

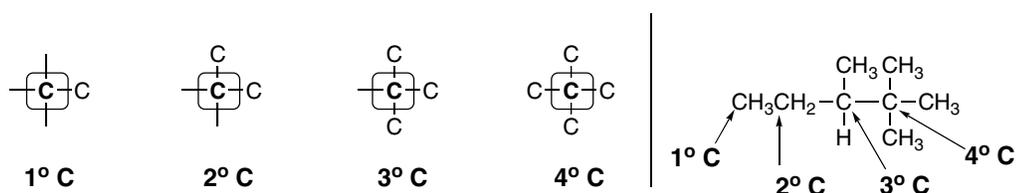
Chapter 4: Alkanes

◆ General facts about alkanes (4.1-4.3)

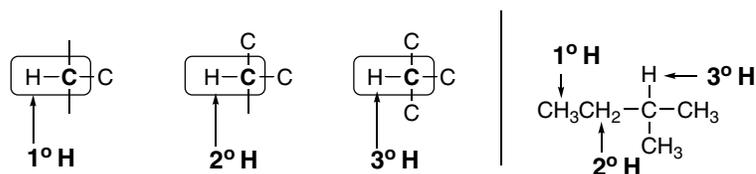
- Alkanes are composed of **tetrahedral, sp^3** hybridized C's.
- There are two types of alkanes: acyclic alkanes having molecular formula C_nH_{2n+2} , and cycloalkanes having molecular formula C_nH_{2n} .
- Alkanes have only **nonpolar C-C and C-H bonds** and no functional group so they undergo few reactions.
- Alkanes are named with the suffix **-ane**.

◆ Classifying C's and H's (4.1A)

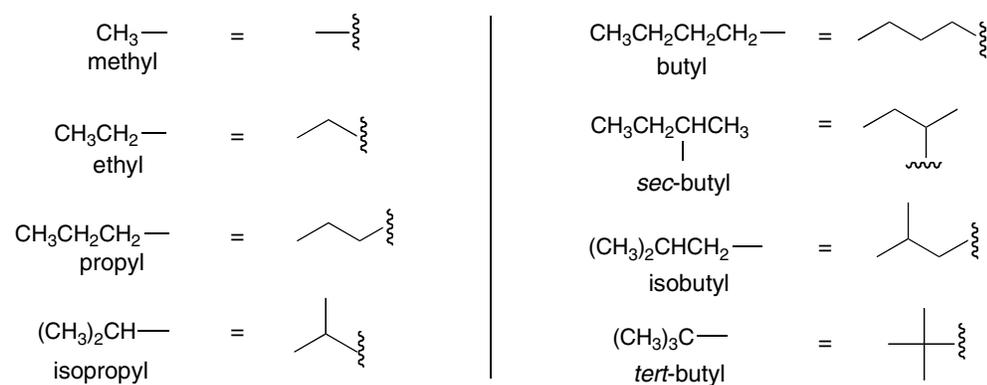
- Carbon atoms are classified by the number of C's bonded to them; a **1° C is bonded to one other C**, and so forth.



- Hydrogen atoms are classified by the type of carbon atom to which they are bonded; a **1° H is bonded to a 1° C**, and so forth.

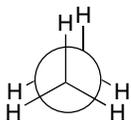


◆ Names of alkyl groups (4.4A)

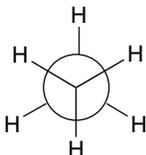


◆ Conformations in acyclic alkanes (4.9, 4.10)

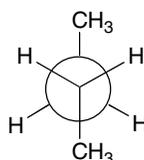
- Alkane conformations can be classified as **staggered**, **eclipsed**, **anti**, or **gauche** depending on the relative orientation of the groups on adjacent carbons.

eclipsed

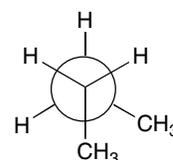
- Dihedral angle = 0°

staggered

- Dihedral angle = 60°

anti

- Dihedral angle of 2 CH_3 's = 180°

gauche

- Dihedral angle of 2 CH_3 's = 60°

- A staggered conformation is **lower in energy** than an eclipsed conformation.
- An anti conformation is **lower in energy** than a gauche conformation.

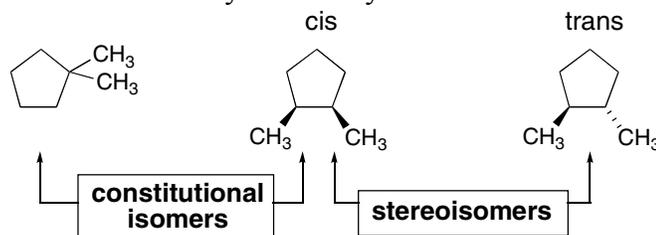
◆ Types of strain

- Torsional strain**—an increase in energy due to eclipsing interactions (4.9).
- Steric strain**—an increase in energy when atoms are forced too close to each other (4.10).
- Angle strain**—an increase in energy when tetrahedral bond angles deviate from 109.5° (4.11).

◆ Two types of isomers

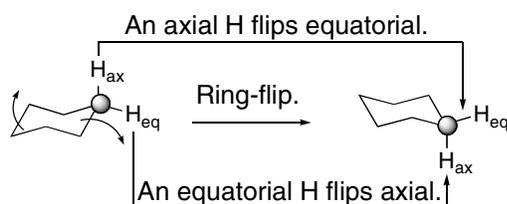
[1] **Constitutional isomers**—isomers that differ in the way the atoms are connected to each other (4.1A).

[2] **Stereoisomers**—isomers that differ only in the way atoms are oriented in space (4.13B).

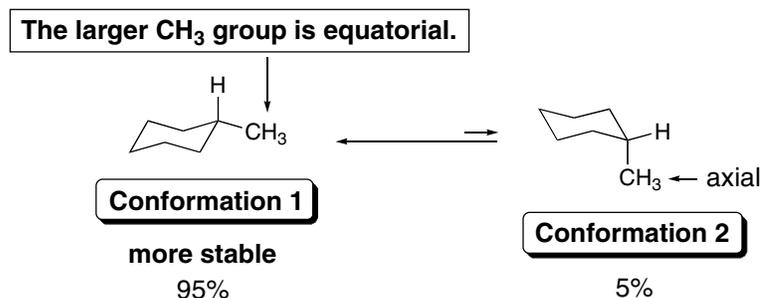


◆ Conformations in cyclohexane (4.12, 4.13)

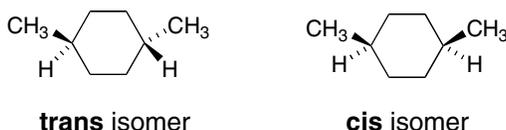
- Cyclohexane exists as **two chair conformations** in rapid equilibrium at room temperature.
- Each carbon atom on a cyclohexane ring has **one axial** and **one equatorial hydrogen**. Ring-flipping converts axial to equatorial H's, and vice versa.



- In substituted cyclohexanes, groups larger than hydrogen are more stable in the **more roomy equatorial position**.

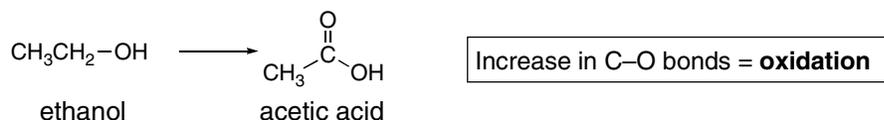


- Disubstituted cyclohexanes with substituents on different atoms exist as two possible stereoisomers.
 - The **cis** isomer has two groups on the **same side** of the ring, either both up or both down.
 - The **trans** isomer has two groups on **opposite sides** of the ring, one up and one down.

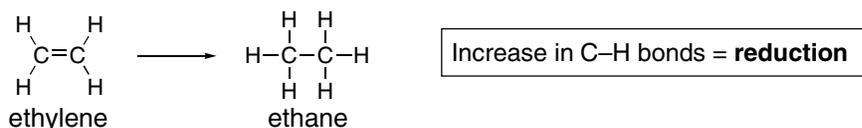


◆ Oxidation–reduction reactions (4.14)

- Oxidation** results in an **increase in the number of C–Z bonds** or a **decrease in the number of C–H bonds**.



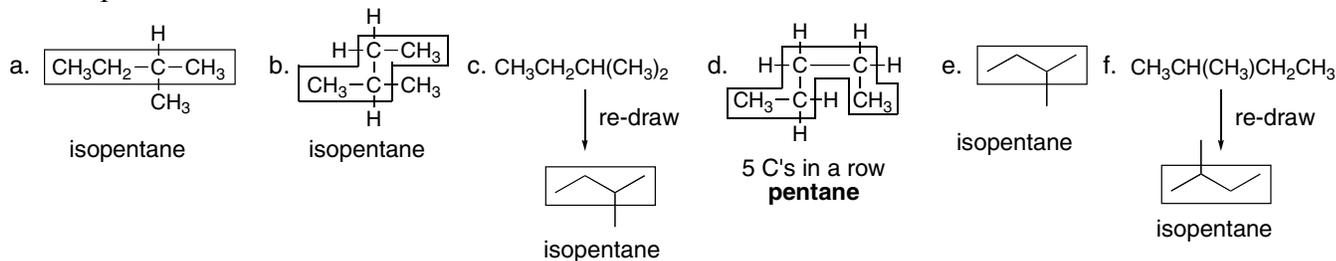
- Reduction** results in a **decrease in the number of C–Z bonds** or an **increase in the number of C–H bonds**.



4.1 The general molecular formula for an acyclic alkane is C_nH_{2n+2} .

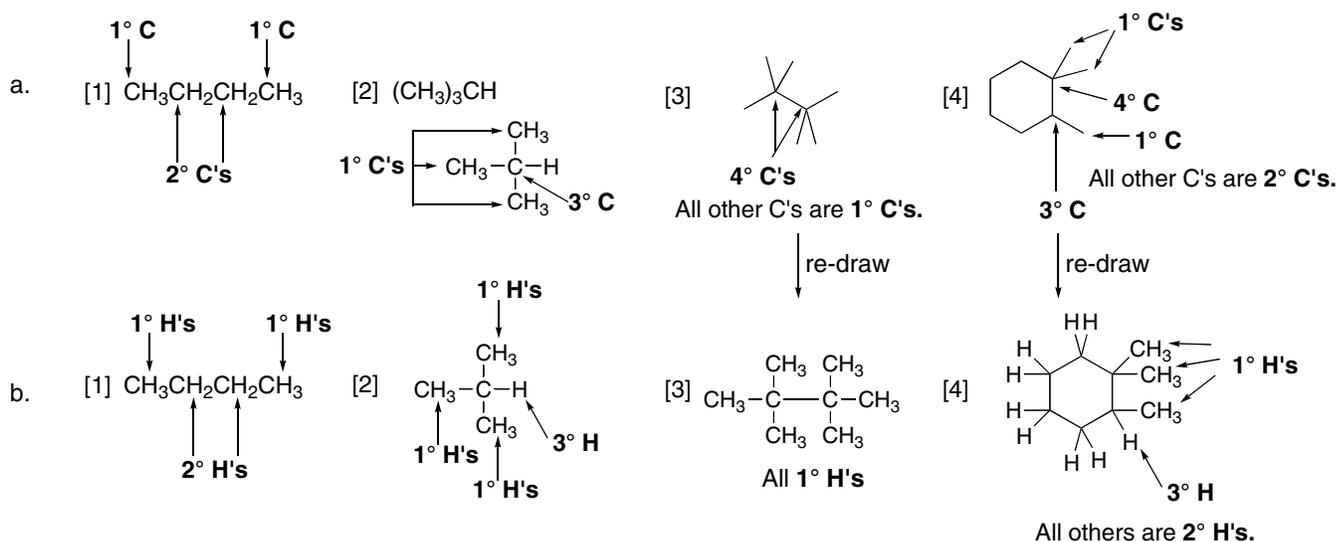
Number of C atoms = n	$2n + 2$	Number of H atoms
23	$2(23) + 2 =$	48
25	$2(25) + 2 =$	52
27	$2(27) + 2 =$	56

4.2 Isopentane has 4 C's in a row with a 1 C branch.

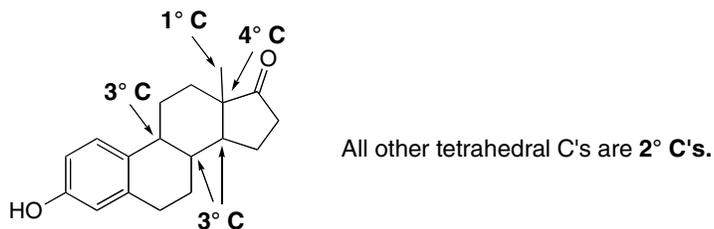


4.3 To classify a carbon atom as 1° , 2° , 3° , or 4° **determine how many carbon atoms it is bonded to** (1° C = bonded to **one** other C, 2° C = bonded to **two** other C's, 3° C = bonded to **three** other C's, 4° C = bonded to **four** other C's). Re-draw if necessary to see each carbon clearly.

To classify a hydrogen atom as 1° , 2° , or 3° , **determine if it is bonded to a 1° , 2° , or 3° C** (A 1° H is bonded to a 1° C; a 2° H is bonded to a 2° C; a 3° H is bonded to a 3° C). Re-draw if necessary.



4.4 Use the definition of 1°, 2°, 3°, or 4° carbon atoms from Answer 4.3.



4.5 Constitutional isomers differ in the way the atoms are connected to each other. To draw all the constitutional isomers:

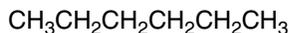
[1] Draw all of the C's in a long chain.

[2] Take off one C and use it as a substituent. (Don't add it to the end carbon: this re-makes the long chain.)

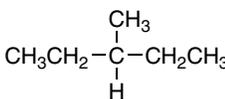
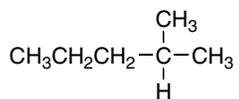
[3] Take off two C's and use these as substituents, etc.

Five constitutional isomers of molecular formula C_6H_{14} :

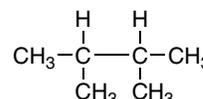
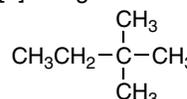
[1] long chain



[2] with one C as a substituent

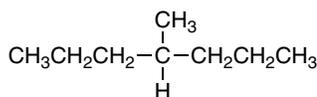
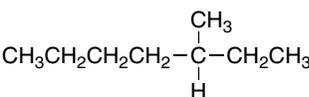
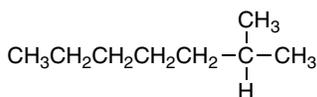


[3] using two C's as substituents

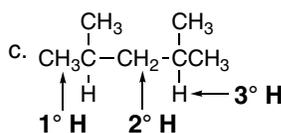
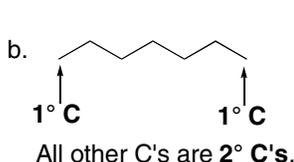
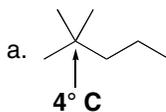


4.6

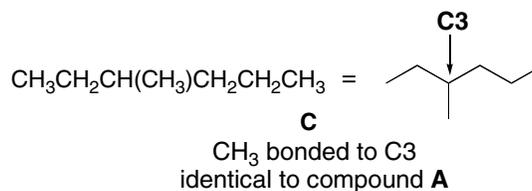
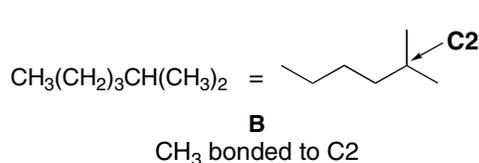
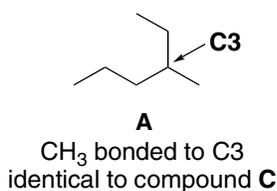
Molecular formula C_8H_{18} with one CH_3 substituent:



4.7 Draw each alkane to satisfy the requirements.



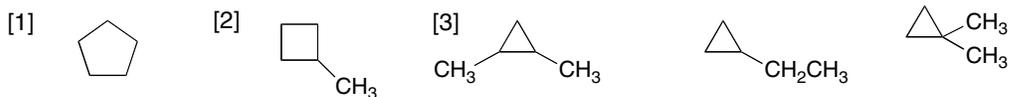
4.8 Draw each compound as a skeletal structure to compare the compounds.



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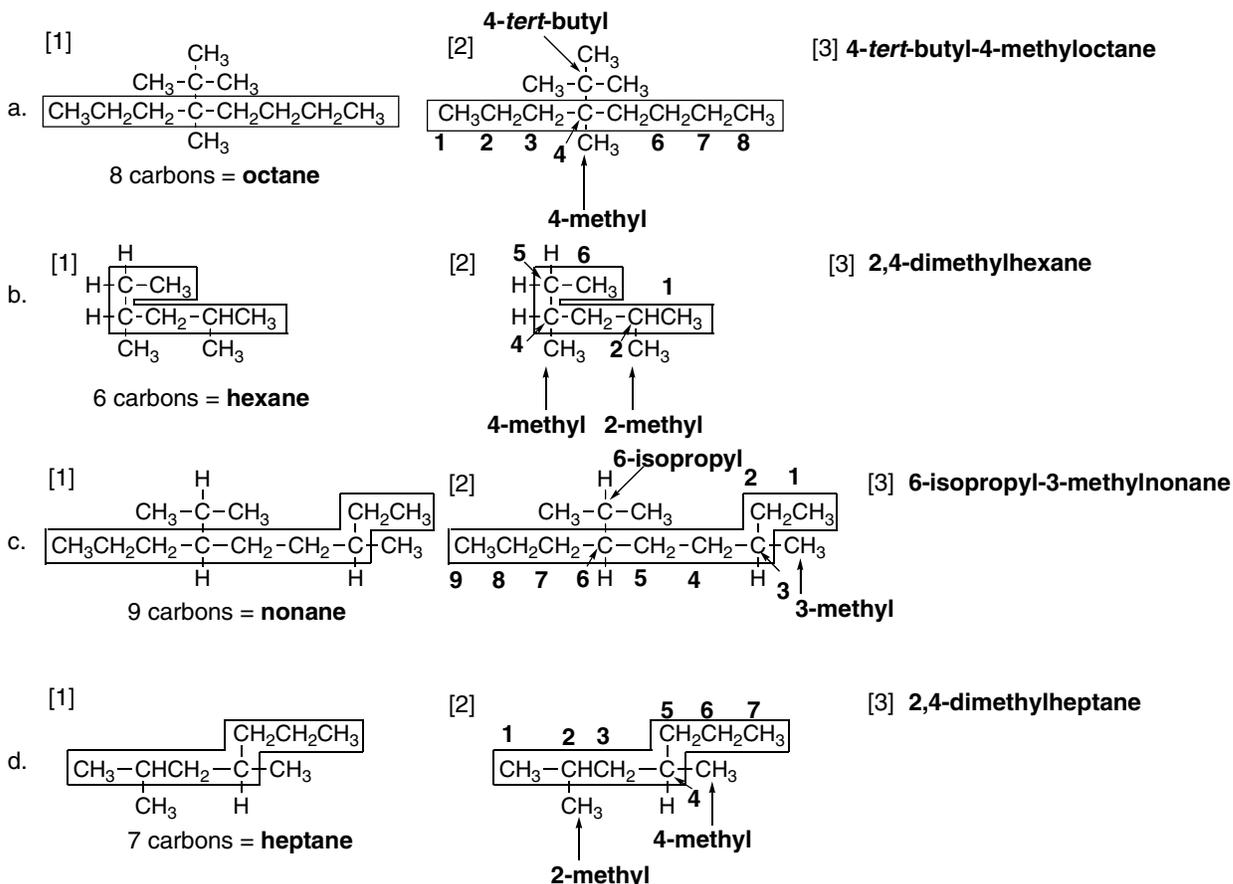
4.9 Use the steps from Answer 4.5 to draw the constitutional isomers.

Five **constitutional isomers** of molecular formula C_5H_{10} having one ring:

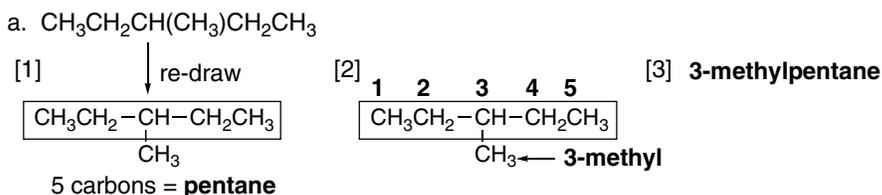


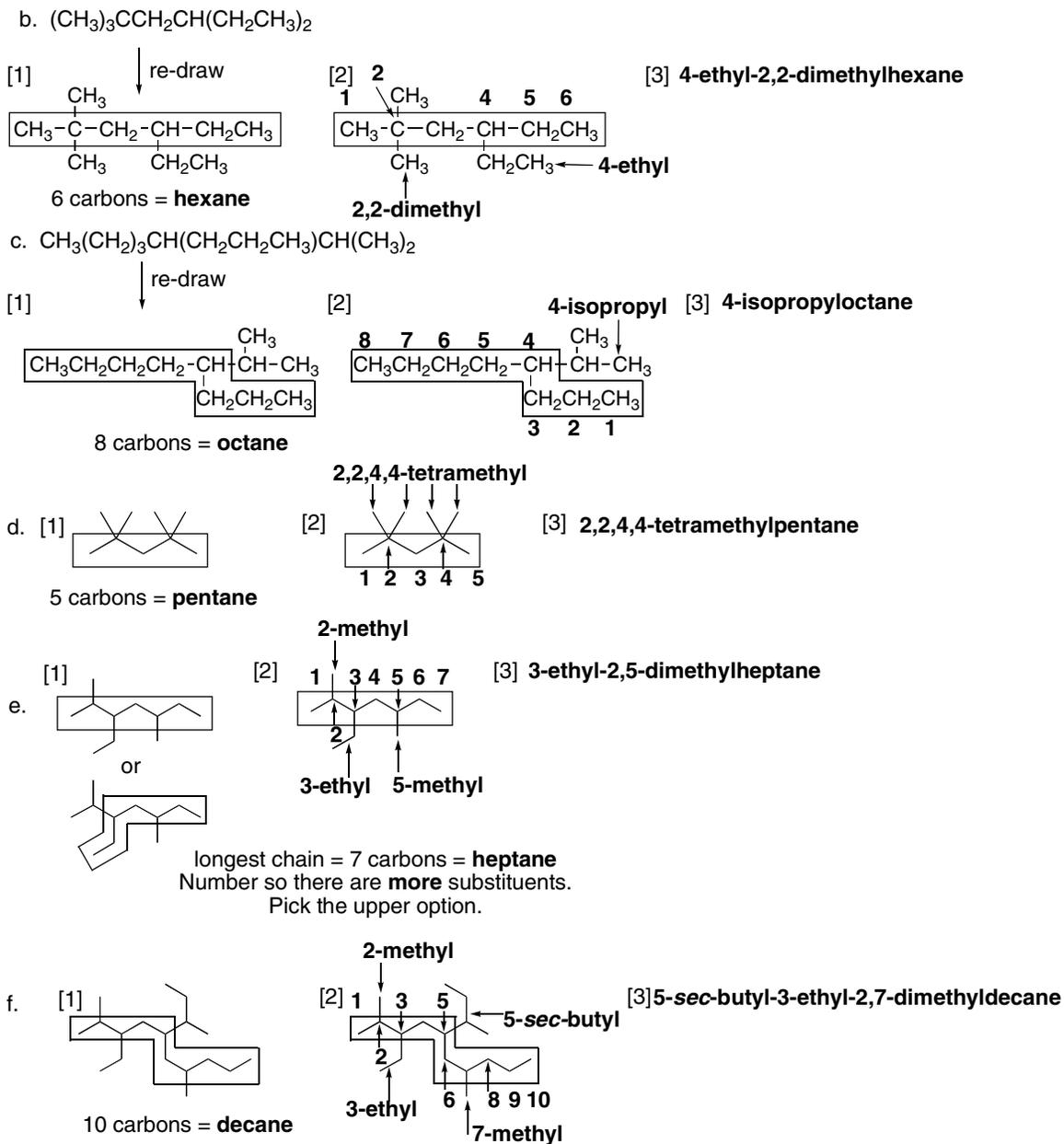
4.10 Follow these steps to name an alkane:

- [1] **Name the parent chain** by finding the longest C chain.
 [2] **Number the chain** so that the first substituent gets the lower number. Then **name and number all substituents**, giving like substituents a prefix (di, tri, etc.).
 [3] **Combine all parts**, alphabetizing the substituents, ignoring all prefixes except *iso*.



4.11 Use the steps in Answer 4.10 to name each alkane.

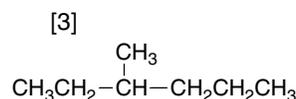
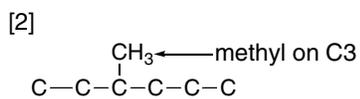
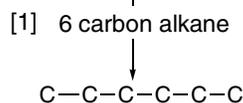




4.12 To work backwards from a name to a structure:

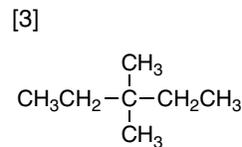
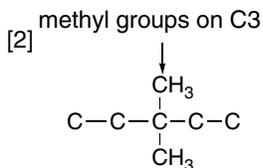
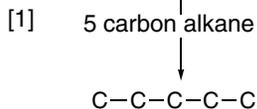
- [1] Find the parent name and draw that number of C's. Use the suffix to identify the functional group (**-ane = alkane**).
- [2] Arbitrarily number the C's in the chain. Add the substituents to the appropriate C's.
- [3] Re-draw with H's to make C's have four bonds.

a. 3-methylhexane

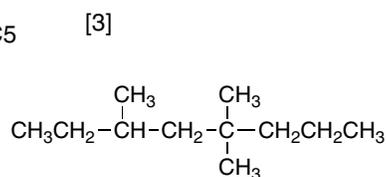
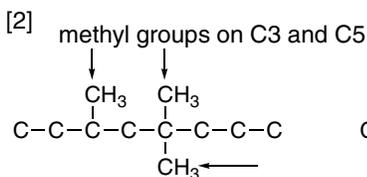
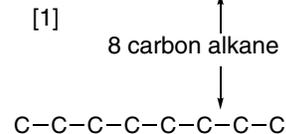


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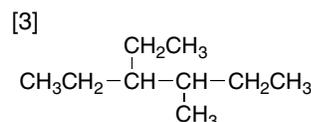
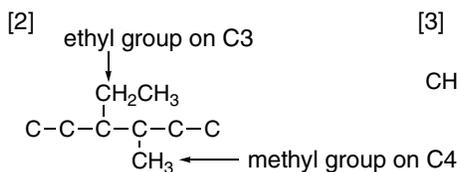
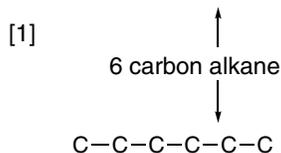
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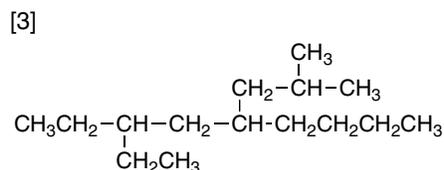
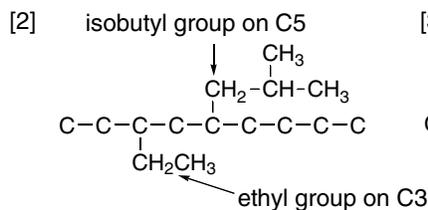
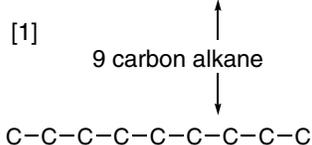
c. 3,5,5-trimethyloctane



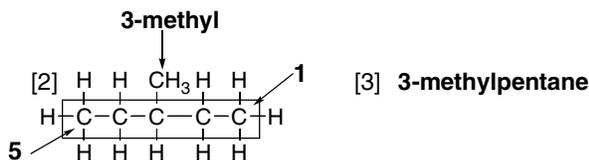
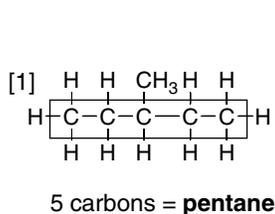
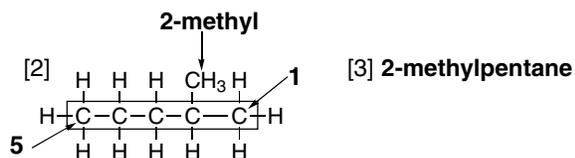
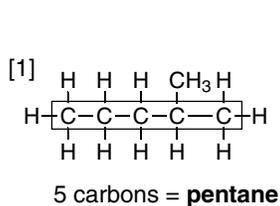
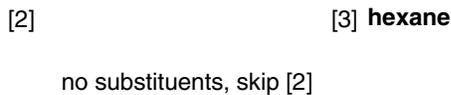
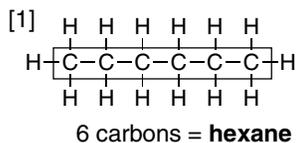
d. 3-ethyl-4-methylhexane

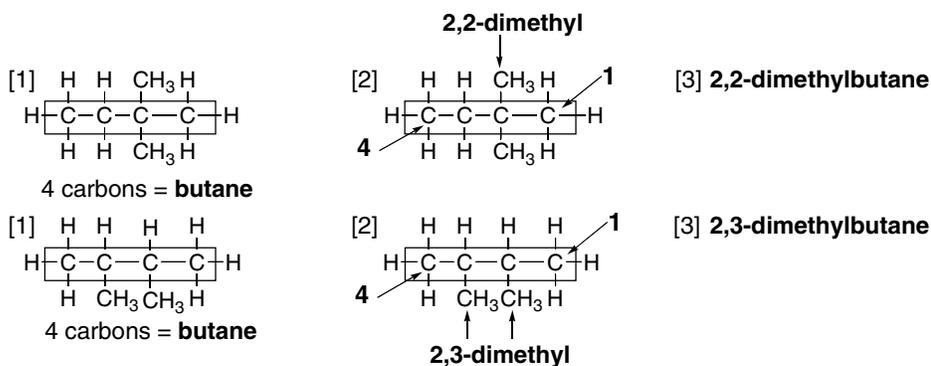


e. 3-ethyl-5-isobutylnonane



4.13 Use the steps in Answer 4.10 to name each alkane.





4.14 Follow these steps to name a cycloalkane:

[1] **Name the parent cycloalkane** by counting the C's in the ring and adding cyclo-.

[2] **Numbering:**

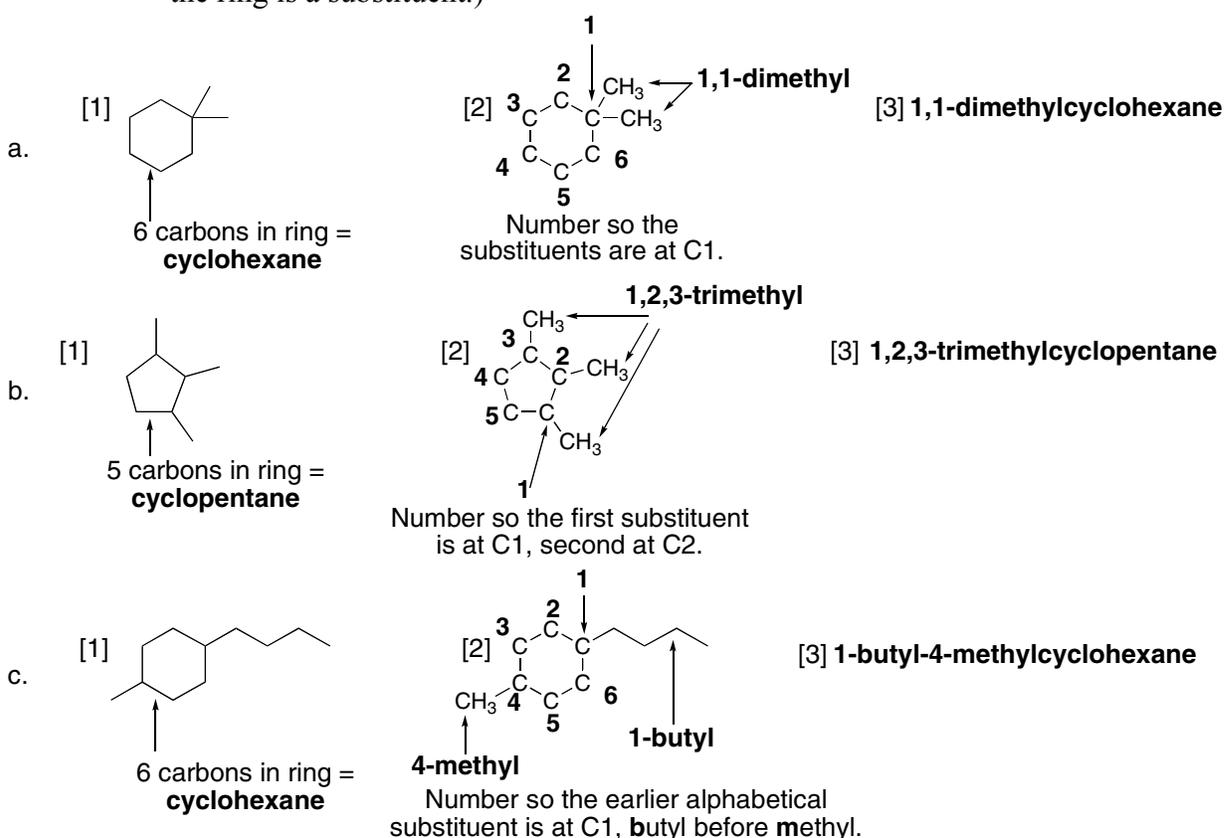
[2a] **Number around the ring** beginning at a substituent and giving the second substituent the lower number.

[2b] **Number to assign the lower number to the substituents alphabetically.**

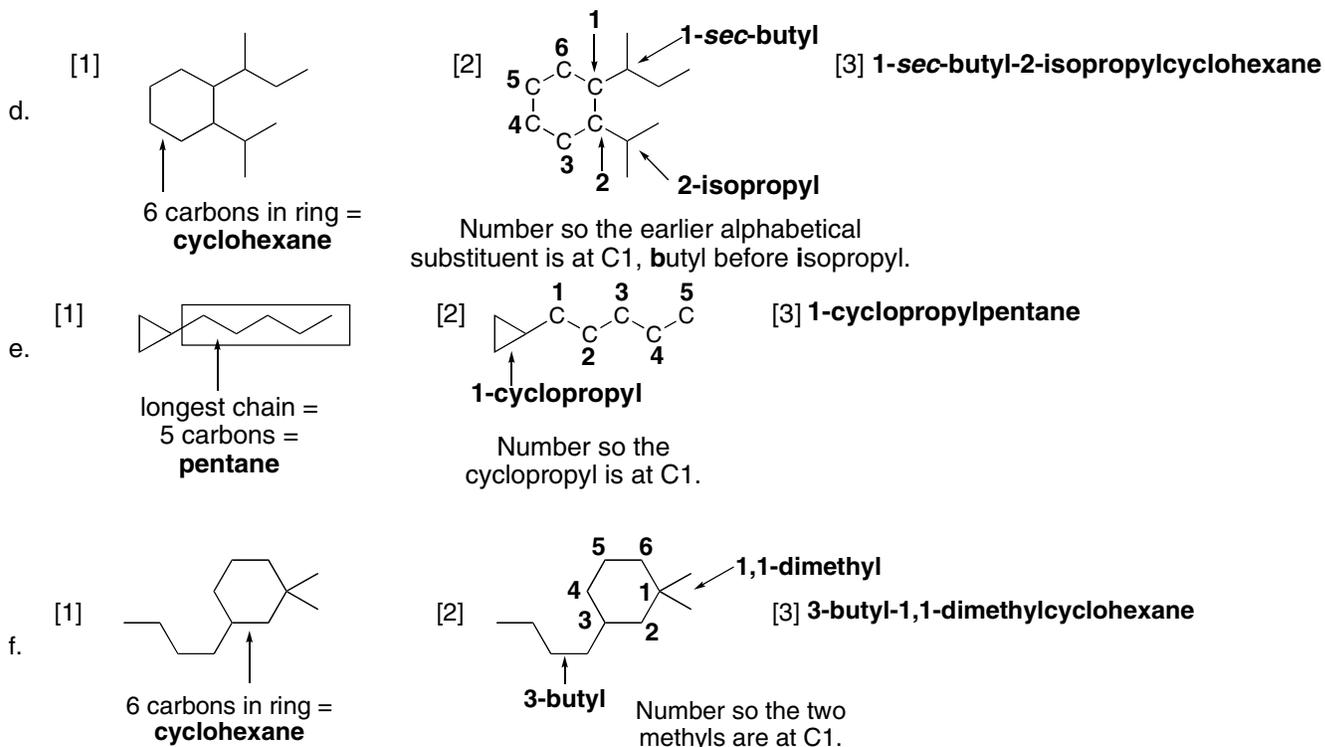
[2c] **Name and number all substituents**, giving like substituents a prefix (di, tri, etc.).

[3] **Combine all parts**, alphabetizing the substituents, ignoring all prefixes except *iso*.

(Remember: If a carbon chain has more C's than the ring, the chain is the parent, and the ring is a substituent.)



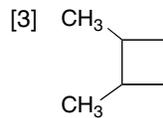
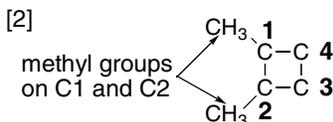
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4.15 To draw the structures, use the steps in Answer 4.12.

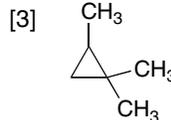
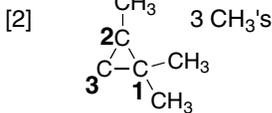
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[1] 4 carbon cycloalkane



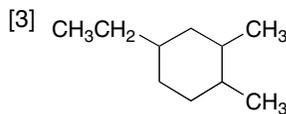
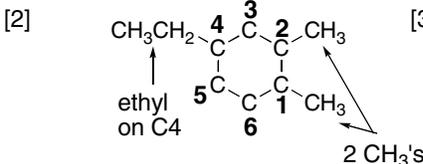
b. 1,1,2-trimethyl**cyclopropane**

[1] 3 carbon cycloalkane



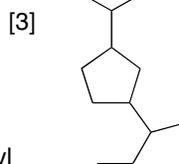
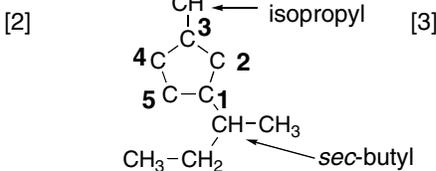
c. 4-ethyl-1,2-dimethyl**cyclohexane**

[1] 6 carbon cycloalkane



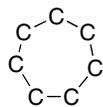
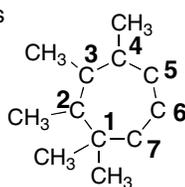
d. 1-sec-butyl-3-isopropyl**cyclopentane**

[1] 5 carbon cycloalkane

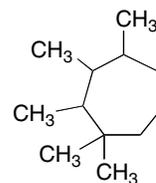


e. 1,1,2,3,4-pentamethylcycloheptane

[1] 7 carbon cycloalkane

[2] 5 CH₃'s

[3]



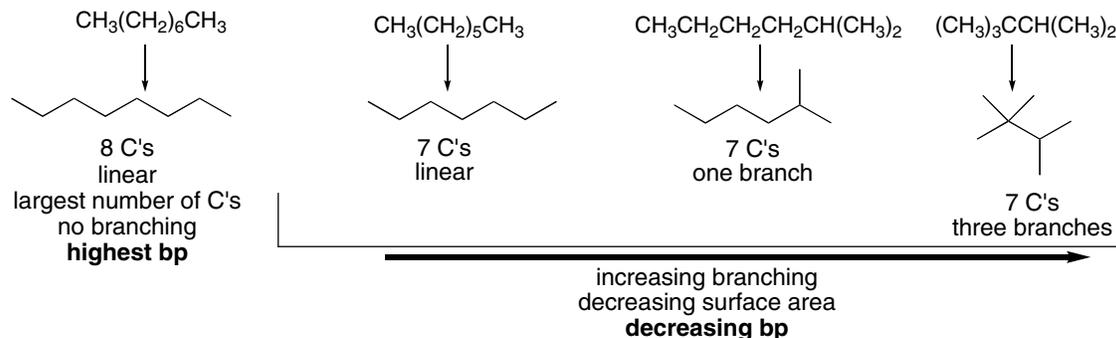
4.16 To name the cycloalkanes, use the steps from Answer 4.14.

[1] 5 carbons in ring =
cyclopentane[1] 4 carbons in ring =
cyclobutane[2] **methyl**[3] **methylcyclobutane**[1] 3 carbons in ring =
cyclopropane[2] **1,2-dimethyl**[3] **1,2-dimethylcyclopropane**[1] 3 carbons in ring =
cyclopropane[2] **ethyl**[3] **ethylcyclopropane**[1] 3 carbons in ring =
cyclopropane[2] **1,1-dimethyl**[3] **1,1-dimethylcyclopropane**

4.17 Compare the number of C's and surface area to determine relative boiling points. Rules:

[1] Increasing number of C's = increasing boiling point.

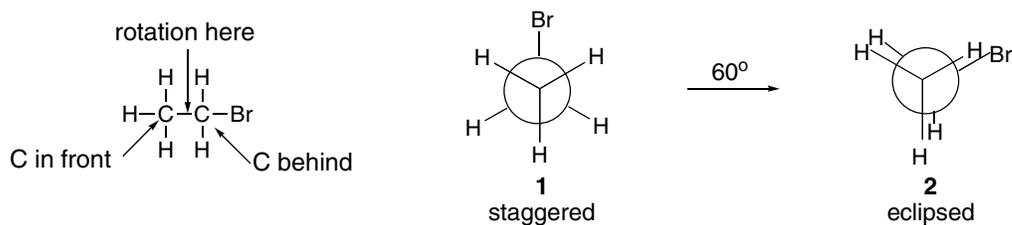
[2] Increasing surface area = increasing boiling point (branching decreases surface area).



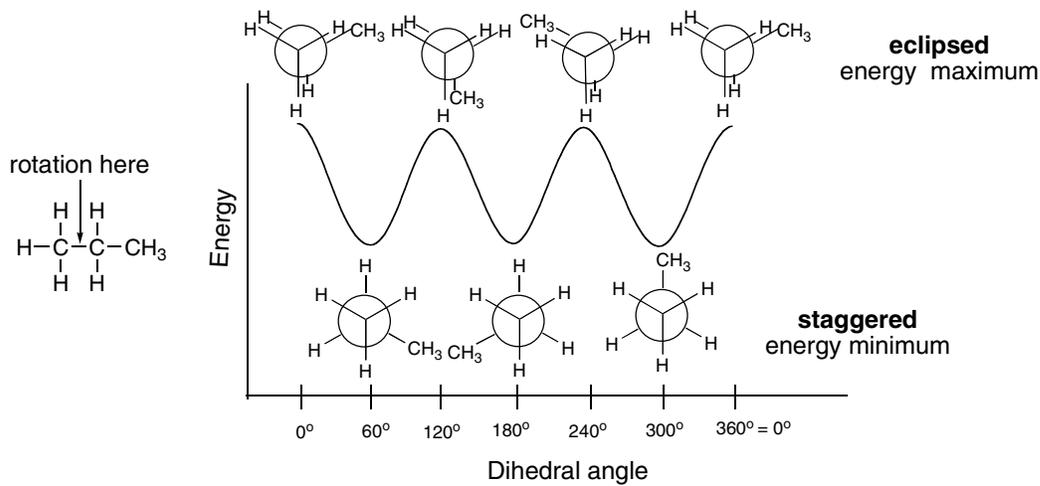
Increasing boiling point: $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2 < \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2 < \text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3 < \text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_6\text{CH}_3$

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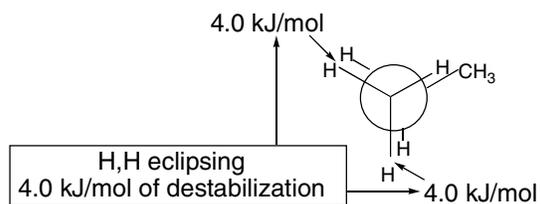
4.18 To draw a Newman projection, visualize the carbons as one in front and one in back of each other. The C–C bond is not drawn. There is only one staggered and one eclipsed conformation.



4.19 Staggered conformations are more stable than eclipsed conformations.



4.20



To calculate H,CH₃ destabilization:

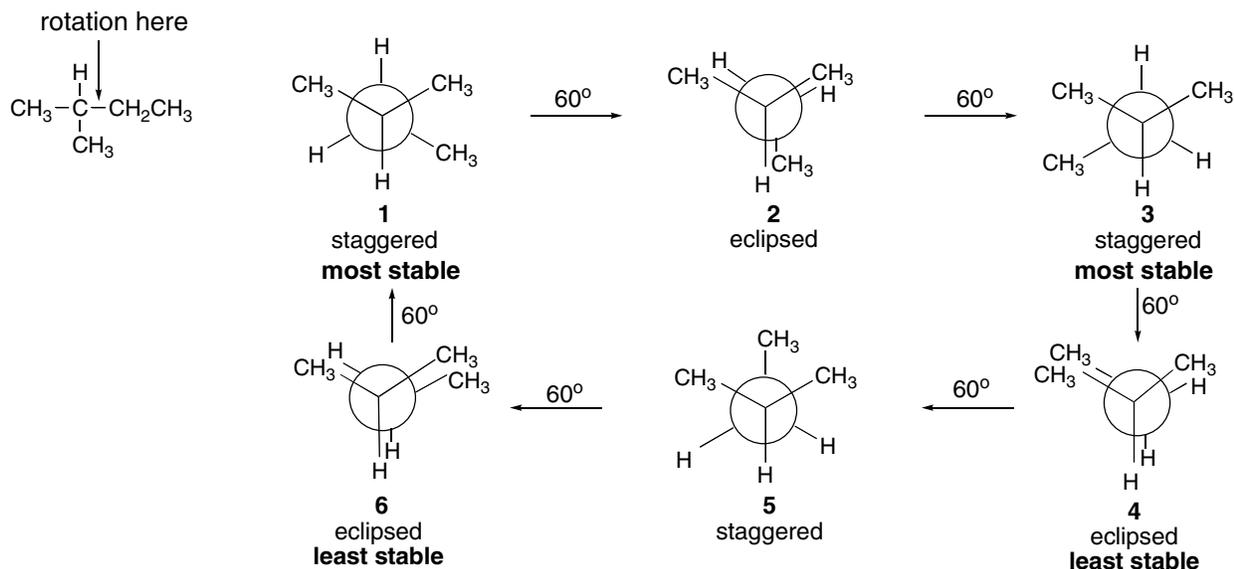
$$\begin{aligned}
 &14 \text{ kJ/mol (total)} - \\
 &8.0 \text{ kJ/mol for 2 H,H eclipsing interactions} \\
 &= \mathbf{6 \text{ kJ/mol}} \text{ for one H,CH}_3 \text{ eclipsing interaction}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.21 To determine the energy of conformations keep two things in mind:

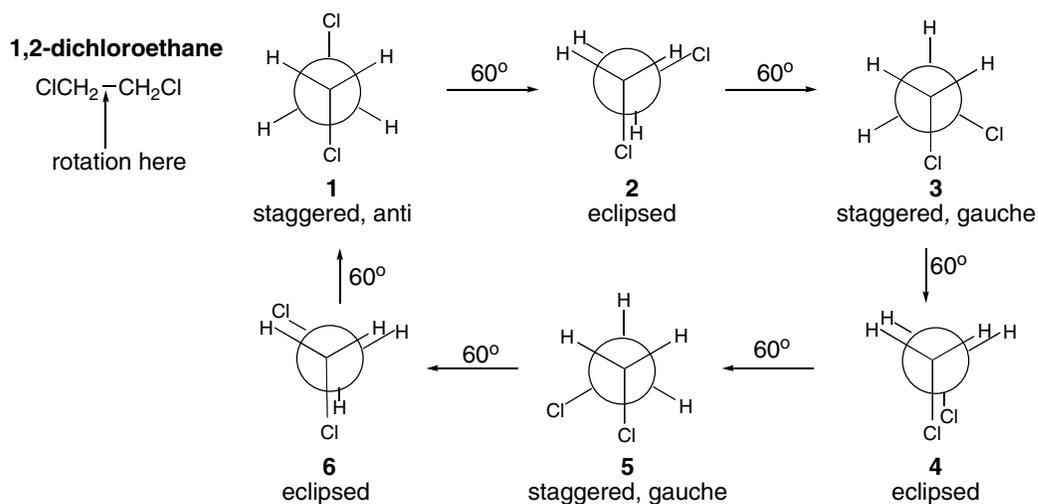
[1] Staggered conformations are more stable than eclipsed conformations.

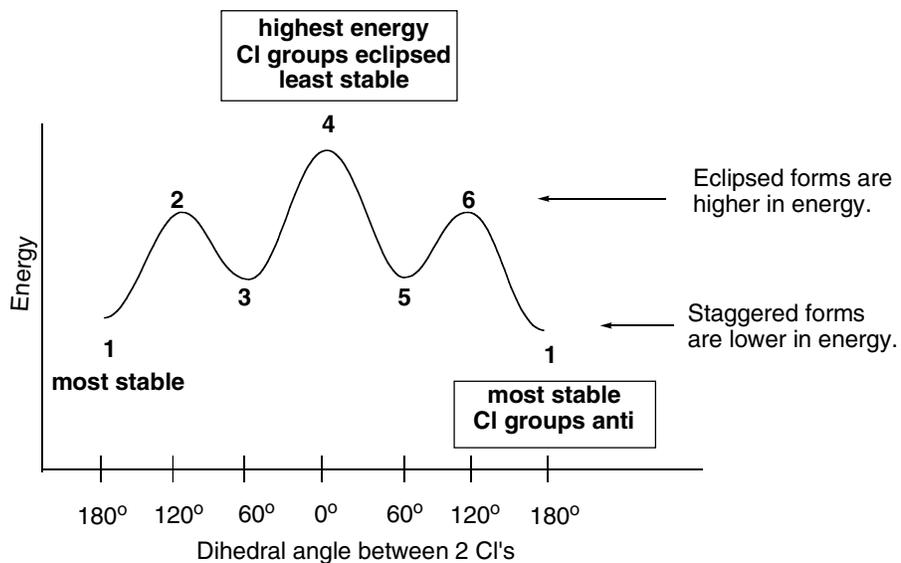
[2] Minimize steric interactions: keep large groups away from each other.

The highest energy conformation is the eclipsed conformation in which the two largest groups are eclipsed. The lowest energy conformation is the staggered conformation in which the two largest groups are anti.

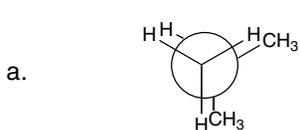


4.22 To determine the most and least stable conformations, use the rules from Answer 4.21.

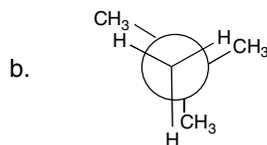




4.23 Add the energy increase for each eclipsing interaction to determine the destabilization.



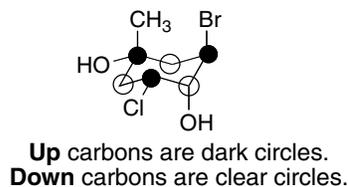
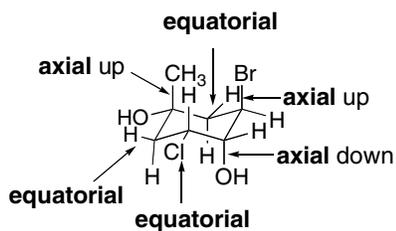
1 H,H interaction =	4.0 kJ/mol
2 H,CH ₃ interactions	
(2 x 6.0 kJ/mol) =	12.0 kJ/mol
Total destabilization = 16 kJ/mol	



3 H,CH ₃ interactions	
(3 x 6.0 kJ/mol) =	18 kJ/mol
Total destabilization	

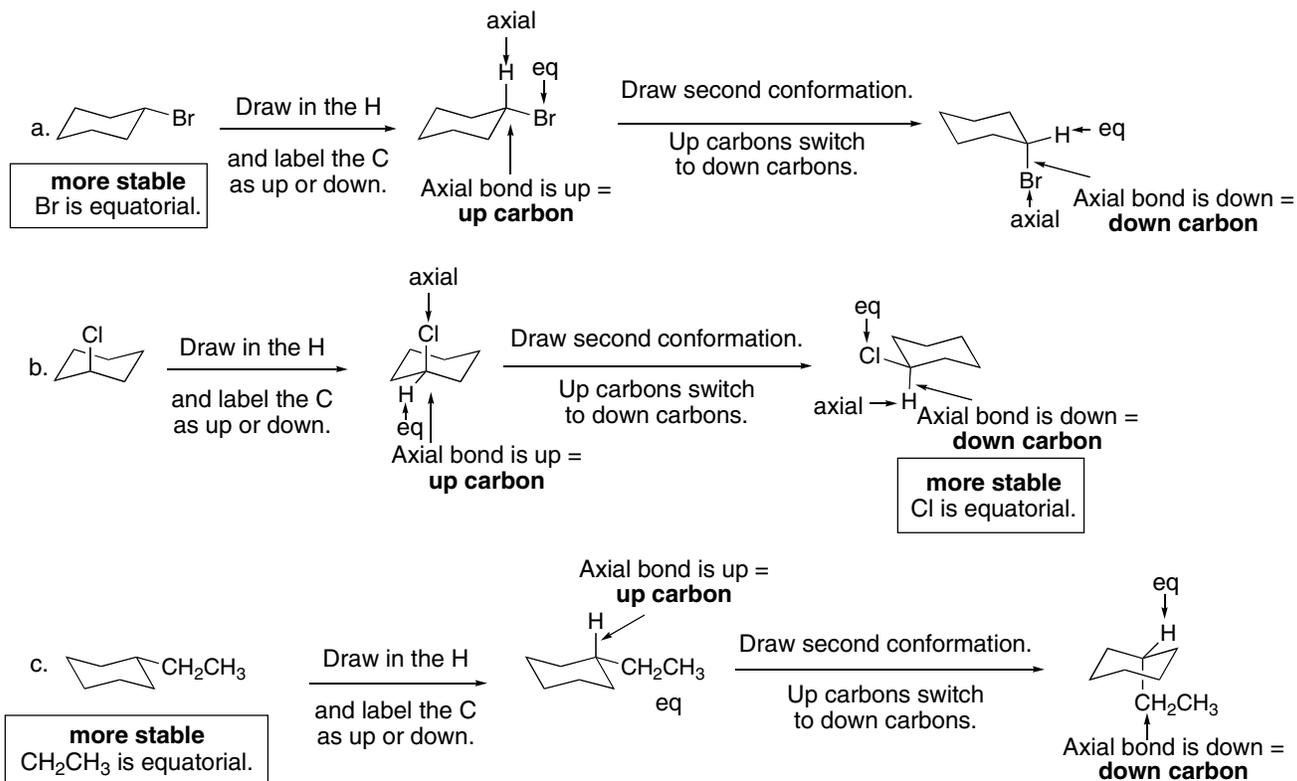
4.24 Two points:

- Axial bonds point up or down, while equatorial bonds point out.
- An *up* carbon has an axial *up* bond, and a *down* carbon has an axial *down* bond.

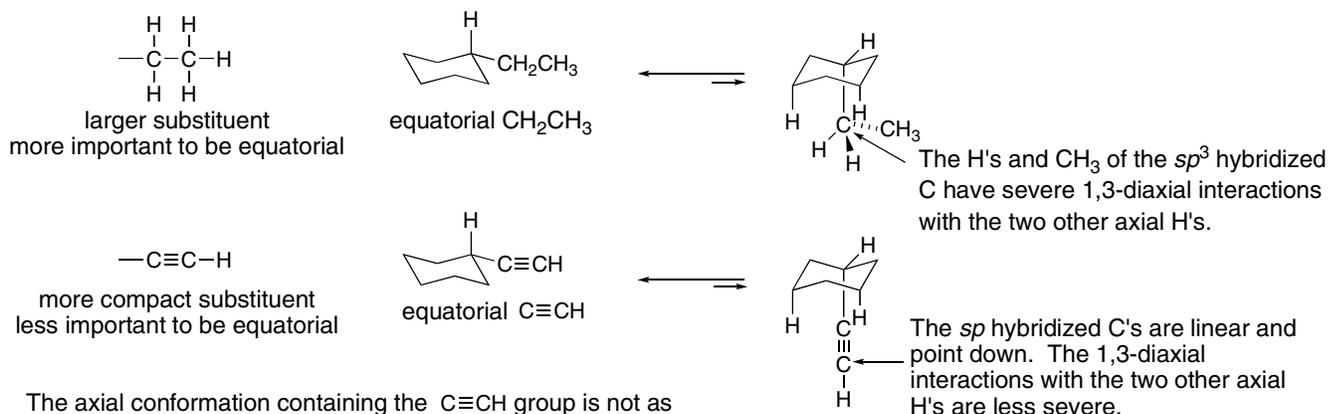


4.25 Draw the second chair conformation by flipping the ring.

- The *up* carbons become *down* carbons, and the axial bonds become equatorial bonds.
- Axial bonds become equatorial, but *up* bonds stay *up*; i.e., an axial *up* bond becomes an equatorial *up* bond.
- The conformation with **larger groups equatorial** is the **more stable** conformation and is present in higher concentration at equilibrium.



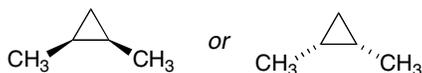
4.26 Larger axial substituents create unfavorable diaxial interactions, whereas equatorial groups have more room and are favored.



The axial conformation containing the $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ group is not as unstable as the axial conformation containing the CH_2CH_3 , so it is present in higher concentration at equilibrium.

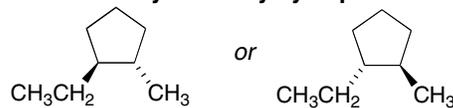
4.27 Wedges represent “up” groups in front of the page, and dashes are “down” groups in back of the page. Cis groups are on the same side of the ring, and trans groups are on opposite sides of the ring.

a. **cis-1,2-dimethylcyclopropane**



cis = same side of the ring
both groups on wedges or
both on dashes

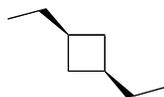
b. **trans-1-ethyl-2-methylcyclopentane**



trans = opposite sides of the ring
one group on a wedge,
one group on a dash

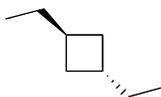
4.28 Cis and trans isomers are stereoisomers.

cis-1,3-diethylcyclobutane



cis = same side of the ring
both groups on wedges or
both on dashes

a. **trans-1,3-diethylcyclobutane**



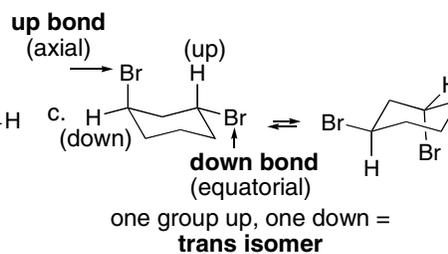
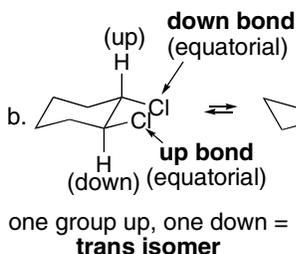
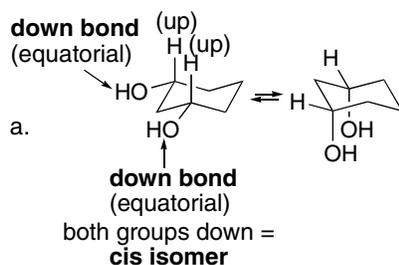
trans = opposite sides of the ring
one group on a wedge,
one group on a dash

b. **cis-1,2-diethylcyclobutane**

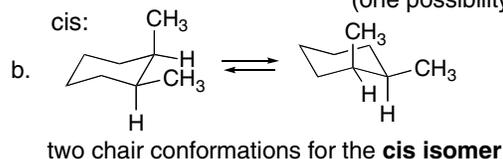
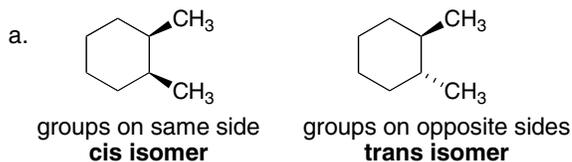


constitutional isomer
different arrangement of atoms

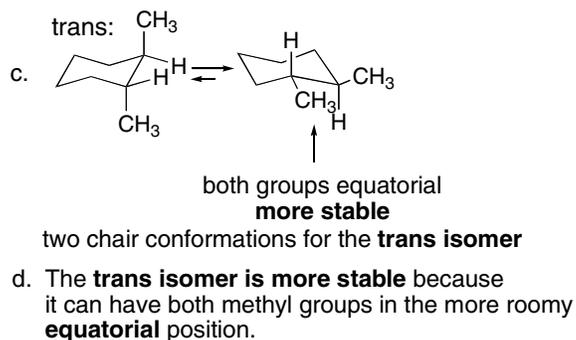
4.29 To classify a compound as a cis or trans isomer, **classify each non-hydrogen group as up or down. Groups on the same side = cis isomer, groups on opposite sides = trans isomer.**



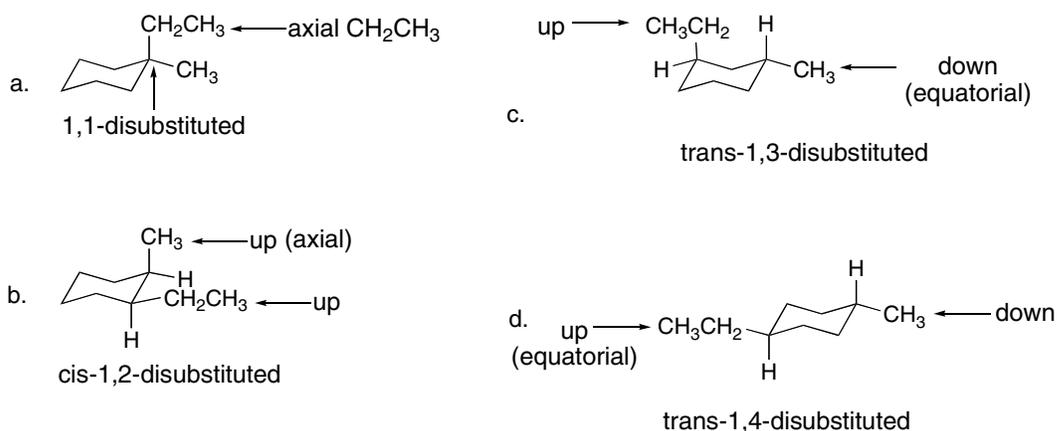
4.30



Same stability since they both have
one equatorial, one axial CH₃ group.

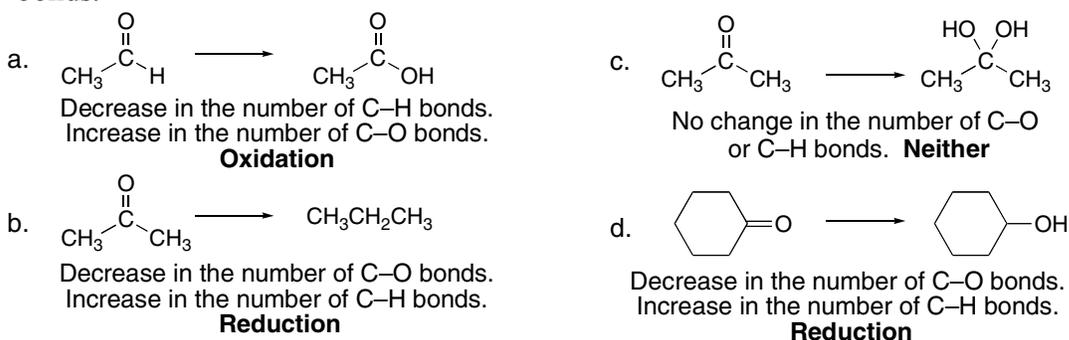


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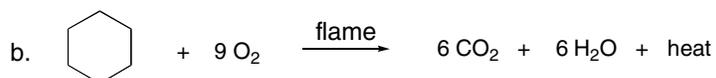


4.32 *Oxidation* results in an *increase* in the number of C-Z bonds, or a *decrease* in the number of C-H bonds.

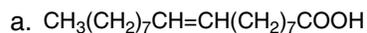
Reduction results in a *decrease* in the number of C-Z bonds, or an *increase* in the number of C-H bonds.



4.33 The products of a combustion reaction of a hydrocarbon are always the same: **CO₂ and H₂O.**



4.34 Lipids contain many nonpolar C–C and C–H bonds and few polar functional groups.

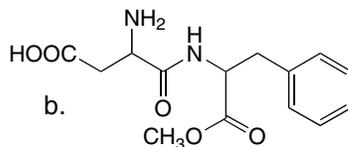


oleic acid

only one polar functional group

18 carbons

a lipid



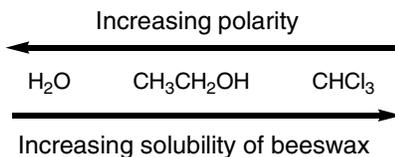
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many polar functional groups

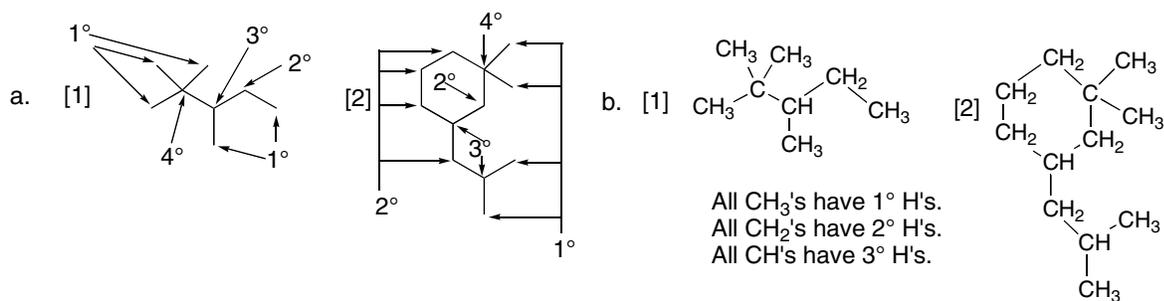
only 14 carbons

not a lipid

4.35 “Like dissolves like.” Beeswax is a lipid, and therefore, it will be more soluble in nonpolar solvents. H_2O is very polar, ethanol is slightly less polar, and chloroform is least polar. Beeswax is most soluble in the least polar solvent.

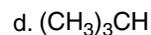
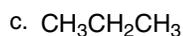
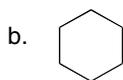
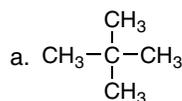


4.36 Use the rules from Answer 4.3.

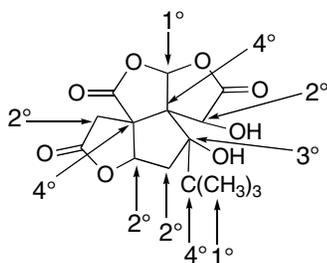


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One possibility:

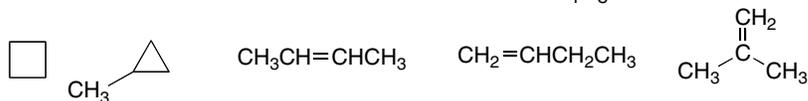


4.38 Use the rules from Answer 4.3.

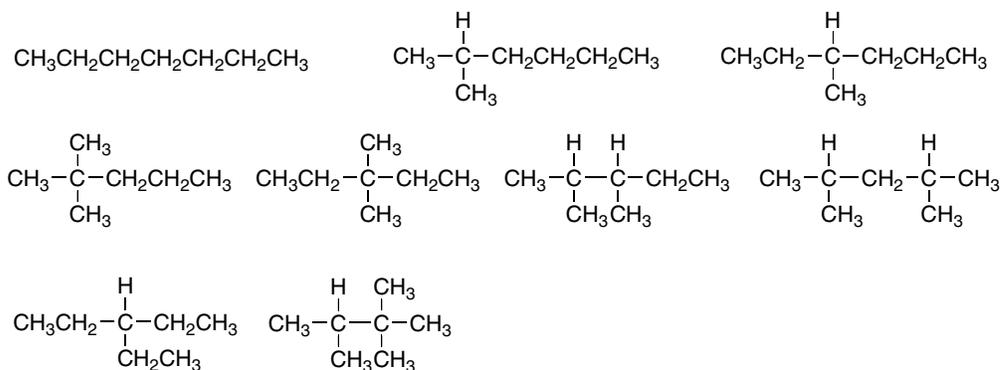


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a. Five constitutional isomers of molecular formula C₄H₈:

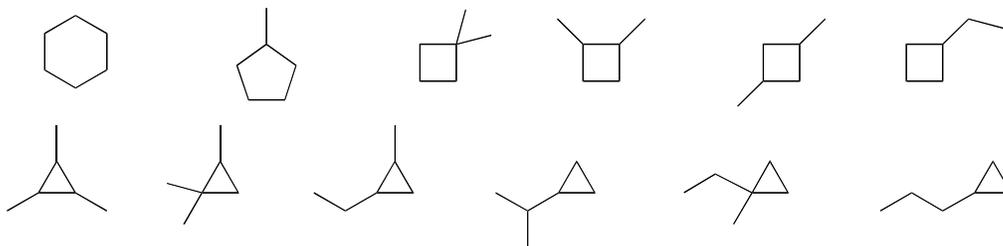


b. Nine constitutional isomers of molecular formula C₇H₁₆:

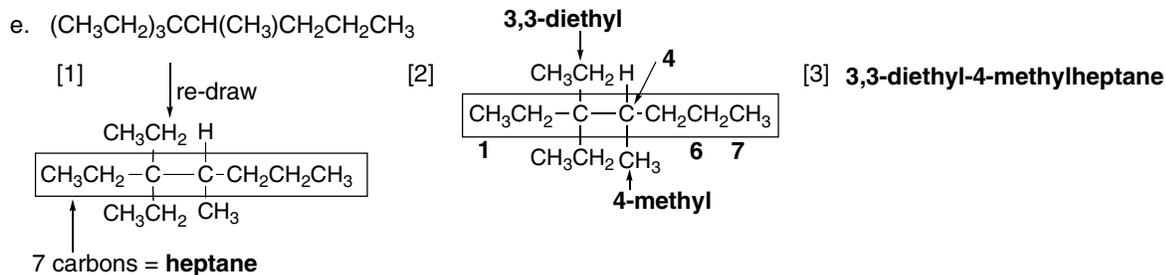
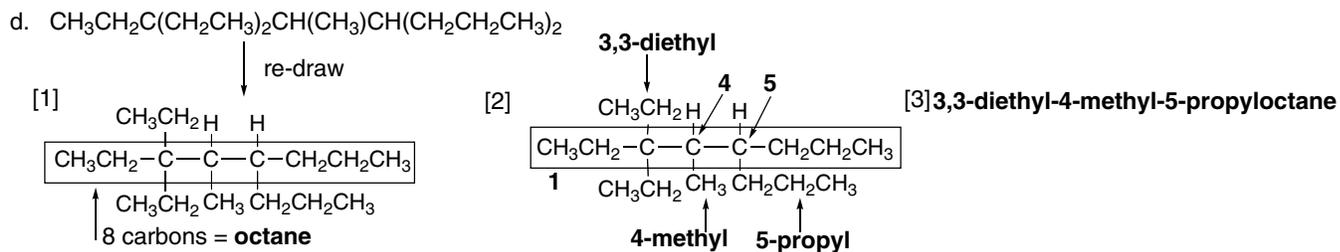
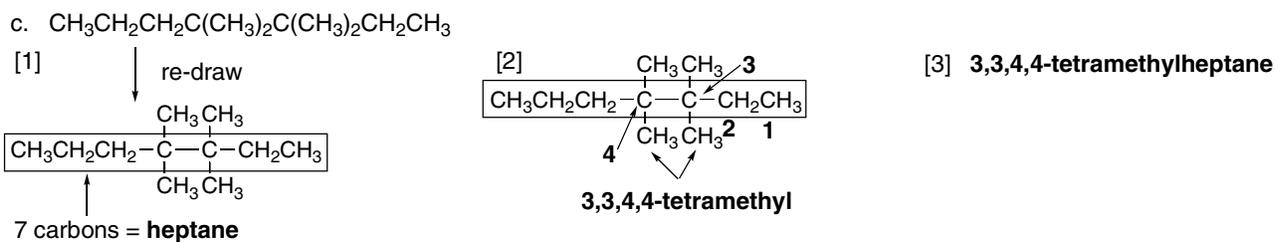
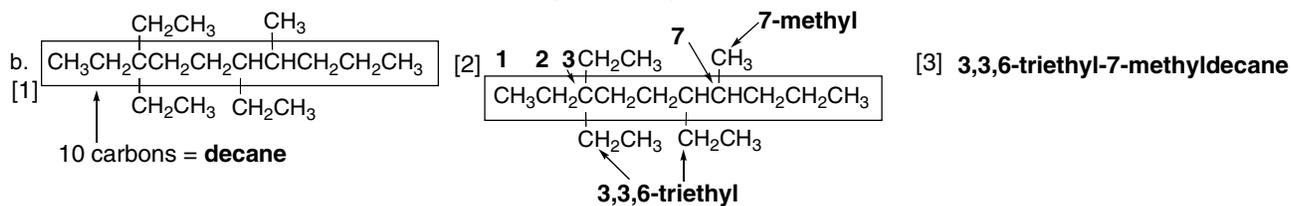
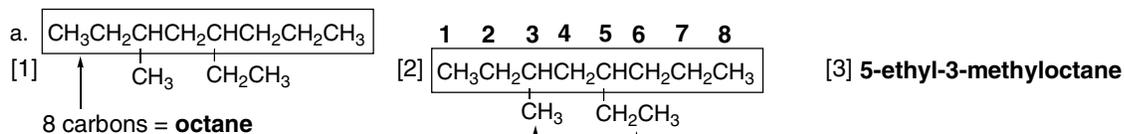


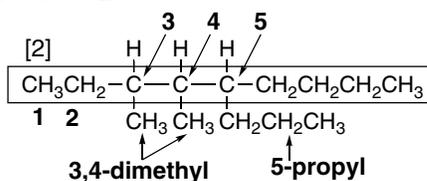
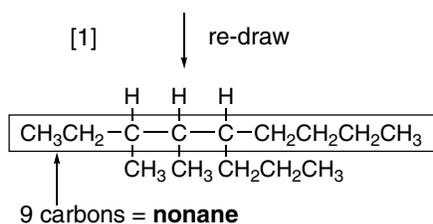
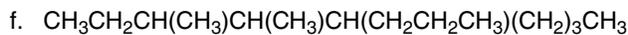
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c. Twelve constitutional isomers of molecular formula C_6H_{12} containing one ring:

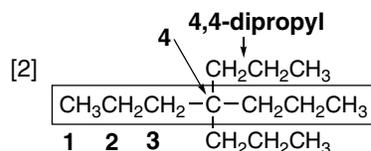
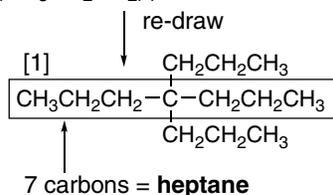
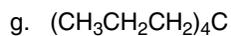


4.40 Use the steps in Answers 4.10 and 4.14 to name the alkanes.

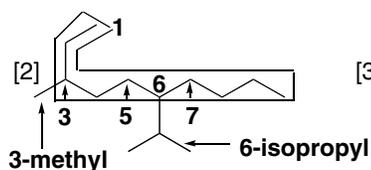
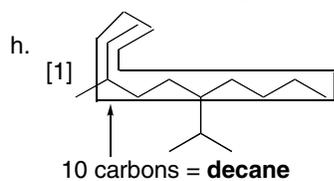




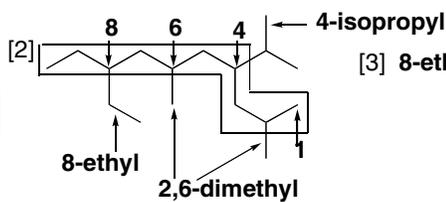
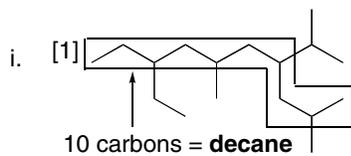
[3] **3,4-dimethyl-5-propylnonane**



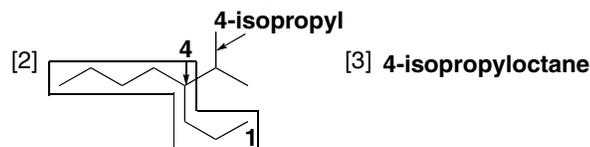
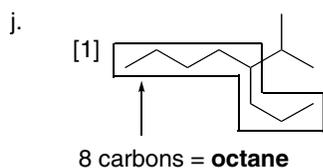
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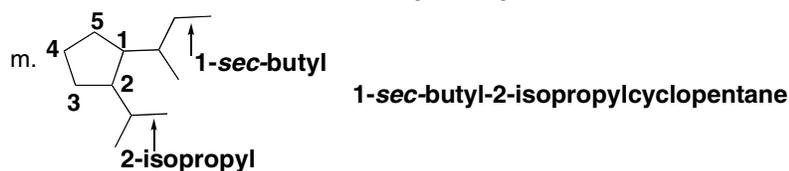
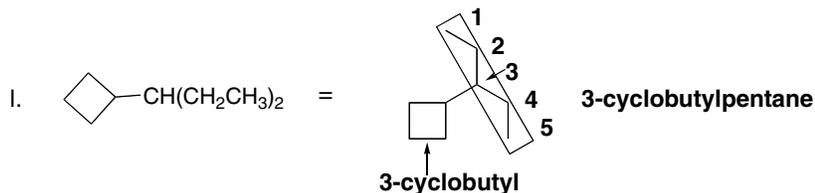
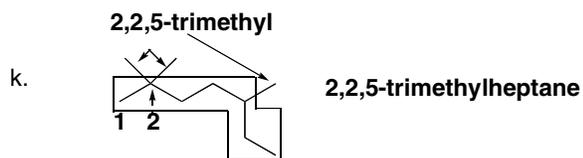
[3] **6-isopropyl-3-methyldecane**



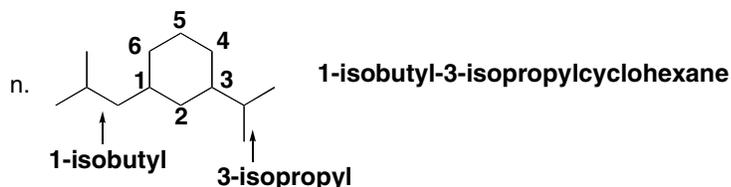
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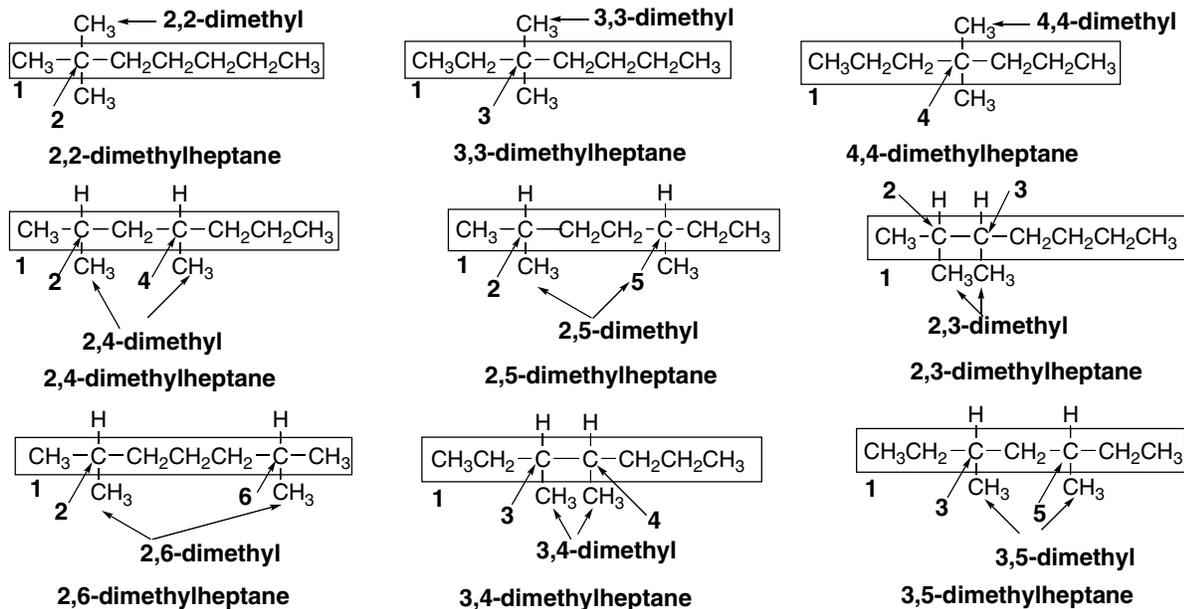
[3] **4-isopropyloctane**



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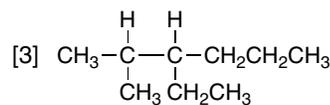
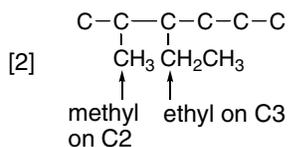
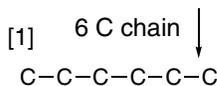


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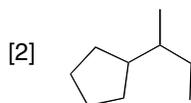
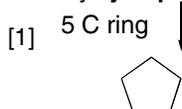


4.42 Use the steps in Answer 4.12 to draw the structures.

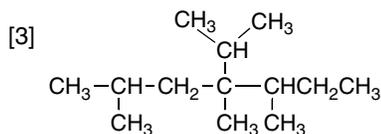
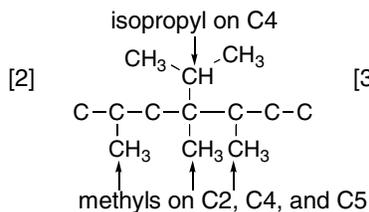
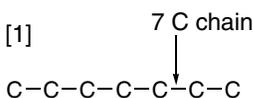
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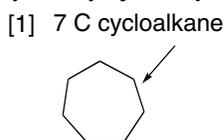
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c. 4-isopropyl-2,4,5-trimethylheptane

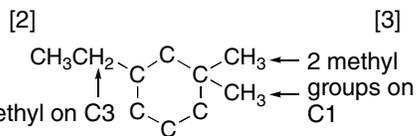
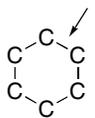


d. cyclobutylcycloheptane



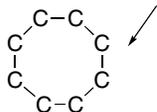
e. 3-ethyl-1,1-dimethylcyclohexane

[1] 6 C cycloalkane

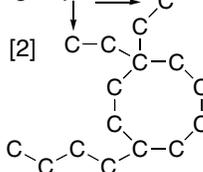


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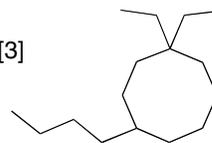
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2 ethyl groups

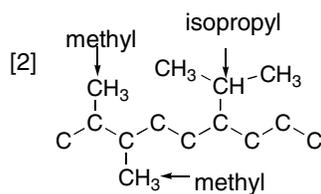
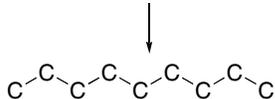


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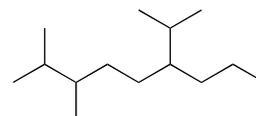


g. 6-isopropyl-2,3-dimethylnonane

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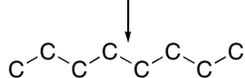


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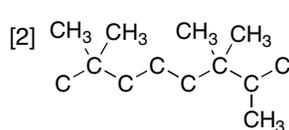


h. 2,2,6,6,7-pentamethyloctane

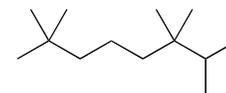
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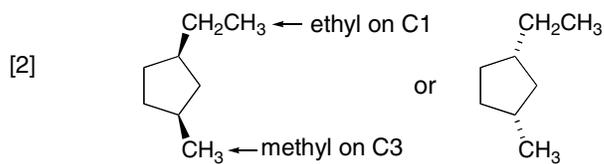
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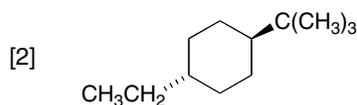
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i. *cis*-1-ethyl-3-methylcyclopentane

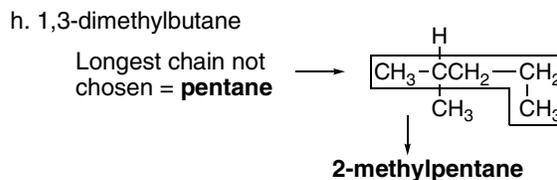
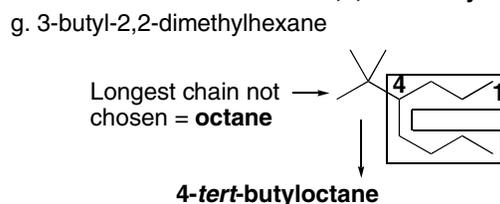
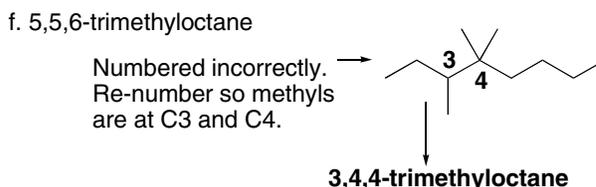
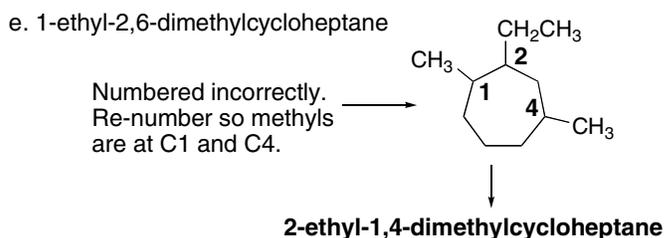
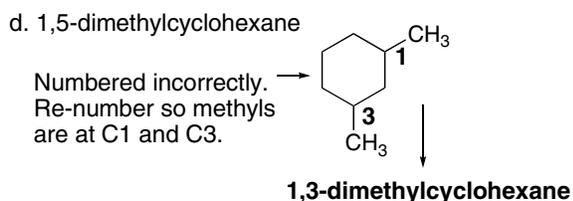
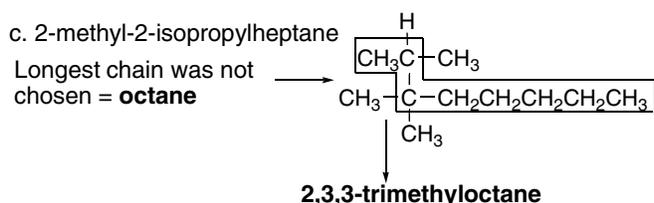
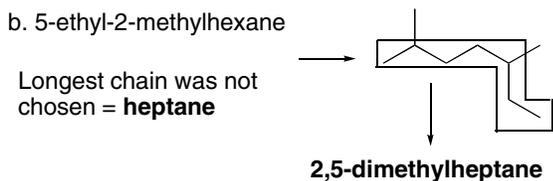
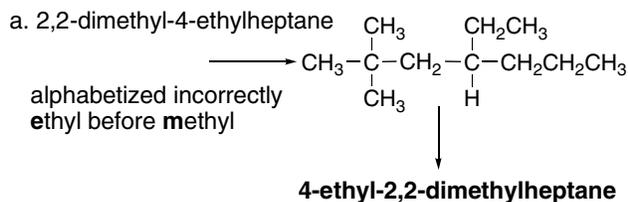
[1] 5 C ring

j. *trans*-1-*tert*-butyl-4-ethylcyclohexane

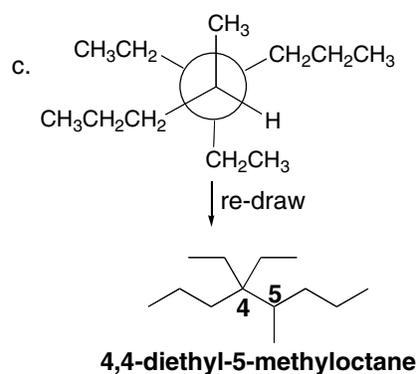
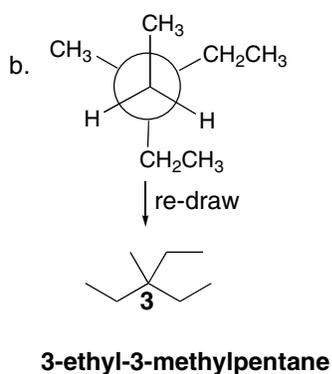
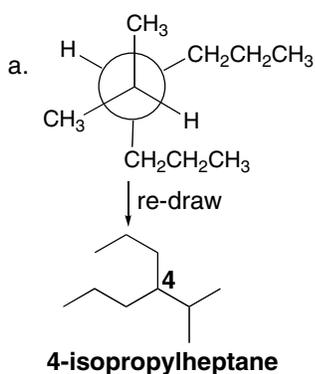
[1] 6 C ring



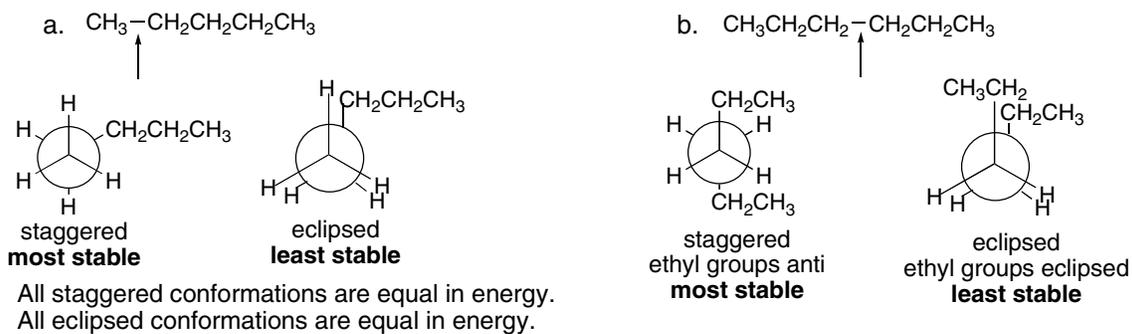
4.43 Draw the compounds.



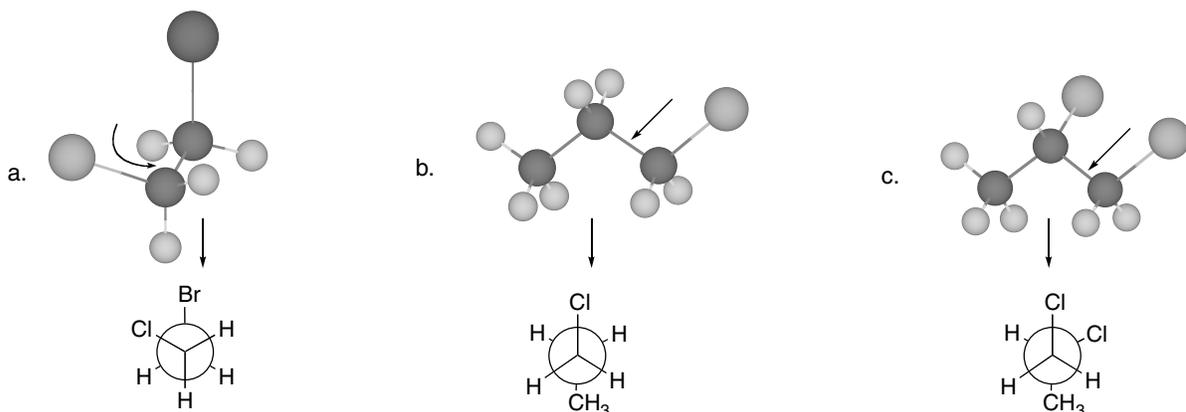
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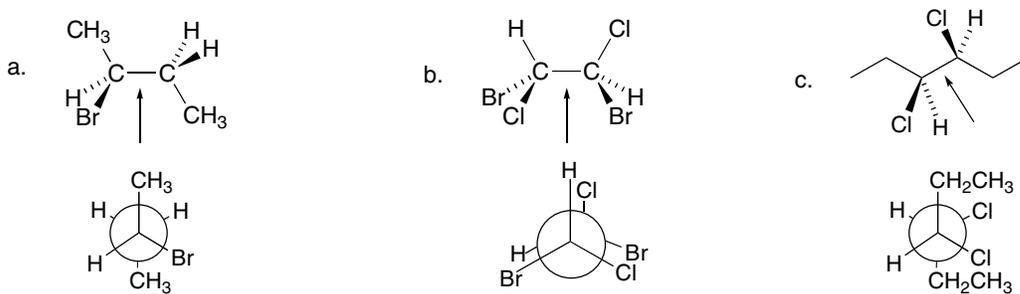
4.48 Use the rules from Answer 4.21 to determine the most and least stable conformations.



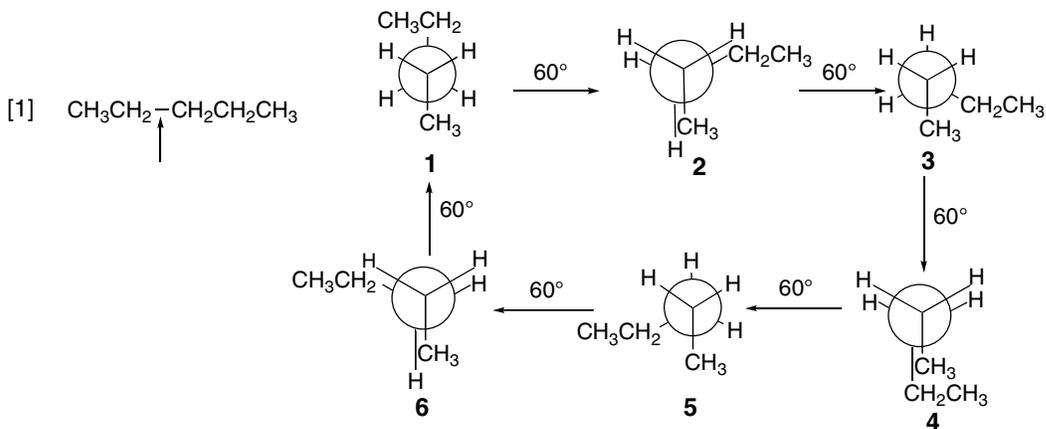
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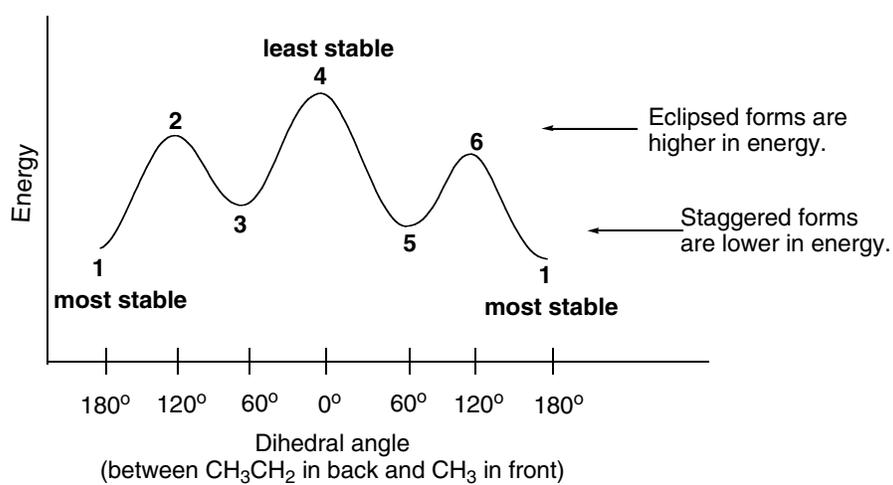
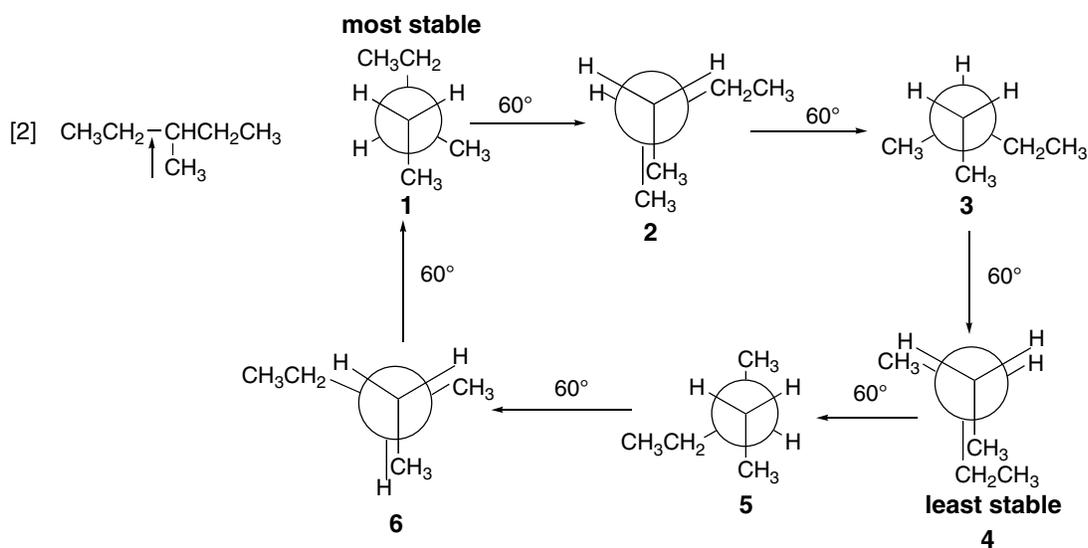
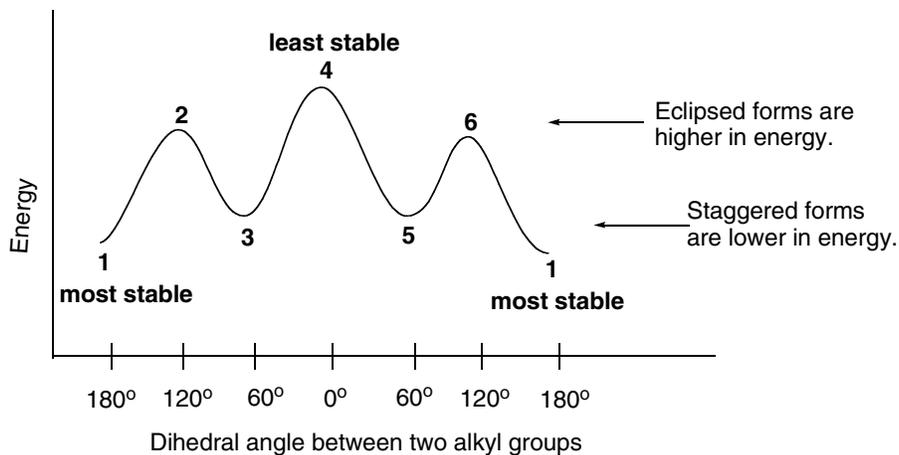


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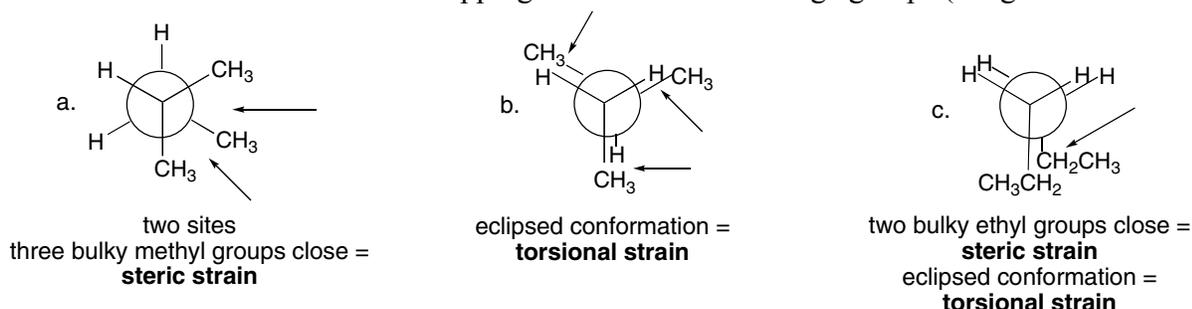


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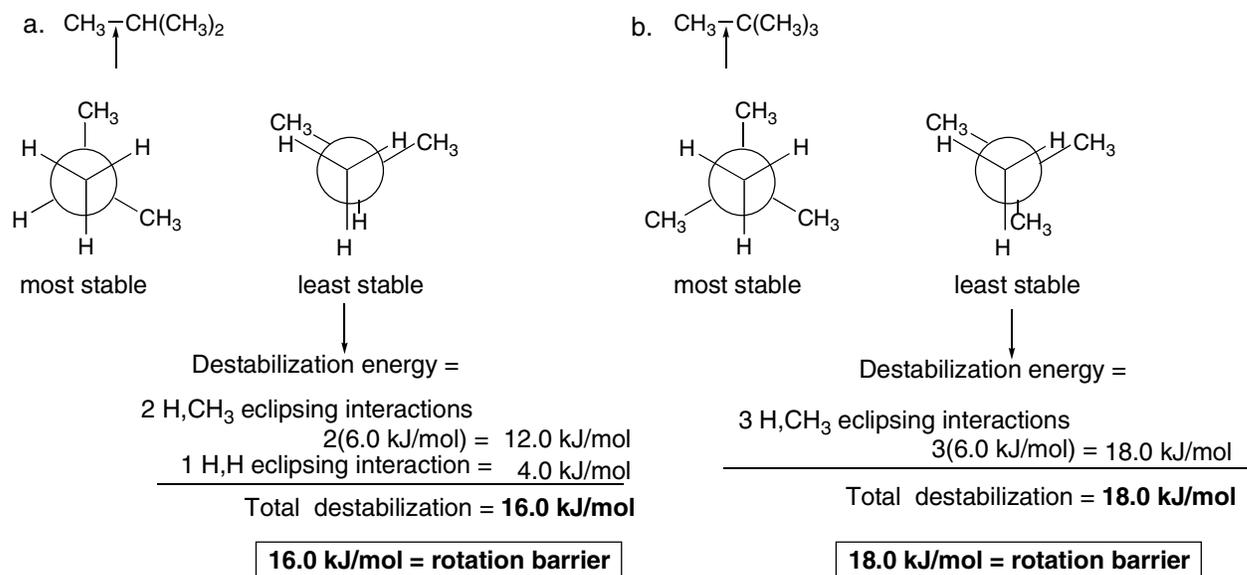




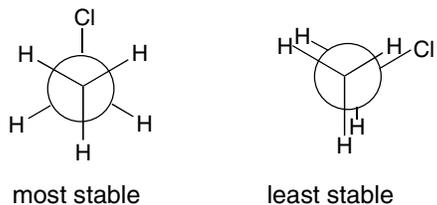
4.52 Two types of strain:

4.1 *Torsional strain* is due to eclipsed groups on adjacent carbon atoms.4.2 *Steric strain* is due to overlapping electron clouds of large groups (ex: gauche interactions).

4.53 The barrier to rotation is equal to the difference in energy between the highest energy eclipsed and lowest energy staggered conformations of the molecule.



4.54



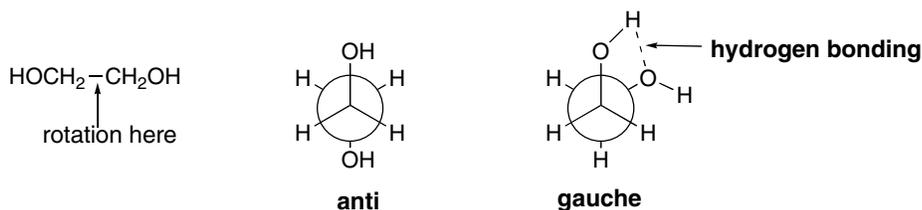
$$2 \text{ H,H eclipsing interactions} = 2(4.0 \text{ kJ/mol}) = 8.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Since the barrier to rotation is 15 kJ/mol, the difference between this value and the destabilization due to H,H eclipsing is the destabilization due to H,Cl eclipsing.

$$15.0 \text{ kJ/mol} - 8.0 \text{ kJ/mol} = 7.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

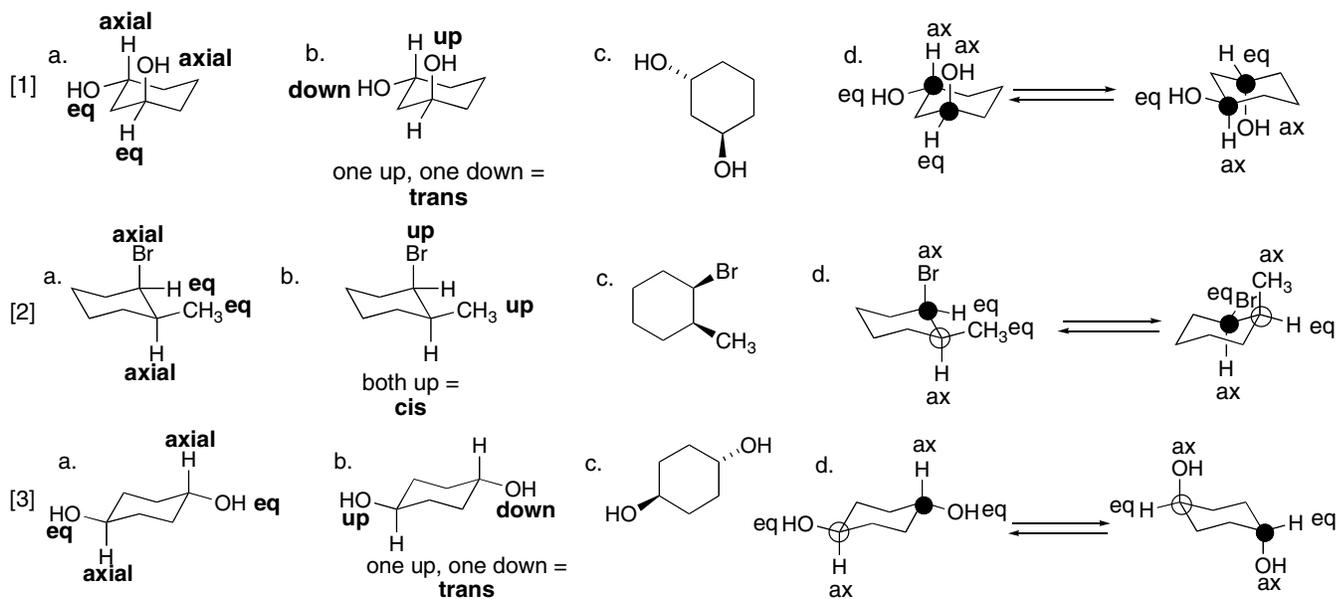
destabilization due to H,Cl eclipsing

4.55 The gauche conformation can intramolecularly hydrogen bond, making it the more stable conformation.

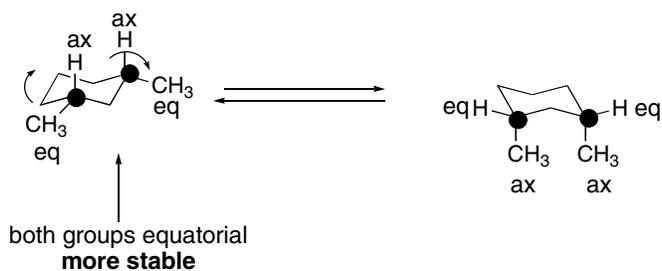


Hydrogen bonding can occur only in the gauche conformation, making it **more stable**.

4.56



4.57



4.58

Axial/equatorial substituent location

Disubstituted cyclohexane

- a. 1,2-cis disubstituted
- b. 1,2-trans disubstituted
- c. 1,3-cis disubstituted
- d. 1,3-trans disubstituted
- e. 1,4-cis disubstituted
- f. 1,4-trans disubstituted

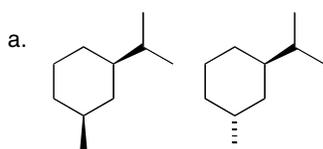
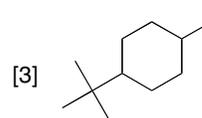
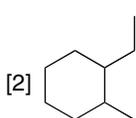
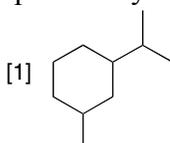
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- Axial/equatorial
- Axial/axial
- Axial/axial
- Axial/equatorial
- Axial/equatorial
- Axial/axial

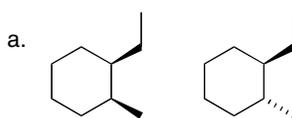
Conformation 2

- Equatorial/axial
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- Equatorial/axial
- Equatorial/equatorial

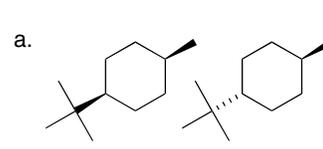
4.59 A **cis isomer** has two groups on the **same side** of the ring. The two groups can be drawn both up or both down. Only one possibility is drawn. A **trans isomer** has one group on one side of the ring and one group on the other side. Either group can be drawn on either side. Only one possibility is drawn.



cis **trans**

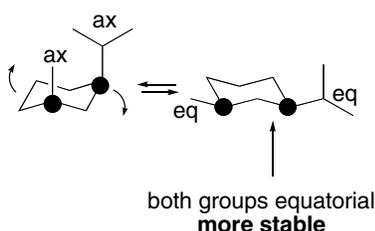


cis **trans**

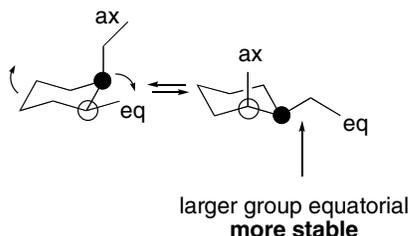


cis **trans**

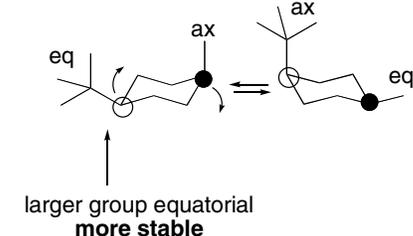
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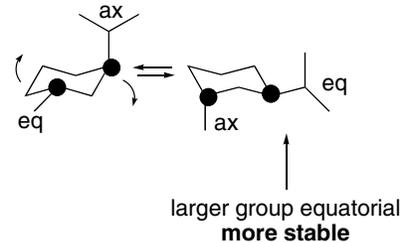
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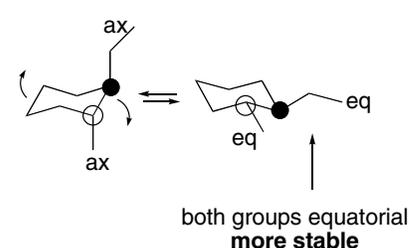
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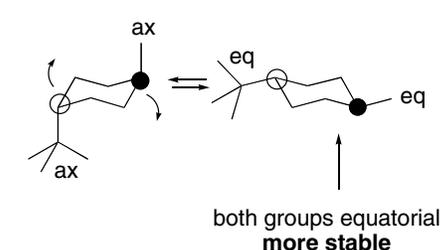
c. trans isomer



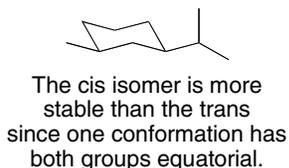
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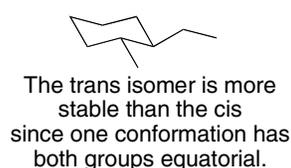
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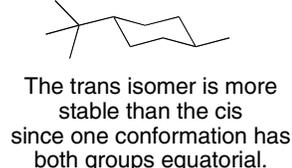
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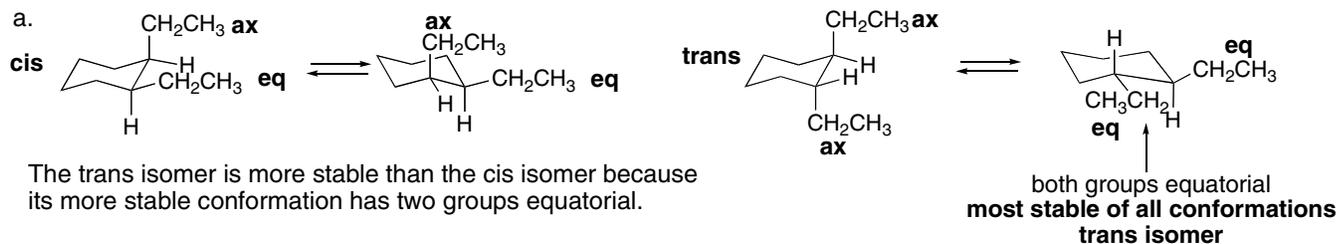
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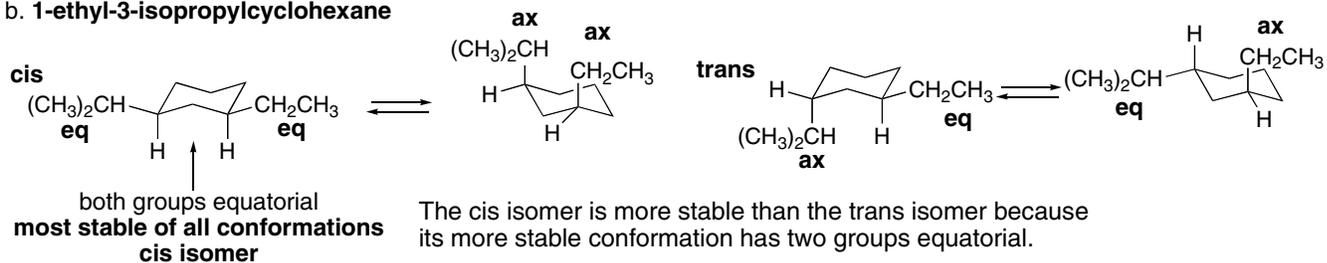
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4.60 Compare the isomers by drawing them in chair conformations. Equatorial substituents are more stable. See the definitions in Problem 4.59.

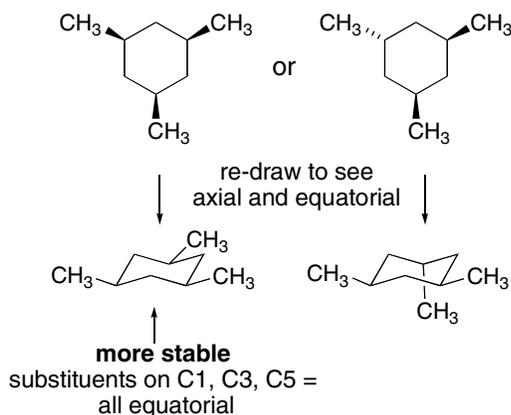


b. 1-ethyl-3-isopropylcyclohexane

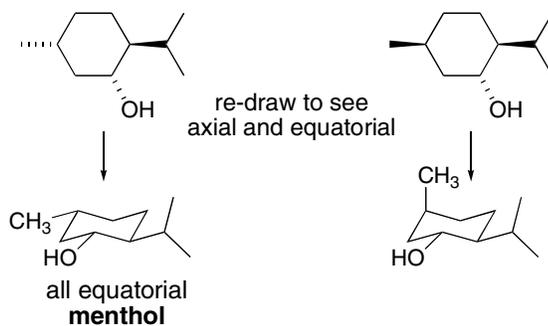


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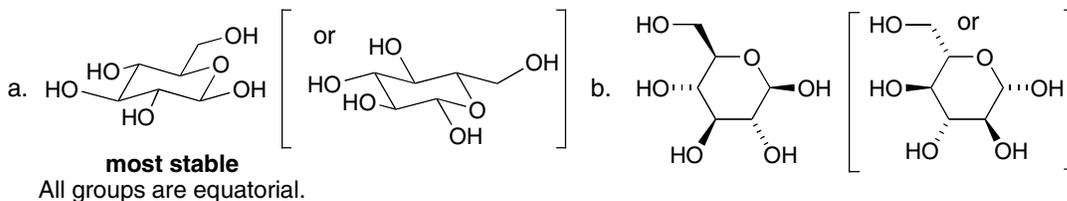
Only the more stable conformation is drawn.



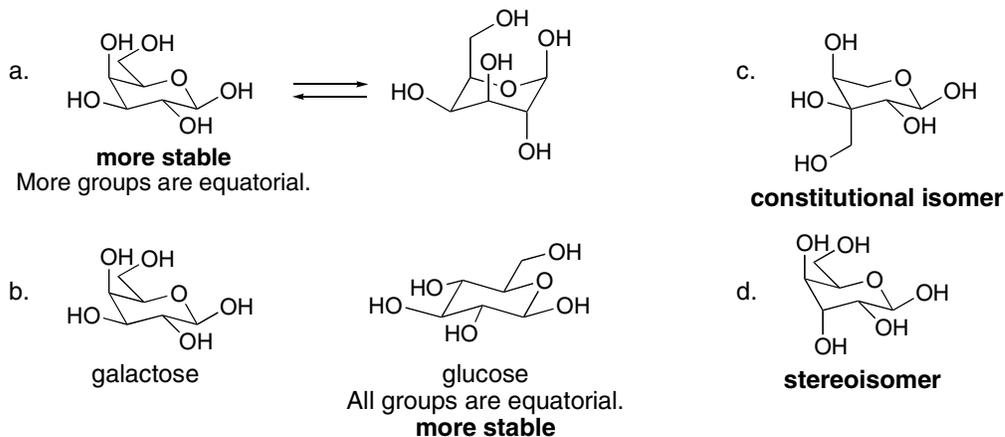
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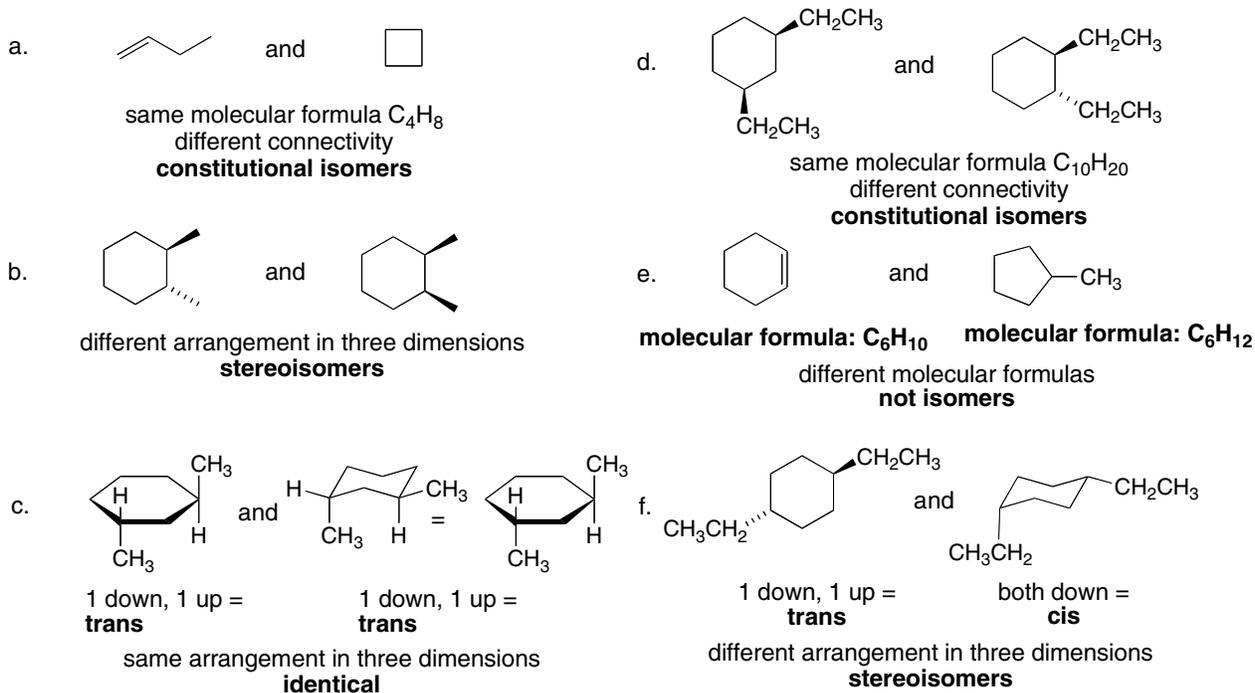
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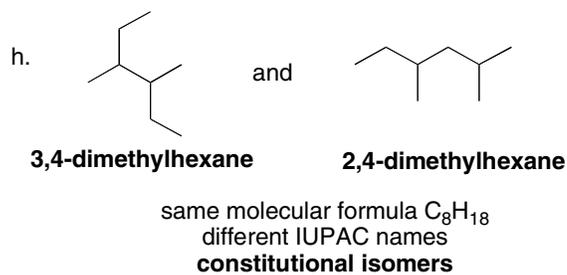
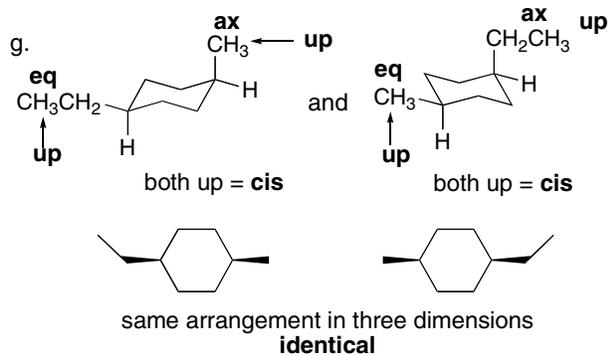


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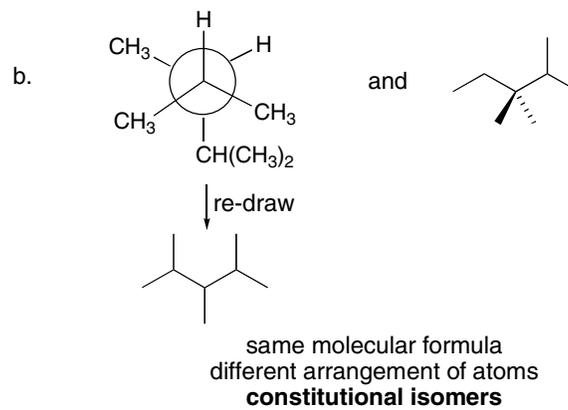
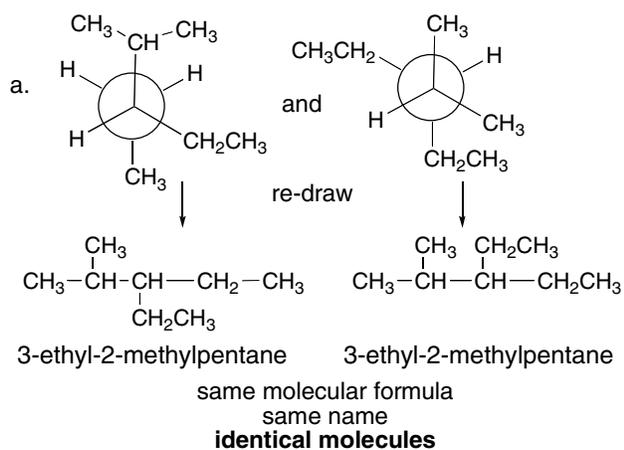


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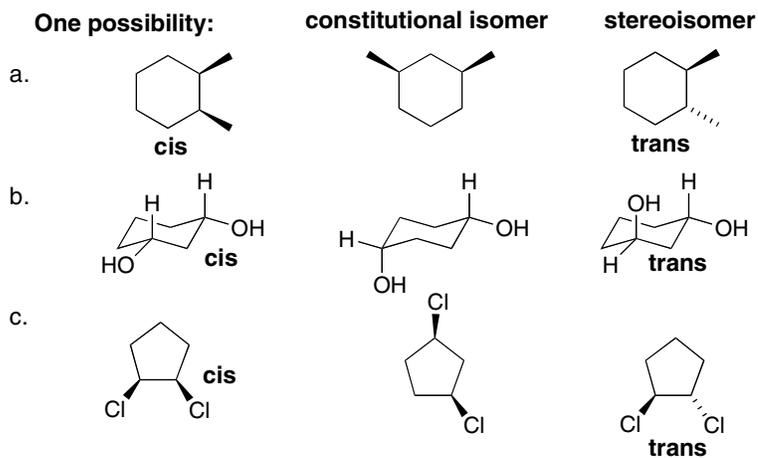




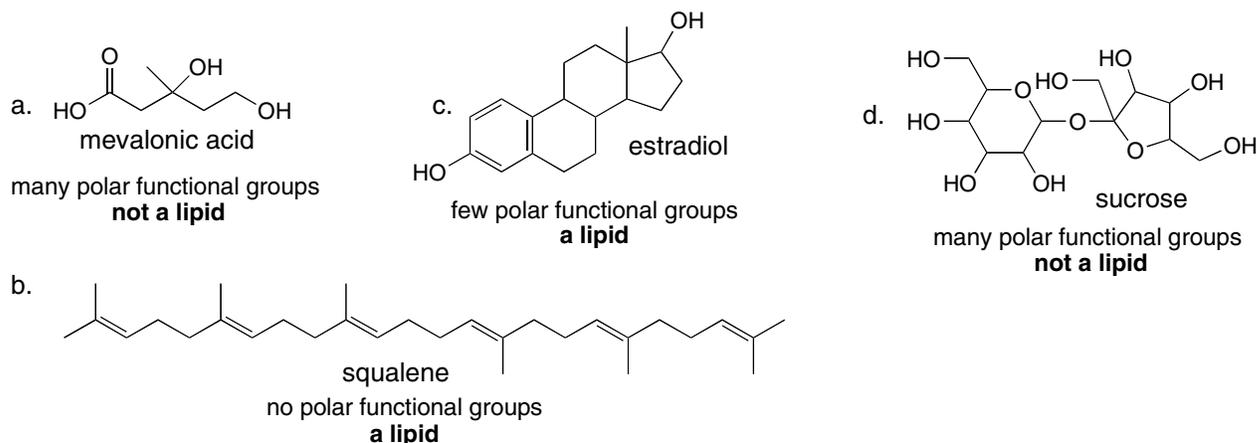
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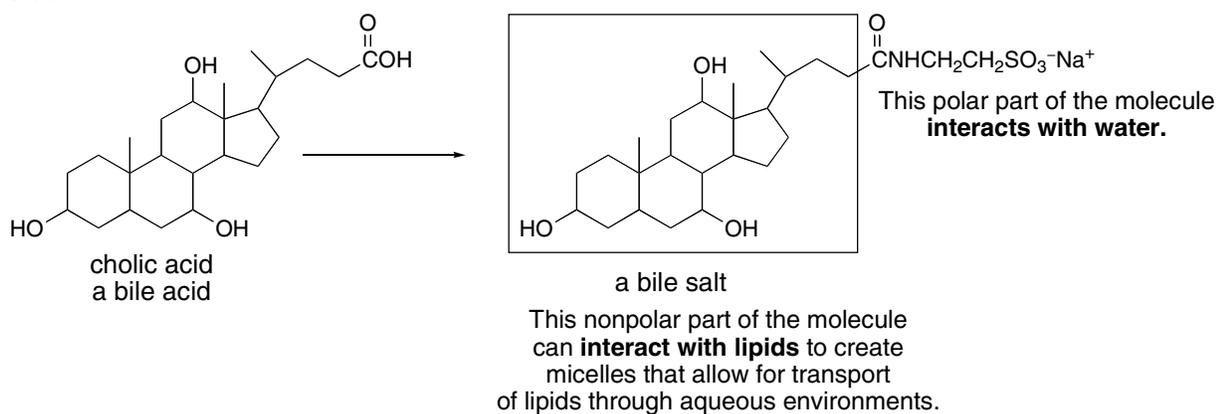
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4.72 Lipids contain many nonpolar C–C and C–H bonds and few polar functional groups.

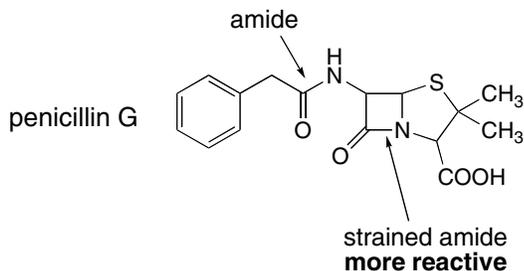


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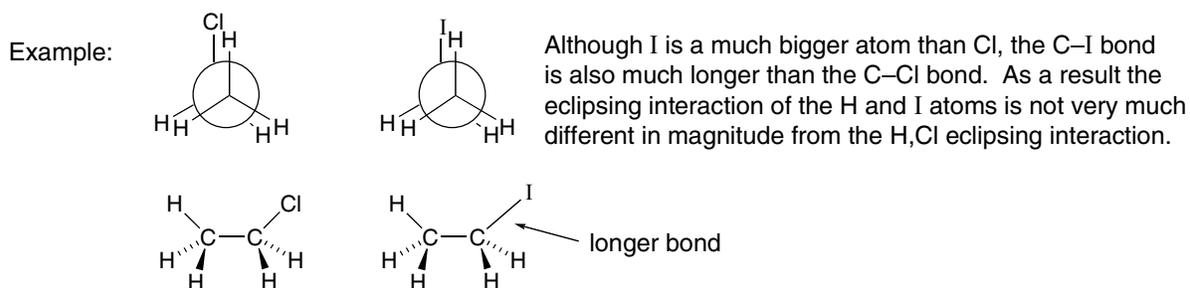


4.74 The mineral oil can prevent the body's absorption of important fat-soluble vitamins. The vitamins dissolve in the mineral oil, and are thus not absorbed. Instead, they are expelled with the mineral oil.

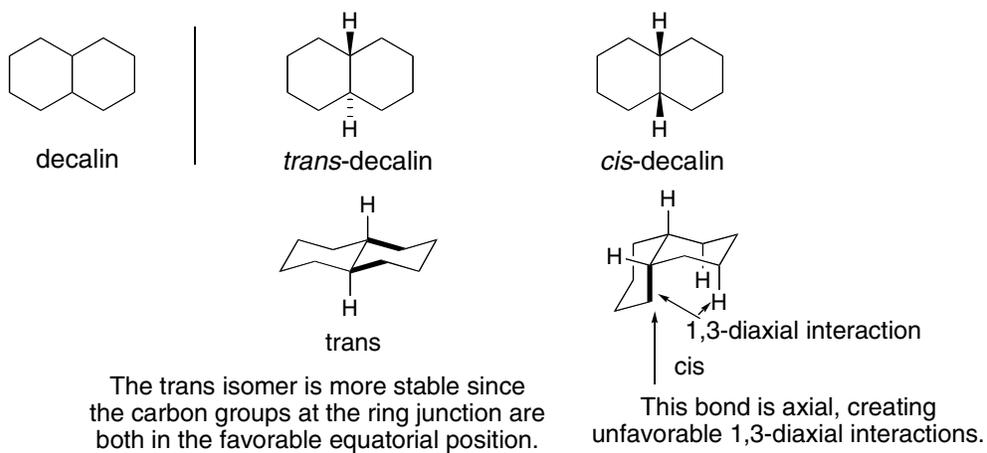
4.75 The amide in the four-membered ring has 90° bond angles giving it angle strain, and therefore making it more reactive.



4.76



4.77



4.78

