

**(22) Today**

Sections 4.3 – 4.8 Stability of Cycloalkanes  
and Conformations of Cyclohexanes

Sections 5.1 – 5.5  
Chirality and Determining the Configuration of  
Chiral Centers

**Next Class (23)**

Canceled

**(24) Second Class from Today**

Canceled

**Third Class from Today (25)**

Review for Monday 11/4 Test on Chap 3,  
Chap 4, and Sections 5.1 and 5.2

Office hours on Thursday, October 24 Rescheduled.

Office hours on Friday, October 25 extended to 12:25.

Test on Monday, November 4, on Section 2.12, Chap 3, 4, and

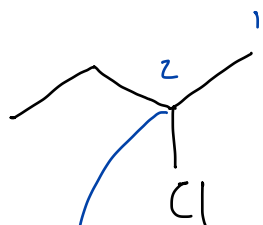
Sections 5.1 and 5.2

4 carbon atoms

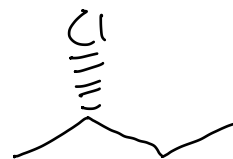
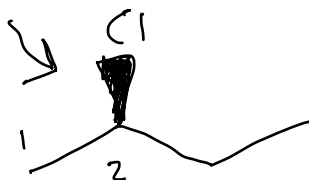
**2-chlorobutane** is chiral

chlorine on C-2

a 3-D representation of 2-chlorobutane



same



not identical molecules

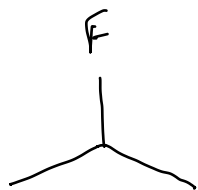
tetrahedral C can have at most 2 in-plane bonds

**2-fluoropropane** is achiral (not chiral)

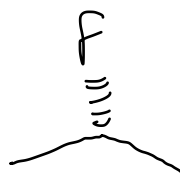
3 carbon atoms

fluorine on C-2

3-D



=>



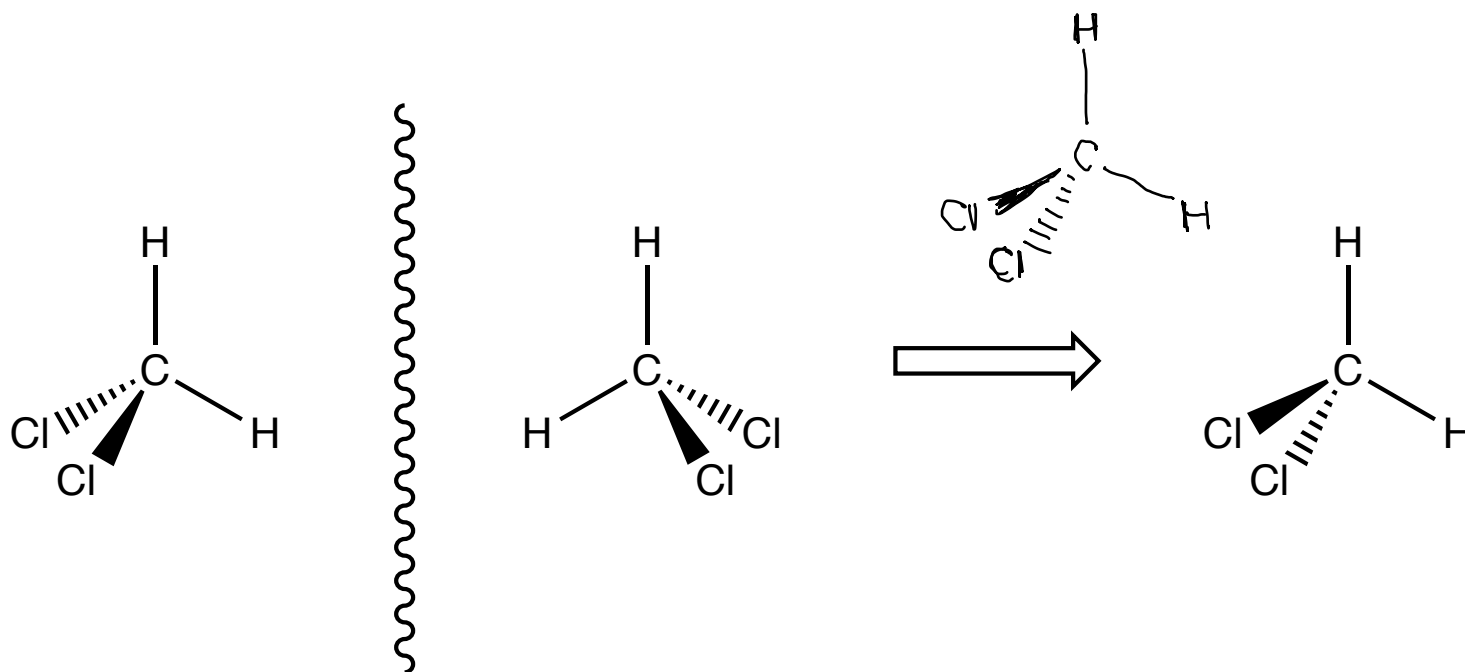
Identical?

yes

What makes your feet chiral?

A chiral object has a non-superposable mirror image

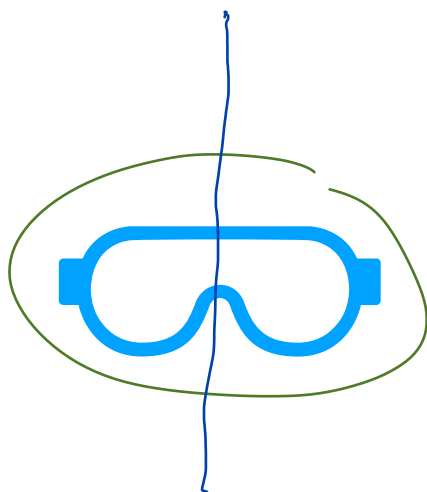
Superposable means that when you superimpose the two objects everything lines up.



Think about the object, not the drawing



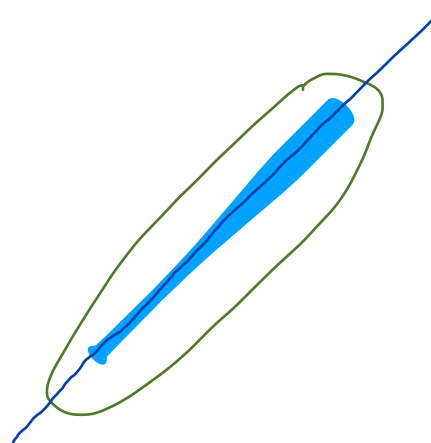
chiral



achiral



chiral



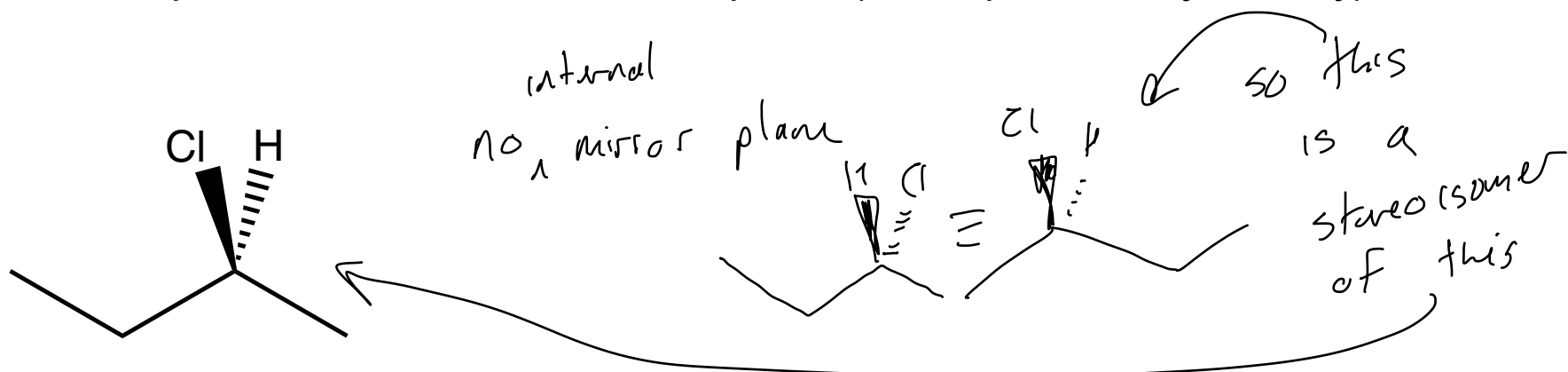
achiral



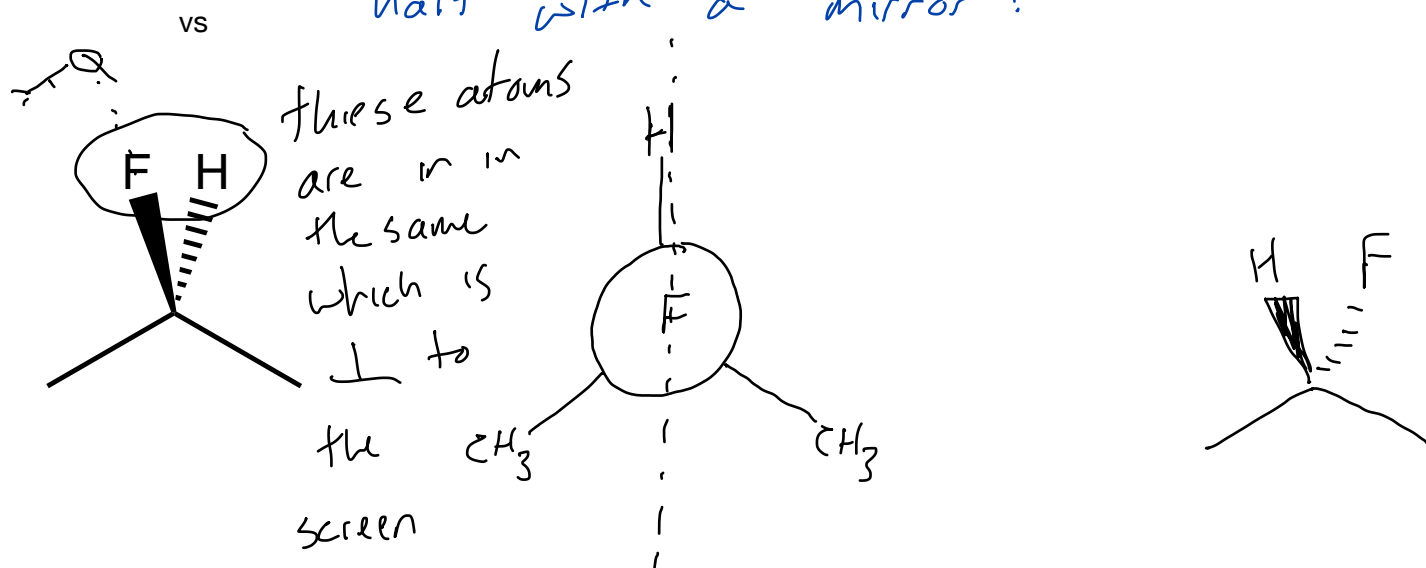
chiral

achiral object contain a mirror plane  
can be cut in half and replace the missing  
half with a mirror

A chiral object lacks an internal mirror plane (a.k.a. plane of symmetry)\*



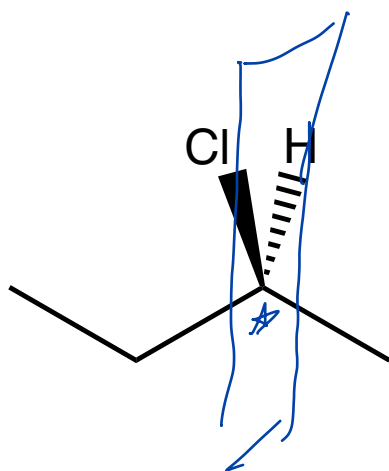
Can we cut the object in half and regenerate the missing half with a mirror?



\*Technically it's an improper axis of rotation, but a mirror plane is an  $S_1$  and a center of inversion is an  $S_2$

A chiral object lacks an internal mirror plane (a.k.a. plane of symmetry)\*

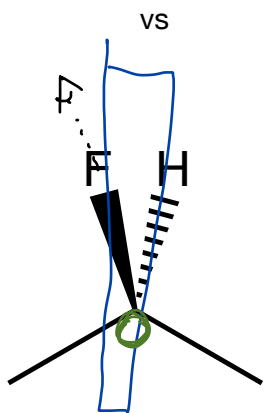
chiral  
H  
Cl  
CH<sub>3</sub>  
CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>



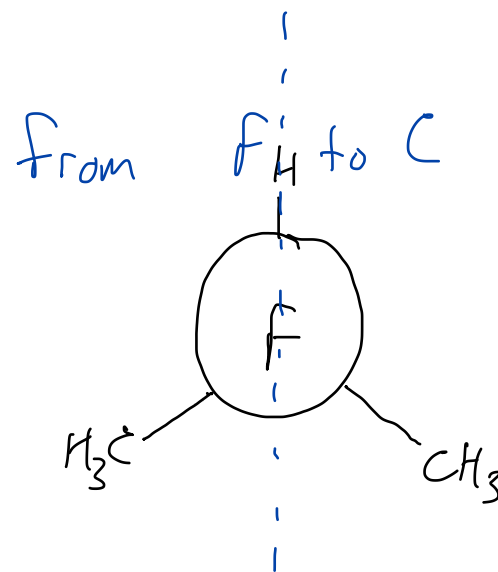
slicing the H + Cl in half doesn't represent a mirror plane because the CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> on left is not the same as the CH<sub>3</sub> on the right

Handedness.... chiral objects have nonsuperposable mirror images because they lack an internal mirror plane

H  
F  
CH<sub>3</sub>  
CH<sub>3</sub>  
achiral



F & H are in the same plane which is ⊥ to the screen.



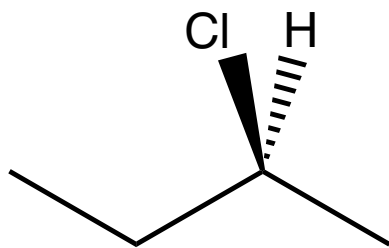
If you can't "see" this

\*Technically it's an improper axis of rotation, but a mirror plane is an S<sub>1</sub> and a center of inversion is an S<sub>2</sub>  
convert to Newman projection

# Finding Centers of Chirality

Section 5.1 – 5.5

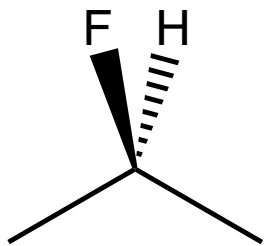
A chiral object lacks an internal mirror plane (a.k.a. plane of symmetry)\*



Cl  
H  
CH<sub>3</sub>  
CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

4 different groups connected  
to a tetrahedral atom...  
no internal mirror plane  
at that atom therefore  
the atom is a  
chirality center

vs



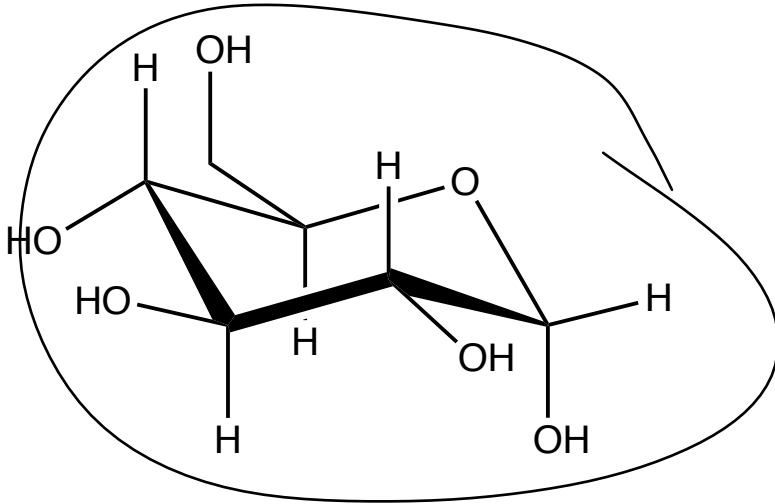
F  
H  
CH<sub>3</sub>  
CH<sub>3</sub>

not 4 different groups  
2 Me groups could be  
reflected by an internal  
mirror

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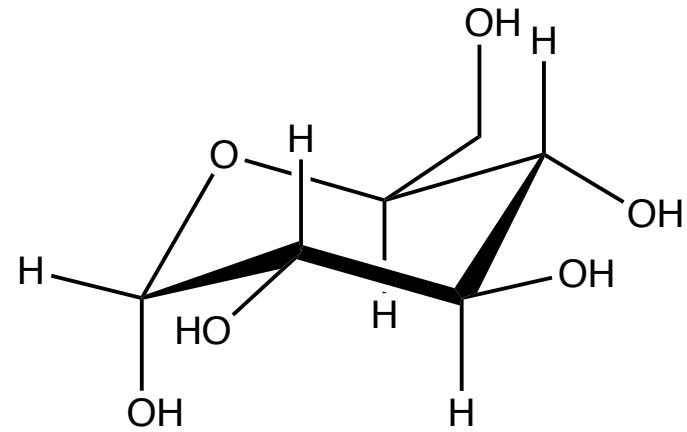
Why Do I care?

Section 5.1 – 5.5



D-glucose  
11¢ per gram

*naturally occurring  
glucose*



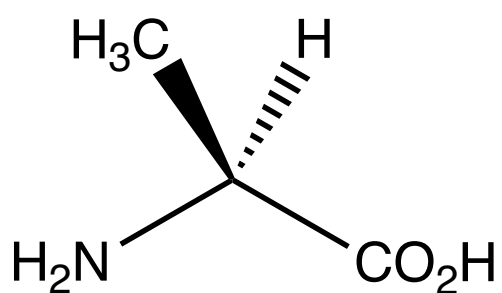
L-glucose  
\$130 per gram

*not naturally  
occurring*



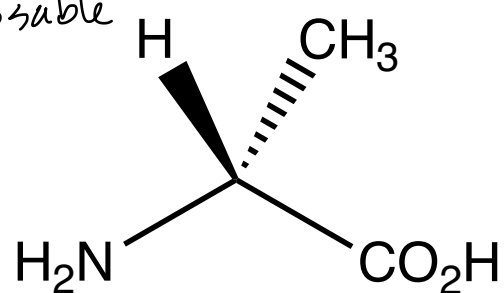
Why Do I care?

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L-alanine

*Mirror images  
not superposable*

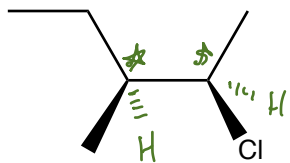


D-alanine

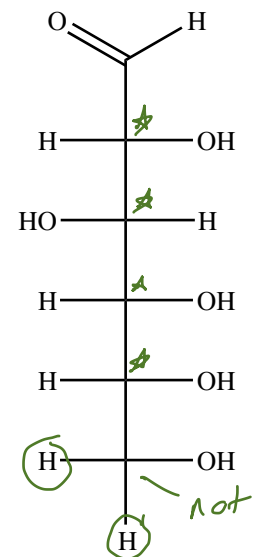
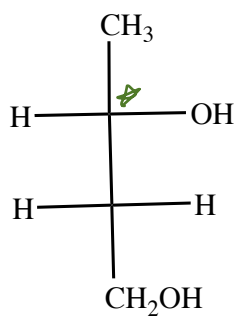
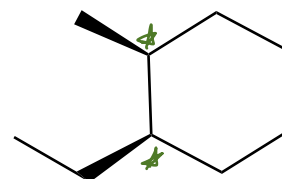
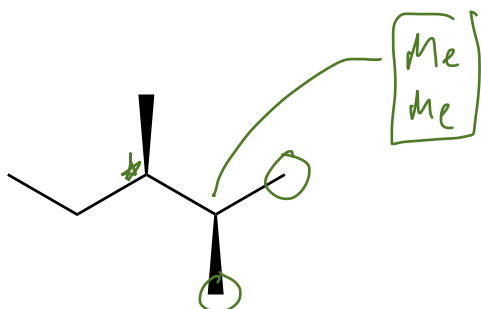
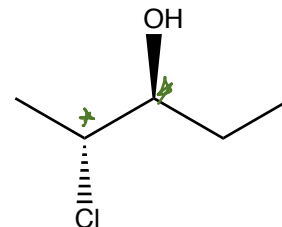
# Practice Recognizing centers of chirality

# Section 5.1 – 5.5

Et  
Me  
H  
CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

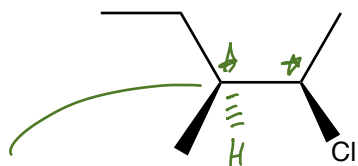


H  
Me  
Cl  
other stuff

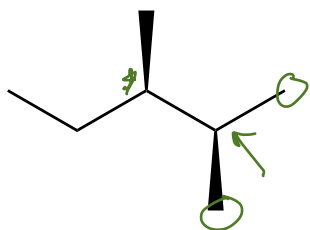
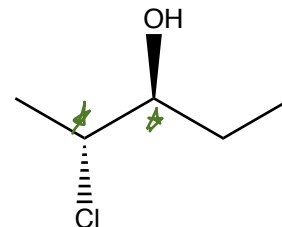


# Practice Recognizing centers of chirality

# Section 5.1 – 5.5



H  
 CH<sub>3</sub>  
 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>  
 CHClCH<sub>3</sub>



CH<sub>3</sub>  
 CH<sub>3</sub>  
 H  
 other stuff

