## Intermediate IUPAC Nomenclature VII

## Benzenes

- When a single substituent is present on a benzene it is a monosubstituted benzene.
- Monosubstituted benzenes are with the base name benzene and using the substituent group as a prefix.
- The substituent is always at C-1 so there is no need to number its location.

Examples of monosubstituted benzenes:

chlorobenzene

propylbenzene

nitrobenzene

tert-butylbenzene or (1,1-dimethylethyl)benzene

- Many monosubstituted benzenes have common names, some of these names have been included in IUPAC nomenclature as base names for the structure.


## Common names of monosubstituted benzenes:

common name (full IUPAC name)


styrene
(ethenylbenzene)

methyl benzoate

phenol
(benzenol)

benzaldehyde
(benzenecarbaldehyde)

anisole (methoxybenzene)

benzoic acid
(benzenecarboxylic acid)

benzonitrile

aniline (benzenamine)

benzoyl chloride (benzenecarbonyl chloride)


Common names in bold face are considered to be IUPAC correct base names for structures.

## Multiply substituted benzenes:

- Disubstituted benzenes occur when two substituents are present on a benzene ring.
- If a nonbenzene base name is used the carbon with that substituent is $\mathrm{C}-1$.
- If there is a higher priority substituent and benzene is the base name that carbon is $\mathrm{C}-1$.
- If both substituents are the same priority then carbon with the first in alphabetical order is $\mathrm{C}-1$.


## Examples of disubstituted benzenes:



3-hydroxybenzoic acid
acid is higher priority than alcohol.


4-isopropylphenol (4-(1-methylethyl)-phenol) The phenol alcohol is $\mathrm{C}-1$


1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene bromo is before chloro in the alphabet

- Disubstituted benzenes have common names referring to the relationship between the two substituents.
- Ortho substituents are adjacent $(1,2)$
- Meta substituents are separated by one carbon $(1,3)$
- Para substituents are opposite each other $(1,4)$
- Ortho-, meta-, para- (o-, m-, $p-$ ) are used in the front of the name to indicate position.

Using ortho-, meta-, para- examples:

ortho-dimethylbenzene or
ortho-methyltoluene

meta-bromochlorobenzene Or $m$-bromochlorobenzene

para-dinitrobenzene or $p$-dinitrobenzene

- Multiply substituted benzenes have more than two substituents:
- If there is a high priority substituent that substituent is $\mathrm{C}-1$
- If there are no high priority substituents then the ring is numbered to give the lowest possible numbers
- If the numbers are the same then alphabetical order is used
- If a non-benzene base name is used (e.g. phenol) the substituent that is part of the base name is always carbon 1.

Examples of multiply substituted benzenes:


2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ is at $\mathrm{C}-1$ )


2-bromo-4,6-dichlorophenol (Bromo is before chloro alphabetically)


4-bromo-1,2-diethylbenzene
( 1,2 is less than 1,3 )

- Benzenes with long-chain, higher priority substituents, or complex substituents may be named with benzene as a substituent and the longer chain as the base name.
- A Phenyl group is a benzene substituent
- A benzyl group is a benzene- $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ - subtituent
- The $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ on the benzyl will not be part of a larger chain or we could name that chain with an extra carbon and a phenyl group.

Examples of benzene as a substituent:


## Practice Benzene Nomenclature:



A






B

F


C

D


J

K


N


R

S

T

## Practice Benzene Nomenclature Answers:

Compound A: meta-bromoisopropylbenzene or 1-bromo-3-methyethylbenzene
Compound B: $\quad$ 4-ethyl-2-methylbenzaldehyde
Compound C: 5-bromo-2-methyl-4-propylphenol
Compound D: meta-sec-butylisopropylbenzene or 1-methylethyl-3-(1-methylpropyl)benzene

Compound E :
3-bromo-5-propylbenzonitrile
Compound F:
2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,3-dinitrobenzene
Compound G: 2-hydroxybenzoic acid or ortho-hydroxybenzoic acid
Compound H: para-dichlorobenzene or 1,4-dichlorobenzene
Compound I: 2-amino-4-sec-butylphenol or 2-amino-4-(1-methylpropyl)phenol
Compound J: trans-2,5-dimethyl-6-phenyl-3-heptene
Compound K: ortho-ethylnitrobenzene or 1-ethyl-2-nitrobenzene
Compound L: 1-bromo-2,3-dichlorobenzene
Compound M: para-sec-butylisopropylbenzene or 1-methylethyl-4-(2-methylpropyl)benzene

Compound $\mathrm{N}: \quad$ ortho-ethoxymethoxybenzene or 1-ethoxy-2-methoxybenzene
Compound O: 5-bromo-2,3-diethylphenol
Compound P: 5-phenyl-2-hexanol
Compound Q: meta-propylbenzoic acid or 3-propylbenzoic acid
Compound R: 5-benzoxy-1-hexene
Compound S: 1,2,4-tribromobenzene
Compound T: ortho-isobutylanaline or 2-(2-methylpropyl)analine

