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The diastereomers



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Stereoisomers that are not mirror images are called diastereomers.

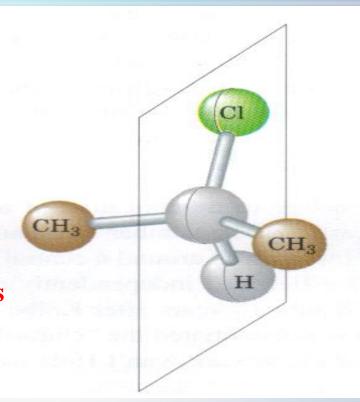
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CH_3

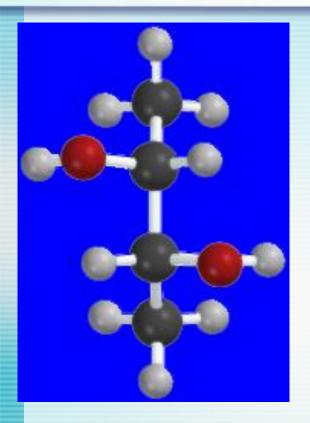
The diastereomers

Example: 2-Chloropropane

- * Not mirror images. i.e. can superimpose
- * Molecule is chiral/not chiral
- * One centre of symmetry (stereocentre)

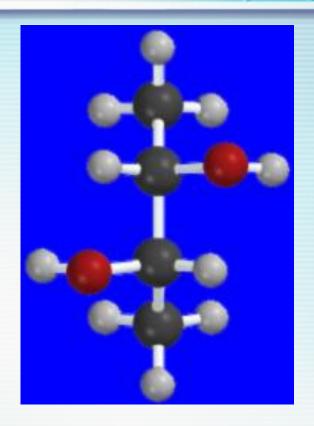
Stereocentre – An atom bearing groups of such nature that an interchange of any two groups will produce a stereoisomer.





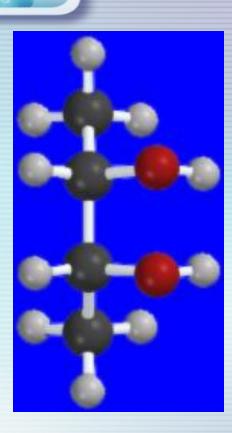


chiral



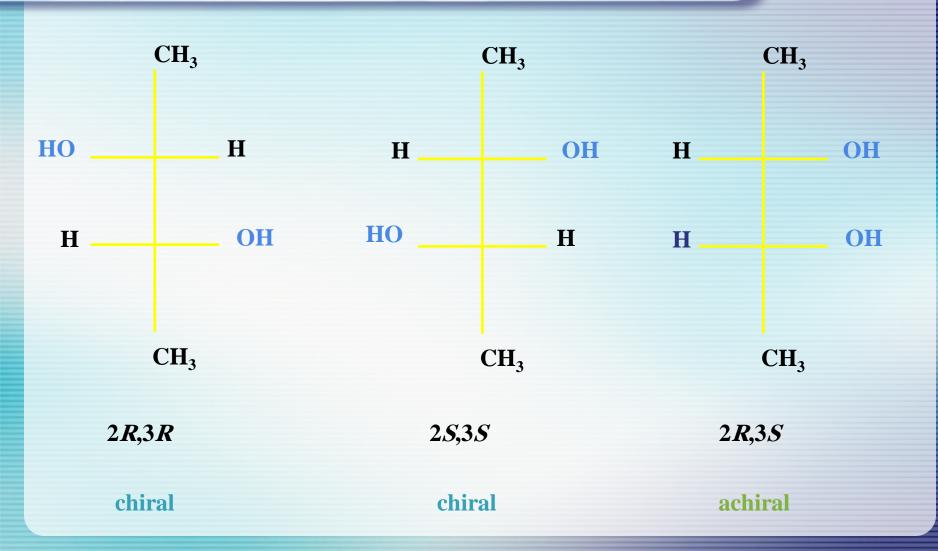
2*S*,3*S*

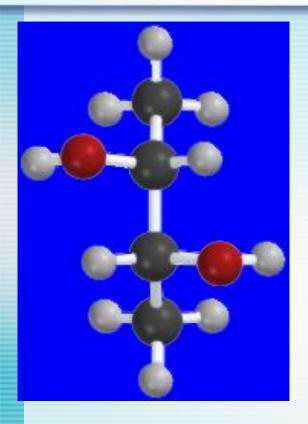
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2*R*,3*S*

achiral





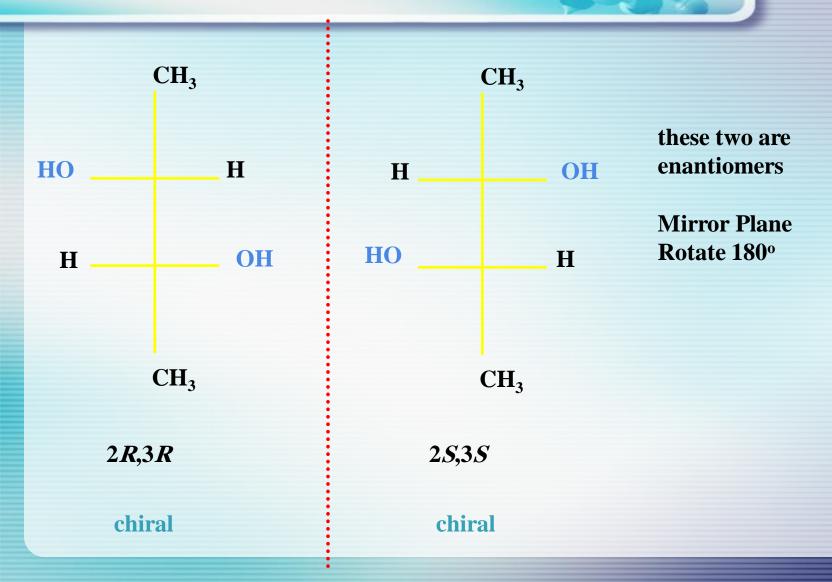
these two are enantiomers

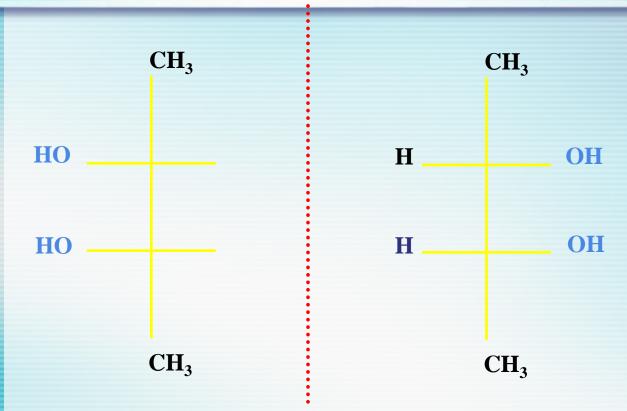
2R,3R

2*S*,3*S*

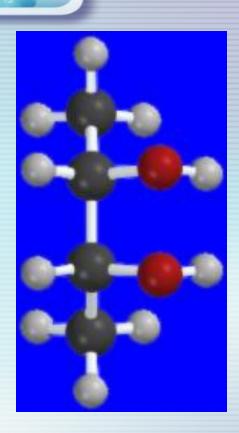
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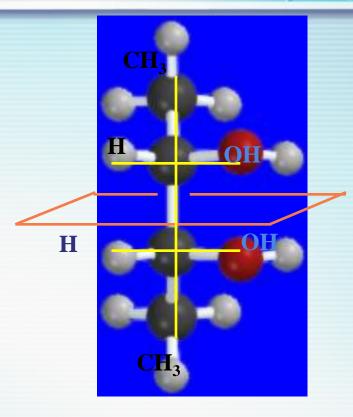


the third structure is superposable on its mirror image (rotate 180°)



2*R*,3*S*

achiral



2*R*,3*S*

achiral

How to Use Fischer Formulas: (S,R)-2,3-Dibromobutane

By convention, Fischer formulas are written with the main chain extending top to bottom.

(S,R)-2,3-Dibromobutane (meso)

3-dimensional representation

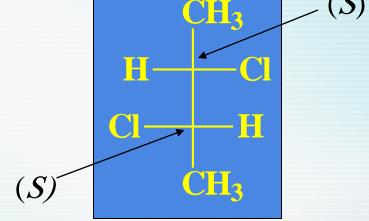
Fischer Formula

Note: A plane of symmetry identifies this stereoisomer as achiral in both representations.

The superimposability test may be used with Fischer formulas to determine whether structures are identical or different.

Fischer (R) and (S)

- Lowest priority (usually H) comes <u>forward</u>, so assignment rules are <u>backwards</u>!
- Clockwise 1-2-3 is (S) and counterclockwise 1-2-3 is (R).
- Example:



Examples

COOH
H—OH
HO—H
COOH

COOH

$$(2R,3R)$$
-tartaric acid

 $(2S,3S)$ -tartaric acid

Molecules with More than One Stereocenter

A compound with one stereocenter can exist in two stereoisomeric forms (enantiomers) called (R) and (S). If there are two stereocenters, each center may be (R) or (S). The various stereocenter combinations are shown in the table.

Stereocenters	Possible Combinations	Stereoisomers
1	R	2
2	R R S S R	4

The maximum number of stereoisomers is 2^n , where n is the number of stereocenters.

The Stereoisomers of 2,3--Dibromopentane

CH₃ÇHÇHCH₂CH₃ Br Br *two stereocenters* 2ⁿ = 4 *stereoisomers*

What are the four stereoisomers and how are they related to each other?

Possible Combinations of the Stereocenters

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1 2 3 4 5
CH<sub>3</sub>-CHBr-CHBr-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
~(2R)~ (3R)~~~~
~(2R)~ (3S)~~~
~(2S)~~(3R)~~~
~(2S)~~(3S)~~~
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The Four Stereoisomers of 2,3--Dibromopentane

- (1) Use eclipsed conformations for easier assignment of (R) or (S).
- (2) Add the groups around the stereocenters in one stereoisomer and assign labels to the stereocenters.
- (3) Draw the mirror image of I. That gives II. Each stereocenter changes configuration.
- (4) Change the configuration only at C-2 in I from S to R. That gives III.
- (5) Draw the mirror image of III. That gives IV.

The Relationships Among the Four Stereoisomers of 2,3-Dibromobutane

Stereoisomer pairs I/II and III/IV are mirror image related. They are enantiomers. Note that all stereocenters change in going from one enantiomer to the other.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3 & CH_3 \\ \hline Br & CH_2 \\ \hline \\ CH_2 CH_3 \\ \hline \\ CH_2 CH_3 \\ \hline \\ 2R,3R \\ \hline \\ III \\ \hline \\ enantiomers \\ \end{array}$$

Stereoisomers that are not Enantiomers are Diastereomers of Each Other

Note: In diastereomers, all the stereocenters are not mirror image related as in enantiomers.

Unlike the mirror-image related enantiomers, diastereomers have different physical and chemical properties. The diastereomeric relationship between structures is an important and fundamental principle in simple organic and biological systems.

Meso Compounds: A Special Stereochemical Situation

The maximum number of stereoisomers when there are two stereocenters is 2^2 = 4. But structural symmetry influences this analysis.

Example: 2,3-dibromobutane

There are two stereocenters in this compound. CH_3 -CH-CH- CH_3 B_r B_r

The four possible stereoisomers of 2,3-dibromobutane are:

At first view, it may appear that this compound exists in four unique stereoisomeric forms as found in 2,3-dibromopentane, but.....

Structural Symmetry: The Meso Diastereomer

symmetry reduces the number of stereoisomers from four to three.

A more careful inspection of the four possible stereoisomers reveals that I and II are not different because one structure may be superimposed on the other. They are the same stereoisomer.

Thus, 2,3-dibromobutane exists in only three unique stereoisomeric forms: I=II, and the enantiomeric pair III and IV.

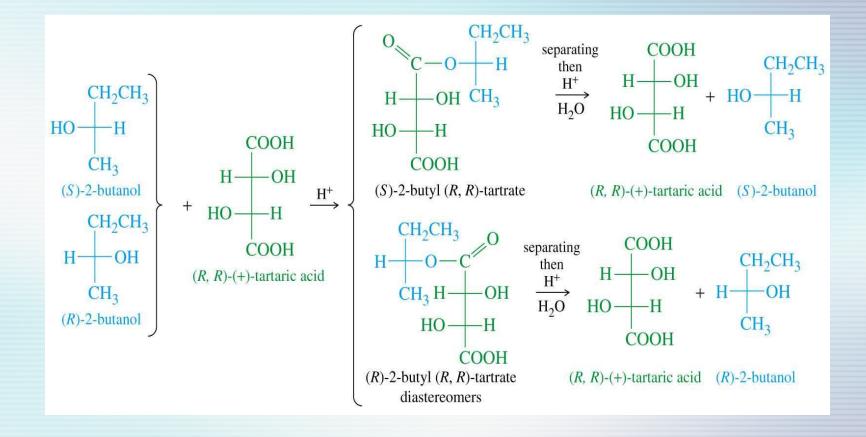
The Diastereomers of 2,3-Dibromobutane

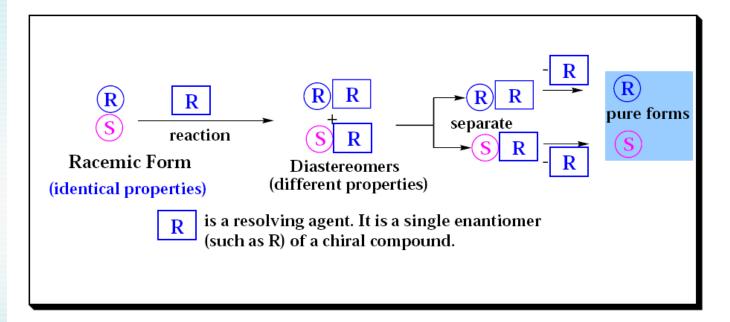
Stereoisomer I=II is achiral and is called a meso diastereomer. The meso diastereomer has an internal plane of symmetry that necessarily makes it achiral.

The Chiral Diastereomer of 2,3-Dibromobutane

This diastereomer is sometimes called the (±) or (d,l) diastereomer, meaning it exists in enantiomeric forms, to distinguish it from the meso-diastereomer.

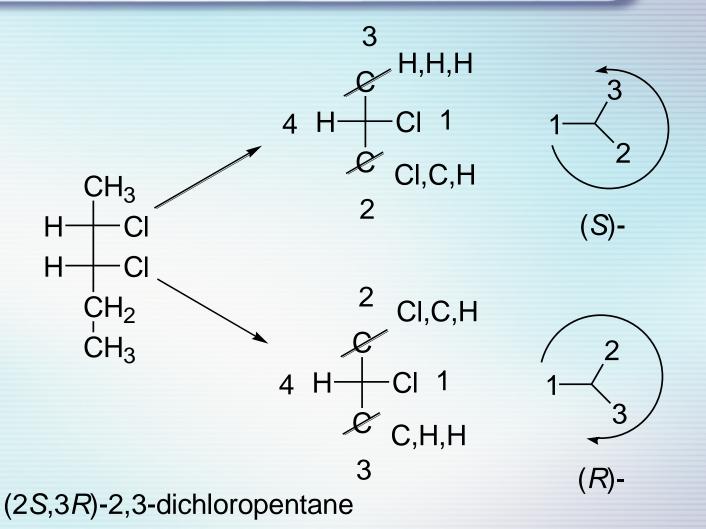
Resolution of Enantiomers





The racemic form (R,S) is reacted with a single enantiomer (R) of a resolving agent to produce diastereomers (R,R and S,R) that are separable by physical means. The resolving agent is then removed producing the pure enantiomers R and S.

جزيئات ذات أكثر من مركز يدوي C(+)enantiomers **R**(+) $\mathbb{C}(+)$ **C**(-) C(+)R(+)2R(+) C(-)R(+)C(-)R(+)C(+)R(+)**R**(+) diastereomers $\mathbf{C}(-)$



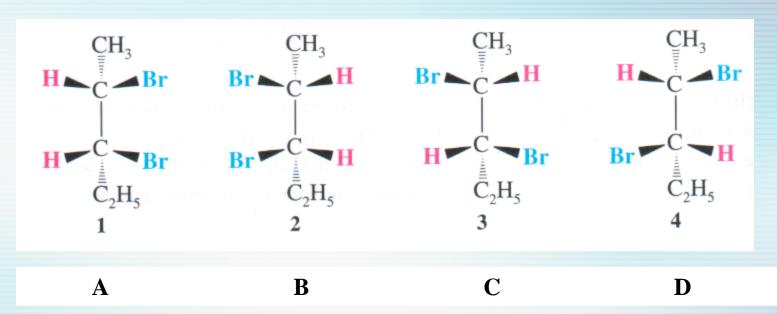
meso-compound – a compound that has chiral centers but is not chiral (optically inactive).

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II

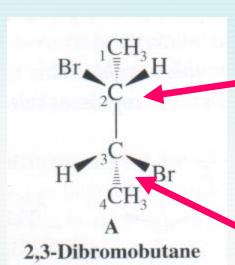
III

Example: 2,3-Dibromopentane

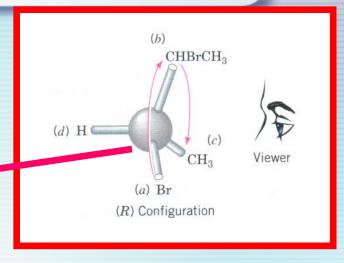


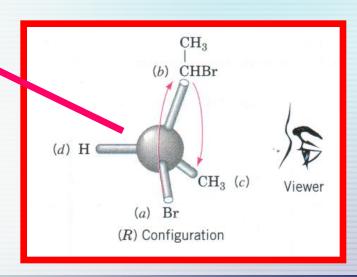
How many stereocenters are there?
How many enantiomers and which are them?
How many diastereomers and which are them?

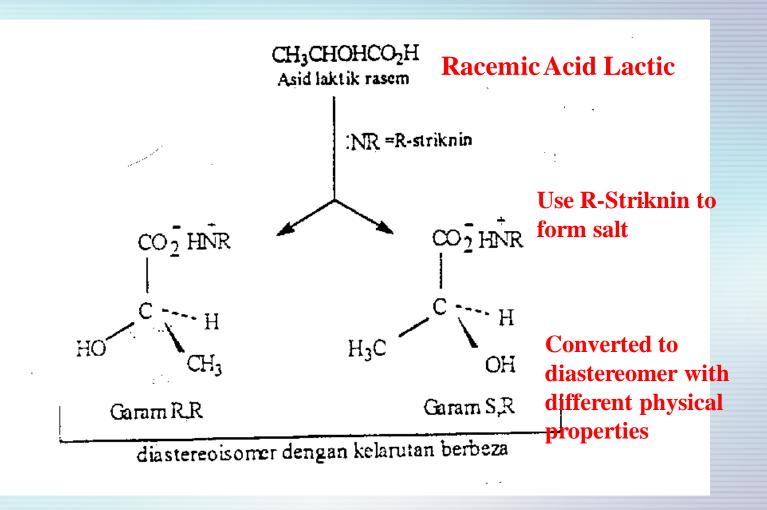
- 2 stereocenters (4 stereoisomer, $2^2 = 4$)
- 2 pairs of enantiomers: A and B; C and D.
- 4 pairs of diastereomers: A and D; A and C, B and C; B and D

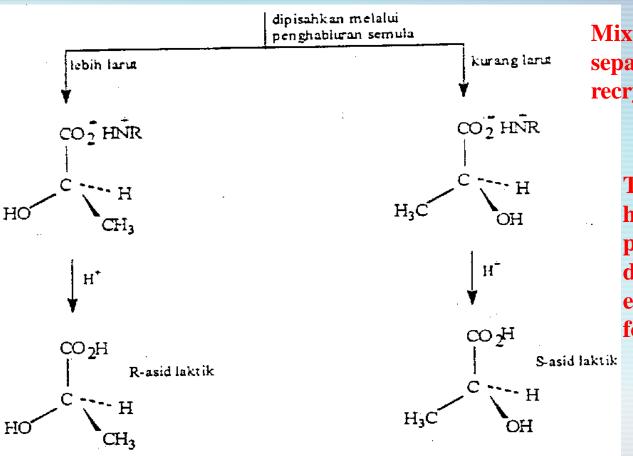


(2R, 3R)-2,3-Dibromobutane









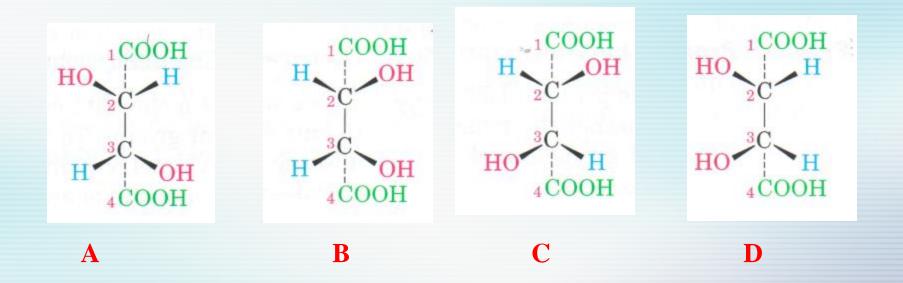
Mixture of salts separated by recrystallization

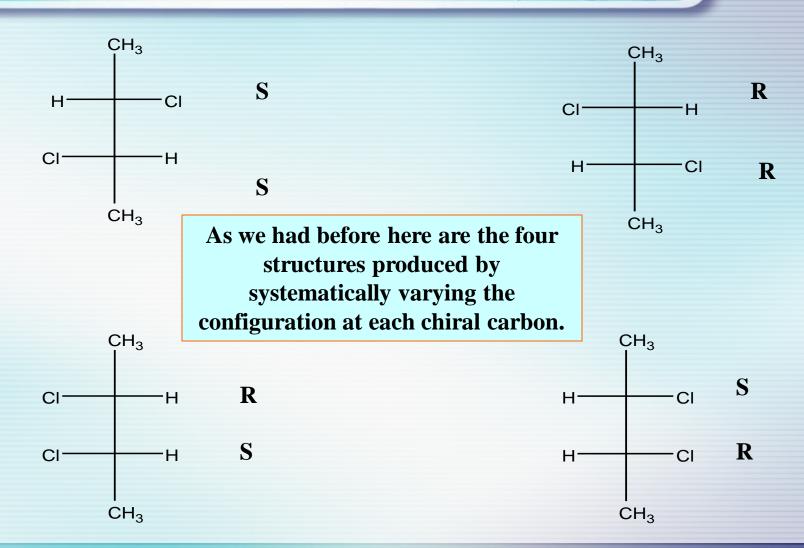
The salt is hydrolyzed to produce the two different enantiomeric forms.

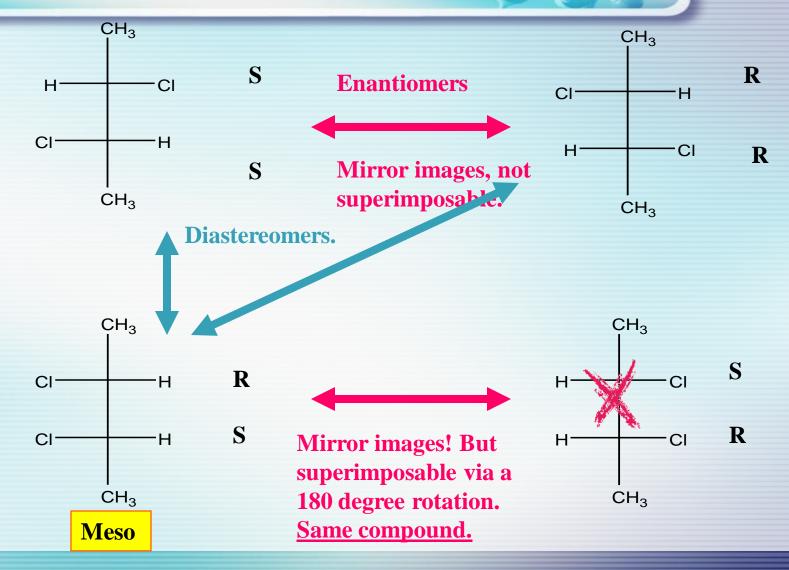
Exercise III

For the tartaric acid compounds shown below:

- 1. Determine whether the configuration is R or S for each stereocentre.
- 2. Which are the enantiomers and meso compounds?





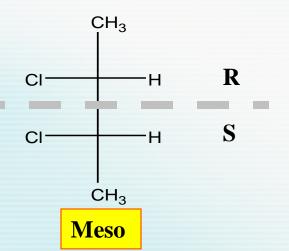


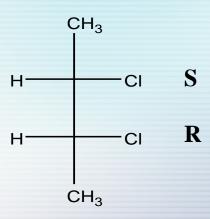
Has at least two chiral carbons. Corresponding carbons are of opposite configuration.

Can be superimposed on mirror object, optically inactive.

Can demonstrate mirror plane of symmetry

Molecule is achiral. Optically inactive. Specific rotation is zero.





Can be superimposed by 180 deg rotation.

