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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Characteristics of Organic Compounds

- Comparison between organic and inorganic compounds
- **Unique Nature of Carbon Atom**
- Classification of Organic Compounds
- Functional groups
- Nomenclature of Organic Compounds
- Nomenclature of different classes of organic compounds
- IUPAC Rules for Naming an Organic Compound
- Writing the structural formula of organic compounds
- **Homologous Series**
- Isomerism in organic compounds

Modern definition of organic compounds

Organic compounds, whether natural or synthetic, contain carbon and hydrogen as the main elements along with other elements like nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur, halogens and phosphorus. Therefore, organic chemistry is defined as the chemistry of carbon compounds containing usually hydrogen and one or more additional elements like oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, halogens and phosphorus.



Characteristics of Organic Compounds

- **1.** They are compounds of carbon.
- **2.** They can exist in all three states, i.e. solid, liquid and gas.
- **3.** They are covalent compounds.
- **4.** They are insoluble in water but dissolve in organic solvents like benzene and toluene.
- 5. They have low melting points and boiling points.
- 6. They are poor conductors of electricity.
- **7.** They are volatile and flammable.
- 8. The reaction rate of organic compounds is slow.
- 9. They exhibit isomerism.

Comparison between organic and inorganic compounds

This comparison is made on the fact that the bonding in organic compounds is entirely covalent while most inorganic compounds have ionic bonds.

Note: Refer to Table 12.1 for comparison of properties of organic and inorganic compounds .

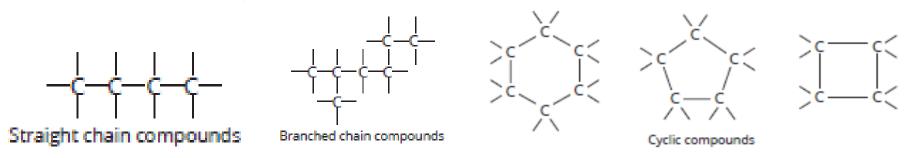
Unique Nature of Carbon Atom

A carbon atom has unique nature which enables the existence of a large number of organic compounds.

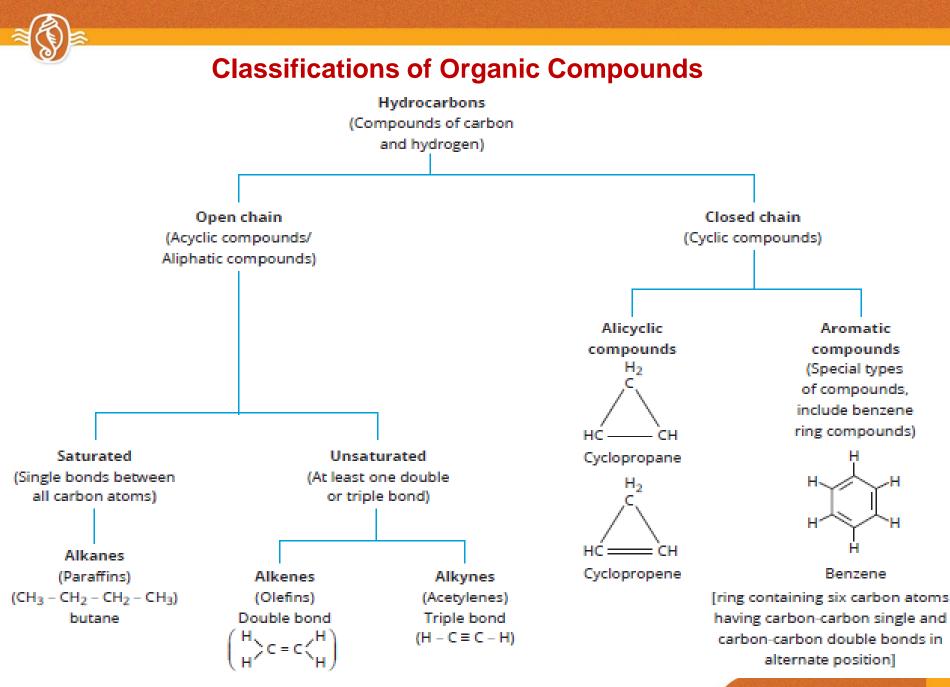


1. Tetravalency of carbon atom: Carbon has four valence electrons and it forms four covalent bonds by sharing its four electrons with atoms of carbon or atoms of some other element. This characteristic property of the carbon atom, by the virtue of which it forms four covalent bonds, is called **tetravalency**.

2. Catenation: Carbon has the unique ability to form bonds with other atoms of carbon, thereby, forming a large number of molecules. This property is called **catenation**. These compounds may have long chains of carbon, branched chain of carbon or carbon atoms arranged in a ring. Carbon atoms may be linked by single, double or triple bonds.



3. Isomerism: Organic compounds having the same molecular formula but different structural formulae are called isomers and the phenomenon is called **isomerism**. The isomers have different properties as the arrangement of atoms are different.





Organic compounds can be classified as:

- 1. Open chain compounds
- 2. Closed chain compounds

Open chain compounds are also called **aliphatic compounds** (or acyclic compounds) and closed chain compounds are called **cyclic compounds**.

Cyclic compounds can be classified further into heterocyclic compounds and homocyclic or carbocyclic compounds.

Homocyclic or **carbocyclic compound** is a compound in which the ring comprises only carbon atoms.

A **heterocyclic compound** contains other elements besides carbon in the ring. Homocyclic compounds then can be subdivided into alicyclic compounds and aromatic compounds.

Hydrocarbons: Hydrocarbons are organic compounds containing only carbon and hydrogen. They are divided into aliphatic (open chain) and cyclic (closed chain) compounds.



Hydrocarbons can either be **saturated** or **unsaturated**. Saturated hydrocarbons contain only single covalent bonds between carbon atoms. Saturated hydrocarbons are called **alkanes** or **paraffins**.

Unsaturated hydrocarbons contain atleast one carboncarbon double bond or carbon-carbon triple bond. Unsaturated hydrocarbons are of two types, **alkenes** or **olefins** and **alkynes** or **acetylenes**.

Functional group

A functional group is a chemically reactive atom or group of atoms present within the molecule of an organic compound which is responsible for its characteristic chemical properties. All the compounds with same functional group show similar chemical properties. For example, compounds containing an –OH (hydroxyl) group shows similar chemical reactions.

Note: Refer to Table 12.2 for Some functional groups in carbon compounds

Nomenclature of Organic Compounds

There are two systems for naming the organic compounds:

- 1. Trivial system
- 2. IUPAC system



1. Trivial system: The organic compounds are named on the basis of their source, properties and their Latin or Greek origin. For example

2. IUPAC system: The IUPAC system assigns only one name to the compound. A systematic name of an organic compound may consists of:
 Root Word: This depends upon the number of carbon atoms selected present in the longest carbon chain.

Suffix: The suffix is added to the appropriate root word. The suffix represents the nature of the functional group.

Prefix: This denotes the substituent (alkyl group or functional group) if present in the carbon chain.

Nomenclature of different classes of organic compounds

1. Alkanes

General formula: C_nH_{2n+2} UPAC name: Alkane Examples: **Formula** CH₄

IUPAC name Methane Ethane



2. Alkenes

General formula: C_nH_{2n} IUPAC name: Alkene Examples: **Formula**

Formul C_2H_4 C_3H_6

3. Alkynes

General formula: $C_n H_{2n-2}$ UPAC name: Alkyne Examples: Formula $C_2 H_2$

IUPAC name Ethene

Propene

IUPAC name Ethyne Propyne

4. Halogen derivatives

General formula: $C_n H_{2n+1} X$ (where X = F, CI,Br, I)

 C_3H_4

FormulaIUPAC nameCH3CIChloromethaneC2H5BrBromoethane

5. Alcohols General formula: $C_n H_{2n+1}$ OH

Common name Methyl chloride Ethyl bromide



Formula
CH ₃ OH
C_2H_5OH

IUPAC name Methanol Ethanol

Common name Methyl alcohol Ethyl alcohol

6. Aldehydes General formula: $C_n H_{2n+1} CHO$ **IUPAC** name Formula Methanal HCHO CH₃CHO Ethanal

7. Ketones

Formula

General formula: $C_n H_{2n+2} CO$

CH3COCH3 CH3COC2H5

IUPAC name 2-Propanone 2-Butanone

Common name

Formaldehyde Acetaldehyde

Common name

Acetone Ethyl methyl ketone

8. Carboxylic acid

General formula: CnH2n + 1COOH

Formula

HCOOH CH3COOH **IUPAC** name Methanoic acid Ethanoic acid

Common name

Formic acid Acetic acid



9. Ethers

General formula: $C_n H_{2n+2} O$ FormulaIUPAC nameCH3OCH3MethoxymethaneCH3OC2H5Methoxyethane

Common name Dimethyl ether Ethyl methyl ether

IUPAC rules for naming an organic compound

Note: For naming the organic compound, pl. refer to the rules described in detail in the book p 174 to 177.

Writing the structural formula of organic compounds

1. Write the number of carbon atoms in the chain according to the word root and number them.

2. Now according to suffix, —ane, —ene or —yne, the position of the bond is specified in the parent chain.

3. Next add the functional group or substituent to the mentioned carbon atom.
4. Add –H to complete the bonding of carbon atoms.

Homologous Series

A homologous series is a series of organic compounds each containing a characteristic functional group. The successive members of the series are called homologues.



Characteristics of homologous series

Different members of a homologous series can be assigned the same general formula. For example, the alkanes are represented by CnH2n+2.
 Every member of a homologous series differs from its successive member by a CH₂ group.

3. All homologues have the same chemical properties.

4. Different homologues can be prepared by the same general method of preparation.

5. The root names of all homologues depend on the number of carbon atoms.6. An increase in molecular mass of members within a homologous series

shows a regular gradation of the physical properties, such as physical state, melting point and boiling point. Melting and boiling points of compounds in a homologous series increase with increase in molecular mass.

Note: Refer to Table 12.7 for Homologus Series

Structure Of Some Common Organic Compounds

Organic compounds are covalently bonded compounds in which carbon bonds with other elements and also with other carbon atoms. Carbon is tetravalent, which means its valency can be satisfied when it bonds with four other elements.



Carbon can also form double and triple bonds either with other carbon atoms or atoms of other elements capable of forming such bonds.

Organic compounds can therefore be represented by molecular and structural formulae. **Refer to (Table 12.8).**

Isomerism in Organic Compounds

Compounds that have the same molecular formula but different molecular structures (structural formulae) are called **isomers** and the phenomenon is called **isomerism**.

Isomerism arises due to the:

a. difference in the mode of linking of atoms. For example: C_3H_8O can be written as $CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$ as well as $CH_3CH_2OCH_3$

b. difference in the arrangement of atoms or groups in space. For example, 1,

2 – dibromoethene can be drawn as:

$$H_{Br} C = C \begin{pmatrix} H & H \\ Br & Br \end{pmatrix} C = C \begin{pmatrix} Br \\ H \end{pmatrix}$$



Classification of isomerism

Isomerism can be classified into two broad types:

1. Structural isomerism 2. Stereoisomerism

Structural isomerism is further of four types:

- 1. Chain isomerism 2. Positional isomerism
- **3.** Functional isomerism **4.** Tautomerism

Stereoisomerism is again of two types:

1. Optical isomerism 2. Geometrical isomerism

Chain isomers are compounds that have the same molecular formula but different carbon skeleton. This phenomenon is called chain isomerism.

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For example, Butane CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3
Iso-butane CH_3 - CH - CH_3
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Positional isomers are compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in the position of particular atoms or groups. The phenomenon is termed positional isomerism.

For example,

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Propan-1-ol CH_3 - CH_2 - CH_2 - OH

Propan-2-ol CH_3 - CH - CH_3
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Functional isomers are compounds that have the same molecular formula but different functional groups and therefore belong to different homologous series. The phenomenon is called functional isomerism.

For example,

Ethyl alcohol C₂H₅OH Dimethyl ether CH₃ – O – CH₃

Tautomers are compounds that have the same molecular formula but contain different functional groups that are in equilibrium.



SUMMARY

- 1. Compounds can be classified as organic and inorganic.
- **2.** Organic compounds are the compounds of carbon. They exist in all three states, i.e. solids, liquids and gases.
- **3.** Organic compounds have low melting points and boiling points and are poor conductors of electricity. **4.** The reaction rate of organic compounds is low.
- 5. Organic compounds exhibit isomerism.
- **6.** Organic compounds can also be classified as acyclic and cyclic; homocyclic and heterocyclic; saturated and unsaturated.
- **7.** A series of organic compounds containing a particular characteristic group is called the homologous series.
- **8.** Different members of a homologous series can be assigned the same general formula.
- **9.** Every member of a homologous series is called a homologue and differs from its successive member by a CH₂ group.

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- **10.** All homologues have the same chemical properties.
- **11.** The steps to be followed during nomenclature of organic compounds:
- Identify the longest chain.
- Number the chain suitably and therefore select the root word from the numbering.



- Depending on the nature of the chain attached, suffixes like –ane, –ene and –yne are used.
- Add prefixes and suffixes with appropriate numerals to indicate the number and position of each side chain, functional group or the substituent.
- **12.** The steps to be followed when writing the structural formulae of organic compounds:
- Locate the parent alkane from the name.
- Write the number of carbon atoms in the chain and number them.
- Now locate suffixes.
- Locate the functional groups.
- Then add the substituents as the side chains.
- Add –H to complete the bonding.
- **13.** Organic compounds that have the same molecular formula but different structural formulae are called **isomers** and the phenomenon is called **isomerism**.
- 14. Isomerism can be classified into two broad types:
 - Structural isomerism Stereoisomerism
- **15.** Structural isomerism is of four types:
- Chain isomerism
 Positional isomerism
- Functional isomerism Tautomerism

