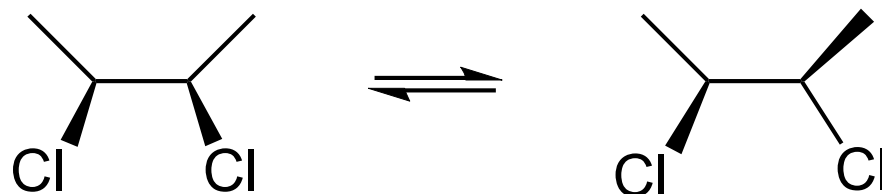


Determine the direction of the equilibrium (forward or reverse favored?). Explain briefly.



A) **Forward** is favored because the conformation on the right has no gauche interactions.

B) **Reverse** is favored because the conformation on the left has greater symmetry.

C) **Forward** is favored because the staggered conformation is lower in energy.

D) **Reverse** is favored because the staggered conformation is lower in energy.

E) Neither direction is favored, because they are the same compound.