## **b-Monocyclic monoterpenes** :

Their parent hydrocarbon is *p*-menthane ,with M.F.  $C_{10}H_{20}$ 



## **1- Limonene** $C_{10}H_{16}$

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Occurs in limonene and orange oils ,in pepperimt oils and in turpentine oils

It contains two unconjugated double bonds , because it adds two bromine molecules to give tetrabromide and adds two hydrogen molecules to give p-menthane with  $M.F.C_nH_{2n}$ , thus , limonene is a monocyclic compound

The two double bonds are unconjugated since the copmpound did not react with maleic anhydride .



To proof that there is one double bond at  $C_1$  using the following reactions, Also, the carbon skeleton of limonene will known.



To proof that there is one double bond at  $C_{\mbox{-}8}$  ,

Since , the structure of carvoxime is known , the structure of limonene must be has one double bond at  $C_{\mbox{-}8}$  .



**2- Menthol** C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O Occurs in pepperiment oil

It is a saturated compound since, it did not add hydrogen or bromine.

The oxygen atom is an alcoholic, as shown by its reactions:

Easily forming an ester and oxidized to menthone, therefore, menthol is a secondry alcohol





menthol

menthone

Since reduction of menthol with hydrogen iodide, gives *p*-menthane, thus, menthol most probably contains this carbon skeleton i.e.it is a monocyclic monoterpene.



Finally, since pulegone gives menthol on reduction, and since structure of pulegone is known, it therefore follows that menthol must be,



3- Menthone  $C_{10}H_{18}O$  occurs in pepperiment oils

It behaves as a ketone ,that it can be condensed with hydrazine and hydroxyl amine to give the hydrazone and oxime derivative respectively . It is a satutated compound since it did not react with bromine . When heated with hydrogen iodide / red phosphorous , it is reduced to p-menthane , thus , it a monocyclic compound .



Oxidation processes to indicate position of the carbonyl group.



## 5- Pulegone C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O

It contains one double bond ,since it adds one H<sub>2</sub> ,one Br<sub>2</sub>

It behaves as a ketone by condensation with hydrazine and hydroxyl amine.

It is a monocyclic ,has *p*-mebthane structure with one double bond and a carbonyl ketone at C-3 as shown:



To confirm that pulegone is  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone i.e.to indicate the position of the carbonyl group and the double bond.this is can be done by the following reactions;

