

## homotopic

Atoms or groups of a molecule which are related by an  $n$ -fold rotation axis ( $n = 2, 3$ , etc.) are called homotopic. For example, chiral tartaric acid ( $C_2$  axis), chloroform ( $C_3$  axis) and cyclohexaamylose ( $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin,  $C_6$  axis) have respectively two homotopic carboxyl groups, three homotopic chlorine atoms and six homotopic D-glucose residues.

**See:** prochirality

**Source:**

PAC, 1996, 68, 2193 (*Basic terminology of stereochemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 2210