



1. (13 Points) For multiple choice questions circle the letter of the best answer

The specific rotation of pure (R)-2-bromobutane is  $-20^\circ$ , what is the optical rotation of a sample of (S)-2-bromopropane with an optical purity of 50%

- (a) zero (b) +15 (d) -15 (e) +10 (f) -10 (g) +7.5 (h) -7.5 (i) none of these

Which of the following is produced when 1 equivalent of HBr is added to 1-hexyne in the presence of peroxides?

- (a) 2-bromo-1-hexene (b) (E)-1-bromo-1-hexene (c) (Z)-1-bromo-1-hexene  
 (d) mixture of (b) and (c) (e) (E)-2-bromo-2-hexene (f) (Z)-2-bromo-2-hexene  
 (g) mixture of (e) and (f) (h) none of these

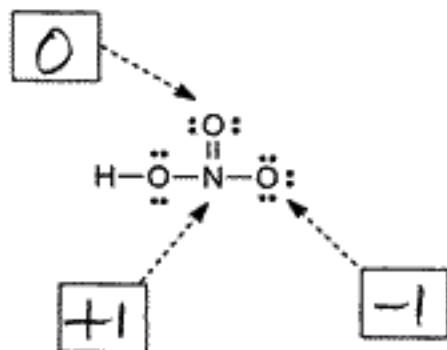
An increase in which of the following results in a decrease in the rate of a chemical reaction?

- (a) Temperature (b) Concentration (c) pH (d) collision frequency  
 (e) activation energy (f) time of reaction (g) none of these

Which of the following statements is correct for propene  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_3$

- (a) all nine atoms are in the same plane (b) the molecule has eight sigma bonds  
 (c) Propene has two isomers (E and Z) (d) propene generally acts as a Lewis acid  
 (e) All C atoms in propene are  $\text{sp}^2$  hybridized (f) none of these

What is the formal charge on each atom indicated by an arrow

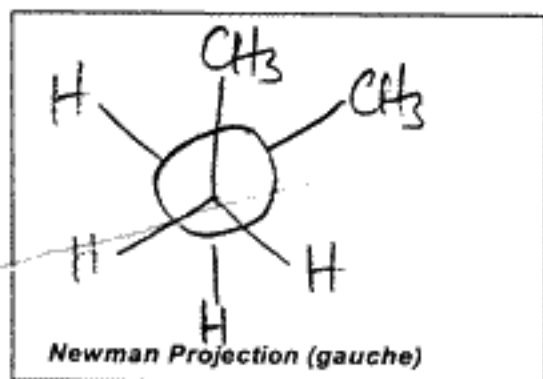


How many distinct internal alkynes exist with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}$

Answer:

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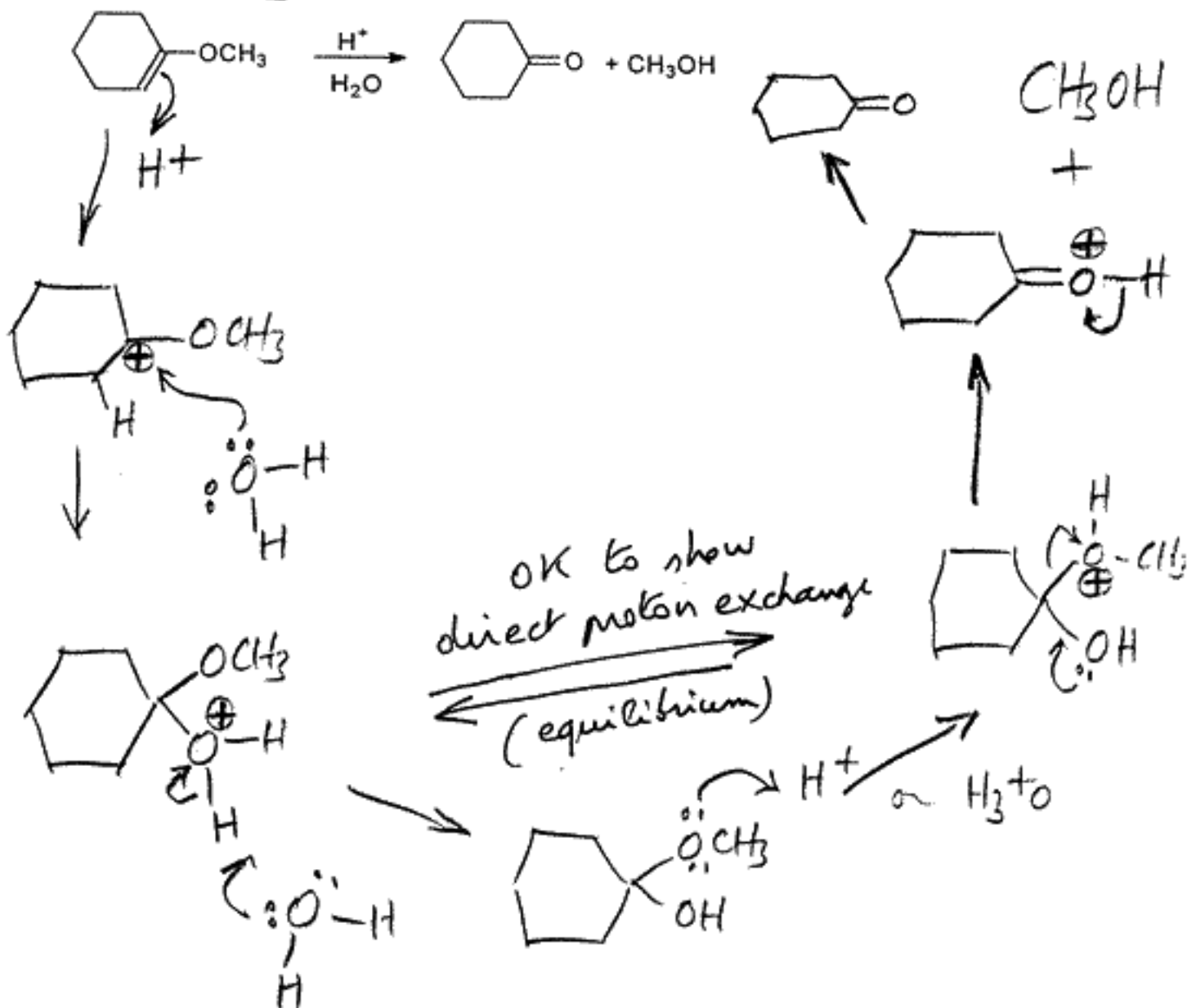
2. (19 Points). (a) Assume that the energy difference between gauche and anti conformations of butane corresponds to an equilibrium constant  $K_{eq}$  of about 2.0. Show a Newman projection for gauche butane and calculate the percentage of anti conformer at equilibrium. Write an equation for  $K_{eq}$  and show details of your work.



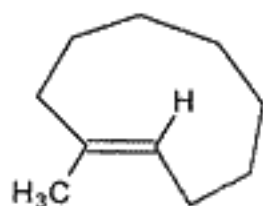
$$K_{eq} = \frac{[ANTI]}{[GAUCHE]}$$

$$\% \text{ anti conformer} = 66\% = \frac{2}{2+1} \times 100$$

- (b) show a step by step mechanism (with arrows) for the following reaction:

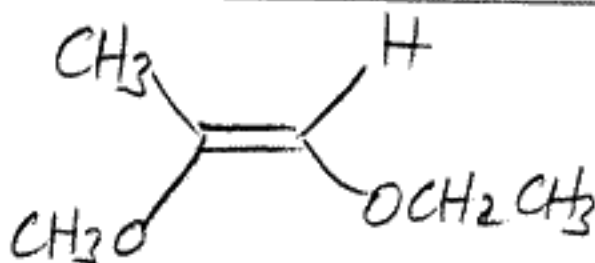


3. (19 Points). (a) Name or draw the following molecules as appropriate (show stereochemistry)



**(E)-1-methyl-cyclononene**

(Z)-1-ethoxy-2-methoxy-1-propene



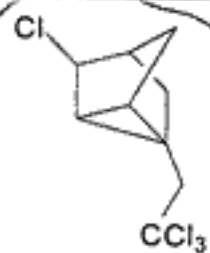
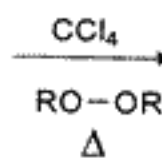
$\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

**3-butyn-1-ol**

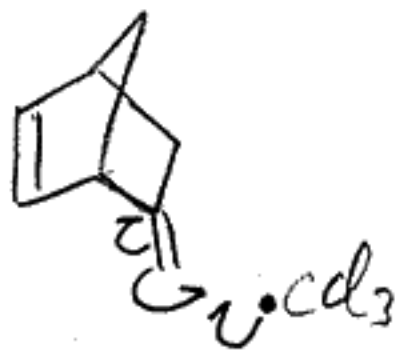
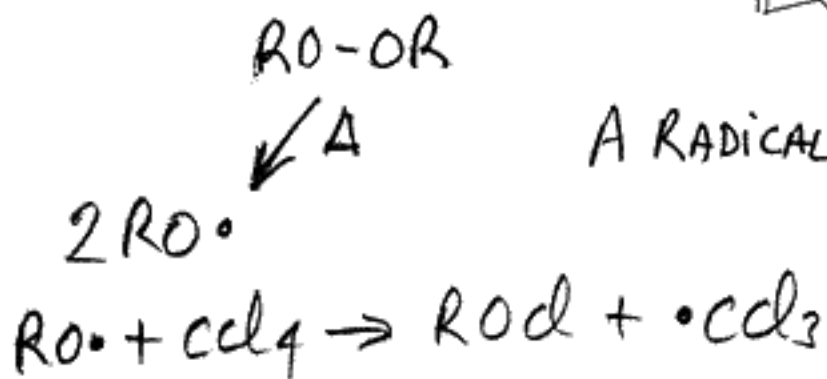
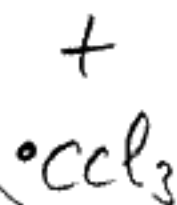
or 3-butynol

(b) Write a mechanism for the following reaction

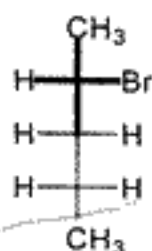
(hint: the bond  $\text{Cl}-\text{CCl}_3$  is easily broken)



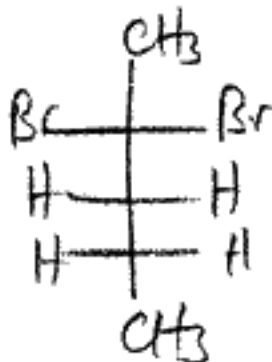
A RADICAL REACTION



4. (20 Points). (a) Consider the monobromination of (S)-2-bromopentane using  $\text{Br}_2$  and light. How many products are obtained by reaction at C-2, C-3 and C-4, write your answer in the box and show a Fisher projection for each specifying whether each is chiral or achiral and, in cases where more than one product is obtained, whether they will be formed in equal or unequal amounts.



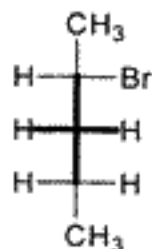
Reaction at C-2



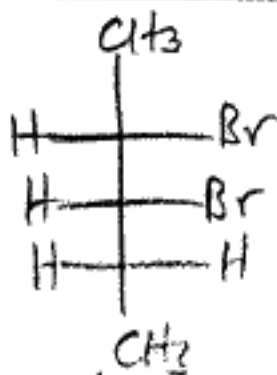
achiral

write "chiral" or "achiral"  
next to each product

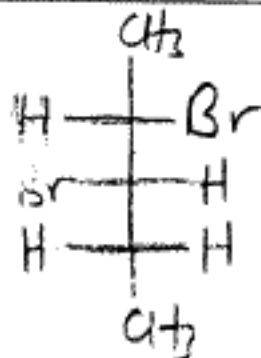
Number of products:  products formed in equal  or unequal  amounts



Reaction at C-3



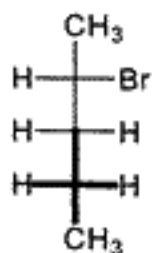
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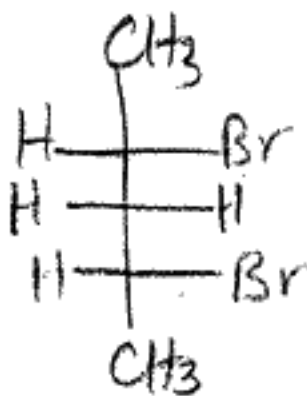
chiral

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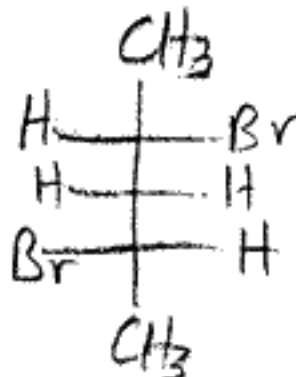
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Reaction at C-4



achiral  
(meso)

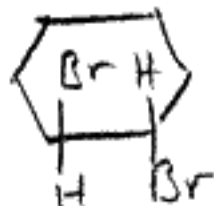
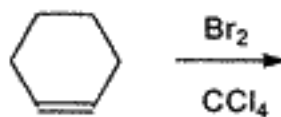
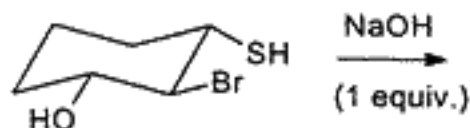
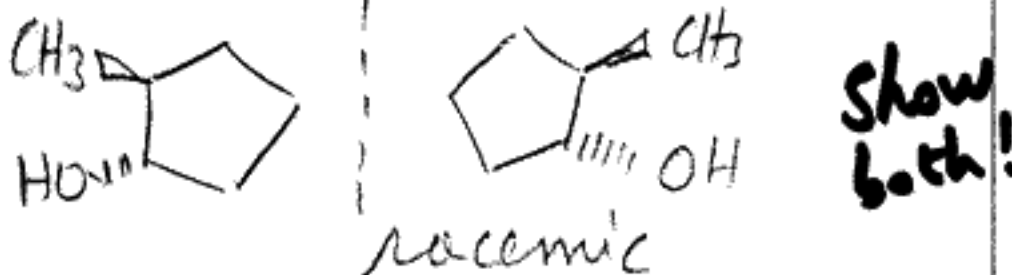
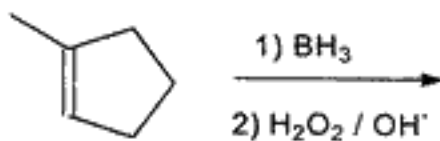
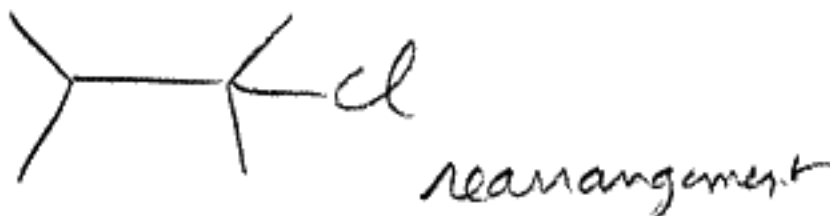
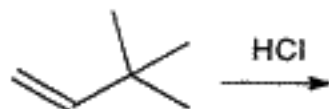
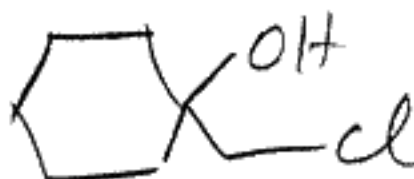
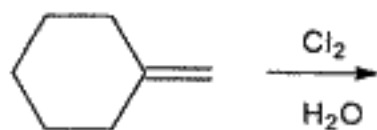
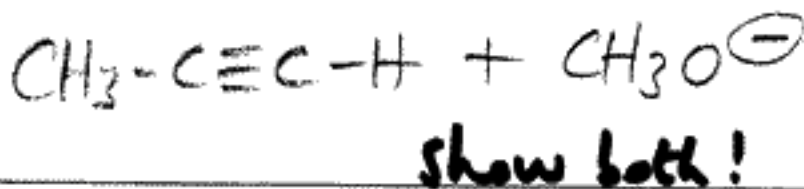
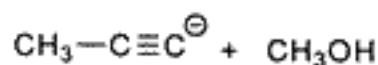


chiral

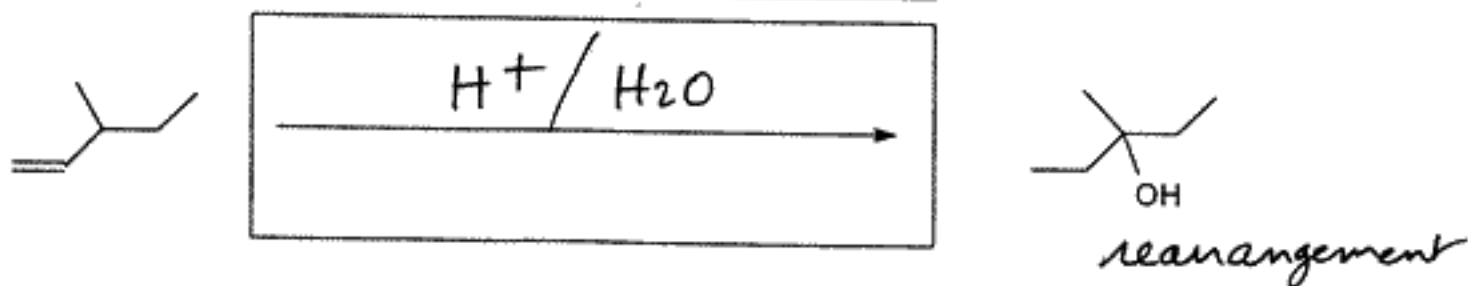
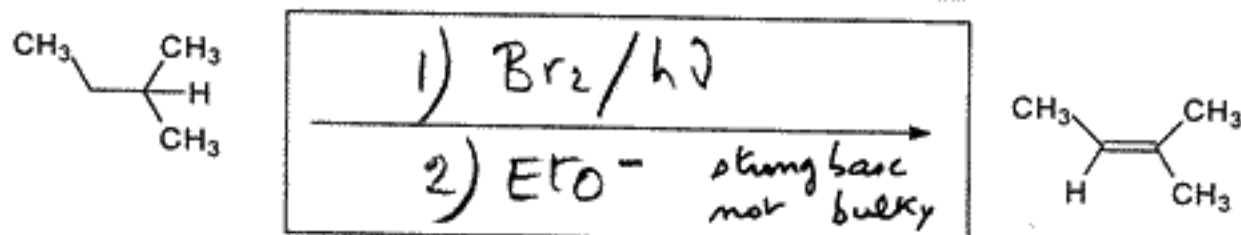
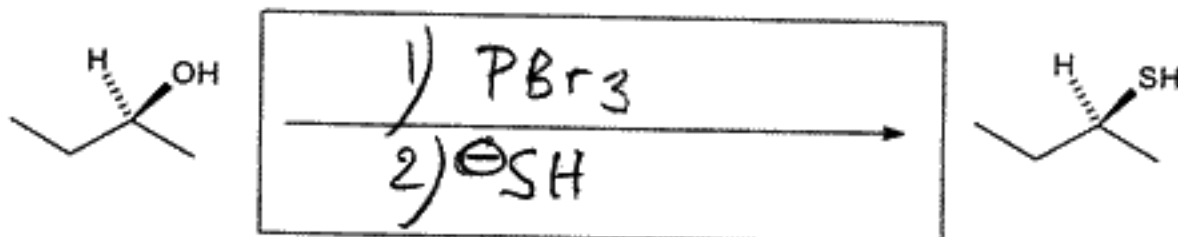
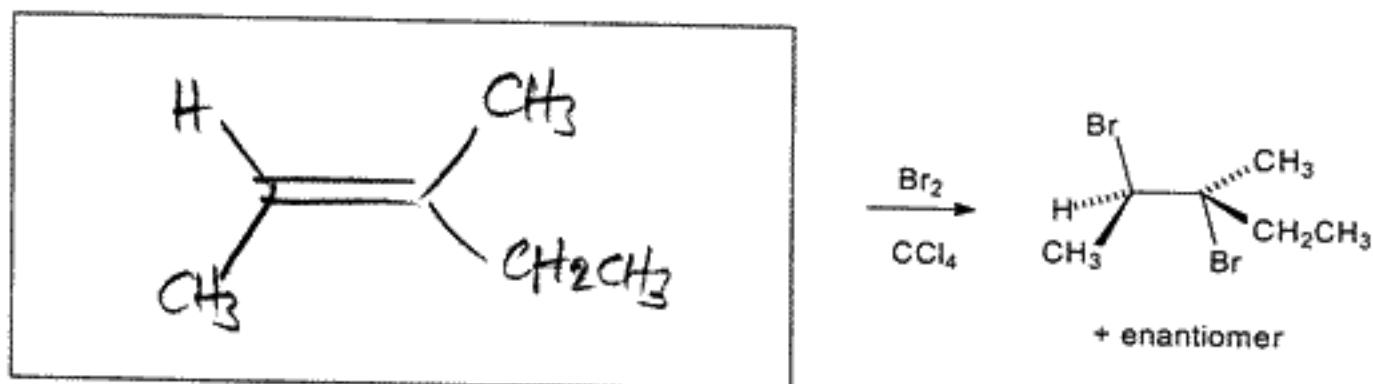
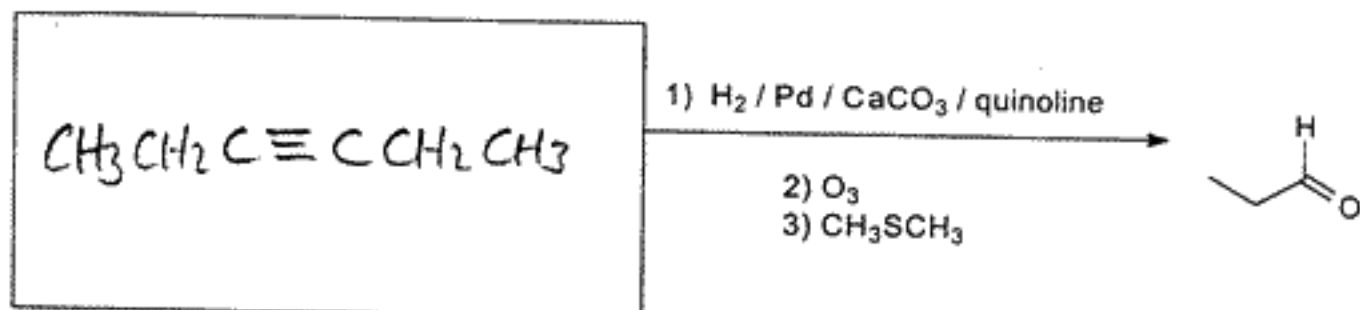
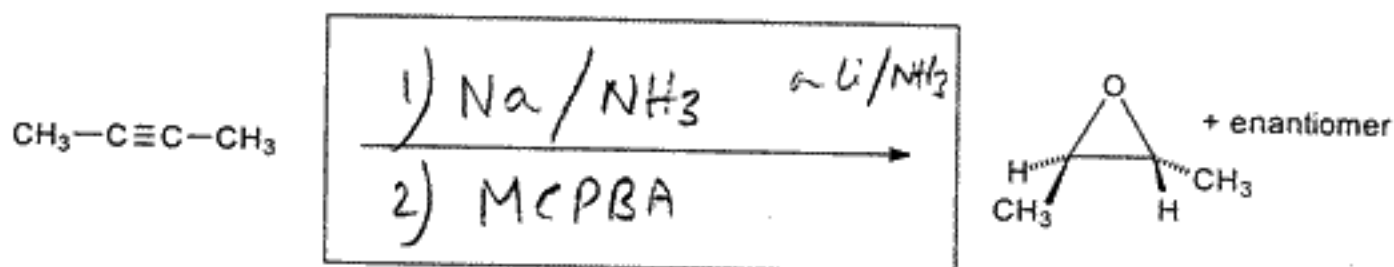
write "chiral" or "achiral"  
next to each product

Number of products:  products formed in equal  or unequal  amounts

5. (20 Points). Complete the following reactions showing the structure(s) of the major product(s). Write NR if there is no reaction.



6. (21 Points). Complete the following reactions showing the starting materials or reagents as appropriate. Some reactions may require more than one step, all steps/reagents must be shown.

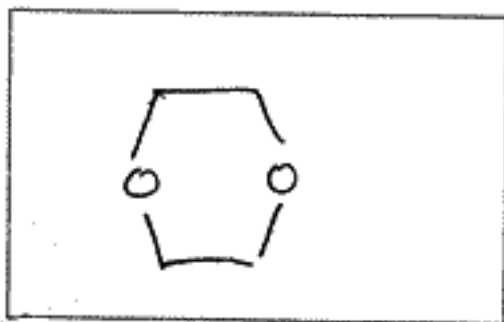
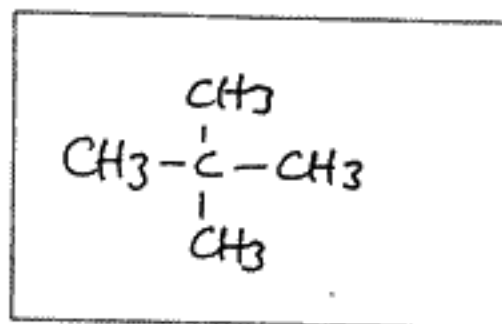


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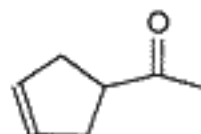
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7. (18 Points). (a) Propose a reasonable structure for the organic compounds below that show only one peak in their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra.

 $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ 

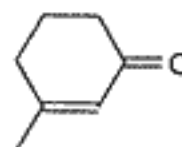
(b) How many peaks are in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR "normal" spectrum of:



Answer:

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(c) How many peaks are in the DEPT-135  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of:

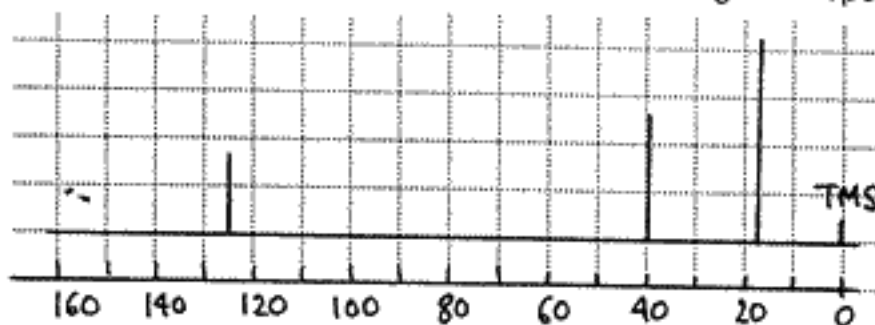


Answer:

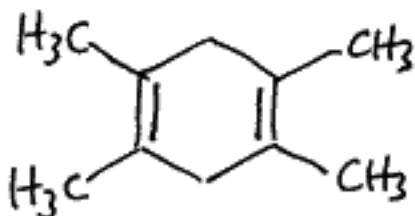
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(d) Propose a structure for the cyclic hydrocarbon  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}$  with the following NMR spectra:

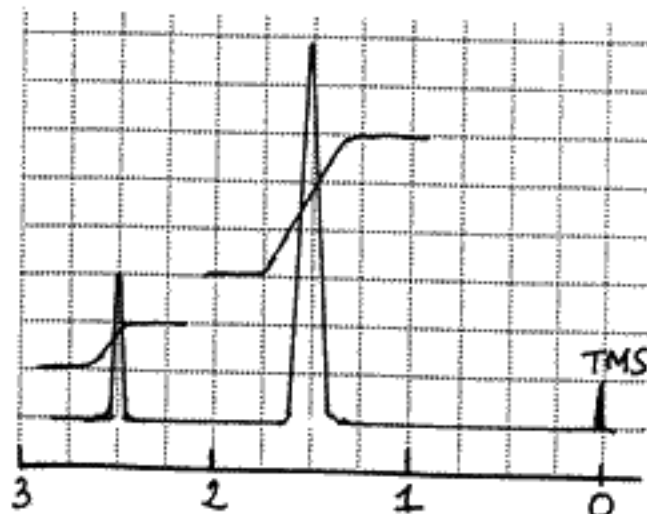
"Normal"  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR



Answer:

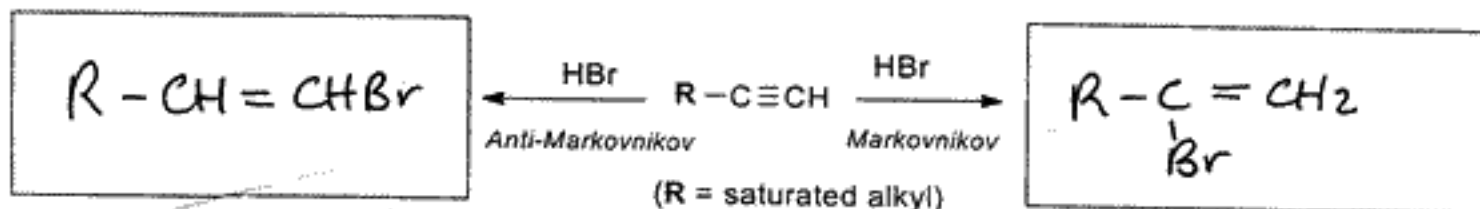


$^1\text{H}$  NMR





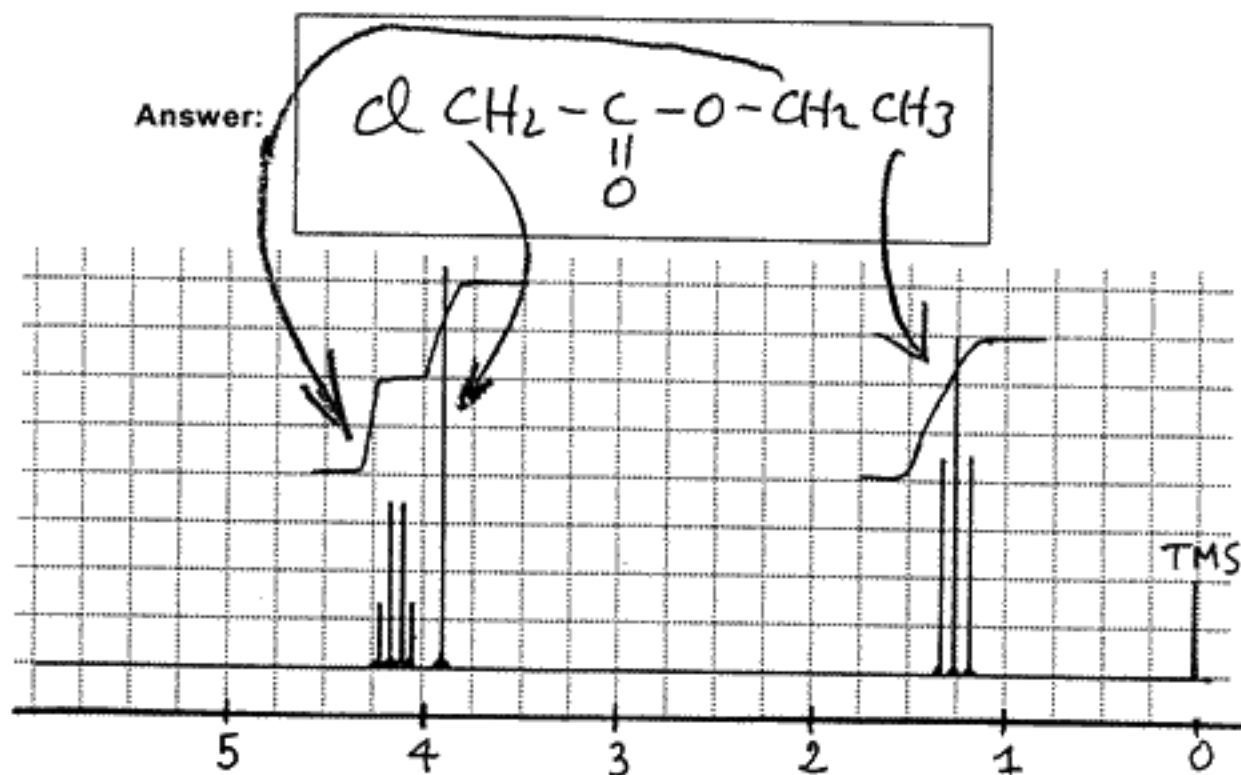
8. ( 15 Points). (a) The addition of one molecule of HBr to a **linear terminal alkyne** can proceed in Markovnikov or anti-Markovnikov fashion depending on reaction conditions. Show the products of each type of addition in the respective boxes below and explain clearly how one could use a single  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR experiment to distinguish *without any ambiguity* one product from the other.



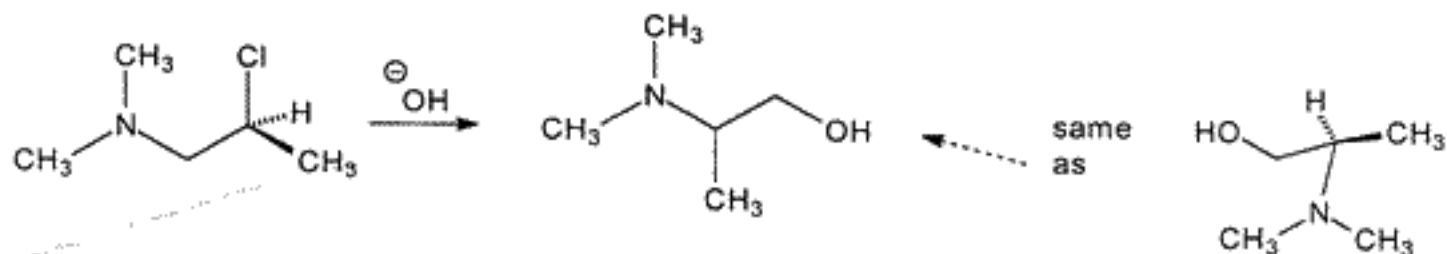
Explanation: DEPT-90 : anti Markov product has 2 peaks  
 Markov product has no signal

Dept 135 is also OK      3 positive peaks for anti Markov  
 1 positive peak for Markov  
 (the  $\text{CH}_3$  at chain end)

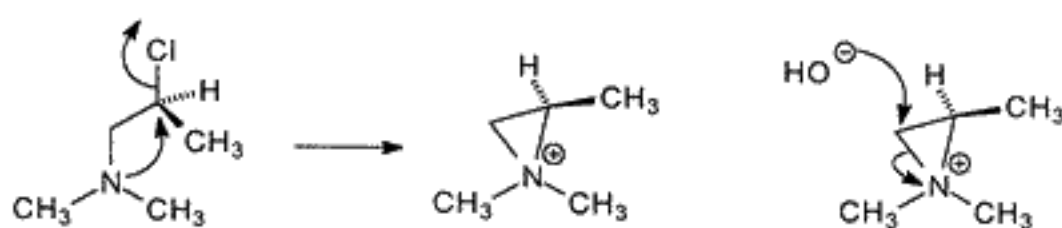
(b) An unknown compound with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$  has a strong IR band at  $1740\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum below. Write a clear structure for the compound and assign all peaks using arrows to indicate which part of the overall structure corresponds to each peak



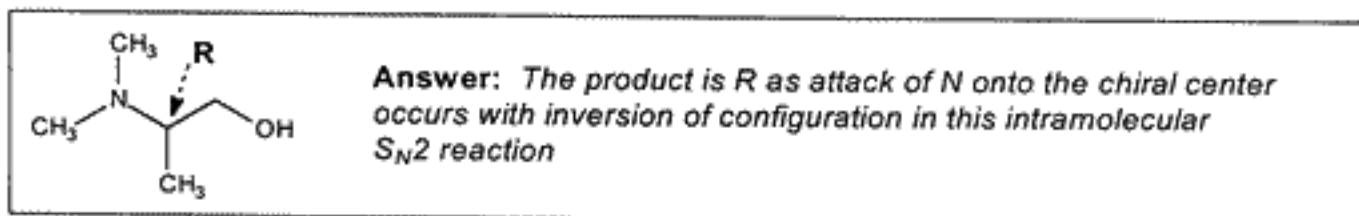
9. (18 Points). (a) Propose a step by step mechanism for the following reaction (show arrows):



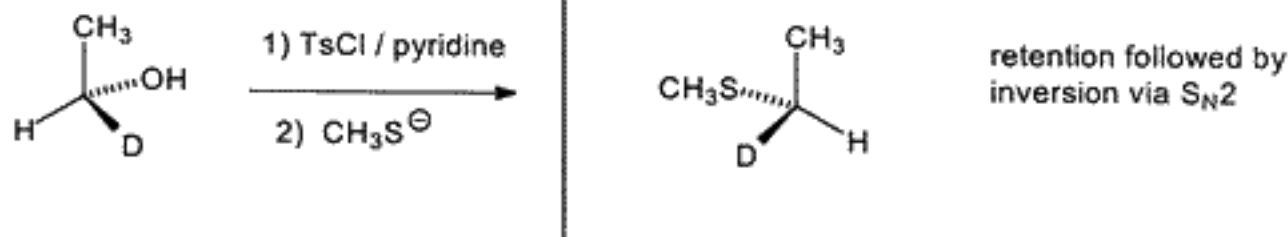
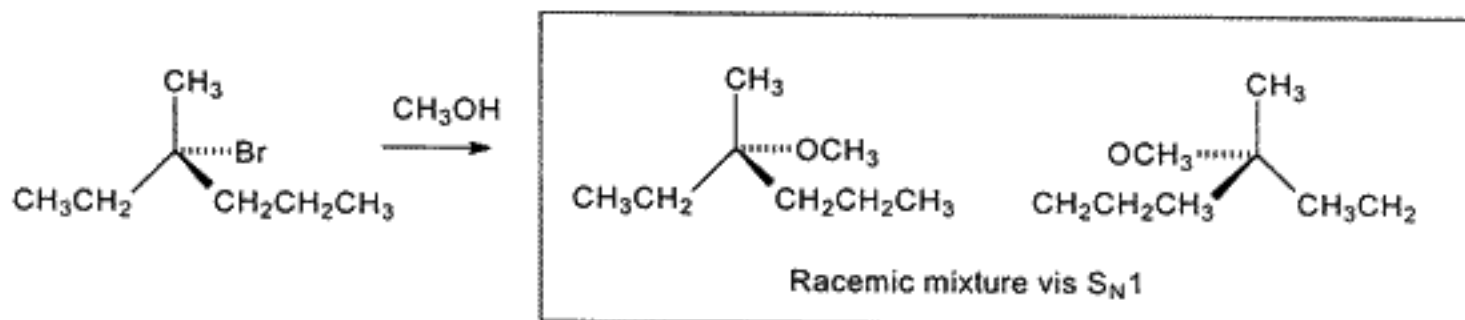
**Answer:** It is easier to visualize if the starting material is rewritten (below, left)



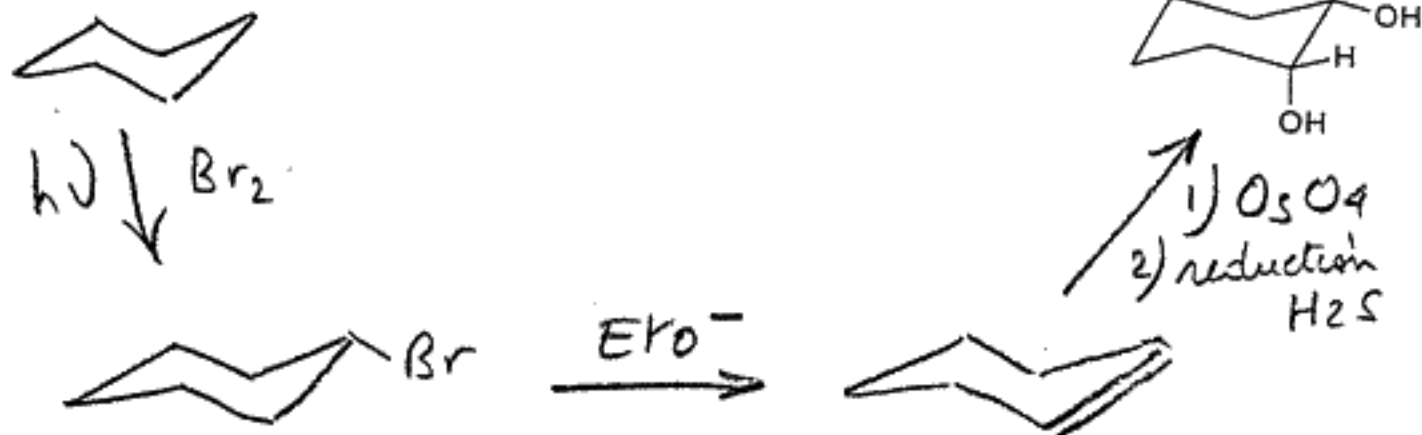
(b) The chiral center of the starting material in the above reaction has the S configuration. Show the chiral center of the product with an arrow, indicate and explain its absolute configuration.



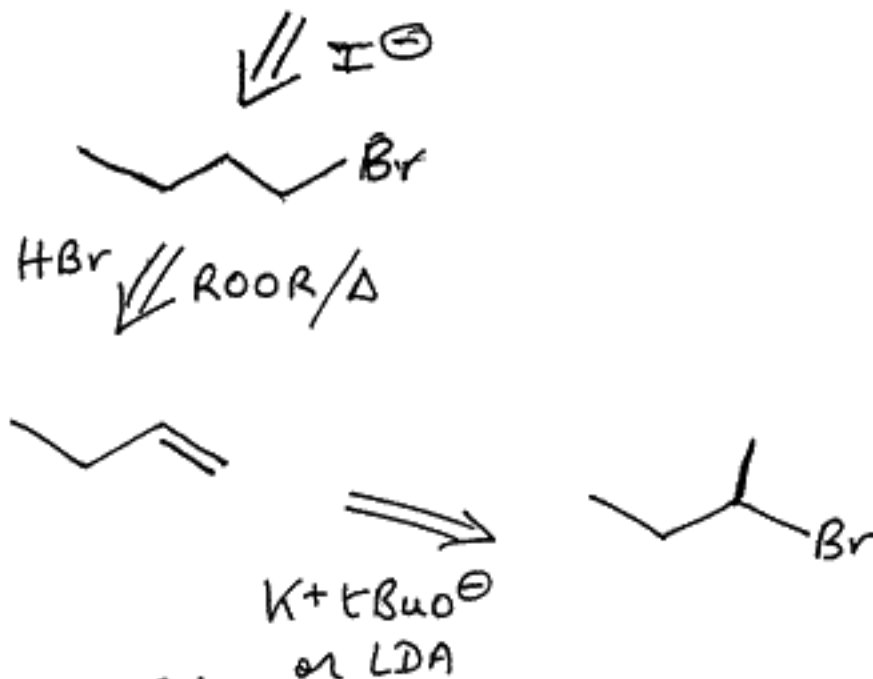
(c) Complete the following reactions showing the major product(s)



10. (18 Points). (a) Starting from cyclohexane, propose a synthesis of:

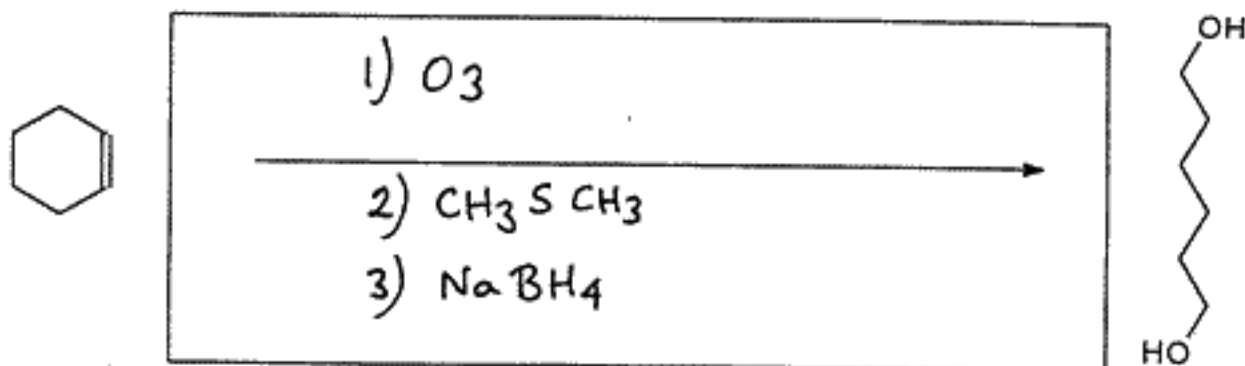


(b) propose a synthesis of CCCCI from CC(C)Br

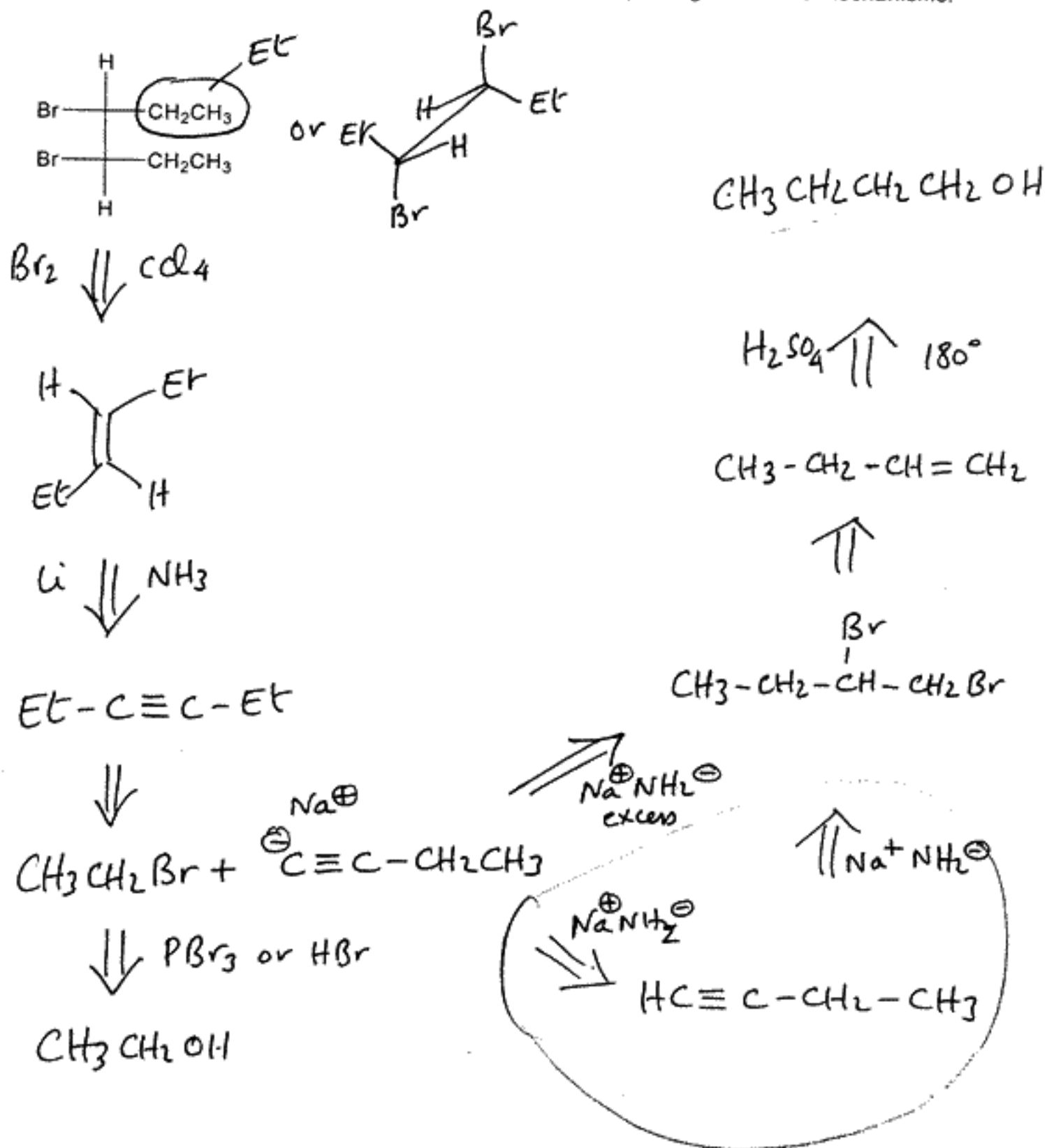


(big hindered base to direct elimination to least hindered H's)

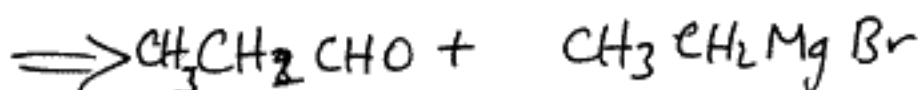
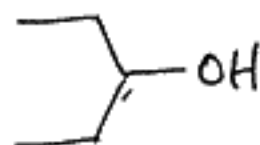
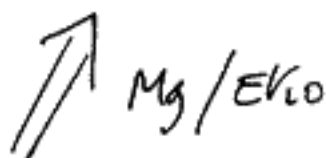
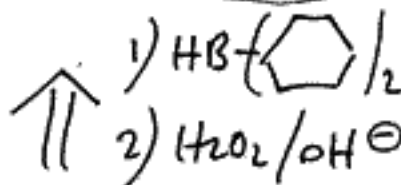
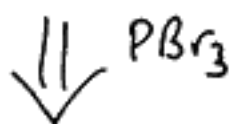
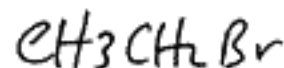
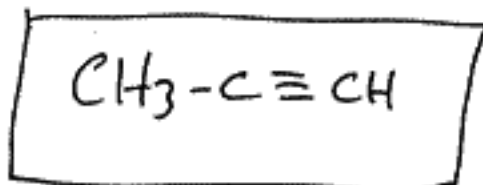
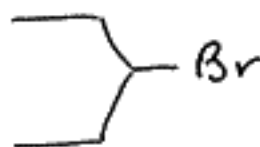
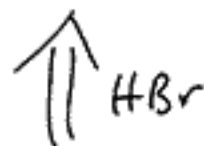
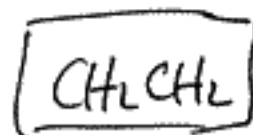
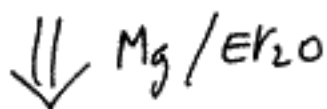
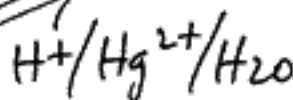
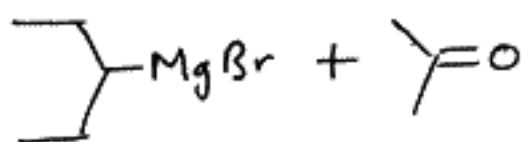
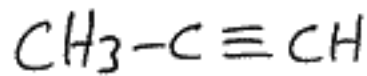
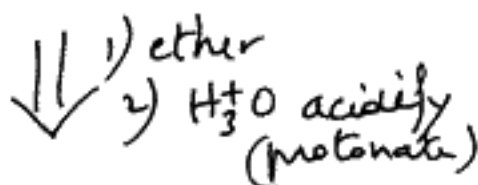
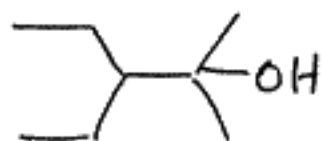
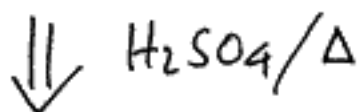
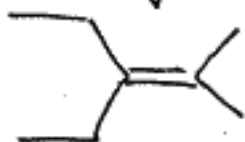
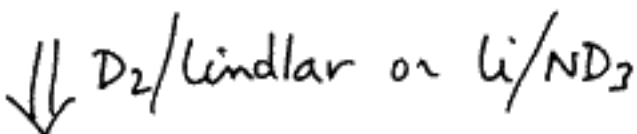
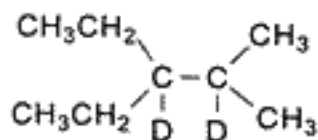
(c) Complete the following reaction showing the missing reagents (several steps may be needed)



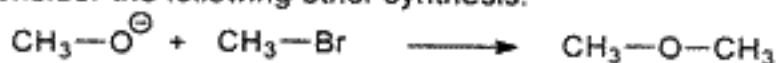
11. (14 Points). Starting from alcohols with 4 C atoms or less as the sole sources of C atoms, propose a synthesis of *meso*-3,4-dibromohexane. Show all steps/reagents but no mechanisms.



12. (18 Points). Propose a synthesis of the compound below using one molecule of ethene and two molecules of propyne.



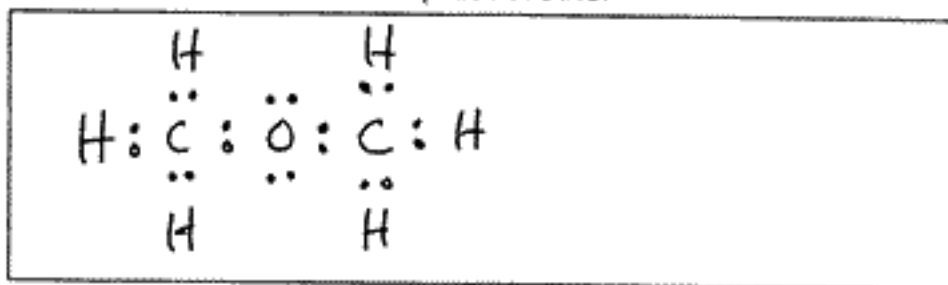
13. (17 Points) Consider the following ether synthesis:



(a) Name the chemist whose name is associated with this reaction:

Williamson

(b) Draw the Lewis-dot structure of the product ether



(c) What is the approximate C-O-C bond angle in this product (circle the letter of the best answer)

- (A) 180° (B) 120° (C) 107° (D) 90° (E) 60° (F) None of these

(d) In the above reaction  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}^-$  is classified as a (circle the letter of the best answer)

- (A) strong electrophile (B) weak electrophile (C) strong nucleophile (D) weak nucleophile  
(E) strong acid (F) weak acid (G) neutral species (H) leaving group

(e) Is water a good solvent for this reaction? Answer:

NO

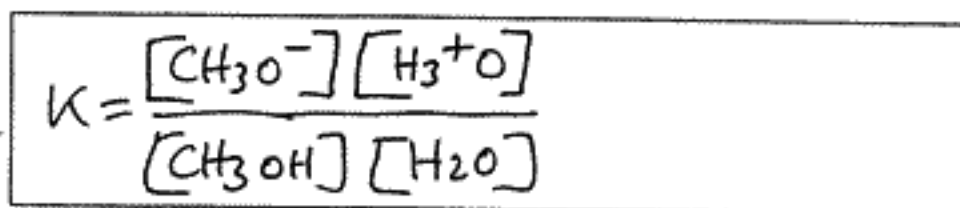
Explanation:  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}^-$  reacts with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to form  $\text{OH}^-$  ( $K_{\text{eq}} \sim 1$ )  
both nucleophiles  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}^-$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  react to give a mixture of products

(f) Now consider the reaction:  $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_3 + \text{HBr} \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O}^+\text{HCH}_3 + \text{Br}^-$

What is the molecular shape of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}^+\text{HCH}_3$  (circle the letter of the best answer)

- (A) linear (B) bent (C) trigonal planar (D) trigonal pyramid (E) tetrahedral

(g) Write the equilibrium constant for the reaction  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightleftharpoons{K} \text{CH}_3\text{O}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$



(h) Given that the pKa of methanol is about 16 which of the following is closest to the value of K in this reaction (circle your answer)

- (A) 55.5 (B) +16 (C) -16 (D)  $10^{-16}$  (E)  $10^{+16}$  (F)  $1.8 \times 10^{-18}$  (G)  $1.8 \times 10^{+18}$