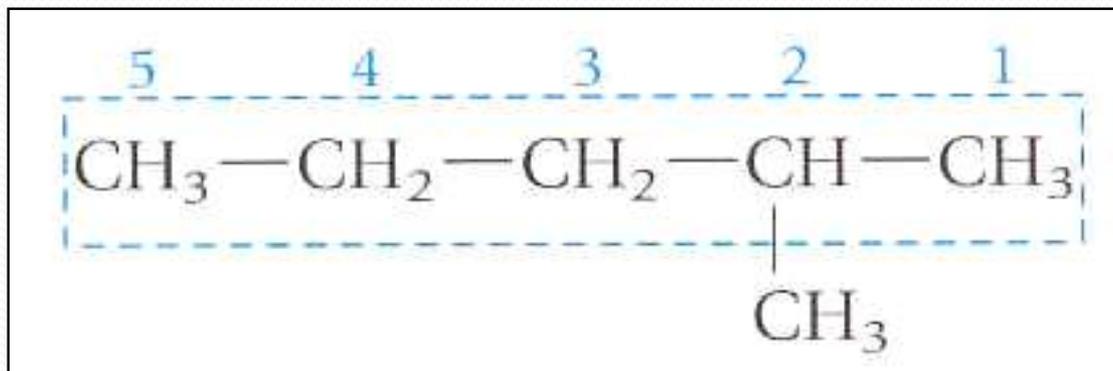
# IUPAC System of Nomenclature

## *For Alkanes*

- Identify the longest chain -- parent
- number from the end closest to first branch
- Name the groups attached to the chain, using the carbon number as the locator.
- Alphabetize substituents.
- Use di-, tri-, etc., for multiples of same substituent
- combine number and name of substituent with parent name, separating with hyphen

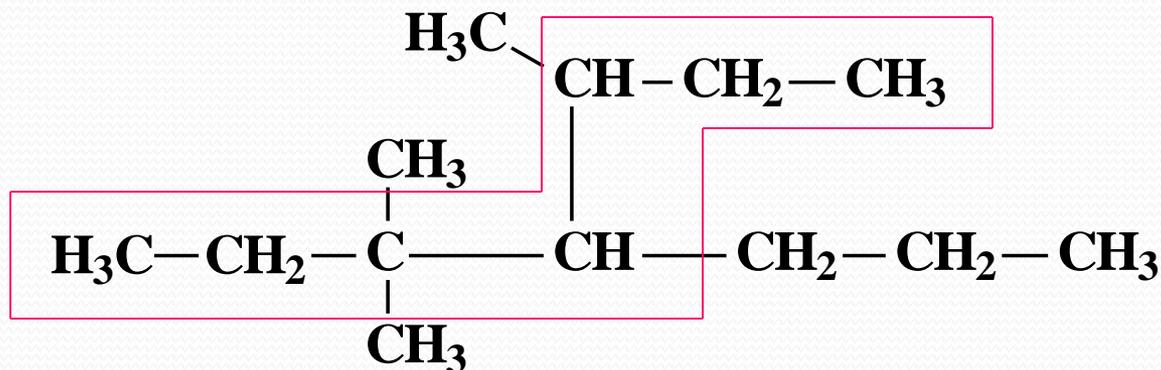
# An Example to Consider

- The longest continuous chain of C atoms is five
- Therefore this compound is a pentane derivative with an attached methyl group
  - *Start numbering from end nearest the substituent*
  - The methyl group is in the #2 position
- The compound's name is 2-methylpentane.

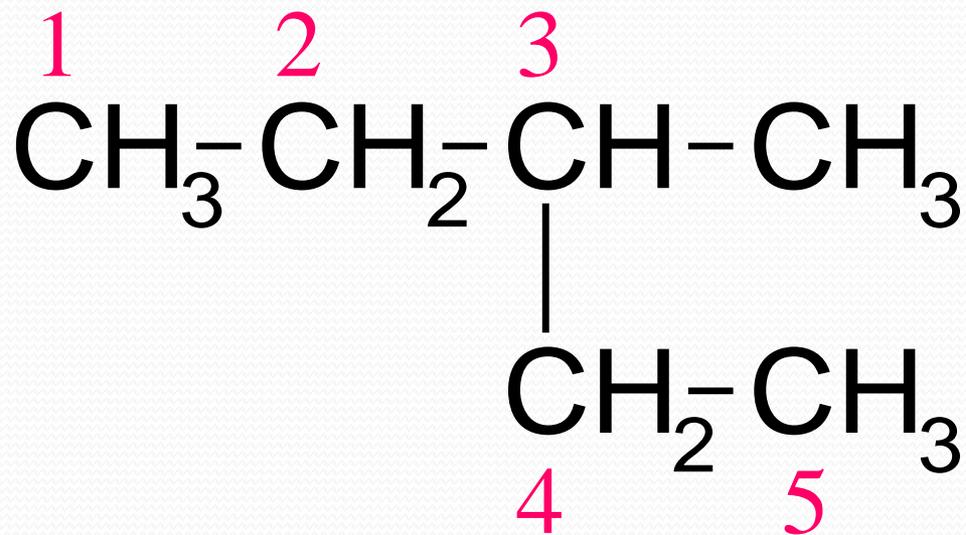


# Longest Chain

- The number of carbons in the longest chain determines the base name: ethane, hexane.
- If there are two possible chains with the same number of carbons, use the chain with the most substituents.

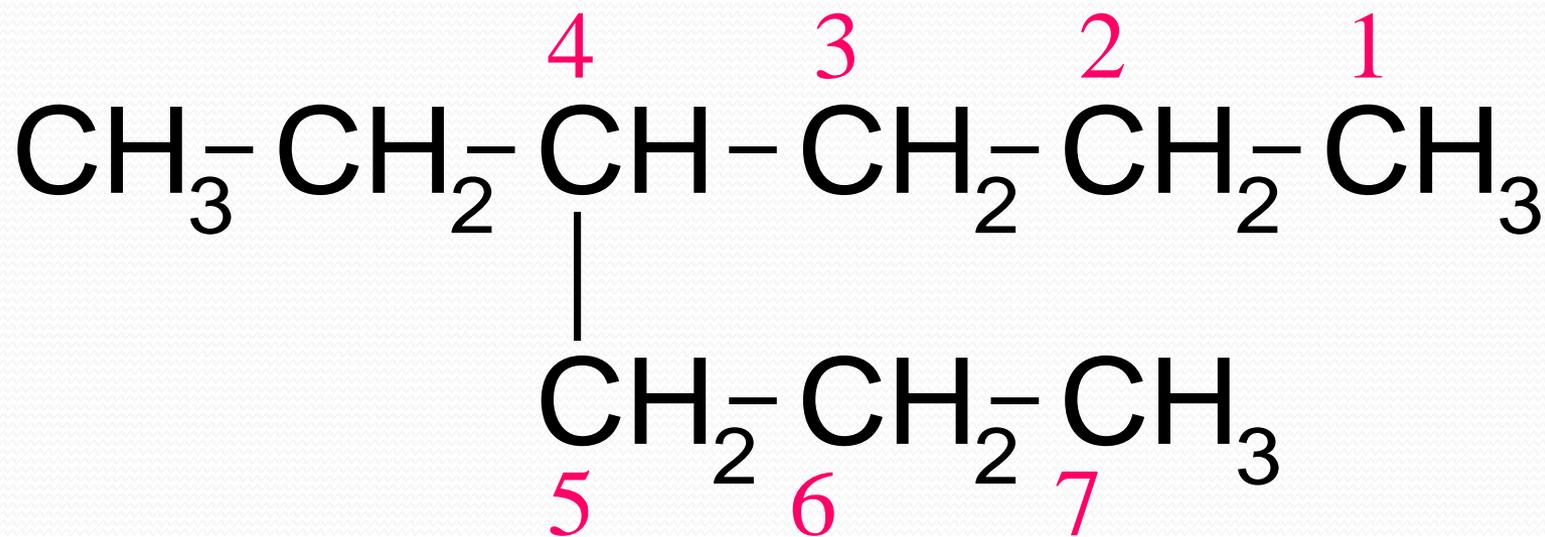


Find the longest continuous  
carbon chain



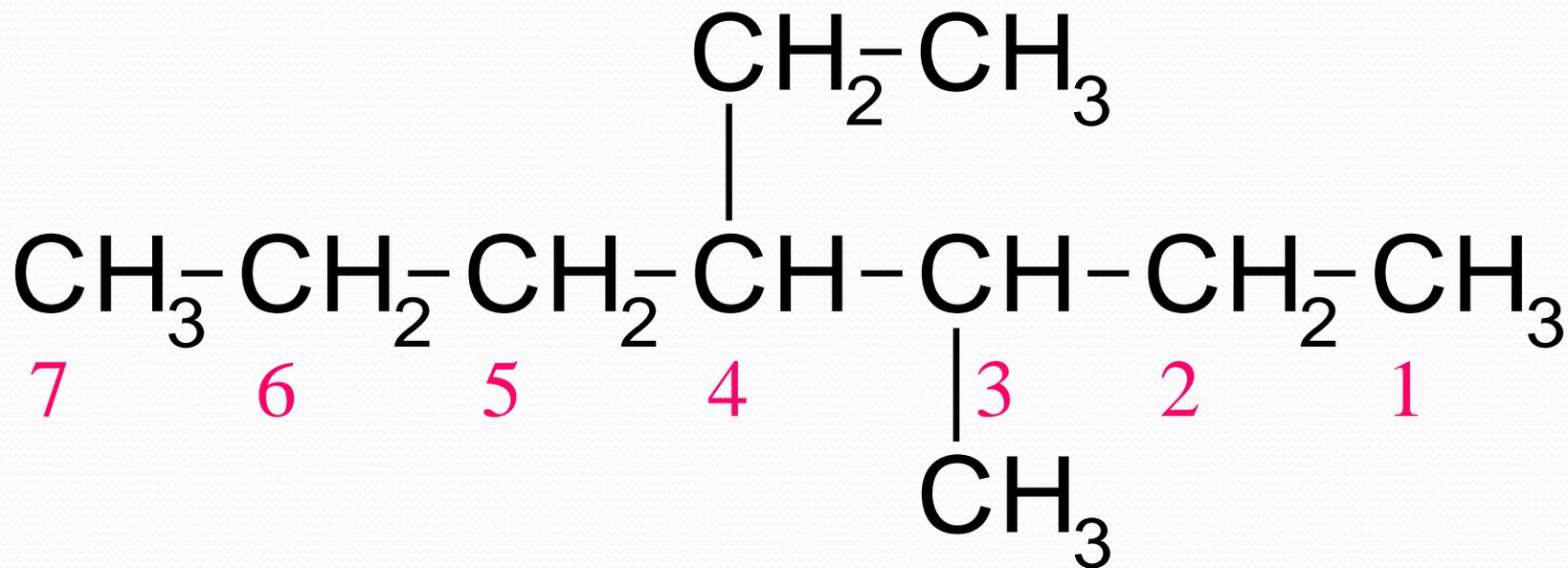
3-methylpentane

You must choose the longest continuous carbon chain



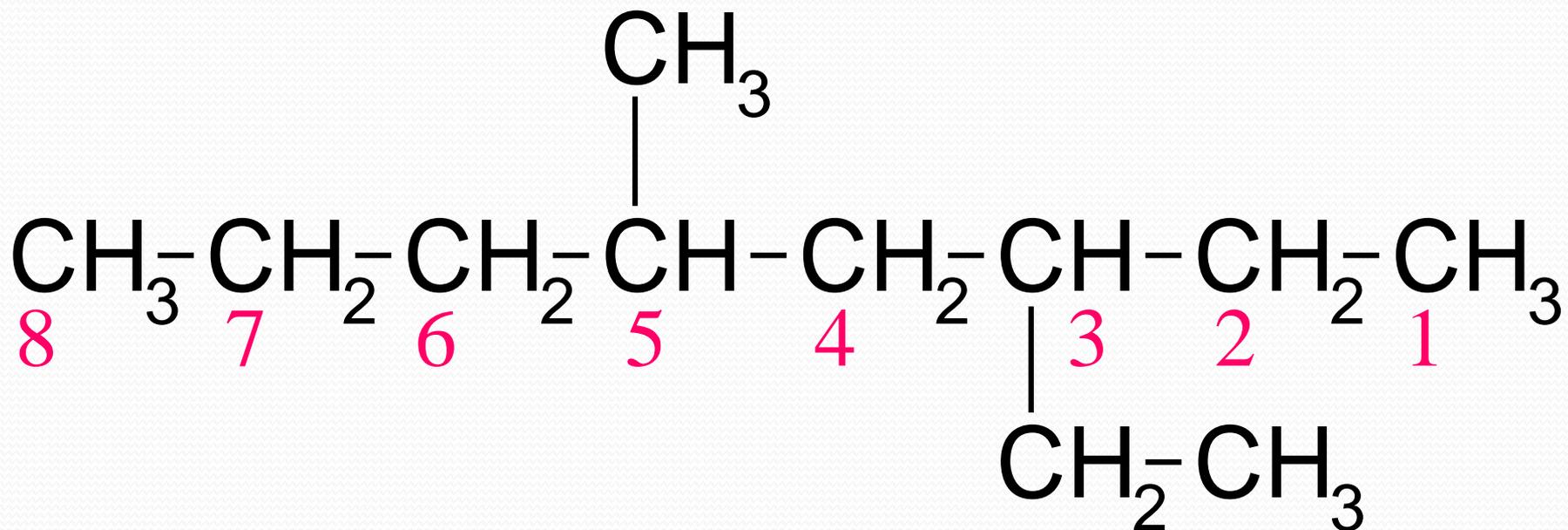
4-ethylheptane

Number from the end nearest  
the first substituent



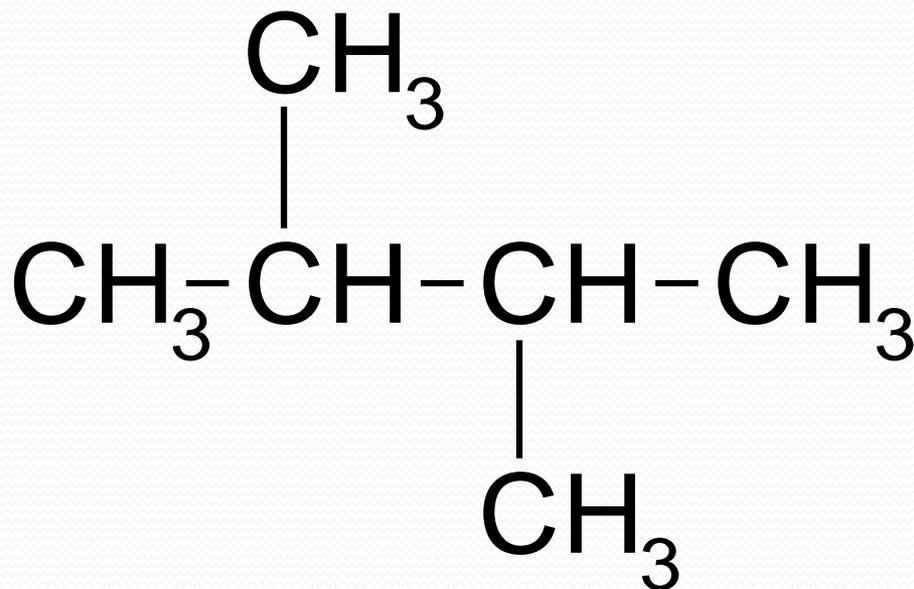
4-ethyl-3-methylheptane

Number from the end nearest  
the first substituent



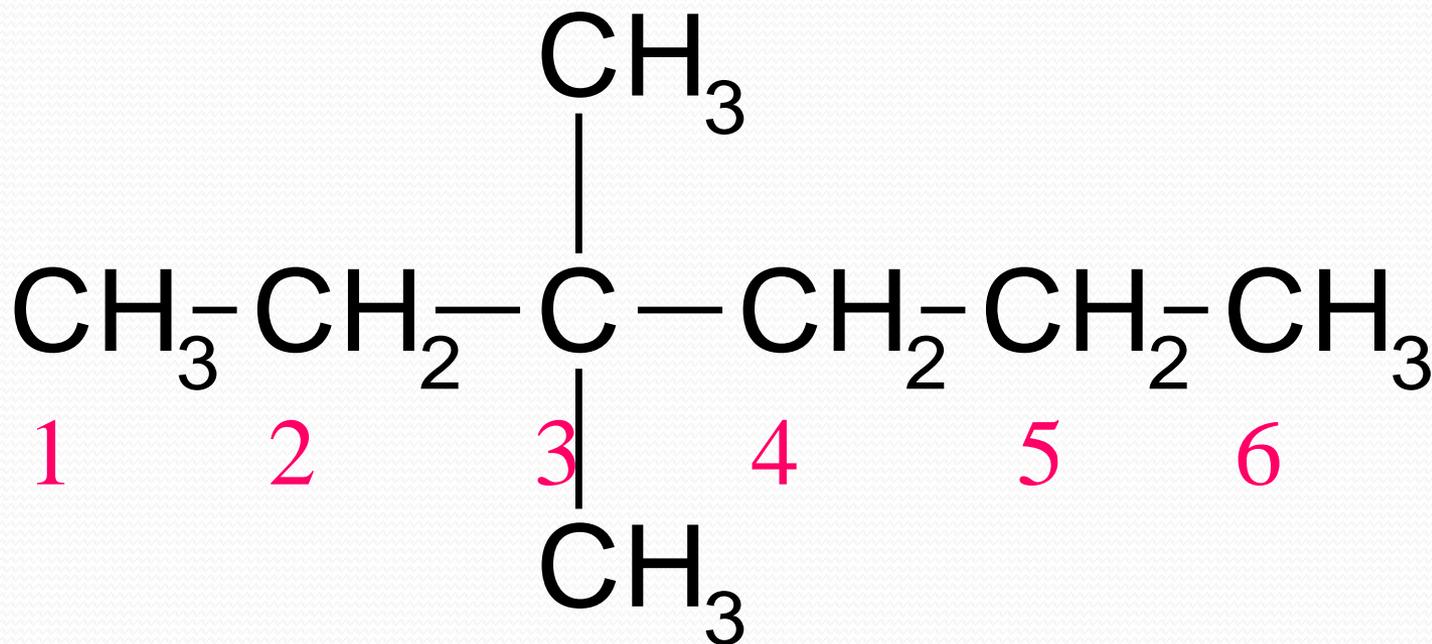
3-ethyl-5-methyloctane

Use “di-” with two substituents



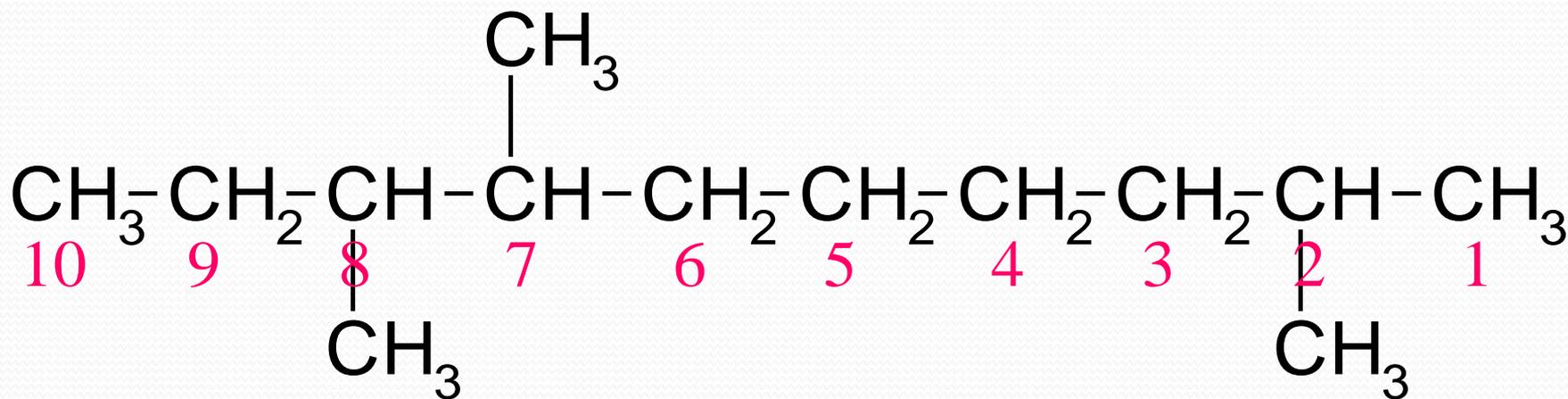
2,3-dimethylbutane

Every substituent must get a number



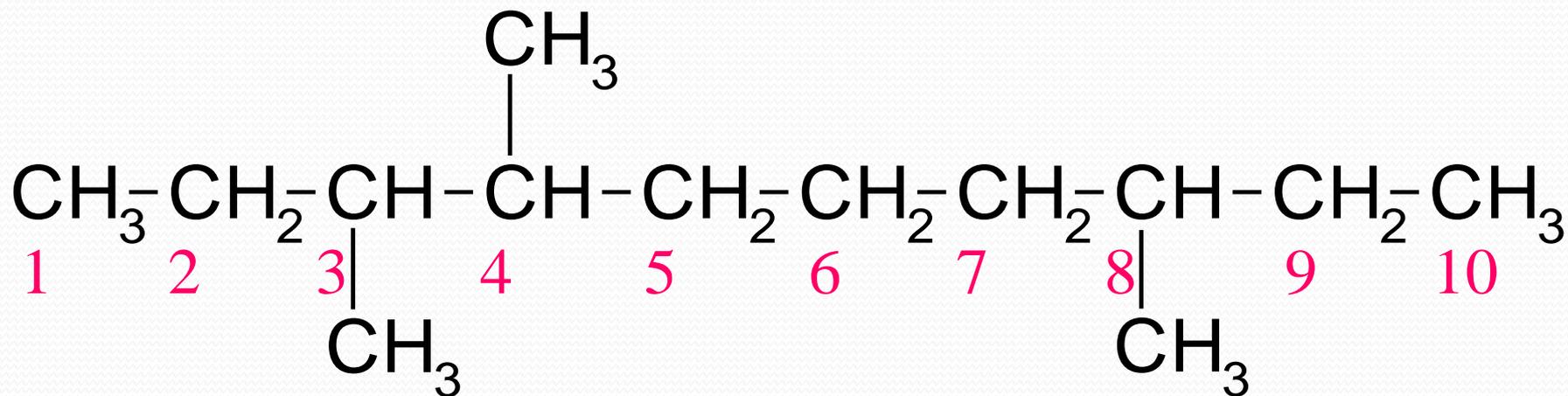
3,3-dimethylhexane

# Number from the end nearest first substituent



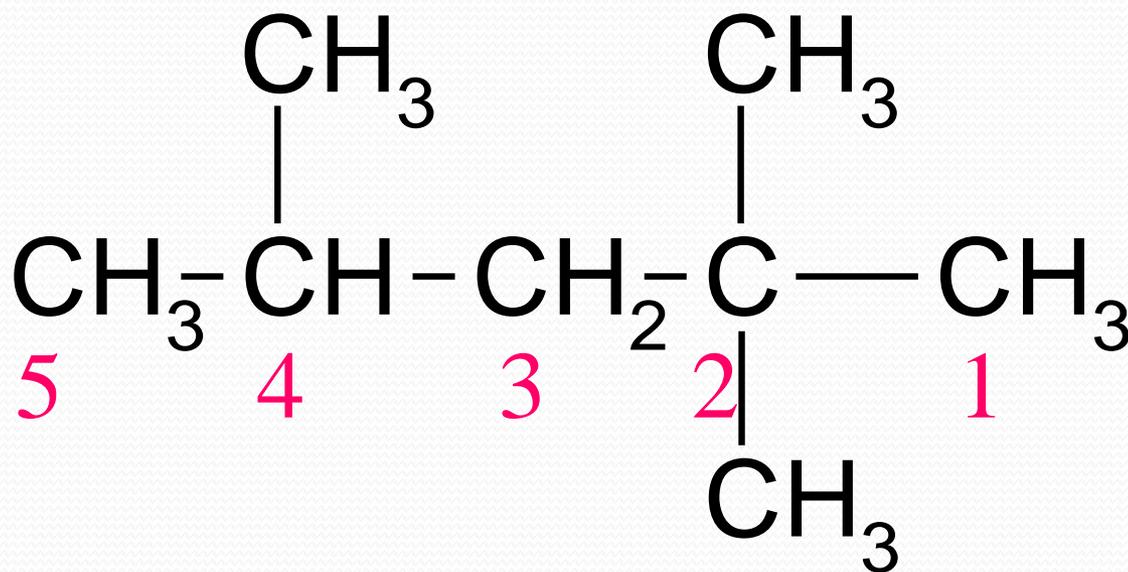
2,7,8-trimethyldecane

Number from the end which has  
the “first difference”



3,4,8-trimethyldecane

# A More-Highly-Substituted Carbon Takes Precedence



2,2,4-Trimethylpentane

# Which end do we number from?



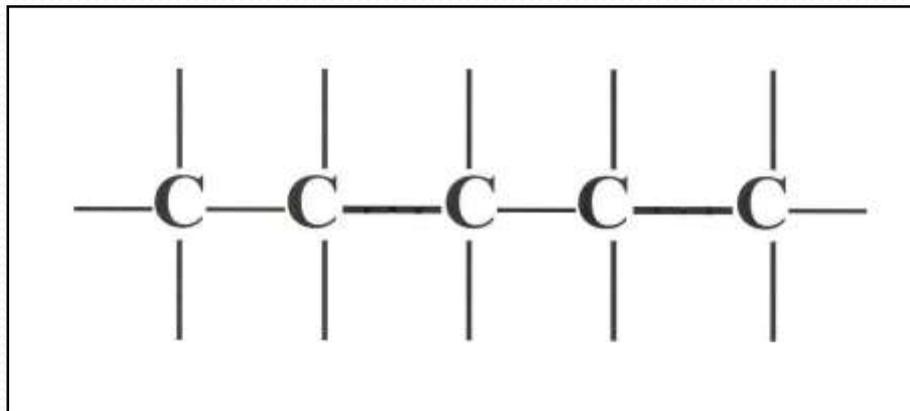
3-ethyl-6-methyloctane

# Substituents in Organic Compounds

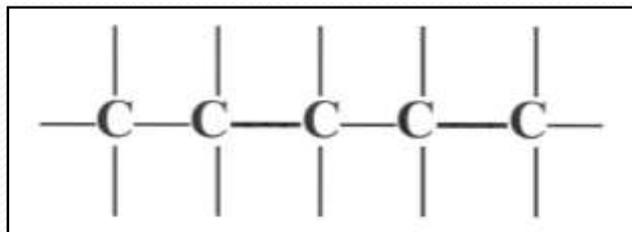
Formula of Substituent	Name of Substituent
Br—	Bromo
Cl—	Chloro
F—	Fluoro
I—	Iodo
CH <sub>3</sub> —	Methyl
CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —	Ethyl

# Drawing a Structure from a Name

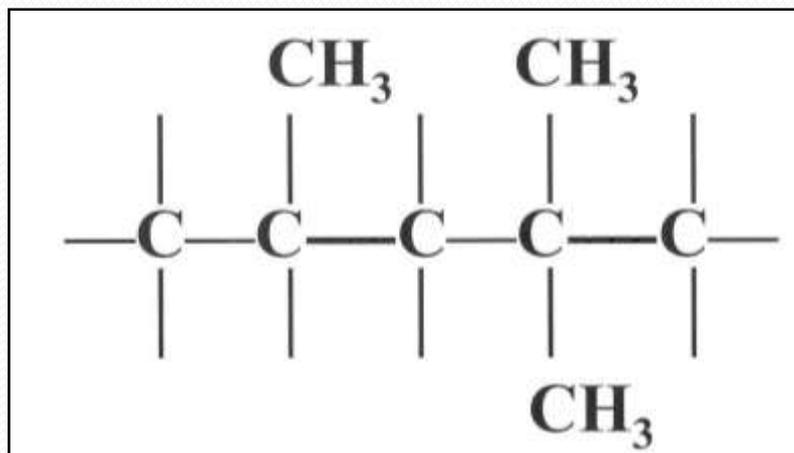
- Draw the structural formula for *2,2,4trimethylpentane*.
- Note that the end name is *pentane* .
- Draw a continuous chain of five carbon (C) atoms, with four bonds around each.



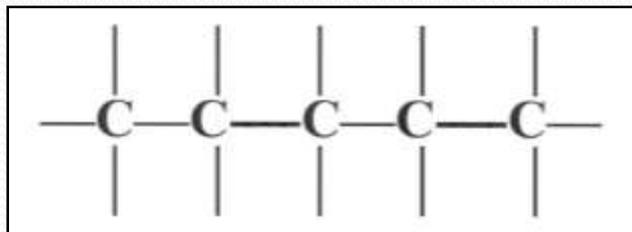
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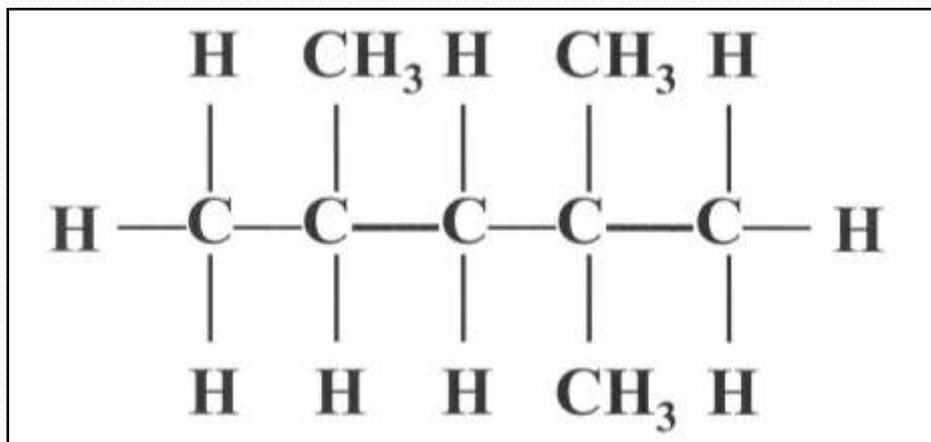
- Number the C atoms from right to left.
- Attach two methyl groups ( $\text{CH}_3$ --) to carbon number 2 and one to number 4.



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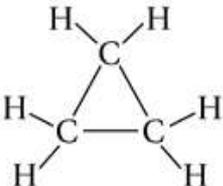
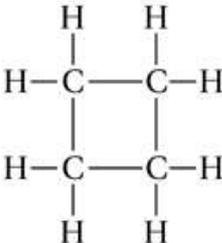
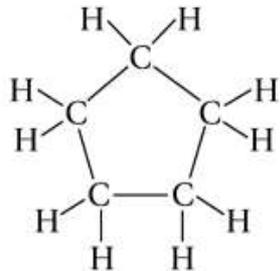
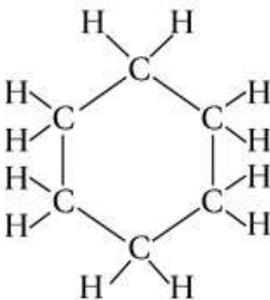
- Add necessary H atoms.
- 2,2,4-trimethylpentane



# Cycloalkanes

- Members of the cycloalkane group possess rings of carbon atoms.
- They have the general formula  $C_nH_{2n}$ .
- Each carbon atom is bonded to a total of four carbon or hydrogen atoms.
- The smallest possible ring consists of cyclopropane,  $C_3H_6$ .

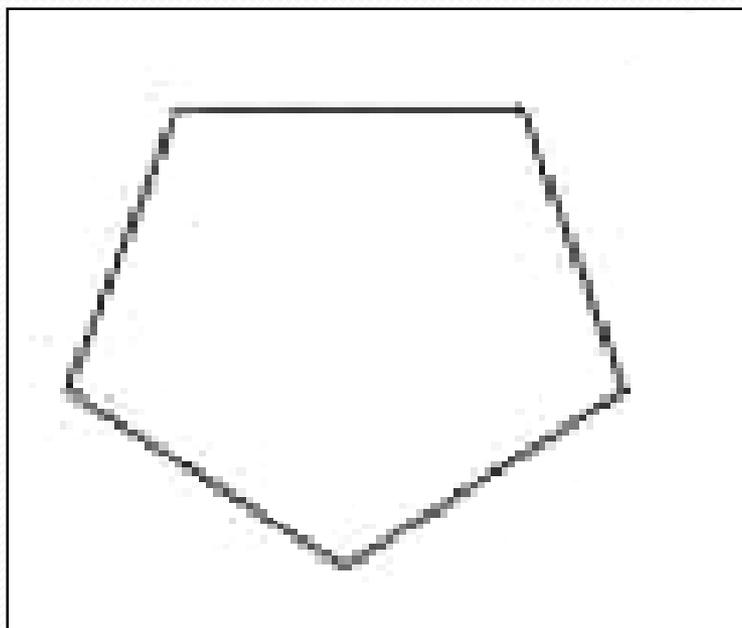
# The First Four Cycloalkanes

Molecular formula	$C_3H_6$	$C_4H_8$	$C_5H_{10}$	$C_6H_{12}$
Full structural formula				
Condensed structural formula				
Name	Cyclopropane	Cyclobutane	Cyclopentane	Cyclohexane

*Note that in the condensed structural formulas, there is a carbon atom at each corner and enough hydrogens are assumed to be attached to give a total of four single bonds.*

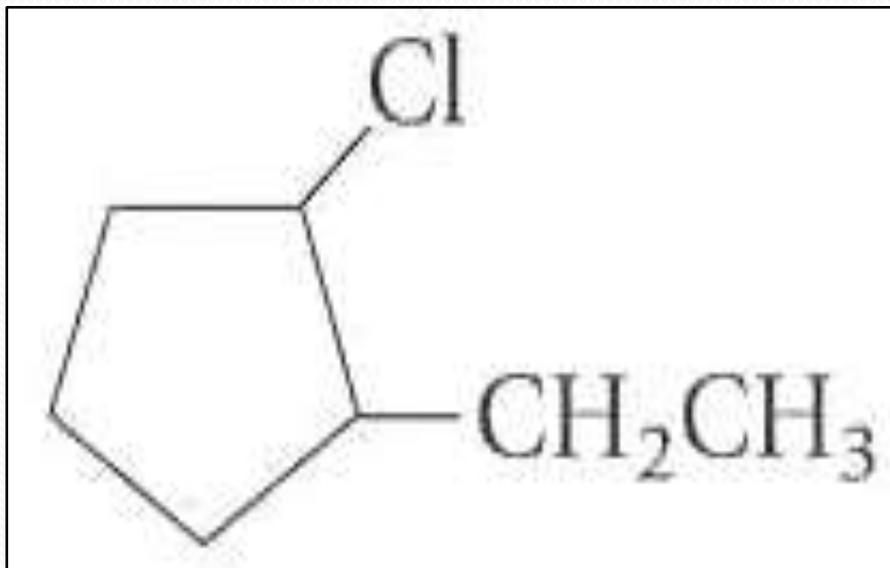
# Drawing the Structure of a Cycloalkane

- Draw the geometric figure indicated by the compound's name , “pentane.”



# Drawing the Structure of a Cycloalkane

- Place each substituent on the ring in the numbered position → “1-chloro-2-ethyl-”
- 1-chloro-2-ethylcyclopentane



# Classes of Carbon and Hydrogen atoms

- 1° Carbon - primary carbon is attached to only one other C atoms
- 2° Carbon - secondary carbon is attached to two other C atoms
- 3° Carbon - tertiary carbon is attached to three other C atoms



1°

2°

2°

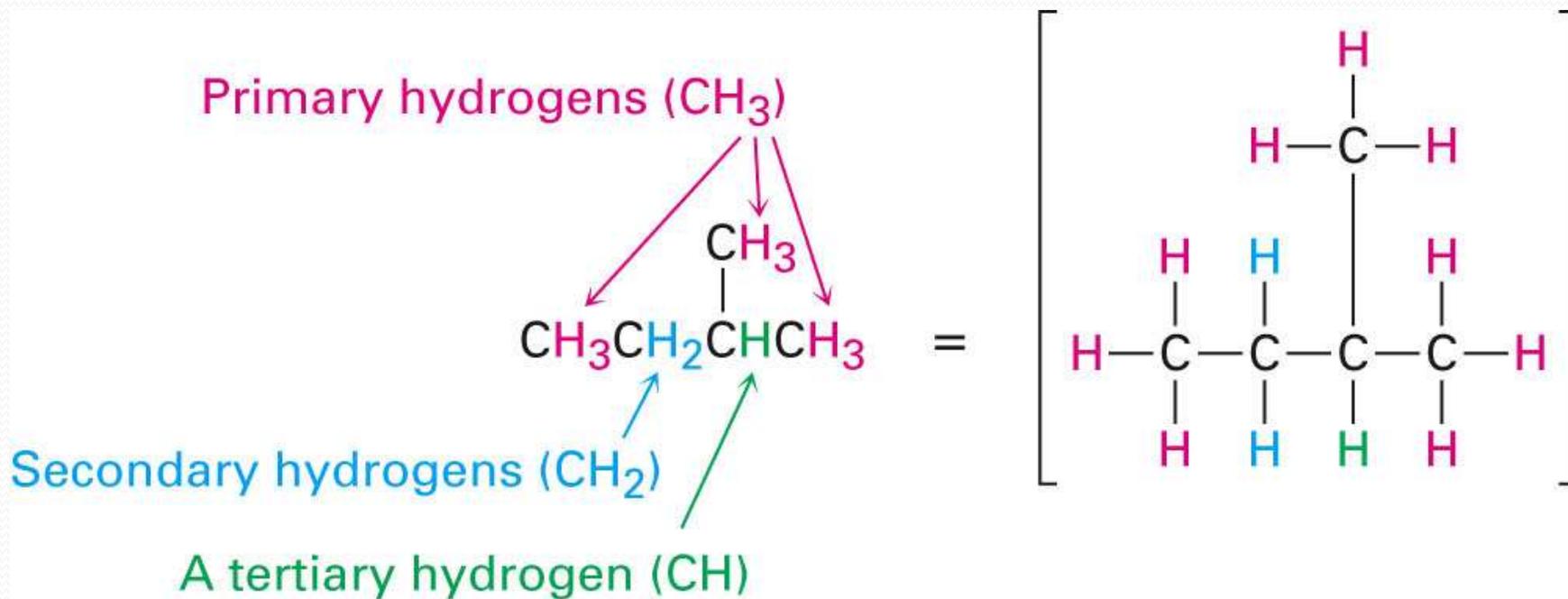
3°

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# Types of Hydrogens

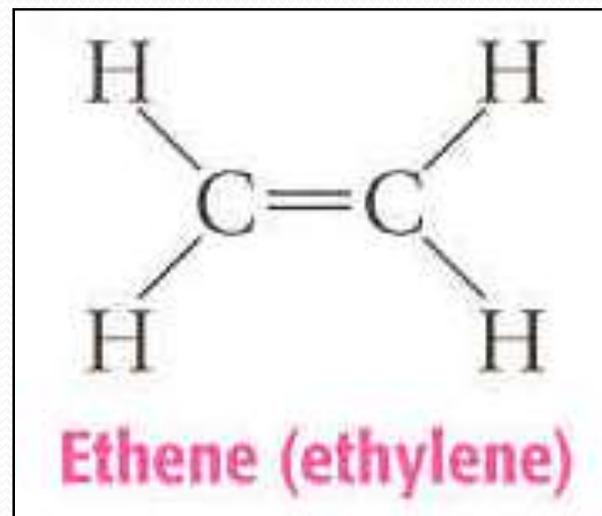


# Derivatives of Hydrocarbons

- Organic molecule characteristics depend on the number, arrangement, and type of atoms.
- Functional Group – any atom, group of atoms, or organization of bonds that determine specific properties of a molecule
  - *Generally the functional group is the reactive part of the molecule.*
  - *Due to the functional group's presence, certain predictable properties rise.*

# Alkenes

- Members of the alkene group have a double bond between two carbon atoms.
- One hydrogen atom has been removed from two adjacent carbon atoms, thereby allowing the two adjacent carbon atoms to form a double bond.
- General formula is  $C_nH_{2n}$
- Begins with ethene (ethylene)
- $C_2H_4$



# Some Members of the Alkene Series

<b>Name</b>	<b>Molecular Formula</b>	<b>Condensed Structural Formula</b>
Ethene (ethylene)	$C_2H_4$	$CH_2=CH_2$
Propene	$C_3H_6$	$CH_3CH=CH_2$
1-Butene	$C_4H_8$	$CH_3CH_2CH=CH_2$
2-Butene	$C_4H_8$	$CH_3CH=CHCH_3$
1-Pentene	$C_5H_{10}$	$CH_3(CH_2)_2CH=CH_2$

# Physical properties:

- Carbon-carbon double bond changes the physical properties of alkenes.
- At R.T. , alkenes exist in all three phases, solid, liquids, and gases.
- 1. Physical state:
  - Ethene, Propene, and Butene exists as colorless gases.
  - Members of the 5 or more carbons such as Pentene, Hexene, and Heptene are liquid
  - Members of the 15 carbons or more are solids.
- 2. Density: Alkenes are lighter than water

3.Solubility: insoluble in water.

Alkenes are only soluble in nonpolar solvent like benzene, ether, chloroform.

4.Boiling point : depends on more molecular mass (chain length).

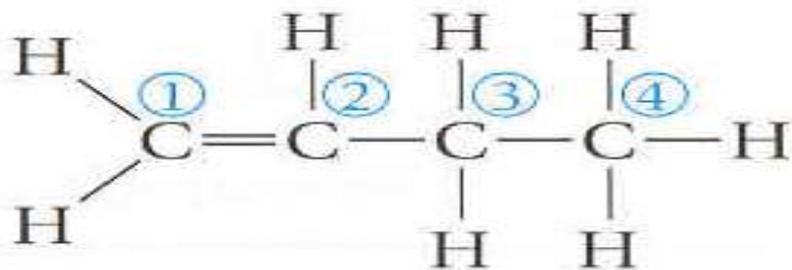
more intermolecular mass is added, the higher the boiling point.

5. Melting point : depends on the packaging of the molecules.

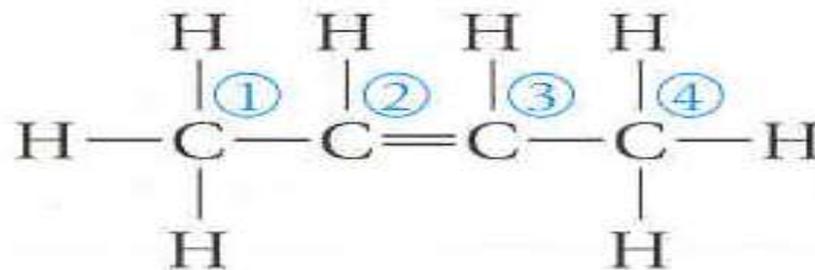
Alkenes have similar melting points to that of alkanes,

# Naming Alkenes

- “-ane” suffix for the corresponding alkane is changed to “-ene” for alkenes.
- A number preceding the name indicates the C atom on which the double bond starts.
  - *The carbons are numbered such that the double bond has the lowest number.*
- For example, 1-butene and 2-butene



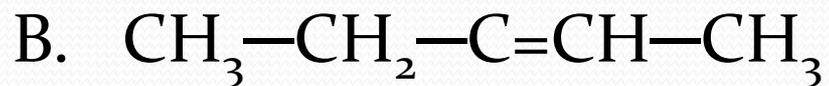
1-Butene



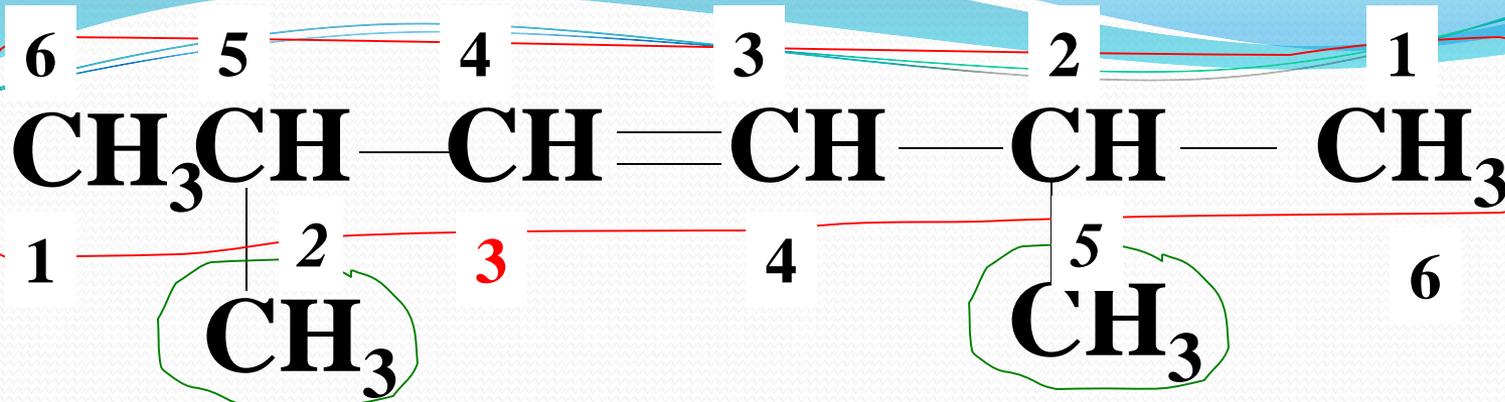
2-Butene

## Example

Write the IUPAC name for each of the following:



3 -methyl 2-pentene



Correct name is : **2,5-dimethyl-3-hexene**

*Note: Always number so that double bond gets the lowest number*

# Alkynes

- Members of the alkyne group have a triple bond between two carbon atoms.
- Two hydrogen atoms have been removed from each of two adjacent carbon atoms, thereby allowing the two adjacent carbon atoms to form a triple bond.
- General formula is  $C_nH_{2n-2}$
- Begins with ethyne (acetylene)
- $C_2H_2$



Ethyne (acetylene)

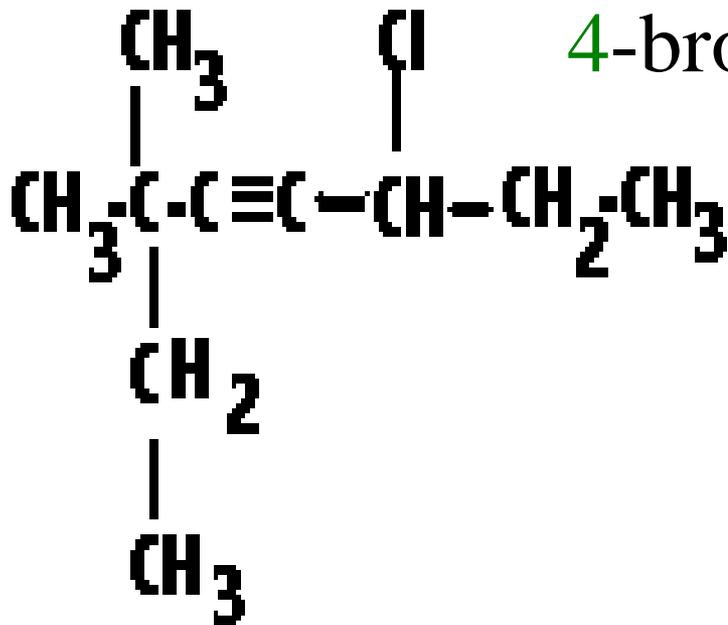
# Some Members of the Alkyne Series

Name	Molecular Formula	Condensed Structural Formula
Ethyne (acetylene)	$C_2H_2$	$HC\equiv CH$
Propyne	$C_3H_4$	$CH_3C\equiv CH$
1-Butyne	$C_4H_6$	$CH_3CH_2C\equiv CH$
2-Butyne	$C_4H_6$	$CH_3C\equiv CCH_3$
1-Pentyne	$C_5H_8$	$CH_3(CH_2)_2C\equiv CH$

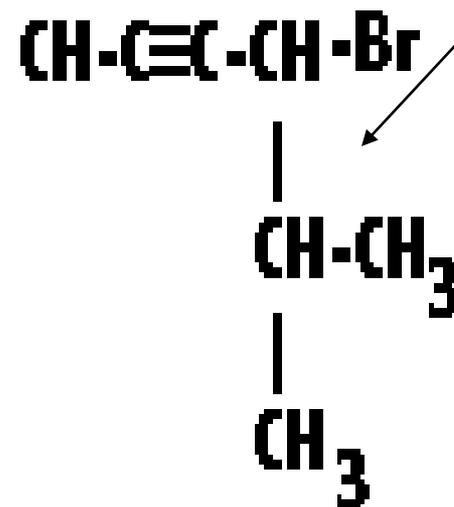
# Physical properties

1. Physical properties:
  - First 3 members of alkyne : gaseous form up to C<sub>8</sub> : liquid, more than 8 carbons: solid.
  - Colorless & except ethyne all are odorless.
  - Lighter than water
  - Insoluble in polar and soluble in non polar organic solvents.
  - Melting point, Boiling point and increase with molecular mass.





4-bromo-5-methyl-2-hexyne



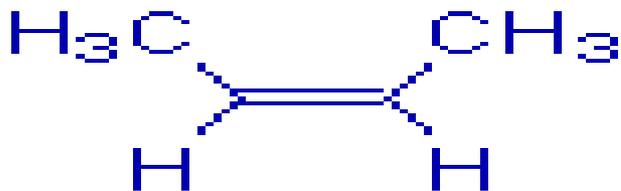
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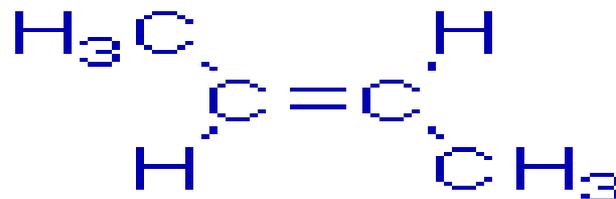
6-chloro-3,3-dimethyl-4-octyne

## GEOMETRICAL ISOMERISM

- *The geometrical isomerism arises when atoms or groups are arranged differently in space due to restricted rotation of a bond or bonds in a molecule.*
- E.g.,
- 1) Two different spatial arrangements of methyl groups about a double bond in 2-butene give rise to the following geometrical isomers.
- i.e., cis-2-butene and trans-2-butene



cis-2-butene

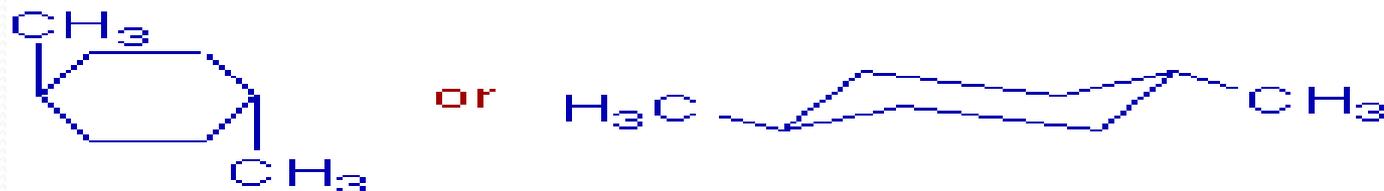


trans - 2-butene

- Above two forms are not inter convertible due to restricted rotation of double bond.
- In the cis isomer, the two methyl groups are arranged on the same side of a double bond.
- Whereas in the trans isomer, they are on the opposite side.
- 2) There are two geometrical isomers (cis & trans) possible in case of 1,4-dimethylcyclohexane as shown below:



**cis-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane**



**trans-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane** 3

- In the above geometrical isomers, the methyl groups are arranged differently about the plane of the cyclohexane ring. These isomers are not inter convertible since it is not possible to rotate the bonds in the cyclohexane ring.
- The geometrical isomers often show different physical and chemical properties. The difference in their physical properties is more significant when there is more difference in their polarity.
- Usually the dipole moment of cis-isomers is greater than that of trans isomers. Hence the cis isomers usually have more solubility in polar solvents.
- In general, the trans isomers are more stable than cis isomers.

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