

SKIP:

4.16

4.17

Note that 4.18 is SODAR.

Read 4.19; but won't be

tested on it until after

Chapter 9.

# chapter 5 - Stereochemistry Chemistry in 3D.

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## Biological significance

- \* all but one of the 20 essential amino acids are "left-handed" - your body can't use a "right handed" one!

- \* DNA is chiral

- \* many drugs are chiral.

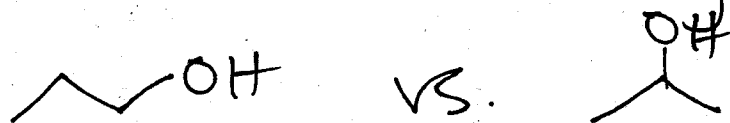
- \* enzyme vsus - "lock + key"

- \* everyday objects are chiral

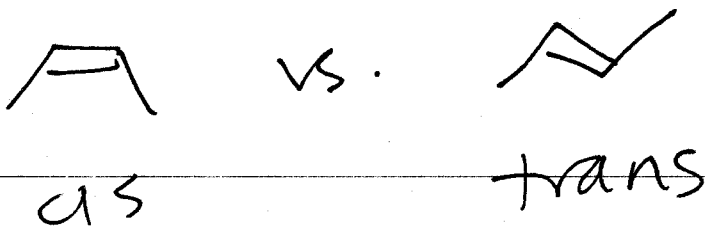
# Isomers -

1. constitutional isomers - same mol. formula

different connectivity

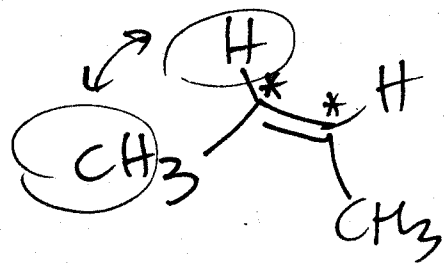


2. stereoisomers - same formula, same connectivity, different 3D arrangement.



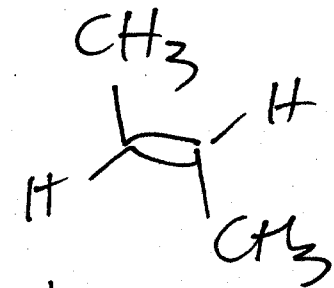
\* stereoisomers cannot be interconverted by simple bond rotation. (Not conformers)

a. stereogenic center - an atom bearing groups such that switching two groups produces a stereoisomer



swap the  
CH<sub>3</sub> for  
the H

get



cis

trans

## Types of Stereoisomers

b. enantiomers - nonsuperimposable  
mirror images

c. diastereomers - nonsuperimposable  
not mirror images

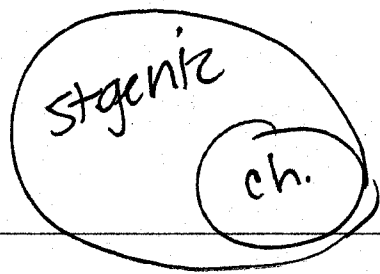
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comparisons

A chiral molecule is defined as one that is not superimposable on its mirror image.

This is a property of an individual thing.

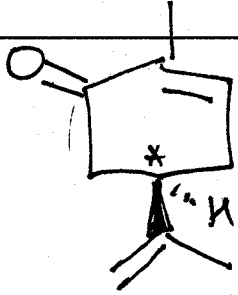
A chirality center - a tetrahedral atom w/ 4 different groups attached.



\* if a molecule contains only one chirality center it will have an enantiomer.

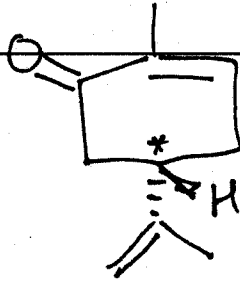
\* if a molecule contains  $>1$  chirality centers, now both enantiomers + diastereomers are possible.

# Carvone



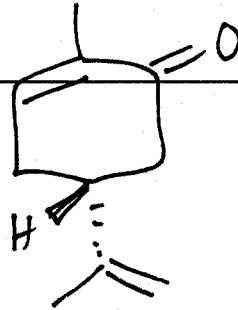
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spearmint



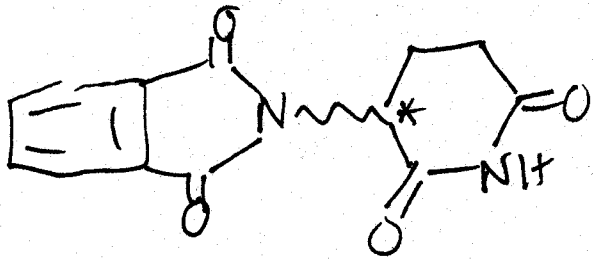
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mirror image  
of (S)

# Thalidomide



originally produced as a  
pair (mix) of enantiomers:

enantiomer A. treatment for  
morning sickness

enantiomer B. caused major  
birth defects.