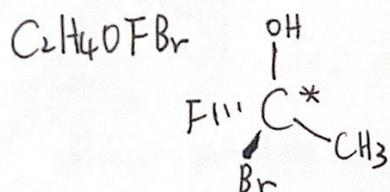


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①

Stereoisomers: same constitutional isomer, same bond connectivity, but different arrangement of groups in 3D space.



chiral center: 4 different groups around a tetrahedral atom

Chirality: phenomenon for object that are not superimposable on their mirror image.

Enantiomers = non-superimposable mirror images

Diastereomers = stereoisomers that aren't enantiomers

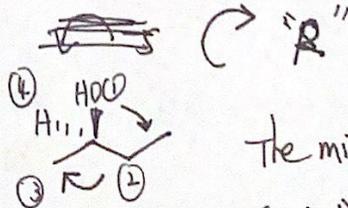
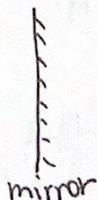
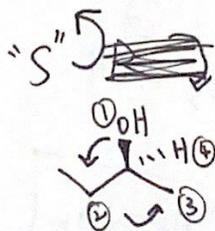
↳ need at least 2 chiral centers

Meso Compound = 2 chiral centers, but itself is not a chiral object.

Each chiral center has the same 4 groups

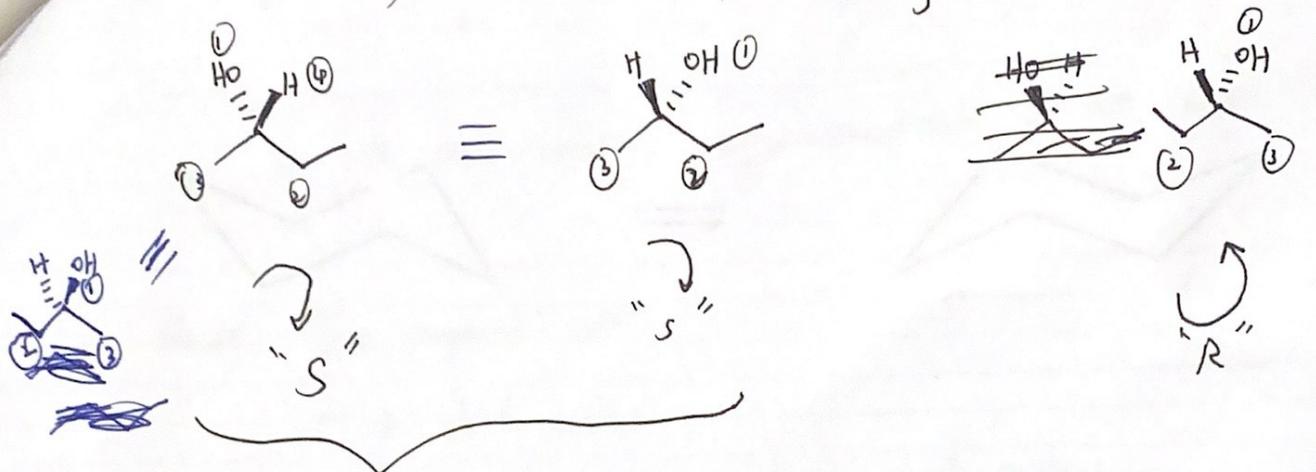
Assigning chirality → assigning R/S

① When lowest priority group is in back (dash)



The mirror image of S is R.

② lowest priority group is in front (|) wedge.

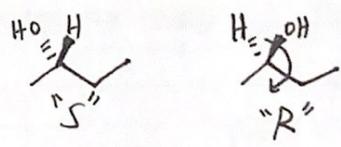


Wedge on right vs left

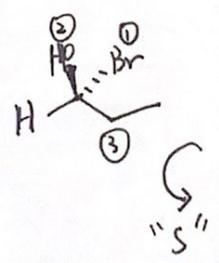
⇓  
No difference in R/S assignment

⇓  
same molecule.

However, if you switch any 2 groups from wedge to dash, you get the enantiomer!



③ lowest priority group is in the plane ("|" solid line)



⇒ Try to "see" this molecule from the way that putting the lowest priority group back.

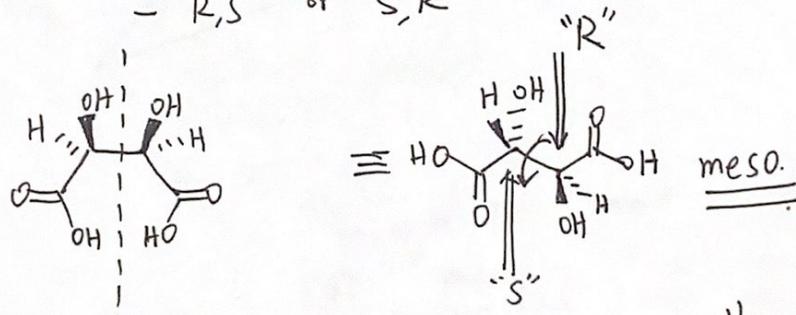


③

All the same molecule. flips/rotations/turns do not change chirality

Meso: One compound with:

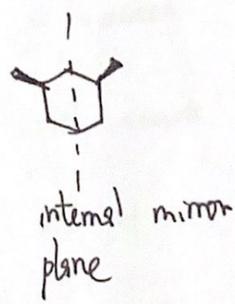
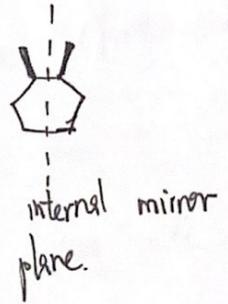
- 2 chiral centers
- same 4 groups on both chiral centers
- R,S or S,R



internal mirror plane

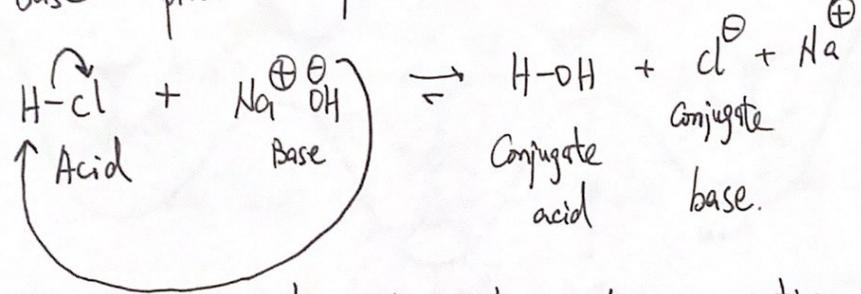
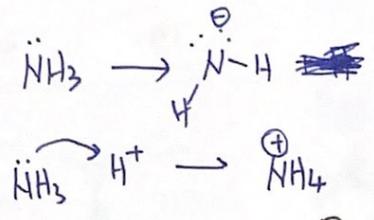
→ meso → superimposable on mirror image.

↓  
Not a chiral molecule,  
Not optically active.

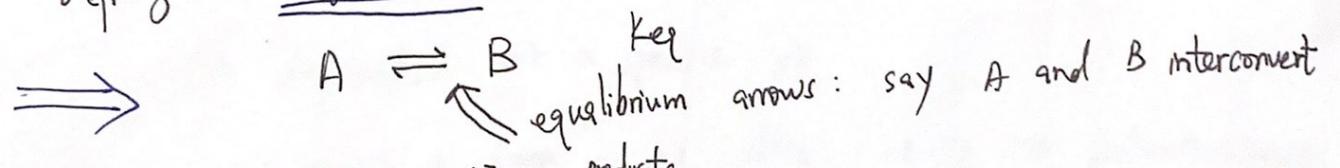


# Acid - Base

{ Acid = proton donor  
 (H<sup>+</sup>)  
 Base = proton acceptor



We can describe mathematically "how far" a reaction proceeds by defining an equilibrium constant



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{B}]}{[\text{A}]} = \frac{\text{products}}{\text{reactants}}$$

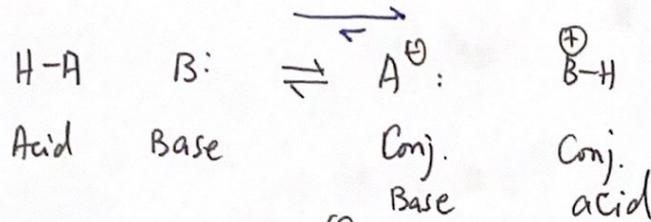
$K_{eq}$  tells us which side (starting material / left side / reactants) vs (products / right side) is favored at equilibrium.

- If  $K_{eq} = 1 \rightarrow$  equal amount of A and B
- $K_{eq} = \infty \rightarrow$  lots of B, little A
- $K_{eq} = 0.0000001 \rightarrow$  lots of A, little B

For acids and bases:

stability matters

(2)



$$K_A = \frac{[\text{A}^\ominus][\text{B-H}]}{[\text{HA}][\text{B:}]}$$

$K_A \in (10^{-20}, 10^{55})$

We use log scale to make the #'s small.

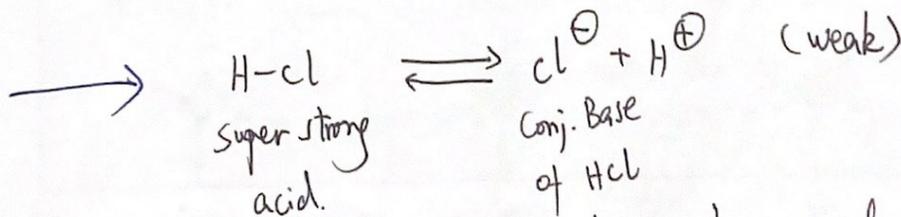
$$pK_A = -\log_{10} K_A$$

$K_A$  and  $pK_A$  tell us how much an acid will be protonated vs deprotonated at a specific pH.

↳ reflect a given acid's intrinsic ability to protonate base

Smaller  $pK_A$  values  $\rightarrow$  stronger acid.

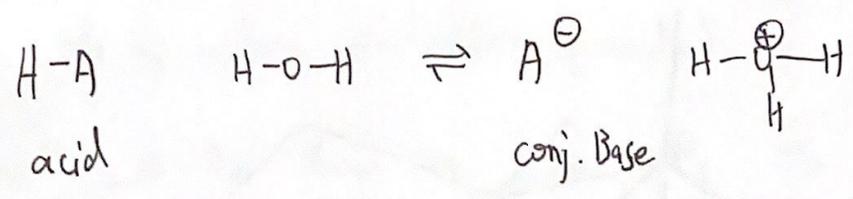
$\Downarrow$   
stable conjugate base



Equilibrium favors formation of the weaker acid

↳ for a given pair of "acids", the smaller the  $pK_A$ , the stronger the acid.

↳ A stronger acid will react to form a more stable anion  
 $\Downarrow$   
[more stable] conj. base.

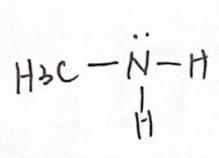


If  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$        $\# \text{HA} = \# \text{A}^{\ominus}$   
 $[\text{Acid}] = [\text{Conj. Base}]$

$\text{pH} > \text{pK}_a$        $\# \text{HA} < \# \text{A}^{\ominus}$   
 $[\text{Acid}] < [\text{Conj. Base}]$

$\text{pH} < \text{pK}_a$        $[\text{Acid}] > [\text{Conj. Base}]$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 Acid is mostly protonated.

A given acid will be protonated if the pH of the solution is less than the pKa of the acid.



Acid or Base ?  
 $\Downarrow$   
 It depends.

the molecular environment (pH) determines whether a molecule functions as an acid or a base

The number of protons an  $\text{sp}^3$ -hybrid N-atom is bound to changes w/ pH. (recall low pH means acidic solution, lots of  $\text{H}^+$ s around)

More stable anion has  $\ominus$  (negative charge)

(5)

① On a more E.N atom  $\text{HO}^\ominus > \text{CH}_3^\ominus$

② On an atom with more s-character ( $sp > sp^2 > sp^3$ )

③ on a larger atom  $\text{I}^\ominus > \text{F}^\ominus$  50% s 33% s 25% s

④ stabilized by resonance delocalization  $\text{OH}^\ominus < \text{C}=\text{O}^\ominus$

⑤ stabilized by induction from nearby E.W. elements

Ex. Rank the following acids: 1 = most acidic 4 = least acidic

	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{CH}_4$	$\text{NH}_3$	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	C N O F S Cl Br I
1. Draw	$\text{HO}^\ominus$	$\text{CH}_3^\ominus$	$\text{NH}_2^\ominus$	$\text{SH}^\ominus$	
Conj. Base	2	4	3	1	

•  $\text{SH}^\ominus$  is more stable than  $\text{OH}^\ominus$  b/c S is bigger.

• from C, N, O, EN  $\uparrow$ , anion stability  $\uparrow$ , more acidic.

Rank the following acids: 1 = most acidic 4 = least acidic

