Answer Key

Problem Solving Session Week of 2/27/17

Rank the following in terms of relative acidity, with a 1 under the most acidic, and a 4 under the least acidic molecule.

HO CH <sub>3</sub>	но́∵сн₃	нсі:	HO. CF <sub>3</sub>
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Rank the following with respect to anion stability. Write a 1 under the most stable anion, and a 4 under the least stable anion.

Rank the following carboxylic acid derivatives with respect to reactivity with a nucleophile. Write a 1 under most reactive, and a 4 under the least reactive.

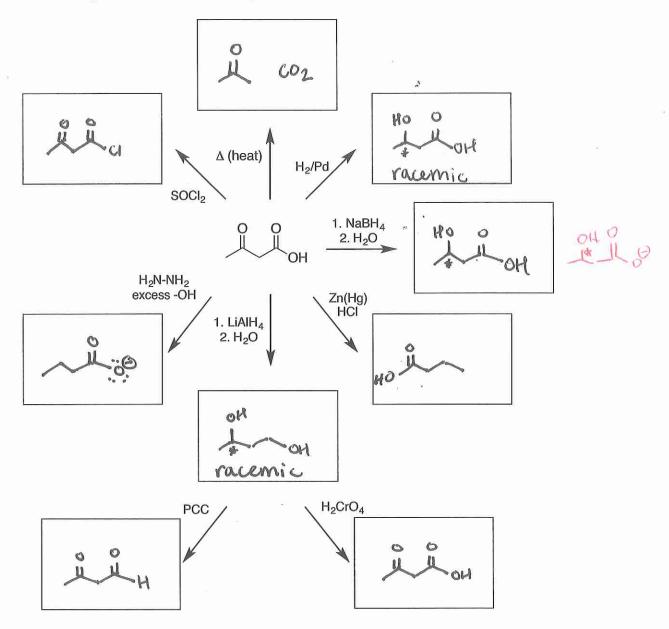
Fill in the boxes with the structures that complete the reactions. Use wedges and dashes to indicate stereochemistry when appropriate.

HO 2 3 5 COH

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (catalytic)

$$C_{13}$$
 $C_{13}$ 
 $C_{23}$ 
 $C_{14}$ 
 $C_{24}$ 
 $C_{34}$ 
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Predict the products for the following transformations.



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