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Molecular Structure and Nomenclature

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- names of compound classes and functional groups
- **interconvert IUPAC names and structure formulae**

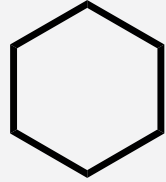
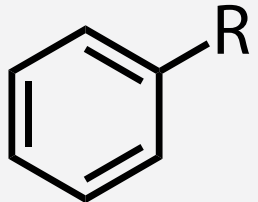
- differentiate identical/different compounds and types of **isomers**
- **assign the type of isomeric relationship** between two molecules
- understand **stereochemical notation** in structure formulae
- name **geometric isomers, enantiomers, diastereomers**

3.1 Basic Rules of Nomenclature

Overview of Compound Classes and Functional Groups

hydrocarbons

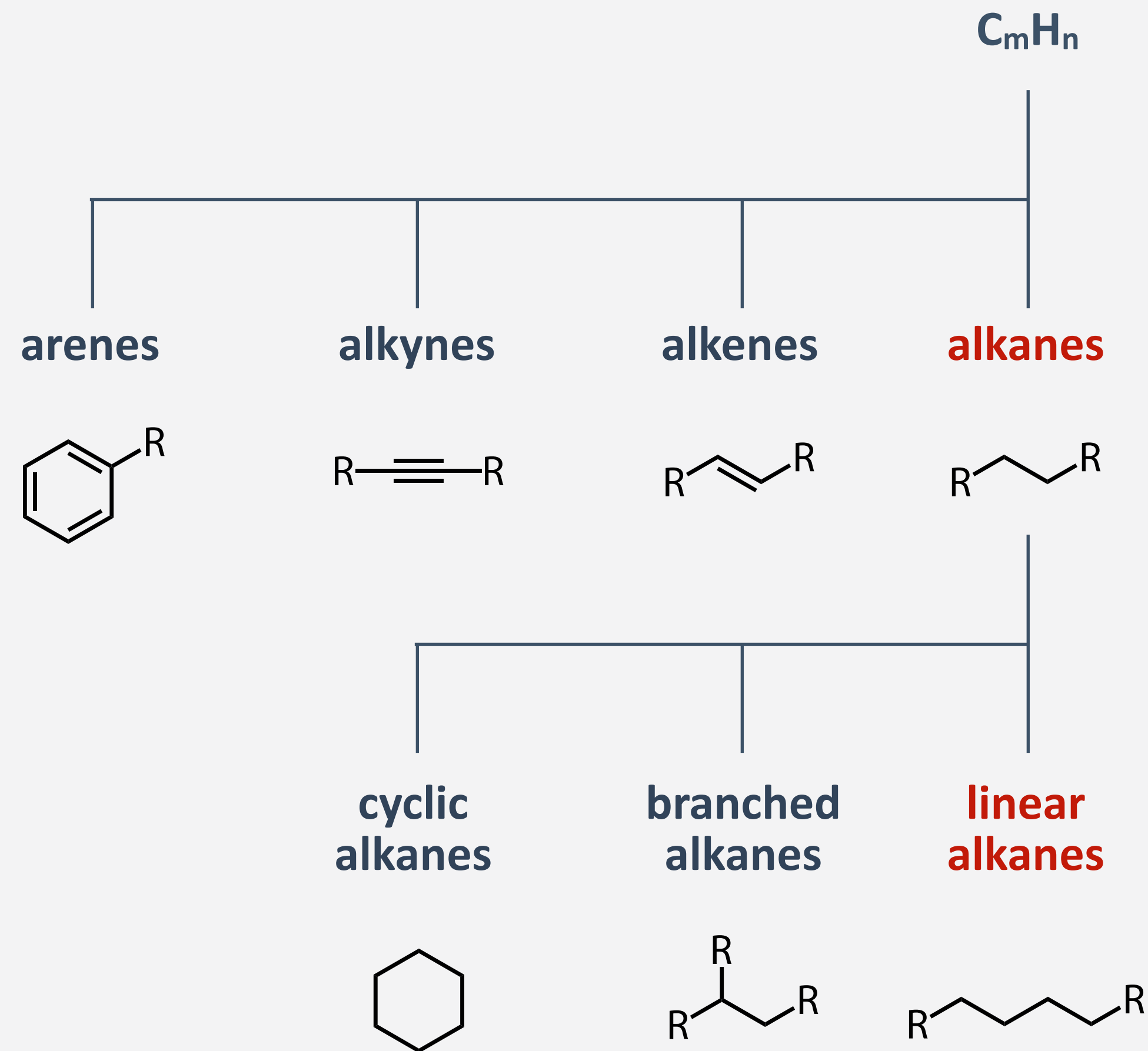
functionalized molecules

hydrocarbons		functionalized molecules			
		monovalent	divalent	trivalent	tetravalent
alkanes	alkenes (olefins)	haloalkanes (halogenides)	aldehydes & ketones	carboxylic acids (acids)	carbonates
$R-CH_2-CH_2-R$	$R-CH=CH-R$	$R-F$ $R-Cl$ $R-Br$ $R-I$	$R-C(=O)H$ $R-C(=O)R$	$R-C(=O)OH$	$RO-C(=O)OR$
cycloalkanes	alkynes (acetylenes)	alkanamines (amines)	acetals & ketals	carboxylic esters (esters)	urethanes (carbammates)
	$R-C\equiv C-R$	$R-NH_2$	$RO-C(OR)(R)-H$ $RO-C(OR)(R)-R$	$R-C(=O)OR$	$RO-C(=O)NR_2$
	arenes (aromatics)	alkanols (alcohols)	imines	carboxylic anhydrides (anhydrides)	ureas
		$R-OH$	$R-C(=NH)R(H)$	$R-C(=O)O-C(=O)R$	$R_2N-C(=O)NR_2$
		alkanthiols (mercaptans)	aminals	carboxylic amides (amides)	
		$R-SH$	$R_2N-C(NR_2)(R)-H$	$R-C(=O)NR_2$	

Hydrocarbons

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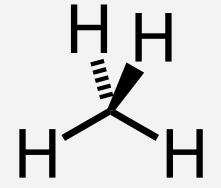
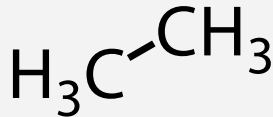
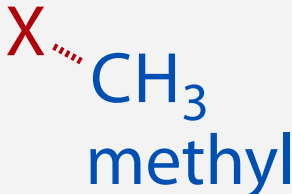
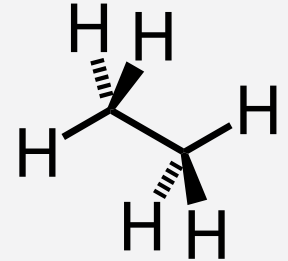
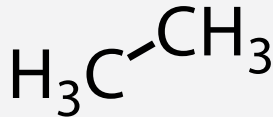
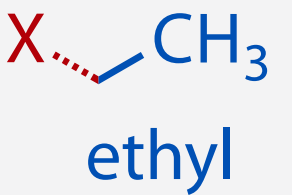
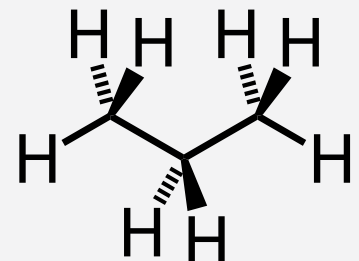
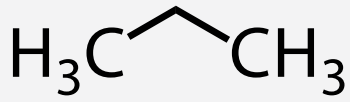
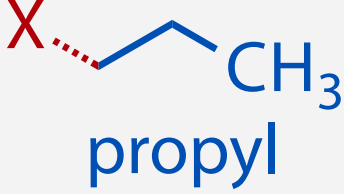
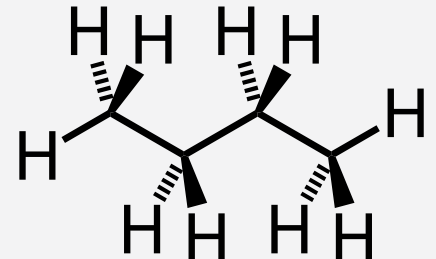
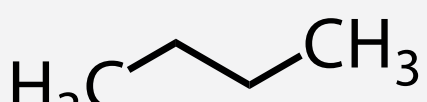
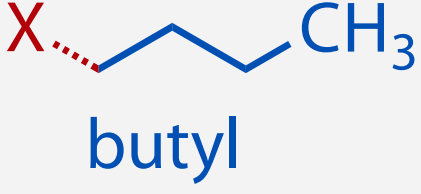
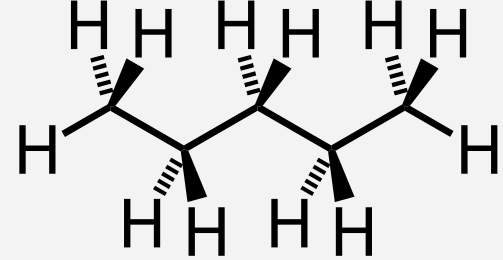


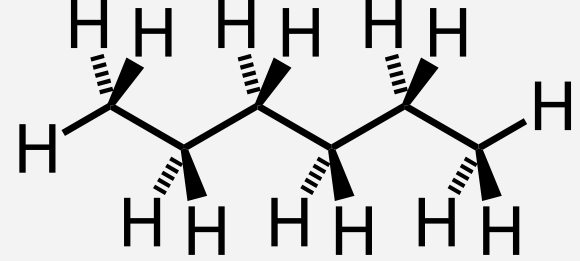
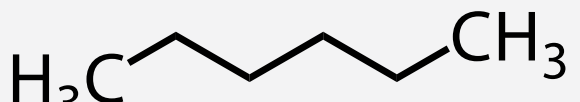

compounds that only contain C and H



“saturated” hydrocarbons that only contain single bonds

alkanes with a single carbon backbone without branching points

Nomenclature of Linear Alkanes and Alkyl Residues

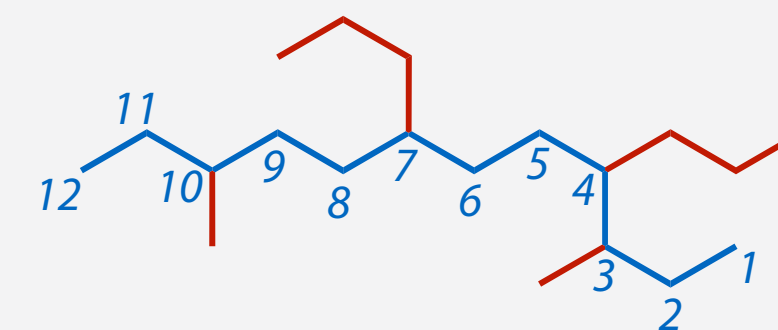
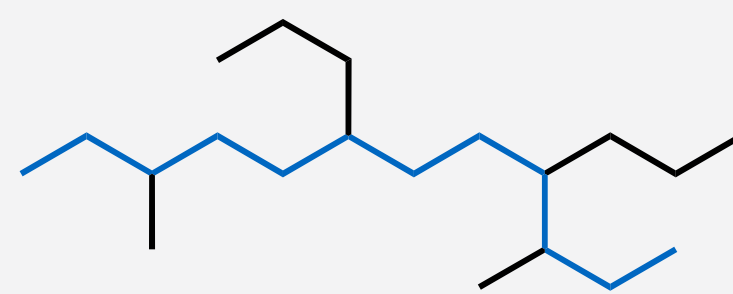
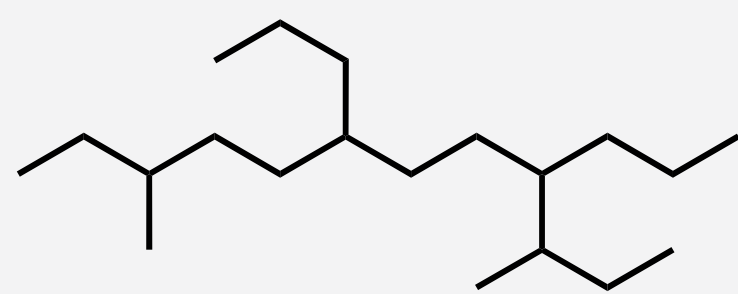
methane méthane	CH_4	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \\ \text{H} \end{array}$			 methyl
ethane éthane	CH_3CH_3	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$			 ethyl
propane propane	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$			 propyl
butane butane	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$			 butyl
pentane pentane	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$			 pentyl
hexane hexane	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$			 hexyl

analogous for the higher alkanes: heptane, octane, nonane, decane, undecane, dodecane, tridecane, tetradecane, pentadecane, hexadecane, heptadecane, octadecane, nondecane, eicosane ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{42}$), heneicosane ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{44}$), docosane ($\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{46}$), tricosane ($\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{48}$) ... tricontane ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{62}$), ... tetracontane ($\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{82}$) ...

Basic Rules of Nomenclature of Branched Alkanes

1. identify the **parent chain** or **principal chain**, i. e., the **longest carbon chain in the molecule**

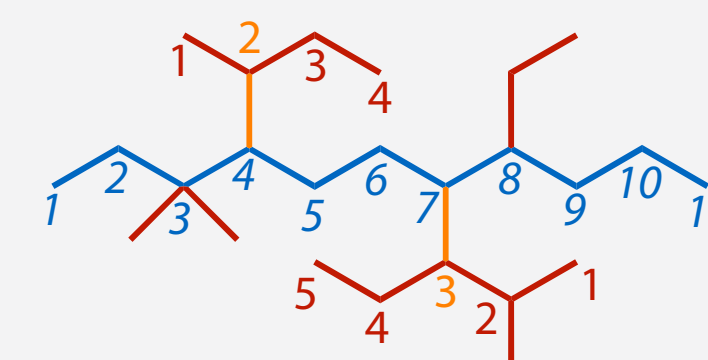
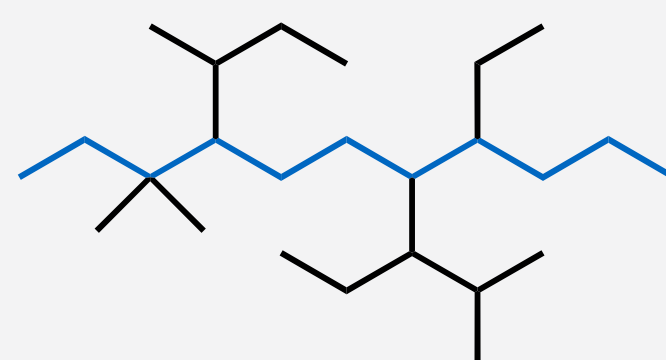
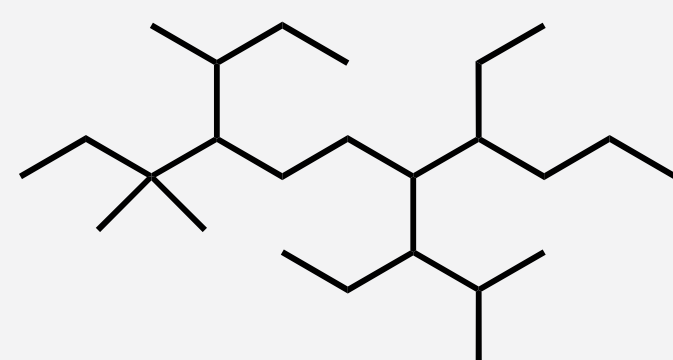
- if two chains are equally long, choose the one that has **more substituents**
- assign **position numbers to main chain atoms** starting at end closest to first (second ...) **substituent**



3,10-dimethyl-3,7-dipropyldodecane

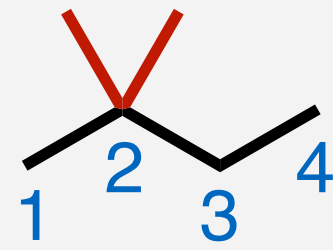
2. name all **alkyl** residues attached to this parent chain, place them before main chain

- assign position numbers and put the substituents into alphabetic order
- if multiple substituents of same type, assemble using a **Greek number prefix** (di, tri, tetra, etc.)
- for **branched side chains**, find the **longest carbon chain connected to the main chain** (iterative)
- assign **position numbers to substituent atoms** starting at end closest to **connected atom**
- **if not terminally attached** insert **position number of the connecting atom** into the suffix “anyl”

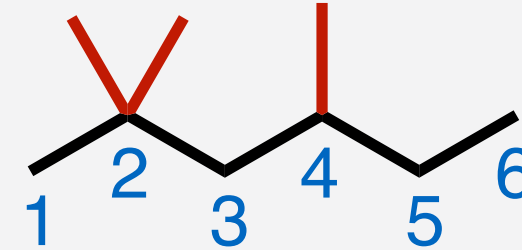


4-(butan-2-yl)-8-ethyl-3,3-dimethyl-7-(2-methylpentan-3-yl)undecane

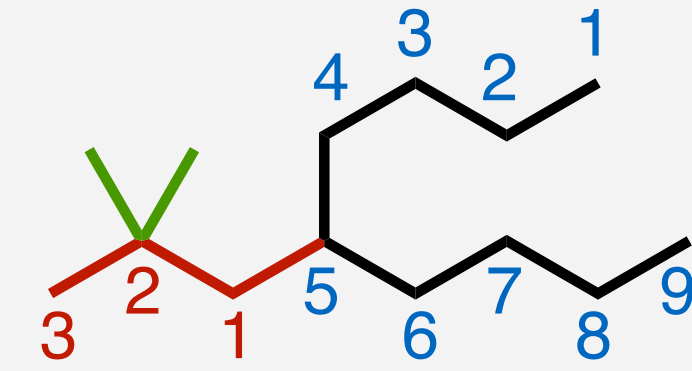
Examples for the Nomenclature of Branched Alkanes



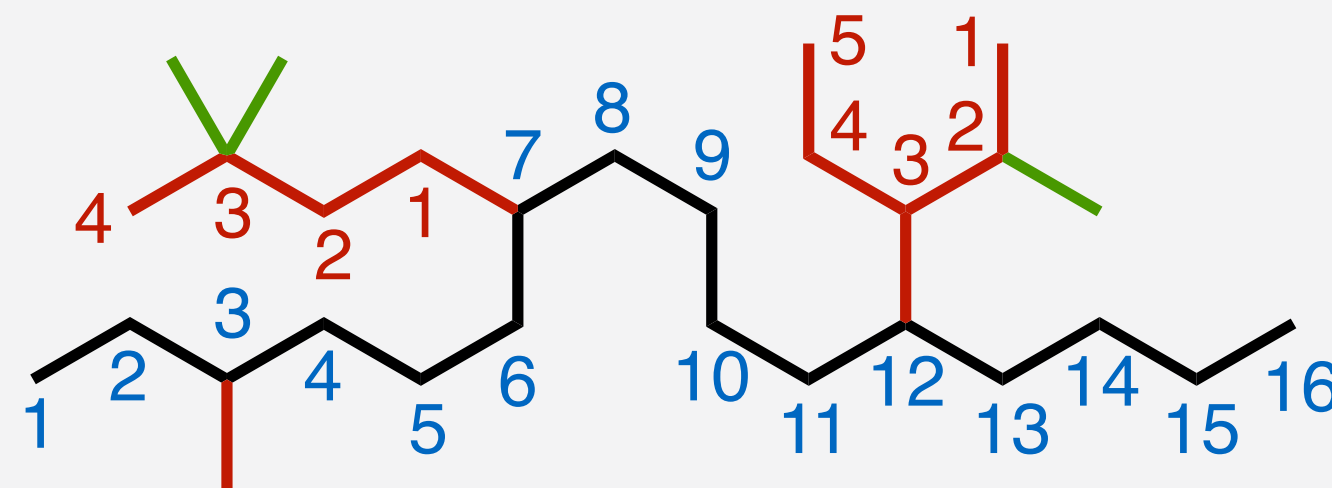
2,2-dimethylbutane



2,2,4-trimethylhexane

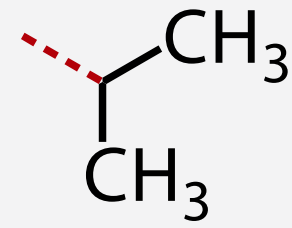


5-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)nonane

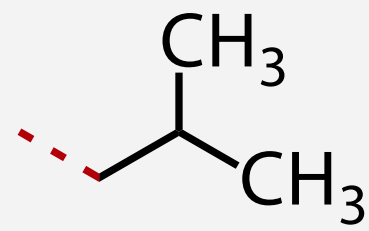


7-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-3-methyl-
12-(2-methylpentan-3-yl)hexadecane

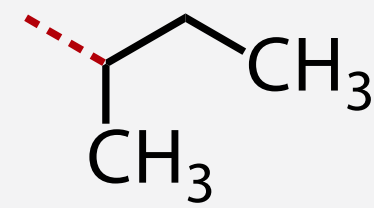
Trivial Names of Alkyl Groups



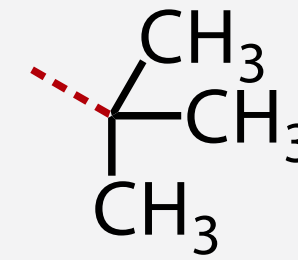
isopropyl (propan-2-yl)



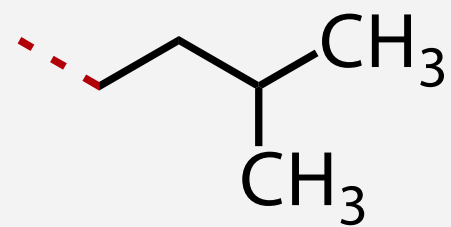
isobutyl (2-methylpropyl)



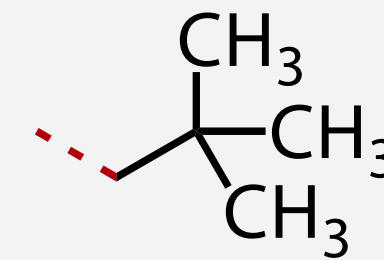
sec.-butyl (1-methylpropyl)



tert.-butyl (2-methylpropan-2-yl)

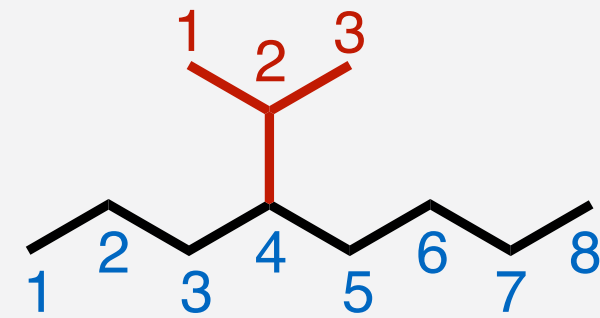


isopentyl (3-methylbutyl)

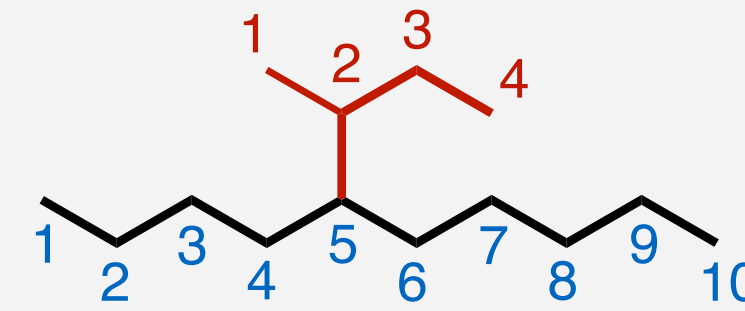


neopentyl (2,2-dimethylpropyl)

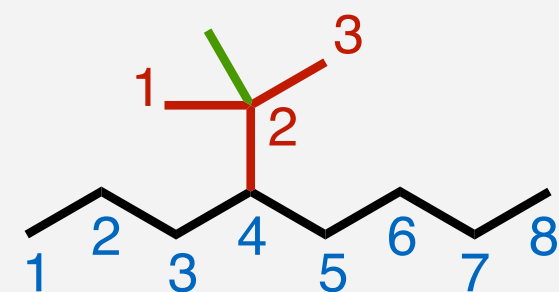
Examples Using Trivial Names of Alkyl Groups



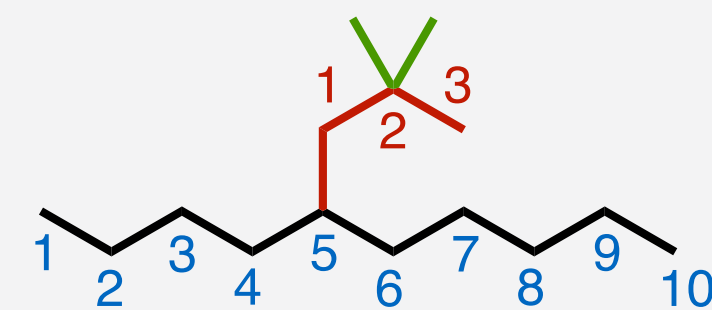
4-(propan-2-yl)octane
or 4-isopropyloctane



5-(butan-2-yl)decane
or 5-(sec.-butyl)decane



4-(2-methylpropan-2-yl)octane
or 4-(tert.-butyl)octane

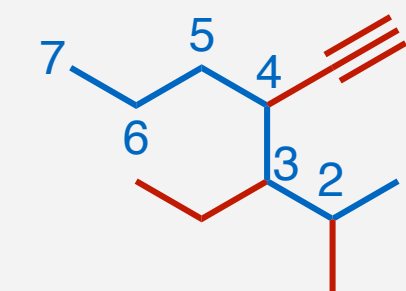
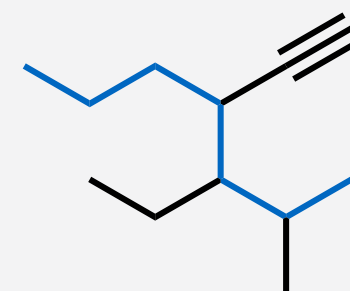
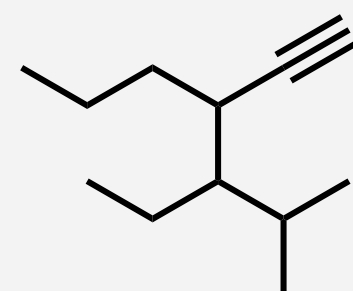


5-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)decane
or 5-neopentyldecane

Basic Rules for the Nomenclature of Alkenes and Alkynes

1. name the longest carbon chain, **irrespective of the presence of double or triple bonds**

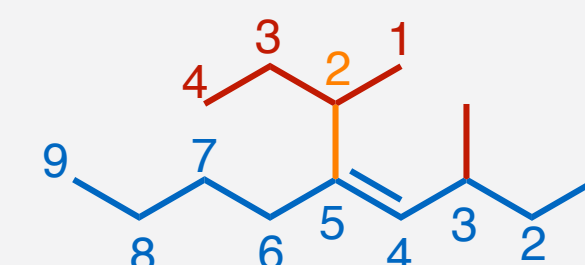
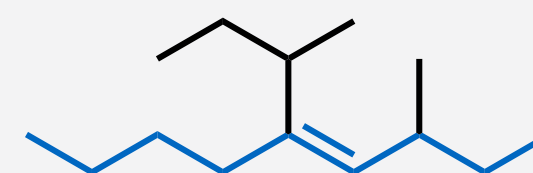
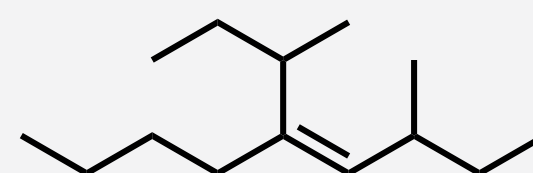
- molecule may contain double/triple bonds but these have *no priority*
- follow all rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents



3-ethyl-4-(ethyn-1-yl)-2-methylheptane

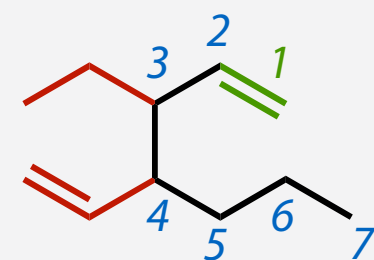
2. name all **double or triple bonds** in the parent chain, using suffix “ene” or “yne” (replacing “ane”)

- name **double/triple bonds in substituents** using “enyl”/“ynyl”
- assign the position number of the carbon atom of the double/triple bond closer to the end
- put double/triple bonds into alphabetic order if both present
- for multiple double/triple bonds, suffix is preceded with a **Greek number prefix** (di, tri, tetra, etc.)

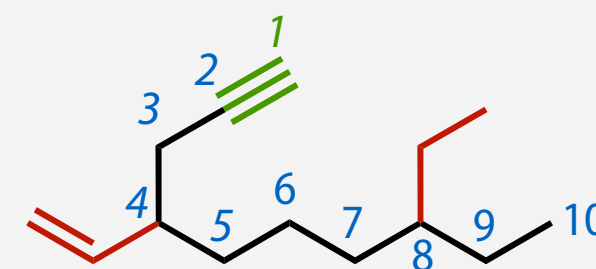


5-(butan-2-yl)-3-methylnon-4-ene

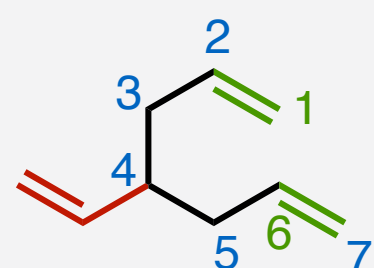
Advanced Examples of Branched Alkenes and Alkynes



3-ethyl-4-(eth-1-enyl)hept-1-ene



8-ethyl-4-(eth-1-enyl)dec-1-yne



4-(eth-1-enyl)hepta-1,6-diene



5-(prop-2-ynyl)dodeca-2,8-diene

- **priority rules: double and triple bonds have no priority (and alkane = alkene = alkyne)**
 - always search the **longest carbon chain**, even if it contains less or even no double or triple bonds
 - if >2 alkenes/alkynes are in different chains of equal length, priority for maximum number of alkenes
- **proceed with branches containing double and triple as before, but use suffixes “enyl” or “ynyl”**

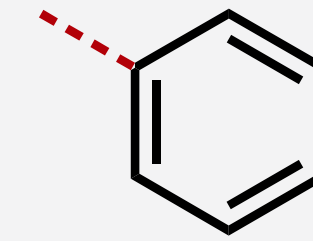
Trivial Names of Alkenyl, Alkynyl, and Aromatic Substituents



vinyl
(ethen-1-yl)



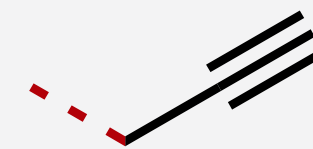
ethynyl
(ethyn-1-yl)



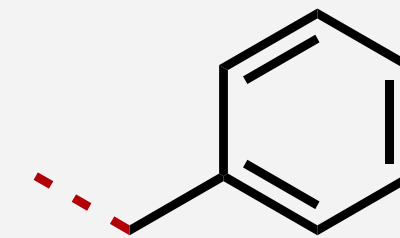
phenyl



allyl
(propen-2-yl)



propargyl
(propyn-2-yl)



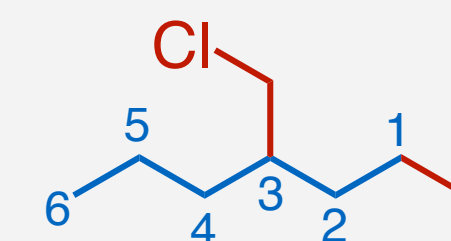
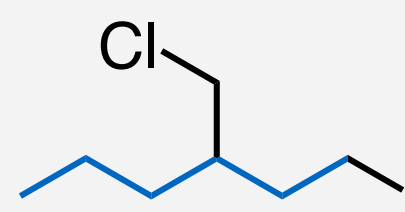
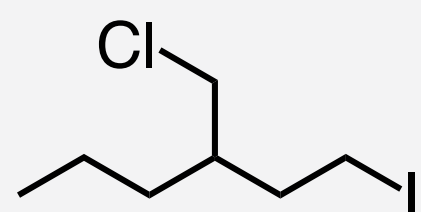
benzyl
(1-phenylmethyl)



Nomenclature of Haloalkanes

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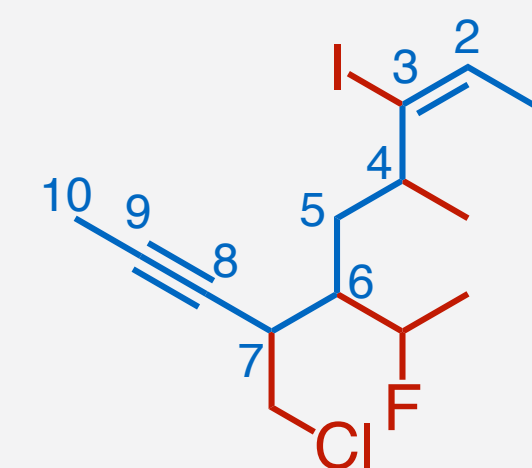
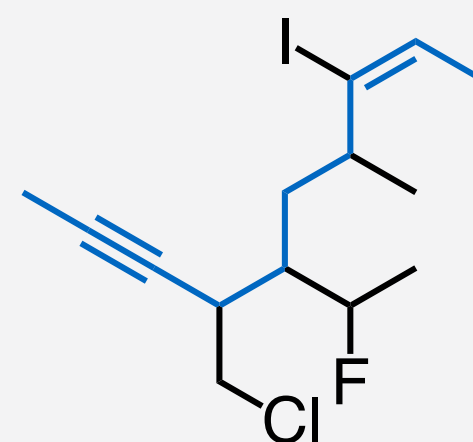
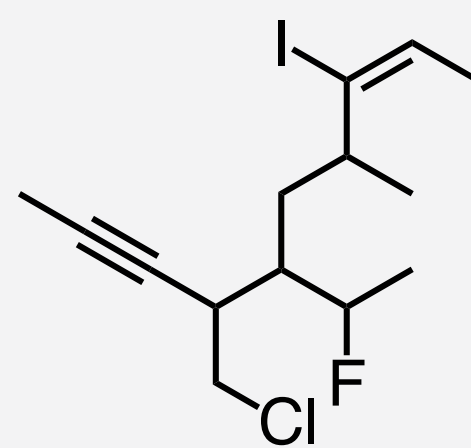
- molecule may contain halogen atoms but these have *no priority*
- follow all rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents



3-(chloromethyl)-1-iodohexane

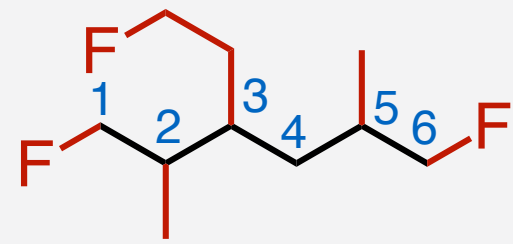
2. name all **halogens** in the parent chain and substituents, using **prefixes fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo**

- assign the position number (if no other substituents choose number closer to the end)
- put halogens into alphabetic order if different ones present
- for multiple halogens of the same type, assemble with a **Greek number prefix** (di, tri, tetra, etc.)

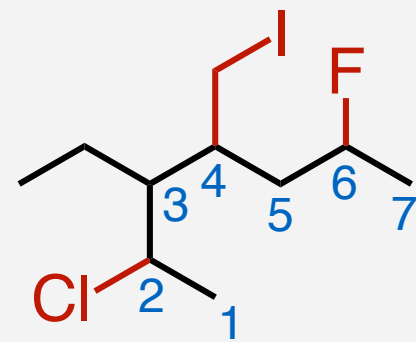


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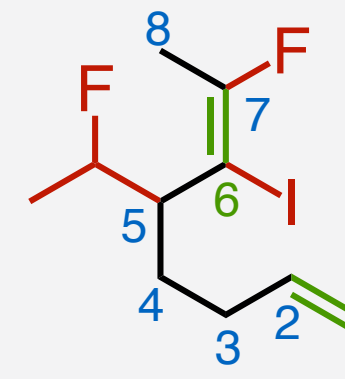
Advanced Examples of Haloalkanes and Multifunctional Compounds



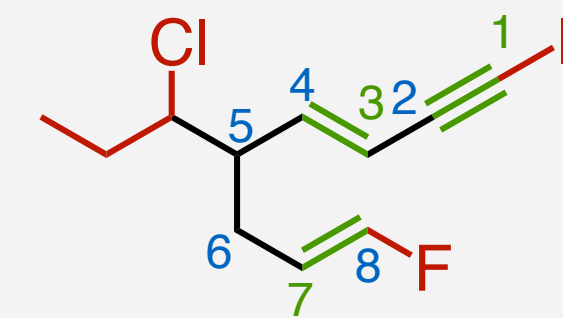
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2-chloro-3-ethyl-6-fluoro-4-(iodomethyl)heptane



7-fluoro-5-(1-fluoroethyl)-6-iodoocta-1,6-diene



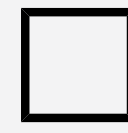
5-(1-chloropropyl)-8-fluoro-1-iodoocta-3,7-dien-1-yne

- **priority rules: alkane alkene, alkyne and halogens have *no priority***
 - always search the **longest carbon chain**, even if it contains less or even no double or triple bonds
 - halogens are always labeled with a prefix, the remaining nomenclature is as usual

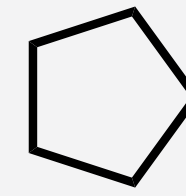
Nomenclature of Cyclic Alkanes



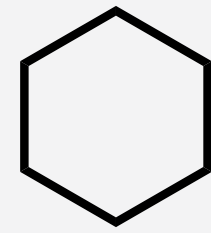
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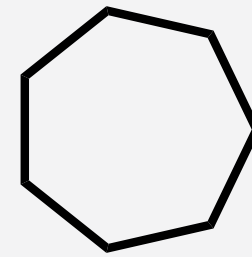
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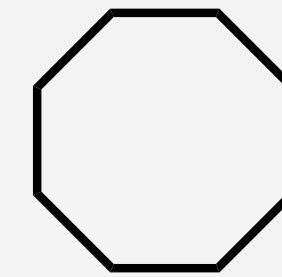
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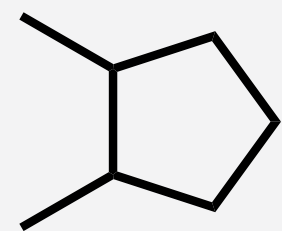
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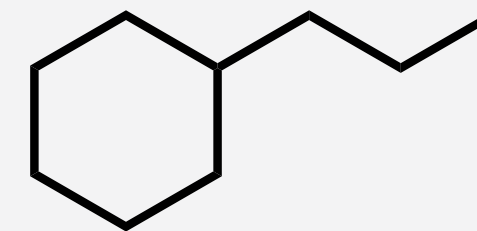
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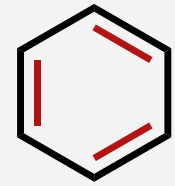
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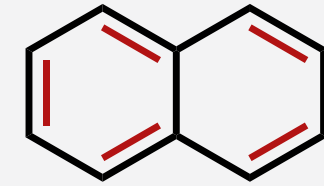
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Nomenclature of Aromatic Compounds

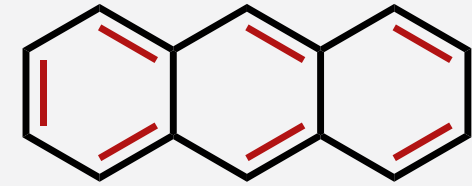
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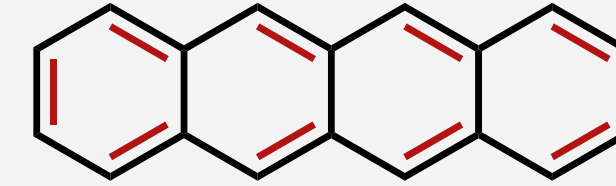
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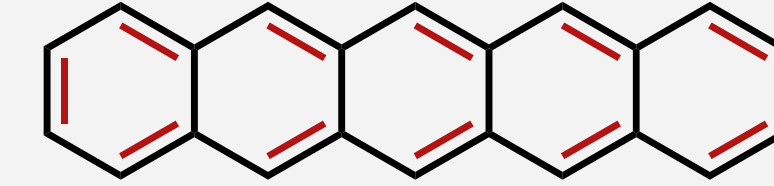
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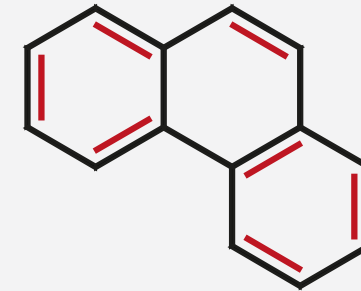
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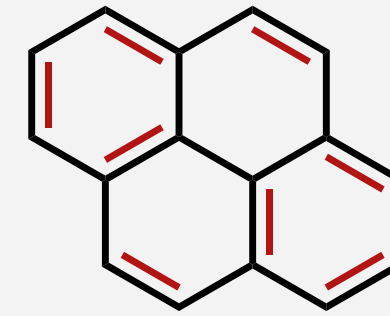
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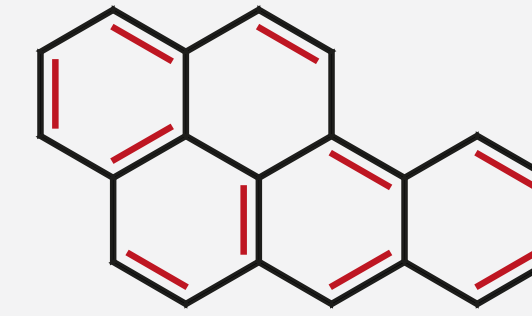
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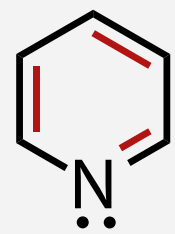
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benzopyrene



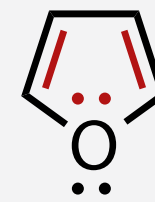
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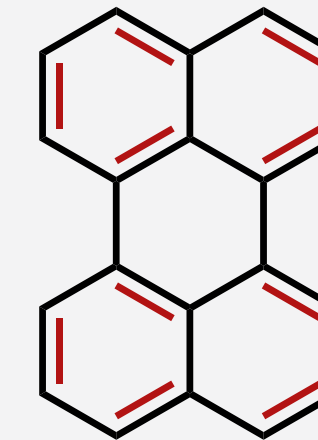
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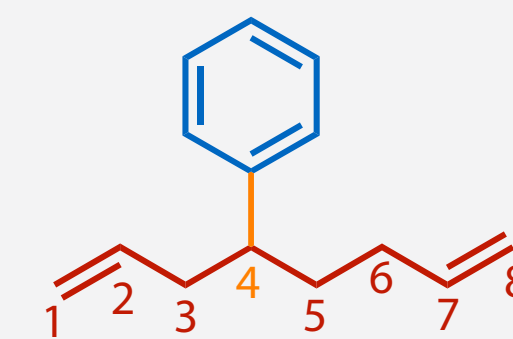
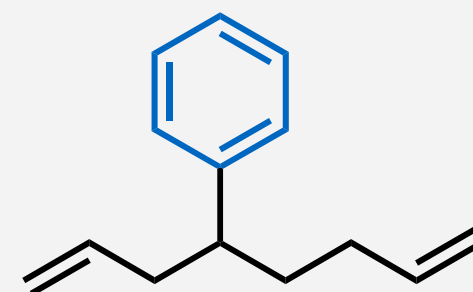
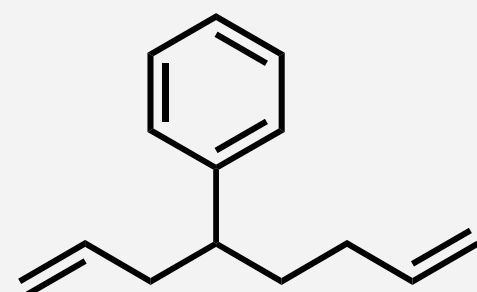
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Nomenclature of Cyclic and Aromatic Compounds

1. in compounds containing only C, H, and halogens, the cycle is always considered the parent chain

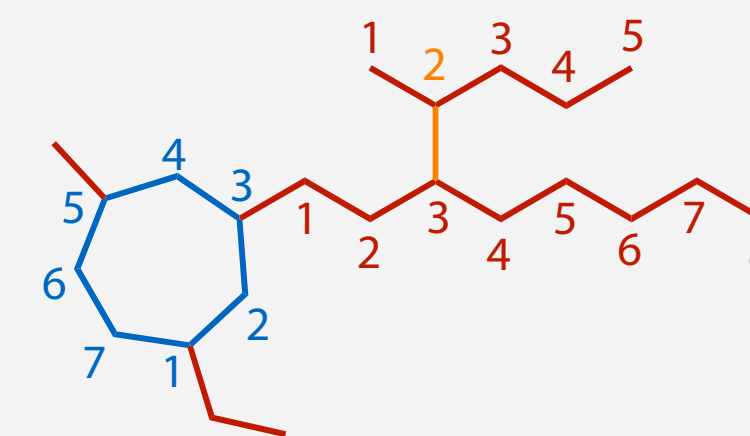
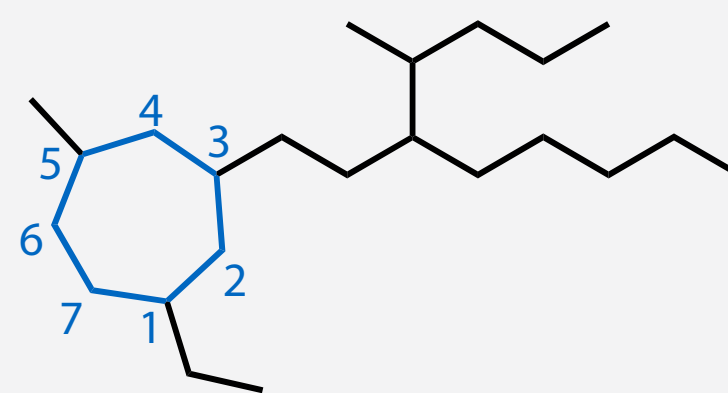
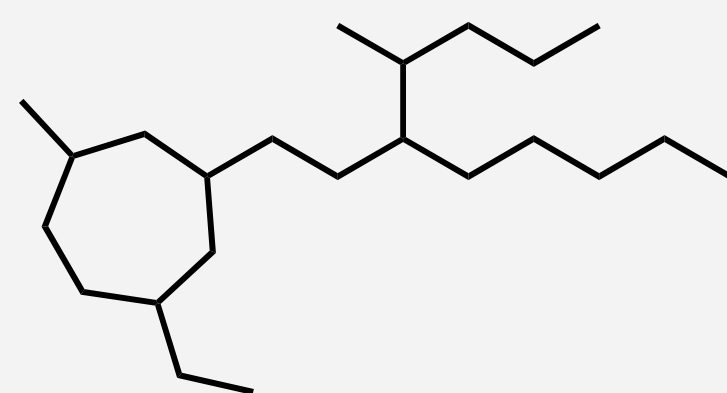
- name all residues attached to the cycle as “alkyl” residues
- follow all previous rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents



(octa-1,7-dien-4-yl)benzene

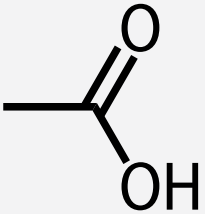
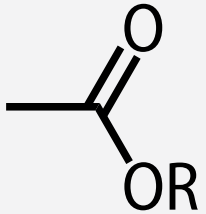
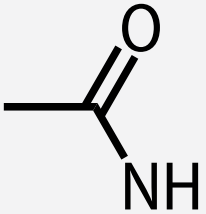
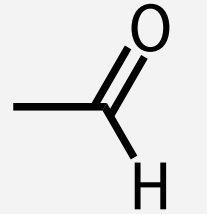
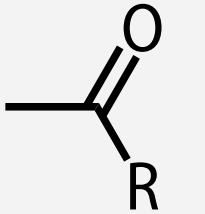
2. name and assign position numbers to the cycle

- number the atoms of the cycle starting at the carbon that is attached to first substituent
- if two substituents, alphabetic order decides
- if two identical substituents, next substituents along the cycle decide (iterative)





1-ethyl-5-methyl-3-(3-(pentan-2-yl)octyl)cycloheptane

Summary of the Priority Rules on Following Slides

		>		>		>		>		>	—OH	>	—NH ₂
group	acid		ester		amide		aldehyde		ketone		alcohol		amine
suffix	-oic acid		-oate		-amide		-al		-one		-ol		-amine
prefix	carboxy-	oxycarbonyl-	carbamoyl-		oxo-		oxo-		hydroxy-		amino-		

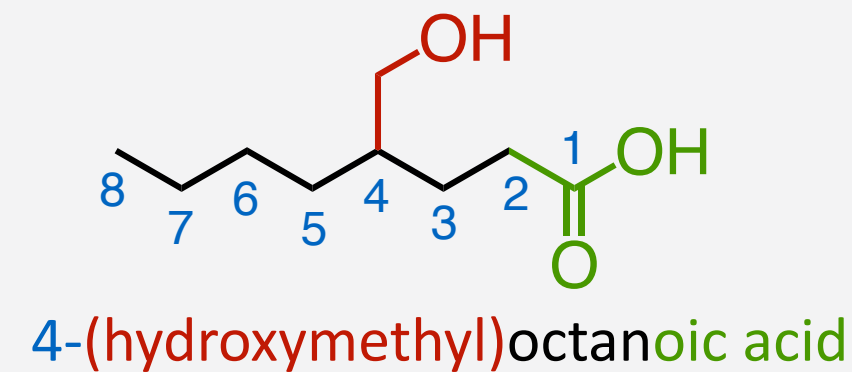
no priority

		—Hal
(alkene, alkyne)		halide
(-ene, -yne)		—
(en-, yn-)		halo-

- **alkanes, alkenes, alkynes and halogen do not possess *any* priority**
- functional group with the **highest priority** is the **principal characteristic group**
- **principal characteristic group** the naming of the parent chain (using the suffix)
- functional group with a **lower priority** treated as a substituent (using prefix nomenclature)
- **alkene/alkyne are concatenated with other suffixes (also with “yl” when in side groups)**

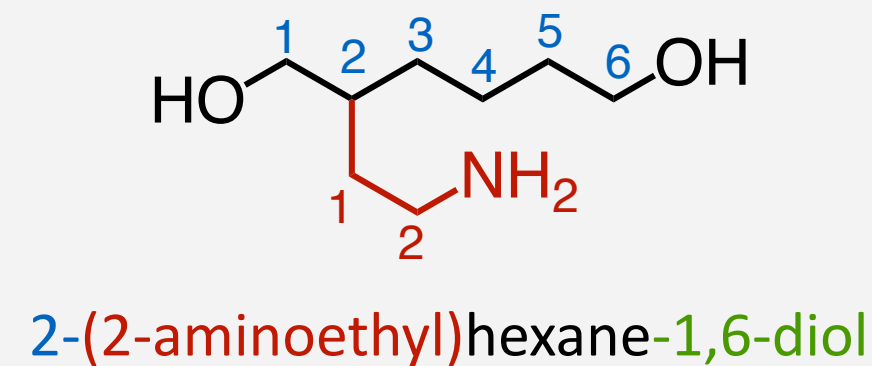
Rules for Parent Chain Determination in Molecules with Functional Groups

1. identify the longest chain that contains the **principal characteristic group (highest priority)**



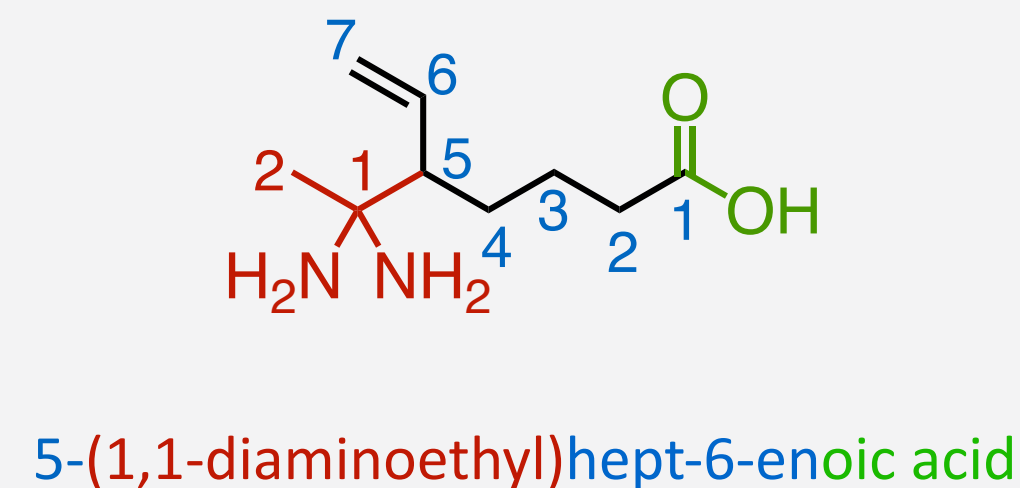
- if more than one type of functional group, the one with higher priority decides
- carboxylic acid is principal characteristic group because higher in priority than alcohol
- parent chain is longest carbon chain containing carboxylic acid

2. identify the chain that has the **maximum number of principal characteristic groups**



- if multiple instances of principal characteristic group, maximum number decides
- alcohol is the principal characteristic group
- chain with two alcohols is parent chain, even though a longer chain can be identified

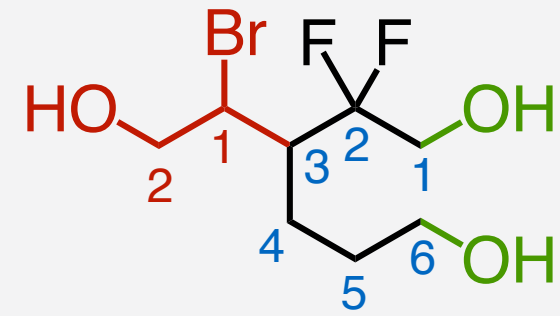
3. identify the chain that contains a **double or triple bond**



- if no decision on parent possible based on previous rules ...
- identify the chain that has a double/triple bond
 - if two of same length, decide based on which one has more double/triple bonds
 - if still two, decide based on which one has closer first double/triple bond
 - if still two, decide based on following rules

Rules for Parent Chain Determination in Molecules with Functional Groups

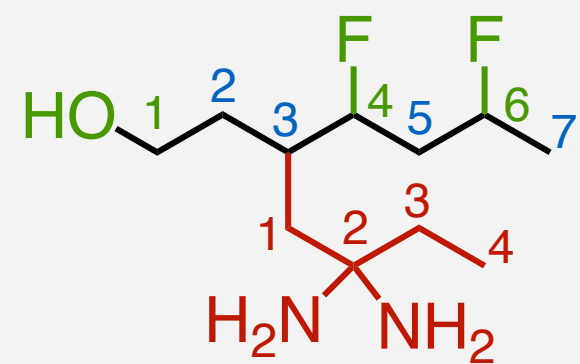
4. identify the chain that has the **maximum number of substituents**



2,2-difluoro-3-(1-bromo-2-hydroxyethyl)hexan-1,6-diol

- if no decision based on previous rules ...
- identify chain with maximum number of substituents in total
- alcohol is the principal characteristic group,
- but two equally long chains with two hydroxy groups
- chain with difluoro substituents takes priority over bromo substituent

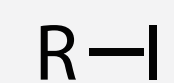
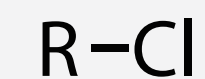
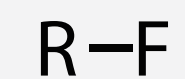
5. lowest locant (**position number**) for the **closest substituent**



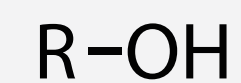
4,6-difluoro-3-(2,2-diaminobutyl)heptan-1-ol

- if no decision based on previous rules ...
- identify chain lowest position number for closest substituent
- if the same, go to next substituent (iterative)
- alcohol is the principal characteristic group
- 4-fluoro wins against what would be 5-amino

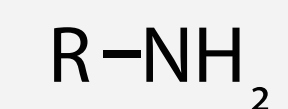
Monovalent Functional Groups



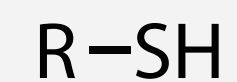
haloalkanes



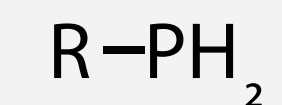
alkanols
alcohols
(hydroxy)



alkanamines
amines
(amino)



alkanthiols
mercaptans
(sulfanyl)



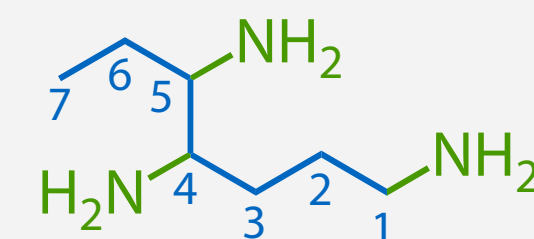
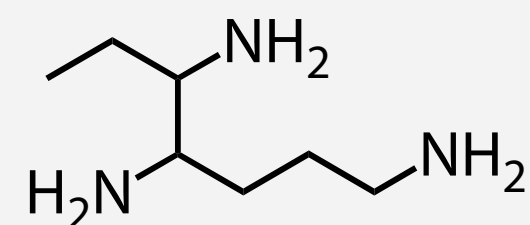
alkanphosphines
phosphanes
(phosphino)

- monovalent functional groups have a carbon single-bonded to a heteroatom (not C, H)
- we have already seen haloalkanes (no priority)

Nomenclature of Amines

1. identify the longest chain to which the **amine** is attached (if **principal characteristic group**)

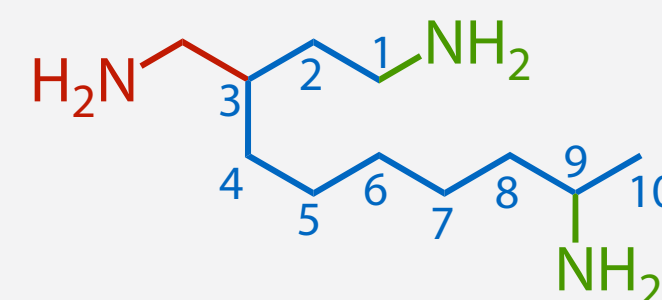
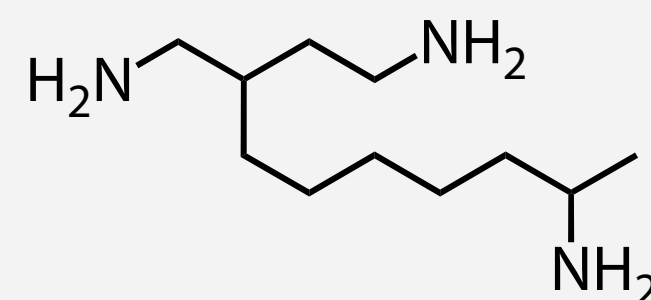
- identify the **longest possible chain that has the maximum number of amines attached**
- **molecule may contain longer chains**, but **principal characteristic group always takes precedence!**
- **follow all previous rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents**



heptane-1,4,5-triamine

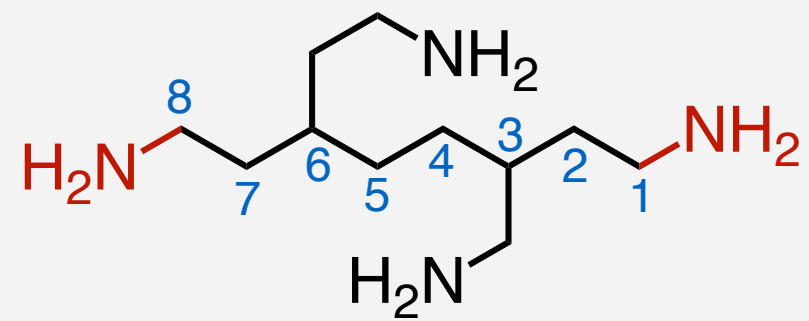
2. name the parent chain **appending the suffix “amine”** (if **principal characteristic group**)

- assign the position numbers (choose number closer to the end)
- for **multiple amines**, suffix is preceded with a **Greek number prefix** (di, tri, tetra, etc.)
- **if amine in side branch (or higher priority groups present)**, use prefix **“amino”**

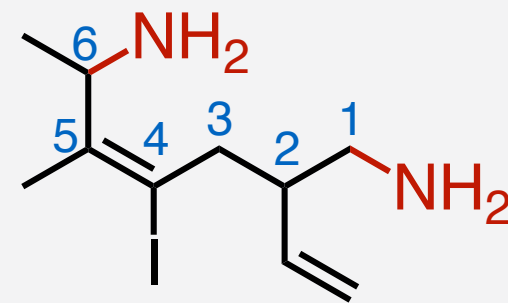


3-(aminoethyl)decane-1,9-diamine

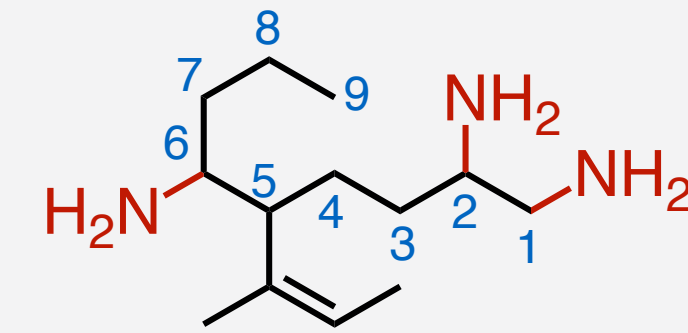
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4-iodo-5-methyl-2-(eth-1-enyl)hept-4-ene-1,6-diamine



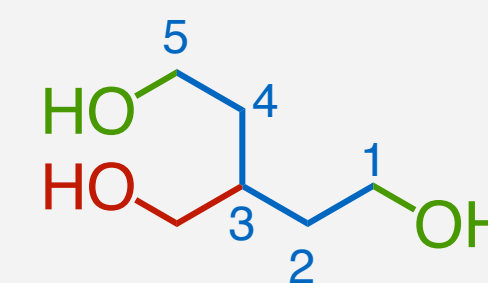
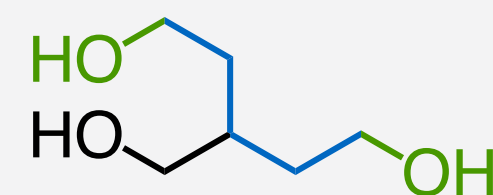
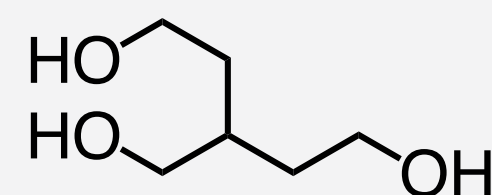
5-(but-2-en-2-yl)nonane-1,2,6-triamine

- **priority rules: amine > (arene, alkene, alkyne, halogen)**
 - always search the **longest chain that contains the amine (if principal characteristic group)**
 - **chain with maximum number of amines takes precedence**, even even if longer chains present
 - suffixes of alkenes/alkynes and amines can be combined if on the same chain
 - use **prefix names for all other functions with lower priority**
 - if higher priority groups present or amine is in a side branch, use instead prefix “amino”

Nomenclature of Alcohols and Thiols

1. identify the longest chain to which the alcohol/thiol is attached (if principal characteristic group)

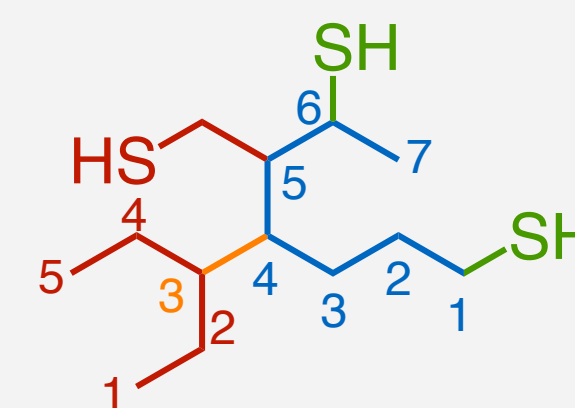
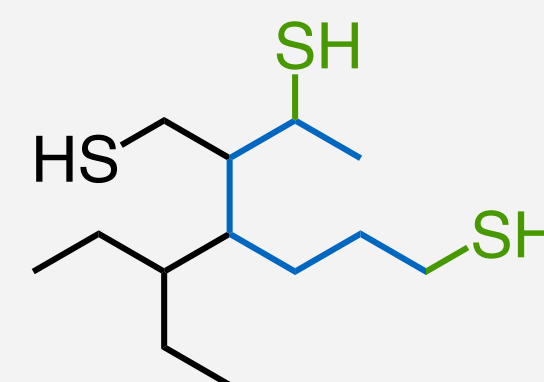
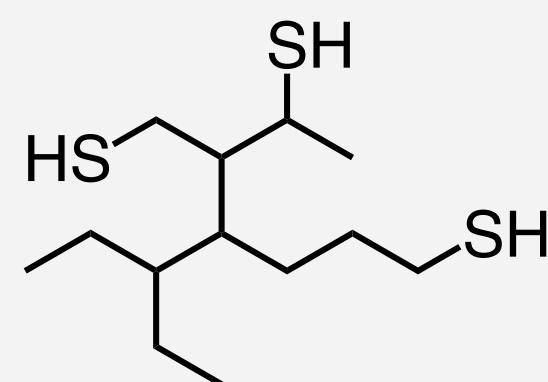
- identify the longest possible chain that has the maximum number of alcohols/thiols attached
- molecule may contain longer chains, but principal characteristic group always takes precedence!
- follow all previous rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents



3-(hydroxymethyl)pentane-1,5-diol

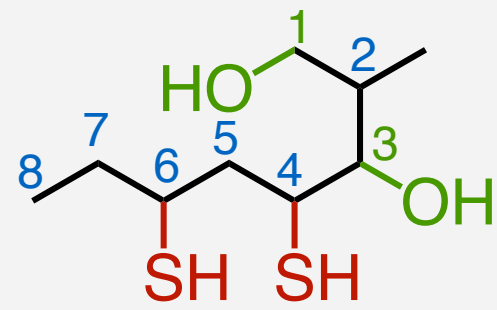
2. name the parent chain appending the suffix “ol”/“thiol” (if principal characteristic group)

- assign the position numbers (choose number closer to the end)
- for multiple alcohols/thiols, suffix is preceded with a Greek number prefix (di, tri, tetra, etc.)
- if alcohol/thiol in side branch (or higher priority group present), use prefixes “hydroxy”/“sulfanyl”

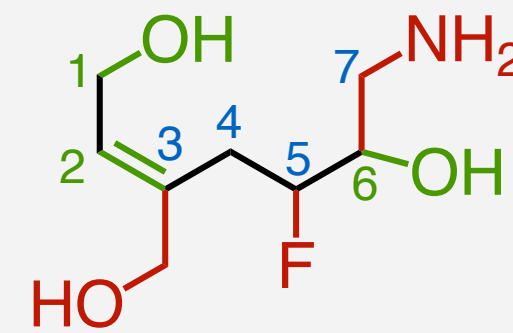


4-(pentan-3-yl)-5-(sulfanilmethyl)heptane-1,6-dithiol

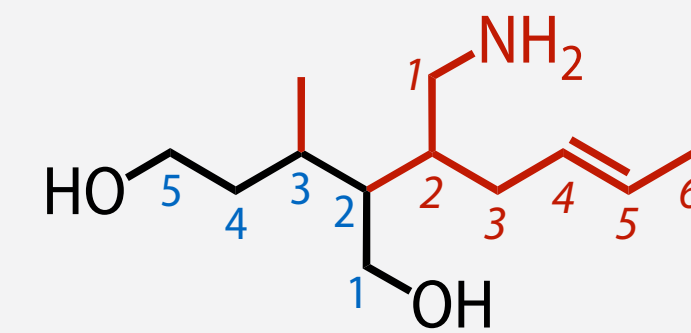
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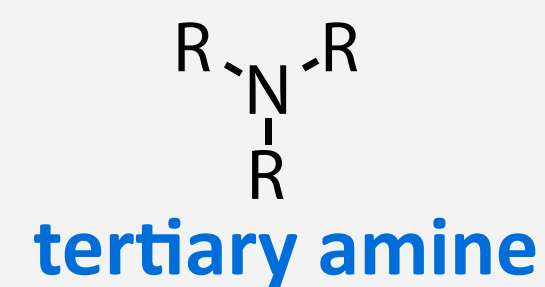
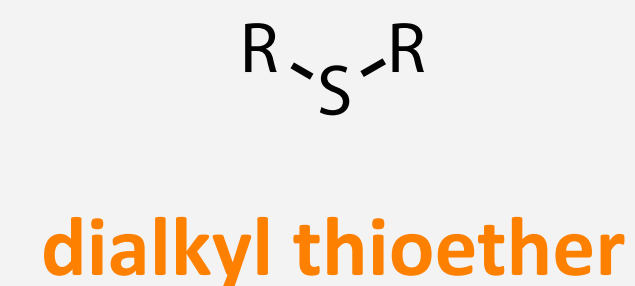
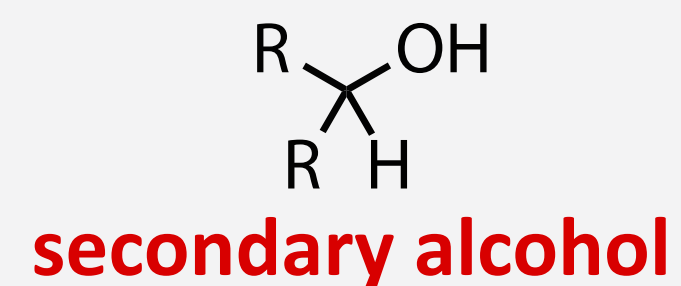
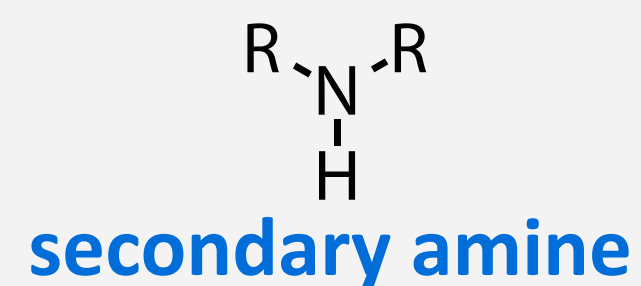
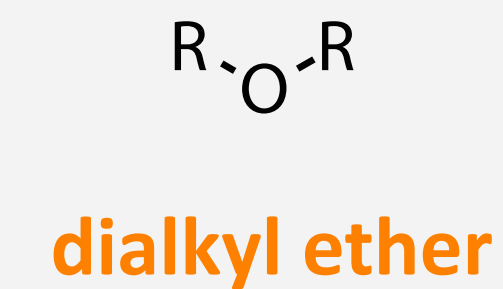
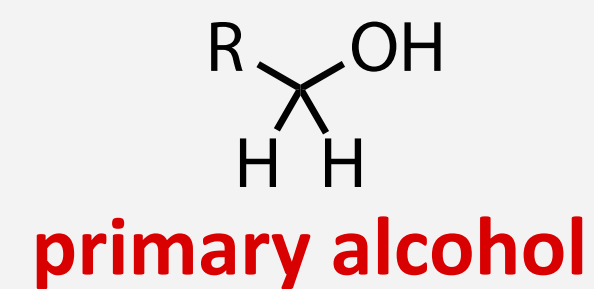
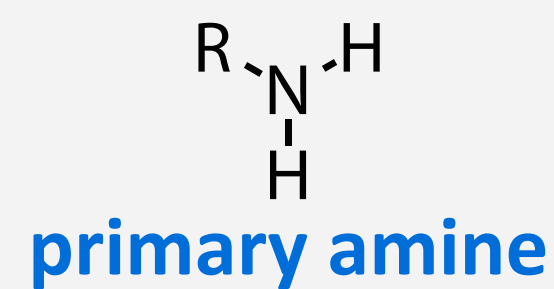
7-amino-5-fluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)hept-2-ene-1,6-diol



4-(1-aminohex-4-en-2-yl)-3-methyl-pentane-1,5-diol

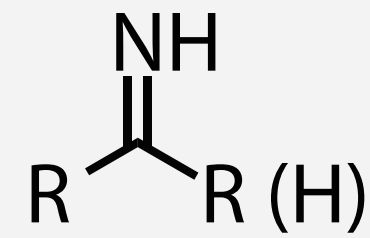
- **priority rules: alcohol > thiol > amine > (arene, alkene, alkyne, halogen)**
 - always search the longest chain that contains the alcohol/thiol (if principal characteristic group)
 - chain with maximum number of alcohols/thiols takes precedence, even if longer chains present
 - suffixes of alkenes/alkynes and alcohols/thiols can be combined if on the same chain
 - use prefix names for all other functions with lower priority
 - if higher priority groups present or alcohol/thiol is in a side branch, use prefix “hydroxy”/“sulfanyl”

Categorization of Amines and Alcohols

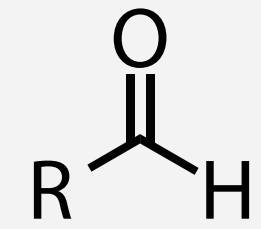


- in primary/secondary/tertiary amines, **nitrogen has one/two/three alkyl residues**
- in primary/secondary/tertiary alcohols, **oxygen is bonded to a primary/secondary/tertiary carbon**
- primary/secondary/tertiary carbons have one/two/three alkyl residues
- **oxygen/sulfur with two alkyl residues is called ether/thioether**

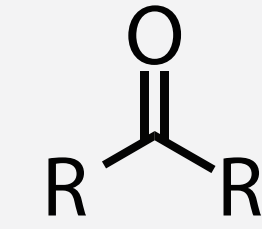
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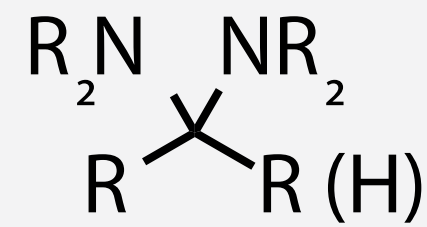
imine



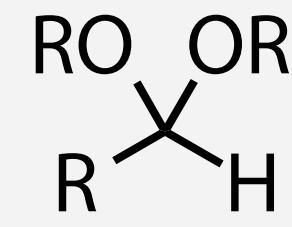
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alkanal



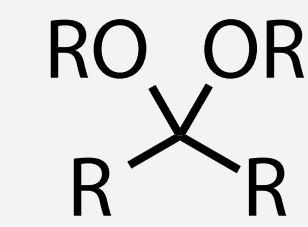
ketone
alkanone



aminal



acetal



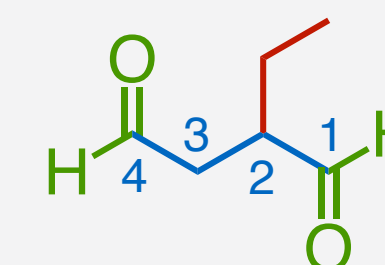
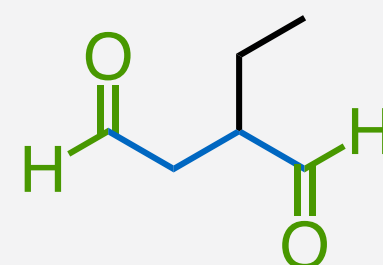
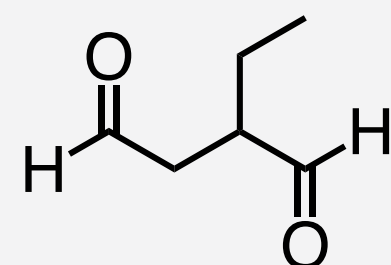
ketal

- in divalent functional groups, carbon has two bonds connected to heteroatom(s)
- the C=O group is called “carbonyl” group

Nomenclature of Ketones and Aldehydes

1. identify the longest chain containing the **ketone/aldehyde** (if **principal characteristic group**)

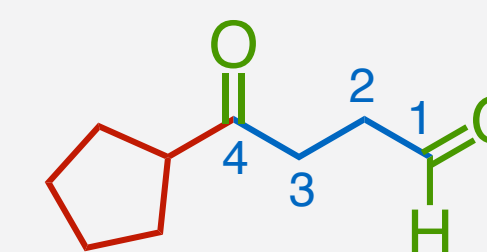
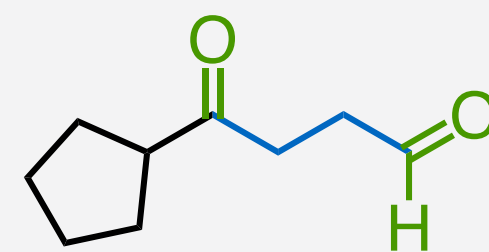
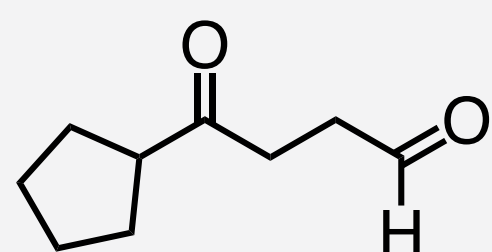
- identify the **longest possible chain** that has the maximum number of ketones/aldehydes
- **molecule may contain longer chains**, but **principal characteristic group** always takes precedence!
- **if ketone and aldehyde are present**, **aldehyde** is principal characteristic group
- **follow all previous rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents**



2-ethyl-1,4-butanediol

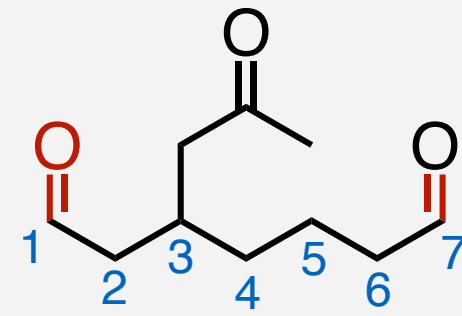
2. name the parent chain **appending the suffix “one”/“al”** (if **principal characteristic group**)

- assign the position numbers (choose number closer to the end)
- for **multiple ketones/aldehydes**, suffix is preceded with a **Greek number prefix** (di, tri, tetra, etc.)
- **if ketone/aldehyde in side branch** (or higher priority group present), use prefix **“oxo”** (both)

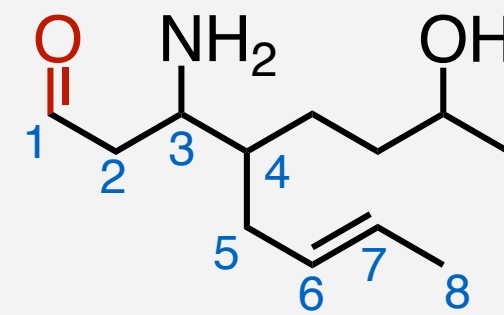


4-cyclopentyl-4-oxobutanal

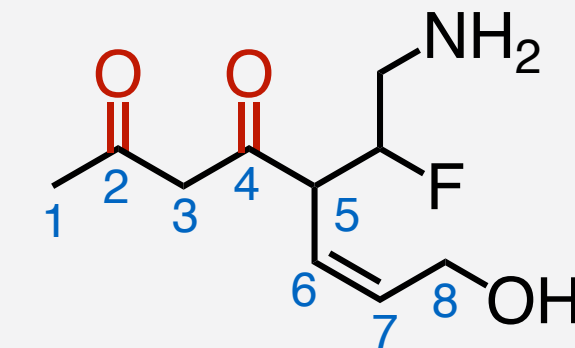
Advanced Examples of Ketones/Aldehydes and Multifunctional Compounds



3-(2-oxopropyl)heptane-1,7-dial



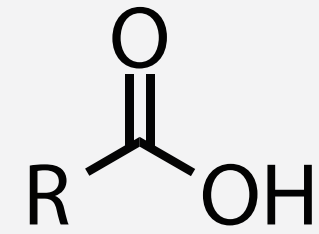
3-amino-4-(3-hydroxybutyl)oct-6-enal



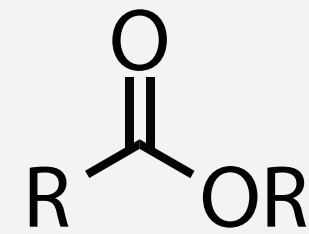
5-(2-amino-1-fluoroethyl)-8-hydroxyoct-6-ene-2,4-dione

- **priority rules: aldehyde > ketone > alcohol > thiol > amine > (arene, alkene, alkyne, halogen)**
 - always search the longest chain that contains the ketone/aldehyde (if principal characteristic group)
 - chain with maximum number of ketones/aldehydes takes precedence, even over longer chains
 - suffixes of alkenes/alkynes and ketones/aldehydes can be combined if on the same chain
 - use prefix names for all other functions with lower priority
 - if higher priority groups present or ketone/aldehyde is in a side branch, use prefix “oxo” (both)

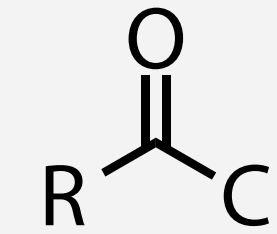
Trivalent Functional Groups



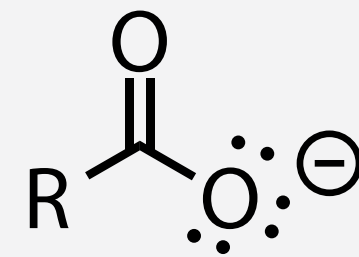
carboxylic acid



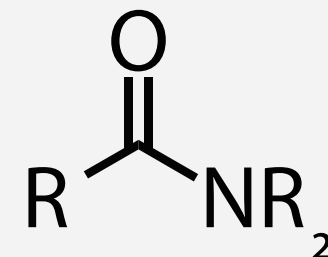
carboxylic acid ester



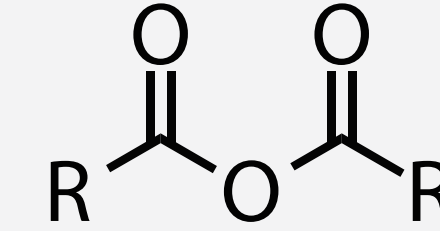
carboxylic acid chloride



carboxylate



carboxylic acid amide



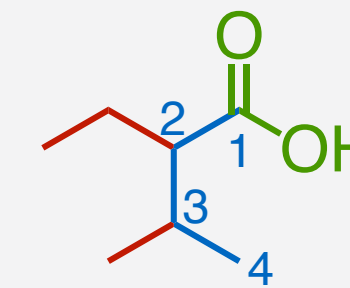
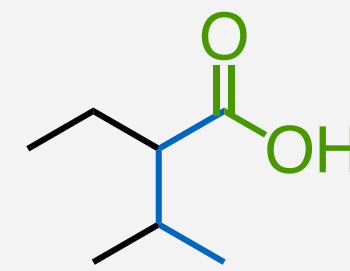
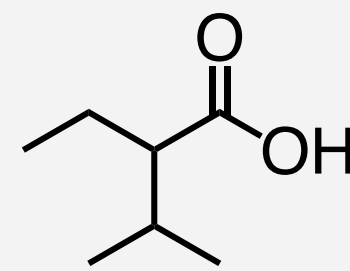
carboxylic acid anhydride

- in trivalent functional groups, carbon has three bonds connected to heteroatom(s)
- the C(O)O fragment is generically called “carboxyl group”

Nomenclature of Carboxylic Acids

1. identify the longest chain containing the **carboxylic acid** (if **principal characteristic group**)

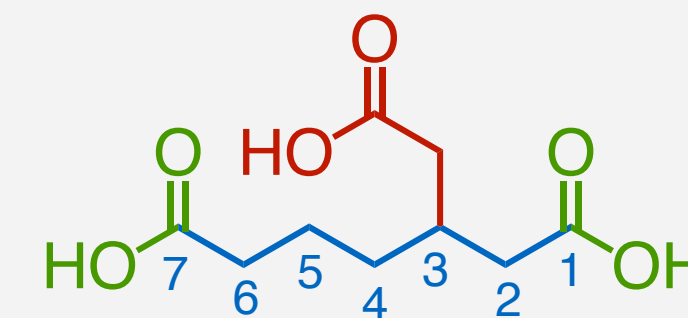
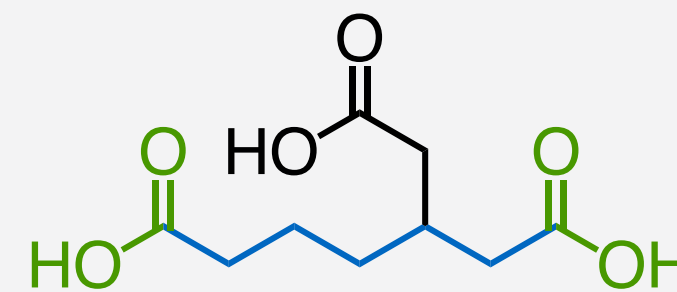
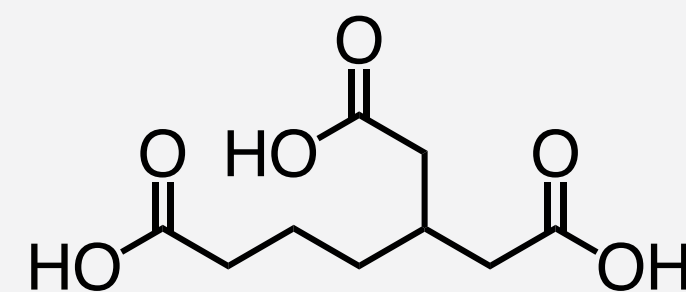
- identify the **longest possible chain** that has the maximum number of carboxylic acids
- **molecule may contain longer chains**, but **principal characteristic group** always takes precedence!
- **follow all previous rules for naming and position number assignment of and within substituents**



2-ethyl-3-methylbutanoic acid

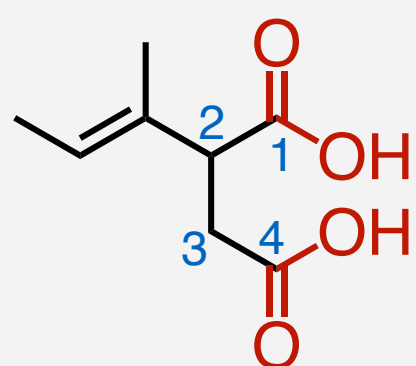
2. name the parent chain **appending the suffix “oic acid”** (if **principal characteristic group**)

- no need to assign position numbers
- for **two carboxylic acids**, suffix is preceded with a **Greek number prefix** (di)
- **if carboxylic acid is in side branch** (or higher priority group present), use prefix “carboxy”

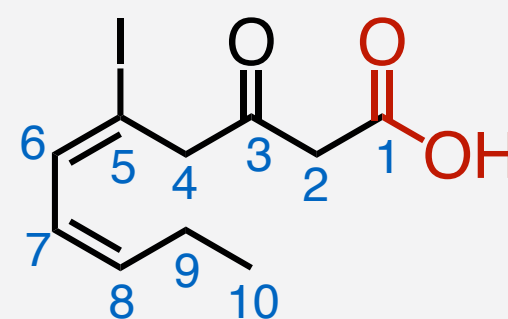


3-(carboxymethyl)heptanedioic acid

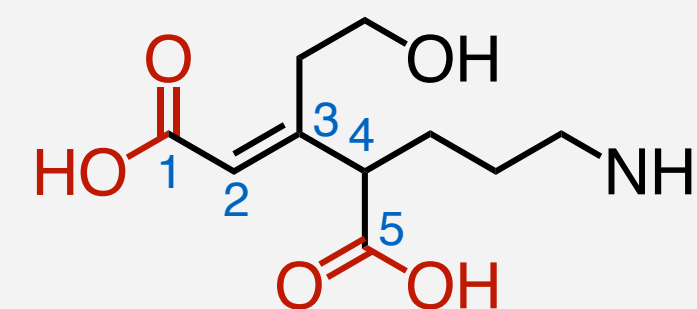
Advanced Examples of Carboxylic Acids and Multifunctional Compounds



2-(but-2-en-2-yl)butanedioic acid



5-iodo-3-oxodeca-5,7-dienoic acid

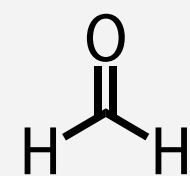


4-(3-aminopropyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)pent-2-enedioic acid

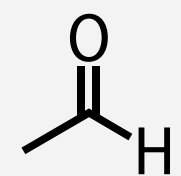
- **priority rules: acid > ester > amide > aldehyde > ketone > alcohol > thiol > amine > ...**
 - always search the longest chain that contains the carboxylic acid (if principal characteristic group)
 - chain with maximum number of carboxylic acids takes precedence, even if longer chains present
 - suffixes of alkenes/alkynes and carboxylic acids can be combined if on the same chain
 - use prefix names for all other functions with lower priority
 - if higher priority groups present or carboxylic acid is in a side branch, use prefix “carboxy”

Important Trivial Names for Aldehydes, Acids, Esters, and Acyl Residues

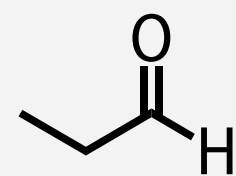
aldehydes



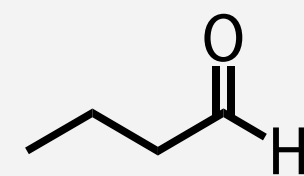
formaldehyde
methanal



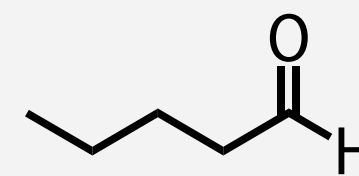
acetaldehyde
ethanal



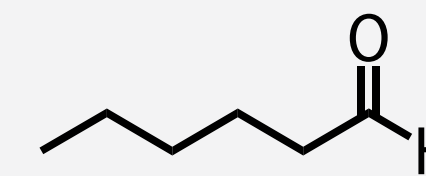
propionaldehyde
propanal



butyraldehyde
butanal

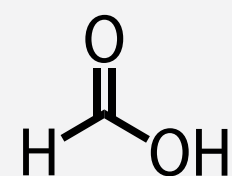


valeraldehyde
pentanal

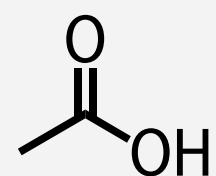


capronaldehyde
hexanal

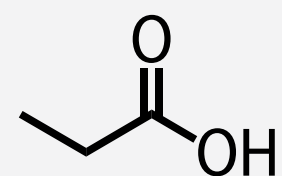
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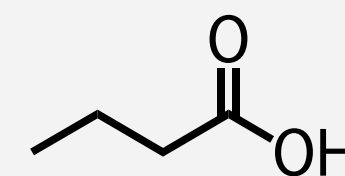
formic acid
methanoic acid



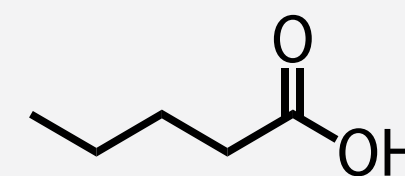
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ethanoic acid



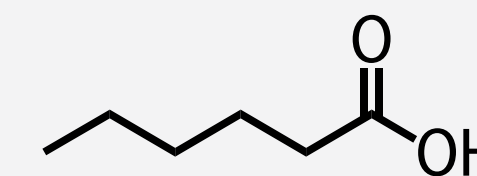
propionic acid
propanoic acid



butyric acid
butanoic acid

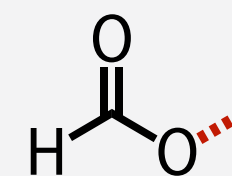


valeric acid
pentanoic acid

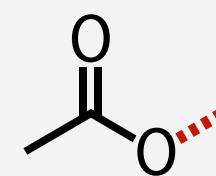


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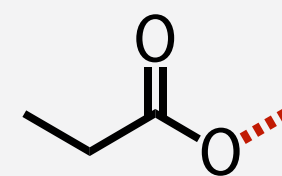
esters



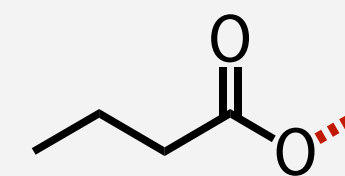
formate
methanoate



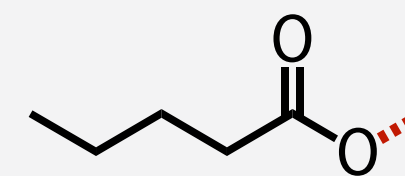
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ethanoate



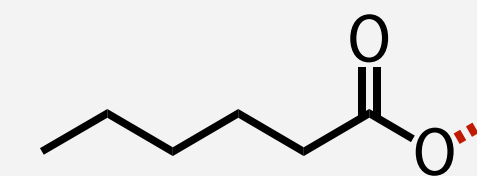
propionate
propanoate



butyrate
butanoate

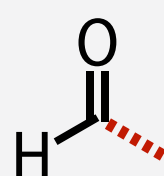


valerate
pentanoate

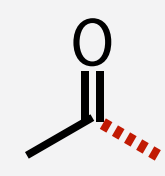


caproate
hexanoate

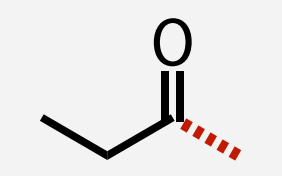
acyl residues



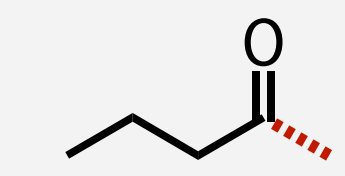
formyl
methanoyl



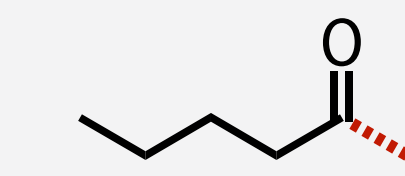
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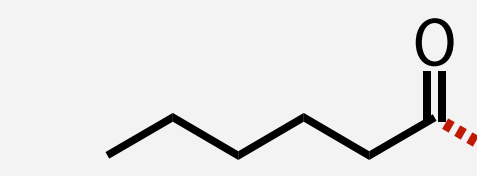
propionyl
propanoyl



butyryl
butanoyl



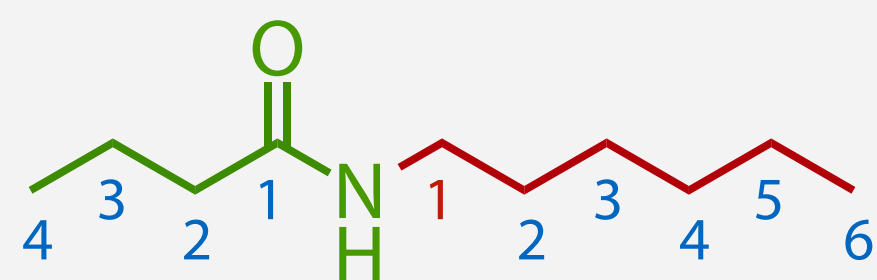
valeryl
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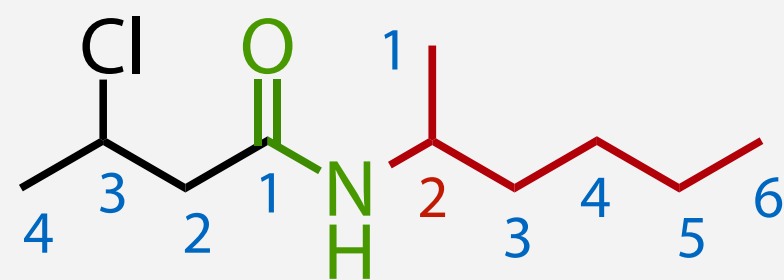
caproyl
hexanoyl

Nomenclature of Carboxylic Acid Amides

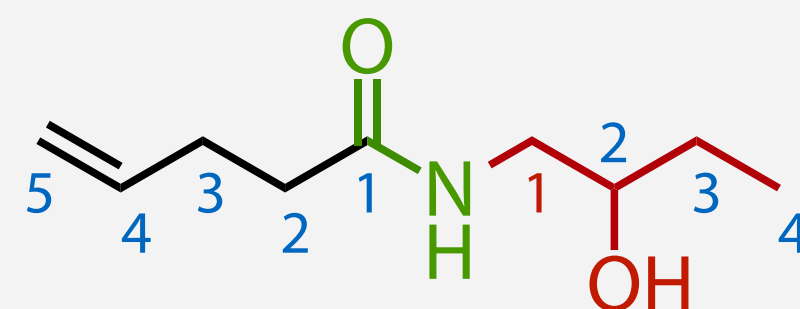
1. identify the longest chain to which the amide C=O is attached, name it, append suffix “amide”
2. prepend the name with the remaining residue, ended by “yl” (use number prefix if necessary)
3. carboxylic acid amide(s) always terminal, no number needed
4. if two carboxylic acid amides attached to same chain, use number prefix (di)



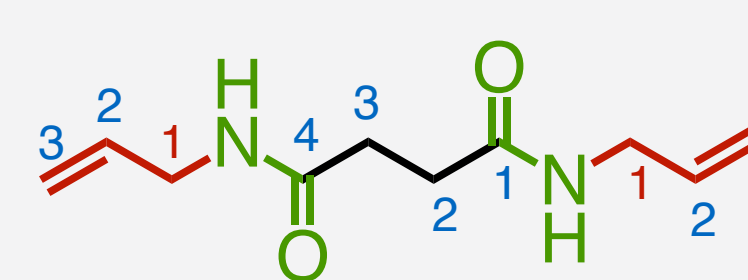
hexyl butanamide
old: butanoic acid
hexyl amide



1-methylpentyl 3-chlorobutanamide
old: 3-chlorobutanoic acid
2-hexyl amide



2-hydroxybutyl pent-4-enamide
old: 4-pentenoic acid
2-hydroxybutyl amide



di(2-propenyl) butandiamide
or diallyl butandiooate
old: butandioic acid
di(2-propenyl) amide

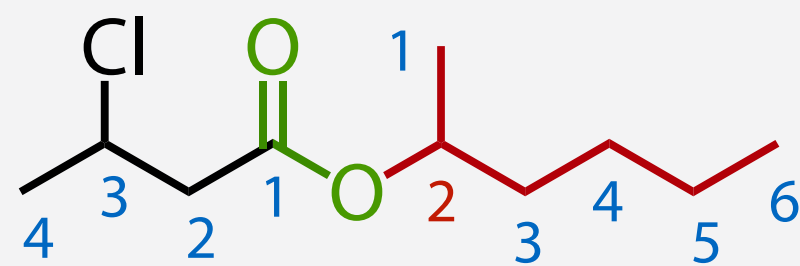
- alternatively, name like a carboxylic acid, append residue ended by “yl”, append “amide”
- naming of compounds with >2 amides (i.e., in side chains) complex but rarely needed

Nomenclature of Carboxylic Acid Esters

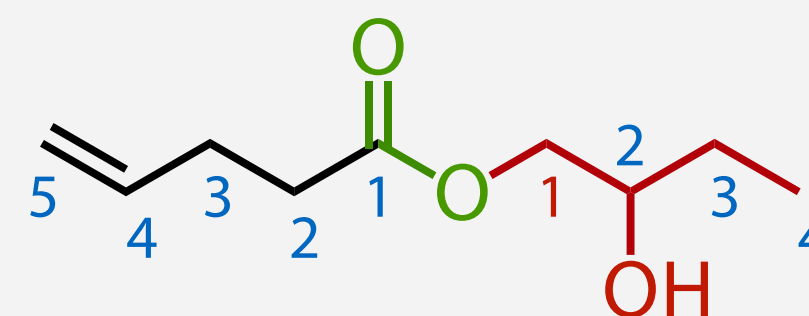
1. identify the longest chain to which the ester C=O is attached, name it, append suffix “oate”
2. prepend the name with the remaining residue, ended by “yl” (use number prefix if necessary)
3. carboxylic acid ester(s) always terminal, no number needed
4. if two carboxylic acid esters attached to same chain, use number prefix (di, more impossible)



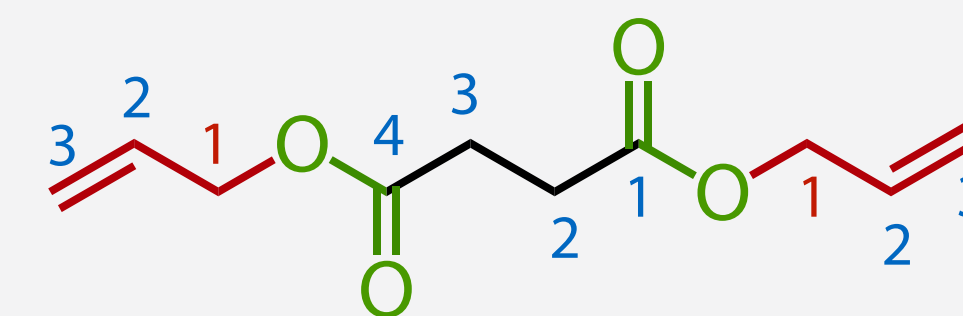
hexyl butanoate
old: butanoic acid
hexyl ester



Hexane-2-yl 3-chlorobutanoate
old: 3-chlorobutanoic acid
2-hexyl ester



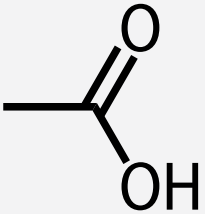
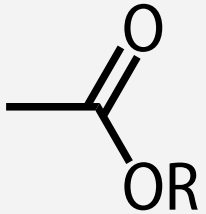
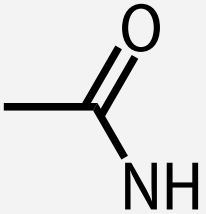
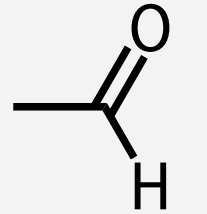
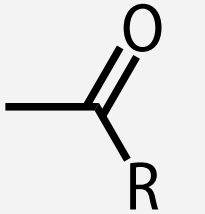
2-hydroxybutyl pent-4-enoate
old: 4-pentenoic acid
2-hydroxybutyl ester





di(2-propenyl) butanedioate
or diallyl butanedioate
old: butanedioic acid
di(2-propenyl) ester

- alternatively, name like a carboxylic acid, append the residue ended by “yl”, append “ester”
- naming of compounds with >2 esters (i.e., in side chains) complex but rarely needed

Summary of the Priority Rules on Following Slides

		>		>		>		>		>	—OH	>	—NH ₂
group	acid		ester		amide		aldehyde		ketone		alcohol		amine
suffix	-oic acid		-oate		-amide		-al		-one		-ol		-amine
prefix	carboxy-	oxycarbonyl-	carbamoyl-		oxo-		oxo-		hydroxy-		amino-		

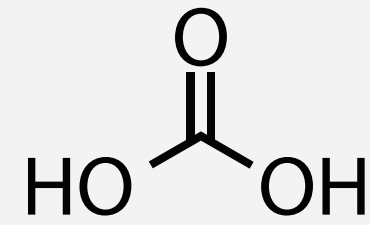
no priority

		—Hal
(alkene, alkyne)		halide
(-ene, -yne)		—
(en-, yn-)		halo-

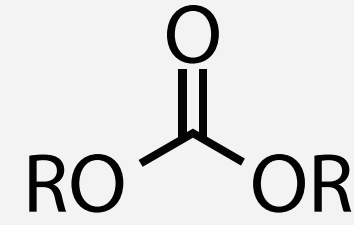
- **alkanes, alkenes, alkynes and halogen do not possess *any* priority**
- functional group with the **highest priority** is the **principal characteristic group**
- **principal characteristic group** the naming of the parent chain (using the suffix)
- functional group with a **lower priority** treated as a substituent (using prefix nomenclature)
- **alkene/alkyne are concatenated with other suffixes (also with “yl” when in side groups)**

Naming of Simple Compounds with Tetravalent Functional Groups

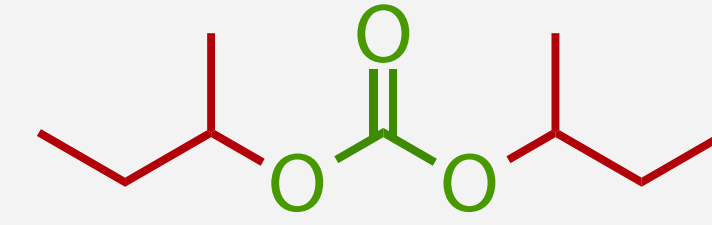
- in tetravalent functional groups, carbon has four bonds connected to heteroatom(s)



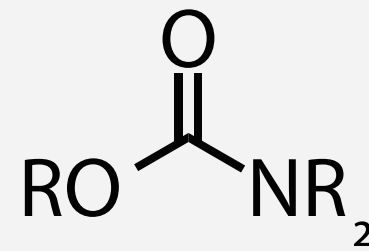
carbonic acid



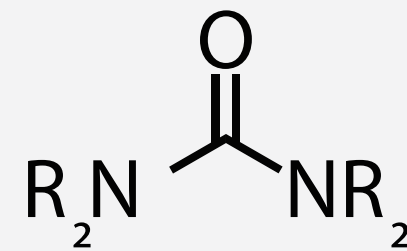
carbonate



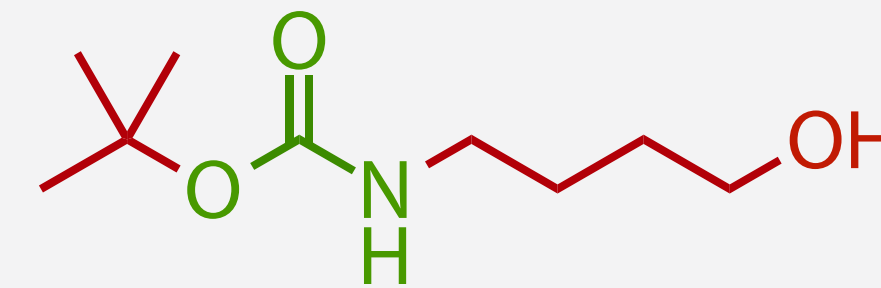
di(butan-2-yl) carbonate



urethane
(carbamate)



urea



N-(4-hydroxybutyl) *O*-*tert.*-butyl urethane

- tetravalent functions are relevant in polymers (polycarbonates, polyurethanes, polyureas)

Learning Outcomes

- **names of compound classes and functional groups**
- **some trivial names**
- **convert IUPAC names into structure formulae**
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