NOMENCLATURE OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND ISOMERISM

The longest chain containing maximum number of carbon atoms should be considered as the main chain and the remaining as branches.

i)
$$\begin{array}{c} \hline \text{CH}_3 - \text{CH} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3 \\ \hline \\ \text{CH}_3 & ---- \\ \\ \text{Branch} \end{array}$$
 Main chain

ii)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_1 - CH_3$$
 — Branch $CH_2 - CH_3$ — Main chain

A carbon chain containing one branch is given below. Note that it is numbered in two ways.

Name of alkyl group	Structural formula	
Methyl	$-CH_3$	
Ethyl	$-CH_2-CH_3$	
Propyl	$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$	

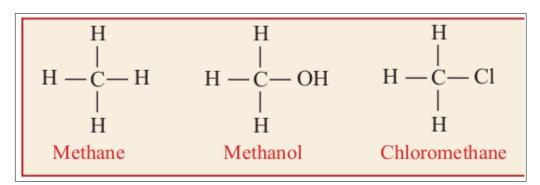
Structural formula of a hydrocarbon is given below. Write the IUPAC name of this compound.

Structural formula of a compound is given below.

$$CH \equiv C - CH_2 - CH_3$$

- What is the molecular formula of this compound? C4H6......
- To which category does this compound belong?

Functional groups



An atom or a group of atoms, bonded to carbon in an organic compound, determines the distinctive chemical and physical properties of that compound. This atom or group of atoms is called a functional group.

Hydroxyl group---OH carboxylic group—COOH aldehyde—CHO Keto group---CO halo group---F,Cl,Br

Aromatic compounds

Phenol Benzoic acid
$$(C_6H_5 - OH)$$
 $(C_6H_5 - COOH)$

Isomerism

Compounds having same molecular formula and different chemical and physical properties are called isomers. This phenomenon is called isomerism.

Chain isomerism

i)
$$\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_3}$$
 ii) $\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_3}$ $\operatorname{CH_3}$ $\operatorname{CH_3}$

Compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in the structures of carbon chain are called chain isomers. This phenomenon is known as chain isomerism.

Position isomerism

i)
$$\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{OH}$$
 ii) $\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_3}$ OH

When two compounds have same molecular formula and same functional group, but differ in the position of the functional group, they are called position isomers, and this phenomenon is known as position isomerism.

Functional isomerism

ii)
$$CH_3 - O - CH_3$$
 IUPAC name - Methoxymethane

When compounds have the same molecular formula but different functional groups, they are known as functional isomers, and this phenomenon is called functional isomerism.

Metamerism

i)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - O - CH_2 - CH_3$$

ii)
$$\operatorname{CH_3}$$
 — O — $\operatorname{CH_2}$ — $\operatorname{CH_2}$ — $\operatorname{CH_3}$

The isomerism exhibited by compounds with the same molecular formula but different alkyl groups on either side of the bivalent functional group (group having valency 2, eg. (O , C = O) is known as metamerism.

Examine the compounds given below and identify the isomeric pairs. Specify the type of isomerism exhibited by each pair.

$$\mathrm{ii)} \quad \mathrm{CH_3} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{OH} \qquad \quad \mathrm{iii)} \ \mathrm{CH_3} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{CH_2} - \mathrm{CH_3}$$

ii)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - O - CH_3$$

iii)
$$\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{O} - \operatorname{CH_3}$$
 iv) $\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_3}$ $\operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_3}$

vi)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH - CH_3$$

OH

Chain isomerism	2&4
Position isomerism	1&6
Functional isomerism	3&6
Metamerism	3&5

Complete the table.

Compound	Number of carbon atoms in the longest chain	Name of branch	Position of branch	IUPAC name
CH ₃ —CH—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH ₃ CH ₃	6	methyl	2	
$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_3} \\ \\ \operatorname{CH_3} \end{array}$	2	methyl	2	
$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_3} \\ \\ \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_3} \end{array}$	6	methyl	3	
$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_3} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{CH_2} - \operatorname{CH_3} \\ & \operatorname{CH_2} \\ & \operatorname{CH_3} \end{array}$	5	ethyl	3	

a) 2-methyl hexane b)2-methyl butane c)3-methylhexane d)3-ethylpentane

Let us assess

1. A chain having 6 carbon atoms is given below.

$$C-C-C-C$$

- Complete the structure by adding hydrogen atoms to each carbon atom. a)
- Write the molecular formula of this compound. b)
- How many carbon atoms are there in the main chain of this compound? c)
- Write its IUPAC name. d)

a)
$$CH_3$$
_ CH_2 -- CH -- CH_2 -- CH_3

a) CH_3 — CH_2 -- CH_2 -- CH_3 b) C_6H_{14} c) 5 d) 3-methyl pentane

- Write the structural formulae of the compounds given below. 3.
 - 2,3,3–Trimethylhexane

b) Ethoxybutane

c) Butan-2-one

d) Pent-1-yne

Hexan-2-ol

f) 3-Bromoheptane

OH

g) Pentanal

$$CH_3$$
a)CH₃—CH-----C----CH₂--CH₂--CH₃
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3

b)
$$CH_3$$
_ CH_2 -- O -- CH_2 -- CH_2 -- CH_3 c) CH_2 — C = O --- CH_2 --- CH_3 d) CH_3 — CH_2 -- CH_2 -- CH_2 -- CH_3 — CH_3 — CH_2 -- CH_2 -- CH_3 -- CH_3

f)CH₃—CH₂--CH₂--CH₂--CH₂--CH₃ g)CH₃-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CHO Br

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2. Write down the IUPAC names of the given compounds.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\\ |\\ \text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$$

b)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH = CH - CH_3$$

c)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - C \equiv C - CH_3$$

f)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CO - CH_3$$

CH₃ — CH₂ — CH₃
$$\stackrel{\text{Cl}}{\mid}$$
 CH₃ — CH₃ $\stackrel{\text{Cl}}{\mid}$ Cl

h)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - O - CH_2 - CH_3$$

i)
$$CH_3 - C = CH - CH_3$$

 CH_3

$$CH \equiv C - CH - CH_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$CH_{\frac{3}{2}}$$

a)3-methylhexane b)2-hexene c)2-hexyne d)pentanoic acid

e)butanal f)pent-2-one g)2,2-dichlorobutane h)ethoxyethane

i)2-methyl but-2-ene j)3-methyl but-1-yne

4. The structural formulae and IUPAC names of certain compounds are given. Identify the wrong ones and correct them.

ii)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CO - CH_3$$
 Pentan-2-one

iii)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - C \equiv C - CH_3 + Hex-3-yne$$

iv)
$$CH_3 - CH_2 - CH - C - CH_3$$

 $CH_3 - CH_2 - CH - C - CH_3$
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a)	3-methyl hexane	C) hex-2-yne	d)2,2,3-trichloropentane
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- i) $CH_3 CH_2 O CH_3 CH_3$ 5.
- ii) CH₃ CH₅ CH₅ CH₅ OH
- What type of isomerism do these compounds exhibit?
- Write the structural formula of the metamer of compound (i). b)

a)functional group b)b)CH₃—CH₂—CH₂—O--CH₃

- The structural formulae of two compounds are given.
 - i) CH₃ CH₅ CH₅ CH₅ CH₆ CH₇ CH
 - What is the IUPAC name of the first compound? a)
 - These two compounds are isomers. Why? b)
 - What type of isomerism do these compounds exhibit? c)
 - Write the structural formula of the position isomer of the second compound.

a)pentanal b)same number of atoms c)functional group

$d)CH_3$ — CH_2 —CO— CH_2 — CH_3

- 7. Examine the compounds given below and identify the isomeric pairs. What type of isomerism is shown by each pair?
 - a) Methoxypropane

b) 2,3–Dimethylbutane

c) Propan-1-ol

d) Ethoxyethane

e) Propan-2-ol

f) Hexane

chain isomerism---2 & 6 position isomerism---3 & 5 metamerism----1 & 4