

CARBON AND ITS COMPOUNDS

CLASS 10 – SCIENCE

MODULE 2/3

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VERSATILE NATURE OF CARBON

Formation of a very large number of carbon compounds:

Carbon forms a very large number of compounds. The number of carbon compounds is more than three million. It is more than the number of compounds formed by all other elements. This is because of:-

1) TETRAVALENCY:

Since carbon has a valency of four, it is capable of bonding with four other atoms of carbon or atoms of some other mono-valent element. Compounds of carbon are formed with oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulphur, chlorine, etc.

2) CATENATION:

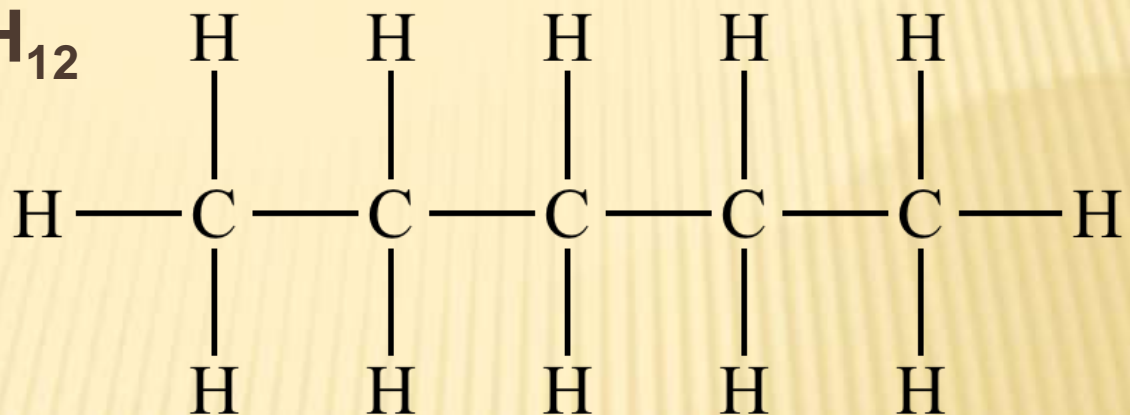
Carbon has the unique ability to form bonds with other atoms of carbon, giving rise to large molecules. This property is called catenation.

This results in the formation of:

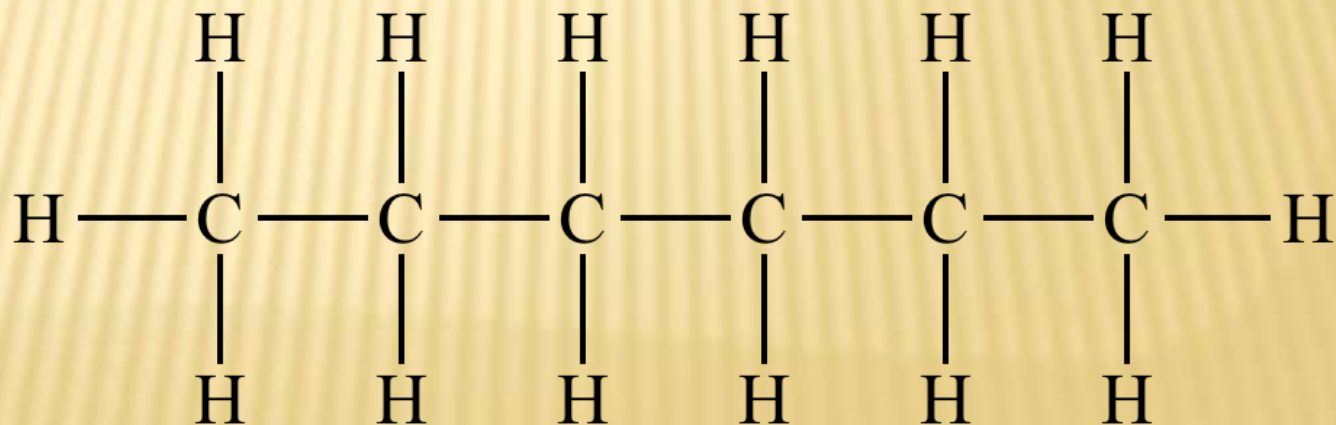
- a) Long chains of carbon
- b) Branched chains of carbon
- c) carbon atoms arranged in rings

EXAMPLES OF LONG CHAINS OF CARBON

Pentane – C₅H₁₂



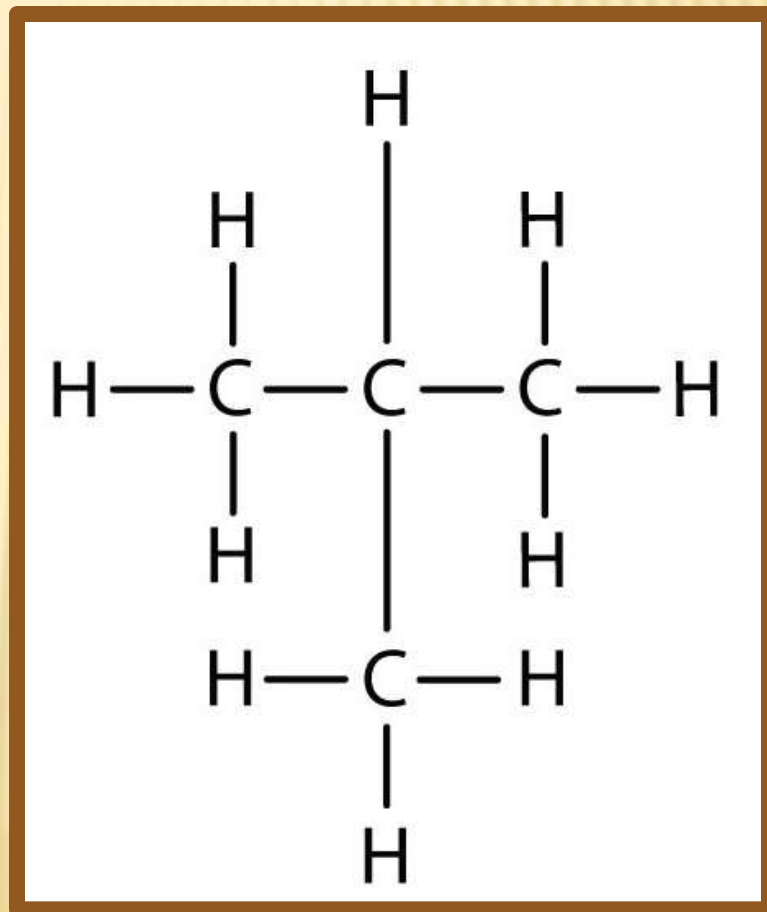
Hexane – C₆H₁₄



EXAMPLES OF BRANCHED CHAINS OF CARBON

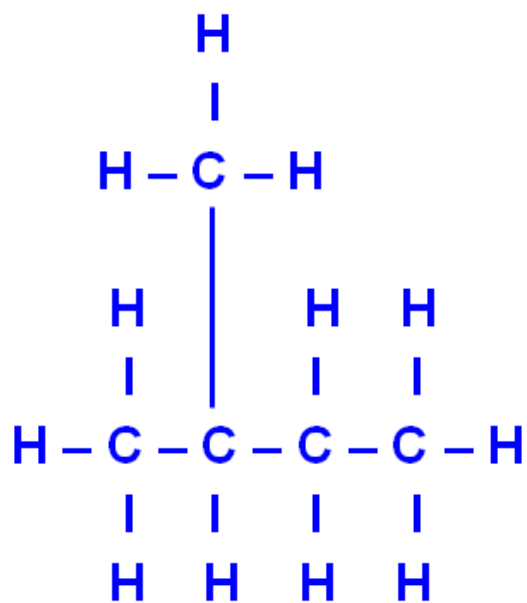
Butane – C₄H₁₀

Structure of
Iso butane:

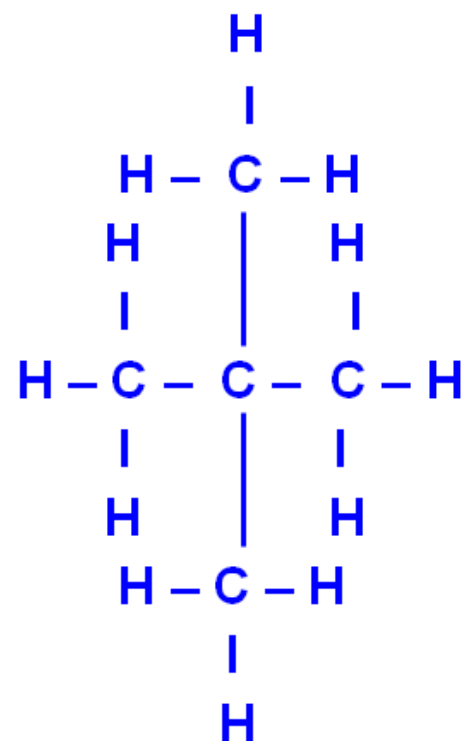


PENTANE - C₅H₁₂

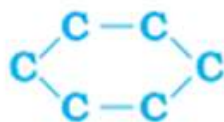
Iso pentane



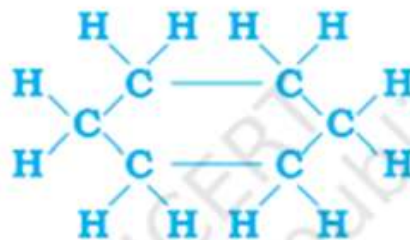
Neo pentane



EXAMPLES OF CARBON ATOMS ARRANGED IN RINGS

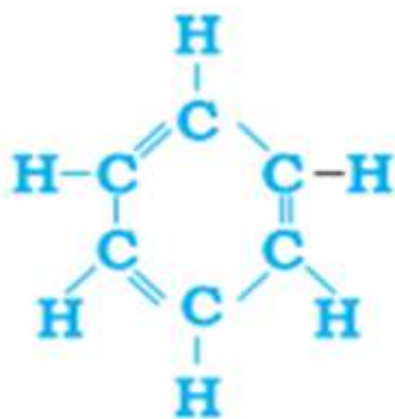


(a)



(b)

Structure of cyclohexane (a) carbon skeleton (b) complete molecule



Benzene — C_6H_6

Structure of benzene

HYDROCARBONS

Hydrocarbons:

Hydrocarbons are compounds containing carbon and hydrogen atoms.

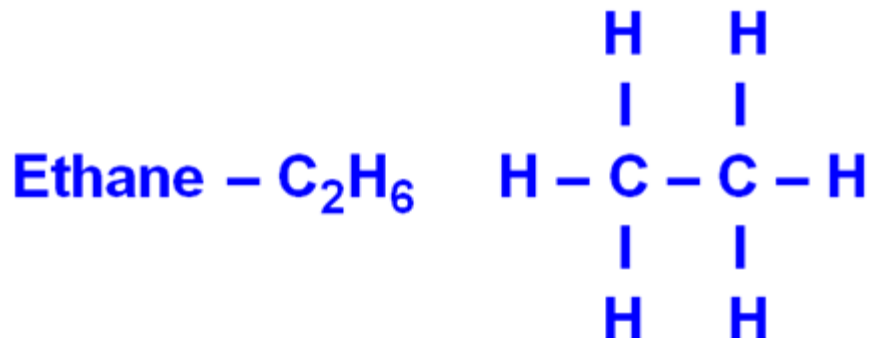
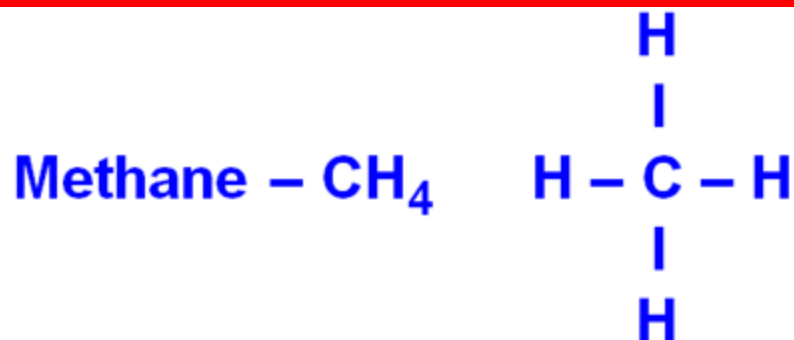
Types of Hydrocarbons:

- a) **Saturated Hydrocarbons** – are hydrocarbons having all single covalent bonds between the carbon atoms.
- b) **Unsaturated Hydrocarbons** – are hydrocarbons having a double or triple covalent bond between two carbon atoms.

SATURATED HYDROCARBONS

Alkanes:

have all single bonds between the carbon atoms and their names end with – ane.

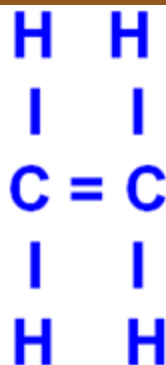


UNSATURATED COMPOUNDS

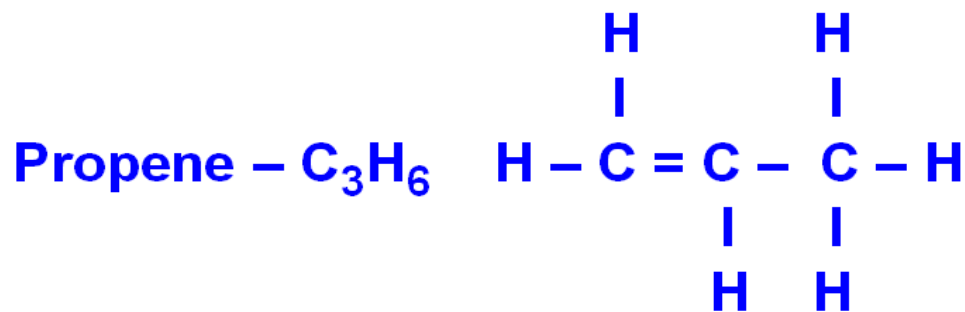
Alkenes:

have a double covalent bond between two carbon atoms and their names end with – ene.

Ethene - C_2H_4



Propene - C_3H_6



Alkynes:

have a triple covalent bond between two carbon atoms and names end with – yne.

