10th Science Lesson 11 Notes in English

11] Carbon And Its Compounds

Introduction

- You have studied, in your lower classes, that carbon is an inseparable element in human life as we use innumerable number of carbon compounds in our day to day life.
- Because, the food we eat, medicines we take when ill, clothes we wear; domestic and automobile fuels, paint, cosmetics, automobile parts, etc., that we use contain carbon compounds.
- The number of carbon compounds found in nature and man-made, is much higher than that of any other element in the periodic table.
- Infact there are more than 5 million compounds of carbon. The unique nature of carbon, such
 as catenation, tetravalency and multiple bonding, enables it to combine with itself or other
 elements like hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur etc., and hence form large number of
 compounds.
- All these compounds are made of covalent bonds. These compounds are called **organic compounds**. In this lesson, you will learn about carbon compounds.

General Characteristics of Organic Compounds

Everything in this world has unique character, similarly organic compounds are unique in their characteristics. Some of them are given below:

- Organic compounds have a high molecular weight and a complex structure.
- They are mostly insoluble in water, but soluble in organic solvents such as **ether**, **carbon tetrachloride**, **toluene**, **etc**.
- They are highly inflammable in nature
- Organic compounds are less reactive compared to inorganic compounds. Hence, the reactions involving organic compounds proceed at slower rates.
- Mostly organic compounds form covalent bonds in nature.
- They have lower melting point and boiling point when compared to inorganic compounds
- They exhibit the phenomenon of isomerism, in which a single molecular formula represents several organic compounds that differ in their physical and chemical properties.

- They are volatile in nature.
- Organic compounds can be prepared in the laboratory.

CLASSIFICATION OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS BASED ON THE PATTERN OF CARBON CHAIN

What is the significance of classification?

- There are millions of organic compounds known and many new organic compounds are discovered every year in nature or synthesized in laboratory.
- This may mystify organic chemistry to a large extent. However, a unique molecular structure
 can be assigned to each compound and it can be listed by using systematic methods of
 classification and eventually named on the basis of its structural arrangements.
- In early days, chemists recognised that compounds having similar structural features have identical chemical properties. So they began to classify compounds based on the common structural arrangements found among them.
- Organic chemistry is the chemistry of catenated carbon compounds. The carbon atoms
 present in organic compounds are linked with each other through covalent bonds and thus
 exist as chains. By this way, organic compounds are classified into two types as follows:

1. Acyclic or open chain compounds:

- These are the compounds in which the carbon atoms are linked in a linear pattern to form the chain.
- If all the carbon atoms in the chain are connected by single bonds, the compound is called as **saturated**. If one or more double bonds or triple bonds exist between the carbon atoms, then the compound is said to **unsaturated**.

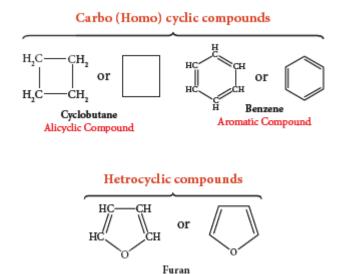
CH3-CH2-CH3 CH3-CH=CH2
Propane Propene

Saturated compound Unsaturated compound

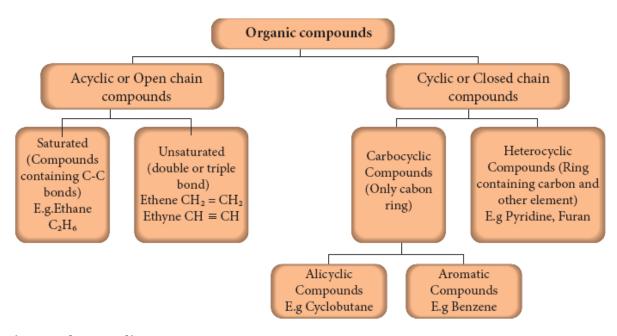
2. Cyclic Compounds:

- Organic compounds in which the chain of carbon atoms is closed or cyclic are called cyclic compounds.
- If the chain contains only carbon atoms, such compounds are called **carbocyclic** (Homocyclic) **compounds**.

- If the chain contains carbon and other atoms like oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, etc., these compounds are called **heterocyclic compounds**.
- Carbocyclic compounds are further subdivided into alicyclic and aromatic compounds.
- Alicyclic compounds contain one or more carbocyclic rings which may be saturated or unsaturated whereas aromatic compounds contain one or more benzene rings (ring containing alternate double bonds between carbon atoms). E.g.



• depicts the classification of organic compounds based on the pattern of carbon arrangements and their bonding in organic compounds:



Classification of organic compounds

CLASSES OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (BASED ON THE KIND OF ATOMS)

- Other than carbon, organic compounds contain atoms like **hydrogen**, **oxygen**, **nitrogen**, **etc.**, **bonded to the carbon**.
- Combination of these kinds of atoms with carbon gives different classes of organic compounds. In the following section, let us discuss various classes of organic compounds.

Hydrocarbons

- The organic compounds that are composed of only carbon and hydrogen atoms are called hydrocarbons.
- The carbon atoms join together to form the framework of the compounds. These are regarded as the parent organic compounds and all other compounds are considered to be derived from hydrocarbons by replacing one or more hydrogen atoms with other atoms or group of atoms. Hydrocarbons are, further, sub divided into three classes such as:

(a) Alkanes:

These are hydrocarbons, which contain only single bonds.

They are represented by the general formula CnH2n + 2 (where n = 1, 2, 3,). The simplest alkane (for n=1) is methane (CH4). Since, all are single bonds in alkanes, they are saturated compounds.

(b) Alkenes:

- The hydrocarbons, which contain one or more C=C bonds are called alkenes.
- These are unsaturated compounds. They are represented by the general formula CnH2n.
- The simplest alkene contains two carbon atoms (n=2) and is called ethylene (C2H4).

(c) Alkynes:

- The hydrocarbons containing carbon to carbon triple bond are called alkynes.
- They are also unsaturated as they contain triple bond between carbon atoms. They
 have the general formula CnH2n 2. Acetylene (C2H2) is the simplest alkyne, which
 contains two carbon atoms. Lists the first five hydrocarbons of each class:

Hydrocarbons containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms

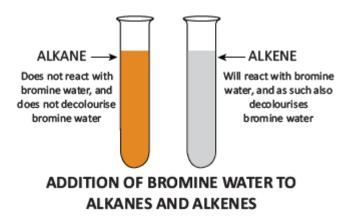
No. of carbon atoms	Alkane (C _n H _{2n+2})	Alkene (C _n H _{2n})	Alkyne (C _n H _{2n-2})
1	Methane (CH ₄)		
2	Ethane	Ethene	Ethyne
	(C ₂ H ₆)	(C ₂ H ₄)	(C ₂ H ₂)
3	Propane	Propene	Propyne
	(C ₃ H ₈)	(C ₃ H ₆)	(C ₃ H ₄)
4	Butane	Butene	Butyne
	(C ₄ H ₁₀)	(C ₄ H ₈)	(C ₄ H ₆)
5	Pentane	Pentene	Pentyne
	(C ₅ H ₁₂)	(C ₅ H ₁₀)	(C ₅ H ₈)

Characteristics of hydrocarbons:

- Lower hydrocarbons are gases at room temperature E.g. methane, ethane are gases.
- They are colourless and odourless.
- The boiling point of hydrocarbons increases with an increase in the number of carbon atoms.
- They undergo combustion reaction with oxygen to form CO2 and water.
- Alkanes are least reactive when compared to other classes of hydrocarbons.
- Alkynes are the most reactive due to the presence of the triple bond.
- Alkanes are saturated whereas alkenes and alkynes are unsaturated.
- They are insoluble in water.

Test to identify saturated and unsaturated compounds:

- Take the given sample solution in a test tube.
- Add a few drops of bromine water and observe any characteristic change in colour.
- If the given compound is **unsaturated**, it will decolourise bromine water.
- Saturated compounds do not decolourise bromine.



Test to identify unsaturated compounds

Classification of organic compounds based on functional groups

- The structural frameworks of organic compounds are made of carbon and hydrogen, which are relatively less reactive.
- But, the presence of some other atoms or group of atoms makes the compounds more reactive and thus determines the chemical properties of the compound.
- These groups are called functional groups.
- A functional group is an atom or group of atoms in a molecule, which gives its characteristic chemical properties.
- The chemical properties of an organic compound depend on its functional group whereas its physical properties rely on remaining part of the structure.
- Carbon to carbon multiple bonds (C=C, C) also are considered as functional groups as many
 of the properties are influenced by these bonds. Other functional groups include, -OH, -CHO,
 -COOH, etc.
- For example, ethane is a hydrocarbon having molecular formula C2H6. If one of its hydrogen is replaced by -OH group, you will get an alcohol. Leaving the functional group, the rest of the structure is represented by 'R'. Thus an alcohol is represented by 'R-OH'



- A series of compounds containing the same functional group is called a **class of organic compounds**.
- Various classes or families of organic compounds and their functional groups:

Classes	of organic	compounds based	on functional group	
Class of the compound	Functional group	Common Formula	Examples	
Alcohol	-OH	R-OH	Ethanol, CH3CH2OH	
Aldehyde	O -C-H	R-CHO Acetaldehyde, CH ₃ CHO		
Ketone	O -C-	R-CO-R Acetone, CH ₃ COCH ₃		
Carboxylic acid	O -C-OH	R-COOH Acetic acid, CH3COOH		
Ester	O -C-OR	R-COOR Methyl acetate, CH ₃ COOCH ₃		
Ether	-O-R	R-O-R	Dimethyl ether, CH ₃ OCH ₃	

Homologous Series

- **Homologous series** is a group or a class of organic compounds having same general formula and similar chemical properties in which the successive members differ by a CH2 group.
- Let us consider members of alkanes given in. Their condensed structural formulas are given below:

Methane - CH4

Ethane - CH3CH3

Propane - CH3CH2CH3

Butane - CH3(CH2)2CH3

Pentane - CH3 (CH2)3CH3

• If you observe the above series. You can notice that each successive member has one methylene group more than the precedent member of the series and hence they are called homologs.

Characteristics of homologous series

- Each member of the series differs from the preceding or succeeding member by one methylene group (-CH2) and hence by a molecular mass of 14 amu.
- All members of a homologous series contain the same elements and functional group.
- They are represented by a general molecular formula. e.g. Alkanes, CnH2n + 2.
- The members in each homologous series show a regular gradation in their physical properties with respect to their increase in molecular mass.
- Chemical properties of the members of a homologous series are similar.
- All the members can be prepared by a common method.

Nomenclature of Organic Compounds

Why do we need nomenclature?

- In ancient days, the names of organic compounds were related to the natural things from which they were obtained. For example, the formic acid was initially obtained by distillation of 'red ants'.
- Latin name of the red ant is 'Formica'. So, the name of the formic acid was derived from the Latin name of its source
- Later, the organic compounds were synthesized from sources other than the natural sources.
 So scientists framed a systematic method for naming the organic compounds based on their structures.
- Hence, a set of rules was formulated by IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) for the nomenclature of chemical compounds.

Components of an IUPAC name

The IUPAC name of the any organic compound consists of three parts:

- i. Root word
- ii. Prefix
- iii. Suffix

These parts are combined as per the following sequence to get the IUPAC name of the compound:



Root word:

- It is the basic unit, which describes the carbon skeleton.
- It gives the number of carbon atoms present in the parent chain of the compound and the pattern of their arrangement.
- Based on the number of carbon atoms present in the carbon skeleton, most of the names are derived from Greek numerals (except the first four). The root words for the parent chain of hydrocarbons containing 1to10 carbon atoms:

Root words of hydrocarbons

No. of carbon atoms	Root word
1	Meth-
2	Eth-
3	Prop-
4	But-
5	Pent-
6	Hex-
7	Hept-
8	Oct-
9	Non-
10	Dec-

Prefix:

The prefix represents the substituents or branch present in the parent chain. Atoms or group
of atoms, other than hydrogen, attached to carbon of the parent chain are called substituents.
presents the major substituents of organic compounds and respective prefix used for them:

Prefix for IUPAC Name

Substituent	Prefix used
-F	Fluoro
-Cl	Chloro
-Br	Bromo
-I	Iodo
-NH ₂	Amino
-CH ₃	Methyl
-CH ₂ CH ₃	Ethyl

Suffix

- The suffix forms the end of the name. It is divided into two parts such as (a) Primary suffix and (b) Secondary suffix. The primary suffix comes after the root word.
- It represents the nature in carbon to carbon bonding of the parent chain.
- If all the bonds between the carbon atoms of the parent chain are single, then suffix 'ane' has
 to be used. Suffix 'ene' and 'yne' are used for the compounds containing double and triple
 bonds respectively. The secondary suffix describes the functional group of the compound.

Suffix for IUPAC Name

Class of the Compound	Functional group	Suffix used
Alcohol	-OH	-ol
Aldehyde	-СНО	-al
Ketone	O -C-	-one
Carboxylic acid	-COOH	-oic acid

IUPAC rules for naming organic compounds:

• Rule1: Identify the longest chain of carbon atoms to get the parent name (root word).

- Rule 2: Number the carbon atoms of the parent chain, beginning at the closest end of the substituent or functional group. These are called locant numbers. If both functional group and substituent are present, then the priority will be given to the functional group.
- Rule 3: In case of alkenes and alkynes, locate the double bond or triple bond and use its locant number followed by a dash and a primary suffix. The carbon chain is numbered in such a way that the multiple bonds have the lowest possible locant number.
- **Rule 4**: If the compound contains functional group, locate it and use its locant number followed by a dash and a secondary suffix.
- Rule 5: When the primary and secondary suffixes are joined, the terminal 'e' of the primary suffix is removed.
- **Rule 6**: Identify the substituent and use a number followed by a dash and a prefix to specify its location and identity.

IUPAC Nomenclature of hydrocarbons - Solved examples

• Let us try to name, systematically, some of the linear and substituted hydrocarbons by following IUPAC rules:

Example 1: CH3-CH2-CH2-CH3

- Step 1: It is a five- carbon chain and hence the root word is 'Pent'. (Rule 1)
- Step 2: All the bonds between carbon atoms are single bonds, and thus the suffix is 'ane'. So, its name is **Pent + ane = Pentane**

Example 2:

CH3

CH3-CH-CH2-CH2-CH3

- Step 1: The longest chain contains five carbon atoms and hence the root word is 'Pent'.
- Step 2: There is a substituent. So, the carbon chain is numbered from the left end, which is closest to the substituent. (Rule 2)

• Step 3: All are single bonds between the carbon atoms and thus the suffix is 'ane'.

• Step 4: The substituent is a methyl group and it is located at second carbon atom. So, its locant number is 2. Thus the prefix is '2-Methyl'.(Rule 6).

The name of the compound is

2-Methyl + pent +ane = 2-Methylpentane

Example 3:

- Step 1: The longest chain contains seven carbon atoms and hence the root word is 'Hept'.
- Step 2: There is a substituent. So, the carbon chain is numbered from the end, which is closest to substituent. (Rule 2)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & CH_{3} \\
 & CH_{2} \\
 & CH_{3} - CH_{2} \\
 & CH_{3} - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{3} \\
 & Wrong
\end{array}$$

- Step 3: All are single bonds between the carbon atoms and thus the suffix is 'ane'.
- Step 4: The substituent is a methyl group and it is located at third carbon. So, its locant number is 3. Thus the prefix is '3-Methyl'. (Rule 6)

Hence the name of the compound is **3-Methyl + hept + ane = 3 -Methylheptane**

Example 4: CH3-CH2-CH2-CH=CH2

- Step 1: It is a 'five- carbon atoms chain' and hence the root word is 'Pent'. (Rule 1)
- Step 2: There is a carbon to carbon double bond. The suffix is 'ene'.
- **Step 3**: The carbon chain is numbered from the end such that double bond has the lowest locant number as shown below: (Rule 3):

$$\frac{5}{\text{CH}_{3}} - \frac{4}{\text{CH}_{2}} - \frac{3}{\text{CH}_{2}} - \frac{2}{\text{CH}_{2}} = \frac{1}{\text{CH}_{2}}$$

• Step 4: The locant number of the double bond is 1 and thus the suffix is '-1-ene'. So, the name of the compound is

IUPAC Nomenclature of other classes - Solved examples

Example 1: CH3-CH2-CH2-OH

- Step1: The parent chain consists of 3 carbon atoms. The root word is 'Prop'.
- Step 2: There are single bonds between the carbon atoms of the chain. So, the **primary suffix** is 'ane'.
- Step 3: Since, the compound contains -OH group, it is an alcohol. The carbon chain is numbered from the end which is closest to -OH group. (Rule 3)

$$^{3}_{CH_{3}}$$
 $^{2}_{CH_{2}}$ $^{1}_{CH_{2}}$ OH

• Step 4: The locant number of -OH group is 1 and thus the secondary suffix is '1-ol'. The name of the compound is

Note: Terminal 'e' of 'ane' is removed as per Rule 5

Example 2: CH3COOH

- Step1: The parent chain consists of 2 carbon atoms. The root word is 'Eth'.
- Step 2: All are single bonds between the carbon atoms of the chain. So the primary suffix is 'ane'.
- Step 3: Since the compound contains the—COOH group, it is a carboxylic acid. The secondary suffix is 'oic acid'

The name of the compound is Eth + ane + oic acid) = Ethanoic acid

Test yourself:

Obtain the IUPAC name of the following compounds systematically:

- (a) CH3CHO
- (b) CH3CH2COCH3
- (c) ClCH2-CH2-CH2-CH3

No. of	IUPAC Name			
carbons atoms	Alcohols	Aldehydes	Ketones	Carboxylic acid
1	Methanol (CH₃OH)	Methanal (HCHO)	-	Methanoic acid (HCOOH)
2	Ethanol (CH₃CH₂OH)	Ethanal (CH₃CHO)	-	Ethanoic acid (CH₃COOH)
3	Propanol (CH₃CH₂CH₂OH)	Propanal (CH₃CH₂CHO)	Propanone (CH ₃ COCH ₃)	Propanoic acid (CH₃CH₂COOH)
4	Butanol (CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH)	Butanal (CH3CH2CH2CHO)	Butanone (CH ₃ COCH ₂ CH ₃)	Butanoic acid (CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ COOH)
5	Pentanol (CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH)	Pentanal (CH,CH,CH,CH,CHO)	Pentanone (CH3COCH2CH2CH3)	Pentanoic acid (CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ COOH)

IUPAC Name of various classes of compounds

Ethanol (Ch3ch2oh)

Ethanol is commonly known as alcohol. All alcoholic beverages and some cough syrups contain ethanol. Its molecular formula is C2H5OH. Its structural formula is

Manufacture of ethanol

- Ethanol is manufactured in industries by the fermentation of molasses, which is a byproduct obtained during the manufacture of sugar from sugarcane.
- Molasses is a dark coloured syrupy liquid left after the crystallization of sugar from the concentrated sugarcane juice.
- Molasses contain about 30% of sucrose, which cannot be separated by crystallization. It is converted into ethanol by the following steps:

(i) Dilution of molasses

Molasses is first diluted with water to bring down the concentration of sugar to about 8 to 10 percent.

(ii) Addition of Nitrogen source

Molasses usually contains enough nitrogenous matter to act as food for yeast during the fermentation process. If the nitrogen content of the molasses is poor, it may be fortified by the addition of ammonium sulphate or ammonium phosphate.

(iii) Addition of Yeast

The solution obtained in step (ii) is collected in large 'fermentation tanks' and yeast is added to it. The mixture is kept at about 303K for a few days. During this period, the enzymes invertase and zymase present in yeast, bring about the conversion of sucrose into ethanol.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}+H_2O & \xrightarrow{invertase} & C_6H_{12}O_6+C_6H_{12}O_6\\ & & & & & & & & & \\ C_6H_{12}O_6 & & \xrightarrow{zymase} & & & & & \\ C_6H_{12}O_6 & & \xrightarrow{zymase} & & & & & \\ C_6H_{12}O_6 & & & & \\ C_6H_{12}O_6$$

The fermented liquid is technically called wash.

(iv) Distillation of 'Wash'

- The fermented liquid (i.e. wash), containing 15 to 18 percent alcohol, is now subjected to fractional distillation.
- The main fraction drawn is an aqueous solution of ethanol which contains 95.5% of ethanol and 4.5% of water. This is called **rectified spirit**.
- This mixture is then refluxed over quicklime for about 5 to 6 hours and then allowed to stand for 12 hours. On distillation of this mixture, pure alcohol (100%) is obtained.
- This is called absolute alcohol.

Physical properties

- Ethanol is a colourless liquid, having a pleasant smell and a burning taste.
- It is a volatile liquid. Its boiling point is 780 C (351K), which is much higher than that of its corresponding alkane, i.e. ethane (Boiling Point = 184 K).
- It is completely miscible with water in all proportions.

Chemical Properties

(i) Dehydration (Loss of water)

 When ethanol is heated with con H2SO4 at 443K, it loses a water molecule i.e. dehydrated to form ethene.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \xrightarrow{\text{Conc.H}_2\text{SO}_4} \blacktriangleright \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Ethanol} & \text{Ethene} \end{array}$$

(ii) Reaction with sodium:

Ethanol reacts with sodium metal to form sodium ethoxide and hydrogen gas.

(iii) Oxidation:

Ethanol is oxidized to ethanoic acid with alkaline KMnO4 or acidified K2Cr2O7

$$CH_3CH_2OH \xrightarrow{K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+} CH_3COOH + H_2O$$

 $2[O]$ Ethanoic acid

• During this reaction, the orange colour of K2Cr2O7 changes to green. Therefore, this reaction can be used for the identification of alcohols.

(iv) Esterification:

- The reaction of an alcohol with a carboxylic acid gives a compound having fruity odour. This compound is called an **ester** and the reaction is called esterification.
- Ethanol reacts with ethanoic acid in the presence of conc. H2SO4 to form ethyl ethanoate, an ester.

(v) Dehydrogenation:

• When the vapour of ethanol is passed over heated copper, used as a catalyst at 573 K, it is dehydrogenated to acetaldehyde.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} & \xrightarrow{\text{CU}} \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{H}_2 \\ \text{Ethanol} & \text{Acetadehyde} \end{array}$$

(vi) Combustion:

Ethanol is highly inflammable liquid. It burns with oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water.

$$C_2H_5OH + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$$

Ethanol Carbon dioxide

Uses of ethanol

Ethanol is used

- in medical wipes, as an antiseptic.
- as an anti-freeze in automobile radiators.
- for effectively killing micro organisms like bacteria, fungi, etc., by including it in many hand sanitizers.
- as an antiseptic to sterilize wounds in hospitals.
- as a solvent for drugs, oils, fats, perfumes, dyes, etc.
- in the preparation of methylated spirit (mixture of 95% of ethanol and 5% of methanol) rectified spirit (mixture of 95.5% of ethanol and 4.5% of water), power alcohol (mixture of petrol and ethanol) and denatured spirit (ethanol mixed with pyridine).
- to enhance the flavour of food extracts, for example vanilla extract; a common food flavour, which is made by processing vanilla beans in a solution of ethanol and water.

Ethanoic Acid (Ch3cooh)

Ethanoic acid or acetic acid is one of the most important members of the carboxylic acid family. Its molecular formula is C2H4O2. Its structural formula is

Manufacture of ethanoic acid

 Ethanoic acid is prepared in large scale, by the oxidation of ethanol in the presence of alkaline potassium permanganate or acidified potassium dichromate.

$$CH_3CH_2OH \xrightarrow{KMnO_4/OH^-} CH_3COOH + H_2O$$

Ethanol Ethanoic acid

Physical Properties

- Ethanoic acid is a colourless liquid having an unpleasant odour.
- It is sour in taste.
- It is miscible with water in all proportions.
- Its boiling point is higher than the corresponding alcohols, aldehydes and ketones.
- On cooling, pure ethanoic acid is frozen to form ice like flakes. They look like glaciers, so it is called **glacial acetic acid**.

Chemical Properties

• **Reaction with metal**: Ethanoic acid reacts with active metals like Na, Zn, etc., to liberate hydrogen and form their ethanoate.

$$2CH_3COOH + Zn \rightarrow (CH_3COO)_2 Zn + H_2 \uparrow$$

 $2CH_3COOH + 2Na \rightarrow 2CH_3COONa + H_2 \uparrow$

• Reaction with carbonates and bicarbonates: Ethanoic acid reacts with sodium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate, which are weaker bases and liberates CO2, with brisk effervescence.

$$2CH_3COOH + Na_2CO_3 \rightarrow 2CH_3COONa + CO_2 \uparrow + H_2O$$

$$CH_3COOH + NaHCO_3 \rightarrow CH_3COONa + CO_2 \uparrow + H_2O$$

• Reaction with base: Ethanoic acid reacts with sodium hydroxide to form sodium ethanoate and water.

• **Decarboxylation (Removal of CO2):** When a sodium salt of ethanoic acid is heated with soda lime (solid mixure of 3 parts of NaOH and 1 part of CaO), methane gas is formed.

Uses of ethanoic acid

 Acetic acid, in lower concentration, (vinegar) is used as a food additive, a flavoring agent and a preservative.

Ethanoic acid is used

- in the manufacture of plastic.
- in making dyes, pigments and paint.
- in printing on fabrics.
- as a laboratory reagent.
- for coagulating rubber from latex.
- in the production of pharmaceuticals.

Organic Compounds in Daily Life

- Organic compounds are inseparable in human life.
- They are used by mankind or associated at all stages of life right from one's birth to death.
 Various classes of organic compounds and their uses in our daily life as follows:

Hydrocarbons

- Fuels like LPG, Petrol, Kerosene.
- Raw materials for various important synthetic materials.
- Polymeric materials like tyre, plastic containers.

Alcohols

- As a solvent and an antiseptic agent.
- Raw materials for various important synthetic materials.

Aldehydes

- Formaldehyde as a disinfectant.
- Raw materials for synthetic materials.

Ketones

- As a solvent.
- Stain Remover.

Ethers

- Anaesthetic agents.
- Pain Killer.

Esters

• All the cooking oils and lipids contain esters

Soaps and Detergents

- Soaps and the Detergents are materials that are used by us for cleaning purposes because pure water alone cannot remove all types of dirt or any oily substance from our body or clothes.
- They contain 'surfactants', which are compounds with molecules that line up around water to break the 'surface tension'.
- Both of them having a different chemical nature. Soap is a cleaning agent that is composed
 of one or more salts of fatty acids. Detergent is a chemical compound or a mixture of
 chemical compounds, which is used as a cleaning agent, also. They perform their cleaning
 actions in certain specific conditions. You will learn more about this in detail, in the
 following units.

Soap

- Soaps are sodium or potassium salts of some long chain carboxylic acids, called fatty acids.
- Soap requires two major raw materials: i) fat and ii) alkali. The alkali, most commonly used in the preparation of soap is sodium hydroxide.
- Potassium hydroxide can also be used. A potassium- based soap creates a more watersoluble product than a sodium-based soap. Based on these features, there are two types of soaps:

A. HARD SOAP

- Soaps, which are prepared by the saponification of oils or fats with caustic soda (sodium hydroxide), are known as hard soaps.
- They are usually used for washing purposes.

B. SOFT SOAP

• Soaps, which are prepared by the **saponification of oils or fats with potassium salt** *s*, are known as soft soaps. They are used for cleansing the body.

Manufacture of soap

KETTLE PROCESS:

This is the oldest method. But, it is still widely used in the small scale preparation of soap. There are mainly, two steps to be followed in this process.

i) Saponification of oil:

The oil, which is used in this process, is taken in an iron tank (kettle). The alkaline solution (10%) is added into the kettle, a little in excess. The mixture is boiled by passing steam through it. The oil gets hydrolysed after several hours of boiling. This process is called Saponification

ii) Salting out of soap:

Common salt is then added to the boiling mixture. Soap is finally precipitated in the tank. After several hours the soap rises to the top of the liquid as a 'curdy mass'. The neat soap is taken off from the top. It is then allowed to cool down.

Effect of hard water on soap

- Hard water contains calcium and magnesium ions (Ca2+ and Mg2+) that limit the cleaning action of soap.
- When combined with soap, hard water develops a thin layer (precipitates of the metal ions) called 'scum', which leaves a deposit on the clothes or skin and does not easily rinse away. Over time, this can lead to the deterioration of the fabric and eventually ruin the clothes.
- On the other hand, detergents are made with chemicals that are not affected by hard water.

Detergents

- Development of synthetic detergents is a big achievement in the field of cleansing.
- These soaps possess the desirable properties of ordinary soaps and also can be used with hard water and in acidic solutions.
- These are salts of sulphonic acids or alkyl hydrogen sulphates in comparison to soap, which are salts of carboxylic acids. The detergents do not form precipitates with Ca2+ and Mg2+ present in hard water. So, the cleansing action of detergents is better than that of soaps.

Preparation of detergents

Detergents are prepared by adding sulphuric acid to the processed hydrocarbon obtained from petroleum. This chemical reaction result in the formation of molecules similar to the fatty acid in soap. Then, an alkali is added to the mixture to produce the 'surfactant molecules', which do not

bond with the minerals present in the hard water, thus preventing the formation of their precipitates.

In addition to a 'surfactant', the modern detergent contains several other ingredients.

They are listed as follows:

- Sodium silicate, which prevents the corrosion and ensures that the detergent does not damage the washing machine.
- Fluorescent whitening agents that give a glow to the clothes.
- Oxygen bleaches, such as 'sodium perborate', enable the removal of certain stains from the cloth.
- Sodium sulphate is added to prevent the caking of the detergent powder.
- Enzymes are added to break down some stains caused by biological substances like blood and vegetable juice.
- Certain chemicals that give out a pleasant smell are also added to make the clothes fragrant after they are washed with detergents.

Cleansing action of soap

- A soap molecule contains two chemically distinct parts that interact differently with water.
 It has one polar end, which is a short head with a carboxylate group (-COONa) and one non-polar end having the long tail made of the hydrocarbon chain.
- The polar end is **hydrophilic** (Waterloving) in nature and this end is attracted towards water. The non-polar end is **hydrophobic** (Water hating) in nature and it is attracted towards dirt or oil on the cloth, but not attracted towards water. Thus, the hydrophobic part of the soap molecule traps the dirt and the hydrophilic part makes the entire molecule soluble in water.
- When a soap or detergent is dissolved in water, the molecules join together as clusters called 'micelles'. Their long hydrocarbon chains attach themselves to the oil and dirt.
- The dirt is thus surrounded by the non-polar end of the soap molecules.
- The charged carboxylate end of the soap molecules makes the micelles soluble in water. Thus, the dirt is washed away with the soap.

Advantages of detergents over soaps

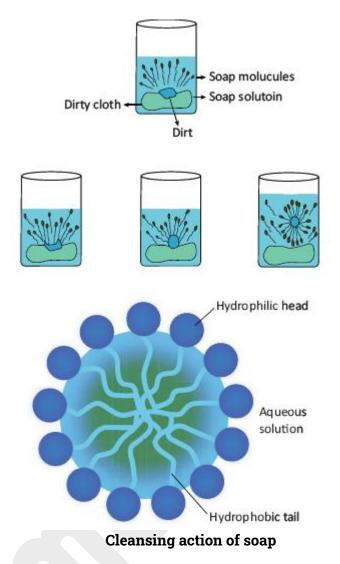
Detergents are better than soaps because they:

- Can be used in both hard and soft water and can clean more effectively in hard water than soap.
- Can also be used in saline and acidic water.
- Do not leave any soap scum on the tub or clothes.
- Dissolve freely even in cool water and rinse freely in hard water.
- Can be used for washing woolen garments, where as soap cannot be used.
- Have a linear hydrocarbon chain, which is biodegradable.
- · Are active emulsifiers of motor grease.
- Do an effective and safe cleansing, keeping even synthetic fabrics brighter and whiter.

Biodegradable and Non-biodegradable detergents:

a) Biodegradable detergents:

They have straight hydrocarbon chains, which can be easily degraded by bacteria.



b) Non-biodegradable detergents:

• They have highly branched hydrocarbon chains, which cannot be degraded by bacteria.

Disadvantages of Detergents

- 1. Some detergents having a branched hydrocarbon chain are not fully biodegradable by microorganisms present in water. So, they cause water pollution.
- 2. They are relatively more expensive than soap.

Comparison between soap and detergents

Soap	Detergent
It is a sodium salt of long chain fatty acids.	It is sodium salts of sulphonic acids.
The ionic part of a soap is -COO Na ⁺ .	The ionic part in a detergent is −SO 3Na+.
It is prepared from animal fats or vegetable oils.	It is prepared from hydrocarbons obtained from crude oil.
Its effectiveness is reduced when used in hard water.	It is effective even in hard water.
It forms a scum in hard water.	Does not form a scum in hard water.
It has poor foaming capacity.	It has rich foaming capacity.
Soaps are biodegradable.	Most of the detergents are non-biodegradable.