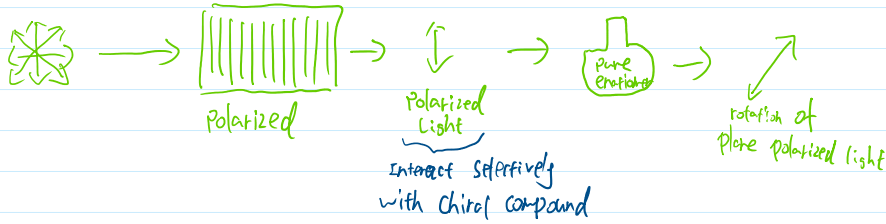


- "Optical active"
- Acid and Base

If a molecule is chiral, it rotates the plane of plane polarized light in a concentration dependent manner.



Two enantiomers will rotate polarized light in the opposite direction, but to the equal extents

If R-enantiomer rotate 41.7° to clockwise ("+")
 S-enantiomer rotate 41.7° to counterclockwise ("-")

• R ≠ "+", R ≠ "-" → "always can't get" \neq

A racemic mixture won't rotate the plane of polarized light

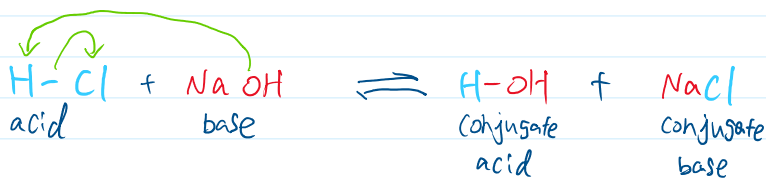
↳ 1:1 mixture of 2 enantiomers

A compound is "optical active" if it rotates the plane of polarized light.

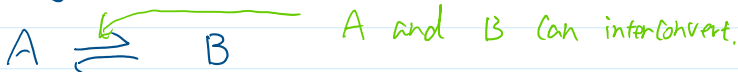
• racemic mixtures and meso compounds are not optical active.

Acid and Base

Acid = H^+ Proton Donor } Brønsted theory
 Base = Proton Acceptor



We can describe mathematically "how far" a reaction proceed by defining an equilibrium constant.



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[B]}{[A]} = \frac{\text{Products}}{\text{Reactants}} \quad \left(\text{with known } pK_a, K_{eq} = 10^{pK_{a, \text{reactant}} - pK_{a, \text{product}}} \right)$$

K_{eq} tells us which side (starting materials / left side / reactants)
 vs
 (products / right side)
 is favored at e.g.

if $K_{eq} = 1 \rightarrow$ each side same amount of A and B

$K_{eq} \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$ No A present, all B

$K_{eq} = 0.00001 \rightarrow$ lots of A, little B
 00000
 000001

For acids and bases: $H-A + \text{:}B \rightleftharpoons H-B + A^-$
 acid base conjugate acid conjugate base

$$K_A = \frac{[H-B][A^-]}{[H-A][\text{:}B]}$$

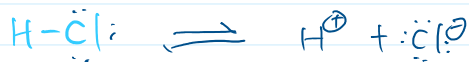
since K_A ranges from 10^{-20} to 10^{55}
 $pK_A = 20$ $pK_A = -55$
 \hookrightarrow we took the log scale, so the # is smaller.

$$pK_A = -\log K_A$$

K_A and pK_A tell us how much an acid will be deprotonated vs. protonated at a specific pH

\hookrightarrow pK_A and K_A reflect a given acid's intrinsic ability to protonate the base
 \hookrightarrow usually H_2O for pK_A/K_A

Smaller pK_A values \rightarrow Stronger acid \Rightarrow more stable anion
 (lower) more stable (weaker) conjugate base
 (more negative)



$$pK_A = -7$$

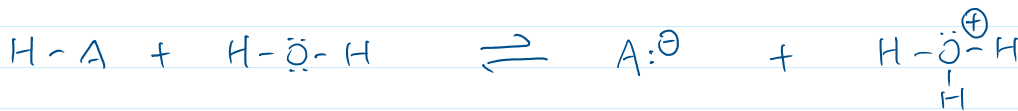
* e.g. favors formation of the **WEAKER ACID**

\hookrightarrow for a given pair of "acids" the smaller/lower the pK_A
 \Downarrow
 the stronger the acid

the stronger the acid

↳ A stronger acid will react to form a more stable anion

⊗ A given acid will be protonated if the pH of the solution is less (large) than the pKa of the acid



If $pH = pKa$, $[H-A] = [A:^{\ominus}]$

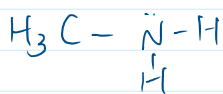
50:50 protonated vs. deprotonated

$pH > pKa$, $[H-A] < [A:^{\ominus}]$

the acid $[H-A]$ is mostly deprotonated

$pH < pKa$, $[H-A] > [A:^{\ominus}]$

the acid $[H-A]$ is mostly protonated



Acid ?

or

Base ?

↓

It depends

The molecular environment (pH) determines whether a molecular functions as an acid or base

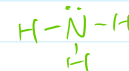
The number of H-atoms on sp^3 N-atom is changing w/ pH

↳ recall lower pH = more acidic environment = a lot of H^{\oplus} around

if there are a lot of protons in solution (acidic)

N will be bonded to more protons → $H-\overset{H}{\underset{H}{|}}{N}^{\oplus}-H$

then it would be if there are less H^{\oplus} →



or $H-\overset{\ominus}{\underset{|}{N}}-H$

let's follow 100 amine ($R-\ddot{N}H_2$) molecules in a solution as we raise pH from 0 (very acidic) to pH 50 (super basic)

Let's follow 100 amine ($R-NH_2$) molecules in a solution as we raise pH from 0 (very acidic) to pH 50 (super basic)

consider two relevant pKas: $R-NH_3^+$ $pK_a \sim 10$

$R-NH_2$ $pK_a \sim 40$

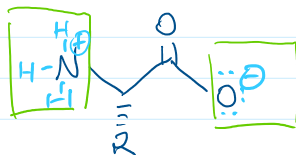
pH 0	pH 10	pH 15	pH 40	pH 50
100 $R-NH_3^+$	50 $R-NH_3^+$ 50 $R-NH_2$	100 $R-NH_2$	50 $R-NH_2$ 50 $R-NH^+$	100 $R-NH^+$

pKa table

compound	pKa	(conjugate base)	
H_3O^+	-1.7	H_2O	$pH > -1.7$, mostly H_2O $pH < -1.7$, mostly H_3O^+
H_4N^+	9.2	H_3N	$pH > 9.2$, mostly H_3N $pH < 9.2$, mostly H_4N^+

In Human body: pH ~ 7

Generic Amino Acid:



pK_a
 $R-NH_3^+$ ~ 9.2
 $R-COOH$ 3-5

Amine is protonated @ pH 7
 $pH < pK_a$

Carboxylic ^{acid} is deprotonated @ pH 7
 $pH > pK_a$

more stable Anion has \ominus w/ "full negative charge"

① on a more E.N. atom (across ⁿ row in periodic table)

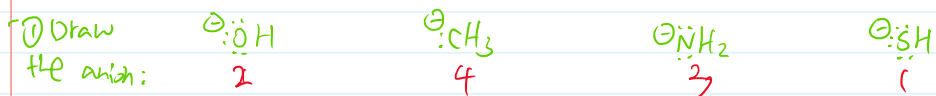
② on an atom w/ more s-character ($sp > sp^2 > sp^3$) (mostly for comparing negative charge on C)

③ on a lower atom (down a row...)

- ② on an atom w/ more s-character ($sp > sp^2 > sp^3$) (mostly for comparing negative charge on C)
- ③ on a larger atom (down a column)
- ④ stabilized by resonance delocalization
- ⑤ stabilized by inductive effect from nearby E.N. atoms

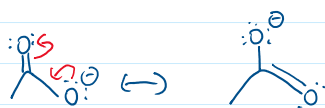
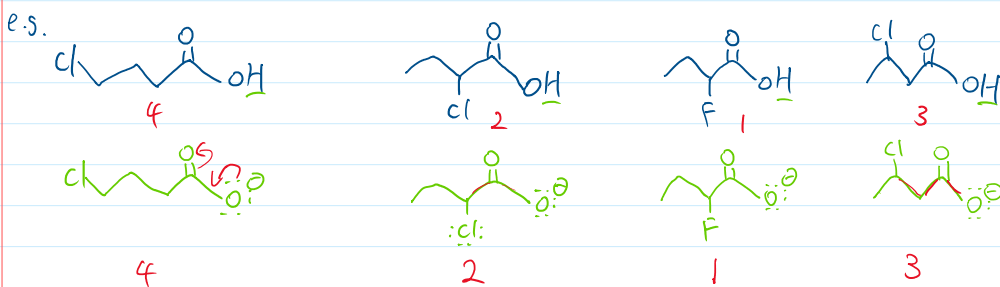
e.g.: 1 = most acidic 4 = least acidic

Acid: H_2O CH_4 NH_3 H_2S



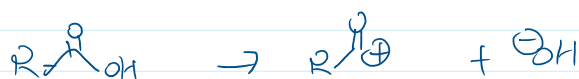
② Alternatively, look them up in pKa table:

	H_2O	CH_4	NH_3	H_2S
pKa	15.7	51	40	8-9
	2	4	3	1

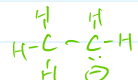
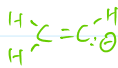
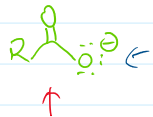
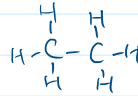
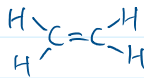
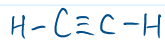
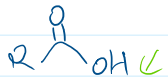
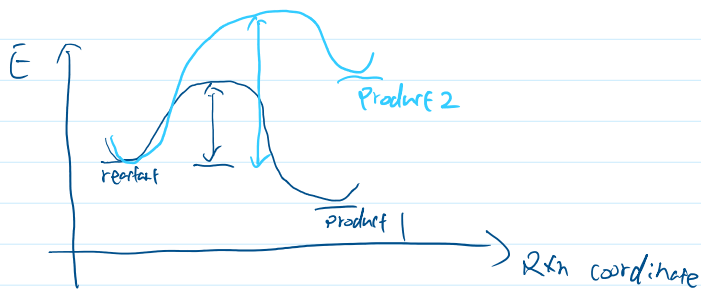


- Resonance is in play in all of them!
- negative charge is not directly on a halogen atom, so rule # 3 does not apply.

Inductive effect: "pulling" of e^- density through σ -bonds by E.N. atoms / groups.



Q.5



↑

sp

sp²

sp³

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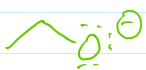
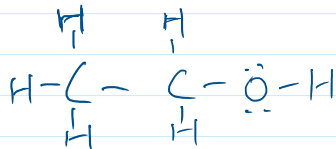
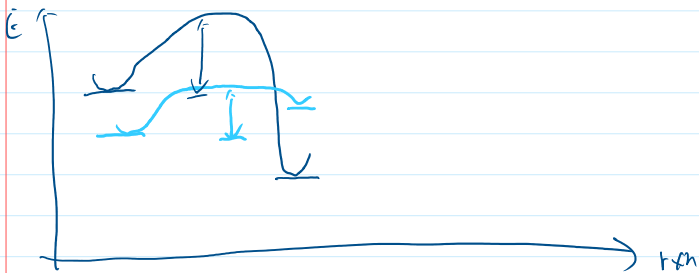
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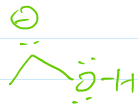
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Why 1 is more stable than 2:

- ① the carboxylate has \ominus on more E.N. atom (rule #1)
- ② the carboxylate has resonance stabilization (rule #4)
- ③ although alkyne has sp hybridization, but because it's a negative charge on carbon.



vs



vs



1

2

3

