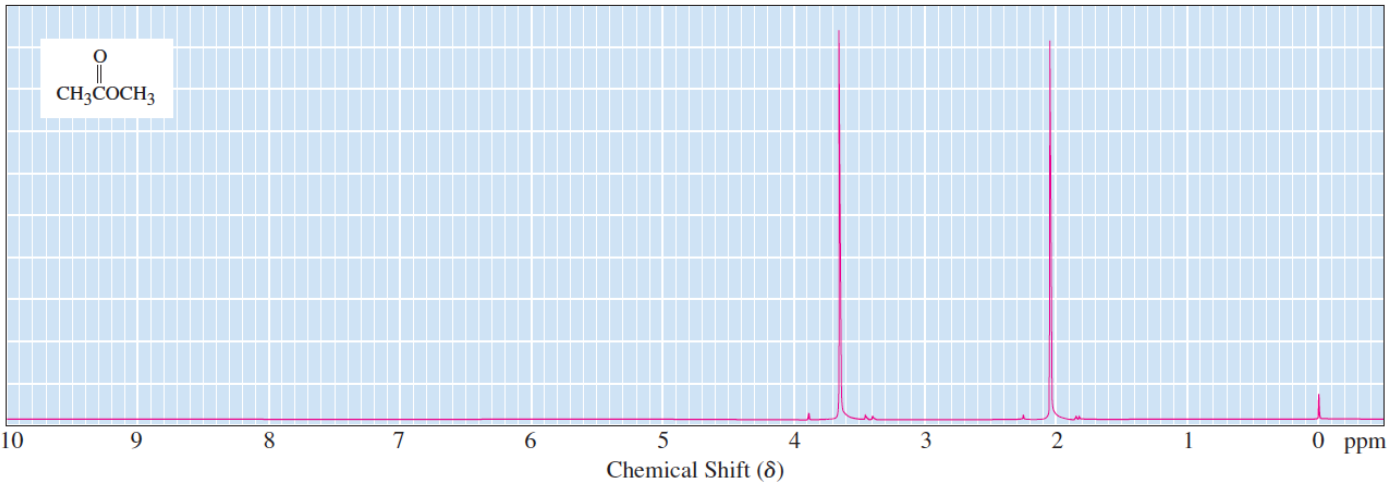


Figure 13.5
^{1}H-NMR spectrum of methyl acetate

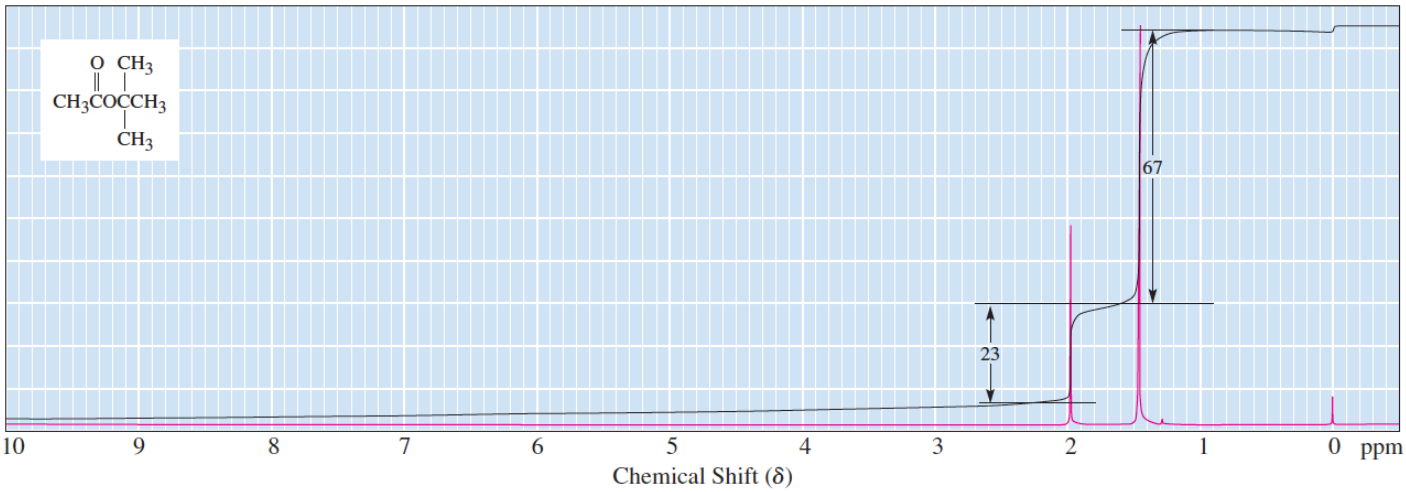


Figure 13.7
^{1}H-NMR spectrum of *tert*-butyl acetate showing the integration. The total vertical rise of 90 chart divisions corresponds to 12 hydrogens, 9 in one set and 3 in the other.

J. Adjacent nuclei have magnetic fields associated with their spins. The spins of equivalent adjacent nuclei can be either +1/2 or -1/2, and at room temperature they are found in about a 50:50 mixture at any given nucleus (very slight excess of lower energy +1/2). These can add to give n+1 different spin combinations in the proportions predicted by Pascal's triangle. Each different spin combination produces a different magnetic field, which leads to n+1 splittings in the peaks of the NMR spectra of the adjacent (no more than three bonds away) nuclei.

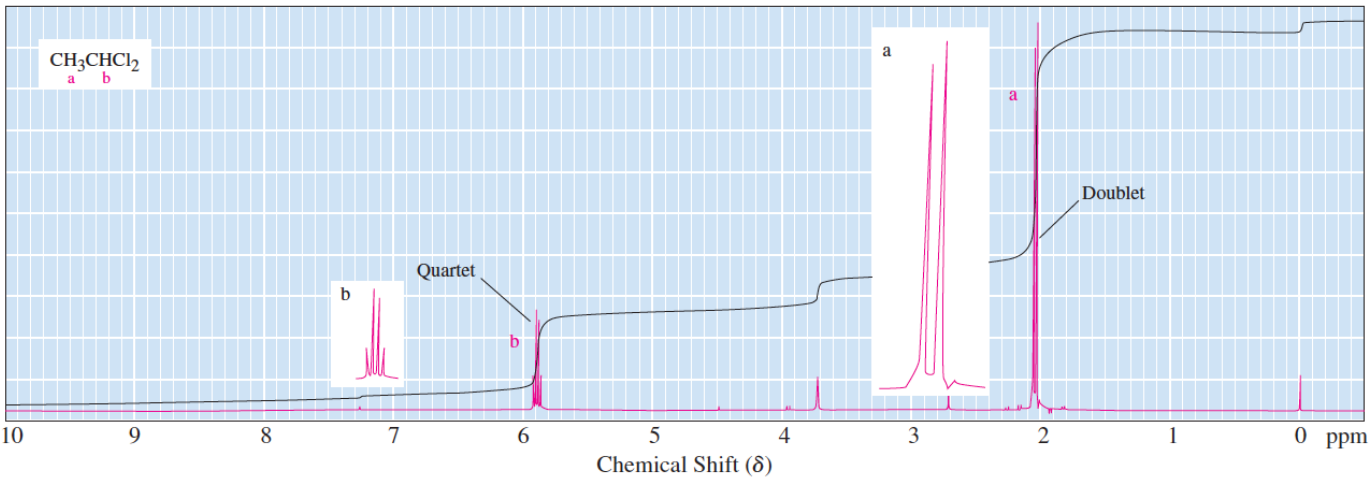


Figure 13.12
^{1}H-NMR spectrum of 1,1-dichloroethane.

K. THEORY: When there are two sets of adjacent H atoms, the number of peaks multiply. For example, a CH_2 group with a CH_2 group and a CH_3group on either side should show 3 x 4 = 12 splittings! You can say this group is a "triplet of quartets" (or a "quartet of triplets").

L. WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN REALITY : For alkyl groups complex splittings simplify because coupling constants ("J") are all about the same. In practice, if there are n adjacent H atoms, equivalent or not, you will see n+1 peaks. This is an approximation, but almost always true on spectra taken with all but the most sophisticated NMR spectrometers.

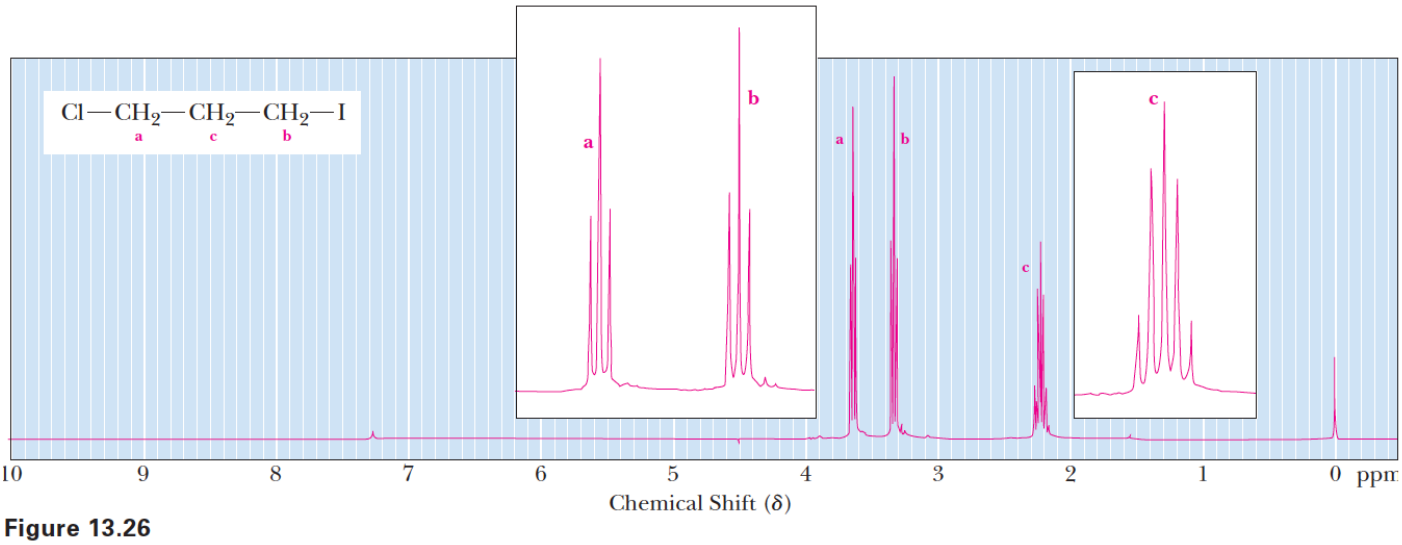
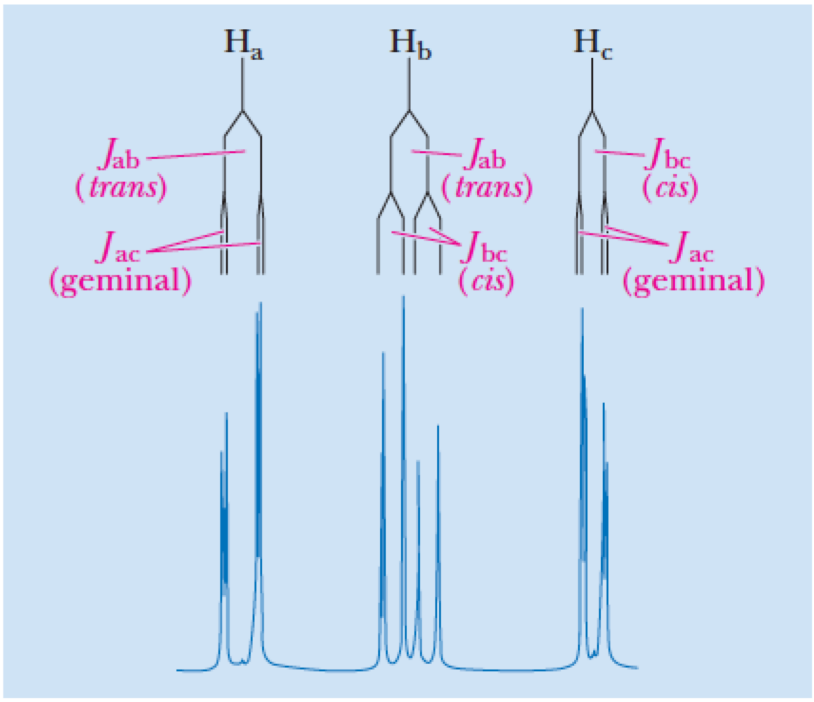


Figure 13.26
300 MHz ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of
1-chloro-3-iodopropane

M. For alkenes or ring structures such as cyclopropanes the splitting does not simplify (no bond rotation) and you see full multiplicative splitting ("doublet of doublets", etc.) Click here to go to Pictures of the Day for today in which the NMR spectra for an alkene and a cyclic structure are explained.Geminal coupling can be important for rings and alkenes.



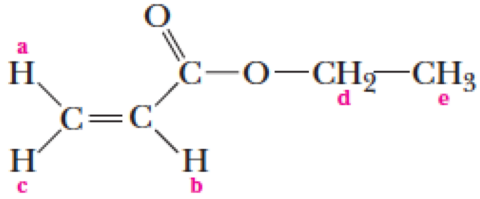


Figure 13.22
Tree diagrams for the complex coupling seen for the alkenyl H atoms in the ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of ethyl propenoate.

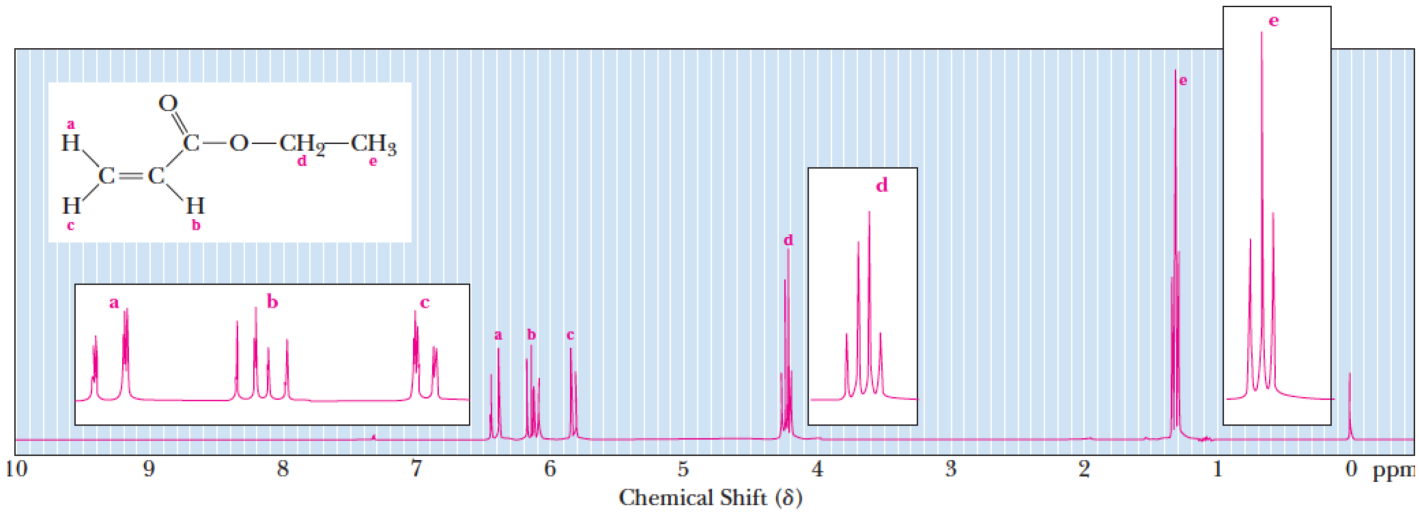


Figure 13.21
300 MHz ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of ethyl propenoate.

The popular medical diagnostic technique of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is based on the same principles as NMR, namely the flipping (i.e. resonance) of nuclear spins of H atoms by radio frequency irradiation when a patient is placed in a strong magnetic field. Magnetic field gradients are used to gain imaging information, and rotation of the gradient around the center of the object gives imaging in an entire plane (i.e. slice inside patient). In an MRI image, you are looking at individual slices that when stacked make up the three-dimensional image of relative amounts of H atoms, especially the H atoms from water and fat, in the different tissues [Memorize the preceding passage, as it will be worth 14 points on the final. No I am not kidding, 14 points right there.]