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#### What are Isomers?

 Isomers represent different forms, or structures, of the same molecular formula

- There are three types:
  - Structural (constitutional)
  - Stereoisomers
    - Diastereoisomers (geometric)
    - Enantiomers (optical)

#### Structural Isomers

Atoms are bonded together in a different arrangement

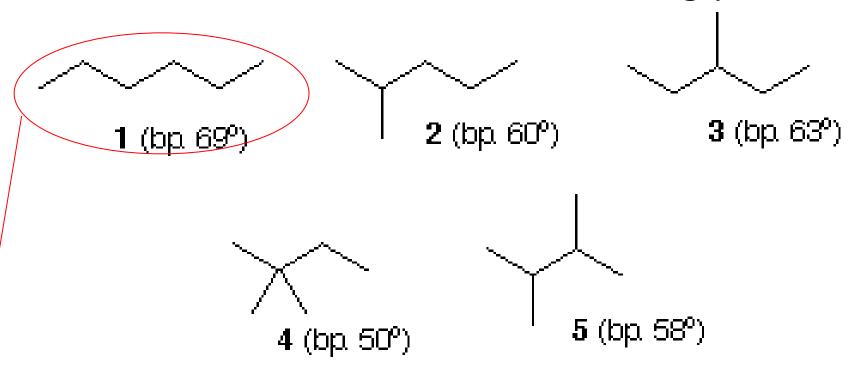
$$C_4H_{10}$$



Compounds with the same molecular formula but with different bonding arrangements are structural isomers.

# Butane isomers A H<sub>3</sub>C CH<sub>3</sub>

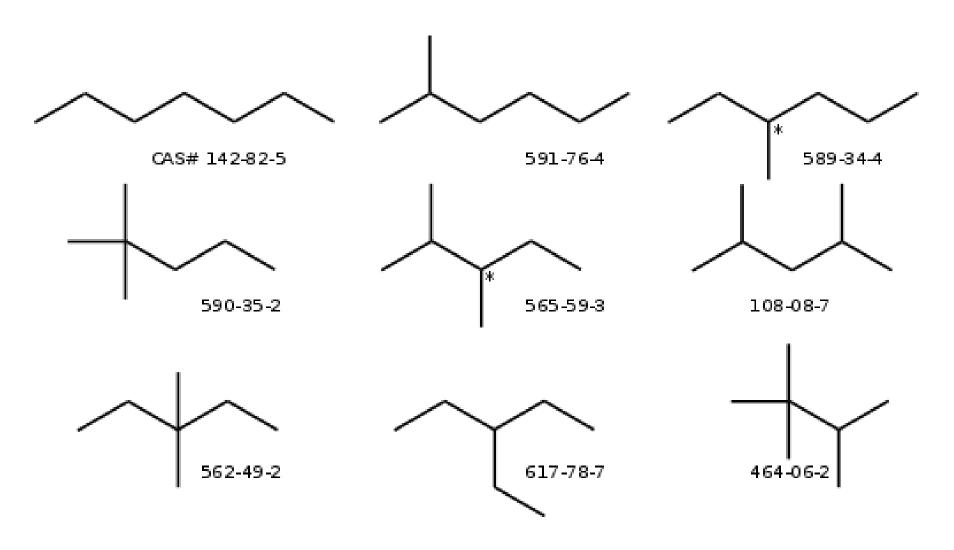
Ex: Structural isomers of hexane + boiling points



Changing the structure affects the boiling point

-This structure can easily stack and form more London Dispersion Forces with neighbouring hexane molecules

Draw all of the structural isomers of heptane using line structures:



The longer the chain, the greater the number of structural isomers

Number of Carbon Atoms Number of Isomers

4 2

5 3

6 5

7 9

8 18

9 35

10 75

12 355

15 4347

#### Stereoisomers

 Atoms are bonded together in the same sequence, but differ in the 3-D orientations of their atoms in space

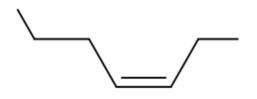
#### Diastereoisomer

 Form when each carbon atom involved in the double bond has different types of atoms or groups bonded to it

#### But-2-ene

#### Cis- or Trans-?

- Cis- when 2 identical groups are on the same side of the double bond
- Trans- when 2 identical groups are on opposite sides of the double bond

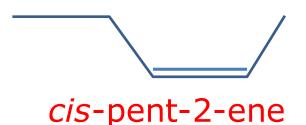




cis-hept-3-ene (2Z)-hept-3-ene

trans-hept-3-ene (2E)-hept-3-ene

Draw the two diastereoisomers of pent-2-ene



(2Z)-pent-2-ene

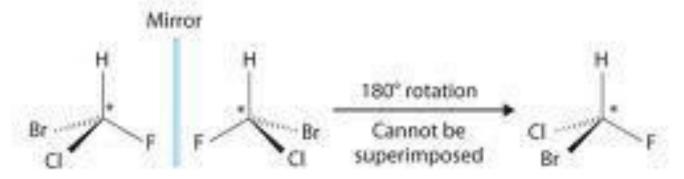


trans-pent-2-ene

(2*E*)-pent-2-ene

#### **Enantiomers**

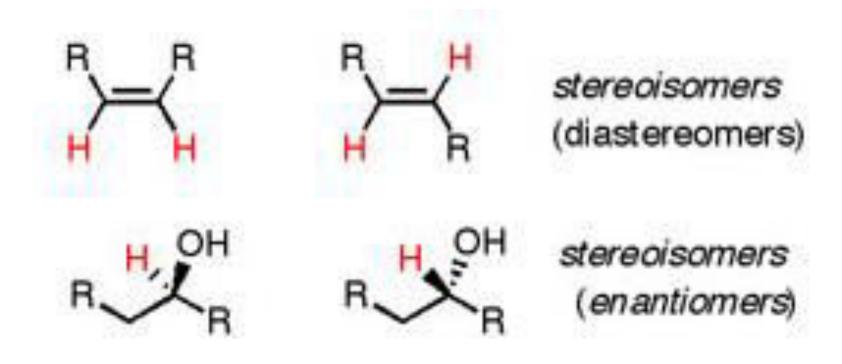
 Molecules are mirror images of each other around a single carbon atom bonded to 4 different groups (chiral carbon)



#### (a) Bromochlorofluoromethane

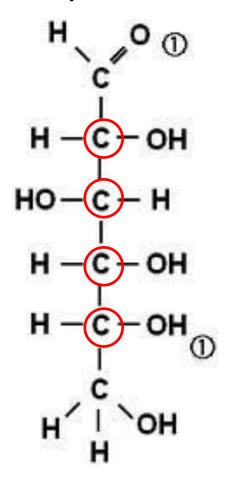
#### (b) Dichlorofluoromethane

#### Diastereomers vs. Enantiomers



For n number of chiral carbons there are 2<sup>n</sup> number of possible stereoisomers.

Identify the number of stereoisomers of this molecule:



- 1. Count chiral carbons
  4
- 2. Use formula 2<sup>n</sup>

 $2^{(4)} = 16$  stereoisomers

Glucose in its chain form has 16 stereoisomers. How many enantiomers does it have?

Two, because enantiomers are non-superimposable mirror images. The remaining 14 are diastereomers.

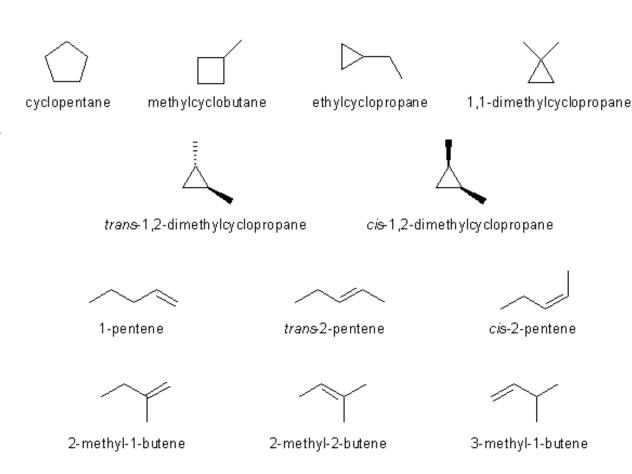
#### **HOMEWORK:**

- PG 17 # 3
- PG 23 # 1-3
- PG 27 # 7
- WORKSHEET

#### **Isomers**

- Isomers are chemicals which have the same chemical formula, but different arrangement of atoms.

 Nomenclature should help differentiate one isomer from another.



#### Propyl isomers:

*n*-propyl group

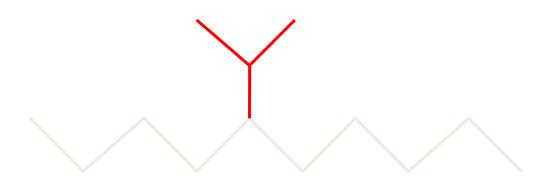
isopropyl group

#### Propyl isomers:

*n*-propyl group



isopropyl group



#### Butyl isomers:

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n-butyl group

CH<sub>3</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>2</sub>
CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>
isobutyl group
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CH<sub>3</sub>-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>2</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>-C
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sec-butyl group
(s-butyl)

CH<sub>3</sub>-CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>

tert-butyl group
(t-butyl)
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#### Butyl isomers:

*n*-butyl group

sec-butyl group
(s-butyl)



isobutyl group



tert-butyl group
(t-butyl)





#### Terms:

Iso - "equal"/"middle"

(unlike prefixes like "di" and "tri", the "i" in iso affects the alphabetical order)

Sec - "secondary"

2 carbons adjacent to the carbon that is attached to the main chain

Tert - "tertiary"

3 carbons adjacent to the carbon that is attached to the main chain

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CH<sub>3</sub>-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>2</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>
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#### **IUPAC** naming system:

Name the following molecules

$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 

$$H_3C$$
  $CH_3$   $CH_2$ 

5-tert-butylnonane

4-isopropylhept-1-ene