## **CONCEPT: CHIRALITY**

- A property of molecules in which \_\_\_\_\_ images of molecules are \_\_\_\_superimposable.
- Optical stereoisomers ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_): chiral molecules and possess 1 or more chiral centers.



□ Chiral center: a carbon connected to \_\_\_\_ unique groups.

• Chiral molecules are optically \_\_\_\_\_: rotate plane polarized light.

**EXAMPLE**: Identify the following molecule as chiral or achiral.

**PRACTICE:** Identify chiral centers in the provided optical isomers.

**PRACTICE**: Identify molecule(s) capable of rotating plane polarized light.

a) 
$$CI \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow CH_4$$

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## **Drawing Enantiomers**

• When drawing enantiomers of a chiral molecule, there are \_\_\_\_ methods available.

**METHOD 1:** Draw an image the molecule "\_\_\_\_\_" in the mirror.

**METHOD 2:** Change solid wedge to dashed wedge and dashed wedge to solid wedge on the \_\_\_\_\_ center.

**EXAMPLE**: Draw enantiomers for each given chiral molecule using method 1.

i) 
$$HOH_2C$$
  $HOH_2C$   $HOH_2C$ 

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**PRACTICE:** Provide the enantiomer using method 2. (Hint: chiral center is circled in red.)

**PRACTICE:** Predict enantiomer for thalidomide compound given below.