

## CONCEPT: STRUCTURAL FORMULA

- Molecular formulas are insufficient for organic compounds because they do not convey \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Structural Information:** connectivity and orientation.
    - **Connectivity:** how atoms are connected to each other.
    - **Orientation:** will be discussed later.

Molecular Representations	
$C_2H_6O$	
Molecular Formula	Structure

**EXAMPLE:** Which of the following statements is incorrect about molecular formulas and molecular structures?

- a) Molecular formula and structure show which atoms are present in a molecule.
- b) Molecular structure cannot be used to calculate molecular weight.
- c) Molecular formula is sufficient to show the composition of a compound.
- d) Molecular structure shows how atoms are connected to each other.

**Structural Formula:** shows how atoms in a compound are \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.

- Same as \_\_\_\_\_ structure except we do not show lone pairs.

Lewis vs Structural	
$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$
Lewis Formula	Structural Formula

**EXAMPLE:** Draw a structural formula for  $C_2H_6$ .

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**PRACTICE:** Propane ( $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$ ) is a component of liquified petroleum gas. Draw a structural formula for propane. (Hint: Carbon makes four bonds.)

**PRACTICE:** Methylamine ( $\text{CH}_5\text{N}$ ) is a gaseous compound with a fishy smell. Draw this molecule using structural formula.