

ALKANES (saturated)

alliphatic



From $> 4C$, structural isomerism ✓
 ↳ due to branching

cycloalkanes



stereoisomerism ✓

 sp^3 hybridised

↳ optical isomerism

 tetrahedral shape $\approx 109.5^\circ$ bond angle

↳ geometrical isomerism

↳ cycloalkanes

- As no. of C ↑, b.p. ↑.

↳ electron cloud size increases and hence electron cloud becomes more easily polarised

 ↳ id-id interactions are more extensive and stronger $\Rightarrow$ more energy required to overcome...

- As branching ↑, b.p. ↓

↳ molecule becomes more spherical and surface area for intermolecular interactions ↓

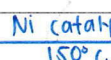
 ↳ extent of id-id forces between molecules ↓ $\Rightarrow$ less energy required to overcome...

- As more closely packed the molecules are, m.p. ↑

- mostly soluble in less polar organic solvents

- As Mr ↑, density ↑.

- Preparation of alkenes:



reduction.

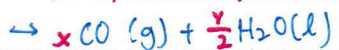
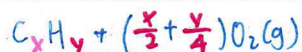
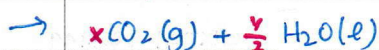
generally UNREACTIVE

- ① non-polar
- ② saturated

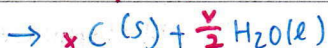
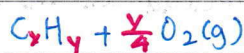
- Reactions: ① Combustion

Complete

Incomplete

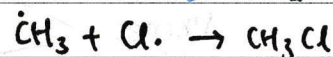
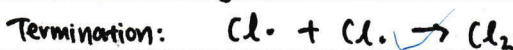
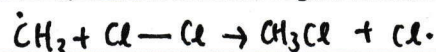
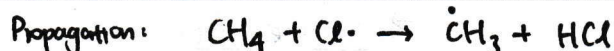
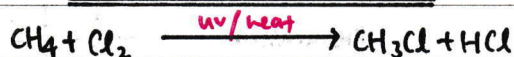


or



soot

- ② Free-radical Substitution:



* reactions should be in liquid or gaseous phase

X AQUEOUS ∴ water molecules will react

may lead differing positions too

 not a preferred synthesis method
 ∴ may result in multi-substitution.

 (must use limited Cl_2 or excess alkane)

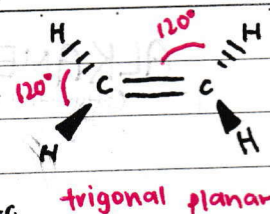
WHY LIGHT? to bring about homolytic fission of halogen molecule so that radicals produced would initiate substitution reaction.

ALKENES

trigonal planar about each C atom
in the (C=C) double bond

sp^2 hybridised

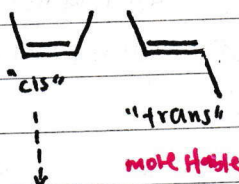
energy required to break C=C < 2x needed to break C-C



Geometrical Isomerism $\Rightarrow$ π bond weaker than σ bond

$\rightarrow$ cycloalkene X $\Rightarrow$ side-on overlap of orbitals less effective than head-on overlap of orbitals

$\rightarrow$ C joined to 2 different groups $\checkmark$



- As C $\uparrow$, b.p $\uparrow$ As branching $\uparrow$, b.p $\downarrow$, m.p. $\uparrow$
- cis b.p. $\gg$ trans. b.p.
- cis m.p. $\ll$ trans. m.p.

polar (pd-pd)

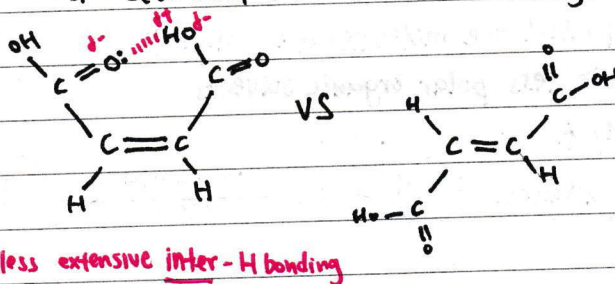
non-polar (id-id)

can pack better

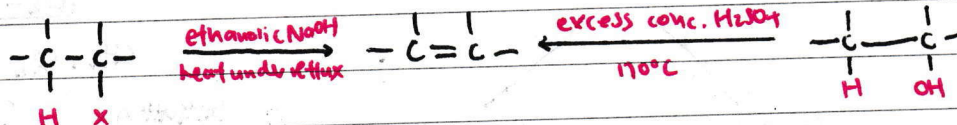
steric factor bet.

groups $\Rightarrow$ repulsion

* Beware of intramolecular H bonding!



Preparation.



* Zaitsev's rule:

$\rightarrow$ the more stable (substituted) alkene is the MAJOR product

* or Al_2O_3 @ $400^\circ C$
 H_3PO_4 @ $250^\circ C$

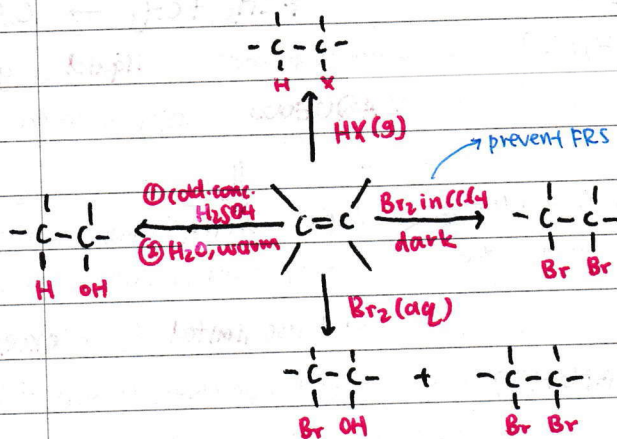
Alkenes

high e^- density of C=C

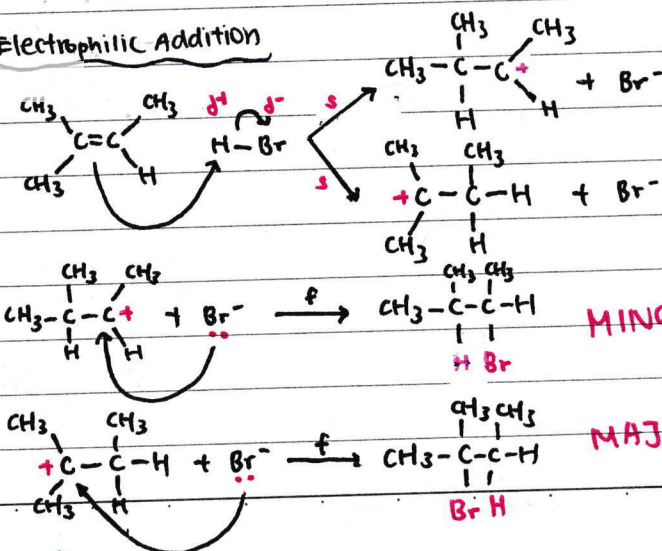
π -electron cloud attracts electrophiles

electron-seeking

have vacant orbitals that can accept e^- pair

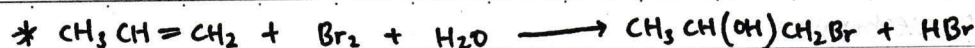


Electrophilic Addition

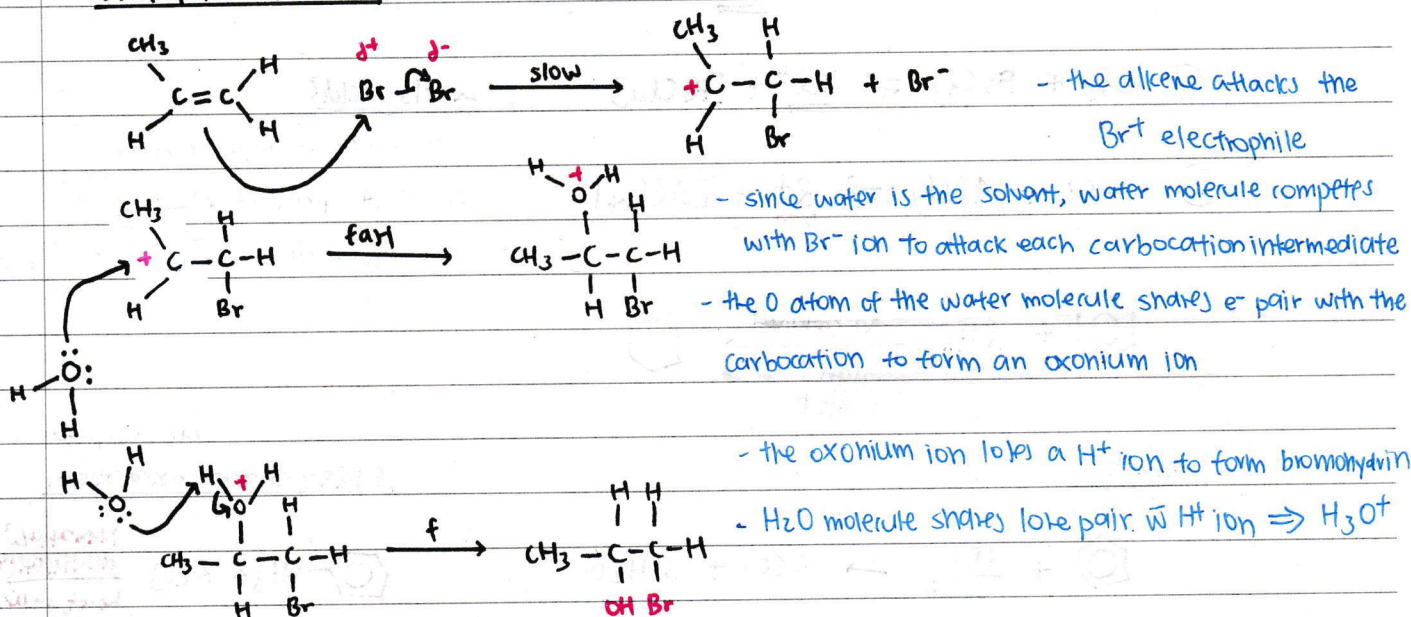


* Markovnikov's Rule:

- the more stable carbocation intermediate is formed (more substituted)
- the less electronegative binds to carbon with more H.



Electrophilic addition



Reduction: $\text{H}_2 / \text{Ni catalyst } 150^\circ\text{C}$

$\times \text{LiAlH}_4$ $\because$ reduction involving LiAlH_4 is initiated

by H^- nucleophile. Alkenes are e^- rich due to $\text{C}=\text{C}$

$\Rightarrow$ keep the H^- nucleophile which is e^- rich as well.

Oxidation: ① Mild

$\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq}), \text{NaOH}(\text{aq}), \text{cold}$

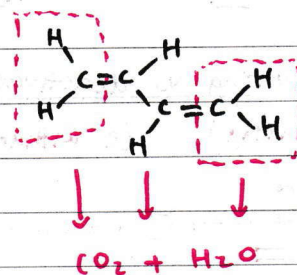
$\Rightarrow$ forms a diol.

② Strong $\begin{cases} \text{Acidic} \\ \text{Basic} \end{cases}$

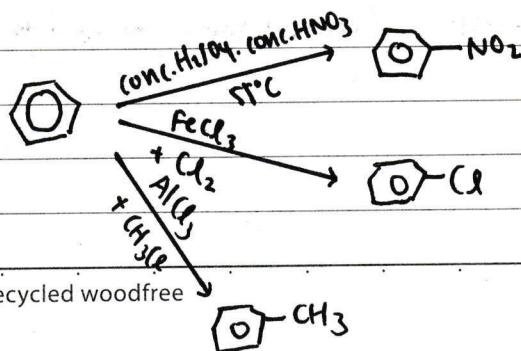
$\text{KMnO}_4(\text{aq}), \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}), \text{heat under reflux}$

$\Rightarrow$ ketone / c. acid / $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

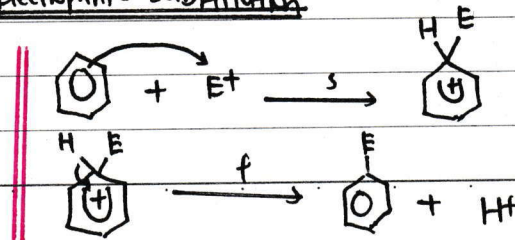
Combustion: $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n} + \frac{3n}{2} \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow n(\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + n\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}))$



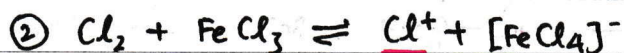
ARENES $\begin{cases} \nearrow 6 \text{ delocalised electrons} \\ \searrow \text{all C-C bond the same (1 1/2 bond)} \\ \searrow \text{sp}^2 \text{ hybridised} \\ \searrow \text{prefers SUBSTITUTION over ADDITION} \Rightarrow \text{destroy aromatic character and resonance stabilisation} \Rightarrow \text{becomes less stable.} \end{cases}$



Electrophilic Substitution

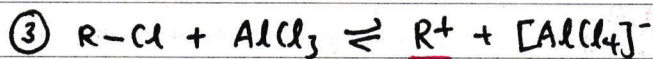


Generation of electrophile:



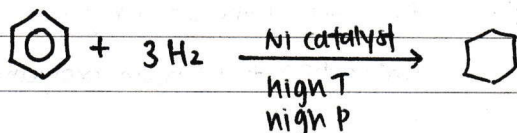
Lewis acid?

- an electron pair acceptor

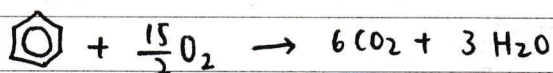


→ accepts pair of electrons from halogen

to generate Br^+ or Cl^+ electrophile

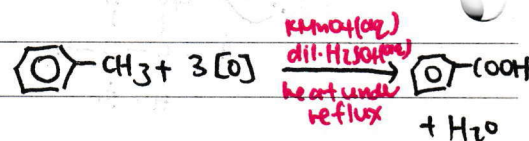


Combustion:



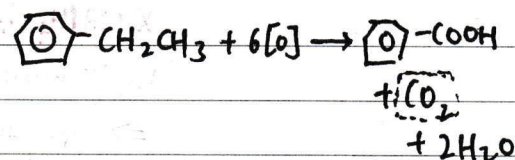
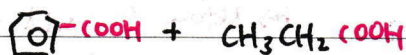
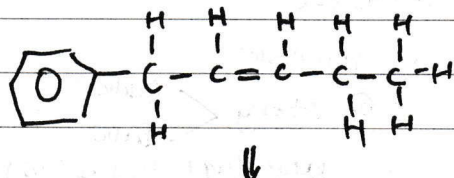
(sooty smoky flame $\because$ high C:H ratio)

Side-chain oxidation: (decolourisation of purple KMnO_4)



VS

Oxidative cleavage $\gg$ side-chain oxidation.



* Benzylic C atom must

contain O/H atom to have side-chain oxidation.

Activating vs deactivating

(e^- donating)

(e^- withdrawing) $\rightleftharpoons$

$\downarrow e^-$ density in the C_6H_5 and makes it less attractive for electrophiles
tends to intensify + charge $\rightarrow$ destabilisation of carbocation

$\uparrow e^-$ density in the C_6H_5 and makes it more attractive to electrophiles

helps disperse + charge in intermediate carbocation $\rightarrow$ stabilisation of carbocation

$\therefore$ activating group activates C_6H_5 towards e^- attack: $\uparrow$ reactivity

Orientation

2, 4: $-\text{NH}_2$ $-\text{OH}$ $-\text{CH}_3$ $-\text{Cl}$

3: $-\text{COOH}$ $-\text{NO}_2$ $-\text{CHO}$ (should know by now tbh)

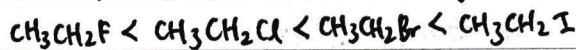
Halogenoalkanes

mono sub: $C_nH_{2n+1}X$

1° 2° 3° (no. of alkyl/aryl groups attached to C)

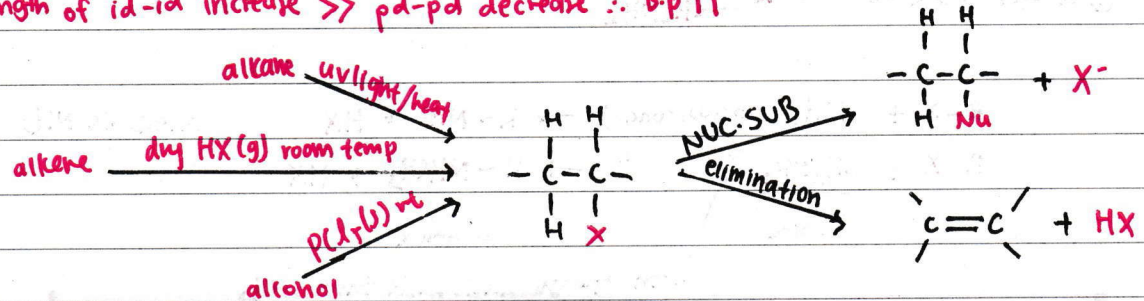
↑ b.p. ∴ pd-pd interactions

halogenoarenes (X directly attached to $\bigcirc$)



(* soluble in non-polar solvent)

strength of id-id increase >> pd-pd decrease ∴ b.p ↑↑



• since the halogen is more electronegative than C, the α -carbon is said to be electron deficient ∴ susceptible to nucleophilic attack

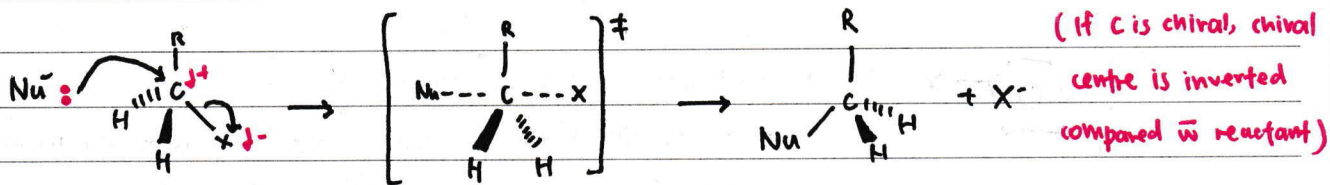
Nucleophiles: electron-rich species which have at least one pair of electrons

- negatively charged nucleophile always stronger than its conjugate acid.

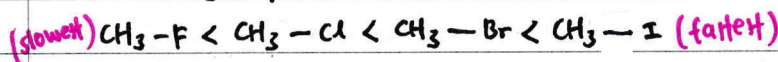
SN2

one step

$$\text{rate} = k[RX][\text{nucleophile}]$$



- As energy required to break bond ↓, rate of SN2 / SN1 ↑ - favoured by less substituted



halogenoalkanes

too strong ∴ chemically inert

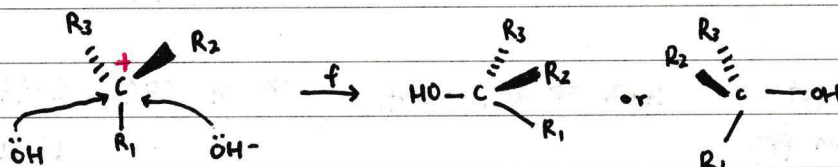
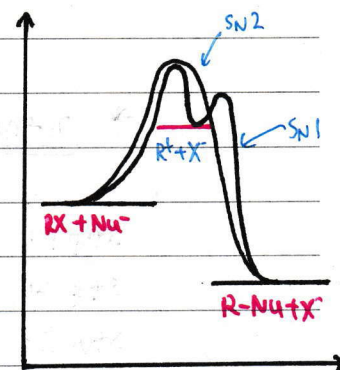
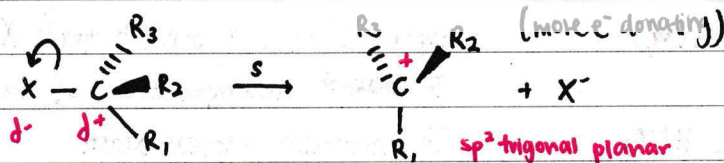
SN1

two step

$$\text{rate} = k[RX]$$

- favoured by factors that stabilise carbocation

- favoured by polar solvents



racemic mixture formed
⇒ resultant mixture is optically inactive*

- Examples of nucleophilic sub:



① HCl(aq) heat

② NaOH(aq) heat

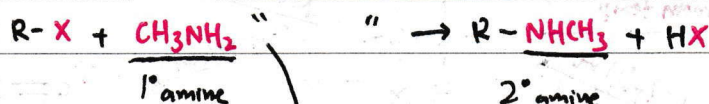
① RCOOH ② RCOO⁻

hydrolysis

reduction



} LiAlH₄ in dry ether;
Ni cataly H₂, heat



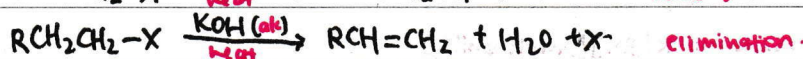
even stronger nucleophile than NH₃



ether

NaCN

- Elimination (ref to alkenes)



- less reactive to nucleophilic substitution*

(a) the p orbital of the halogen atom overlap with the π -electron cloud of the benzene ring $\Rightarrow$ partial double bond character in the C-X bond $\Rightarrow$ more energy required to break the C-X bond.

(b) electronic repulsion between electrons in the benzene ring and the approaching electron-rich nucleophile

* Distinguishing Test

Step 1: Heat RX with NaOH(aq)

Step 2: Cool the mixture

Step 3: Acidify with dilute HNO₃

Step 4: Add AgNO₃(aq)

Hydrolysis of C-X bond to form X⁻(aq)

To prevent decomposition of AgNO₃

To neutralise excess NaOH.

Test for presence of X⁻.

AgCl $\Rightarrow$ white ppt

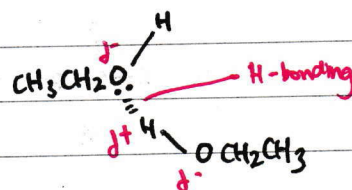
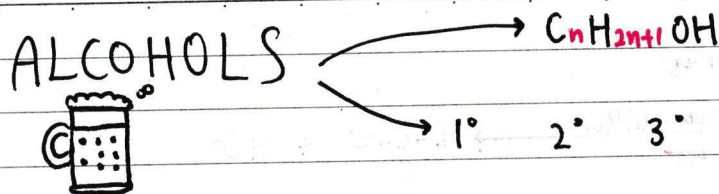
AgI $\Rightarrow$ yellow ppt.

* In CFCs: C-Cl + CBr bonds broken

AgBr $\Rightarrow$ cream ppt

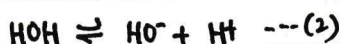
C-H & C-F bonds not broken

$\rightarrow$ preferred replacement



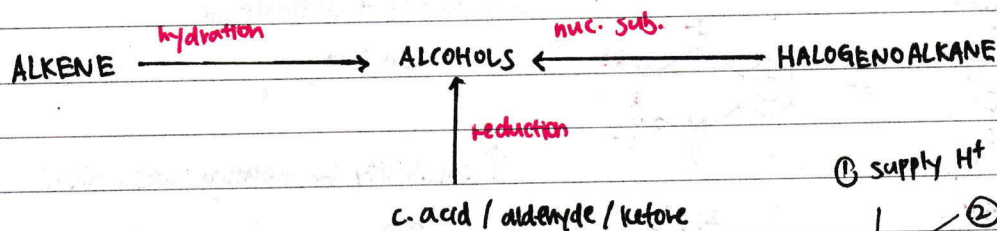
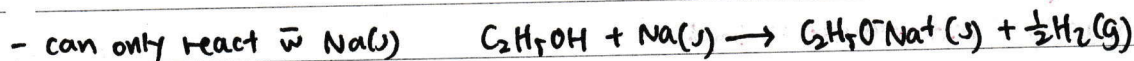
- with same no. of e^- , b.p. of alcohol > alkanes $\because$ H-bonding
- $\uparrow$ length of alkyl chain, b.p. $\uparrow \because$ $\uparrow$ id-id $\uparrow$ branching, b.p. $\downarrow$
- $\uparrow$ length of alkyl chain, solubility $\downarrow \because$ vdw forces become predominant

- alcohols have lower acidity than water



e^- donating alkyl group increases the e^- density on the oxygen in the alkoxide ion, RO^- and intensifies the negative charge $\Rightarrow$ destabilises the alkoxide ion and makes it ready to accept protons
p.o.e for (1) lies more to the left compared to (2) $\because$ weaker acid

$\uparrow e^-$ donating alkyl group, $\downarrow$ acidity of alcohols

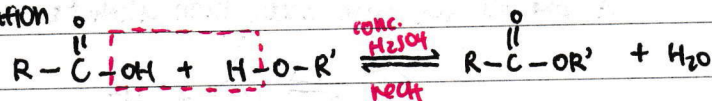


- ① supply H^+ to catalytic reaction
- ② remove H_2O so shift p.o.e $\rightarrow$

- Combustion

(to give CO_2 & H_2O)

- Esterification



* slow & reversible

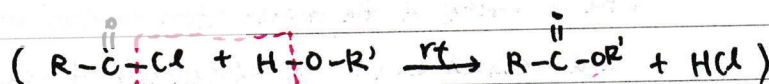
- Halogenation



$\rightarrow$ dry HX gas + heat

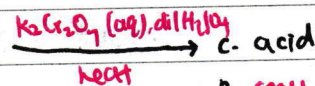
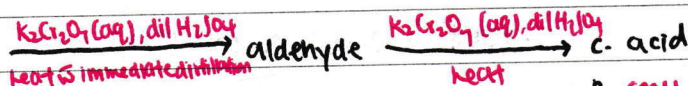
$\rightarrow PX_3$

$\rightarrow PCl_5(s), SOCl_2$



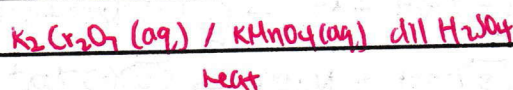
Oxidation

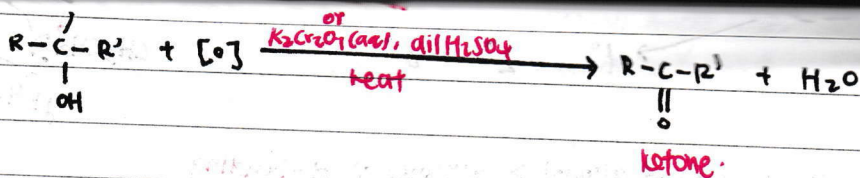
1° alcohols



- Elimination

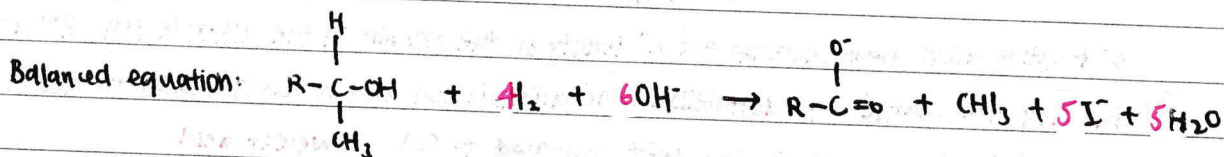
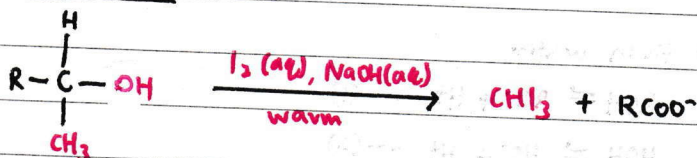
(refers to alkene)





3° alcohol cannot be oxidised.

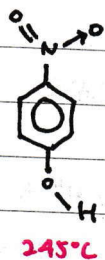
* Iodoform test (oxidation)



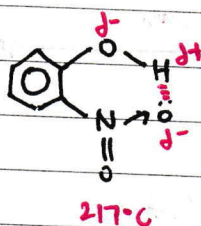
PHENOLS

- high bp ∴ intermolecular H-bond

→ extent of H-bonding



vs

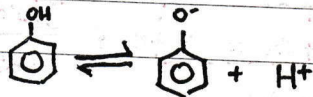


↓ extent of intermolecular
H bonding

↑ solubility by heating with alkali



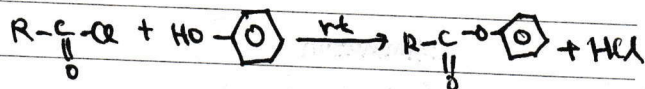
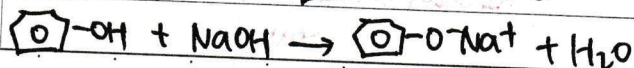
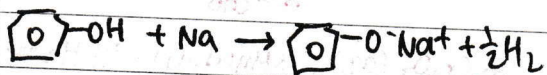
- phenols are more acidic than alcohol & water

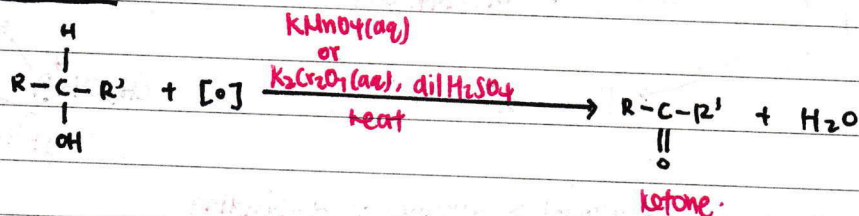


• the p orbital of the oxygen atom overlaps with the π-orbitals of the benzene ring to form a delocalised cloud → delocalisation of negative charge on O moving
∴ phenoxide ion resonance stabilised.

- react w Na(s) & NaOH(aq)

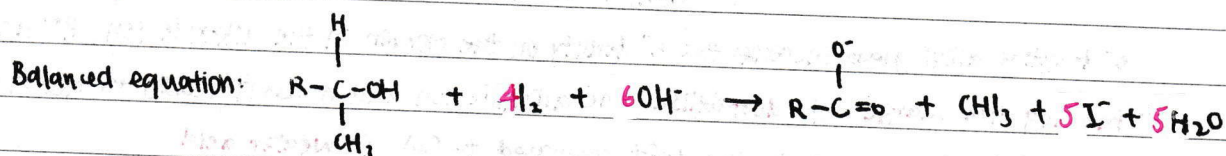
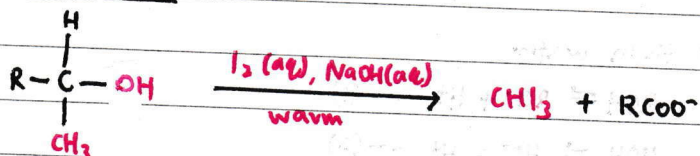
- react w acyl chloride



2° alcohols

3° alcohol cannot be oxidised.

* Iodoform test (oxidation)

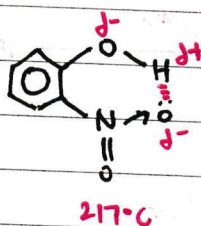
PHENOLS

- high bp $\because$ intermolecular H-bond

$\rightarrow$ extent of H-bonding



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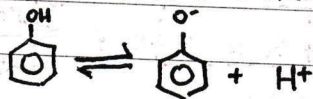


$\downarrow$ extent of intermolecular H bonding

$\uparrow$ solubility by heating with alkali



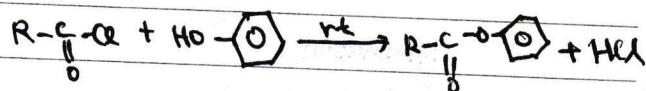
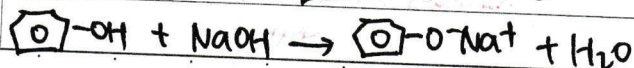
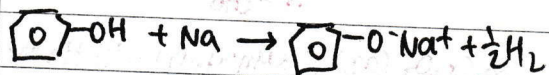
- phenols are more acidic than alcohol & water



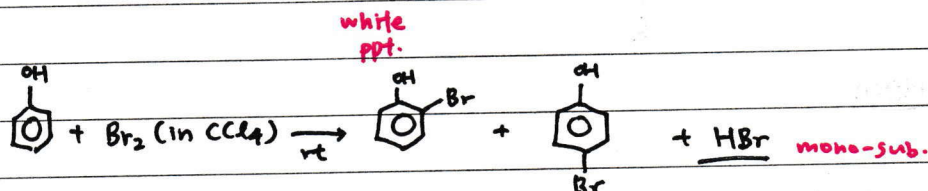
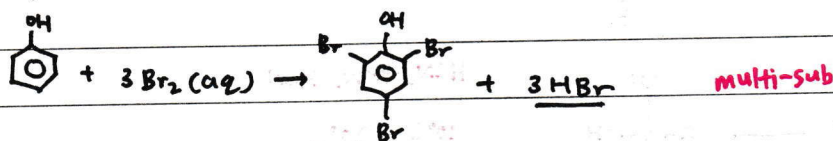
• the p orbital of the oxygen atom overlaps with the π -orbitals of the benzene ring to form a delocalised cloud $\rightarrow$ delocalisation of negative charge on O improving $\therefore$ phenoxide ion resonance stabilised.

- react w Na(s) & NaOH(aq)

- react w acyl chloride



- electrophilic substitution

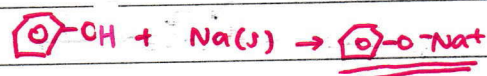


conc. $\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow$ tri-sub.

dil. $\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow$ mono-sub.

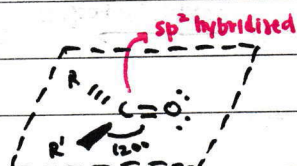
* Test: Neutral $\text{FeCl}_3(\text{aq})$

* sometimes phenol can act as nucleophile



CARBONYL COMPOUNDS $\rightarrow$ ketone / aldehyde.

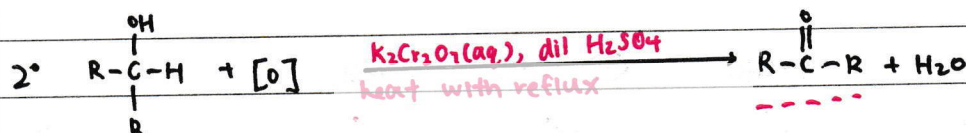
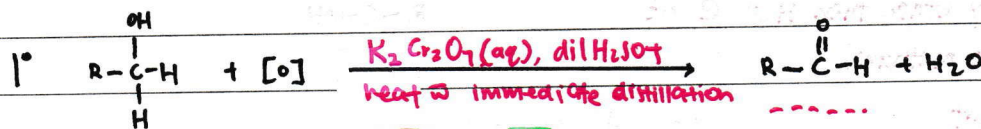
planar molecule $\rightarrow$ pd-pd interactions (m.p. and b.p.)
 lone pair of electrons on carbonyl O atom allows formation of H bond with protic H atom of H_2O molecule.



$\rightarrow$ appreciable solubility

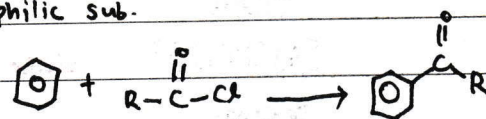
As C chain $\uparrow$, solubility in water $\downarrow$ due to increasing size of hydrophobic alkyl chain.

only way of forming ALDEHYDE.



oxidative cleavage of alkenes

electrophilic sub.



- C atom of the $-\text{C=O}$ group has δ^+ $\therefore$ bonded to e^- negative O

$\rightarrow e^-$ rich nucleophiles attracted to this e^- -deficient site

* aldehydes more reactive than ketone.

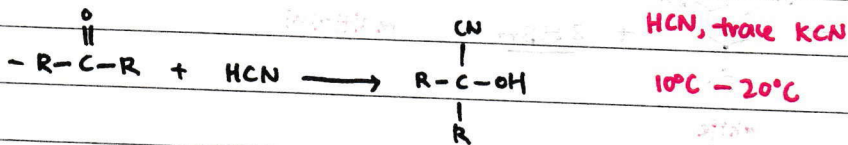
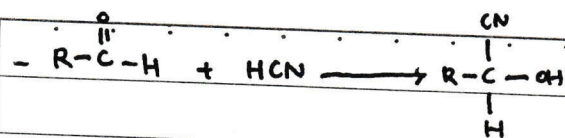
$\Rightarrow$ affected by:

① Electronic factor

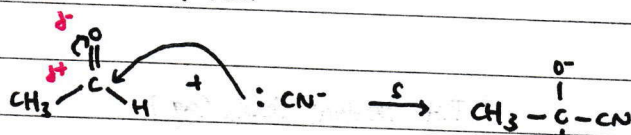
e^- donating groups reduce size of δ^+
 hence decreasing attraction for nucleophiles + SUSCEPTIBILITY of nucleophilic attack

② steric factor

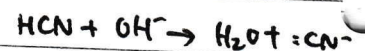
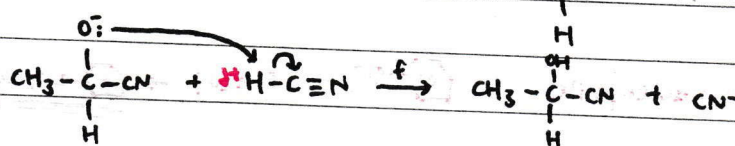
- hinders approach of attacking nucleophile



Nucleophilic Addition

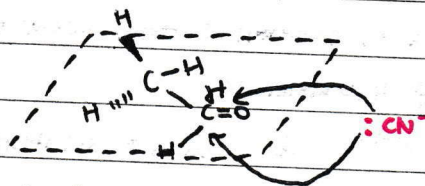


- use either KCN catalyst or NaOH



→ geometry around sp^2 hybridized carbonyl carbon atom is trigonal planar

→ nucleophile can attack carbonyl carbon from either side to form **racemic mixture**.

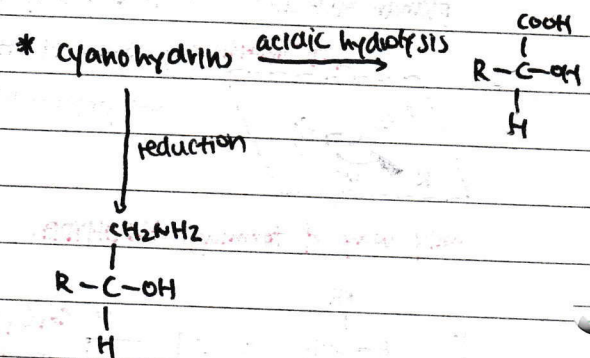


aldehyde → reduced → 1° alc.

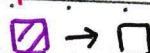
ketone → reduced → 2° alc.

* $LiAlH_4$ in dry ether, then H_2O @ r.t.
or $NaBH_4$ in methanol
or H_2/Ni , heat

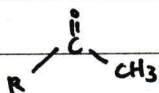
cannot reduce alkenes



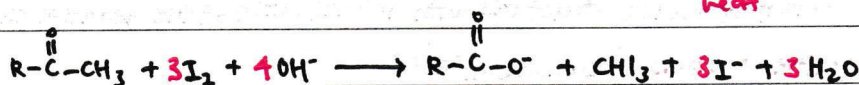
	$R-CHO$	C_6H_5-CHO	$R-COR$
2,4-DNPH	✓	✓	✓
	orange ppt	orange ppt	orange ppt
Tollen's	✓	✓	×
$[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+$	silver mirror	silver mirror	no formation
Fehling's	✓	×	×
Cu^{2+}	reddish-brown ppt	no ppt	no ppt
$K_2Cr_2O_7(aq)$	✓	✓	×
dil H_2SO_4 , heat	purple turns colourless	purple turns colourless	remains purple



- Iodoform



heat



* $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-R$ is less reactive towards nucleophilic attack as the carbonyl C atom is less e^- deficient due to interaction of the π electron cloud of the carbonyl group and those of the adjacent C_6H_5 . In addition, the bulky benzene ring poses steric hindrance to the approaching nucleophile.

Carboxylic Acids

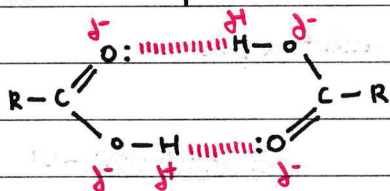
carboxyl group ($-COOH$)
tend to have higher boiling points
 $\therefore$ intermolecular H bonding

- stronger intermolecular hydrogen bonds than alcohols

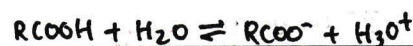
$\therefore$ $-OH$ group more polarised due to presence of

e^- withdrawing carbonyl group.

- tend to dimerise in vapour state and in non-polar solvents



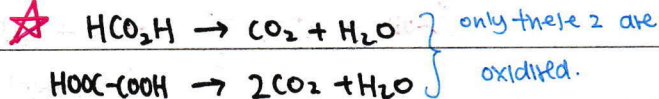
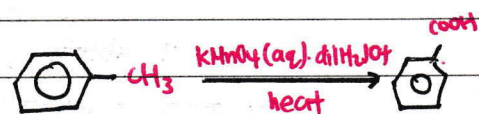
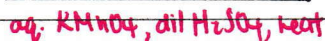
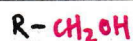
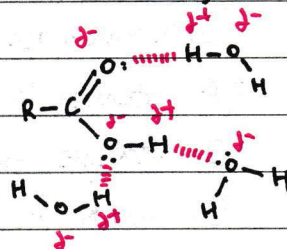
In polar solvents:



- ability of the $-COOH$ group form H-bonds with water molecules

- partial dissociation in water form H_3O^+ and $RCOO^-$ which are capable of forming ion-dipole interaction with water molecules

- As length of C $\uparrow$, solubility $\downarrow$



Acidity: $\text{RCOOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{RCOO}^- + \text{H}^+$

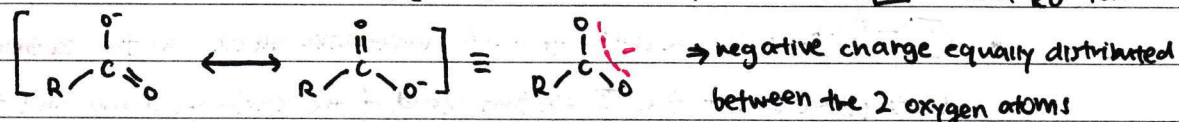
Generally, $\text{R-OH} < \text{water} < \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH} < \text{R-COOH}$

(the more stable the conjugate base formed, the less likely it is to accept proton)

→ RCOO^- forms 2 equivalent resonance structures with delocalisation of the negative charge over

2 highly electronegative O atoms (resonance effect)

→ This results in the carboxylate anion being greatly stabilised compared to the $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-$ and RO^- ion.



→ The p-orbital of O overlaps with the π -electron cloud of the benzene ring so that the negative charge on O delocalises into the benzene ring

→ The dispersal of negative charge stabilises the phenoxide ion so that it is more stable than the alkoxide ion.

→ $\text{ROH} \rightleftharpoons \text{RO}^- + \text{H}^+$

→ e⁻ donating alkyl group intensifies the negative charge on O atom

→ charge on RO^- ion also remains localised on a single e⁻ negative O

→ RO^- is most unstable and most likely to accept a proton.

E⁻ donating -CH₃

① increase e⁻ density of $\ominus$ charge on carboxylate ion

② intensify $\ominus$ charge on the carboxylate anion

③ destabilise the c. base of the acid

④ acidity ↓

E⁻ withdrawing -Cl

① decrease "

② disperse "

③ stabilize "

④ acidity ↑

→ no. of substituents

→ position of substituents

Reactions w:

Na(s)

✓

$\text{RCOO}^-\text{Na}^+ + \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2$

NaOH(aq)

✓

$\text{RCOO}^-\text{Na}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Na_2CO_3

✓

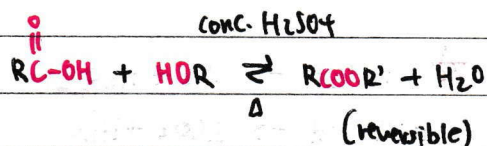
$2\text{RCOO}^-\text{Na}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$

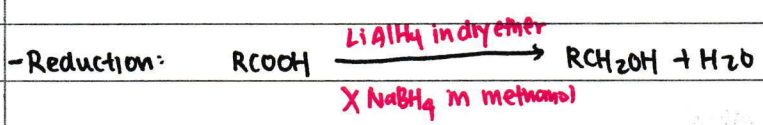
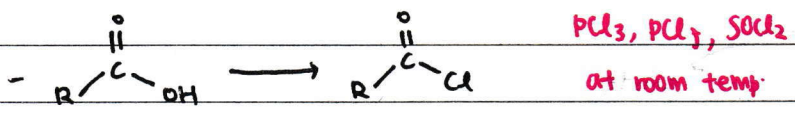
NH_3

✓

$\text{RCOO}^-\text{NH}_4^+$ acid-base reaction

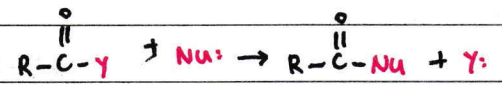
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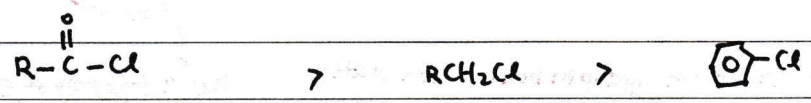


Y: OH acid OR' ester
Cl acylchloride NH₂ amide

DERIVATIVES : acid
acyl-chloride } hydrolyse readily in water
ester } lower bp than C-acid
amide }
hydrolyses to give HCl (pH=1)

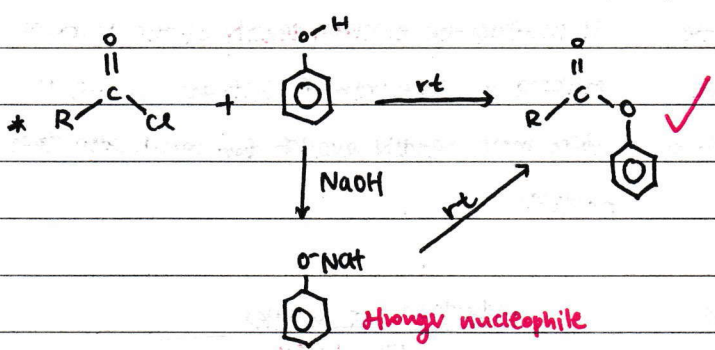


Ease of hydrolysis

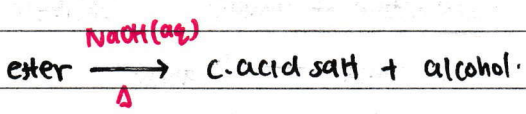
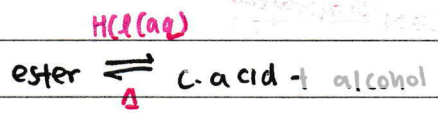


higher δ^+ on C (bonded to 2 strongly e ⁻ negative atoms, O & Cl) ⇒ attracts nucleophile more strongly highly polarised C-Cl cleaves easily	lower δ^+ on C (only bonded to 1 e ⁻ negative Cl atom) ⇒ attracts nucleophile less strongly C-Cl cleaves only with heating	overlapping of p-orbital on Cl atom with π -electron cloud of C_6H_5 ⇒ attracts nucleophile less strongly C-Cl does not cleave (partial double bond character)
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sp² hybridised (less steric hindrance) sp³ hybridised (more steric hindrance)



+ ammonia → 1° amide
+ 1° amine → 2° amide
+ 2° amine → 3° amide
X 3° amine



NITROGEN COMPOUNDS

amine

amide

sp^3 hybridised; trigonal pyramidal

↑ in C chain, ↑ b.p.

$3^\circ < 2^\circ < 1^\circ$

pd, pd, id-id + H-bonding

no H-bonding

weaker pd-pd + less extensive H-bonding

b.p. of amines $\ll$ b.p. of alcohol

→ N atom less e^- negative than O atom

→ N-H bond less polar than the O-H bond

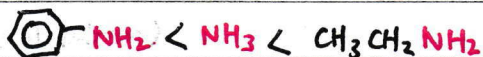
Amine

Solubility: can form hydrogen bonds with water

↑ C, ↓ solubility

has a lone pair of electrons on the N atom and is available to form dative covalent bond w/ proton

availability of the lone pair of electrons on the N-atom for co-ordination w/ proton

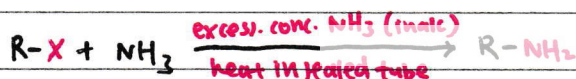


In phenylamine, the lone pair of e^- on the N atom is delocalised by interaction w/ the π -electron cloud of the C_6H_5 . $\therefore$ lone pair less available for coordination to a proton.

In ethylamine, the $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ group is e^- releasing. It increases the electron density at the N atom making the lone pair of electrons on the N atom more readily available for coordination to a proton.

* substituents on the C_6H_5 affects too.

Reduction of nitriles



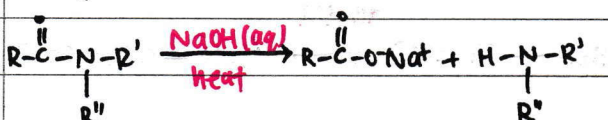
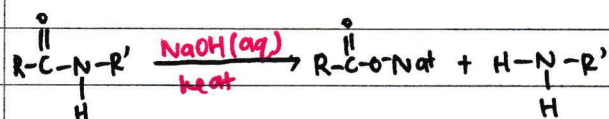
Reduction of amides

LiAlH_4 in dry ether

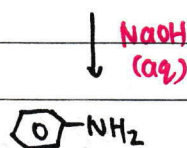
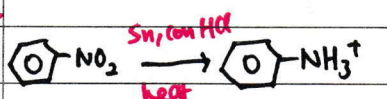
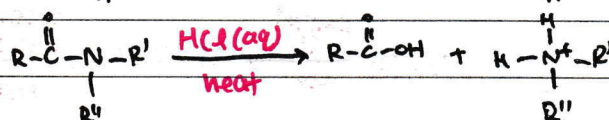
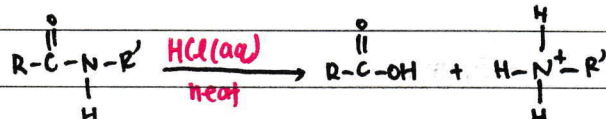


- Hydrolysis

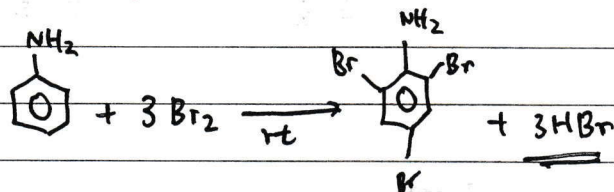
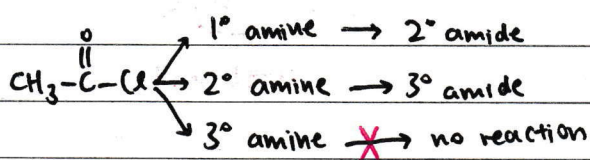
Basic



Acidic



NaOH(aq)

amine + acid $\rightarrow$ amine saltamine salt + alkali $\rightarrow$ amine* to mono-sub: ① acylation — reduce e^- density

② bromination

③ basic hydrolysis

1° & 2° amides $\uparrow$ bp $\because$ H-bonding
 3° amine no H-bonding

WHY ARE AMIDES NEUTRAL? the lone pair of electrons on the N atom interacts with the π - e^- cloud of the adjacent C=O bond and is delocalised, and hence not available for coordination to proton.



If no. of C < 5 in amine, pungent gas evolved turns moist red litmus blue.

Amino Acids

contain $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{NH}_2$ exist as zwitterions — held together by strong ionic bonds $\therefore \uparrow$ m.p $\uparrow$ b.p.

amphoteric

optical isomerism

(except glycine)

— much more soluble in water

 $\rightsquigarrow$ can interact w H_2O molecules via ion-dipole interaction

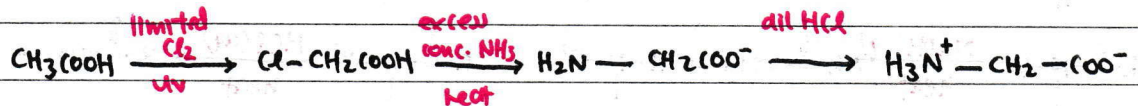
pI — pH at which amino acid exists predominantly as zwitterions & does not migrate under electric field

(separation by electrophoresis — different rate of movement due to different sizes and different net charges)



- Titration Curves

- Synthesis

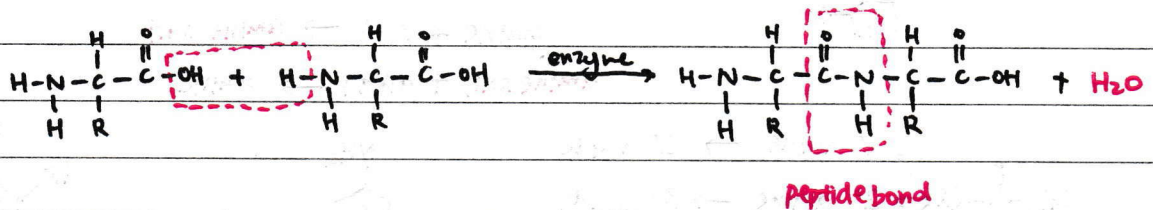


- Form salt w/ acid/base

- acylation can form amide.

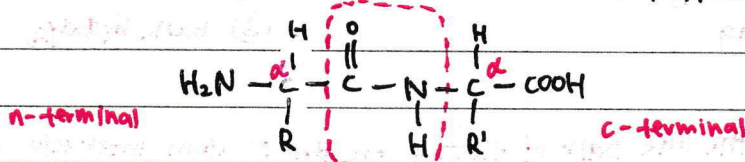
- esterification

- Peptide formation



Proteins

1° structure — sequence of amino acids in the polypeptide chain



peptide bond

* peptides containing same amino acid residues but in different order are not identical

⇒ has partial double bond character

due to delocalisation of electrons

The C & N + 2 attached atoms → planar 120°

① complete hydrolysis

↳ amino acids

② partial hydrolysis

↳ smaller polypeptide fragments

acid-catalysed

HCl, H₂SO₄

NaOH(aq)

heat under reflux for few hours

- heating with concentrated HCl at 100-120°C

for 10-36 hours in evacuated tube

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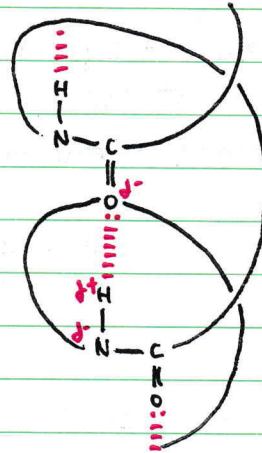
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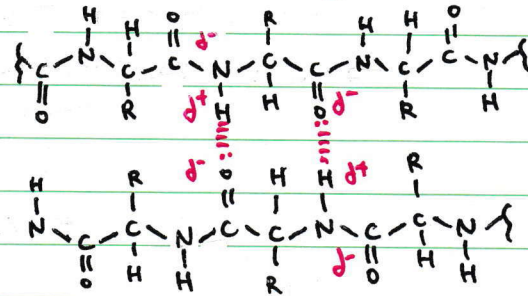
2° structure — the way in which segments of the polypeptide backbone orientate into a regular pattern through **hydrogen bonding** between the **N-H** and **C=O** groups of the peptide linkages in the polypeptide backbone

α-helix: regular coiled spiral polypeptide chain held in place by **intra-chain hydrogen bonds** between the **C=O** group of **nth** amino acid residue and the **N-H** group of **(n+4)th** amino acid residue. The R groups point outside of the helix and are perpendicular to the main axis of the helix.



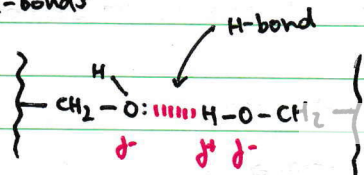
β-pleated sheet: all peptide linkages are involved in **intra-chain hydrogen bonding**

It is stabilised by **hydrogen bonds** between the **C=O** group of a peptide in one strand and the **N-H** group of another peptide in adjacent strand. The R groups project above and below the sheet perpendicularly.

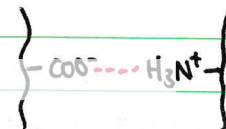


3° structure — the **3D arrangement of the protein** due to the folding of the 2° structural elements together with the spatial disposition of the side-chains. Folding is due to **R group interactions**.

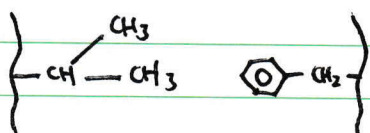
① H-bonds



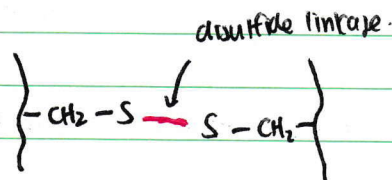
② Ionic interactions



③ vander Waals' forces



④ Disulfide linkages

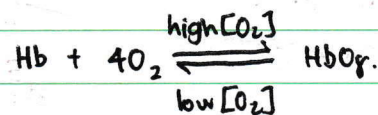


4° structure — the spatial arrangement and association of polypeptide subunits. It is the combination of several protein chains into a large 3D-structure held together by R-group interactions

① H-bonding ② ionic interactions ③ vander Waal's forces ④ disulfide linkages

HAEMOGLOBIN:

- 2 α -subunits + 2 β -subunits
- each subunit dative covalently bonded to haem residue
- 1 haemoglobin molecule can bind to 4 O_2 molecules to form one molecule of HbO_4 .



Denaturation: - the disruption of 2°, 3° or 4° structure of proteins by breaking the non-covalent interactions that hold these structures in their native conformation
⇒ loss of biological function.

→ for eg: conditions which disrupt specific interactions that maintain the conformation of the enzyme active site will usually lead to loss of catalytic activity

① ↑ in temp: - results in strong molecular vibrations which agitate the polypeptide chains enough to overcome the interactions that stabilise the protein conformation
⇒ **Coagulation** can occur as unfolded protein molecules get entangled and aggregate to form solid.

② Change in pH: - change ionic charges on amino acid residues and hence disrupt electrostatic attractions

low pH: protonation $-COO^- \rightarrow -COOH$
high pH: deprotonation $-NH_3^+ \rightarrow -NH_2$ } **at one point, isoelectric.**
no net charge ⇒ no longer repel and ∴
tend to coagulate and ppt out of solution

③ heavy metal ions: - compete with $+vely$ -charged groups for attraction to negatively charged groups, hence disrupting original ionic interactions

④ detergents: - contain **hydrophobic** and **hydrophilic** groups

can disrupt association of hydrophobic side chains

associate with surface of protein.