# CYI101 Common CHEMISTRY(Organic)

**Stereochemistry: Nomenclature** 

R/S, D/L and E/Z

# **Configurational Nomenclature**

1890, Emil Fisher while working in the Sugar and Amino acid chemistry
 Fischer's D/L nomenclature

This genetic nomenclature, however, did not work since in many cases, both the enantiomers of a compounds may be chemically correlated to the same glyceraldehyde.

## **Configurational Nomenclature**

- 1906, To circumvent the difficulty, Rosanoff modified the system and suggested a projection nomenclature according to the following conventions:
  - 1. As in Fischer's system, the molecule is written with the longest carbon chain placed vertically.
  - 2. The most highly oxidised end of the chain is placed at the top.
  - 3. If in the projected structure, the OH group (or any negative group) at the bottommost chiral

centre (C-5 in glucose) is on the right hand side, the molecule is given D-configuration and if is on left, the molecule is given L configuration. The fisher-Rosanoff system does not refer to the origin of the compound (non-generic.)

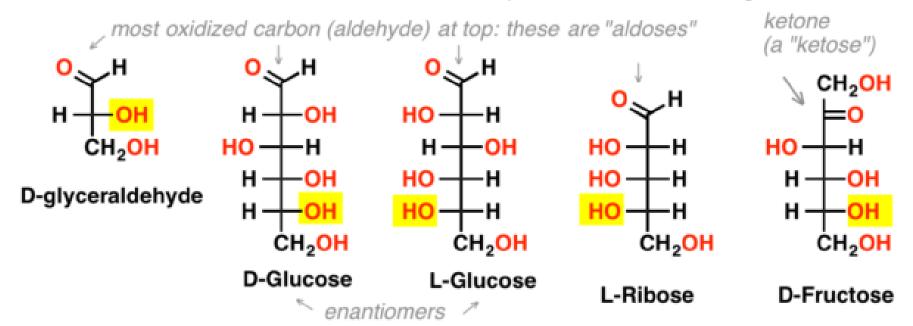
Problem: 1-phenylbutyric acid:

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#### D- and L- Sugars

For a sugar drawn in the Fischer projection with the most oxidized carbon at the top:

- If the OH on the bottom chiral center points to the right, the sugar is D
- If the OH on the bottom chiral center points to the left, the sugar is L



L- and D- is a means of describing the **absolute configuration** of a molecule that pre-dates *R* and *S* but is still used for some biological molecules (sugars, amino acids). It's a quick way of denoting enantiomers: e.g. L-glucose and D-glucose are enantiomers.

L- and D- have no relation to the optical rotation of a molecule.

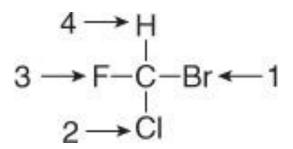
The D- L- system can also be applied to other chiral molecules, e.g. amino acids:

#### Five carbon aldehyde sugars (aldopentoses)

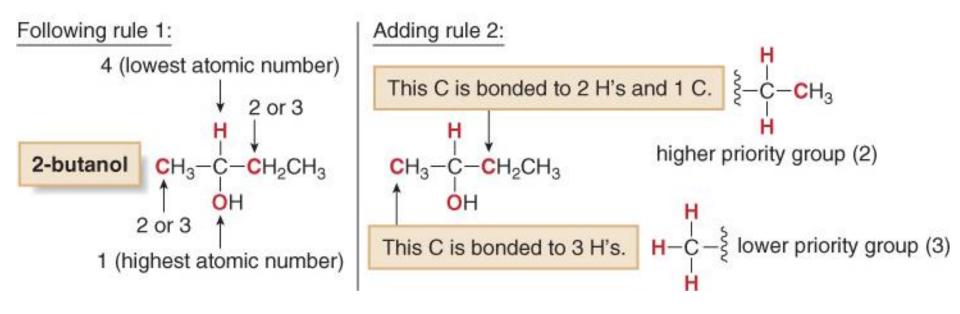
 Since enantiomers are two different compounds, they need to be distinguished by name. This is done by adding the prefix

to the IUPAC name of the enantiomer.

- Naming enantiomers with the prefixes R or S is called the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog [CIP system (1951-1966)].
- To designate enantiomers as R or S, priorities must be assigned to each group bonded to the stereogenic center, in order of decreasing atomic number. The atom of highest atomic number gets the highest priority (1).



 If two atoms on a stereogenic center are the same, assign priority based on the atomic number of the atoms bonded to these atoms. One atom of higher atomic number determines the higher priority.

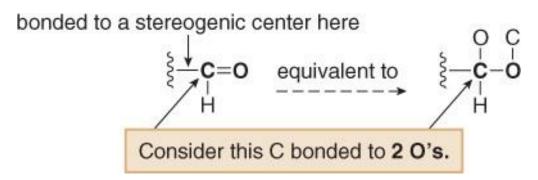


• If two isotopes are bonded to the stereogenic center, assign priorities in order of decreasing mass number. Thus, in comparing the three isotopes of hydrogen, the order of priorities is:

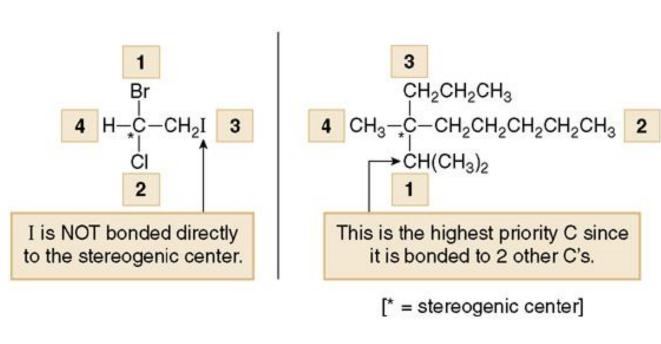
#### Tritium (T) > Deuterium (D)> Hydrogen (H)

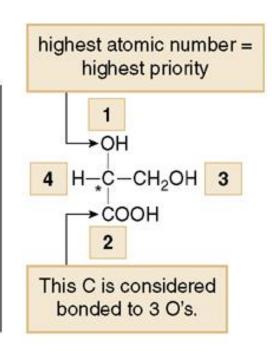
57	Mass number	Priority
T (tritium)	3 (1 proton + 2 neutrons)	1
D (deuterium)	2 (1 proton + 1 neutron)	2
H (hydrogen)	1 (1 proton)	3

• To assign a priority to an atom that is part of a multiple bond, *treat a multiply bonded atom as an equivalent number of singly bonded atoms.* For example, the C of a C=O is considered to be bonded to two O atoms.



Other common multiple bonds are drawn below:





- ☐ Assign **R** or **S** to a Stereogenic Center
- > Example: Label each enantiomer as R or S

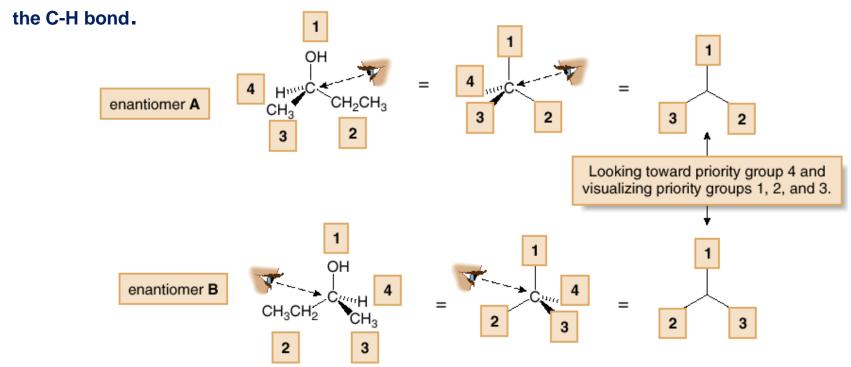
#### Step [1]:

Assign priorities from 1 to 4 to each group bonded to the stereogenic center.

• The priorities for the four groups around the stereogenic center in 2-butanol were given in Rule 2, on page 172.

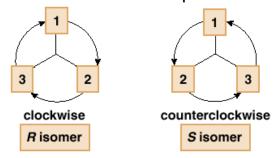
**Step [2]:** Orient the molecule with the lowest priority group (4) back (on a dash), and visualize the relative positions of the remaining three groups (priorities 1, 2 and 3).

For each enantiomer of 2-butanol, look toward the lowest priority group, drawn behind the plane, down

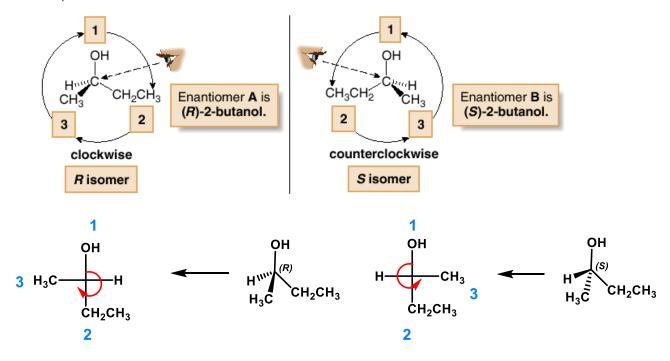


#### **Step [3]:** Trace a circle $1 \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow 3$

- If tracing the circle goes in the clockwise direction-to the right form the noon position-the isomer is named R
- If counterclockwise direction-to the left from the noon position-the isomer is named S



• The letters R or S precede the IUPAC name of the molecule. For the enantiomers of 2-butanol:



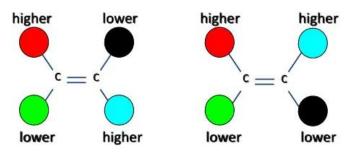
### **Quick Test**

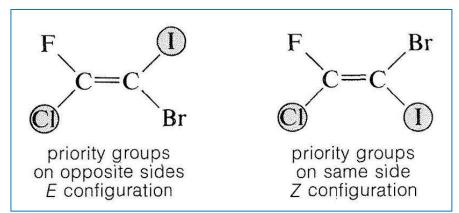
# The E (Trans) / Z (Cis) Notational System

**E**–**Z** configuration, or the **E**–**Z** convention, is the **IUPAC** preferred method of describing the absolute stereochemistry of double bonds in organic chemistry.

- E :higher ranked substituents on opposite sides
- Z:higher ranked substituents on <u>same</u> side

Entgegen





"s-trans"

"s-cis"

H
H
H
C-C sigma bond

Notice that the two hydrogens are on the opposite side ("trans") of the (red) C-C sigma bond

Notice that the two hydrogens are on the same side ("cis") of the (red) C-C sigma bond