Configuration



L-amino acid

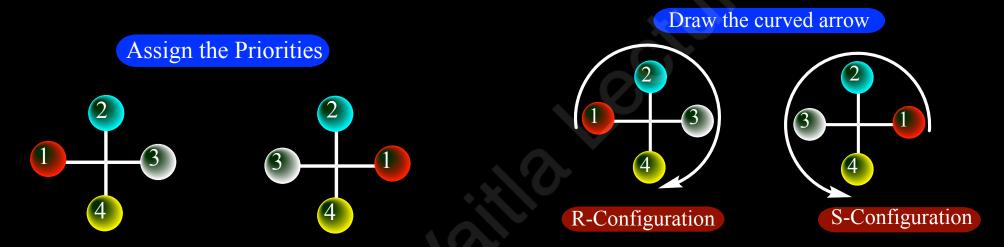
D-amino acid

How to explain the configuration of this molecule?

Absolute configuration

To name the enantiomers of a compound unambiguously, their names must include the "handedness" of the molecule. The method for this is formally known as R/S nomenclature.

The method of unambiguously assigning the handedness of molecules was originated by three chemists: R.S. Cahn, C. Ingold, and V. Prelog and, as such, is also often called the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog rules.

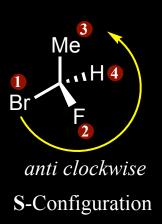


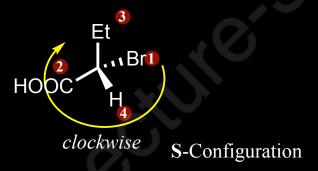
- * a curved arrow is drawn from the highest priority (1) substituent to the lowest priority (4) substituent
- If the arrow points in a counterclockwise direction the configuration at stereocenter is considered S ("Sinister" → Latin= "left").
- the arrow points clockwise, (Right when leaving the 12 o' clock position) then the stereocenter is labeled R ("Rectus" → Latin= "right").

★ Rule-1:

The higher the atomic number, the higher the priority.

$$I > Br > Cl > S > F > O > N > {}^{13}C > {}^{12}C > Li > {}^{3}H > {}^{2}H > {}^{1}H$$





Orient the chiral centre such

that the 4th priority substituent is

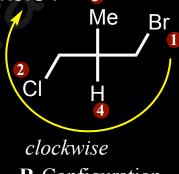
pointing away from the viewer.

Note:

4th Group is towards observer

★ Rule-2:

In case of ties, use the next atoms along the chain of each group as tiebreakers.

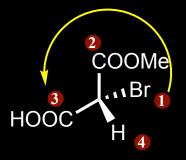


R-Configuration

★ Rule-3:

Treat double and triple bonds as if each were a bond to a separate atom. For this method, imagine that each pi bond is broken and the atoms at both ends duplicated. (Phantom atom concept)

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & C & C \\
 \hline
 -C \equiv CH & = & -C - CH \\
 \hline
 & C & C \\
 & C & C
\end{array}$$



anti clockwise

R-Configuration

Note:

4th Group is towards observer

★ Question: Identify the absolute configuration for the following molecules

Stereogenic unit is a unit in a molecule which is responsible

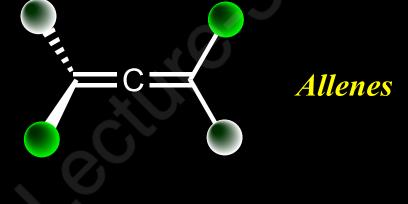
for stereoisomerization or stereomer generation.

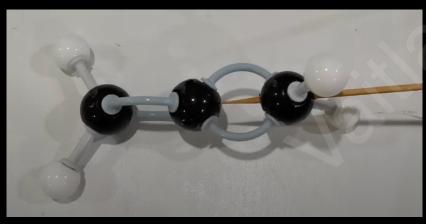
Stereogenic unit can be either point, axis, plane, or helicity.

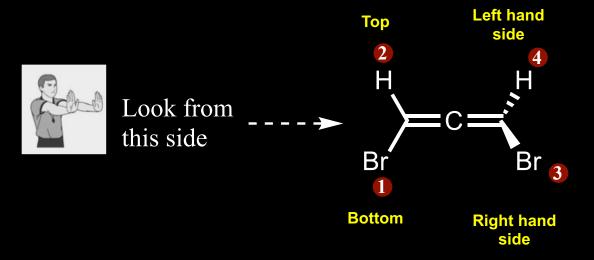
Axial chirality

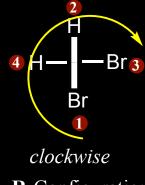
Molecule does not possess a chiral center but contain chiral axis

Chiral axis: An axis about which a set of substituents is held in a spatial arrangement that is not superposable on its mirror image.



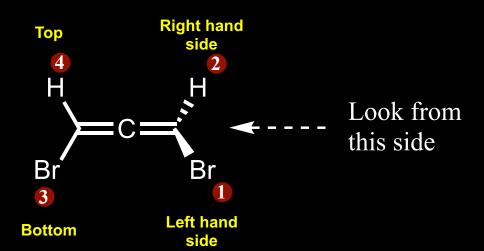




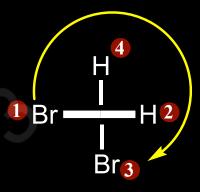


R-Configuration

Note:
Dont think about 4th group
(weather it is in horzontal/vertical line)



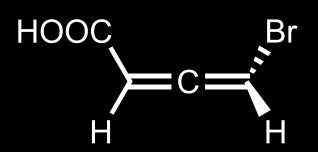


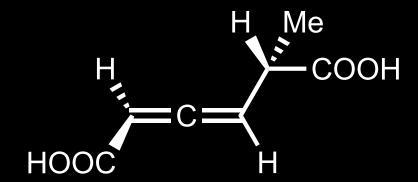


clockwise

R-Configuration

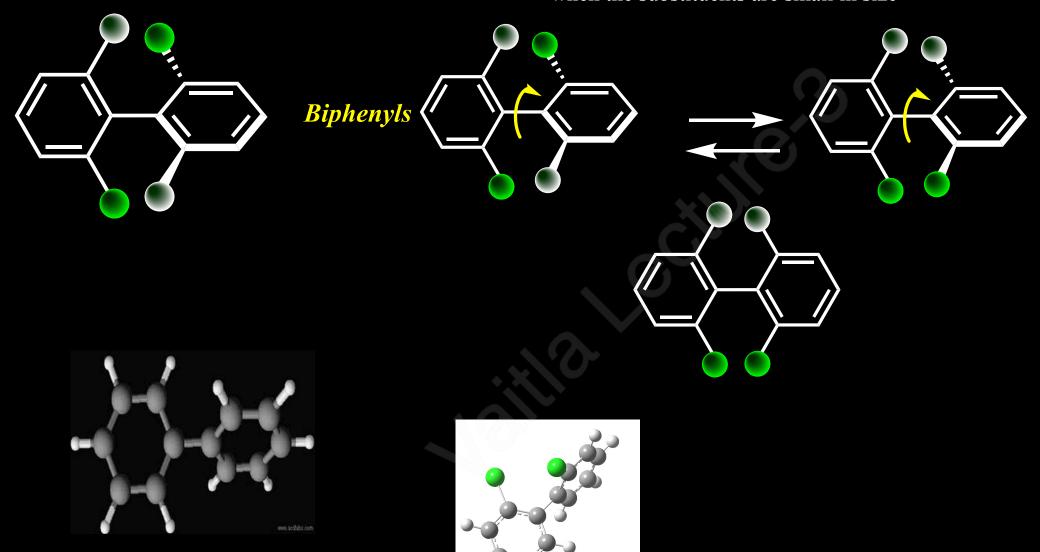
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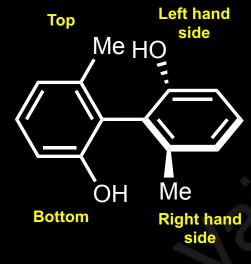
Biphenyls

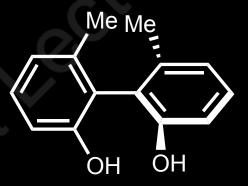
when the substituents are small in size



★ Question: Identify the absolute configuration for the following molecules







Geometrical Isomerism

- \blacksquare Each carbon in the $\pi-$ bond is attached to two substituents. For each carbon, these two substituents are ranked (1 or 2) according to the atomic numbers of the atom directly attached to the carbon.
- If both substituents ranked 1 are on the same side of the π -bond, the bond is given the descriptor **Z**
- If both substituents ranked 1 are on the opposite side of the pi bond, the bond is given the descriptor E