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Delta-x Nomenclature

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A convention for representing the molecular structure of fatty acids where each double bond is represented by the symbol delta with an exponent of x that indicates the xth carbon-carbon bond as counted from the carboxylic end. Each double bond is also preceded by an indication of the conformation as either cis or trans.