

Table of Nucleophiles

<p>Strong Nucleophiles Br^-, I^-, R-S^-, H-S^-, $\text{N}\equiv\text{C}^-$, N_3^-</p>
<p>Strong Bases $\text{R-C}\equiv\text{C}^-$, R-O^-, H-O^-</p>
<p>Medium Nucleophiles R-CO_2^-, R-S-H, R_2S, NH_3, RNH_2, R_2NH, NR_3</p>
<p>Weak Nucleophiles $\text{R-CO}_2\text{H}$, R-O-H, H_2O</p>
<p>Very Weak Bases</p>

KCN

NaN_3

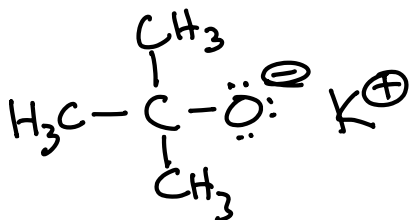
LiOH
KOH
NaOH

↑↑
There is always a counterion (Li^\oplus , K^\oplus or Na^\oplus) with the negatively-charged nucleophiles/bases. Sometimes called a "spectator ion", the Li^\oplus , K^\oplus , Na^\oplus do not take part in the mechanisms

Special Case

Tert-Butoxide (tBuO^-) is a strong base, but is not a nucleophile due to steric hindrance.

Alcohol → CH_3OH
or
 $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$



" KOtBu "
or
" tBuO^\ominus "

Substitution/Elimination Decision Map

Methyl Halide \Rightarrow S_N2

Primary Haloalkane \Rightarrow $t\text{BuOK ?}$ \Rightarrow Yes \Rightarrow E2
 \downarrow
 No \Rightarrow S_N2

Secondary Haloalkane
 or
 Allylic/Benzylic Halides \Rightarrow Very Weak Base ? \Rightarrow Yes \Rightarrow $S_N1/E1$ *
 \downarrow
 Very Strong Base ? \Rightarrow Yes \Rightarrow E2 **
 \downarrow
 No \Rightarrow S_N2

Tertiary Haloalkane \Rightarrow Very Weak Base ? \Rightarrow Yes \Rightarrow $S_N1/E1$
 \downarrow
 No \Rightarrow E2

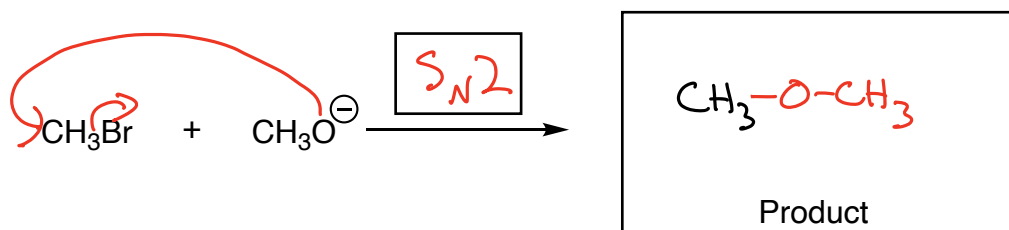
For S_N2 Remember Chiral Center INVERSiON
 For E2 Remember anti-periplanar and Zaitsev
 For S_N1 Remember Chiral Center Scrambling
 For E1 Remember Zaitsev

* Note: With Very Weak Bases, S_N2 can compete here, but for the purposes of this class, assume S_N1 / E1 predominate

** Note: If $t\text{BuOK}$ is the very strong base, an appreciable amount of a non-Zaitsev product can be formed because the bulky $t\text{BuOK}$ will tend to react with the most accessible H atom.

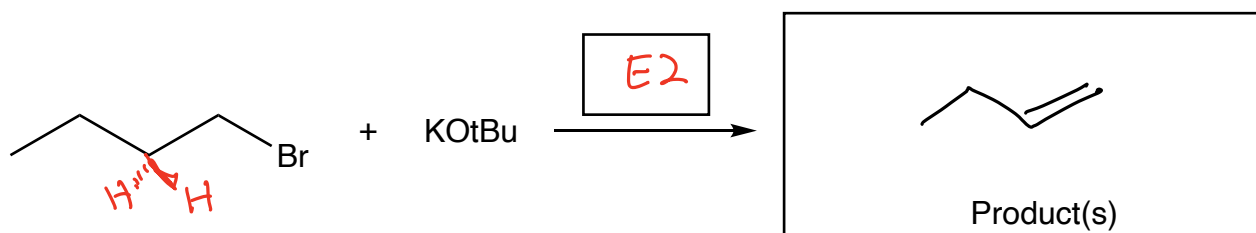
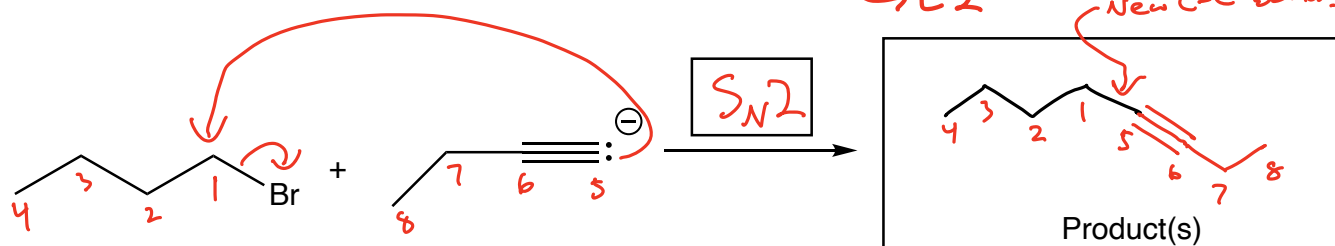
Substitution vs. Elimination Examples:

Methyl Haloalkanes (CH₃X) → Only S_N2 is possible



Primary (1°) Haloalkanes

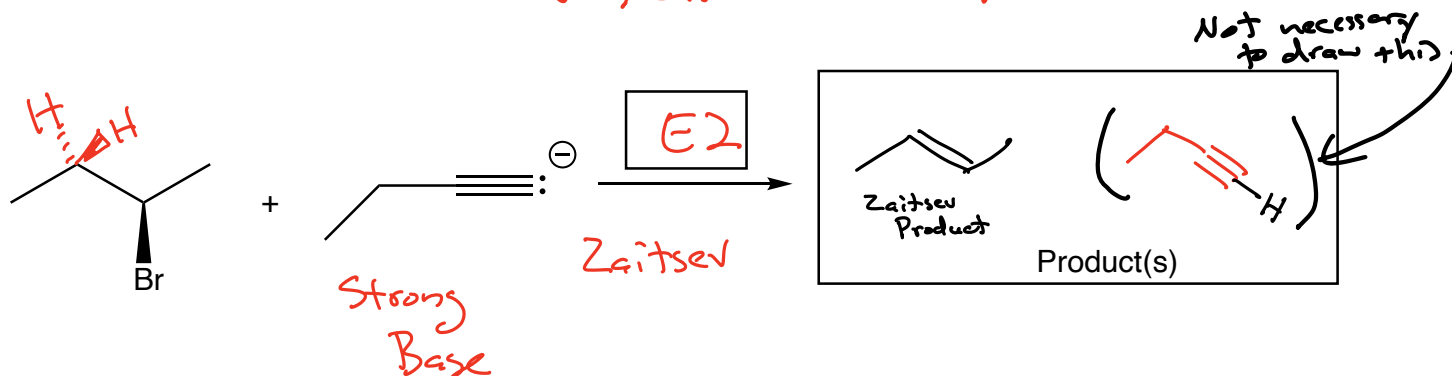
S_N2 with all but
KOtBu (tBuO[⊖] K[⊕])
→ E2

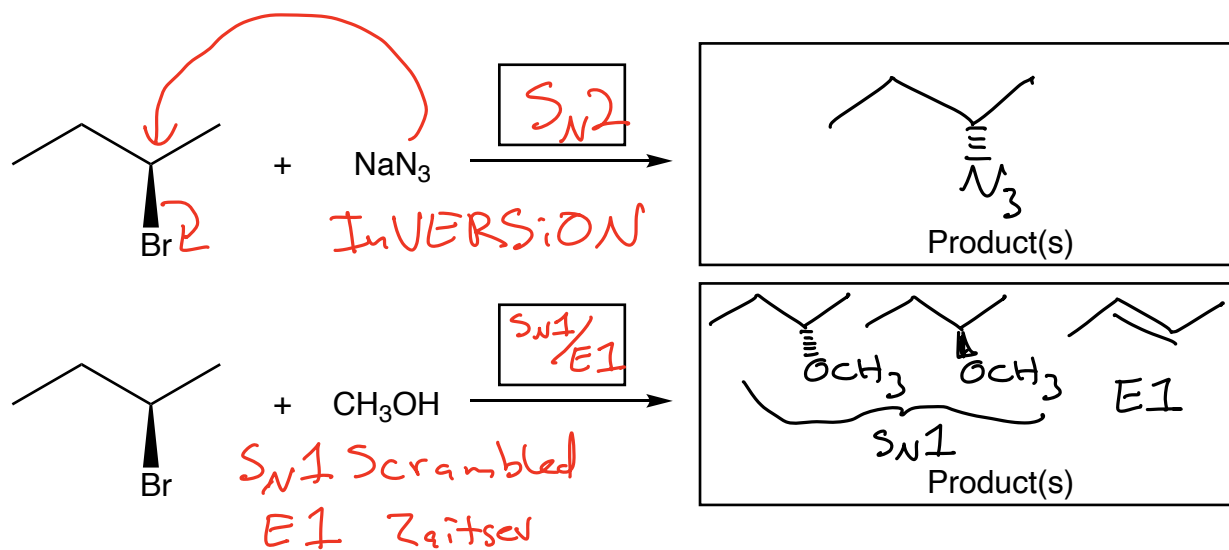


Secondary (2°) Haloalkanes

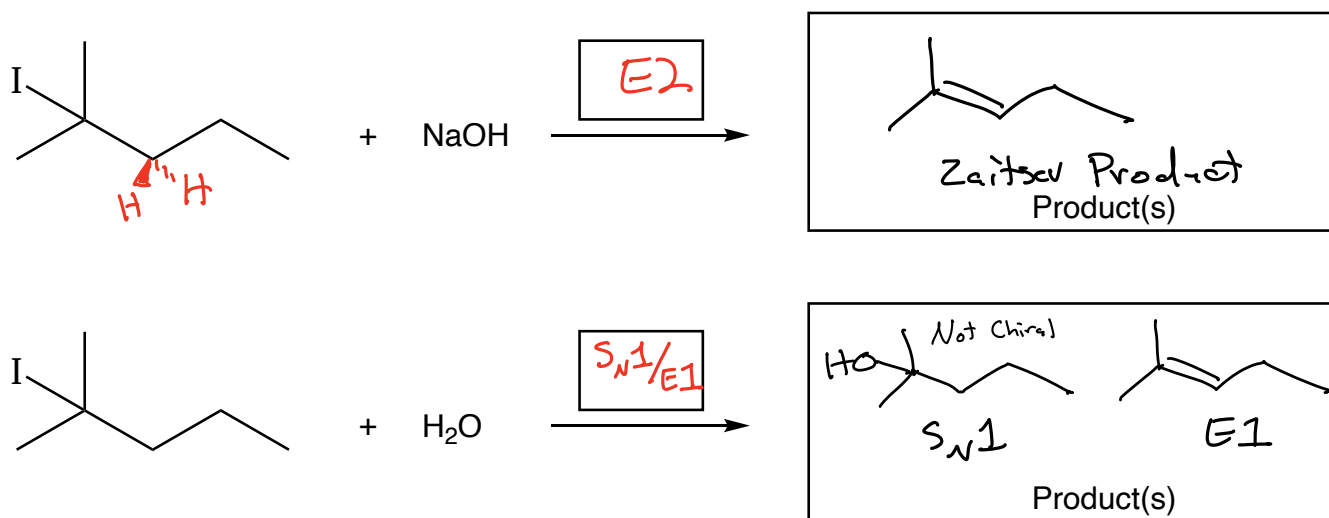
→ S_N2 with all but strong
bases or very weak bases

→ E2 with strong bases
→ S_N1/E1 with very weak bases

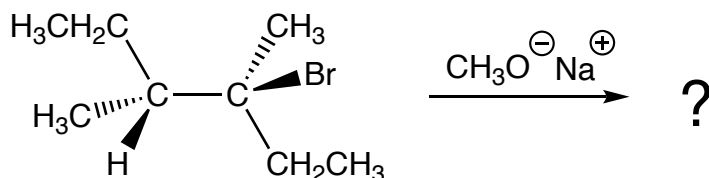




Tertiary (3°) Haloalkanes

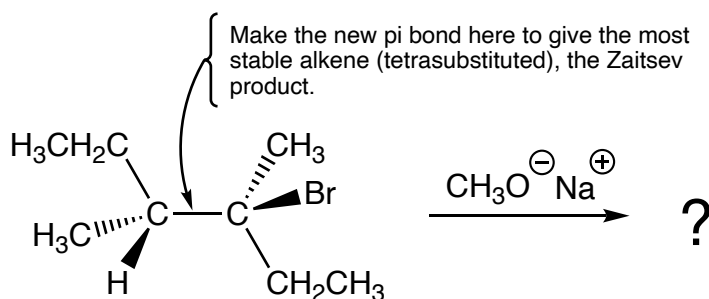


E2 Reaction Considerations:

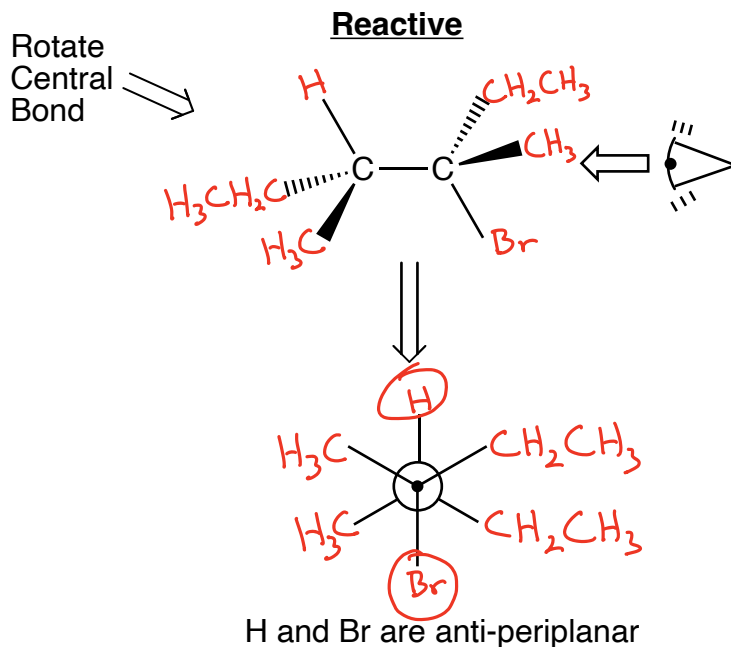
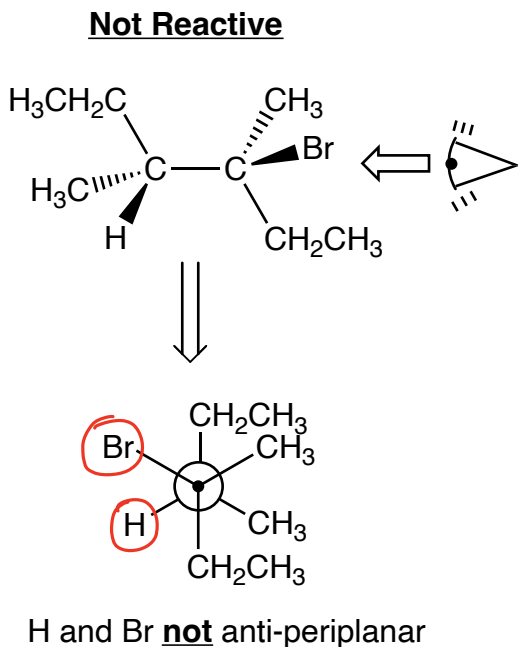


When analyzing highly substituted haloalkanes for a possible E2 reaction:

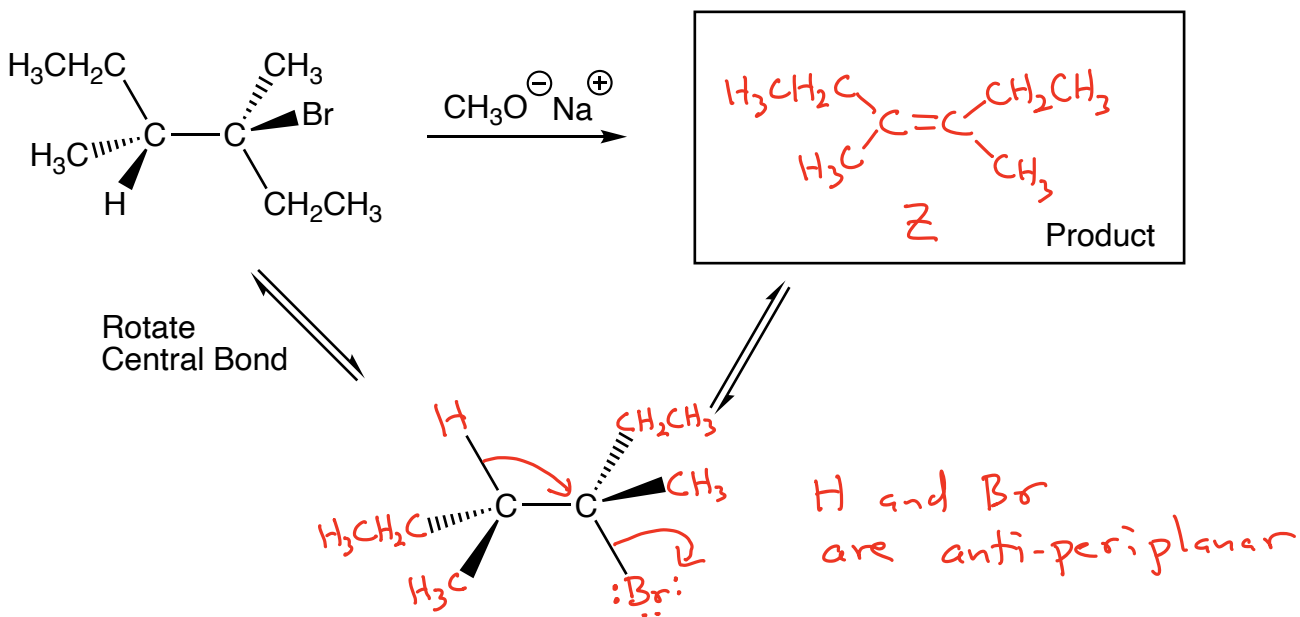
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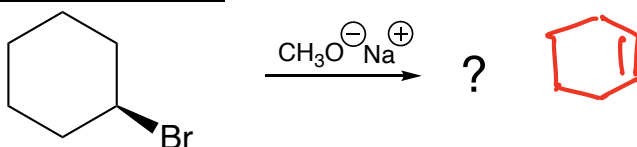
2. Given the Zaitsev product you have identified, verify which anti-periplanar H atom(s) can be removed during the reaction to determine whether the product is E or Z.
3. You often need to rotate bonds to identify the particular H atom and configuration that reacts to give the alkene product.



Putting it all together:

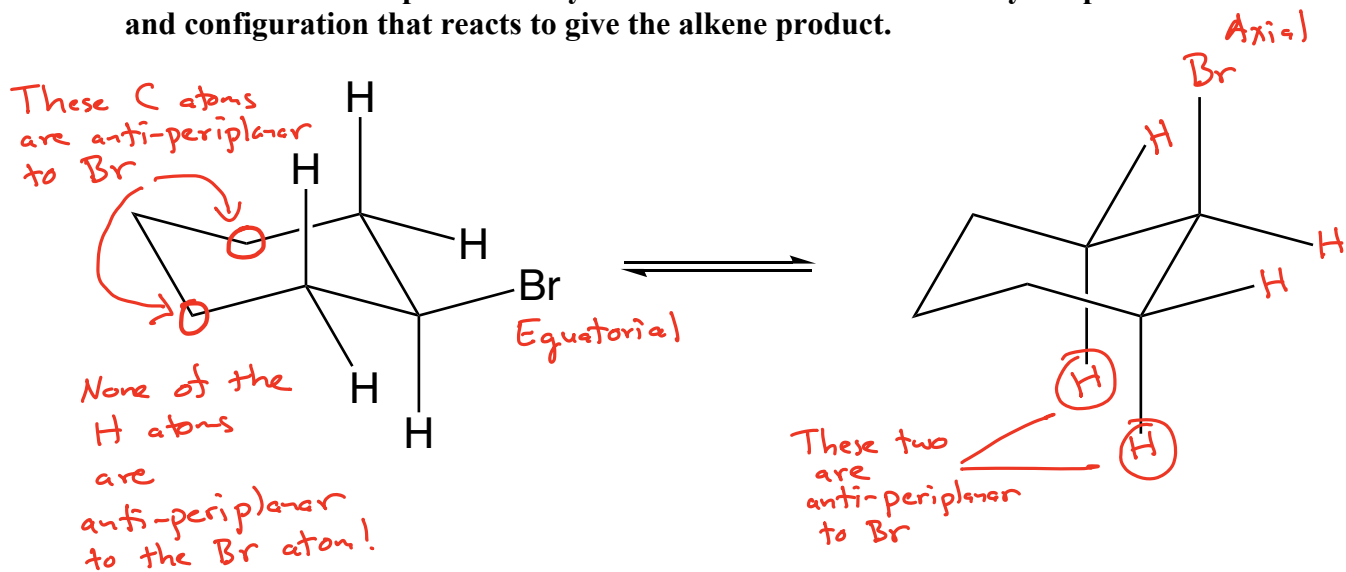


E2 Reaction of cyclohexane derivatives:



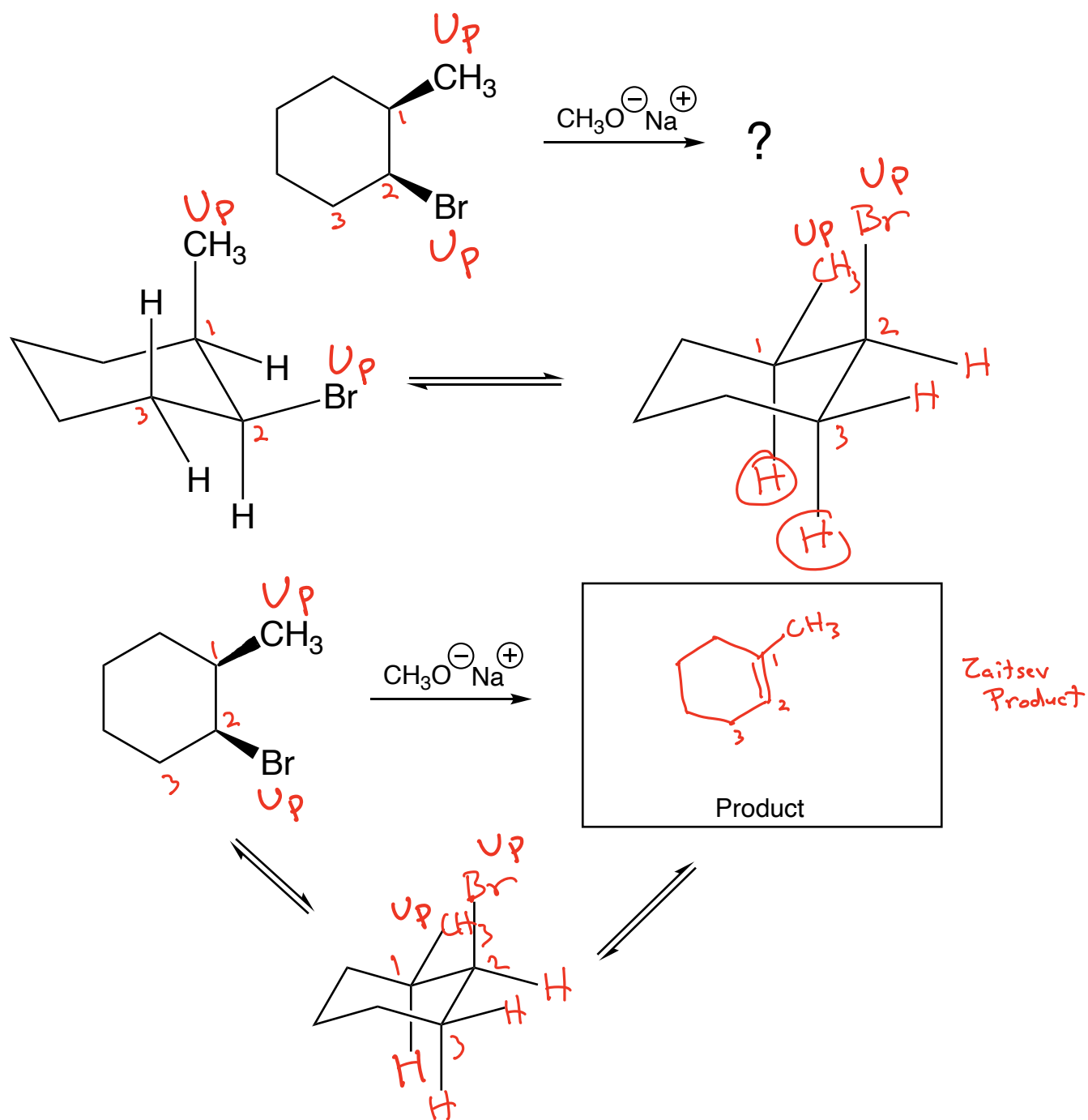
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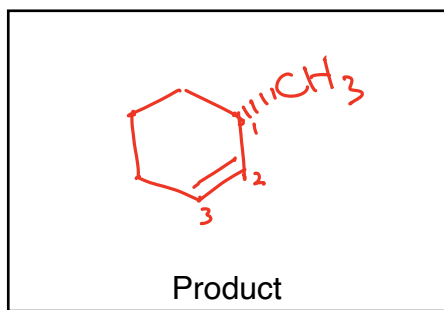
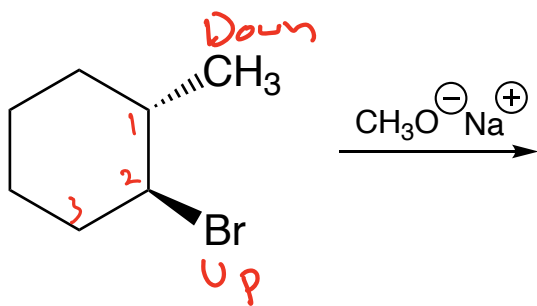
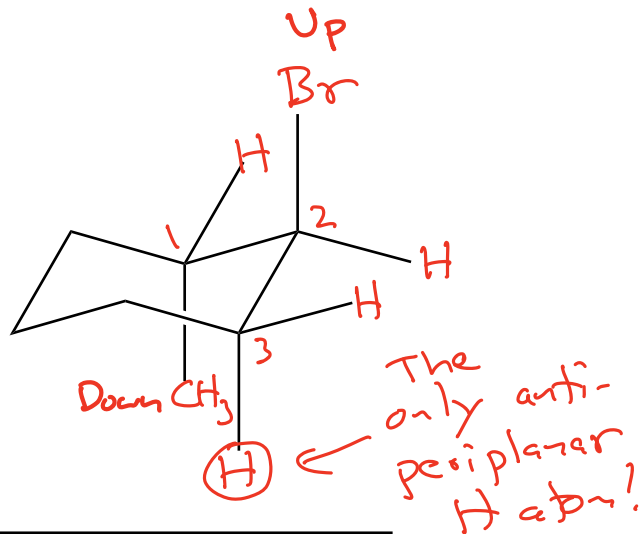
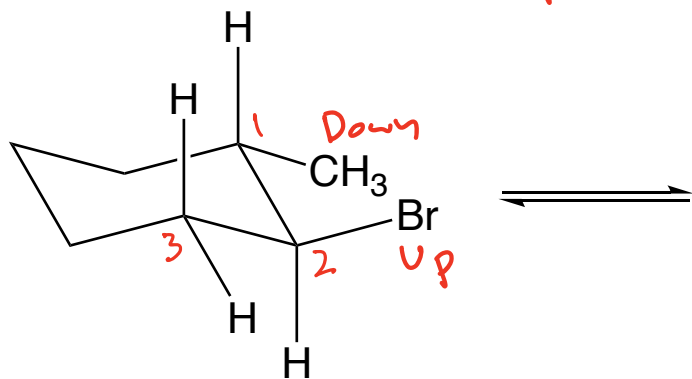
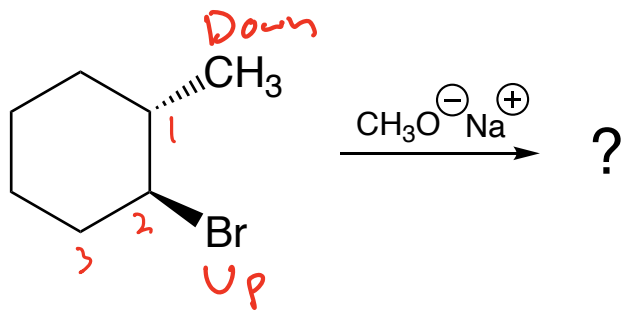
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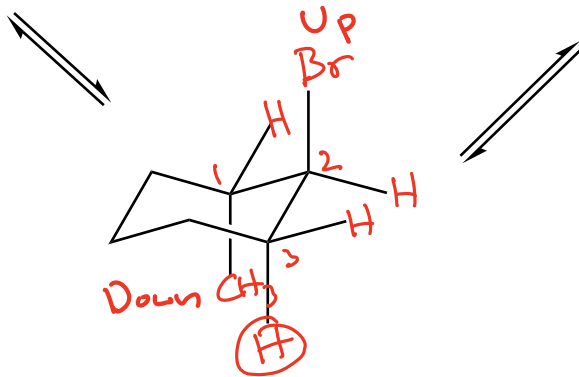
Rule: The halogen must be axial to react via E2 in cyclohexane derivatives

Classic Examples:

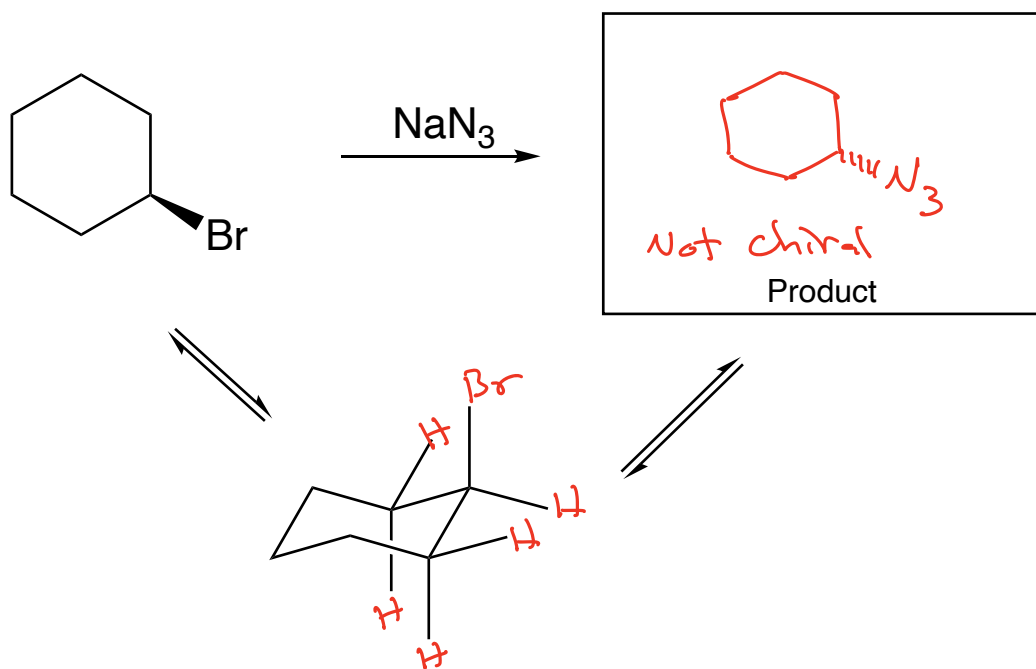
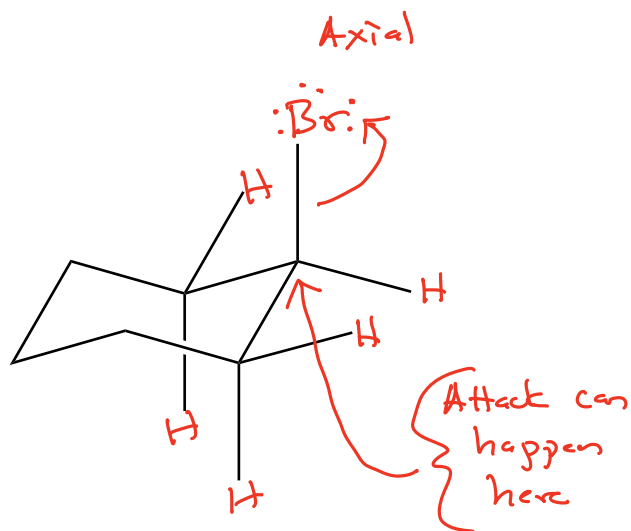
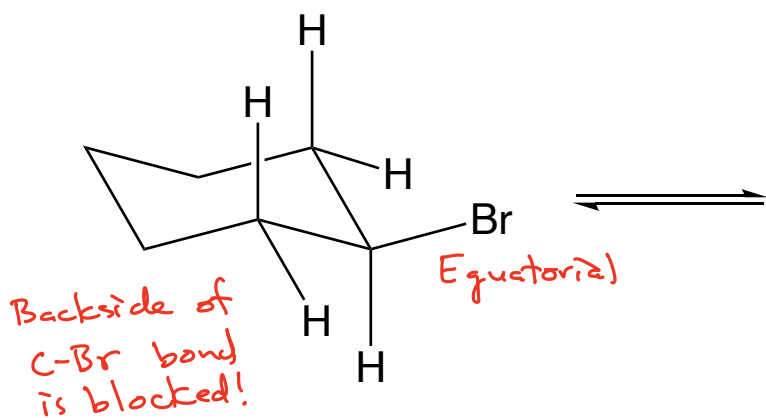
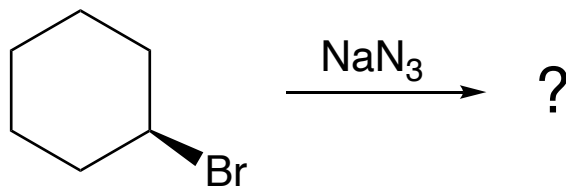




not the one predicted by Zaitsev!



S_N2 Reactions of Cyclohexanes:



Rule: The halogen must be axial to react in an S_N2 mechanism in a cyclohexane derivative.

Geminal
Dihaloalkanes

Vicinal
Tetrahaloalkanes

Alkynes

Aldehydes/Ketones

Vicinal
Dihaloalkanes

Vicinal
Diols

Alkenes

Alcohols

Haloalkanes

Halohydrins

Alkanes

Geminal
Dihaloalkanes

Vicinal
Tetrahaloalkanes

Aldehydes/Ketones

Vicinal
Diols

Alcohols

Halohydrins

Various S_N2
Products

Alkynes (DFW)

R-C≡C-H
Terminal
1) $3NaNH_2$
2) HCl, H_2O
Double E2

R-C≡C-R
Internal
 $2NaNH_2$
Double E2



Vicinal
Dihaloalkanes (Waco)

X_2 (Br, Cl, I)
Anti 3-membered ring

Alkenes (ATX)

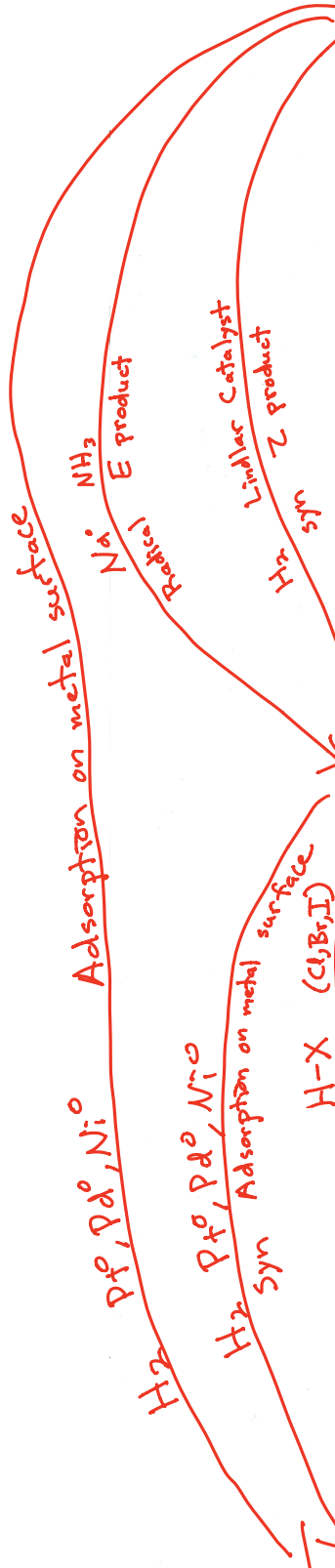


H-X (Cl, Br, I)
Markovnikov, Mixed, Carbocation
H-Br ROOR hv or heat
non-Markovnikov, Radical
Strong Base E2
Anti-periplanar TS
Zaitsev's Rule

Halohydrins (S.M., N.B.)

Br₂ hv or heat
Br ends up on more substituted C atom
Radical Chain Process

Alkanes (San Antonio)

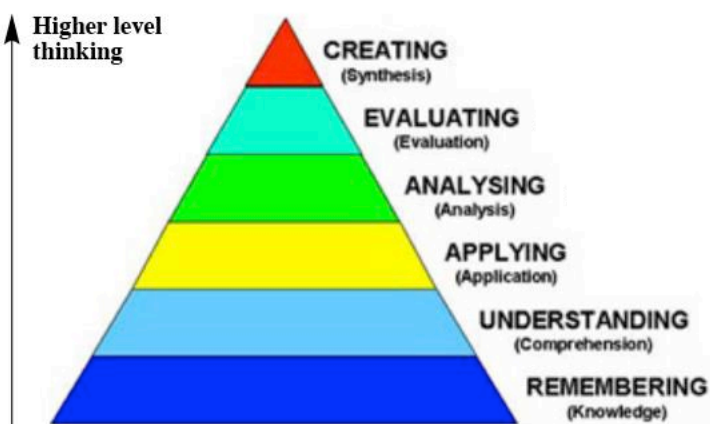


Adsorption on metal surface
Na, NH₃
Radical
E product

Adsorption on metal surface
Pt⁰, Pd⁰, Ni⁰
Syn

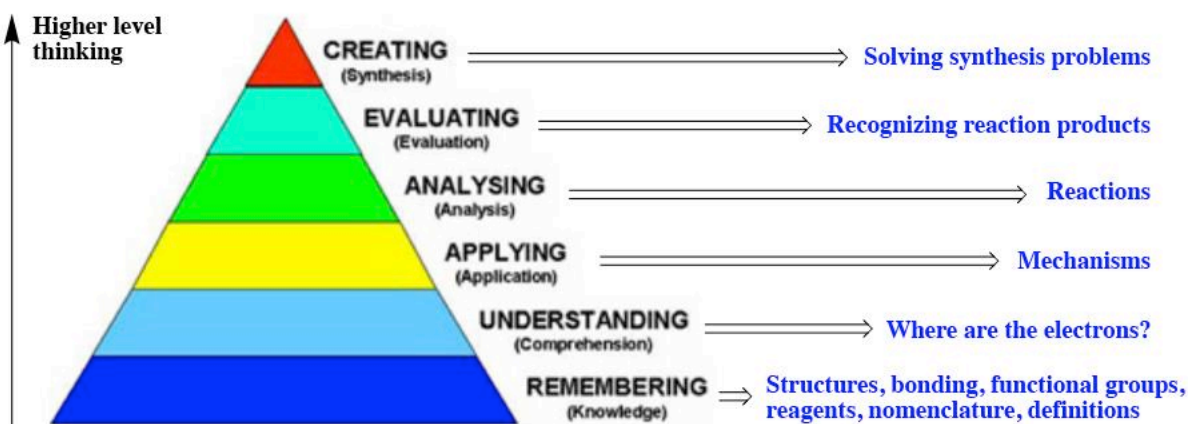
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Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning



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Organic Chemistry Analog



A) **You must have your entire roadmap learned** so you can recite the NIRRS parameters for each reagent, i.e. Nature of overall transformation ("locations" on the roadmap), the Intermediate or transition state (carbocation, anti-periplanar etc.), the Reagents and how to designate them, as well as any Regiochemistry (Markovnikov, etc.) and any appropriate Stereochemistry (syn, anti, InVERSiON, scrambled, etc).

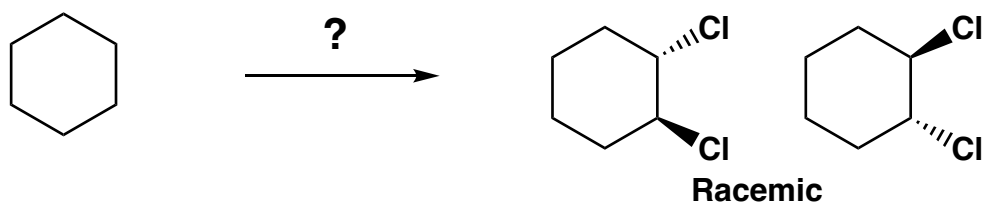
B) **Work backwards** (learn to RECOGNIZE the appropriate reagents and starting materials by looking at the products) from the final product. DO NOT try to work forward from the starting materials. Please trust me on this.

C) **Count carbons** in the starting material(s) and product(s) to see if any carbon-carbon bonds need to be broken or made, thereby zeroing in on key steps. This will be far more important next semester, so you should get used to doing this now.

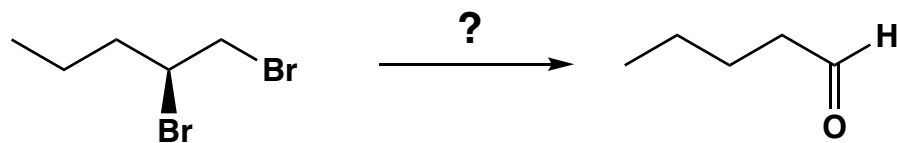
D) **Pretty much all synthesis problems in OChem 1 involve traveling "north or south" on the so-called "I-35"** reactions (alkanes SA, haloalkanes NB/SM, alkenes ATX, vicinal dihaloalkanes Waco, alkynes DFW) at least part way at some point during the synthesis. This is not a promise or a rule, just an observation.

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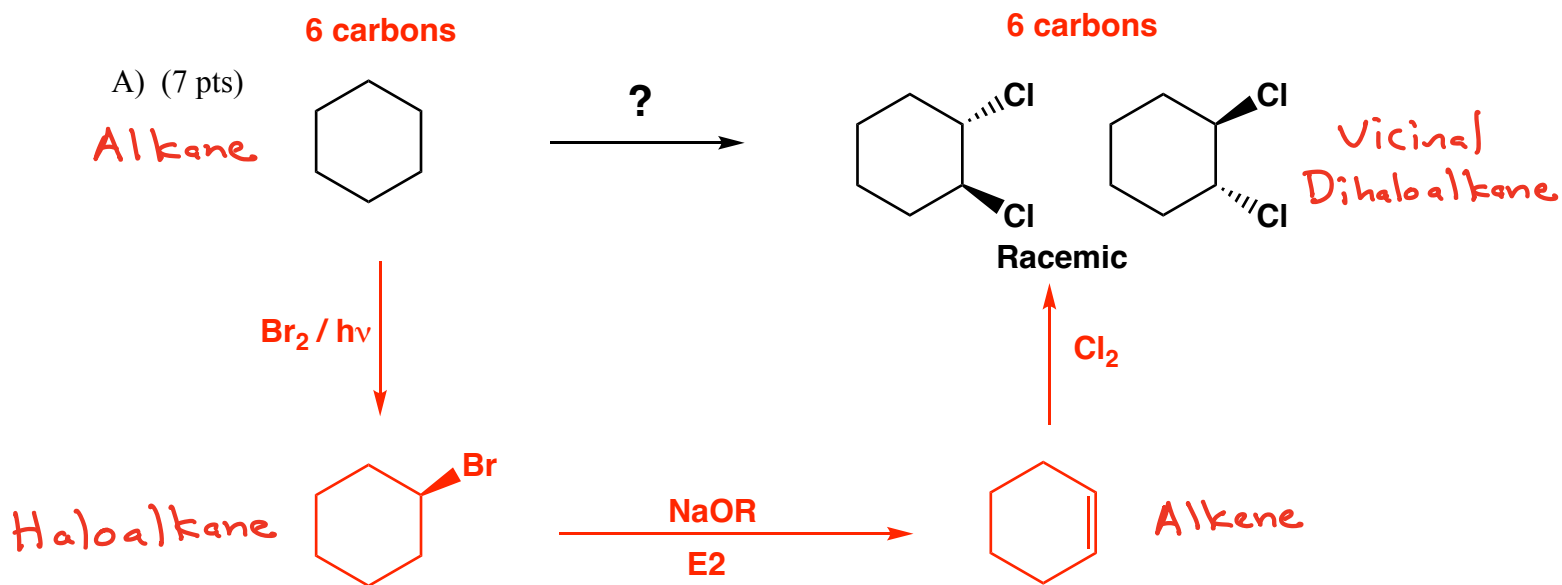
A) (7 pts)



B) (4 pts)



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Recognize: The product is a *trans* dichlorocyclohexane that must result from the reaction of an alkene (cyclohexene) with Cl₂. **Recognize:** The cyclohexene comes from the usual "1-35" combination of halogenation of an alkane with light (the only reaction that uses an alkane starting material) followed by an E2 in strong base such as an alkoxide (NaOR).

See Reactions
on
Roadmap
Below

Starting Material

Alkanes

Br₂ hv or heat
 Br ends up on more substituted C atom
 Radical Chain Process

Haloalkanes

H-X (Cl, Br, I)
 Markovnikov, Mixed, Carbocation
 H-Br ROOR hv or heat
 non-Markovnikov, Radical

Alkenes

X₂ (Br, Cl, I)
 Anti 3-membered ring
 Strong Base E2
 anti-periplanar TS
 Zaitsev's Rule

Vicinal Dihalalkanes

R-C≡C-R
 Internal
 2 NaNH₂
 Double E2

Alkynes

R-C≡C-H
 Terminal
 1) 3 NaNH₂
 2) HCl, H₂O
 Double E2

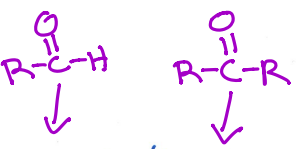
1) RCH₂X
 2) RCH₂X
 SN2
 MAKES C≡C
 SN2

Starting Material
 Pt⁰, Pd⁰, Ni⁰
 Adsorption on metal surface
 H₂ Syn
 Pt⁰, Pd⁰, Ni⁰
 Adsorption on metal surface
 H₂ Syn
 Na NH₃
 Radical E product
 Lindlar Catalyst
 H₂ syn Z product

Geminal Dihalalkanes

2 H-X (Br, Cl, I)
 Markovnikov

Vicinal Tetrahaloalkanes



Aldehydes/Ketones

1) (sia)₂BH 2) H₂O₂/HO⁻
 non-Markovnikov enol intermediate
 H₂SO₄, H₂SO₄, H₂O
 Markovnikov enol intermediate

Vicinal Diols

1) OsO₄ 2) NaHSO₃/H₂O
 Syn cyclic osmate ester

Alcohols

1) BH₃ 2) H₂O₂/HO⁻
 non-Markovnikov Syn
 4-membered ring transition state

Halohydrins

H₂O H₂SO₄ (catalytic)
 Markovnikov Mixed
 Carbocation Intermediate

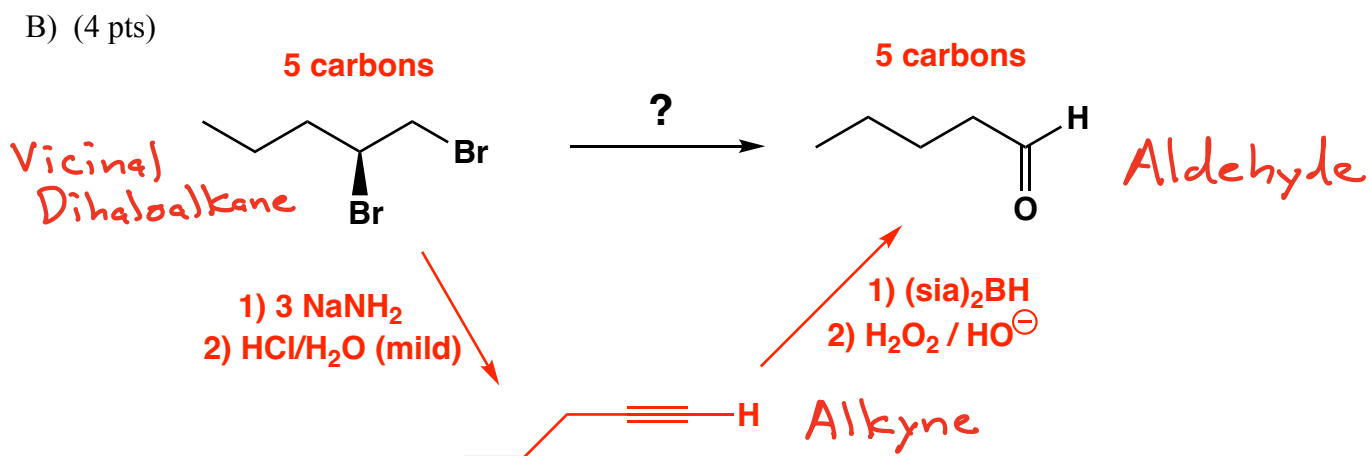
(Br₂/C)
 Markovnikov Anti
 3-membered ring

Various S_N2 Products

Various Nucleophiles
 S_N2 INVERSION

Not shown:
 Alkene $\xrightarrow{NBS, hv}$ Haloalkene
 Allylic radical intermediate
 Most stable alkene product

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Recognize: The product is an aldehyde that can be made from a primary alcohol, ozonolysis of an alkene (breaks carbon-carbon bond so not possible here) or from an alkyne. Choose the latter because an alkyne can be made from the starting vicinal dihaloalkane using base, in this case three equivalents of NaNH₂ followed by mild acid workup because the product is a terminal alkyne.

See Reactions on Roadmap Below

