

IUPAC Nomenclature

Naming of alkanes forms basis for all the organic compound names.

1. Find the longest chain-

the number of carbons forms the parent name

CH₃ groups at end of chain!!!

2. Identify all groups (substituents) on the chain.

Learn the concept of alkyl groups: methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl

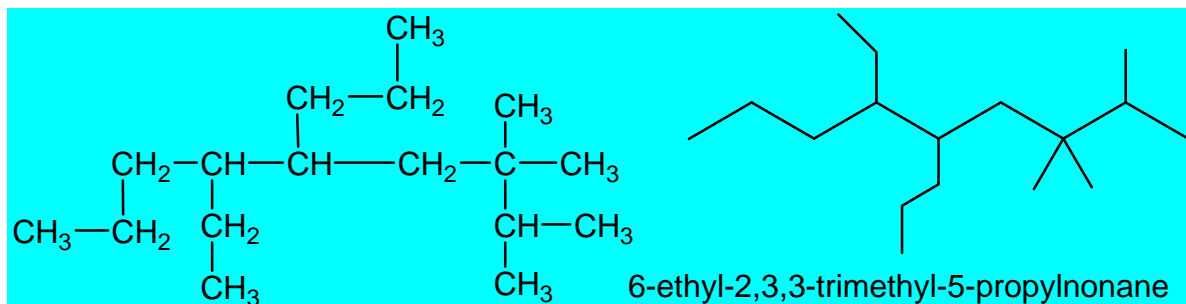
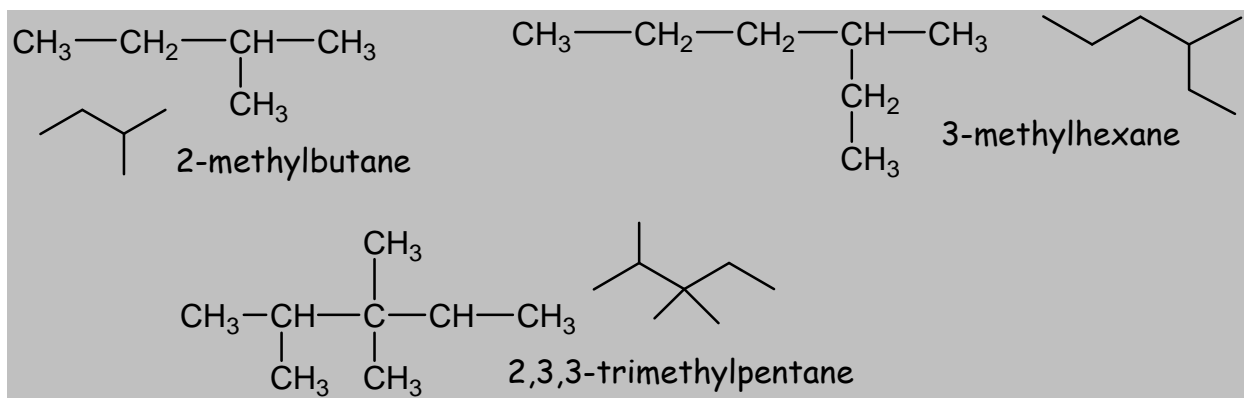
3. Number the longest chain and give each group a number to locate its position on the chain.

4. Use prefixes if a group appears more than once, (di, tri, tetra, etc.).

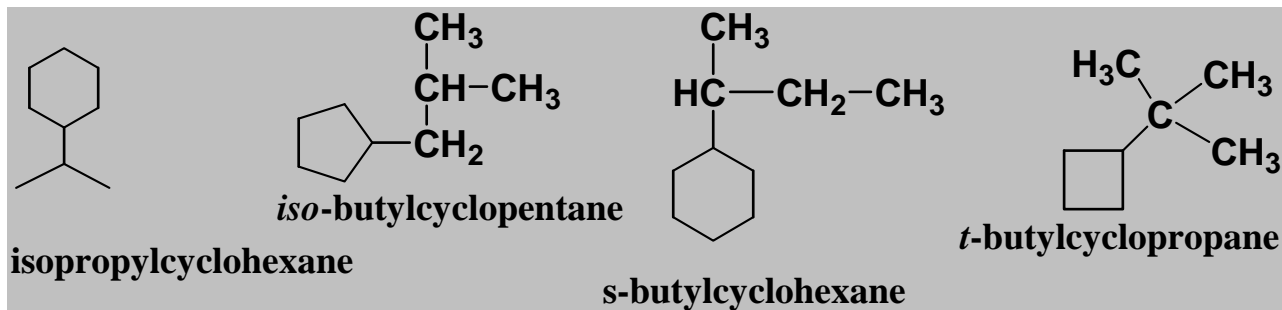
5. Alphabetize the groups when writing the name

Ignore prefixes except iso for alphabetizing

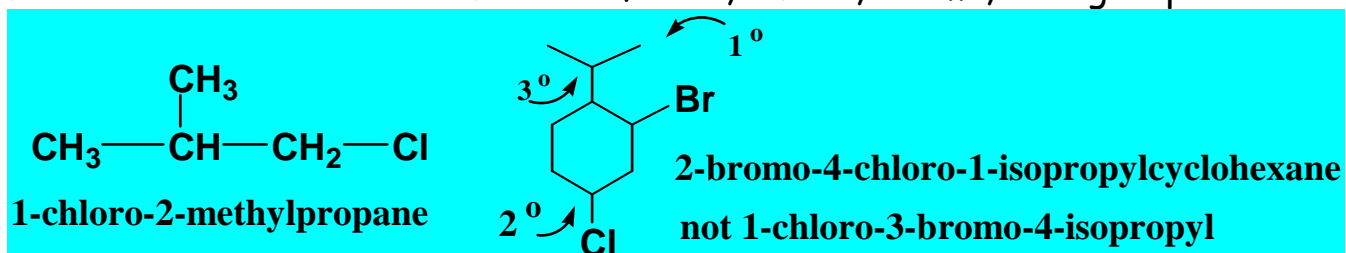
Examples:



Cycloalkanes- use prefix "cyclo" on parent hydrocarbon:

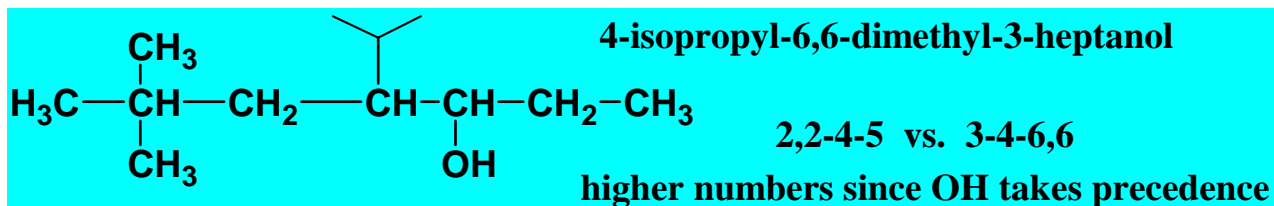
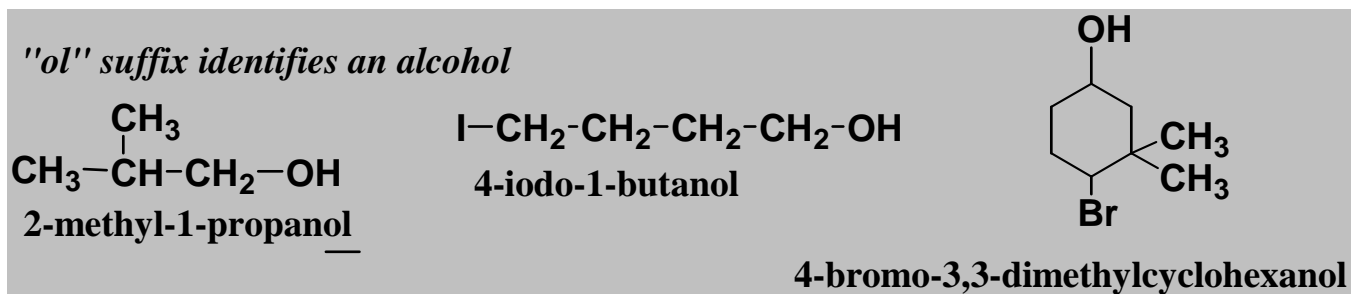


Halides- as substituents these are fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo groups:



Alcohols- OH group takes precedence over other substituents;
i.e. OH group gets lowest possible number

suffix changes from "ane" → "ol"



Recall classification of hydrogen atoms: primary, secondary, tertiary
(1°, 2°, and 3°)