

# Families of Hydrocarbons

Recap

Hydrocarbons are chemical compounds that contain the elements Hydrogen and Carbon only. Crude Oil is made up of a mixture of different hydrocarbons. We can separate them into different fractions using fractional distillation.

Hydrocarbons follow the same rules  
so the alkane family all end in "ane"  
so the alkene family all ends  
in "ene"

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Alkene

methane

ethane

propane

butane

pentane

Alkene

ethene

propene

butene

pentene

hexene

Naming hydrocarbon  
families

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Prefix

Meth

Eth

prop

But

Number of  
Carbons

1

2

3

4

pent	5
hex	6
hept	7
Oct	8

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If it had 3 carbons, the prefix for 3 is prop

If it is an alkene then its ending is ene

So our alkene with 8 carbons is propene

1. Pentene
2. Butene
3. Ethene
4. Methene
5. ...

3. Octane /

6. 4

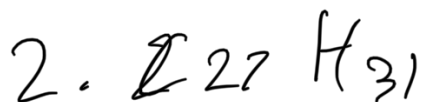
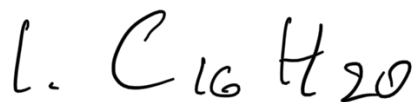
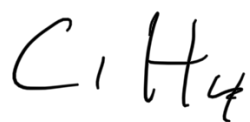
7. 4

8. Heptane

1. 2

2. 1

3. yes for every 1 carbon  
there is 4 hydrogen



5 1 1

1. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>

Propene

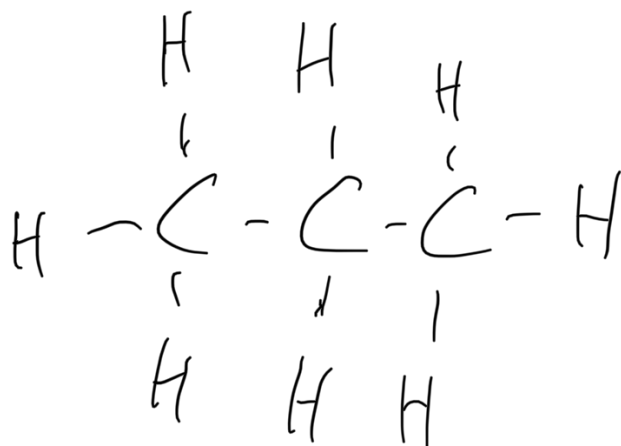
Family

How many  
Carbons?

Ans

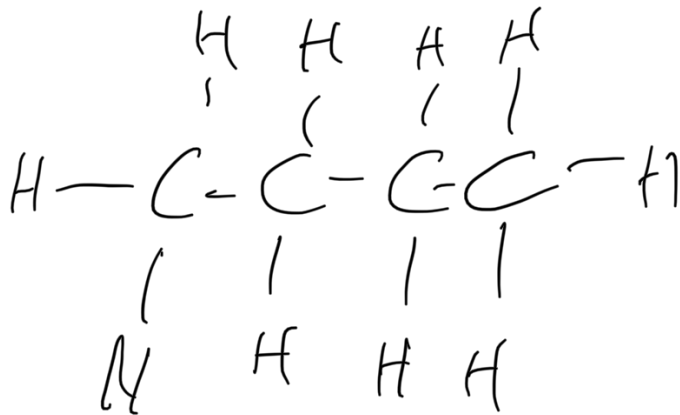
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Alkene

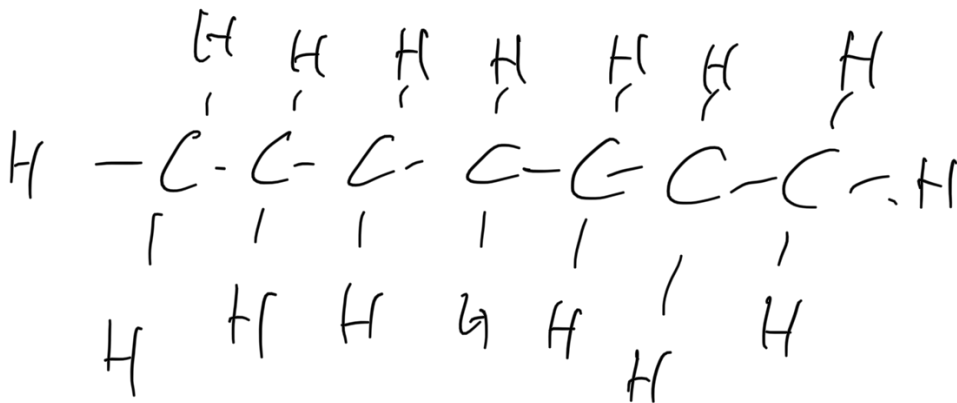


Butane

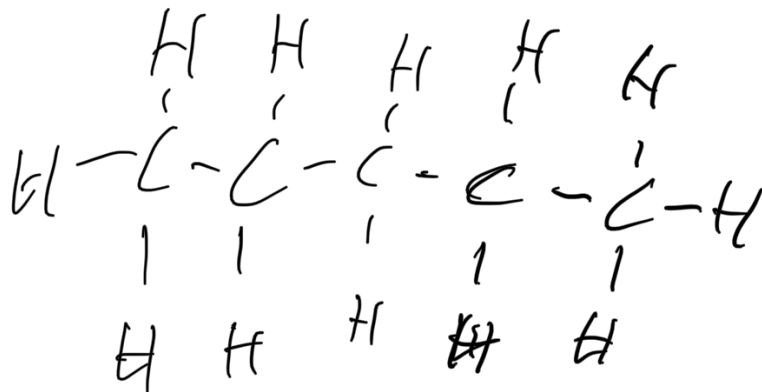
• expansion



a)



b)



Name      Number of molecular carbons      molecular formula      structural formula

... name ... formula ... formula

Methane 1  $CH_4$   $H-\overset{\overset{H}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}-H$

Ethane 2  $C_2H_6$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H \\ | & | \\ H-C & -C-H \\ | & | \\ H & H \end{array}$

Propane 3  $C_3H_8$   $H-H-\overset{\overset{H}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}-\overset{\overset{H}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}-\overset{\overset{H}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}-H$

Butane 4  $C_4H_{10}$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H \\ | & | & | & | \\ H-C & -C & -C & -C-H \\ | & | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H \end{array}$

Pentane 5  $C_5H_{12}$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H & H \\ | & | & | & | & | \\ H-C & -C & -C & -C & -C-H \\ | & | & | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H & H \end{array}$

Hexane 6  $C_6H_{14}$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H & H & H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H-C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C-H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H & H & H \end{array}$

Heptane 7  $C_7H_{16}$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H & H & H & H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H-C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C-H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H & H & H & H \end{array}$

Octane 8  $C_8H_{18}$   $\begin{array}{c} H & H & H & H & H & H & H & H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H-C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C & -C-H \\ | & | & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H & H & H & H & H \end{array}$

Alkene limits

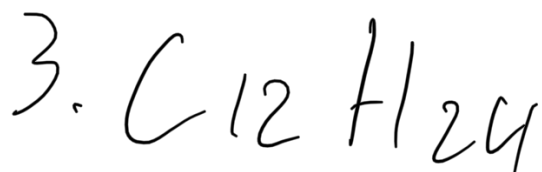
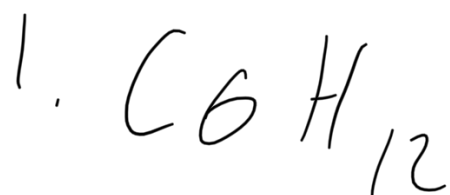
general formula

this is used to link molecules  
of the same hydrocarbon family,  
same know how many  
hydrogens and carbons  
they have.



The general formula  
for an Alkene is

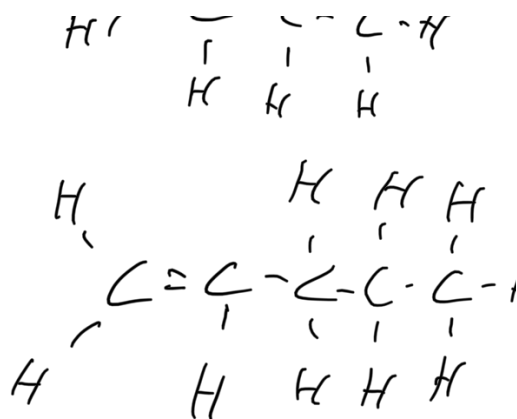




Name	Number of Hydrocarbons	Molecular Formula	Structural formula
Ethene	2	$C_2 H_4$	$  \begin{array}{c}  H & & H \\  & \diagdown & / \\  & C = C & \\  & / & \diagdown \\  H & & H  \end{array}  $
propene	3	$C_3 H_6$	$  \begin{array}{c}  H & & H & & H \\  & \diagdown & / & & \diagdown \\  & C = C & - & C & - H \\  & / & &   & \\  H & & & H & H  \end{array}  $
Butane	4	$C_4 H_8$	$  \begin{array}{c}  H & & H & & H \\  & \diagdown & / & & \diagdown \\  & C = C & - & C & - C & - H \\  & / & &   &   & \\  H & & & H & H &  \end{array}  $

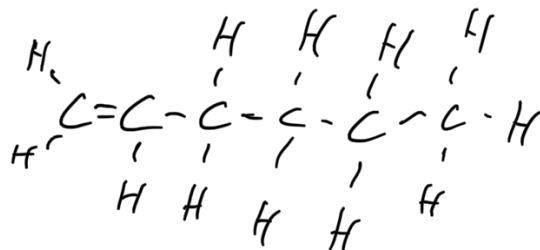
Pentene

5  $C_5H_{10}$



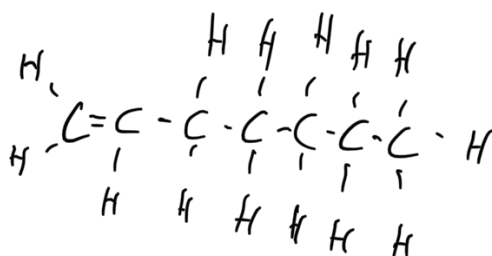
Hexene

6  $C_6H_{12}$



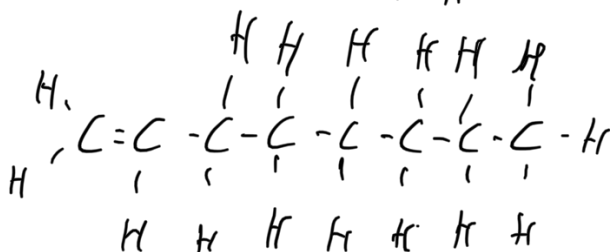
Heptene

7  $C_7H_{14}$



Octene

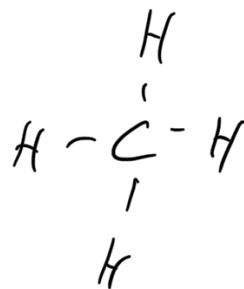
8  $C_8H_{16}$



Quick quiz

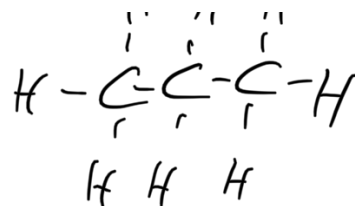
1. Methane

$CH_4$

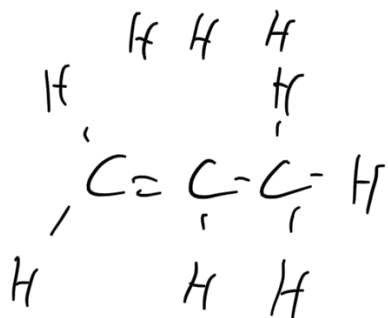


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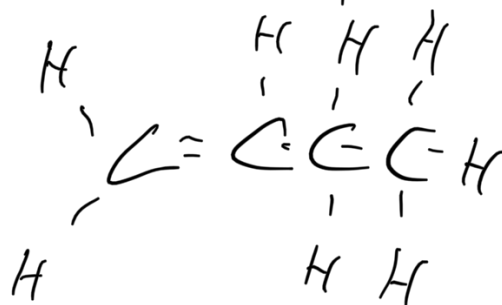
Propane  $C_3H_8$



Propene  $C_3H_6$



Butene  $C_4H_8$



2. b)  $(2 \times 6) + 2$

a)  $(2 \times 4) + 2$

c)  $(2 \times 8) + 2$

d)  $(2 \times 5) + 2$

e)  $(2 \times 100) + 2$

Saturated

A saturated hydrocarbon has  
no space for more atoms  
Alkanes are saturated as there is  
no double bonds

## Unsaturated

An unsaturated hydrocarbon  
has less hydrogens, so more  
space for other atoms.

Alkenes are unsaturated as  
they contain a double  
Bond

We can use Bromine water test for unsaturation

Hydrocarbon	Color of Bromine water at start	Color at end	Effect on bromine water
Alkanes	Brown	Clear	change of color
Alkenes	Brown	Brown	none

Saturated/unsaturated  
unsaturated  
Saturated

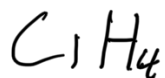
Exam Question

A saturated hydrocarbon has no space for any other hydrogen atoms. However an unsaturated hydrocarbon can break its double bond to allow another 2 hydrogen atoms to join it.

Recap

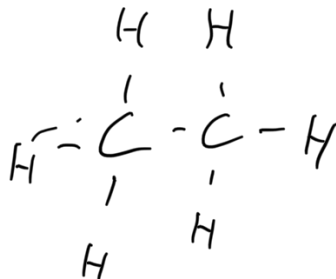
Alkanes

general formula:



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Propane

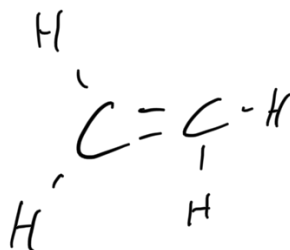


It is saturated

Alkenes

general formula:  $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{n+2}$

Propene



It is unsaturated

Hydrocarbons  
Part 2

1.
  - a) 2
  - b) 2
  - c) 1
  - d) 4

2.  $C_1H_4$

3. Name of hydrocarbon	Molecular formula
Hexane	$C_6H_{14}$
Pentene	$C_5H_{10}$
Ethane	$C_2H_6$
Propane	$C_3H_8$

4. Butene

5. propene

6. unsaturated means the hydrocarbons and a 2 hydrogen atoms can join it.

7. We use a Bromine water.

solution to test for unsaturation  
we know it's positive by  
it changing from brown to blue

8. a) C  
b) A

9.  $C_3H_6$

10. a) D  
b) C/E  
c)