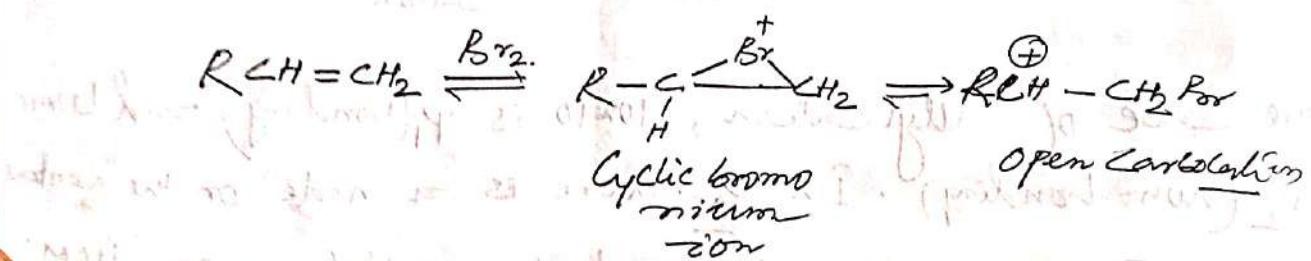


Alkene and Alkyne

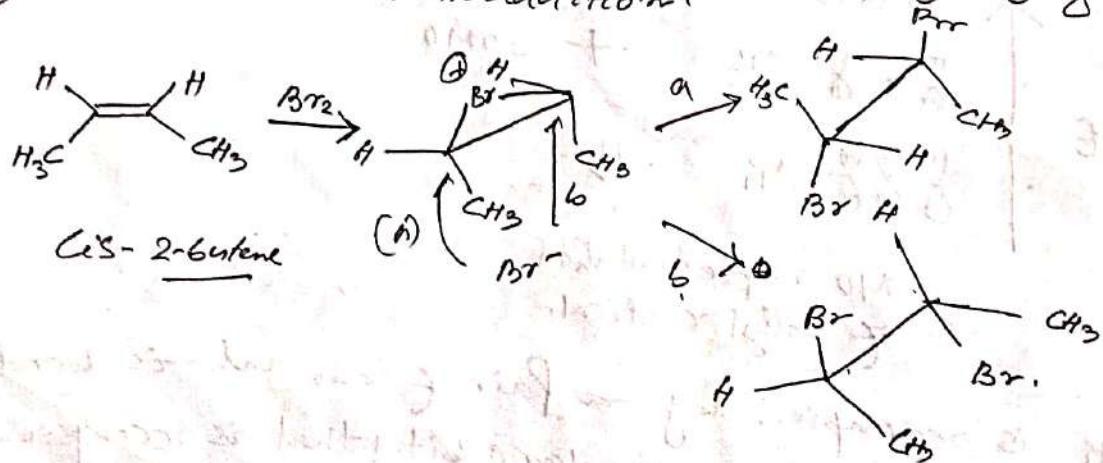
Addition of Halogen:

Chlorinations and brominations of alkenes are widely studied reactions. These are electrophilic additions and proceed through a discrete positively charged intermediate which may be bridged or a carbocation. This discrete positively charged intermediate is formed after the addition of Br⁻ to the alkene.

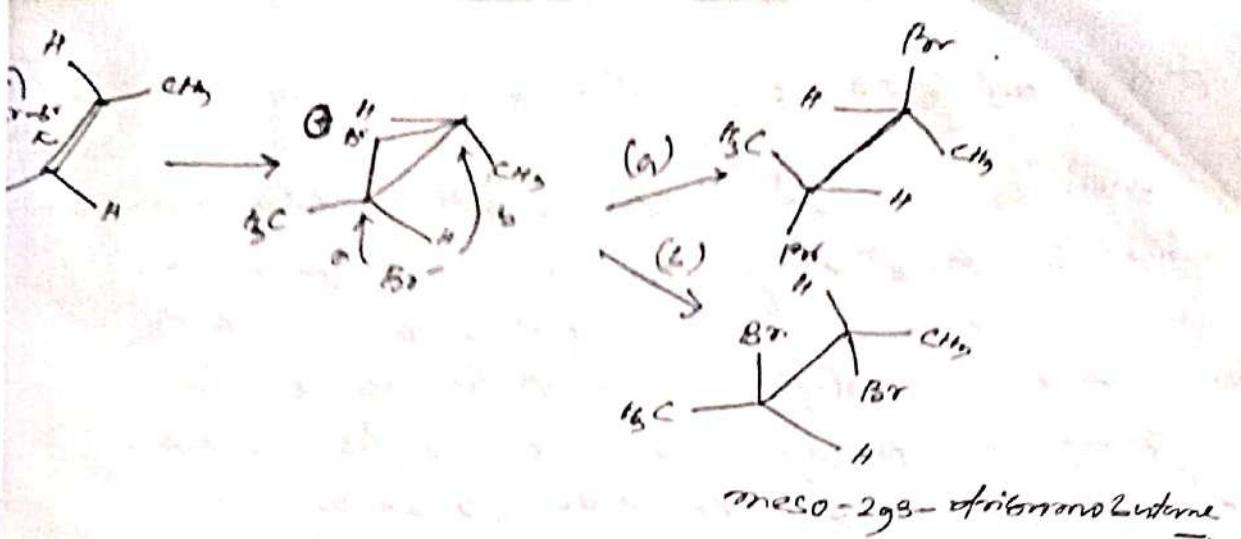


The anti-addition of bromine is observed for alkenes which do not have substituent groups that would strongly stabilize carbocation intermediate.

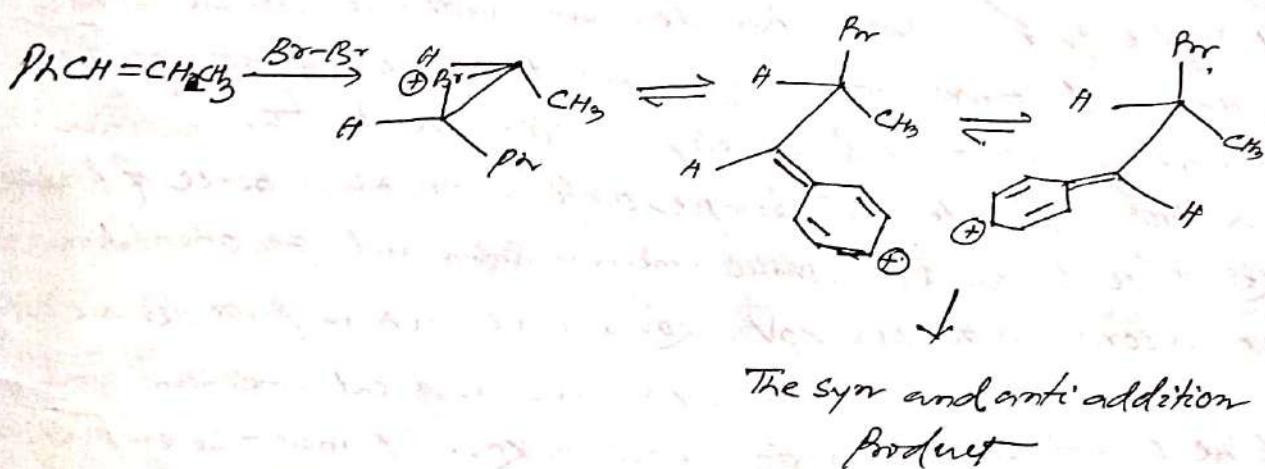
* This addition of bromine to cis and trans-2-butene is stereospecific. The first step is the formation of a bridged cation and in the second step the nucleophile, Br⁻ adds to the face away from the bridging group to give the overall anti-addition.



rac-2,3-dibromobutane.



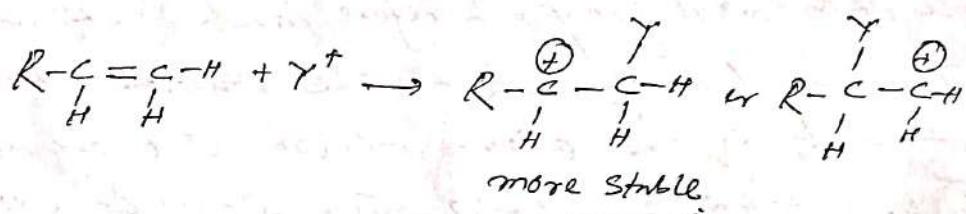
* When the alkene has an aryl group attached to the double bond, the reactivity becomes less and both syn and anti adducts are formed. This is so, because now the positive charge in the intermediate is delocalized on the aromatic ring. The presence of a phenyl group, therefore provides sufficient stabilization to allow carbocation formation. The rotation reduces the effectiveness of bridging and allows rotation to occur as shown below. The freely rotating open carbocation would be expected to yield both the syn as well as anti addition product.



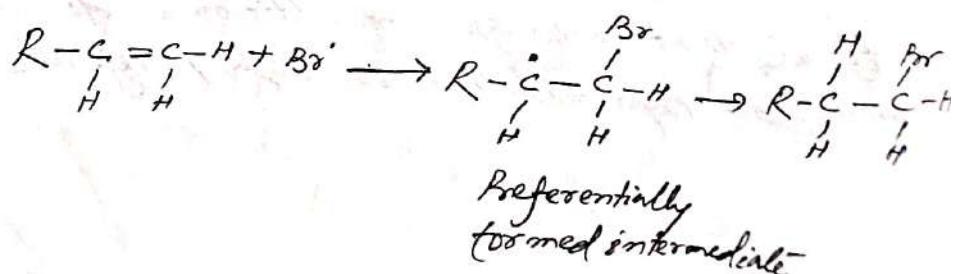
Chlorine being a weaker bridging group (it is less polarizable and more reluctant to become positively charged), it is thus found that although anti addition is dominant during bromination syn addition is slightly preferred for chlorination.

Addition of Haloacid to Olefins:

When an unsymmetrical reagent is added to an unsymmetrical substrate, the question arises; ~~the question is~~ which side of the reagent goes to which side of the double or triple bond? For electrophilic attack, the answer is given by Markonikov's rule: the positive portion of the reagent goes to the side of the double or triple bond that has more hydrogens. A number of explanations have been suggested for this regioselectivity, but the most probable is that γ^+ adds to that side that will give more stable carbocation. Thus when an alkyl group is present, secondary are more stable than primary.

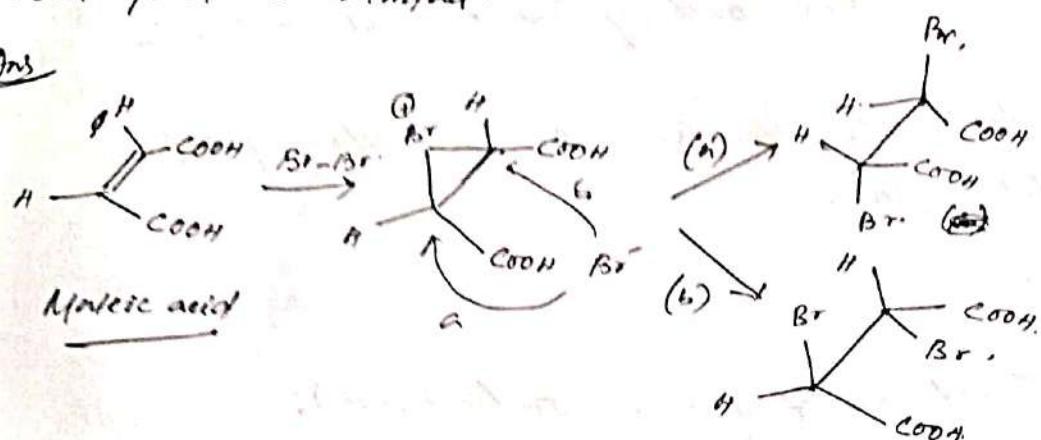


Any of the four hydrogen halides can add to double bonds; H_2 , HBr , and HF add at room temperature. The addition of HCl is more difficult and usually requires heat. The addition of hydrogen halides to simple olefins, in the absence of peroxides, takes place by an electrophilic mechanism, and the orientation is in accord with Markovnikov's rule. When peroxides are used, the addition of HBr occurs by a free radical mechanism, and the orientation is anti-Markovnikov. It must be emphasized that this is true only for HBr . Free-radical addition of HF and HCl only rarely.

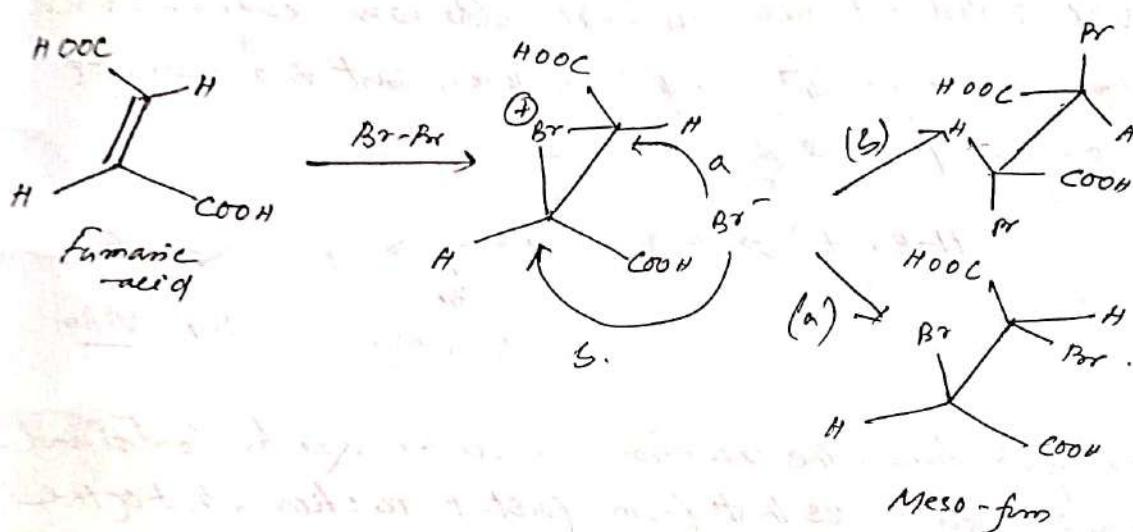


Justify the observation that addition of Br_2 to maleic acid gives racemic mixture whereas the same reaction with fumaric acid yields meso-product.

Ans



Rac-mixture.



Addition of bromine to maleic acid and fumaric acid is stereospecific. The first step is the formation of a bridged cation and in the second step the nucleophilic Br^- adds to the face away from the bridging group to give the overall anti-addition.

* Why does only HBr give anti-Markownikov's Product in presence of peroxide among all the haloacids?

Ans:

In the presence of peroxide and light, addition of HBr to unsymmetrical alkenes occur contrary to Markownikov's rule. But HCl and HI do not show peroxide effect. Radical chain reactions are successful when propagation steps are exothermic. An endothermic propagation step is reversible and would break the chain. With HI , the first propagation step is endothermic, because $\text{I}-\text{I}$ bond is weak. Moreover, HI is oxidized by peroxide to I_2 under reaction conditions. With HCl the second propagation

Step is exothermic, because the H-Cl bond is strong.

With HBr both the propagation steps are exothermic and HBr adds to the double bond by free radical mechanism.

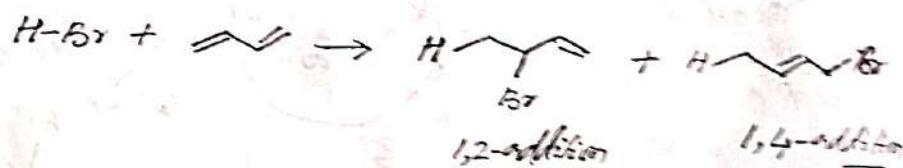
* Addition of Br₂ to $\text{PhCH}=\text{CH-CH}_3$ is less stereospecific than $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CH-CH}_3$.

See notes

* Conjugate addition of HBr to Catanocene (C_2):

Ans:

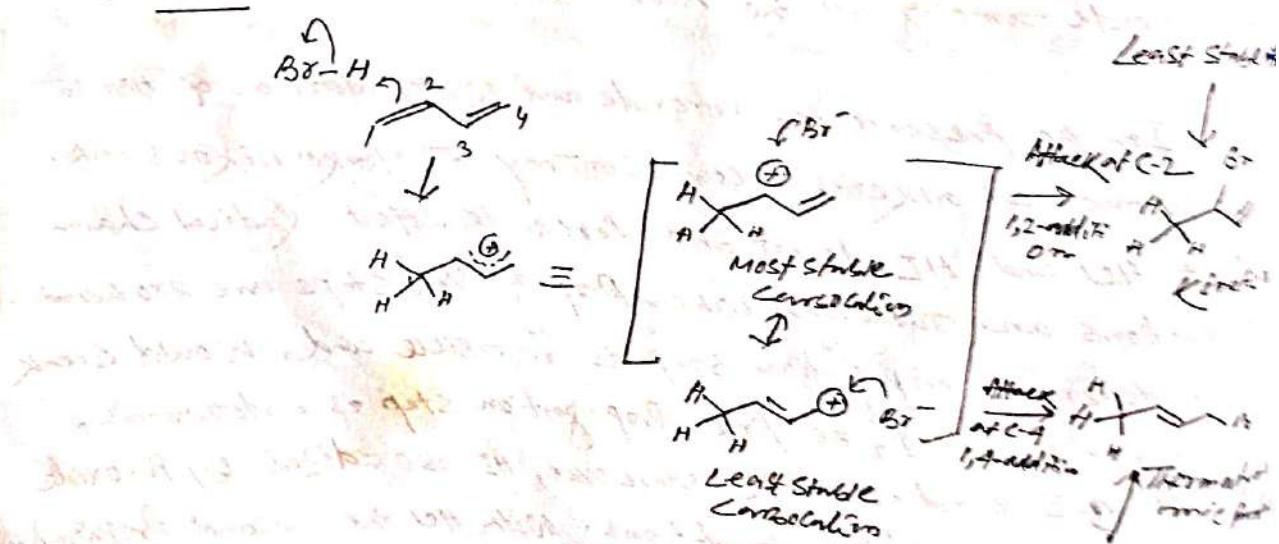
Conjugated dienes undergo addition reactions in similar manner to simple alkenes, but two modes of addition are possible



At low temperature, the reaction is under Kinetic Control so the major product is that from fastest reaction, that is the bromide with the secondary carbon (1,2-addition product).

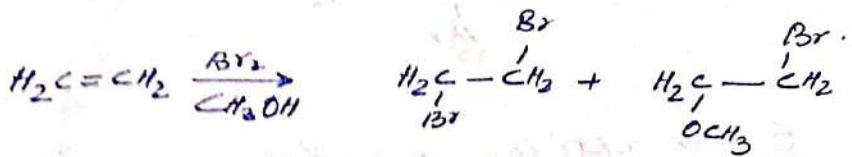
At higher temperature, the reaction is under thermodynamic control and the major product is the more stable system (more highly substituted alkene).

Mechanism

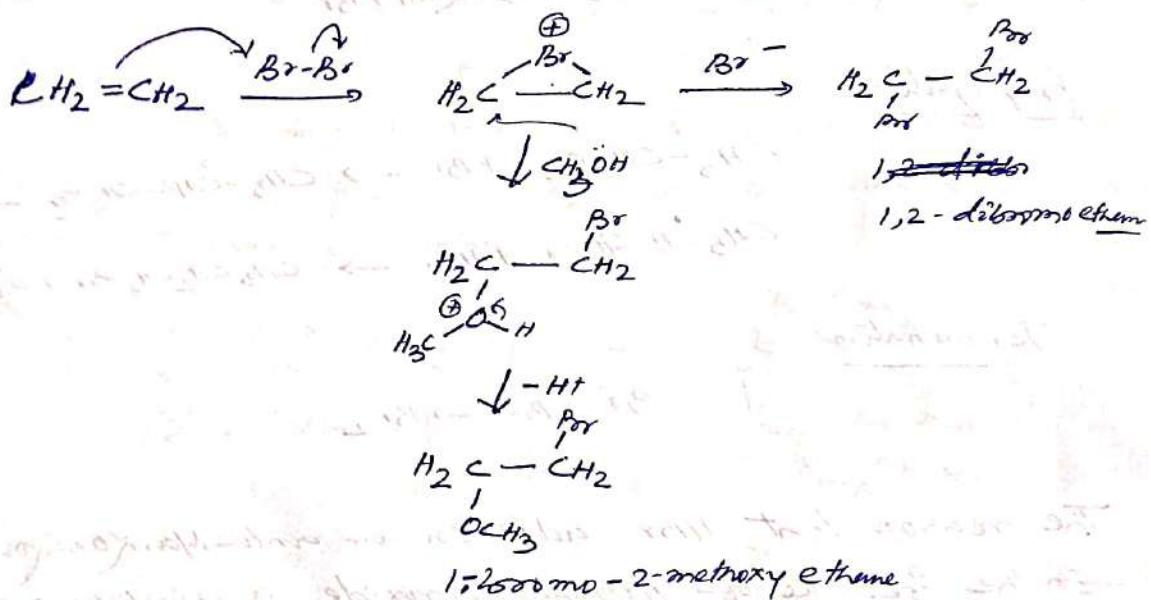


- * In methanol solution, bromine adds to ethene to yield only 1,2-dibromoethane but also 1-bromo-2-methoxy ethane? Explain

Ans:



The first part of the mechanism is same as halogenation, a bromonium ion is formed. Then both Br^- or CH_3OH acting lone acts as a nucleophile to give mixture of products.



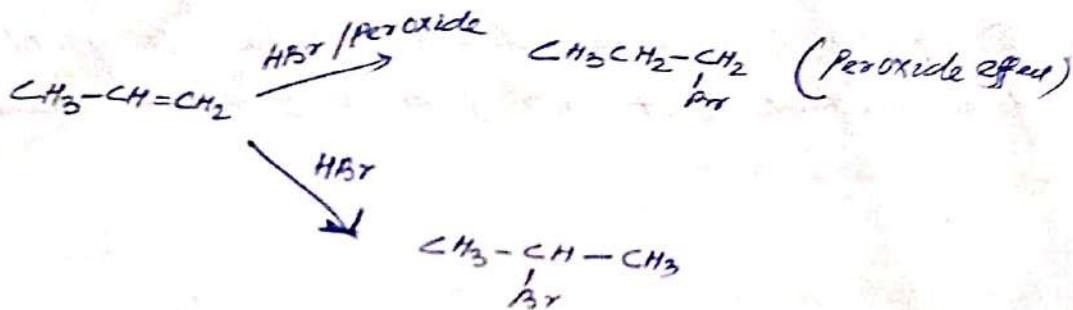
- * What happens when trans-2-butene is allowed to react with Br_2 . Predict the products with possible stereochemistry?

Ans: See in notes.

- * Peroxide effect of HBr addition to alkene (short note):

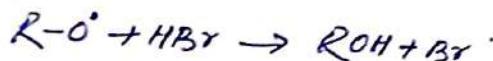
Ans:

Normally, when a molecule of HBr adds to a carbon-carbon double bond, the hydrogen becomes attached to the carbon with the more hydrogen on already. Because this is known as Markovnikov's rule. Because the HBr adds to the wrong way around in the presence of organic peroxides, this is often known as the peroxide effect or anti-Markovnikov addition.

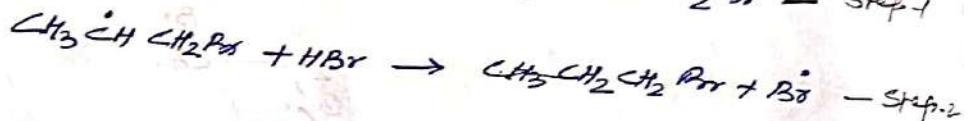


Mechanism of HBr addition in the presence of Peroxide is supposed to proceed via a radical mechanism.

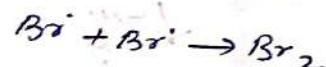
Initiation:



Propagation:



Termination



The reason that HBr adds in an anti-Markonikov fashion in the presence of organic peroxide is simply a question of reaction rates. The free radical Br^{\cdot} is much faster than the alternative electrophilic addition mechanism.

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The addition of fluorine to ethylenic double bond is non-stereospecific whereas addition of ~~trans~~ bromine to double bond is trans.

Ans:

Fluorine reacts very vigorously to form not only fluorinated but also several oxidation products.

Rest Explain yourself:

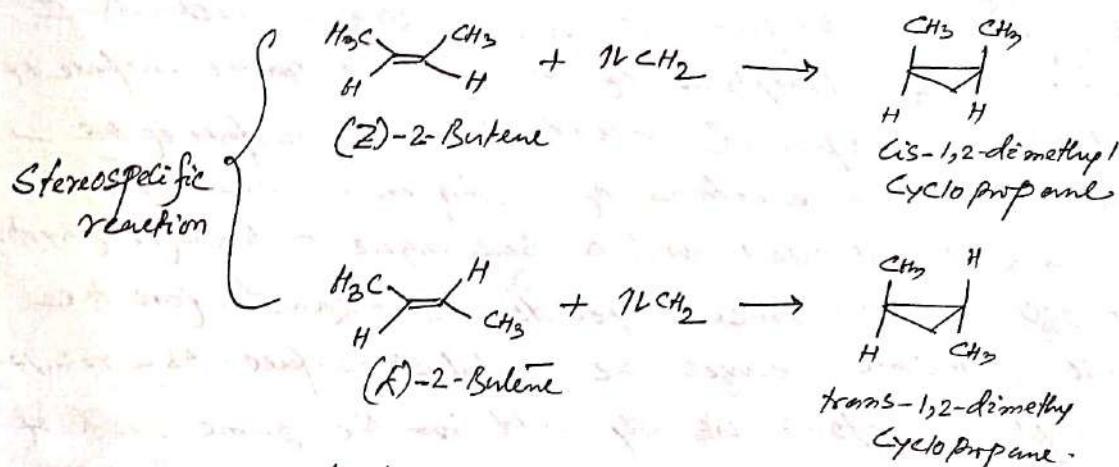
Stereo-specific and Stereoselective reaction :-

A Stereo-selecting reaction is one in which stereochemically different isomers react to give stereochemically different products.

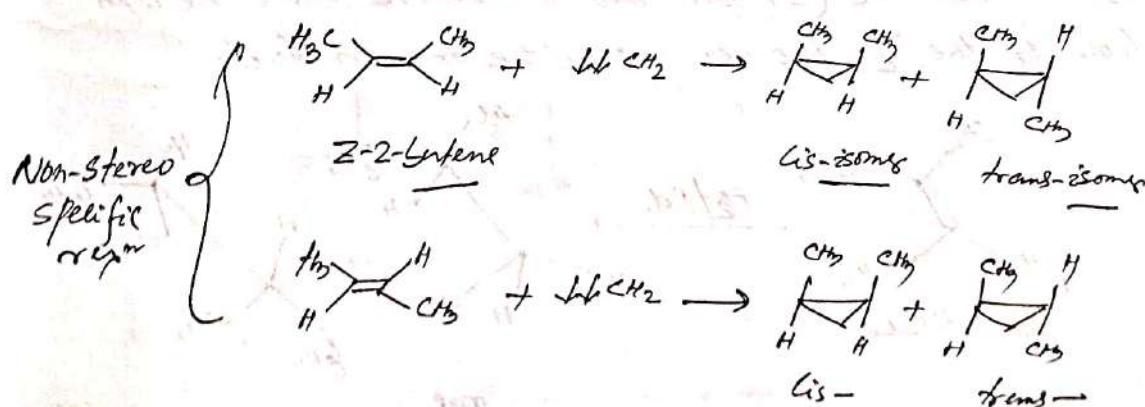
A Stereoselective reaction is one which produces one diastereoisomer in excess over the other. A Stereospecific reaction is one in which stereochemically different isomers lead to stereochemically different products.

A good example of stereospecific reaction is addition of singlet and triplet carbene with an alkene having *t* and *Z* isomers.

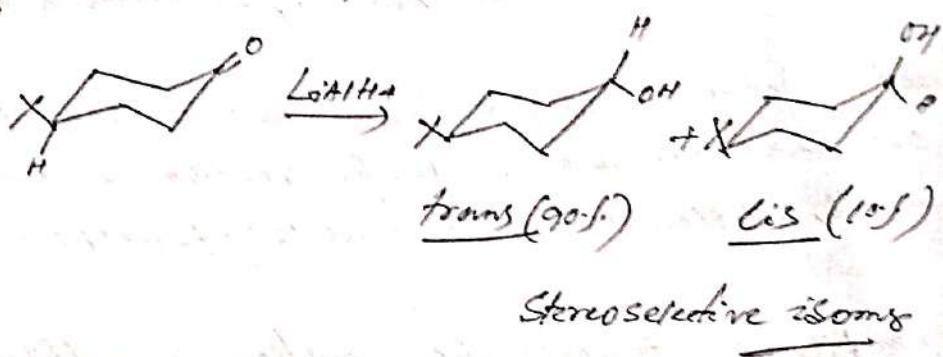
Singlet carbene having two spin-paired electron in sp^2 hybrid orbital reacts stereospecifically to form *cis*-1,2-dimethyl cyclopropane from *cis*-2-butene and forms *trans*-1,2-dimethyl cyclopropane from *trans*-2-butene. *Cis*-2-butene cannot form *trans*-product and *trans*-2-butene does not give *cis* product.



On the other hand, triplet carbene has two electrons in two 'P' orbitals with parallel spins on a sp^2 hybridised carbon. It reacts stereoselectively either with *cis*-2-butene or with *trans*-2-butene to form a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-dimethyl cyclopropane. Single product is never obtained.



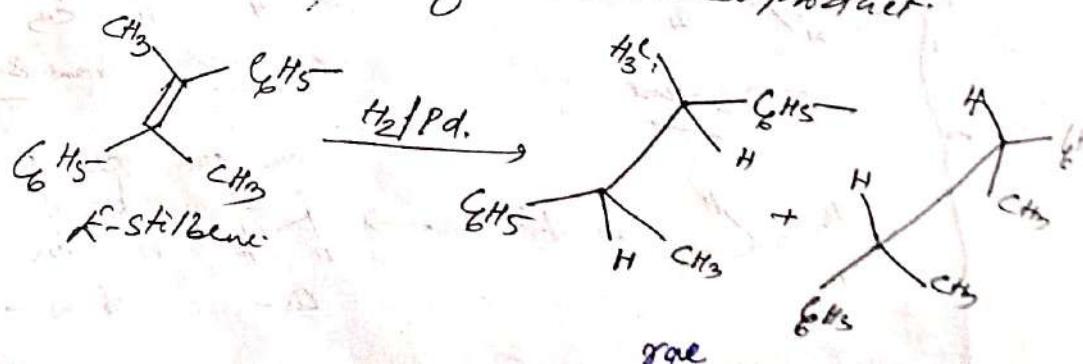
The preferential formation of a equatorial trans-alkohol along with smaller amount of cis-isomer by LiAlH₄ reduction of 4-*e*-ethylCyclohexene is a stereoselective reaction.

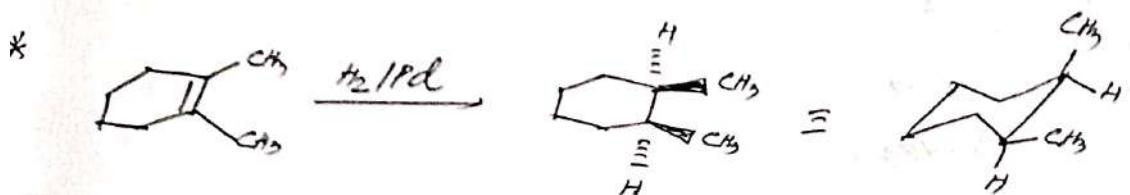
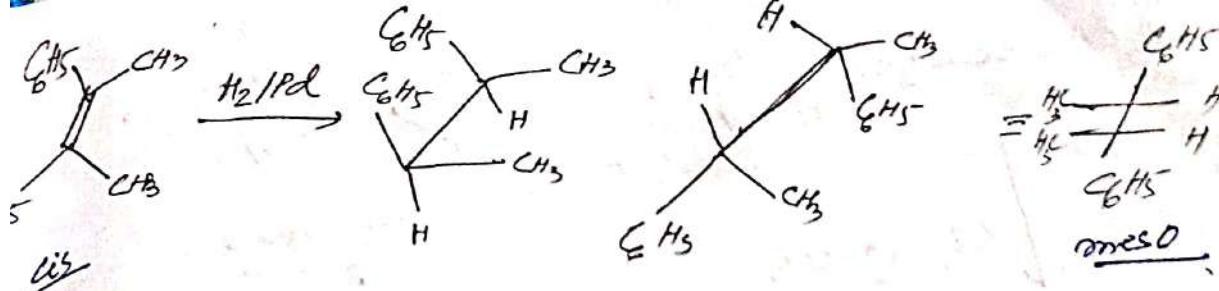


Hydrogenation of alkene:

Alkanes, which are strained can be reduced catalytically by rupturing C-C bonds. The C-C cleavage relieves the strain. Normally all olefins can be reduced by treating with hydrogen in the presence of catalyst. The process of hydrogenation is thought to proceed via a mechanism involving the adsorption of 'H₂' molecule on the surface of catalyst. The unpaired electrons on the surface of the metal, pair with electrons of hydrogen causes adsorption of the alkene as well and a subsequent transfer of hydrogen atom occurs. The process yields an alkane before the organic molecule leaves the catalyst surface. As a result both hydrogen atoms usually add from the same side of the molecule, a process termed syn addition.

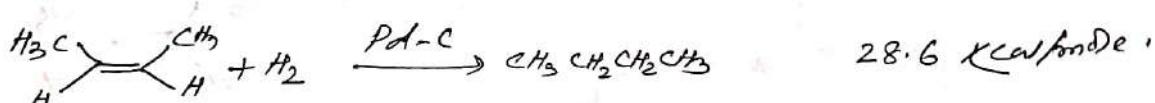
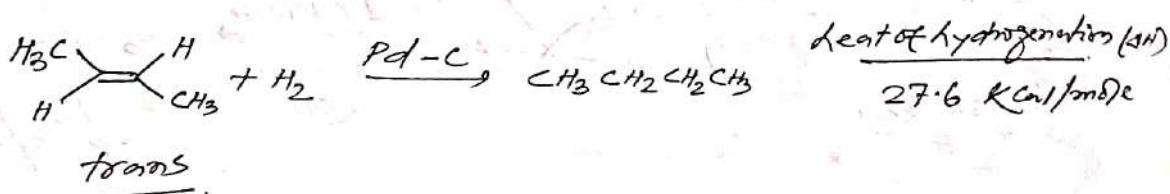
Stereochemically, the hydrogenation of an olefin occurs in a syn-fashion. Thus, when one considers the hydrogenation of the *E*-Stilbene derivative, the syn addition gives the (\pm) dihydro-derivative while the anti addition to the *Z*-isomer gives the meso product.



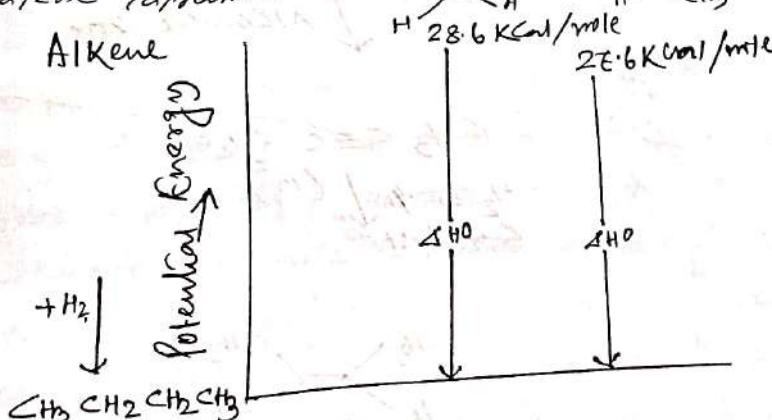


cis-2-Butene evolves 1Kcal/mole more energy than trans isomer during the addition of 1 mole of hydrogen - Explain -

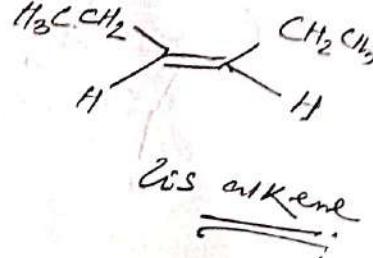
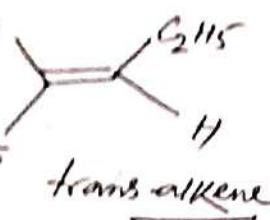
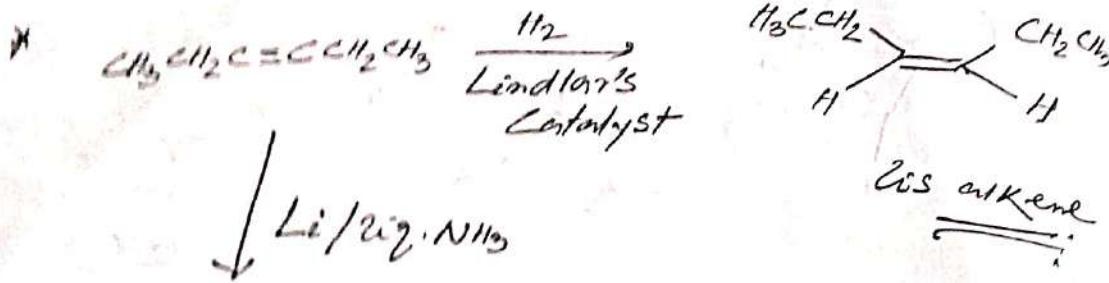
Both trans-2-butene and cis-2-butene have two alkyl groups bonded to their sp^2 carbons, but trans-2-butene has a smaller extent of hydrogenation. This means that the trans isomer, in which large substituents are farther apart, is more stable than the cis isomer, in which the large substituent are closer together.



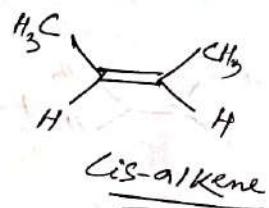
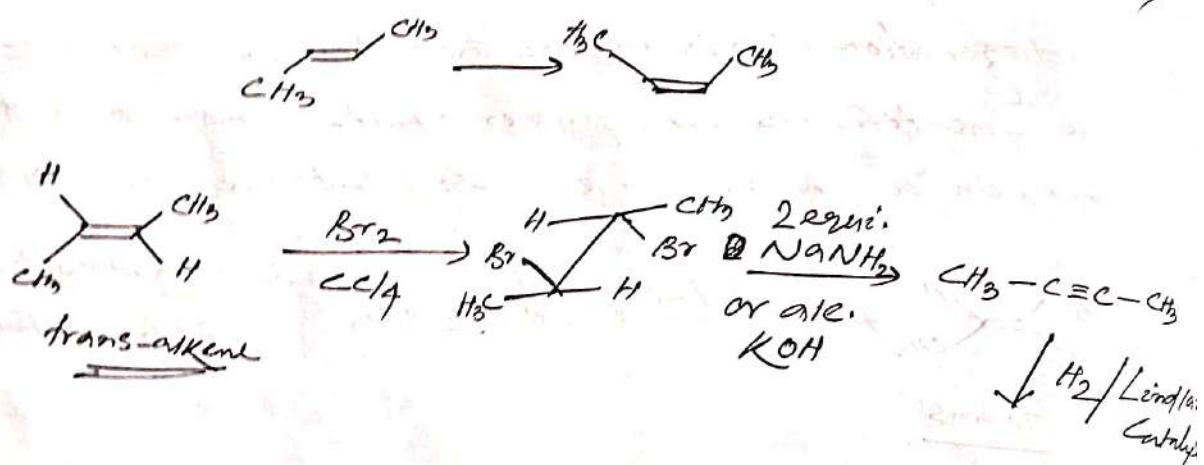
When the large substituents are on the same side of the molecule, their repulsion electron clouds can interfere with each other, causing strain in the molecule and making it less stable. When the large substituents are on opposite side of the molecule their electron clouds cannot interact and the molecule has less steric strain.



Energy Profile diagram of the catalytic hydrogenation of cis- and trans-2-Butene.

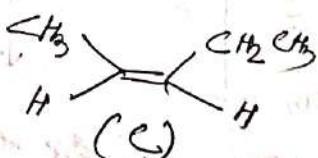
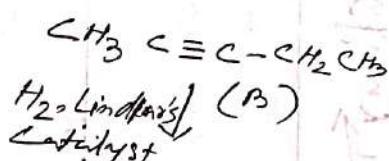
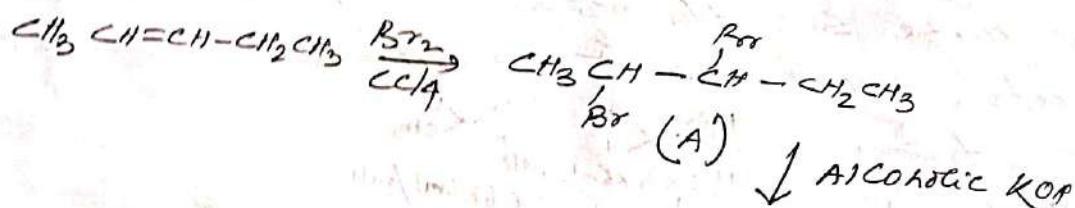


* How would you carry out the following transformation? Give the plausible mechanism:



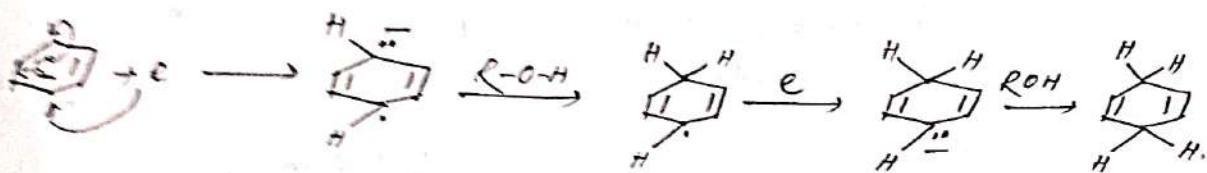
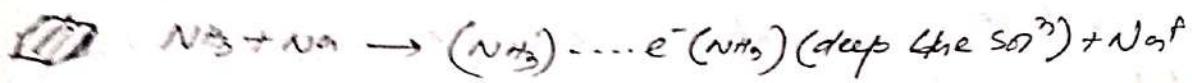
* Homogeneous catalytic Hydrogenations
are MgCl₂ nodes.

* Identify A, B and C:

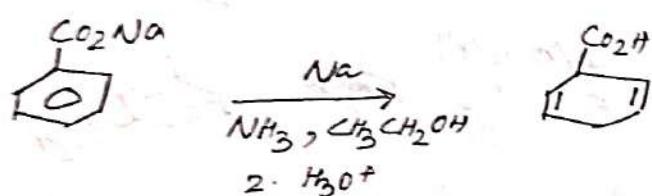
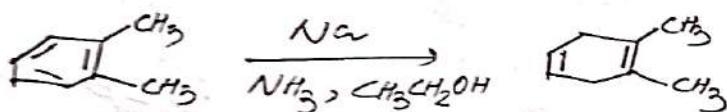
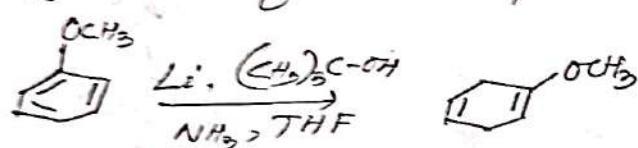


Birch reduction:

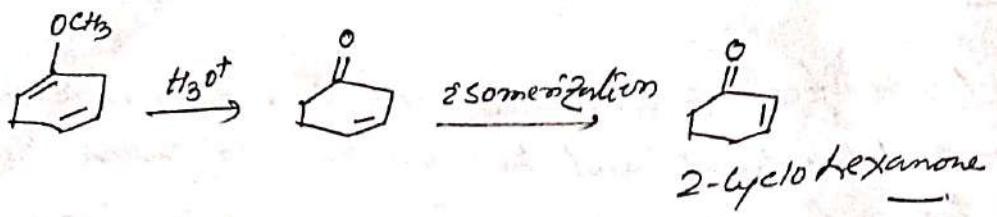
Partial reduction of aromatic rings can be achieved by using metal systems and the reaction is called Birch reduction. The reduction medium usually consist of lithium aluminum or liquid ammonia.



The rate of reduction is also affected in a predictable way by substituent groups. Electron-releasing groups retard electron transfer, electron-withdrawing groups facilitate reduction. Alkyl and alkoxy aromatics, phenols and benzoate anion are the most useful substrate for Birch reduction. Several functional group e.g. ketone and nitrile, are reduced in preference to aromatic ring. The substituents also govern the position of protonation. Alkyl and alkoxy aromatics normally give the 2,5-dihydro derivative. Benzoate anion give 1,4-dihydro derivatives.

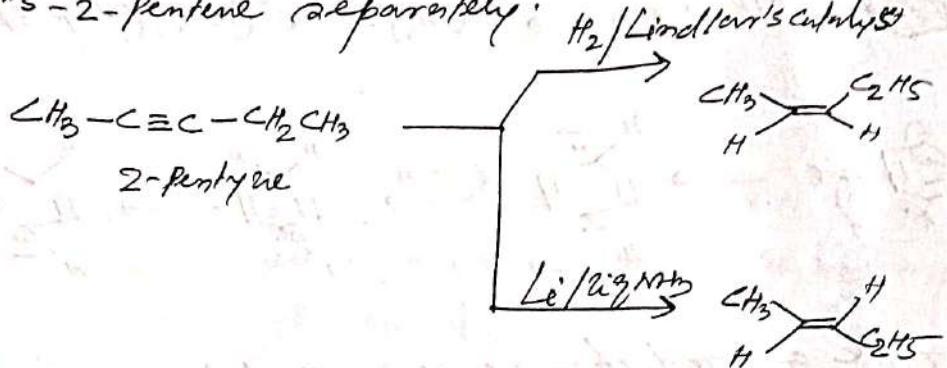


This is due to the fact that the two carbon atoms which are reduced on the aromatic ring go through carbanionic intermediates. Electron-withdrawing group stabilize the carbanions, while electron-donating substituents destabilize them. Thus reduction occurs on a carbon bearing an electron-withdrawing substituents and not on a carbon bearing electron-releasing substituents.

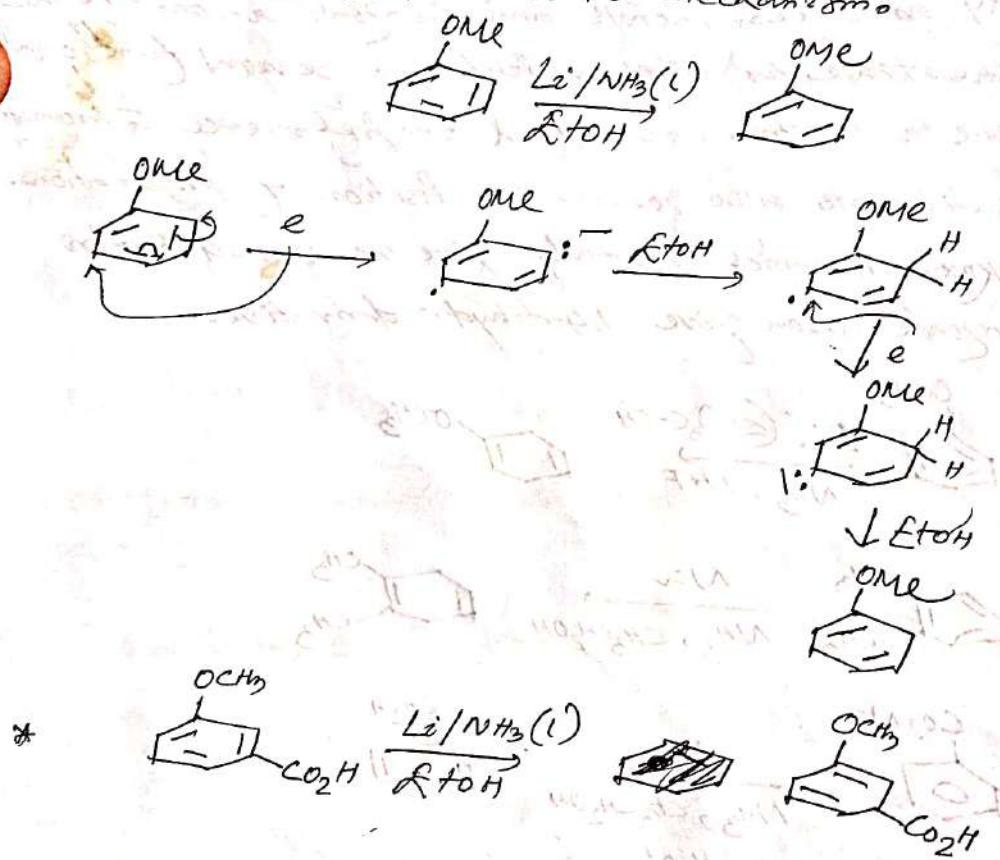


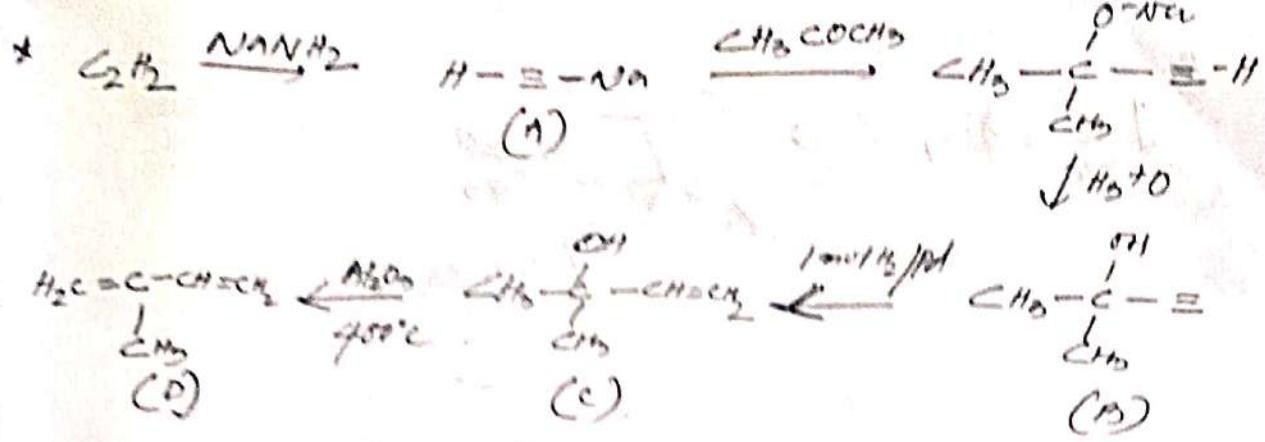
* Show how you convert 2-pentyne to cis-2-Pentene
and trans-2-pentene respectively:

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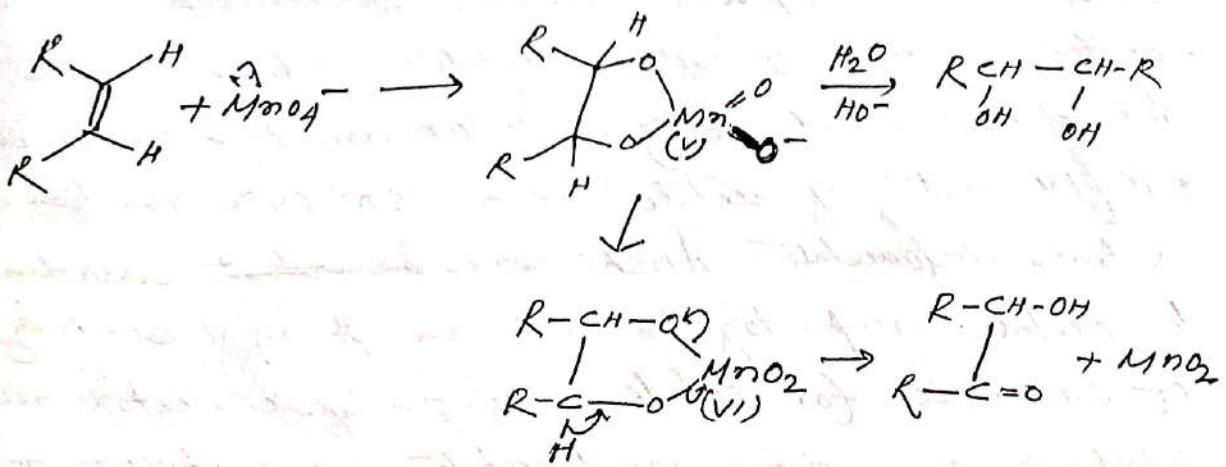
* Predict the products with mechanism:

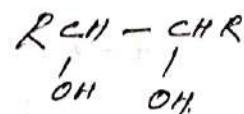
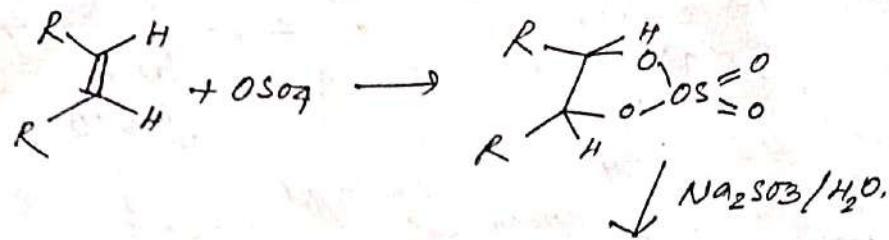




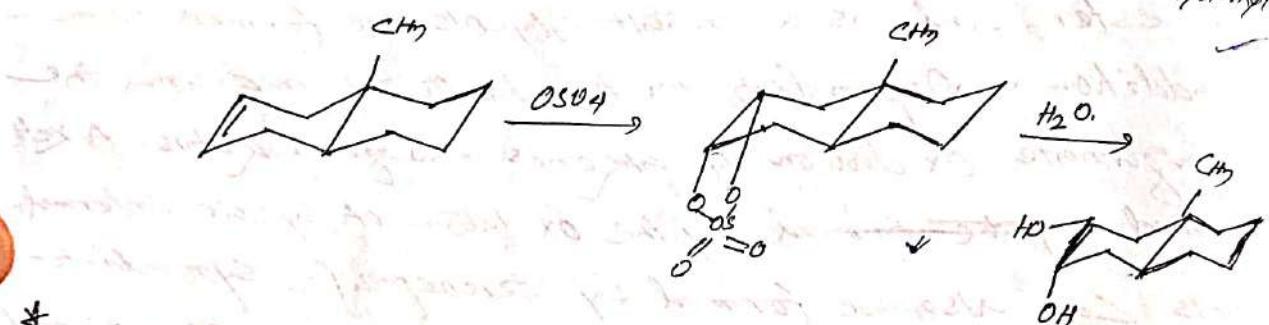
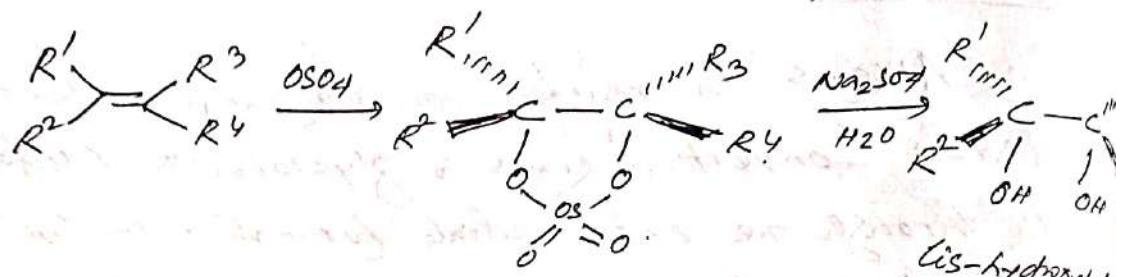
Diol formation:

Alkenes on reaction with KMnO_4 , under milder conditions convert alkenes to glycols, this oxidation proceeds through the intermediate formation of cyclic manganese ester, and as a result Glycols are formed via syn addition. Depending on the pH of the medium, the permanganate oxidation of alkenes also gives ketols. A keto is formed ~~is also formed~~ by the oxidation of cyclic intermediate. Glycols can also be formed by stereospecific syn addition with OSO_4 which is highly selective oxidant. OSO_4 is used catalytically, often in combination with $t\text{-BuOOH}$ (tertiary butyl hydroperoxide) which acts as the oxidant. The reaction takes place via a cyclic osmate ester. Due to large steric requirements of the reagent, it attacks rigid cyclic systems from the less hindered side.

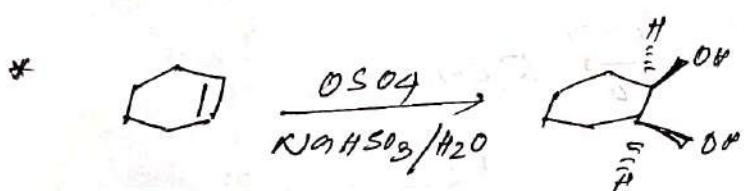
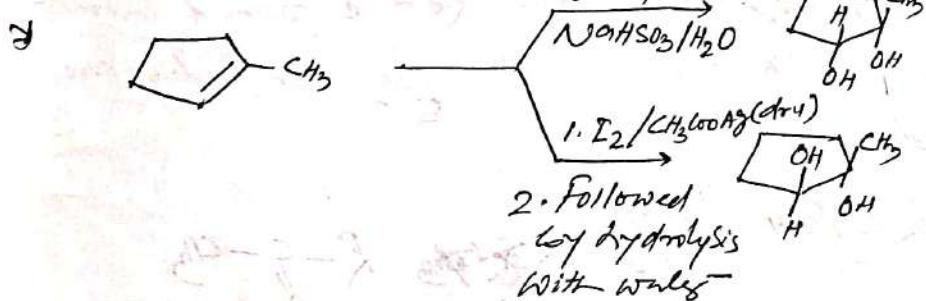
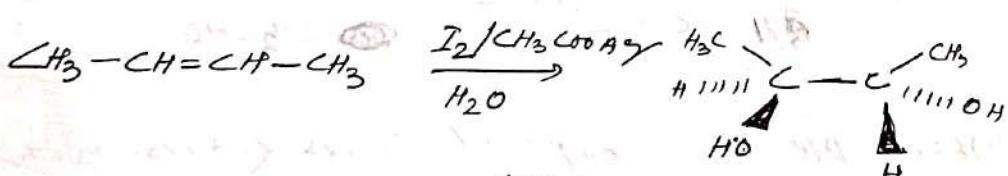
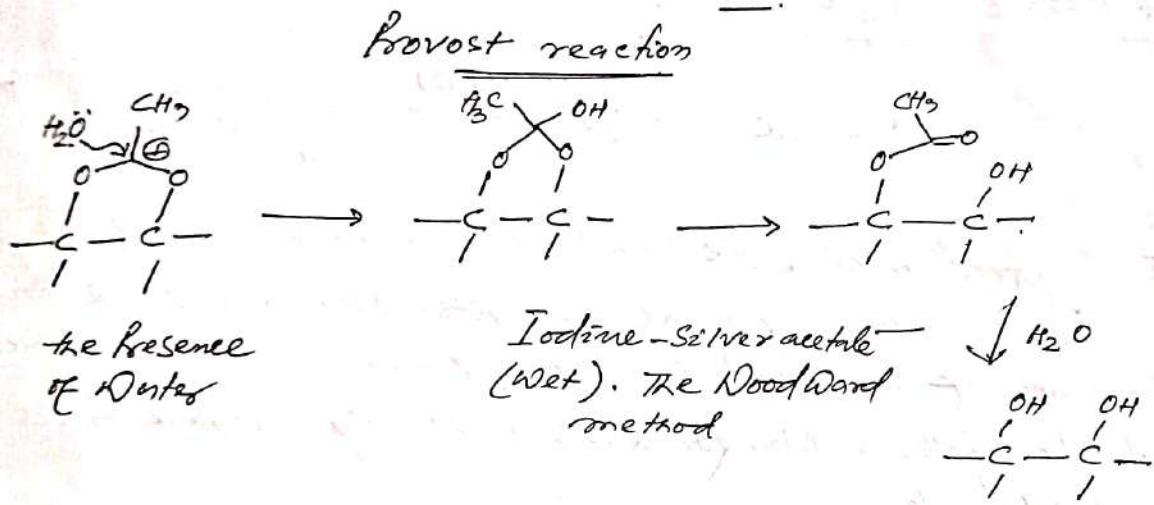
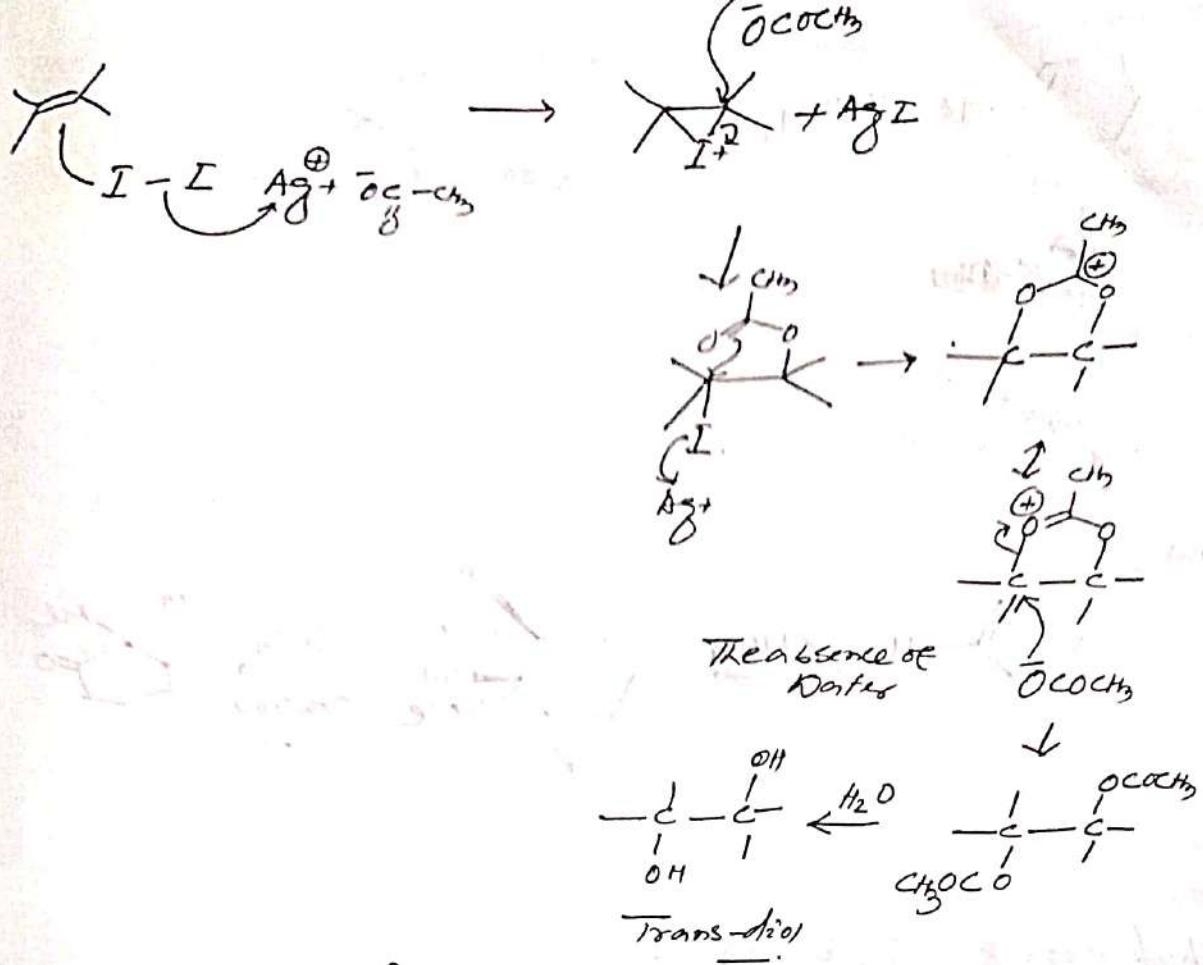


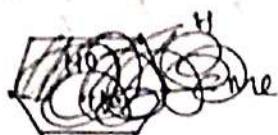
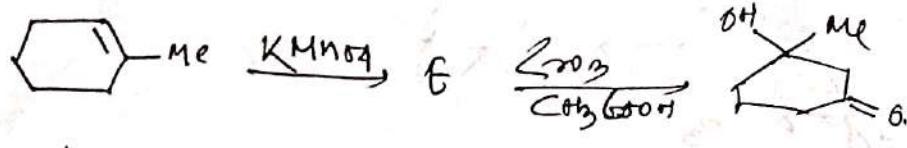


cis-hydroxylation

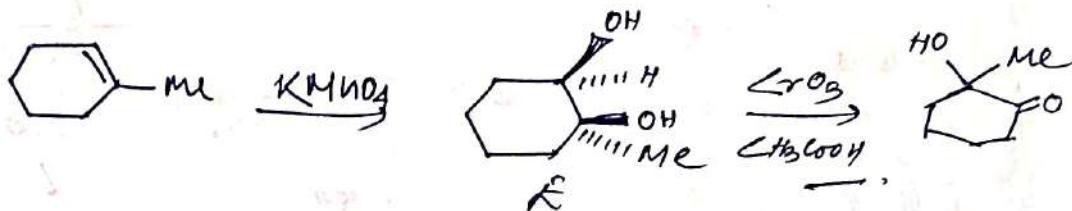


* Kovost method involves the reaction of an olefin with iodine and silver acetate. Under dry condition (absence of water) the method leads to trans-1,2-diacetate from which the trans-diol is obtained by hydrolysis. In Woodward reaction is carried out in the presence of water to yield the mono ester of the cis-diol, and the final hydrolysis gives the cis-diol. The olefin is reacted ~~as reacted~~ with iodine in the presence of silver acetate. Iodine reacts with the double bond to give iodonium ion which undergoes displacement by acetate in the S_N^2 -type reaction, giving a trans-iodoacetate. Anomeric ~~resistant~~ assistance by the acetate group, together with the powerful bonding capacity of silver ion for iodide gives a cyclic acetoxyonium²⁺ which gives a trans-1,2-diacetate. The acetoxyonium²⁺ under wet conditions traps water and reacts to yield cis-hydroxy acetate.

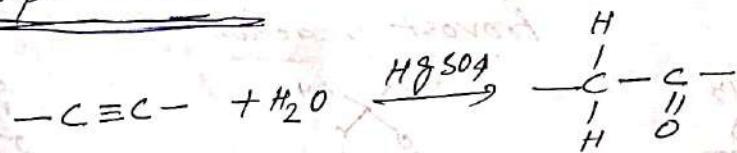




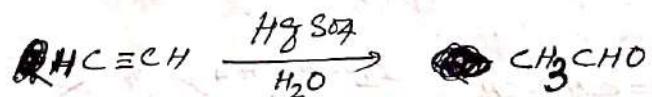
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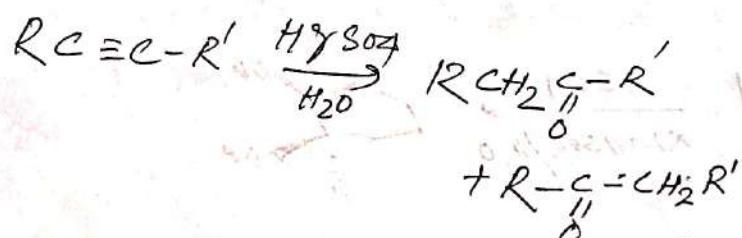
Hydration of Triple bonds:



The hydration of triple bonds is generally carried out with mercuric ion salts as catalysts. Mercuric oxide is the presence of an acid is also a common reagent. Since addition follows Markovnikov's rule, only acetylene gives acetalddehyde.

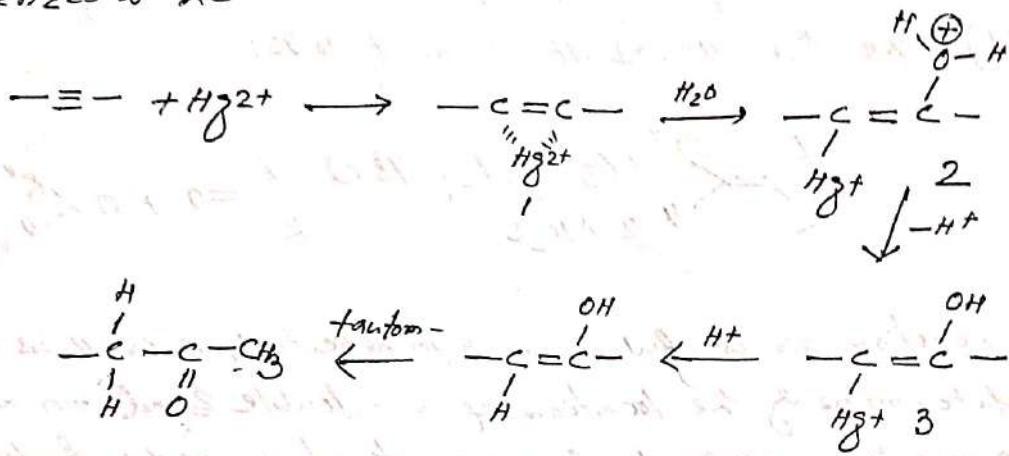


All the other triple-bond compounds gives ketones. with alkynes of the form $\text{RC}\equiv\text{CH}$, methyl ketone formed exclusively, but with $\text{R}\equiv\text{CR}'$ both possible products are usually obtained.

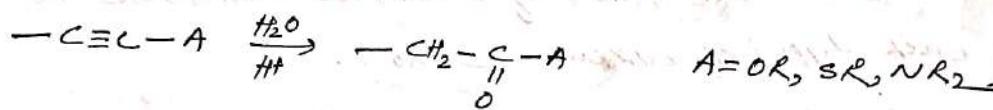


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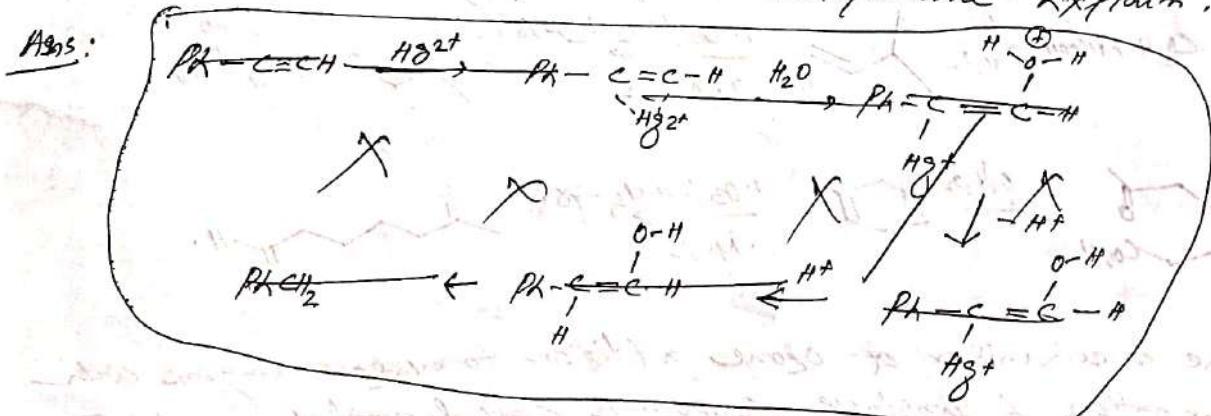
* The first step of the mechanism is formation of a complex (ions like Hg^{2+} form complex with alkene). Water then attacks in an S_N^2 -type process to give the intermediate 2, which loses a proton to give 3. Hydrolysis of 3 gives ~~an~~ the end, which tautomerizes to the product.



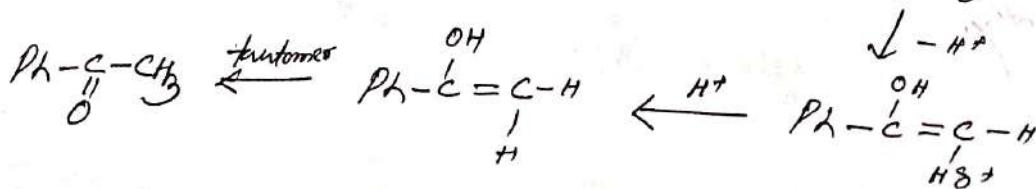
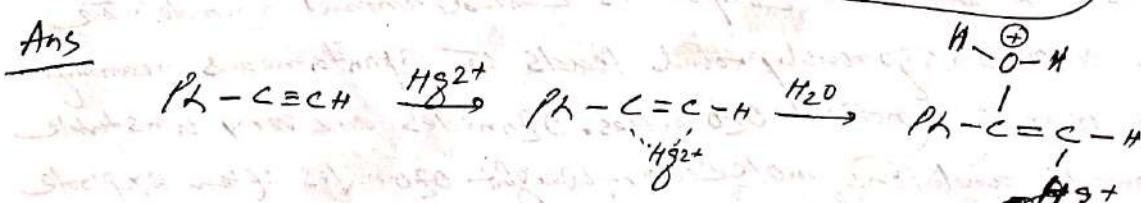
Carboxylic esters, triol esters and amides can be made, respectively, by acid-catalyzed hydration of acetylenic ethers, triethers and ynamines, without a mercuric catalyst.



* Hydrogenation of Phenylacetylene Gives acetophenone. Explain.



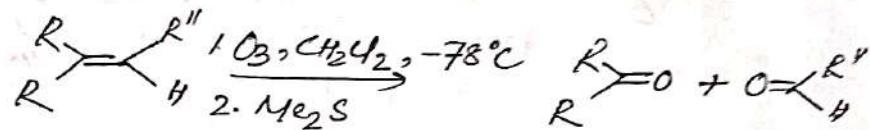
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* Write the mechanism portion from above.

Ozonolysis:

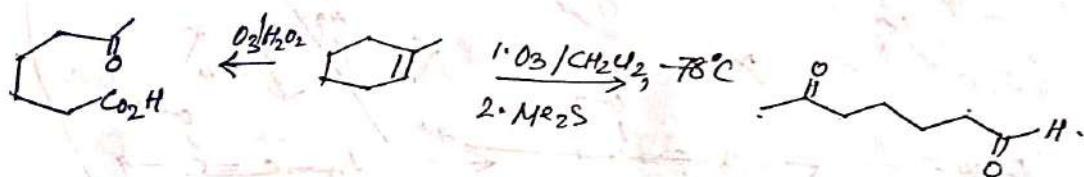
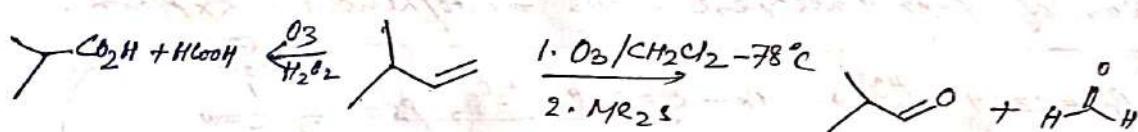
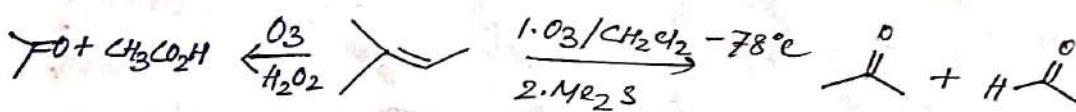
Ozonolysis consists of bubbling ozone into very cold (-78°C) solution of the alkene in CH_2Cl_2 , followed by treatment of the solution with dimethyl sulfide (or zinc and acetic acid). The overall result is as follows:



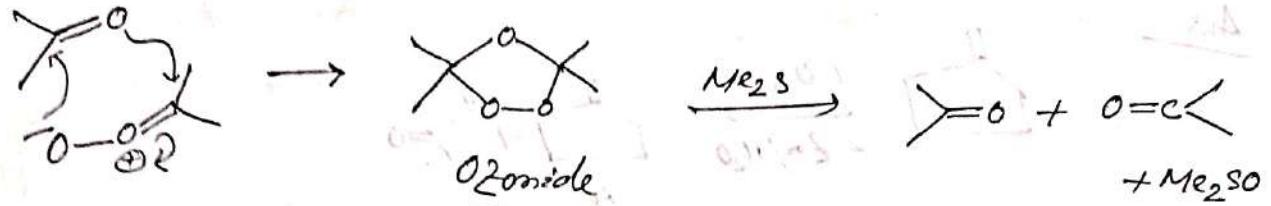
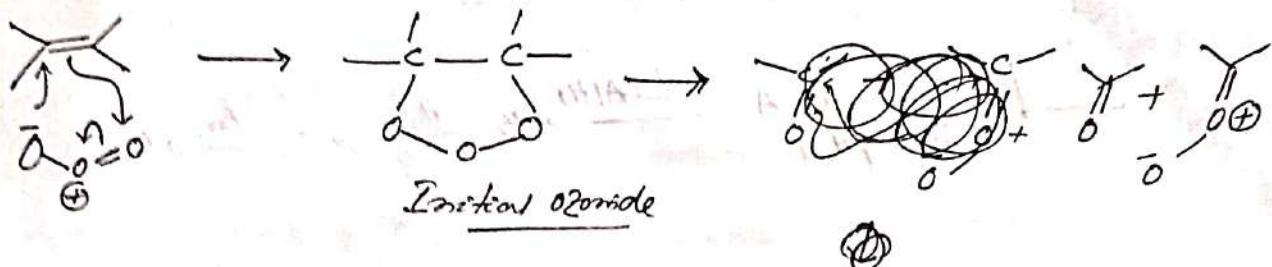
The reaction is useful as a synthetic tool, as well as a method for determining the location of a double bond in an alkene by reasoning backward from the structures of the products.

The overall process results in alkene cleavage at the double bond with each carbon of the double bond becoming doubly bonded to an oxygen atom.

The following examples illustrate the results for each type of alkene carbon.

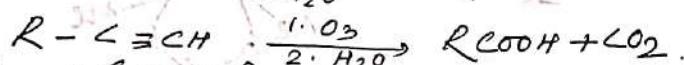
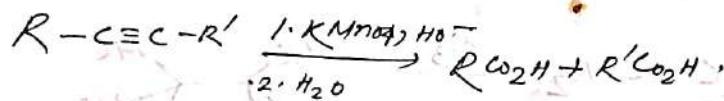
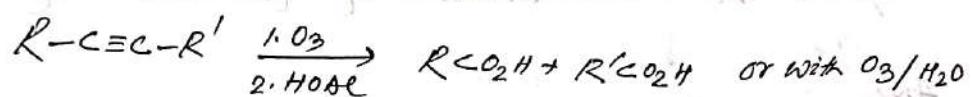


The mechanism of ozone addition to alkenes begins with formation of unstable compounds called initial ozonides. The process occurs vigorously and leads to spontaneous rearrangement to compounds known as ozonides. Ozonides are very unstable compounds and low molecular weight ozonides often explode violently.



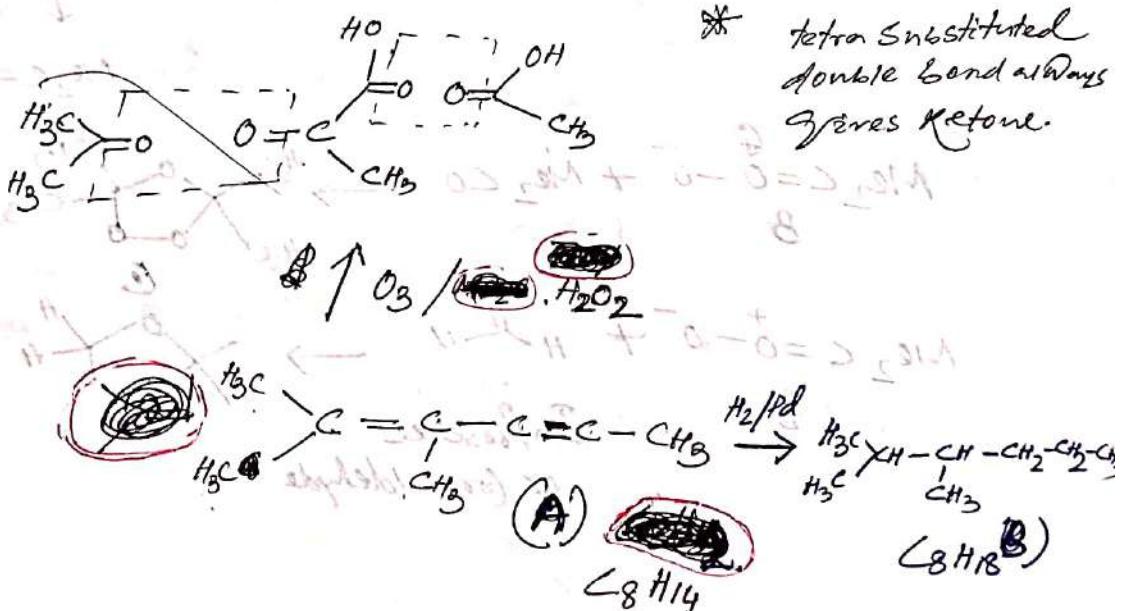
The fragments
recombine to form
the Ozonide.

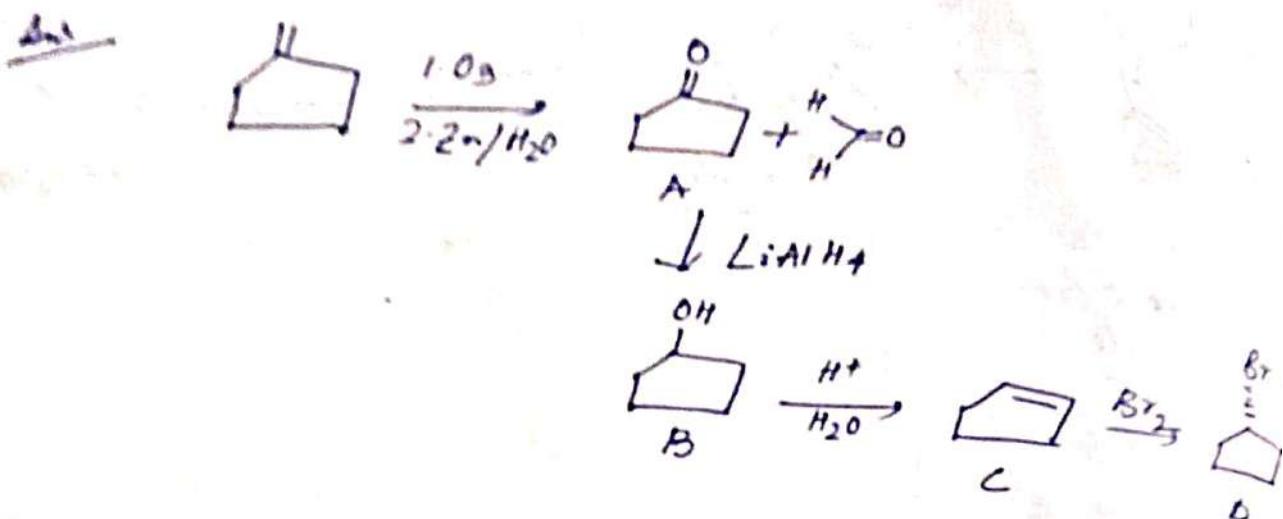
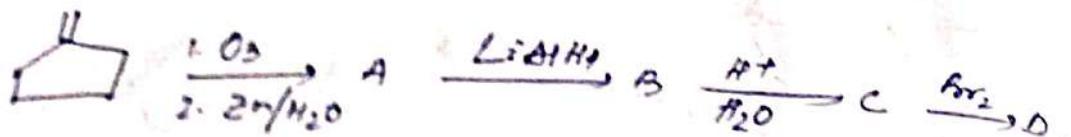
* Treating alkynes with ozone followed by acetic acid or with basic KMnO_4 followed by acids, leads to cleavage at the carbon-carbon triple bond. The products are carboxylic acids.



* Compound A (C_8H_{14}) on catalytic reduction gives B (C_8H_{18}). Ozonolysis of A gives acetic acid, acetone and Pyruvic acid ($\text{CH}_3\text{COCO}_2\text{H}$). What are A and B?

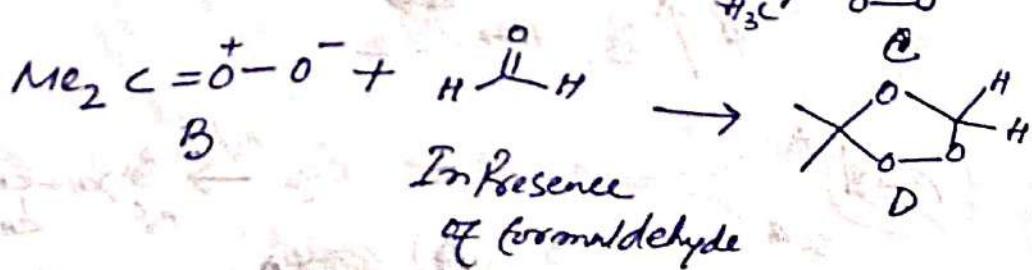
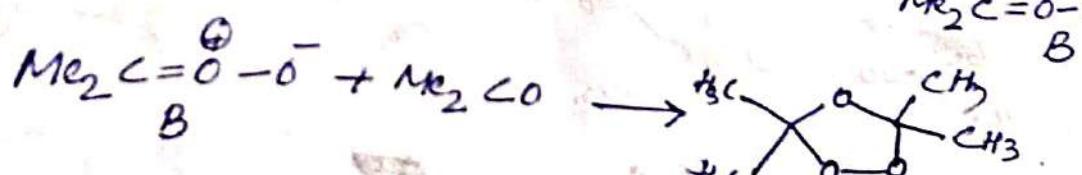
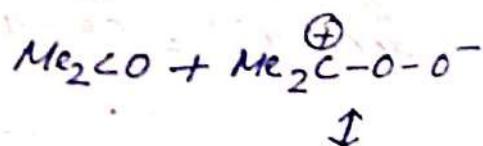
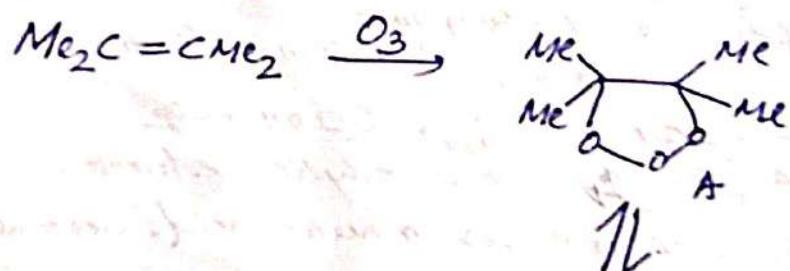
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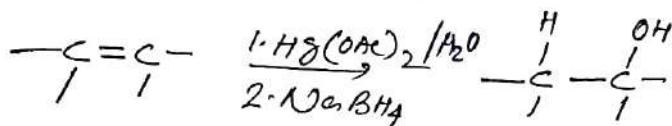
* Two ozonides are formed when $\text{Me}_2\text{C}=\text{CMe}_2$ is treated with ozone in the presence of formaldehyde. Give the mechanism of formation of two ozonides.

Ans

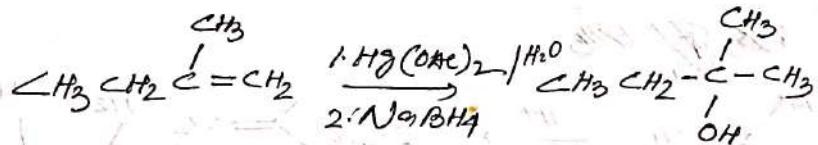


Reaction of ozone to tetramethylene forms first an unstable compound called initial ozonide (A) which decomposes to give a zwitterion (B) and acetone. The zwitterion then combine with acetone to give (C). But in presence of formaldehyde the highly reactive zwitterion may combine with ~~acetone~~^{formaldehyde to} give ozonide (D) also.

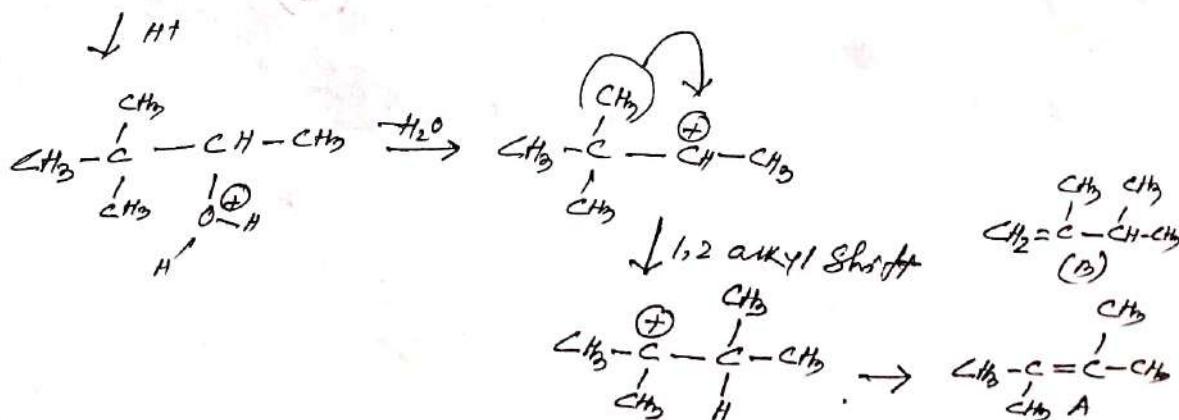
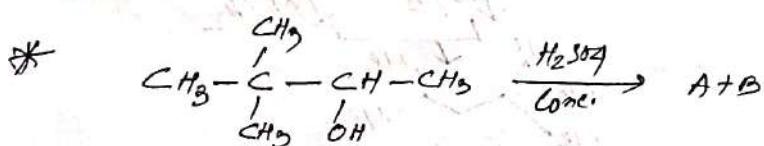
Hydrogenation of double bonds:



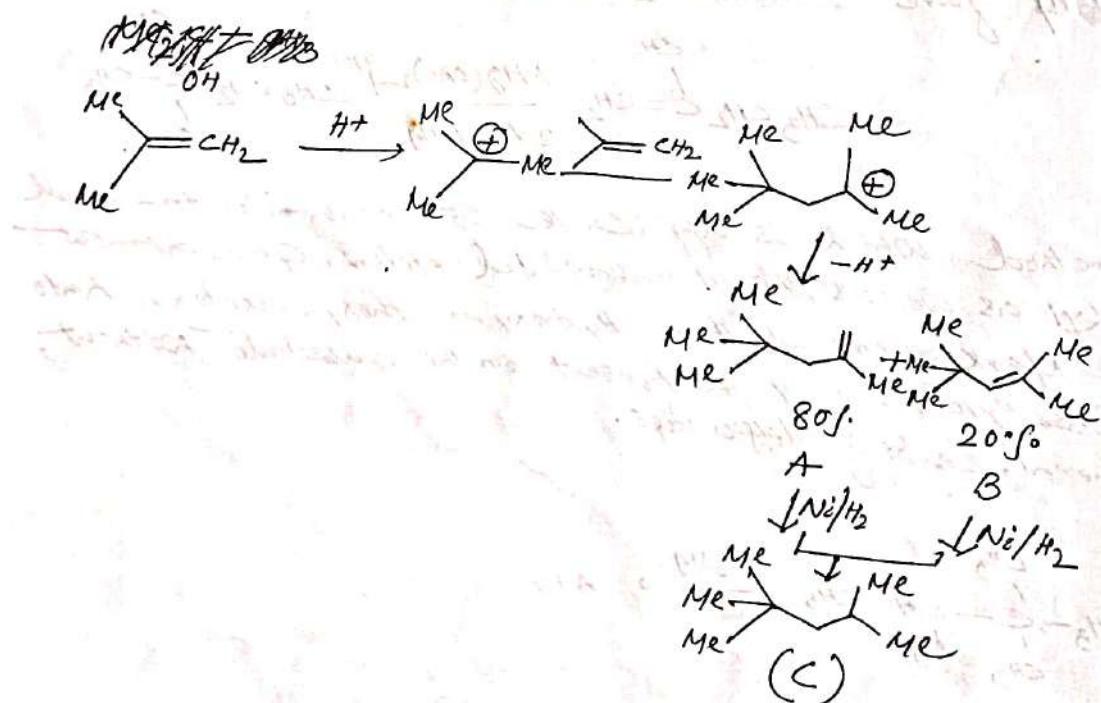
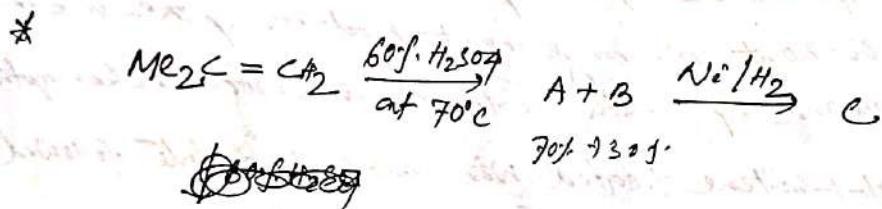
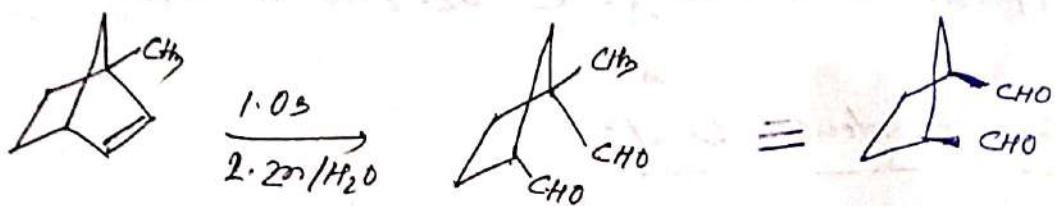
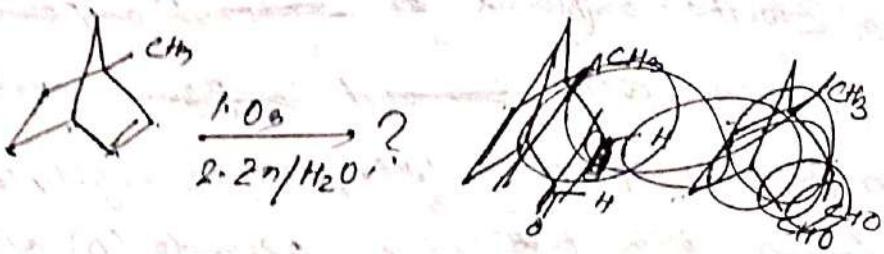
Olefins can be hydroxylated quickly under mild conditions in high yields without rearrangement products by the use of oxymercuration followed by *in situ* treatment with sodium borohydride for example, 2-methyl-1-butene treated with mercuric acetate, followed by NaBH_4 gave 2-methyl-2-butanol:



This method, which is applicable to mono, di, tri and tetraalkyl as well as phenyl substituted olefins, gives almost complete Markovnikov addition. Hydroxy, methoxy, acetoxy, halo and other groups may be present on the substrate without, in general, causing difficulties.

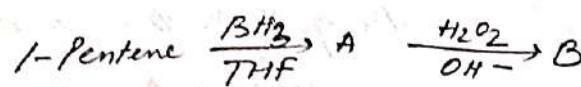


* Predict the product with R/S notations of the following reaction:

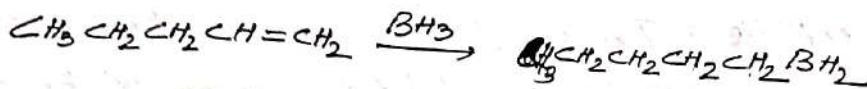


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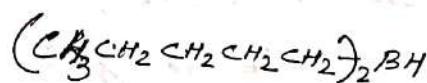
* Predict the Product A and Product B in the following Synthetic sequence and explain mechanistically: 3



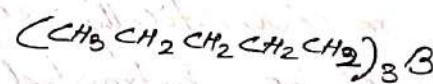
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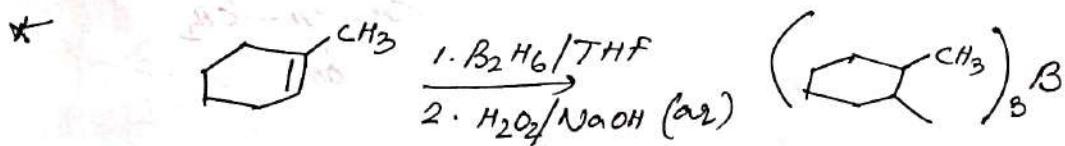
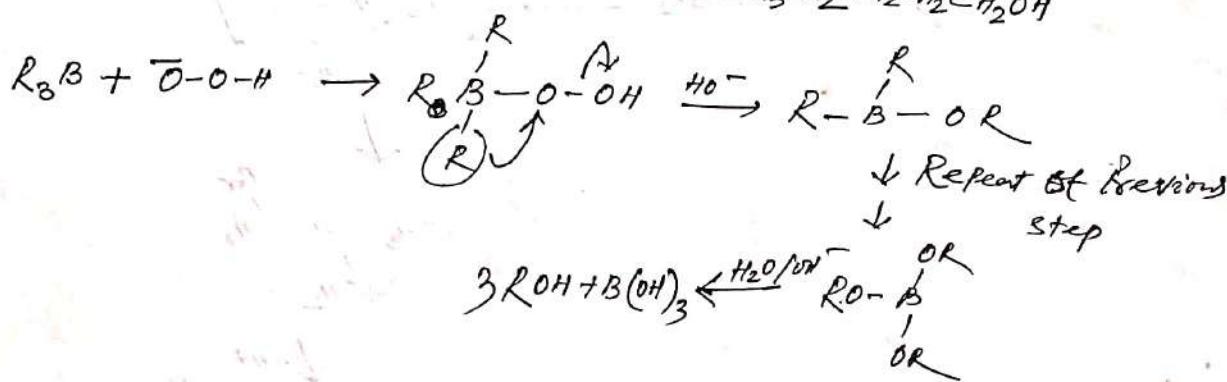
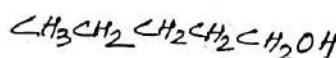
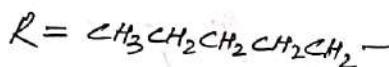
↓ ① 1-Pentene



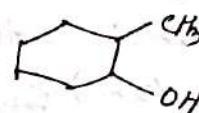
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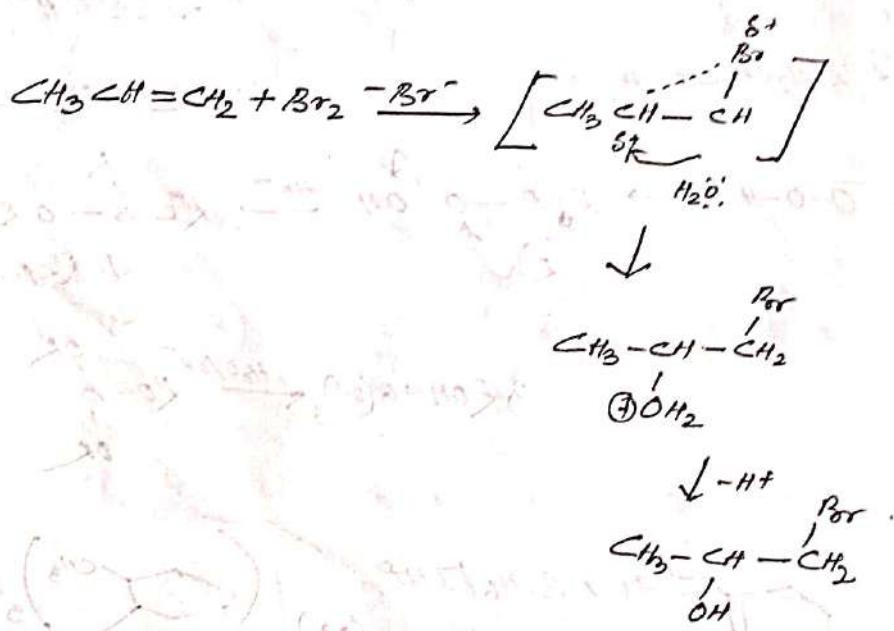
↓ $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-$



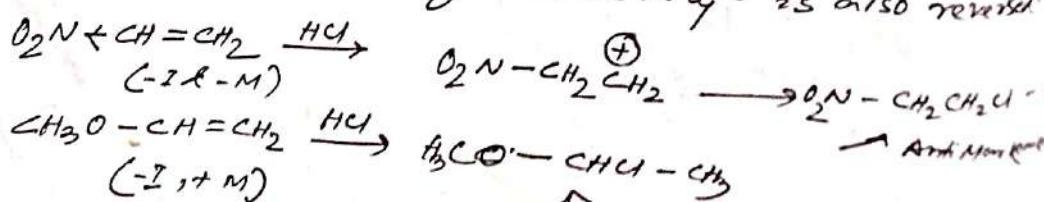
↓ $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{NaOH}$



* Strong bridging ensures that the alkyl product will be major product of addition. However, as far as regioselectivity is concerned the intermediate can exist as the more stable of two possible cations. The attack of bromine to Propylene in water follows the course. The halonium ion opening is regioselective: the more δ^+ substituted carbon is attacked preferentially by H_2O^+ . Substituted carbon attacks the more highly substituted carbon of the ring; this carbon is more positively polarized than the other. In summary the bridged halonium ions are subject to stereospecific and regioselective ring opening in a fashion mechanistically very similar to the nucleophilic opening of the protonated epoxide.



* When the alkene contains substituents of electron attracting type i.e. of $-I$ and/or $+M$ not only the rate of electrophilic addition is retarded (these groups destabilize carbocations) but the regioselectivity is also reversed.

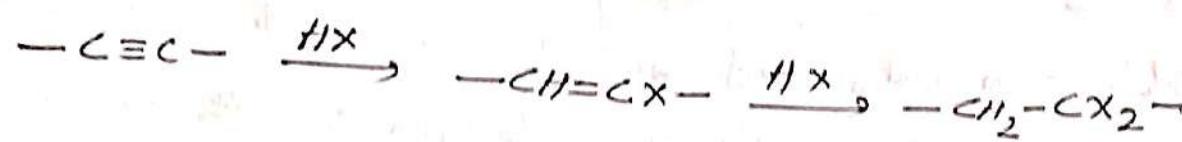


$+M$ effect is of greater consequence than the $-I$ effect.

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Addition of hydrogen halide to alkynes

It is possible to add one or two moles of any of the four hydrogen halides to triple bonds.



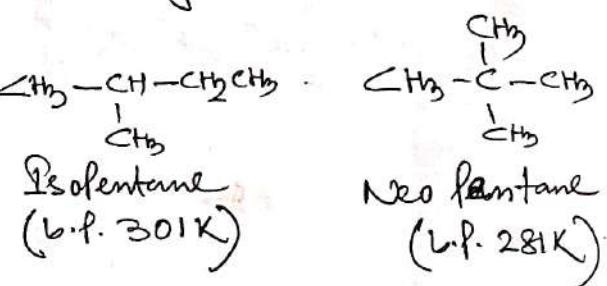
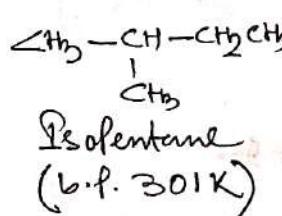
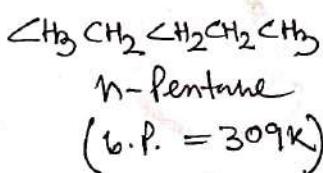
Markovnikov's rule ensures that gem-dihalides and not vic-halides are the products of the addition of two moles.

Physical properties of alkanes:

Solubility: Alkanes being non-polar in nature are insoluble in water but soluble in non-polar solvents like ether, benzene etc. Solubility decreases with increase in molecular size.

Boiling Points:

As alkanes are non-polar molecules, they have only weak Vander Waal's forces operating between them. Vander Waal's forces of attraction depend upon the molecular size and increase with increase in molecular size. Among the chain isomers of a compound, the branched chain isomer has lower boiling point compared to straight-chain isomer. For example, the boiling point of three isomeric pentanes are given below:



Why boiling Point decreases with branching?

The boiling point of a substance depends upon the force of attraction between the molecules. Force of attraction between the molecules depends upon the area of contact between them. Area of contact and force of attraction will be maximum for straight chain compound. As branching increases, the area of contact decreases. Consequently, the force of attraction and boiling point decreases.

Melting points:

Alkanes show lower melting points because of absence of charge. Melting point is expected to increase with increase in molecular size. This is found to be true but the increase is not uniform.

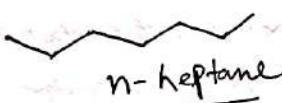
<u>Alkane</u>	<u>Melting point (K)</u>
C ₂ H ₆	85.9
n-C ₄ H ₁₀	138
n-C ₅ H ₁₂	143.3
n-C ₆ H ₁₄	179

- * Increase in melting point is relatively more in going from odd-carbon to even-carbon alkane compared to when we move from even-carbon to odd-carbon alkane. Explain

Ans: It may be realised that in even-carbon alkanes (e.g. C₆H₁₄) the packing of molecules can take place to a greater extent, resulting in greater attraction forces and hence greater melting points. This is not so with odd-carbon alkanes.



Representation
of two chain of n-C₆H₁₄
(Greater attractive forces)



- * Write the structural formula of n-pentane, isopentane and neopentane. Which of these has highest boiling point and Why?

Ans: $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
n-Pentane

$\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2 - \overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{C}}} - \text{CH}_3$
Isopentane

$\text{CH}_3 - \overset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{C}}} - \text{CH}_3$
Neopentane

of the three pentanes. n-Pentane has the highest boiling point.

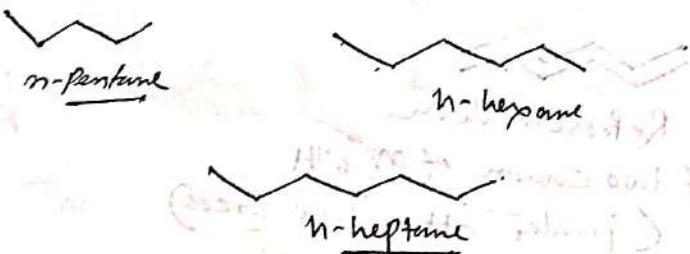
All the three pentanes are non-polar compounds having only weak intermolecular forces of attraction. The molecular weights of the three isomers are naturally the same but they have different surface areas. As the surface area of n-pentane is larger than those of the other two, it has strongest intermolecular force of attraction. Therefore it has highest boiling point followed by ~~other two~~, iso-and-neopentanes.

* As we move up from n-pentane to n-hexane, there is an increase of about 35° in the melting point but on moving from n-hexane to n-heptane the increase is only about 4° . How can you account for these observations?

Ans

Disproportionate variation in melting points of three alkanes can be explained on the basis of their molecular weights and their ability to fit in the crystal structure.

In alkanes, the carbon atoms form zig-zag chains depicted below for n-pentane, n-hexane and n-heptane.



It is apparent that in n-hexane, the two terminal methyls lie on opposite sides of the zig-zag chain which enables this chain to fit in closely in the crystal structure. But in n-pentane and n-heptane, the two terminal groups lie on the same side so that the crystal structure is not so closely packed.

As we move from n-pentane to n-hexane the ΔH_{m} increases, also the packing arrangement become more closed. These factors require greater energy to melt the solid. As a

On the other hand, as we move from n-hexane to n-heptane, the n.p. increases but the packing arrangement does not remain so close. While the melting point would tend to increase due to increase in molecular weight, the decrease in close packing would tend to have the opposite effect. The net result is that there is only small increase in melting point in this case.

- * m-Butyl alcohol has much higher boiling point than its isomers iso-butyl alcohol as well as diethyl ether. Explain

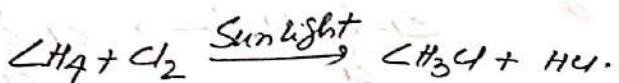
Ans:

Boiling Point of isomeric alcohols depends on the extent to which the individual molecule can attract each other. With m-alkyl groups, the molecules pack well and can interact/bind with each other. Here, the alkyl chain interact through hydrophobic interactions and the OH Groups interact through H-bonding. (i.e. -2nd and 3rd) ~~and~~ have branching and this lowers their boiling points because the branch points decrease the intermolecular interactions.

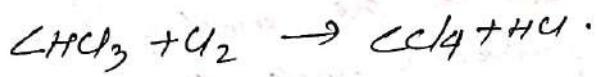
Diethyl ether has no -OH Proton, therefore, the ether group cannot form hydrogen bond with another ether molecules. Since ether molecules are not held together by H-bond it is more volatile than m-butyl alcohol).

Halogenation of alkane:

Methane on treatment with chlorine in the presence of diffused sunlight or by heating the reaction mixture to 523-673 K gives chloromethane.



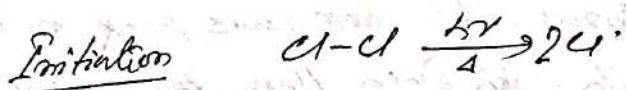
The reaction does not stop here. Chloromethane is further chlorinated to dichloromethane and further chlorination stops with tetrachloromethane formed.



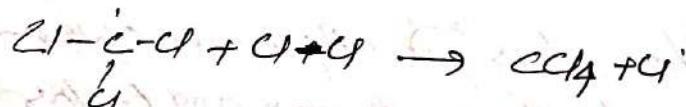
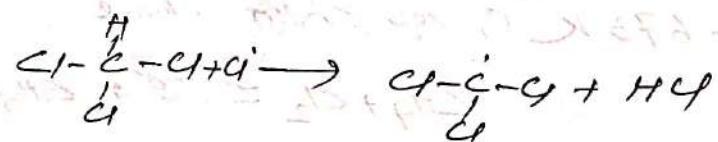
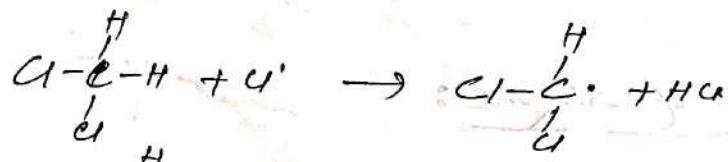
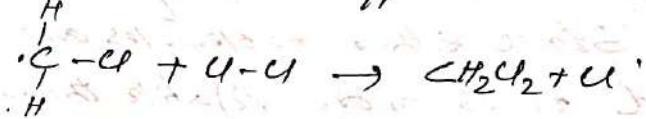
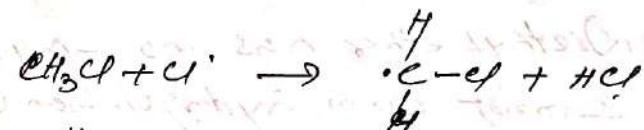
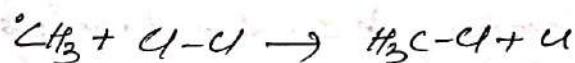
Bromination of alkanes take place in similar way, but less readily. Direct iodination of alkanes is possible as the reaction is reversible.



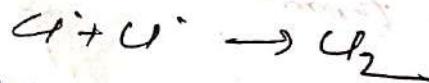
Mechanism of chlorination:



Propagation



Termination



Evidence in Support of mechanism:

i. Reaction does not take place in dark at room temperature but requires energy in the form of heat or light. This is due to the fact that the chain initiation step is endothermic and hence needs a large amount of energy to break Cl-Cl bond into radicals.

ii Oxygen acts as an inhibitor. This is due to the fact oxygen combines with alkyl free radical to form peroxy alkyl radical. ($R-O-O'$). This radical is much less reactive than alkyl free radical to continue the chain. As a result, the halogenation of alkyl in the presence of oxygen is slowed down or stopped. Thus the role of inhibitors like ~~is~~ oxygen in this reaction gives support to the above mechanism.

* Ozonolysis of alkynes:

