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INTRODUCTION

SYNOPSIS

This e-Book revolves around chemistry in hydrocarbon compounds namely alkanes and alkenes in the petrochemical industry in particular and the chemical, petroleum and process industries in general.

E-Book users will be exposed to the characteristics, uses, reactions and processes that occur for alkanes and alkenes in the petrochemical industry. Through this e-Book, users can not only understand and master alkanes and alkenes but they can also apply the knowledge they gain in their daily lives..

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e-Book ini berkisarkan kepada kimia dalam sebatian hidrokarbon iaitu alkana dan alkena dalam industri petrokimia khususnya dan industri kimia, petroleum dan proses secara amnya.

Pengguna e-Book akan didedahkan dengan ciri-ciri, kegunaan, tindak balas serta proses-proses yang berlaku untuk alkana dan alkena di dalam industri petrokimia. Melalui e-Book ini, pengguna bukan sahaja dapat memahami serta menguasai alkana dan alkena malah mereka juga dapat mengaplikasikan pengetahuan yang mereka peroleh di dalam kehidupan seharian.



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Chapter 1

Paraffinic Hydrocarbons



INTRODUCTION OF PARAFFINIC HYDROCARBONS

- Natural gas and petroleum contain a large amount of paraffin.
- Paraffinic hydrocarbons are better known as alkanes.
- Any of the saturated hydrocarbons with the general formula CnH2n+2, where C is a carbon atom, H is a hydrogen atom, and n is an integer, is referred to as a paraffin hydrocarbon.
- Paraffins containing fewer than 5 carbon atoms per molecule are usually gaseous at room temperature, those having 5 to 15 carbon atoms are usually liquids, and the straight-chain paraffins having more than 15 carbon atoms per molecule are solids.
- Branched-chain paraffins have a much higher octane number rating than straight-chain paraffins and, therefore, are the more desirable constituents of gasoline.



CLASSIFICATION OF HYDROCARBONS

Type of Compound	General Formula	Example
Alkane	CnH2n+2	H H H H
Alkene	CnH2n-2	H H H H H-C=C-C-C-H H H
Alkyl CnH2n+1		H H H H H-C-C-C-C- H H H H
Cycloalkene	CnH2n	
Cycloalkene	CnH2n-2	
Benzene (aromatic compound)	-	

Figure 1.1: Classification of hydrocarbon



PARAFFINIC HYDROCARBONS (ALKANES)

- Paraffinic hydrocarbons are subdivided into the following three groups such as the linear straightchain alkanes, branched alkanes, and cycloalkanes.
- Paraffinic hydrocarbons are also refer as saturated hydrocarbons.
- It is the simplest and least reactive hydrocarbon species containing only carbons and hydrogens.
- They are commercially very important, being the principal constituent of gasoline and lubricating oils and are extensively employed in organic chemistry.
- Paraffinic hydrocarbons are the role of pure alkanes such as hexane which is delegated mostly to solvents.
- The distinguishing feature of an alkane, making it distinct from other compounds that also exclusively contain carbon and hydrogen, is its lack of unsaturation.



ALKANES

- General formula for alkanes is CnH2n+2 where n is the number of carbon atoms n the molecule.
 Alkanes name ending with –ane.
- Methane (CH4) is the first member of this family. If you swap out one hydrogen atom from methane for a carbon atom and connect the necessary amount of hydrogens, you get C2H6.
- Ethane is the name given to this hydrocarbon, which has the chemical formula C2H6.
- Therefore, you may think of C2H6 as being formed from CH4 by substituting a -CH3 group for one hydrogen atom.

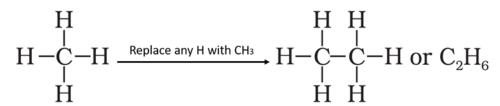


Figure 1.2: The formation of ethane from ethane



ALKANES

- That is to say, it contains no double or triple bonds, which are highly reactive in organic chemistry.
- Though not totally devoid of reactivity, their lack of reactivity under most laboratory conditions makes them a relatively uninteresting, though very important component of organic chemistry.
- As with other organic compounds, the carbon atoms in alkanes may form straight chains, branched chains, or rings.
- These three kinds of alkanes are straight chain alkanes, branched chain alkanes and cycloalkane.
- When an alkane having hydrogen is removed from one bond, it is called an alkyl group.
- This Alkyl group is often denoted by the letter R the same as halogens represent by the letter X.

ALKANES

Type of Compound	General Formula	Example
Methane	CH4	H I H – C – H I H
Ethane	C2H6	H H I I H - C - C - H I I H H
Propane	СзН8	H H H H-C-C-C-H H H H
Butane	C4H10	H H H H H-C-C-C-C-H H H H H
Pentane	C5H12	H H H H H H-C-C-C-C-C-H H H H H H
Hexane	C6H14	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H
Heptane	C 7H16	H H H H H H H-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-H H H H H H H
Octane	C8H18	H H H H H H H H H-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-H H H H H H H H

Figure 1.3: List of the first 8 alkanes



ALKYL

- If you imagine removing hydrogen atom from an alkane, the partial structure that remains is called an alkyl group.
- Alkyl group are not stable compounds themselves, they simply parts of larger compounds.
- Alkyl groups are named by replacing the -ane ending of the parent alkane with an -yl ending.



Methane Methyl Figure 1.4: The formation methyl from methane



NAMING ALKANE

- Naming of an alkane involves three main steps.
 Start from finding the longest carbon chain, number the carbon chain with the most substituents and the lowest number at each substituent and lastly identify the type of substituents.
- When naming alkane, three basic formats can be used. Alkane with one substituent, two same substituents and two different substituents.

Type of substituent	Format	Example
One substituent no.—subs longest C		H CH₃ H
Two same substituents no., no.—prefix subs longest C		H CH₃ CH₃
Two different substituents nosubs-nosubs longest C		H CH₃C₂H₅ H—C — C — H H H H 1–ethyl–2–methylpropane

Figure 1.5: Type of substituent for alkane



ONE SUBSTITUENT ALKANE

- The simplest type of chemical structure is an alkane with a single substituent since there is only one substituent attached to the parent structure.
- To name an alkane with a single substituent, follow the steps below:

Step	Format	Example
1	 nosubs longest C use one substituent format find the longest carbon chain (C = 5) 5 carbon is pentane 	H H H CH ₃ H
2	 nosubs longest C number the carbon chain with the most substituents and the lowest number at each substituent substituent at C₂ 	H H CH ₃ H H
3	nosubs longest C identify the type of substituent CH₃ is methyl	H H H CH ₃ H

Figure 1.6: Steps in naming one substituent alkane



TWO SAME SUBSTITUENT ALKANE

- Two same substituent alkane indicate that the chemical structure attached with two identical substituents.
- Therefore, prefix need to be used that is di for 2 and tri for 3 same substituents.
- To name an alkane with two same substituents, follow the steps below:

Step	Format	Example
1	 no., no. – prefix subs longest C use two same substituents format find the longest carbon chain (C = 5) 5 carbon is pentane 	H CH ₃ H CH ₃ H
2	no., no. – prefix subs longest C number the carbon chain with the most substituents and the lowest number at each substituent substituent at C ₂ & C ₄	H CH ₃ H CH ₃ H H C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
3	no., no. – prefix subs longest C identify the type of substituent CH ₃ is methyl prefix for 2 methyl is di	H CH ₃ H CH ₃ H H C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C

Figure 1.7: Steps in naming two same substituent alkane



TWO DIFFERENT SUBSTITUENT ALKANE

- Two different substituent alkane indicate that the chemical structure attached with two different substituents.
- Therefore, two different number need to be placed in front of substituents name.
- To name an alkane with two different substituents, follow the steps below:

Step	Format	Example
1	 no. – subs – no. – subs longest C use two different substituents format find the longest carbon chain (C = 5) 5 carbon is pentane 	H C ₂ H ₅ H CH ₃ H H C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
2	nosubs-nosubs longest C number the carbon chain with the most substituents and the lowest number at each substituent substituent at C ₂ & C ₄	H C ₂ H ₅ H CH ₃ H
3	nosubs-nosubs longest C identify the type of substituent C₂H₅ is ethyl & CH₃ is methyl Ethyl come first at C₂ then methyl at C₄ are based on alphabetical order (e then m)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

Figure 1.8: Steps in naming two same substituent alkane



CYCLOALKANES

- Cycloalkanes are also known as alicyclic compounds (aliphatic cyclic). Cycloalkanes consists of rings of -CH2- units.
- The general formula CnH2n and can be represented by polygons in skeletal drawings.
- The general formula CnH2n and can be represented by polygons in skeletal drawings.
- For a ring to become a parent, the number of atoms in the ring must be more than the substituent.

Type of Compound	General Formula	Example
Cyclopropane	С3Н6	CH2 CH2 CH2
Cyclobutane	C4H8	CH2 — CH2 — CH2 — CH2 — CH2 — CH2

Figure 1.9: List of cycloalkanes, n= 3 and 4



CYCLOALKANES

Type of Compound	General Formula	Example
Cyclopentane	C 5H10	CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2
Cyclohexane	C6H12	CH2 — CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2 — CH2
Cycloheptane	C7H14	CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2 CH2
Cyclooctane	C8H16	CH2

Figure 1.10: List of cycloalkanes, n= 5, 6, 7, and 8



ONE SUBSTITUENT CYCLOALKANE

- The simplest type of chemical structure is an cycloalkane with a single substituent since there is only one substituent attached to the parent structure.
- To name an cycloalkane with a single substituent, follow the steps below:

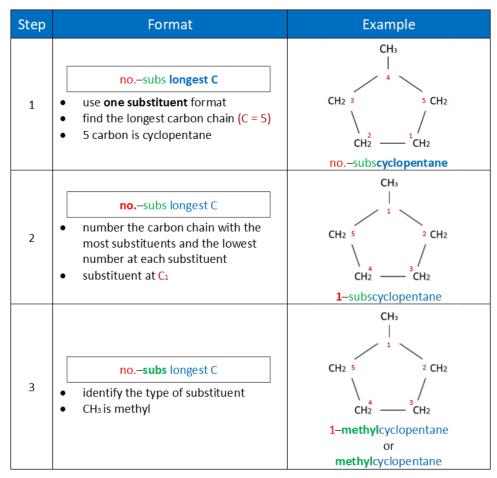


Figure 1.11: Steps in naming one substituent cycloalkane



TWO SAME SUBSTITUENT CYCLOALKANE

- Two same substituent cycloalkane indicate that the chemical structure attached with two identical substituents.
- Therefore, prefix need to be used that is di for 2 and tri for 3 same substituents.
- To name an cycloalkane with two same substituents, follow the steps below:

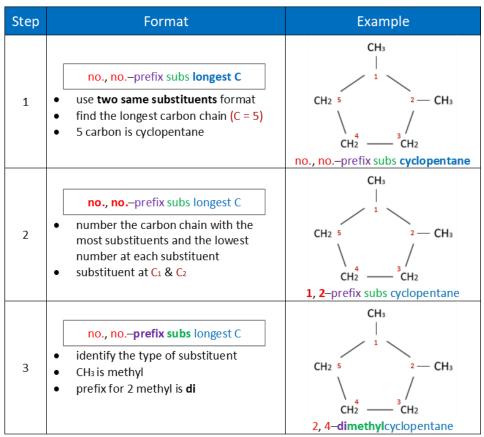


Figure 1.12: Steps in naming two same substituent cycloalkane



TWO DIFFERENT SUBSTITUENT CYCLOALKANE

- Two different substituent cycloalkane indicate that the chemical structure attached with two different substituents.
- Therefore, two different number need to be placed in front of substituents name.
- To name an cycloalkane with two different substituents, follow the steps below:

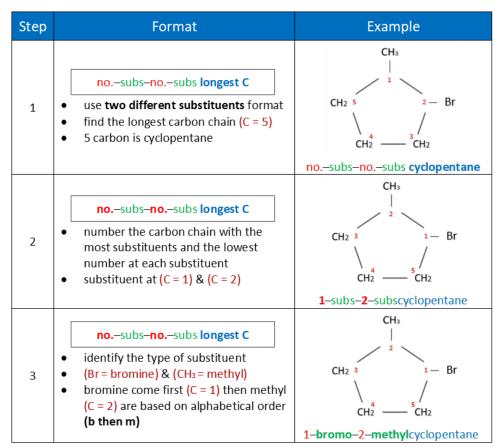


Figure 1.13: Steps in naming two different substituent alkane



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICSS OF ALKANES

 The physical characteristics of alkanes discussed in this Figure 1.14 are boiling point, melting point, density, conductivity, and solubi are boiling point, melting point, density, conductivity, and solubility.

Alkane	Formula	Physical State at 25°C	Boiling Point (°C)	Melting Point (°C)	Density (g/cm³ at 20°C)	Electrical Conductivity	Solubility in Water
Methane	CH ₄	Gas	-161.5	-182.5	0.000668	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Ethane	C ₂ H ₆	Gas	-88.6	-172.0	0.001261	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Propane	C ₃ H ₈	Gas	-42.1	-187.7	0.002009	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	Gas	-0.5	-138.4	0.002493	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂	Liquid	36.1	-129.7	0.626	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Hexane	C ₆ H ₁₄	Liquid	68.7	-95.3	0.660	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Heptane	C ₇ H ₁₆	Liquid	98.4	-90.6	0.684	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Octane	C ₈ H ₁₈	Liquid	125.7	-57.8	0.703	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Nonane	C ₉ H ₂₀	Liquid	150.8	-51.6	0.718	Non-conductor	Insoluble
Decane	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	Liquid	174.1	-29.7	0.730	Non-conductor	Insoluble

Figure 1.14: Physical characteristics of alkanes



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICSS OF ALKANES

- Solubility in water
 Due to very little difference of electronegativity
 between carbon and hydrogen and covalent
 nature of C-C bond or C-H bond, alkanes are
 generally non-polar molecules.
- All paraffins are colourless.
- Boiling point of paraffinic hydrocarbons
 As the intermolecular Van Der Waals forces increase with the increase of the molecular size or the surface area of the molecule.

The boiling point of alkanes increases with increasing molecular weight. The straight-boiling point in comparison to their structural isomers.



CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ALKANES

 Figure 1.15 below elaborates on three important chemical reactions of alkanes such as Combustion Reaction, Halogenation Reaction, and Cracking Reaction.

Reaction Type	Chemical Reaction Example	Chemicals Involved	Reaction Steps	Applications
Combustion (Complete)	CH4+2O2→CO2+2H2O	Methane (CH ₄), Oxygen (O ₂), Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂), Water (H ₂ O)	 Highly exothermic reaction Produces carbon dioxide and water vapor Complete oxidation in the presence of sufficient oxygen 	Energy production, heating
Combustion (Incomplete)	CH ₄ +O ₂ →CO+2H ₂ O	Methane (CH ₄), Oxygen (O ₂), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Water (H ₂ O)	Occurs with limited oxygen supply Produces carbon monoxide and water vapor Less energy released compared to complete combustion	Industrial processes, fuel efficiency
Halogenation (Fluorine)	CH ₄ +F ₂ →CH ₃ F+HF	Methane (CH ₄), Fluorine (F ₂), Tetrafluoromethane (CF ₄), Hydrofluoric Acid (HF)	 Initiation: F₂→2F· Propagation: F·+CH₄→CH₃·+HF CH₃·+ F₂→ CH₃I+ F· Termination: CH₃·+ F·→ CH₃F F·+F·→F₂ 	Pharmaceuticals, materials science

Figure 1.15: Chemical characteristics properties of alkanes



CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ALKANES

Reaction	Chemical Reaction	Chemicals	Depotion Stone	Applications
Туре	Example	Involved	Reaction Steps	Applications
Halogenation (Iodine)	CH4+l2→CH3l+HI	Methane (CH ₄), lodine (I ₂), Methyl lodide (CH ₃ I), Hydroiodic Acid (HI)	Initiation: 2→2 - Propagation: -+CH4→CH3·+H CH3·+ 2→CH3 + - Termination: CH3·+ ·→CH3 -+ ·→ 2	Organic synthesis, chemical modifications
Halogenation (Chlorine)	CH4+Cl2→CH3Cl+HCl	Methane (CH ₄), Chlorine (Cl ₂), Methyl Chloride (CH ₃ Cl), Hydrochloric Acid (HCl)	■ Initiation: Cl ₂ —2Cl· ■ Propagation: Cl·+CH ₄ —CH ₃ ·+HCl CH ₃ ·+ Cl ₂ — CH ₃ Cl+ Cl· ■ Termination: CH ₃ ·+ Cl·— CH ₃ Cl Cl·+Cl·—Cl ₂	Organic synthesis, industrial processes
Halogenation (Bromine)	CH4+Br2→CH3Br+HBr	Methane (CH ₄), Bromine (Br ₂), Methyl Bromide (CH ₃ Br), Hydrobromic Acid (HBr)	■ Initiation: Br ₂ →2Br ■ Propagation: Br·+CH ₄ →CH ₃ ·+HBr CH ₃ ·+ Br ₂ → CH ₃ Br+ Br· ■ Termination: CH ₃ ·+ Br·→ CH ₃ Br Br·+Br·→Br ₂	Organic synthesis, pharmaceuticals
Cracking	C10H22→C5H12+C5H10	Decane (C ₁₀ H ₂₂), Various smaller hydrocarbons	Breaks larger hydrocarbon molecules into smaller, more useful molecules Can be thermal or catalytic Used in petroleum refining	Petrochemical industry, gasoline production

Figure 1.16: Chemical characteristics of alkanes



CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ALKANES

- Alkanes react only very poorly with ionic or other polar substances.
- The pKa values of all alkanes are above 50, and so they are practically inert to acids and bases.
- In crude oil the alkane molecules have remained chemically unchanged for millions of years.
- However redox reactions of alkanes, in particular with oxygen and the halogens, are possible as the carbon atoms are in a strongly reduced condition.
- Reaction with oxygen leads to combustion without any smoke; with halogens, substitution. In addition, alkanes have been shown to interact with, and bind to, certain transition metal complexes.



CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ALKANES

- Alkanes free radicals, molecules with unpaired electrons, play a large role in most reactions of alkanes, such as cracking and reformation where long-chain alkanes are converted into shorterchain alkanes and straight-chain alkanes into branched-chain isomers.
- In highly branched alkanes and cycloalkanes, the bond angles may differ significantly from the optimal value (109.5°) in order to allow the different groups sufficient space.
- This causes a tension in the molecule, known as steric hinderance, and can substantially increase the reactivity.
- The same is preferred for alkenes too.

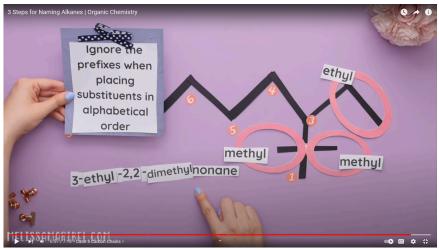
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Chapter 2

Paraffinic Hydrocarbons

> Interactive Activities











Class Activity: Naming the alkane



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Class Activity: Chemical Properties of the alkane



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Chapter 3

Olefinic Hydrocarbons



INTRODUCTION OF OLEFINIC HYDROCARBONS

- Alkenes, commonly referred to as olefins, are partially unsaturated straight-chain hydrocarbons characterized by one or two double carbon carbon bonds.
- Olefins are produced at crude oil refineries and petrochemical plants and are not naturally occurring constituents of oil and natural gas.
- In the IUPAC naming system, the name of the olefins suffixes with the "ene".
- Ethylene is the smallest olefin. The common olefins examples are propane, ethene, butene, and pentene.
- Olefin is a man-made fabric that is extremely durable. The fibres are created using heat, pressure, and a catalyst.
- In fact, olefin often goes by another name: polypropylene. This chemically created fabric is often considered to be more environmentally friendly than cotton, silk, and other natural fibres.



- General formula for alkenes are CnH2n where n is the number of carbon atoms n the molecule.
- Alkenes are relatively stable compounds, but are more reactive than alkanes.
- The olefins most commonly used in the alkylation unit are butylene and propylene to produce alkylate.
- Figure 2.1 below shows the prefix of alkene with number of carbon start from 2.

Number of carbons (n)	Prefix	Alkene (ending- <mark>ene)</mark>	Alkylene (ending-ylene)	Formula (C_nH_{2n})
1	-	-	-	=
2	Eth	Ethene	Eth <mark>ylene</mark>	C_2H_4
3	Prop	Prop <mark>ene</mark>	Prop <mark>ylene</mark>	C_3H_6
4	But	But <mark>ene</mark>	But <mark>ylene</mark>	C_4H_8
5	Pent	Pent <mark>ene</mark>	Pent <mark>ylene</mark>	C_5H_{10}
6	Hex	Hexene	Hexylene	C_6H_{12}
7	Hept	Hept <mark>ene</mark>	Hept <mark>ylene</mark>	$C_7 H_{14}$
8	Oct	Oct <mark>ene</mark>	Oct <mark>ylene</mark>	$C_8 H_{16}$
9	Non	Non <mark>ene</mark>	Non <mark>ylene</mark>	C_9H_{18}
10	Dec	Decene	Decylene	$C_{10}H_{20}$

Figure 2.1: Alkene compounds



IUPAC Nomenclature

- A systematic method of naming organic chemical compounds as recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry also known as IUPAC.
- IUPAC which is a globally recognize international chemistry standards organizationthat has named all the chemical organic substances in a systematic manner.
- This particular naming standard for chemical organic substances is known as IUPAC nomenclature.
- IUPAC nomenclature is published in the Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry (also called the Blue Book).

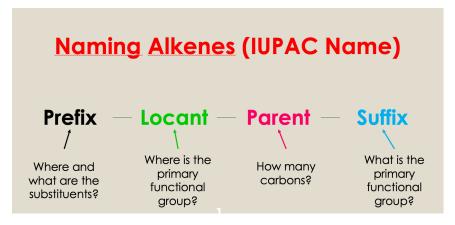


Figure 2.2: Four simple steps in naming Alkenes



Example 2.1

IUPAC Nomenclature

• Based on molecular structure below, it shows an alkene with a straight chain and the **number of carbon is 7**.

Figure 2.3: An alkene with 2 substituent and 1 double bond

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.3:

Step 1: Find the parent chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: 7 carbon of longest straight chain.

Answer: Heptene

Step 2: Determine the position of the double bond.

Tips: Number the chain to give the **lowest number** to the double bond.

Answer: 2



IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the alkene based on double bond position.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Answer: Hept-2-ene

Step 4: Name each substituent and locate its position.

Tips: Substituent -CH3 is methyl and have 2 methyl.

Tips: Substituent: methyl, Location: 4 and 6

Numeric prefix: di (two methyl)

Answer: 4,6

dimethyl hept-2-ene

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the alkene in Figure 2.3 is 4,6-dimethyl-hept-2-ene



Example 2.2

IUPAC Nomenclature

 Based on molecular structure below, it shows an alkene with a straight chain and the number of carbon is 4.

$$CH_2 = CHCH = CH_2$$

Figure 2.4: An alkene with 2 double bond

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.4:

Step 1: Find the parent chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: 4 carbon of longest straight chain.

Answer: Butene

Step 2: Determine the position of the **double bond**.

Tips: Number the chain to give the **lowest number** to the double bond.

Answer: 1 and 3 (1,3-di-ene)





IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the alkene based on double bond position.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Answer: Butene and 1,3-di-ene

Step 4: Name each substituent and locate its position.

Tips: Add -a after but (for double bond more than 1)

Answer: Buta

1,3

diene

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the alkene in Figure 2.4 is buta-1,3-diene

$$CH_2 = CHCH = CH_2$$



Example 2.3

IUPAC Nomenclature

• Based on molecular structure below, it shows an alkene with a straight chain and the **number of carbon is 7**.

$$CH_2 = C - CH = CHCH = CHCH_3$$
 CH_3

Figure 2.5: An alkene with 3 double bond and 1 substituent

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.5:

Step 1: Find the parent chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: 7 carbon of **longest straight chain**.

Answer: Heptene

Step 2: Determine the position of the double bond.

Tips: Number the chain to give the **lowest number** to the double bond.

Answer: 1,3,5 (1,3,5-tri-ene)



IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the alkene based on double bond position.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Answer: Heptene and 1,3,5-tri-ene

Step 4: Name each substituent and locate its position.

Tips: Add -a after hept (for double bond more than 1)

Tips: Substituent: methyl, Location: 2

Numeric prefix: - (1 methyl)

Answer: 1,3,5-tri-ene

2-methyl

hepta

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the alkene in Figure 2.5 is 2-methyl-hepta-1,3,5-triene

$$CH_2 = C - CH = CHCH = CHCH_3$$

 CH_3



- Cycloalkenes are hydrocarbons containing a ring of carbon atoms and one or more double bonds in the cycle that do not form an aromatic ring.
- Cyclic unsaturated hydrocarbon having general molecular formula CnH2n-2.
- Cycloalkenes are named by the system used for the open-chain alkenes, except that numbering always is started at one of the carbons of the double bond and continued around the ring through the double bond so as to keep the index numbers as small as possible.
- Many compounds contain two or more double bonds and are known as alkadienes, alkatrienes, alkatetraenes, and so on, the suffix denoting the number of double bonds.



Example 2.4

IUPAC Nomenclature

 Based on molecular structure below, it shows a cycloalkene with a substituent of a functional group.

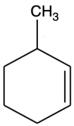


Figure 2.6: A cycloalkene with 1 double bond and 1 substituent

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.6:

Step 1: Find the **parent** chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: Number the carbon atoms in the ring so that double bond is between carbon atom 1 and 2.

Answer: Cyclohexene

Step 2: Give lower numbers to the functional group.

Tips: Nearest double bond to the methyl group.

Answer: 3-methyl



IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the cycloalkene based on double bond.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Answer: Cyclohexene and **3-methyl**

Step 4: Number and list groups in alphabetical order.

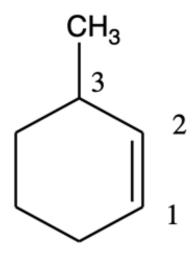
Tips: Substituent: methyl, Location: 3

Numeric prefix: - (1 methyl)

Answer: 3-methyl

Cyclohex-1-ene

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the cycloalkene in Figure 2.6 is 3-methylcyclohex-1-ene





Example 2.5

IUPAC Nomenclature

 Based on molecular structure below, it shows a cycloalkene with a substituent of a functional group.

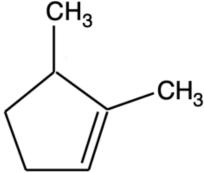


Figure 2.7: A cycloalkene with 1 double bond and 2 substituent

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.7:

Step 1: Find the parent chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: Number the carbon atoms in the ring so that double bond is between carbon atom 1 and 2.

Answer: Cyclohexene

Step 2: Give lower numbers to the functional group.

Tips: Nearest double bond to the methyl group.

Answer: 1,5-dimethyl



IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the cycloalkene based on double bond.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Answer: Cyclohexene and 1,5-dimethyl

Step 4: Number and list groups in alphabetical order.

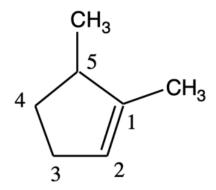
Tips: Substituent: methyl, Location: 1 and 5

Numeric prefix: di (2 methyl)

Answer: 1,5-dimethyl

Cyclohex-1-ene

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the cycloalkene in Figure 2.7 is 1,5-dimethylcyclohex-1-ene





Example 2.6

IUPAC Nomenclature

 Based on molecular structure below, it shows a cycloalkene with a substituent of a functional group.

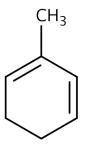


Figure 2.8: A cycloalkene with 2 double bond and 1 substituent

 Herewith, given steps by steps to determine the IUPAC name for the molecular structure in Figure 2.8:

Step 1: Find the parent chain (longest chain of carbon).

Tips: Number the carbon atoms in the ring so that

double bond is between carbon atom 1 and 2.

Answer: Cyclohexene

Step 2: Give lower numbers to the functional group.

Tips: Nearest double bond to the methyl group (location: 2).

Answer: 2-methyl



IUPAC Nomenclature

Step 3: Name the cycloalkene based on double bond.

Tips: Refer to answer in step 1 and step 2.

Tips: 2 double bond (location: 1 and 3).

Answer: Cyclohexene, 1,3-diene and 2-methyl

Step 4: Number and list groups in alphabetical order.

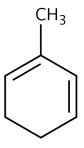
Tips: Substituent: methyl, Location: 2

Numeric prefix: - (1 methyl)

Tips: Add -a after cyclohex (double bond more than 1).

Answer: 2-methyl Cyclohexa 1,3-diene

With that FOUR (4) Steps, the name of the cycloalkene in Figure 2.8 is 2-methylcyclohexa-1,3-diene





Physical Properties of Alkenes

- Insoluble in water but soluble in organic solvent.
- Low densities (less dense than water).
- Low melting point and boiling point. The boiling point and melting point of an alkene is usually lower than alkane with same number of atom.

IUPAC Name	Molecular Formula	Condensed Structural Formula	Melting Point (°C)	Boiling Point (°C)
Ethene	C_2H_4	CH ₂ =CH ₂	-169	-104
Propene	C_3H_6	CH ₂ =CHCH ₃	-185	-47
1-butene	C_4H_8	CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ CH ₃	-185	-6
1-pentene	C_5H_{10}	$CH_2=CH(CH_2)_2CH_3$	-138	30
1-hexene	C_6H_{12}	CH ₂ =CH(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	-140	63
1-heptene	C_7H_{14}	CH ₂ =CH(CH ₂) ₄ CH ₃	-119	94
1-octene	C_8H_{16}	CH ₂ =CH(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	-102	121

Figure 2.9: Physical properties of alkenes

- Inflammable.
- At room temperature:

C2-C4 Gas C5-C16 Liquids



Physical Properties of Cycloalkenes

- Cycloalkenes are unsaturated and therefore have fewer hydrogen atoms and fewer bonds, as opposed to open-chain alkenes, which means that there is less internal energy within the molecule.
- Like cycloalkanes, cycloalkenes use Van der Waals forces to bond.
- Macroscopically, most cycloalkenes are liquid at room temperature, though have very low solubility in water.
- Only the first few cycloalkenes are gases.
- Cycloalkenes are rarely solid at room temperature.
- Essentially, cycloalkenes have similar physical properties to alkenes and cycloalkanes aside from the fact that cycloalkenes have at least one double bond.



Chemical Properties of Alkenes

- Alkenes are unsaturated compound, which makes them highly reactive than alkanes.
- Alkenes can undergo four major type of reactions:
 - a) Combustion reactions.
 - b) Addition reactions
 - i. Halogenation
 - ii. Hydration
 - iii. Hydrohalogenation
 - iv. Hydrogenation

Type of reaction	Reactant	Main product	Ву-	Chemical Reaction				
		·	product					
Combustion								
Combustion	Oxygen,	Carbon dioxide,	Water,	$C_2H_4 + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 2 H_2O$				
(complete)	O ₂	CO ₂	H ₂ O					
	Oxygen,	Carbon	Water,	C ₂ H ₄ + 2O ₂ → 2CO + 2H ₂ O				
Combustion	O ₂	monoxide,	H₂O					
(incomplete)		CO						
		Carbon,	Water,	$C_2H_4 + O_2 \rightarrow 2C + 2H_2O$				
		С	H₂O					
		Additio	n					
	Bromine	1,1-	-	$C_2H_4 + Br_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4Br_2$				
	gas,	dibromoethane,						
	Br ₂	C₂H₄Br₂						
	Chlorine	1,1-	-	$C_2H_4 + Cl_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4Cl_2$				
Halogenation	gas,	dichloroethane,						
	Cl ₂	C ₂ H ₄ Cl ₂						
	lodine	1,1-	-	$C_2H_4 + I_2 \rightarrow C_2H_4I_2$				
	gas,	diiodooethane,						
	I ₂	C ₂ H ₄ I ₂						
	Water,	Alcohol	-	$C_2H_4 + H_2O \rightarrow C_2H_5OH$				
Hydration	H₂O	(Ethanol),						
		C _n H _{2n+1} OH						
		C₂H₅OH						
	Hydrogen	Bromoethane,	-	$C_2H_4 + HBr \rightarrow C_2H_5Br$				
	bromide,	C₂H₅Br						
Hydrohalogenation	HBr							
	Hydrogen	Chloroethane,	-	C ₂ H ₄ + HCl → C ₂ H ₅ Cl				
	chloride,	C₂H₅Cl						
	HCl							
	Hydrogen	Alkane	-	$C_2H_4 + H_2 \rightarrow C_2H_6$				
Hydrogenation	gas	C _n H _{2n+2}						
	(H ₂)							

Figure 2.10: Chemical properties of ethene



Chemical Properties of Cycloalkenes

- The smaller the ring, the more likely it is to undergo reactions due to the carbon carbon bond angle.
- Cyclopropene is very reactive and has an extremely high strain.
 Larger compounds show very little ring strain and are less reactive.
- Undergo combustion and halogenation reactions.
- Cycloalkenes generally are more reactive than cycloalkanes due to their double carbon-carbon bond.
- It also undergo addition reactions, which occurs when the pi bond is broken and two new sigma bonds are formed.

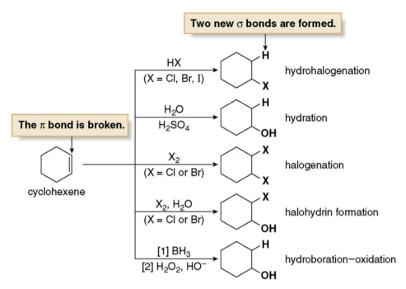


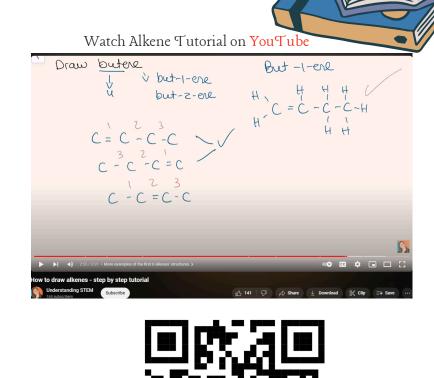
Figure 2.11: Chemical properties of cyclohexene

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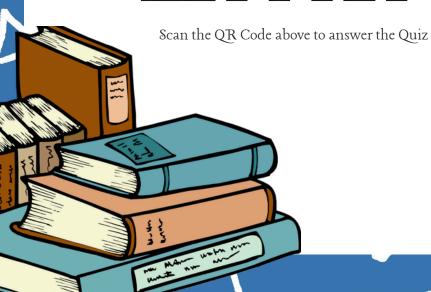






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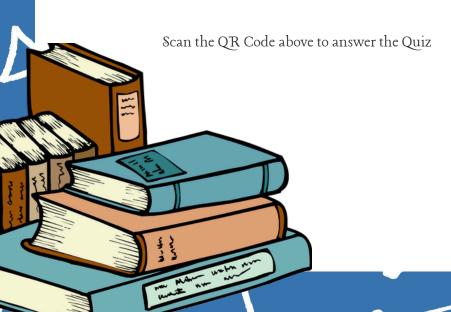






Class Activity: IUPAC name of Alkenes







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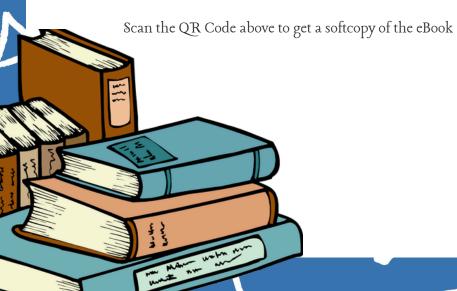
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