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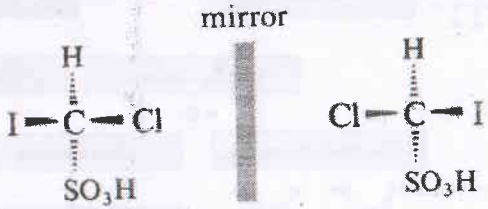

Chloroiodomethanesulfonic acid

Not superimposable : enantiomers

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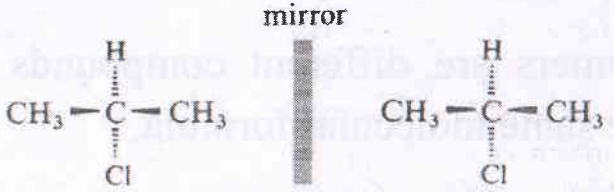
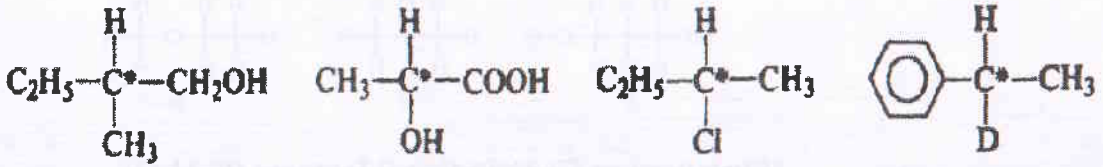


Isopropyl chloride

Superimposable : no enantiomers

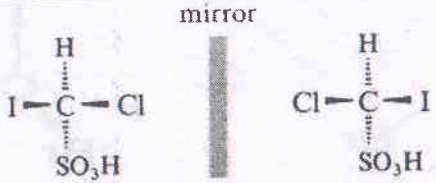
Stereogenic center or chiral center: carbon atom with four different groups attached to it (market with an asterisk).



2-Methyl-1-butanol **Lactic acid** ***sec*-Butyl chloride** **α-Deuterioethylbenzene**

- Many but not all molecules that contain a chiral center are chiral.
- If there is only one chiral center in the molecule we can certain that the molecule is chiral.

Enantiomers are a pair of molecules related as nonsuperimposable mirror images.



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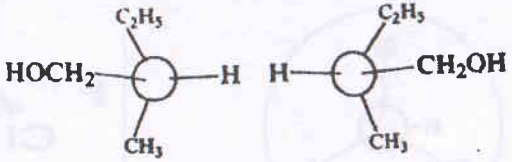

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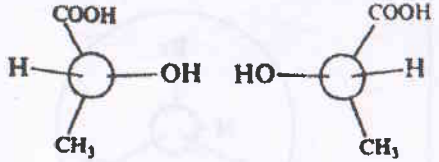


Lactic acid

Prediction of enantiomerism

- Molecules that are not superposable on their mirror images are chiral.
- A compound whose molecules are chiral can exist as enantiomers.

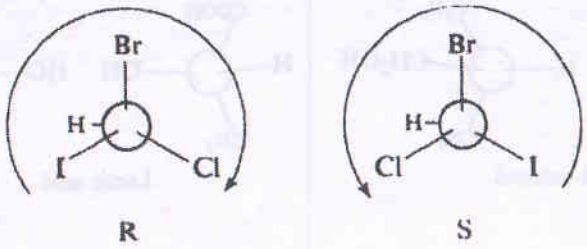
Specification of Configuration: R and S

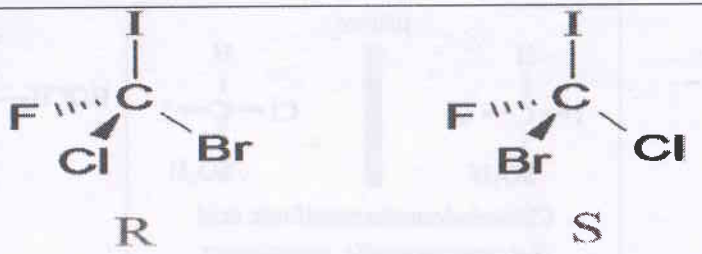
Enantiomers differ in the arrangement of the groups attached to the stereogenic center (chiral center). This arrangement of groups is called configuration of the stereogenic center.

R, S system or cahn-Ingold-Prelog system

Step 1. Following a set of sequence rules, In the case of CHClBrI, for example, the four atoms attached to the chiral center are all different and priority depends simply on atomic number, the atom of higher number having higher priority. Thus I, Br, CI, H.

Step 2. We visualize the molecule oriented so that the group of lowest priority is directed away from us, and observe the arrangement of the remaining groups. If, in proceeding from the group of highest priority to the group of the second priority and thence to the third, our eye travels in a clockwise direction, the configuration is specified R (Latin : rectus, right); if counterclockwise, the configuration is specified S (Latin: sinister, left).

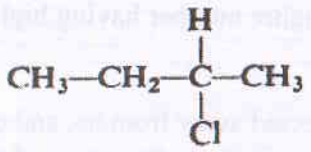




Sequence rules

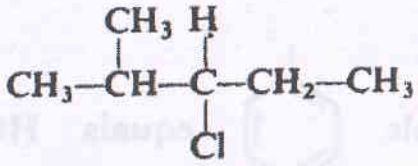
Sequence Rule 1. If the four atoms attached to the chiral center are all different, priority depends on atomic number, with the atom of higher atomic number getting higher priority. If two atoms are isotopes of the same element, the atom of higher mass number has the higher priority.

Sequence Rule 2. If the relative priority of two groups cannot be decided by Rule I, it shall be determined by a similar comparison of the next atoms in the groups and so on.



***sec*-Butyl chloride**

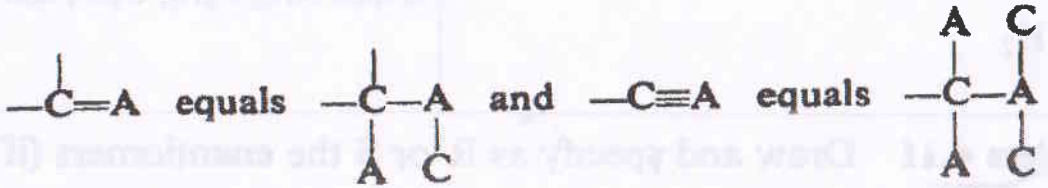
A complete sequence of priority for sec-butyl chloride is therefore Cl, C_2H_5, CH_3, and H.

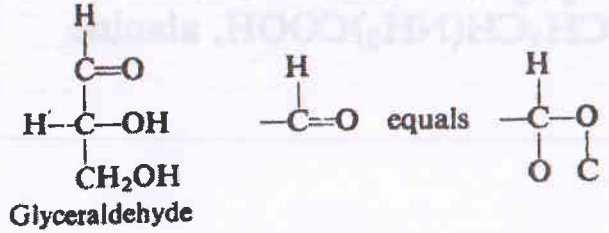


3-Chloro-2-methylpentane

A complete sequence of priority is Cl, isopropyl, ethyl, H.

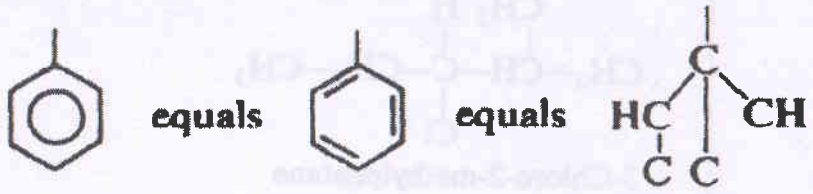
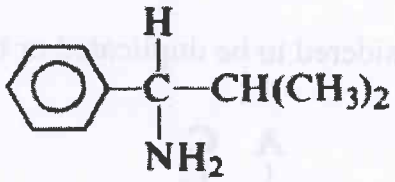
Sequence Rule 3. Where there is a double or triple bond, both atoms are considered to be duplicated or triplicated.





Glyceraldehyde

The complete sequence of glyceraldehyde is then OH, CHO, CH_2OH and H.

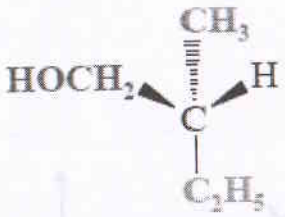
The phenyl group, C_6H_5	
	In l-amino-2-methyl-l-phenylpropane, the entire sequence is then NH_2, C_6H_5, C_3H_7, and H.

Problem 4.11 Draw and specify as R or S the enantiomers (if any) of:

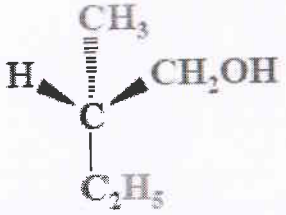
(a) 3-chloro-1-pentene
(b) 3-chloro-4-methyl-1-pentene
(c) $HOOCCH_2CHOHCOOH$, malic acid
(d) $C_6H_5CH(CH_3)NH_2$
(e) methylethyl-*n*-propylisopropylmethane
(f) $C_6H_5CHOHCOOH$, mandelic acid
(g) $CH_3CH(NH_2)COOH$, alanine

Enantiomers:

- Enantiomers have identical chemical properties except toward optically active reagents .
- Enantiomers have identical physical properties, except for the direction of rotaion of plan of polarized light.



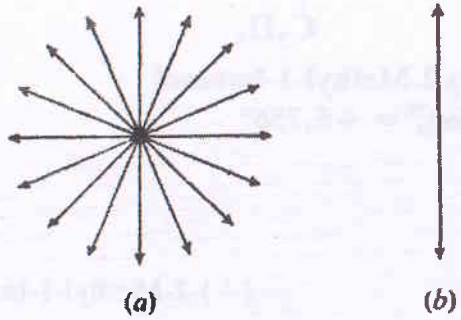
(*R*)-(+)-2-Methyl-1-butanol
$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.756°$



(*S*)-(−)-2-Methyl-1-butanol
$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.756°$

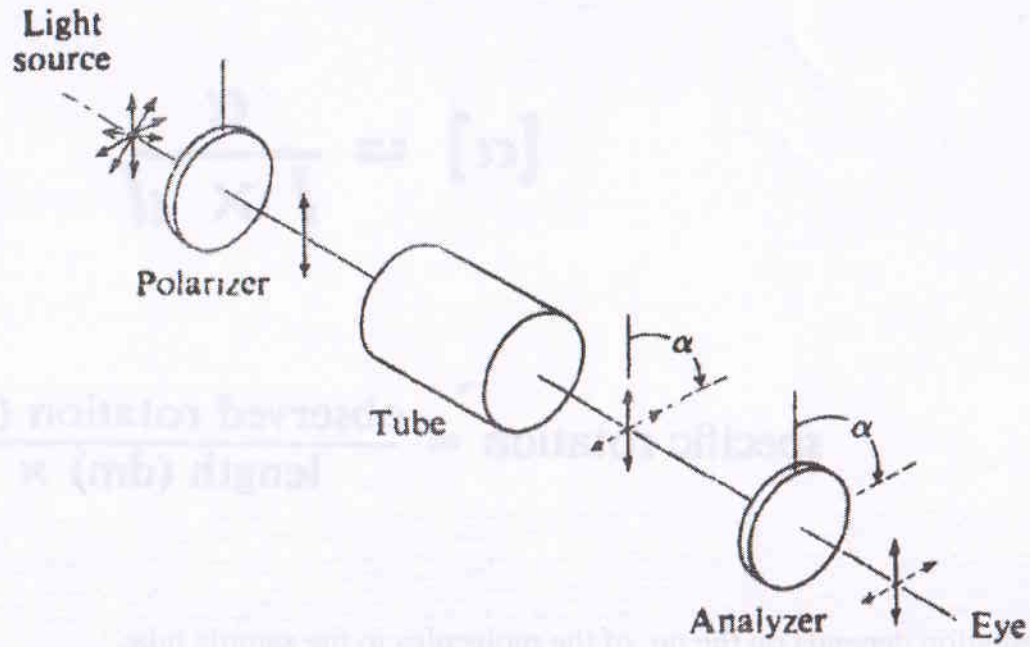
	(+)-2-Methyl-1-butanol	(−)-2-Methyl-1-butanol (Fermentation Product)
Specific rotation	+5.756°	−5.756°
Boiling point	128.9°	128.9°
Density	0.8193	0.8193
Refractive index	1.4107	1.4107

- Enantiomers rotate plane-polarized light in opposite directions, they have specific rotations of the same magnitude but with opposite signs.
- Separate enantiomers rotate the plane of polarized light equal amounts but in opposite direction.
- Separate enantiomers are said to be optical active compounds.
- Plane polarized light is the light whose vibration takes place in only one plane.



(a) Ordinary light and (b) Plane polarized light

Polarimeter: a device used for measuring optical activity of the optical active compound.



If the rotation of the plane of the optical active compound is to the right (clockwise), the substance is dextrorotatory (Latin: dexter, right); if the rotation is to the left (counterclockwise), the substance is Levorotatory (Latin: laevus. left). The symbols + and - are used to indicate rotations to the right and to the left, respectively.

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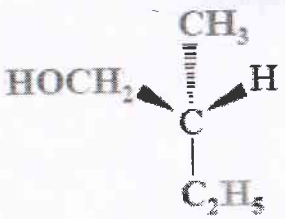
- ***Specific rotation*** is the no of degrees of rotation observed if a 1 dm (10 cm) tube is used and the compound being examined is presend to the extend of 1g/ml.

$$[\alpha] = \frac{\alpha}{l \times d}$$

$$\textbf{specific rotation} = \frac{\textbf{observed rotation (degrees)}}{\textbf{length (dm)} \times \textbf{g/cc}}$$

- The rotation depends on the no. of the molecules in the sample tube.

Examples



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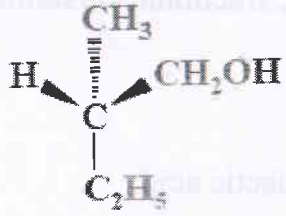

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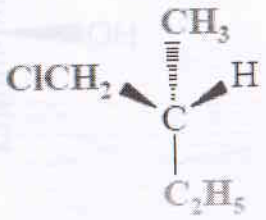
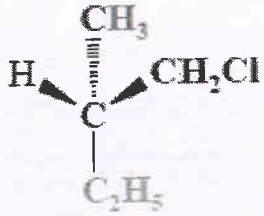


(*R*)-(−)-1-Chloro-2-methylbutane
$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.64°$



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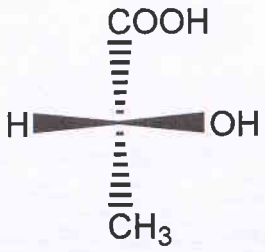
The racemic modification:

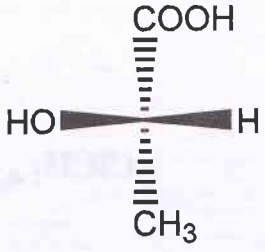
- A mixture of equal part of enantiomers is optical inactive. The prefix ± is used to specify the racemic mixture of the particular sample. Racemic modificatiom cannot be separated from each other by fractional distillation, fractional crystallization or by chromatography.

For example (±)-lactic acid



(R)-Lactic acid

50%



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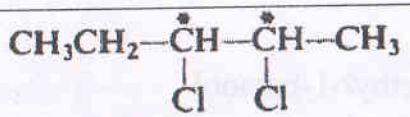
Diastereomers: stereoisomers that are not mirror images of each other.

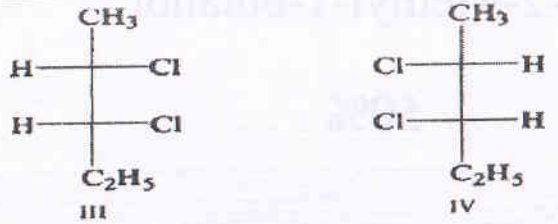
Example 2,3-dichloropentane has two chiral center



2,3-Dichloropentane

Not superimposable
Enantiomers

(2S,3S)-2,3-dichloropentane (2R,3R)-2,3-dichloropentane

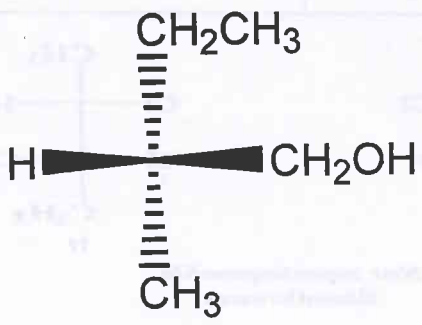


Not superimposable
Enantiomers

(2S,3R)-2,3-dichloropentane (2R,3S)-2,3-dichloropentane

Compound I is an enantiomer of II,
Compound III is an enantiomer of IV.
Compound III is a diastereomer of I, and of II.
Compound IV is a diastereomer of I and of II.

➢ (±)-2-methyl-1-butanol



(R)-2-Methyl-1-butanol

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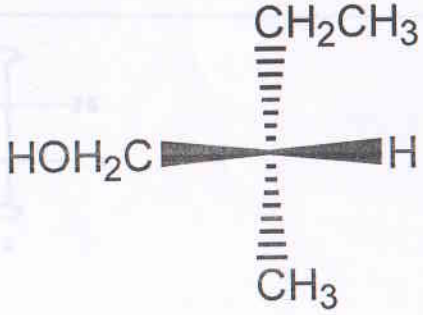

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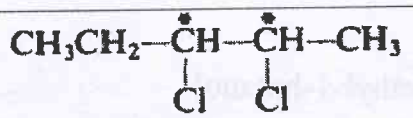

2,3-Dichloropentane

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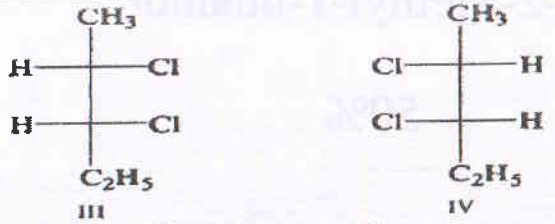


Not superimposable
Enantiomers

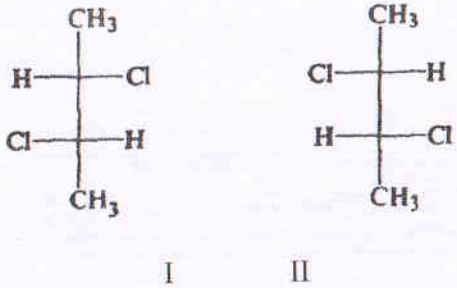
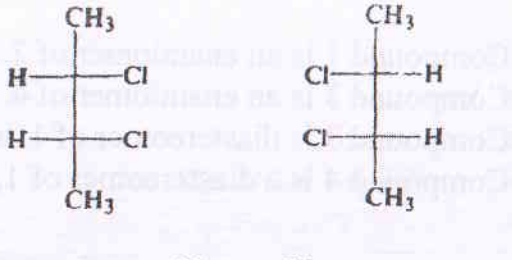
(2S,3R)-2,3-dichloropentane (2R,3S)-2,3-dichloropentane

Compound I is an enantiomer of II,
Compound III is an enantiomer of IV.
Compound III is a diastereomer of I, and of II.
Compound IV is a diastereomer of I and of II.

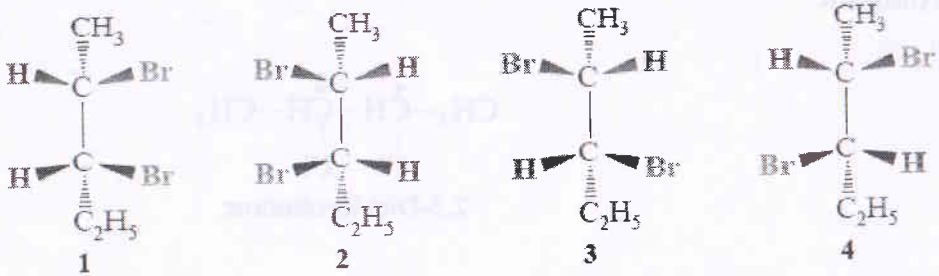
Meso compound: is one whose molecules are superimposable on their mirror images even though they contain chiral centers (Meso compound is optical inactive).

- 2,3-dichlorobutane

2,3-Dichlorobutane

 I II	 III IV
(S,S)-2,3-dichlorobutane (R,R)-2,3-dichlorobutane	(R,S)-2,3-dichlorobutane (S,R)-2,3-dichlorobutane
Compound I is an enantiomer of II Compound III is a meso of IV. Compound III is diastereomer of 1 and of II. Compound IV is a diastereomer of I, and of II.	

- The maximum no. of of stereoisomers that can exist is equal to the 2^n , where n is the no. of chiral centers. The 2,3-Dibromopentane compounds represented by structures 1– 4 are all optically active compounds. Any One of them, if placed separately in a polarimeter, would show optical activity.



Compound 1 is an enantiomer of 2.
Compound 3 is an enantiomer of 4.
Compound 3 is diastereomer of 1 and of 2.
Compound 4 is a diastereomer of 1, and of 2.

- Diastereomers have similar chemical properties.
- Distereomers have different physical properties:- difrrent melting points, boiling points, solubility, …
- Distereomers can be separated from each other by fractional distillation, fractional crystallization or by chromatography.

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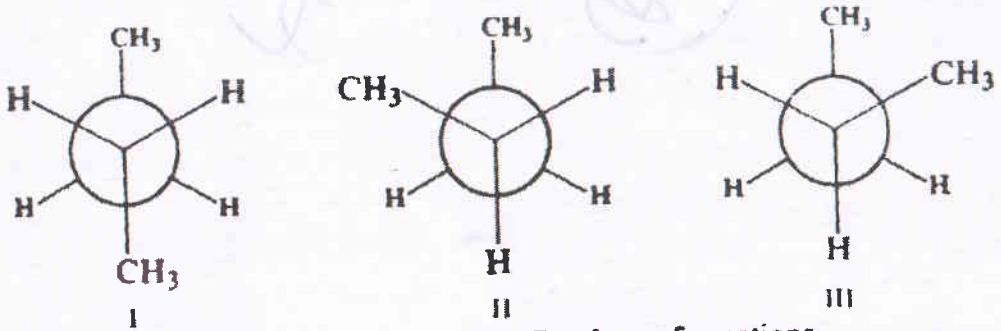
Conformational isomers

n-Butane exists as three conformational isomers, one anti and two gauche. The gauche conformers, II and III, are mirror images of each other, and hence are (conformational) enantiomers. Conformers I and II (or I and III) are not mirror Images of each other, and hence are (conformational) diastereomers .



I II III

***Anti* conformation** ***Gauche* conformations**

***n*-Butane**

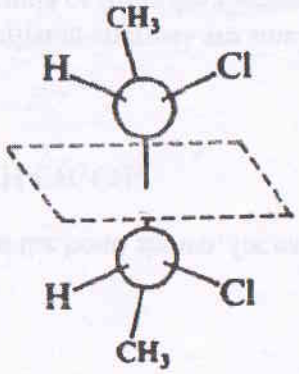
Problem: considering only rotation about the bond shown, for each compound tell how many conformers there are, and label pairs of (conformational) enantiomers

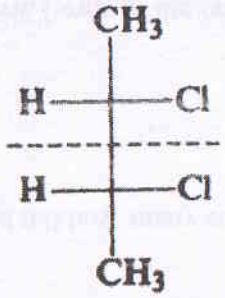
(a) $(CH_3)_2CH\text{-}CH(CH_3)_2$; (b) $(CH_3)_2CH\text{-}CH_2CH_3$;

(c) $(CH_3)_3C\text{-}C(CH_3)_3$.

Problem: At low temperatures, where collision energies are small, two isomeric forms of the badly crowded $CHBr_2CHBr_2$ haye been isolated by crystallization: a) Give a formula or formulas (Newman projections) corresponding to each of the separable forms, (b) Which, if either, of the materials, as actually isolated at low temperatures would be optically active? Explain.

- We can regonize the meso structure by the fact that one half of molecue is the mirror image of the other half.





Each enantiomer should, of course, be optically active Now, if we were to put the sec-butyl chloride actually prepared by the chlorination of n-butane into a polarimeter, would it rotate the plane of polarized light? The answer is no, because prepared as described it would consist of the racemic modification. The next question is: why is the racemic modification formed ?

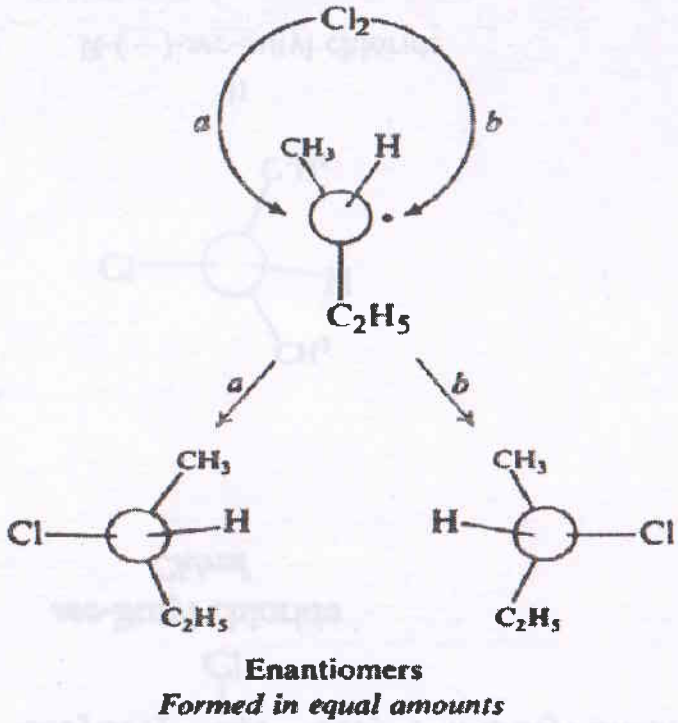
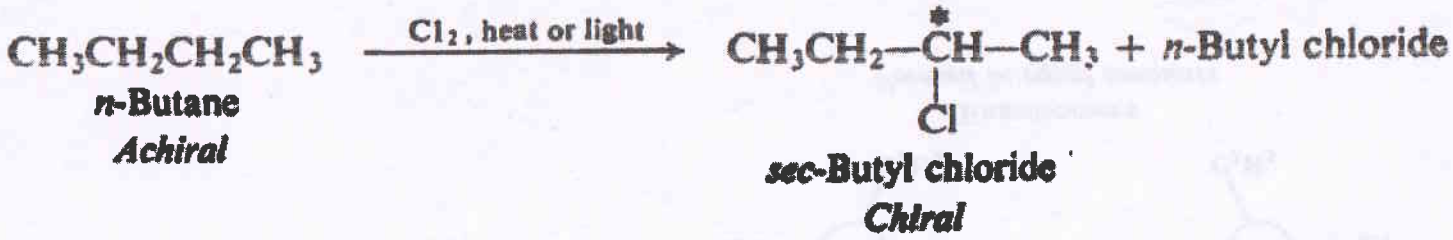


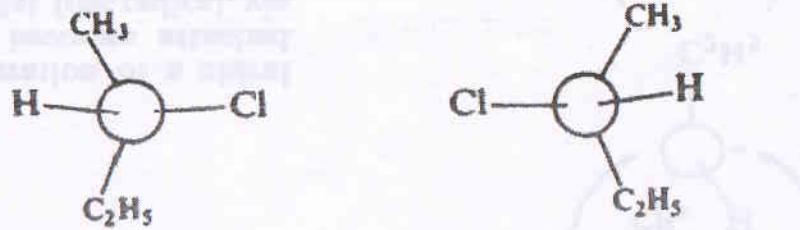
Figure 7.1. Generation of a chiral center. Chlorine becomes attached to either face of flat free radical, via (*a*) or (*b*), to give enantiomers, and in equal amounts.

- Synthesis of chiral compounds from achiral reactants always yields the racemic modification.
- Optically inactive reactants yield optically inactive products.
- Resolution of product ??????????????????????????????

Generation of a chiral center. Synthesis and optical activity

One of the products of chlorination of n-butane is the chiral compound, sec-butyl chloride. It can exist as two enantiomers, I and II, which are specified as S and R, respectively.





I
S-(+)-*sec*-butyl chloride

II
R-(−)-*sec*-butyl chloride

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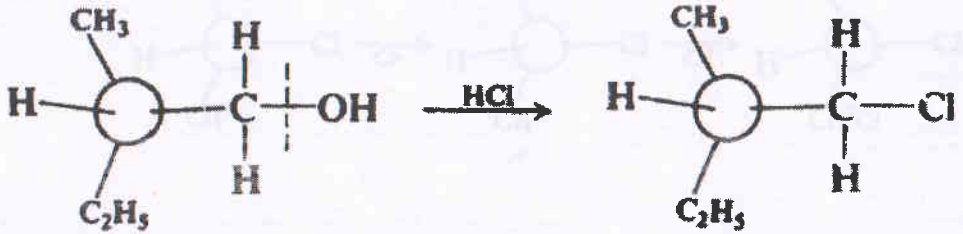
Problem: We carry out free-radical chlorination of (S)-sec-butyl chloride, and by fractional distillation isolate the various isomeric products, (a) Draw stereochemical formulas of the 1,2-, 2,2-, and 1,3-dichlorobutanes obtained in this way.
Give each enantiomer its proper R or S specification, (b) Which of these fractions, as isolated, will be optically active, and which will be optically inactive?

Optical purity



III — S-(−)-2-Methyl-1-butanol

IV — S-(+)-1-Chloro-2-methylbutane

the (S)-(-)-2-methyl-l-butanol have specific rotation equal to -5.756. When this material is treated with hydrogen chloride, the l-chloro-2-methylbutane obtained is found to have specific rotation of of +1.64. Since no bond to the chiral center is broken, since molecule of alcohol with configuration III is converted into a molecule of chloride with configuration IV; since the alcohol was optically pure, the chloride of specific rotation -f 1.64 is also optically pure(enantiomeric excess of 100%).

$$\% \text{ Enantiomeric excess} = \frac{\text{moles of one enantiomer} - \text{moles of other enantiomer}}{\text{total moles of both enantiomers}} \times 100$$

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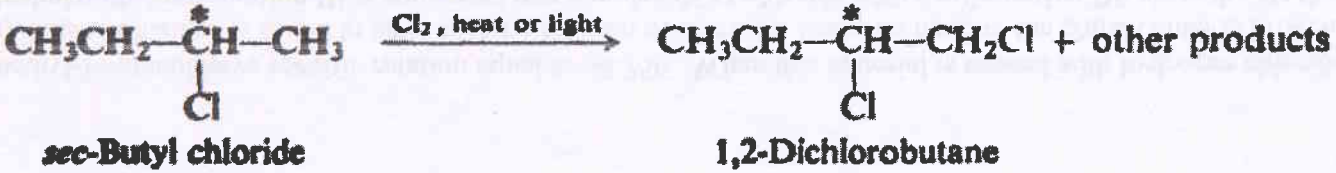
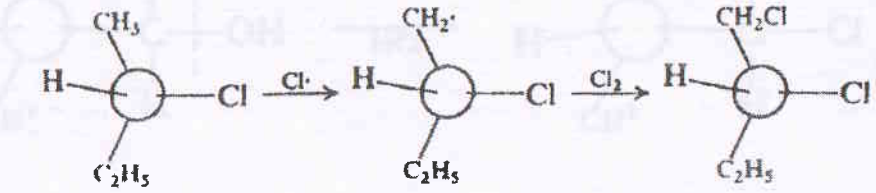
Problem: Isopentane is allowed to undergo free-radical chlorination, and the reaction mixture is separated by careful fractional distillation, (a) How many fractions of formula C5H11Cl would you expect to collect? (b) Draw structural formulas, stereochemical for the compounds making up each fraction. Specify each enantiomer as R or S. (c) Which if any, of the fractions, as collected, would show optical activity ?

Reactions of chiral molecules. Bond breaking



sec-Butyl chloride **1,2-Dichlorobutane**

Let us take, (S)-sec-butyl chloride and consider only the part of the reaction that yields 1,2-dichlorobutane.



I (S)-*sec*-Butyl chloride

II (R)-1,2-Dichlorobutane

- Since we break no bond to the chiral center in either step, the model we arrive at necessarily has configuration II, in which the spatial arrangement about the chiral center is unchanged or, as we say, configuration is retained.
- A reaction that does not involve the breaking of a bond to a chiral center proceeds with retention of configuration about that chiral center.

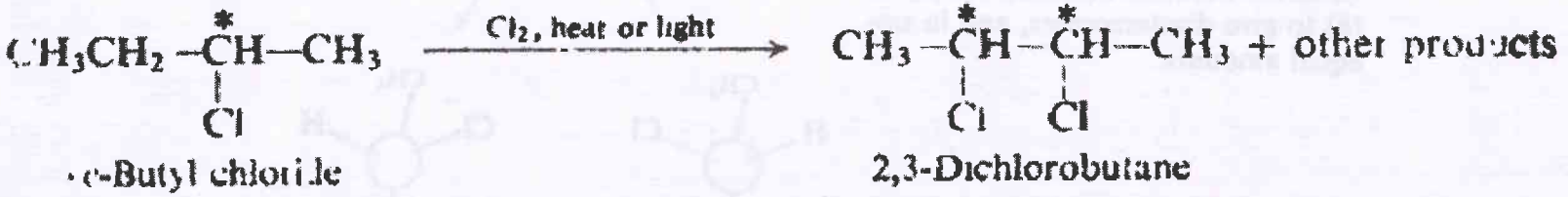
$$\% \text{ Enantiomeric excess}^* = \frac{\text{observed specific rotation}}{\text{specific rotation of the pure enantiomer}} \times 100$$

If a sample of the chloride has a rotation of +0.82, that is, 50% of the maximum, we say that it is 50 % optically pure.

Problem: Predict the specific rotation of the chloride obtained by treatment with hydrogen chloride of 2-methyl-l-butanol of specific rotation of +3.12.

Reactions of chiral molecules. Generation of a second chiral center

For the following reaction



sec-Butyl chloride

2,3-Dichlorobutane

Let us suppose that we take optically active sec-butyl chloride the (S)-isomer and carry out the chlorination, and by fractional distillation separate the 2,3-dichlorobutanes from all the other products (the 1,2-isomer, 2,2-isomer, etc.).
Which stereoisomers can we expect to have?

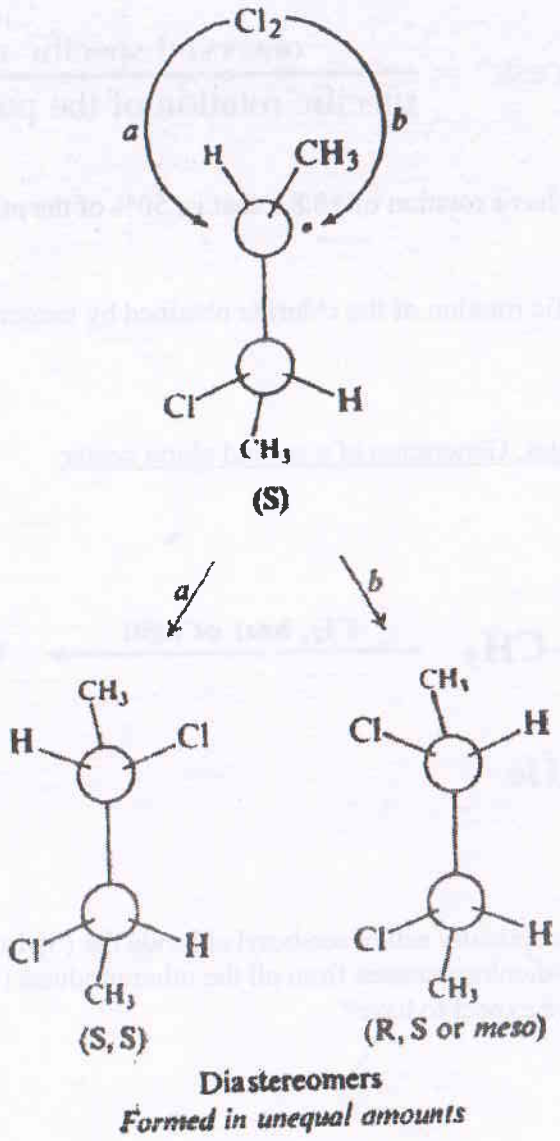
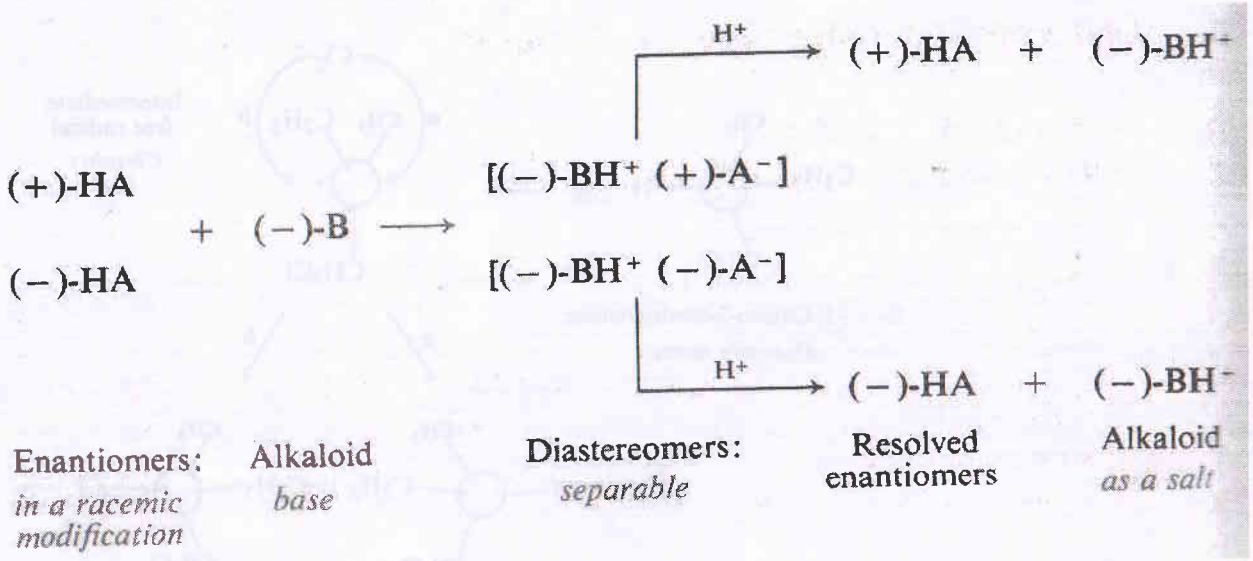


Figure 7.2. Generation of a second chiral center. Configuration at original chiral center unchanged. Chlorine becomes attached via (*a*) or (*b*) to give diastereomers, and in unequal amounts.

Reactions of chiral molecules with optically active reagents. Resolution of a racemic modification

Resolution of a racemic modification: the separation of a racemic modification into enantiomers.

Reaction of racemic form with a single enantiomer (opticall active reagents) of some other compound changes a racemic form into a mixture of diastereomers; and diasteromers, because they have different melting points, different boiling points, and different solubilities, can be separated by conventional means.



- The majority of resolutions that have been carried out depend upon the reaction of organic bases with organic acids to yield salts. Among the alkaloids commonly used for this purpose are (-)- brucine, (-)-quinine, (-)-strychnine, and (+)-cinchonine.

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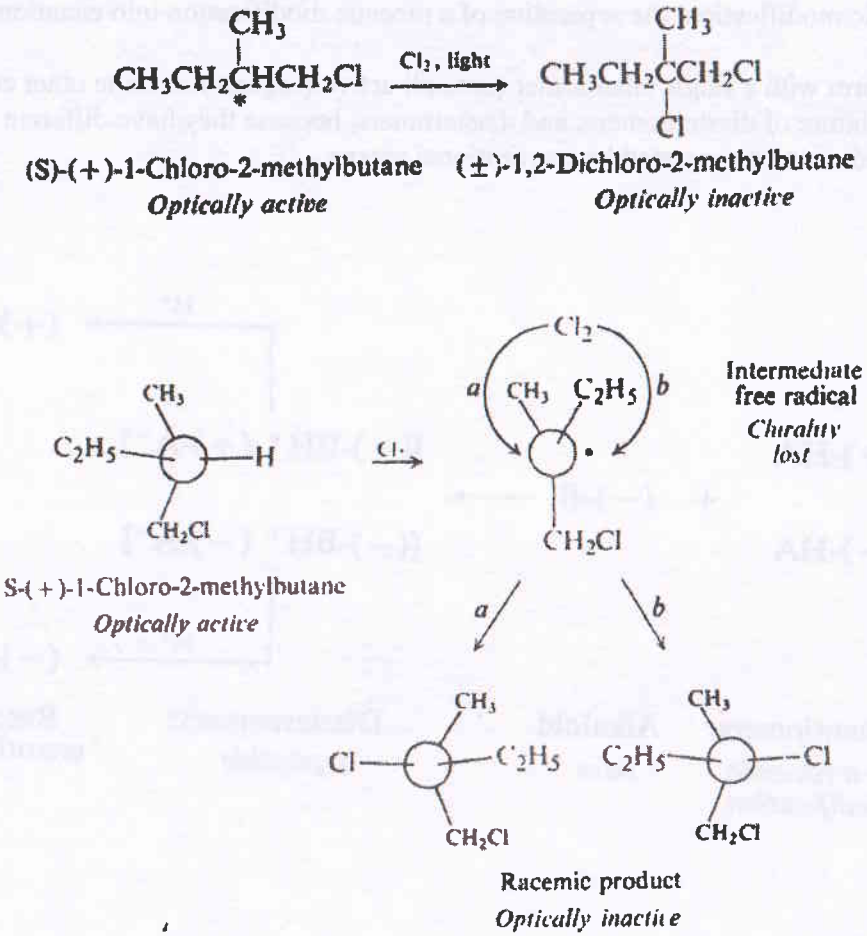

Figure 7.3. Racemization through free-radical formation. Chlorine becomes attached to either face of free radical, via (*a*) or (*b*), to give enantiomers, and in equal amounts.

- Stereoselective reaction: a reaction that yields predominantly one stereoisomer (or one pair of enantiomers) of several diastereomeric possibilities
- stereospecific reaction: A reaction in which stereochemically different reactants give stereochemically different products.
- Addition of halide to alkene (stereoselective and stereospecific reaction)

Mechanism of halogen addition

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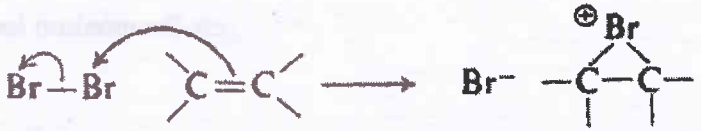

A bromonium ion

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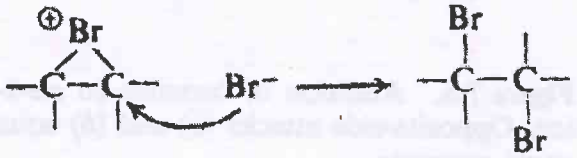

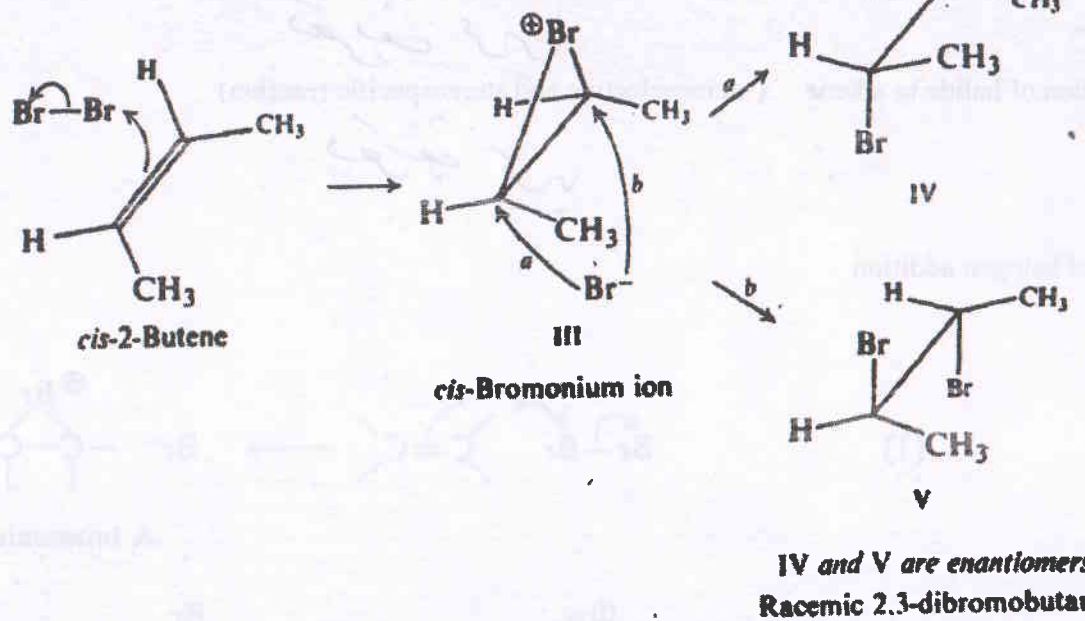

Figure 7.6. Addition of bromine to *cis*-2-butene via cyclic bromonium ion. Opposite-side attacks (*a*) and (*b*) equally likely, give enantiomers in equal amounts.

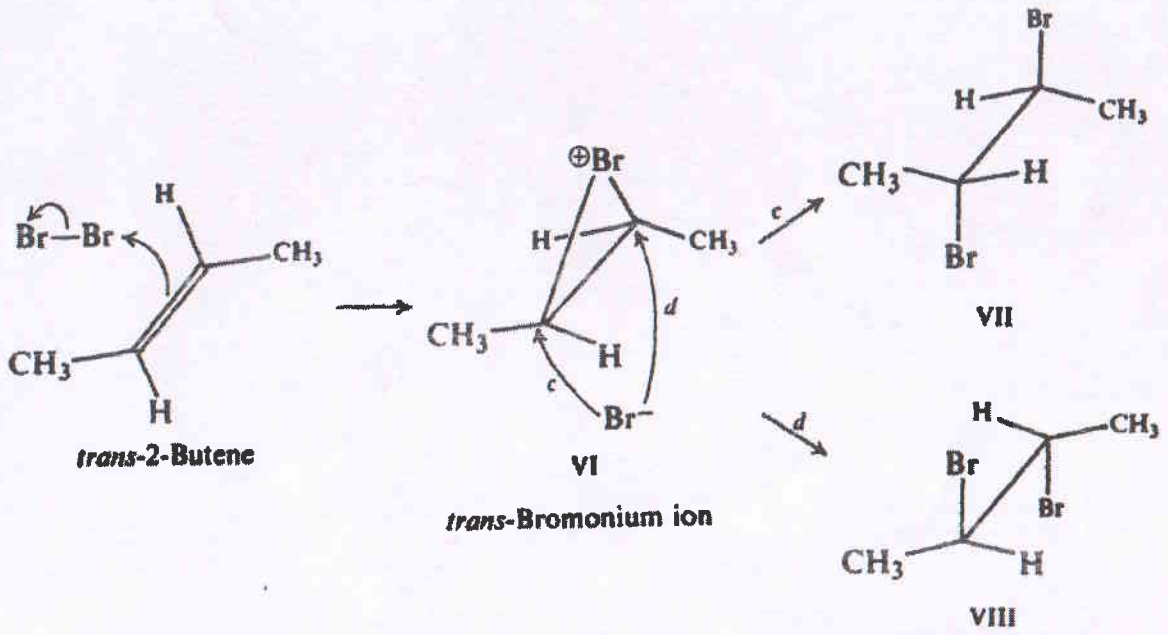

Figure 7.7. Addition of bromine to *trans*-2-butene via cyclic bromonium ion. Opposite-side attacks (*c*) and (*d*) give same product.