# Chap. 2 Stereochemistry

### § Structural representations that convey 3-D information



### § Isomerism

Isomers : Different compounds that have the same molecular formula.



The flow chart for determining isomeric relationships

- Conformational Isomer : Stereoisomers that are superimposable by rotation around a single bond.
- Enantiomer ∶ Isomers that are non-superimposable mirror images to each other.→chiral
- Diastereomer : Isomers that are non-superimposable, not mirror images.
  - -Cis-trans isomer (geometric isomer) configurational isomers differ around a double bond or cyclic structure.

### § Symmetric, Asymmetric, Dissymmetric and Nondissymmetric molecules.

-Symmetry operation

reflection in a plane (對稱面) :  $\sigma$ inversion through a center (對稱中心) : *i* rotation about a proper axis (對稱軸) : Cn, for 360°/n rotation about an improper axis (更迭對稱軸) : Sn

( = rotation about an axis, followed by reflection though a plane perpendicular to the axis )





#### A Flow Chart for Classifying Molecular Symmetry I Point Groups

D<sub>2d</sub>

Chirality : Molecules that are not superimposable with their mirror image  $\implies$  chiral. (enantiomeric )

 $\rightarrow$ dissymmetric molecules : molecules without S<sub>n</sub> axis (including n=1). Dissymmetric molecules are chiral, chiral molecules are dissymmetric.

Dissymmetrical with a chiral center (asymmetric):

 $\rightarrow$ asymmetric molecules : molecules without any symmetry element, except C<sub>1</sub>.





### § Designation of Molecular Configuration (Cahn-Ingold-Prelog convention)

### Chirality about a point

- 1. Determine the priority of four groups.
- 2. With least priority group pointing away, determine the direction of  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$  priority, clockwise  $\rightarrow R$ , counterclockwise  $\rightarrow S$

Criteria for priority

1. higher atomic number  $\Rightarrow$  higher priority

 $Br > Cl > C > H \dots$ 

2.if the two have same atomic number, count substituent next to it.

3. double bond counted twice, triple bond counted three times for both ends

4. tricoordinate : a group of atomic number of "0" assigned for the long pair





13R, 17S, 20R

### Chirality about an axis

Start from the near end to determine the priority, then to the far end.





#### **Other Stereochemical Nomenclature**



close a reference *t*-4-bromo-*c*-4-chloro-1-methyl-*r*cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

Alkene cis,trans based on the shape of the molecules E, Z based on priority rule used for R,S.



Stereoselective Reaction : A reaction in which one stereoisomer (or pair of enantiomer) is formed or destroyed at greater rate or to a greater extent than other possible stereoisomer.



<u>Stereospecific Reaction</u>: A reaction in which stereoisomerically different reactants yield stereoisomerically different products.





## **Optical Activity**

Enantiomers can exhibit optical activity—rotation of plane polarized light.

The two enantiomers rotate light to opposite direction, but to the same magnitude. rotation clockwise  $\rightarrow$  + (d) counterclockwise  $\rightarrow$  - (1)

for pure (+)-glyceraldehyde, specific rot.  $+14^{\circ}$ 

for a mixture of enantiomeric glyceraldehyde giving +12.6°, the excess is  $\frac{12.6}{14} = 90\% \rightarrow 95\%$  (+) -and 5% (-) -cpd.

### **Configuration and Optical Activity**

R,S, D,L,- erythro- threo- are artificial molecular notation, based on arbitrary rules.

+,- are molecular property, obtained by expt'l observation.

Configuration and optical activity are not directly related.

CO<sub>2</sub>H H = OHHO = H CO<sub>2</sub>H (+)-Tartaric acid  $\rightarrow$  confirmed by X-ray Fischer assigned

To relate absolute config. and configuration

 $\Rightarrow$  Prediction of optical activity :

