

# Lipids - Definition

**Definition:**

- Water insoluble
- No common structure – (though generally large R-groups)

# Water Solubility (Hydrophilic)

## What makes molecules water soluble (hydrophilic)?

- Like dissolves like
- Small
- Similar IMF's – Polar/H-bonds
- Functional Groups that are generally water soluble:

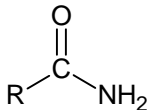
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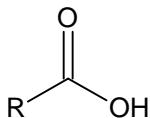
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Amides



Carboxylic  
Acids

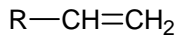


Water Insoluble  
(Hydrophobic)

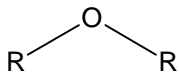
## What makes molecules water insoluble (hydrophobic)?

- Large molecules (R-groups)
- Different IMF's – Nonpolar
- Functional Groups that are generally water insoluble:

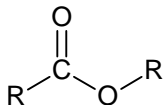
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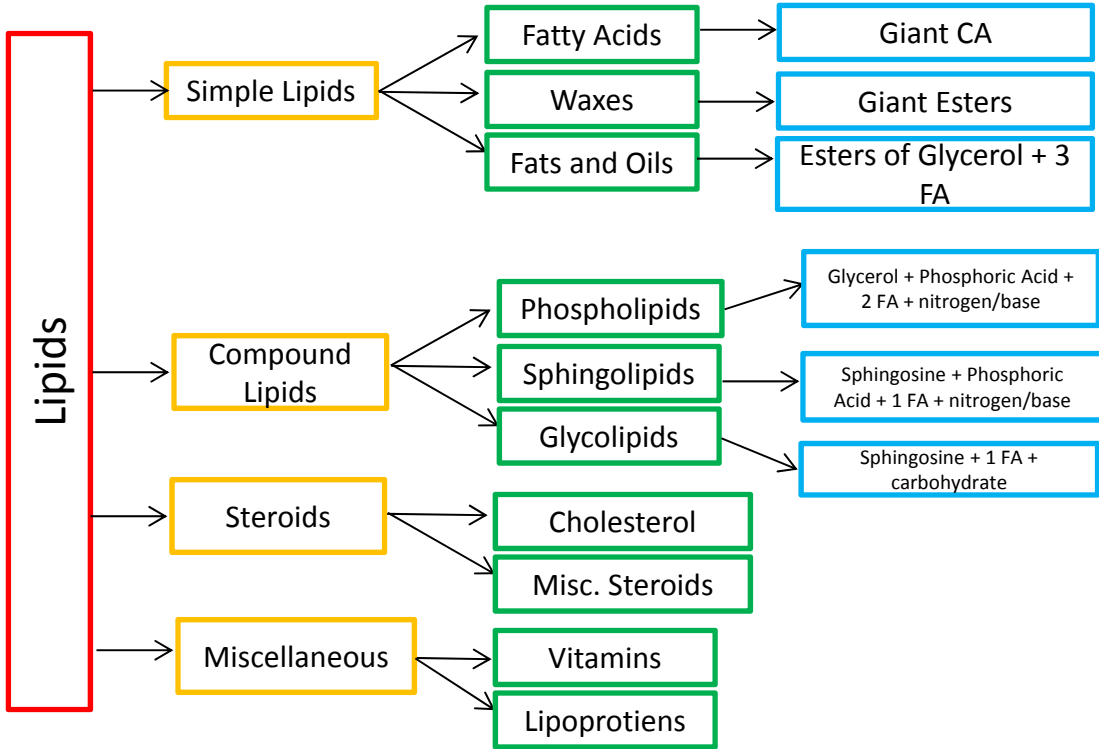
Ether



Ester



# Classification of Lipids

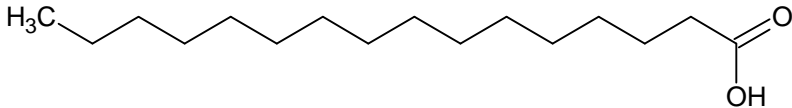




# Fatty Acids

## Fatty Acids:

- Giant Carboxylic Acids
- Straight (unbranched) chains
- Even number of carbons
- Saturated vs. Unsaturated
- Cis vs. Trans isomers
- Essential FA
- $\omega$ -3 vs.  $\omega$ -6
- Eicosands –
  - arachidonic acid, linolenic acid, linoleic acid
  - thromboxane, prostaglandin, prostacyclin, leukotriene



Saturated  
vs.  
Unsaturated

## Saturated FA

### Physical

- No C=C
- Mostly animals  
(and higher plant cells)
- Higher MP (solids)
- Long shelf life
- Linear  $\rightarrow$  LDF  $\rightarrow$  Pack better
- Replace cholesterol in LDL/HDL
- Only used for Energy

### Biological

- Excess  $\rightarrow$  atherosclerosis  
heart diseases
- Increase LDL (bad)
- Decrease HDL (good)
  
- Can block arteries easier

## Unsaturated FA

### Physical

- Contain C=C
- Plants
- Lower MP (liquids)
- Spoil quickly
- Cis/Trans Isomers

### Biological

- Good (better than Sat.)
- Increase HDL (good)
- Decrease LDL (bad)

**Bonus Reaction:** Use of  $\text{Br}_2$  to detect presence.

Saturated  
vs.  
Unsaturated

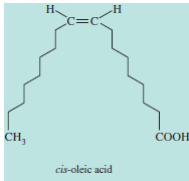
	<b>Saturated Fats</b>	<b>Unsaturated Fats</b>
<b>Recommended consumption:</b>	Not more than 10% of total calories per day.	Not more than 30% of total calories per day
<b>Health Effect:</b>	Excessive consumption is not good because of their association with atherosclerosis and <b>heart diseases</b> .	Unsaturated fats are considered good to eat if you are watching your <b>cholesterol</b> .
<b>Life:</b>	These are long lasting and do not get spoiled quickly	These get spoiled quickly
<b>Commonly found in:</b>	Butter, coconut oil, whole milk, meat, peanut butter, margarine, cheese, vegetable oil or <b>fish oil</b>	Avocado, soybean oil, canola oil, olive oil
<b>Cholesterol:</b>	Saturated fats increase LDL (bad cholesterol) and decrease the HDL	Unsaturated fats increase high-density lipoprotein (HDL or good cholesterol) and decrease LDL (bad cholesterol)
<b>Melting Point:</b>	High	Low
<b>Physical state at room temperature:</b>	Solid	Liquid
<b>Type of bonds:</b>	Consist of SINGLE bond	Consist of at least 1 DOUBLE bond

# Cis vs. Trans Isomers

## Cis-Isomer

### Physical

- Contain C=C
- Naturally occurring



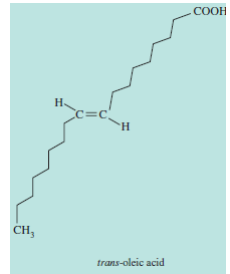
### Biological

- GOOD
- Decrease LDL (bad)
- Increase HDL (good)

## Trans-Isomer

### Physical

- Contain C=C
- Rare in a nature
- Man made through Hydrogenation Reaction
- Linear → Packs tightly → High MP



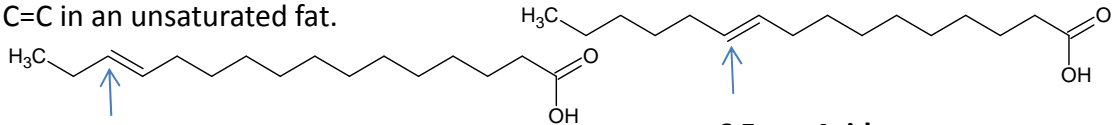
### Biological

- BAD
- Increase LDL (bad)
- Decrease HDL (good)
- Increase risk of Heart Attack



$\omega$ -3 vs.  $\omega$ -6  
Fatty Acids

Greek letter Omega ( $\omega$ ) is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. It is used by biologist (counting from the wrong end of the molecule!) to indicate the position of the first C=C in an unsaturated fat.



### $\omega$ -3 Fatty Acids

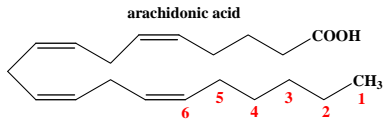
#### Biological

- GOOD
- Precursor to molecules that produce useful (less harmful) effects
- Ex: Linolenic acid

### $\omega$ -6 Fatty Acids

#### Biological

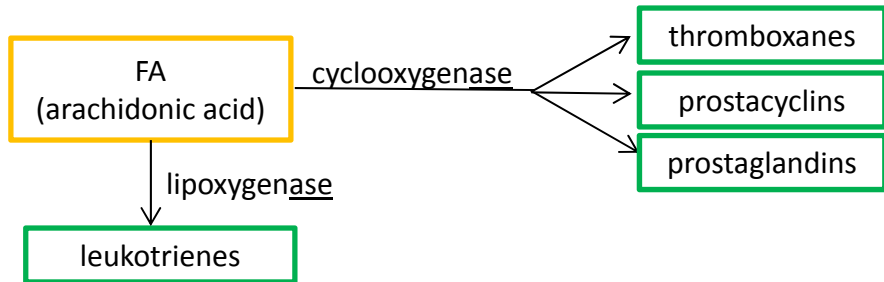
- BAD
- Precursor to molecules that produce harmful (exaggerated) effects
- Ex: Arachidonic acid  $\rightarrow$  Trigger for Heart Attacks



# Eicosanoids

## Eicosanoids:

- Example of FA Biological Pathway
- Parent molecule  $\xrightarrow{\text{Enzyme (-ase)}}$  Daughter molecules
- Local Hormones – short lived
- Coordinate immune system response, blood clotting
  - attract WBC, vasodilation/restriction, body temperature, mucous etc.
  - Ratio of  $\omega$ -3 vs.  $\omega$ -6 ratio important
- Drugs – used to control biochemical pathway
  - NSAIDS – inhibit cyclooxygenase (side-effect: stomach ulcers)
  - COX-2 – inhibit cyclooxygenase (side-effect: increased heart attacks)

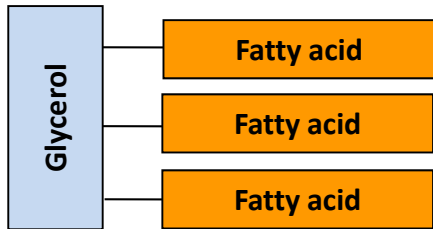


# Biological Pathways

## Biological Pathways:

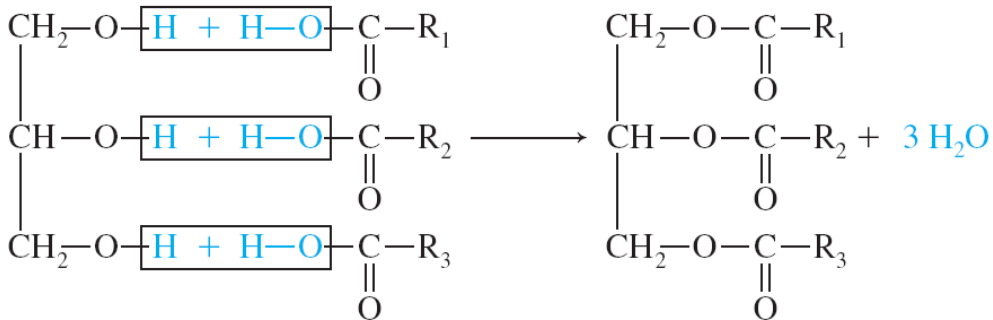
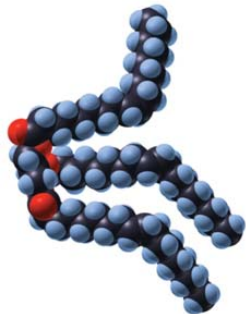
- Precursor Molecules
- Parent molecule  $\xrightarrow{\text{Enzyme (-ase)}}$  Daughter molecules
- Examples:
  - Eicosanoids (FA)
  - Steroids
  - Atherosclerosis
- Control mechanisms for biological pathways

# Fats and Oils Structure



### Fats and Oils:

- Glycerol + 3 FA
- Giant Esters
- Dehydration Reaction
- Amide Bonds
- Triacylglycerol or Triglycerides
- Hydrophobic



glycerol

fatty acids

a triacylglycerol (triglyceride)

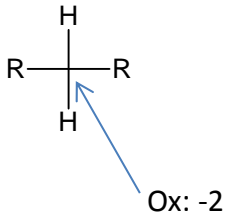


# Fats and Oils

## Biological Properties

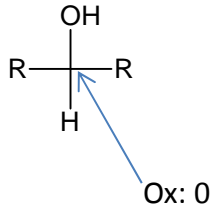
### Fats:

- 9.5 kcal/g or 40 kJ/g
- Average FA is 75% Carbon
- More Reduced



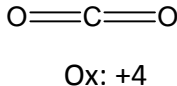
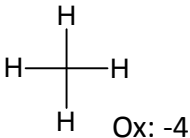
### Carbohydrates:

- 4.5 kcal/g or 20 kJ/g
- Average FA is 40% Carbon
- More oxidized



**Oxidation Number:** Charge an atom would have if it were in an ionic compound

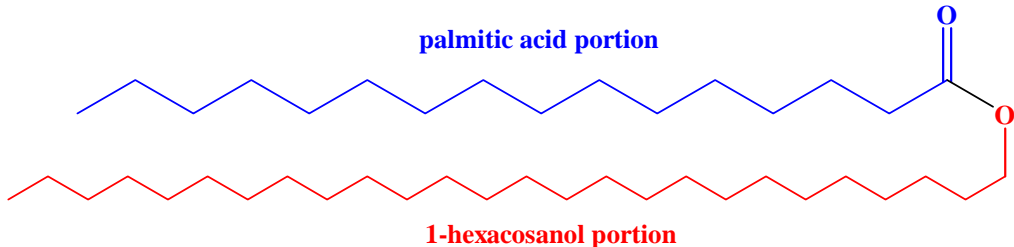
- H = +1
- O = -2
- C = calculate



# Waxes

## Waxes:

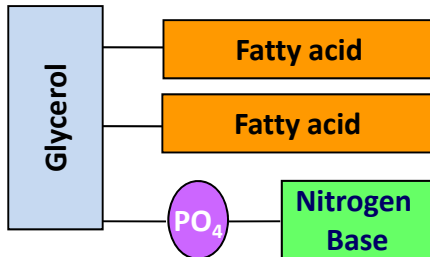
- Giant Ester (20-30 Carbons)
- Very hydrophobic
- Used as protective layer on plant leaves, animal feathers, fur, cars, floors



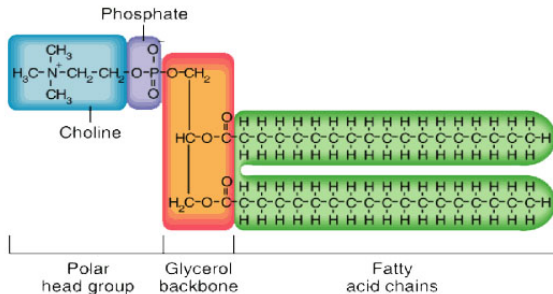
# Phospholipids

## Phospholipids:

- Structure:
  - Glycerol
  - 2 - FA
  - 1 - Phosphoric Acid
  - Amino-alcohol



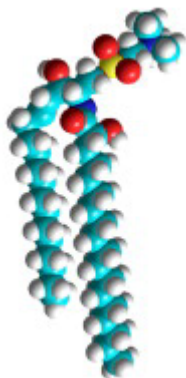
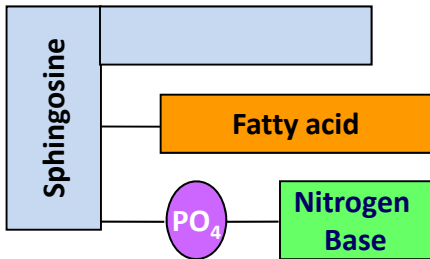
- Nerve tissue, brain matter, cell membranes (10-20%)
- Used in foods as an emulsifier for chocolates and margarine
- Hydrophobic vs. Hydrophilic parts
- Formation reaction



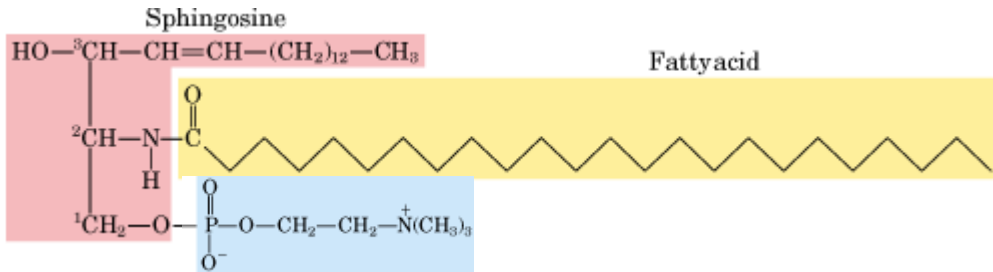
# Sphingolipids

## Sphingolipids:

- Structure:
  - Sphingosine
  - 1 - FA
  - 1 - Phosphoric Acid
  - Amino-alcohol



- Membrane components, nerve sheath
- Hydrophobic vs. Hydrophilic parts
- Formation reaction
- Amide bond



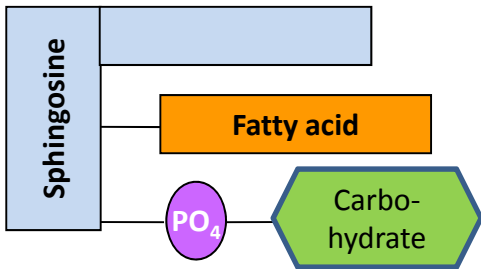


# Glycolipids

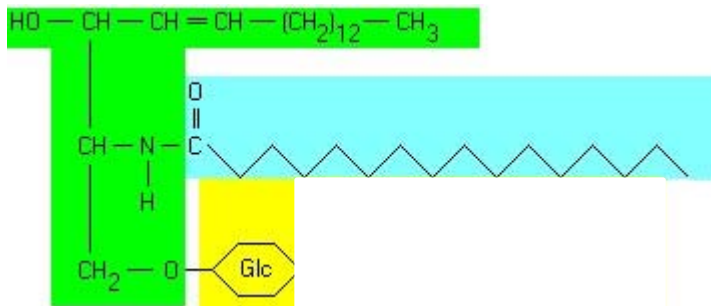
## Glycolipids:

- Structure:

- Sphingosine
- 1 - FA
- 1 - Phosphoric Acid
- Carbohydrate



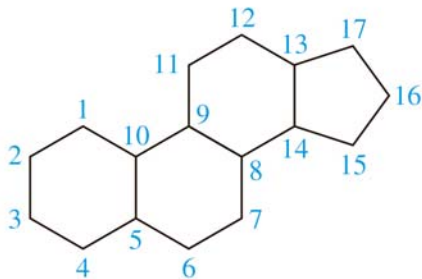
- Cerebrosides and gangliosides – cell membranes of nerve and brain tissue
- Hydrophobic vs. Hydrophilic parts
- Formation reaction
- Amide bond



# Steroids

## Steroids:

- Parent Molecule → Daughter Molecules
- Vary widely in function
  1. Cholesterol - membrane component
  2. Bile salts – digestion of fats
  3. Ergosterol → Vitamin D
  4. Digitalis – heart drug
  5. Adrenal cortex hormones – metabolism
  6. Sex hormones – characteristics and reproduction
- Figure 28.5

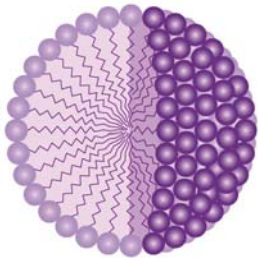
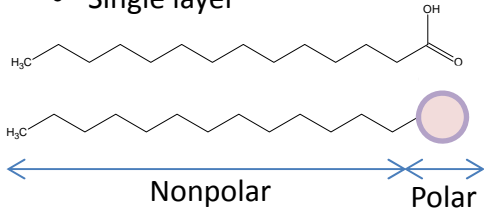


steroid ring nucleus

# Micelles and Liposomes

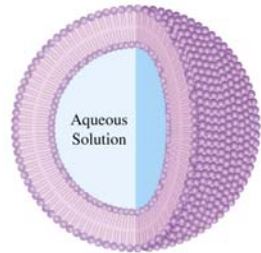
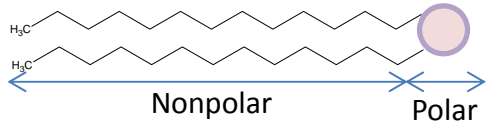
## Micelles:

- Formed from FA
- Polar head
- 1 Non-Polar Tail
- Single layer



## Liposomes:

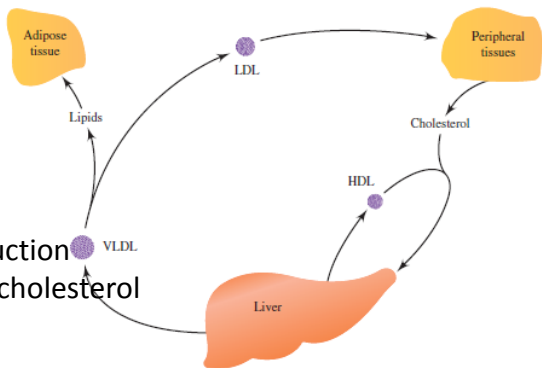
- Formed from phospholipids etc.
- Polar head
- 2 Non-polar tails
- Double layer



# Atherosclerosis

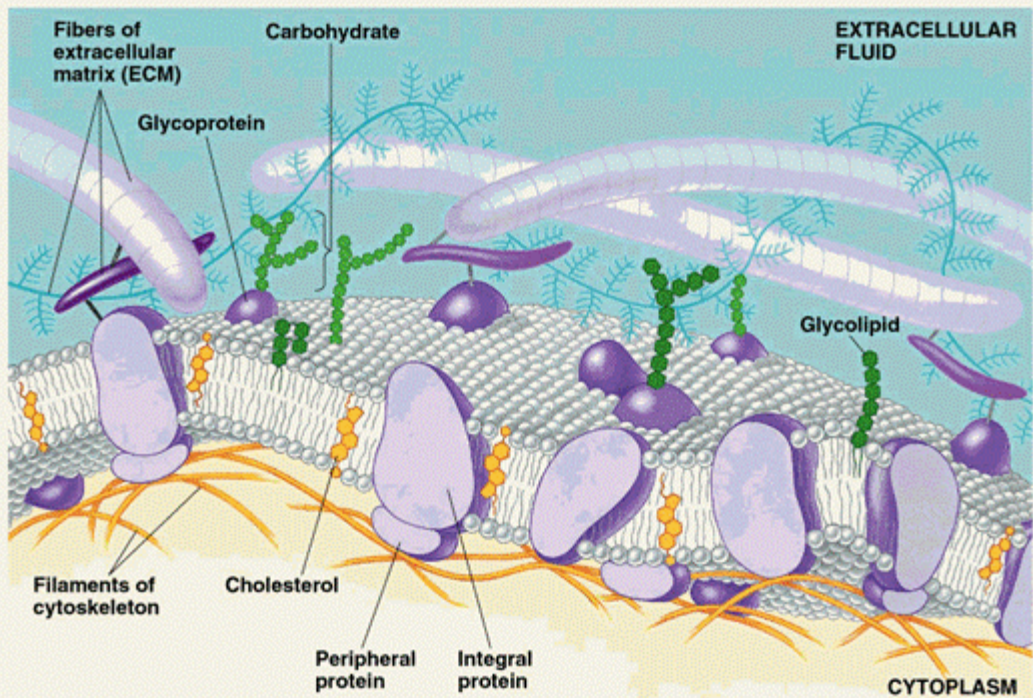
## Atherosclerosis:

- Metabolic disease → deposits of lipids on artery walls → heart attack
- Lipids naturally aggregate (hydrophobic)
  1. Lipids trapped in artery walls (oxidized)
  2. White cells (macrophages) scavenge lipids → bloated
  3. Foam cells are stuck to arteries
- Improper transport of lipids
- Lipid “cycle”
  1. VLDL = Good – deliver lipids
  2. Adipose = Storage
  3. LDL = BAD
  4. Peripheral = Energy
  5. HDL = GOOD – recycle
- Drugs/Treatment
  1. Low cholesterol diet
  2. Decrease Triacylglycerol production
  3. Inhibit metabolic synthesis of cholesterol
  4. Increase excretion
  5. Decrease absorption





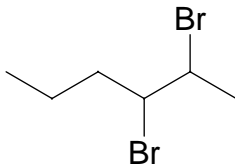
# Cell Membranes



Reaction – Br<sub>2</sub>

**Reaction:** General test for saturation.

- C=C react quickly with Br<sub>2</sub>
- Addition Reaction



Orange → Clear



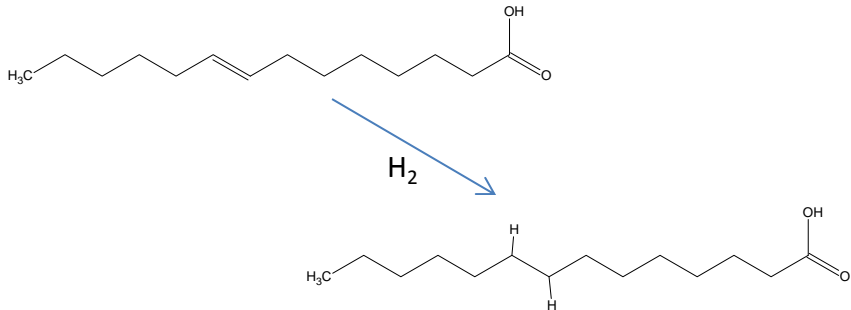
+ Br<sub>2</sub> → Slow (Requires UV light)

Orange → NR

# Reaction - Hydrogenation

## Reaction:

- Unsaturated FA  $\rightarrow$  Saturated FA
- Addition reaction



# Reaction – Dehydration

**Dehydration** reactions are how most molecules in this chapter are formed

- Glycerol + 3 FA → Fats and Oils
- CA + Alcohol → Waxes
- Glycerol + 2 FA + Phosphate + Amino-alcohol → Phospholipid
- Etc...