

**Friday Worksheet  
Chromatography 3**

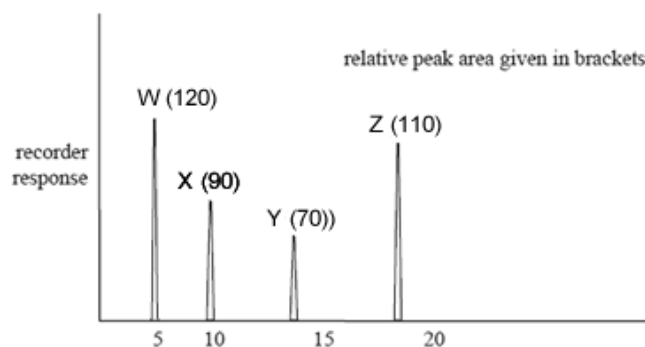
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- 1) A mixture of two compounds, 2-chloro-2-methylpropane and 2-chloro-2-methylbutane were analysed using gas chromatography. The chromatogram of this mixture produced the results below.

Compound	amount	Peak area
2-chloro-2-methylpropane	$1.51 \times 10^{-3}$ mol	450
2-chloro-2-methylbutane	$4.52 \times 10^{-3}$ mol	1300

- a) Which molecule would you expect to have the shortest retention time in the chromatography column? Explain your answer
- b) In another experiment,  $0.501 \times 10^{-3}$  mol of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane was analysed in a different mixture under the same conditions. What would be the expected peak area on the chromatogram associated with this amount of 2-chloro-2-methylpropane?

- 2) The diagram on the right shows the gas chromatogram of a sample containing four straight chain alkanes. The following statements refer to this chromatogram.



- I) The boiling points of the compounds arranged from highest to lowest are  $Z > Y > X > W$ .
- II) The retention times will stay the same if the temperature at which the chromatogram is recorded is increased, all other conditions remaining constant.
- III) Hydrogen gas could have been used as a carrier gas to obtain this chromatogram.

For each statement, discuss if it is true or false and give a reason.

- 3) A High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) column uses a non-polar stationary phase together with a polar mobile phase. Which of the molecules, 2-chloro-2-methylpropane or 2-chloro-2-methylbutane, will have the greatest retention time on the column? Explain