Overview of a couple concepts that were confusing

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Please attempt the problems before you look at the solutions. It will help you understand the material better

Please Consider A and B as enantiomers

- 1. Calculate the **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess) for a mixture of **er** (Enantiomeric Ratio) =75:25, A:B.
- 2. Calculate the **er** (Enantiomeric Ratio) for a mixture that has A in 83% **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess).
- 3. Assign R or S configuration for each Stereo center in Paclitaxel (Taxol).

Solutions

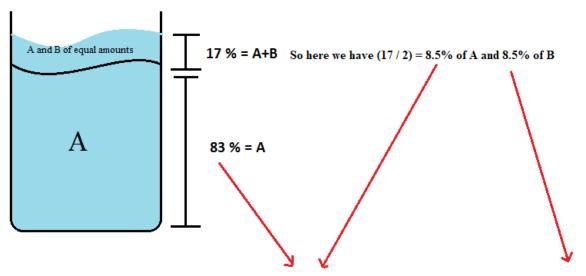
1. Calculate the **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess) for a mixture of **er** (Enantiomeric Ratio) =75:25, A:B.

To convert **er** to **ee** all you need to do is subtract the larger quantity from the smaller. So in this case the amount of A is 75 and B is 25. If you subtract these two values (75-25) you get 50 of A in excess. Which is the same thing as A being 50% **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess)

2. Calculate the **er** (Enantiomeric Ratio) for a mixture that has A in 83% **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess).

This conversion seems a bit complicated at first, however once you think about it the right way it becomes straight forward!

So when you have a mixture of in this case A in 83% **ee** (Enantiomeric Excess), the mixture will look something like this.



So to get the er (Enantiomeric Ratio) we need to sum the total amounts of A (83 + 8.5) = 91.5 and set the ratio to the amounts of B = 8.5

So you get your er of A:B to be 91.5:8.5

3. Assign R or S configuration for each Stereo center in Paclitaxel (Taxol).