## Chapter 5: Stereoisomerism

Stereoisomers are compounds that have the same structural formula in terms of order of attachment, but differ in arrangements of the atoms in space.


The difference in odor between caraway seeds and mint leaves arises from two stereoisomers of carvone due to different arrangement of atoms at the carbon (*)


Spearmint leaves


Caraway seeds

omentomers




R-Thalidomide (sleep-inducing)

S-Thalidomide (teratogenic)


## Mirror-image relationship of chiral and achiral objects

The mirror image of a left hand is not a left hand, but a right hand.


Chiral object

The mirror image of a ball is identical with the object itself.



Achiral object



Stereogenic Centers: the Stereogenic Carbon Atom


Carbon atoms with four different groups attached to them are called stereogenic carbon atoms (also called chiral carbon)





Locate the stereogenic center in 3-methylhexane and draw the two enantiomers of 3-methylhexane.

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## Configuration and the $R-S$ Convention



Rule 1
The atoms directly attached to the stereogenic center are ranked according to atomic number. The higher the atomic number, the higher the priority


## Rule 2

If a decision cannot be reached with rule 1, work outwand from the stereogenic center until a decision is made. Example of ethyl and methyl below.



Multiple bonds are treated as if they were an equal number of single bonds.
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$-N^{C-O}, ~ C-C$


This carbon is treated as if it were singly bonded to two carbons.

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$-\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CH} \quad$ is treated as

$-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{O} \quad$ is treated as


Which group has the higher priority, isopropyl or vinyl?


Assign the configuration ( R or S ) to the following enantiomer of 3-methyl-hexane




The E-Z convention for Cis-Trans Isomers

cis or trans?


(Z)-1-bromo-2-chloro-

2-fluoro-1-iodoethene

(E)-1-bromo-1-chloro-2-methyl-1-butene

Name each compound by the $E-Z$ system


Polarized Light and Optical Activity




Solution



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## Properties of Enantiomers



Fischer Projection Formulas





Determine the absolute configuration of of the following enantiomer of 2-butanol from its Fischer projection


Compounds with More Than One Stereogenic Center; Diastereomers


2-bromo-3-chlorobutane





Given is the Fischer projection of glucose (blood sugar), how may stereoisomers of this sugar are possible?

Meso Compounds; the Stereoisomers of Tartaric Acid



mess $(R, S)$


## Stereochemistry A Recap of Definitions



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Cis-trans 2-butene ( $Z$ and $E$ notation)




## Stereochemistry and Chemical Reactions




When chiral products are obtained from achinal reactants, both enantiomers are formed at the same rates, in equal anounts.


Reaction of a chiral regent with an achiral reagent when it creates a new stereogenic center, leads to diastereomeric products at different fates and in unequal amounts.


Resolution of a Racemic Mixture

To separate a racemic mixture, tue first react with a chiral reagent. The product will be a pair of diostereomers. These, differ in all types of physical properties and can therefore be separated by ordinary methods,



H $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$
(R)-asparagine

(S)-carvone



L-DOPA



Mature crocodiles secrete from their skin glands the compound with the following structure. The compound is thought to be a communication pheromone for nesting and mating.
How many stereogenic centers are in the compound? Mark then with an asterisk. How many stereoisomers of this compound are possible.


