# Check Homework

# **Aromatic Compounds**

Historically aromatic compounds were organic compounds with an odour. Today aromatic compounds are defined as benzene ( $C_6H_6$ ) and all carbon compounds that contain benzene-like structures.

Although the molecular formula for benzene suggests 3 double bonds between three single bonds, empirical evidence shows:

- (i) the ring is relatively unreactive we know multiple bonds are reactive
- (ii) The C--C bonds are of equal length and strength [EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE DOES NOT MATCH THEORY]

The evidence can only be explained if the pi electrons are delocalized (do not stay with any one carbon) and circle in a donut shaped cloud above and below the plane of the sp<sup>2</sup> C-C bonds.



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think multiple bonds

## **Substituted Benzenes**

Mono- substituted benzene structures

Ex.



No number is needed for mono-substitued benzenes because all ring positions are identical.

Simple Di - substituted benzenes

When two groups are attached to benzene, the ring is numbered to give the lower numbers to the branches.



The prefix meta is used for 1,3 di-substituted benzenes.



### 1,3-dimethylbenzene or meta-dimethylbenzene

The prefix para is used for 1,4 di- substituted benzenes. Ex.

#### 1,4-dimethylbenzene or para-dimethylbenzene

When the benzene ring itself is considered as a branch, it is given the name *phenyl* 





