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EXAMINATION 2
Chemistry 3A

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April 10, 2021

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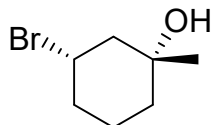
This test should have **14** numbered pages. A good piece of advice: **Read carefully over the questions (at least twice); make sure that you understand exactly what is being asked; avoid sloppy entries. Good Luck!**

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Please write the answer you wish to be graded in the boxed spaces provided.

I. [30 Points] Name (complete the drawing, or choose one given answer, as appropriate) the following molecules according to the IUPAC rules.

a.



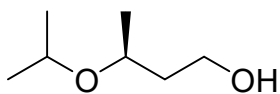
This enantiomer

b.

3,3-Bis[(methylthio)methyl]cyclobutane-1-thiol

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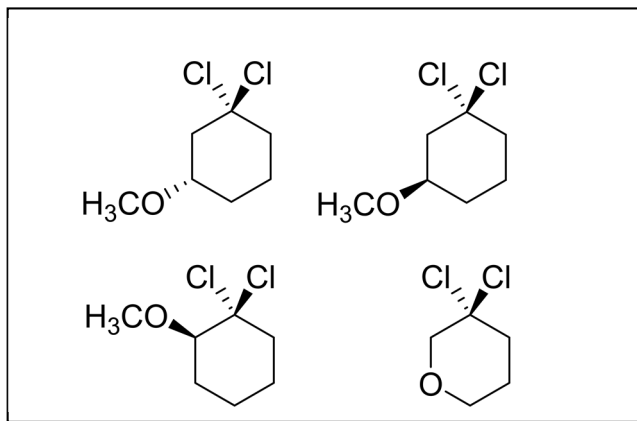
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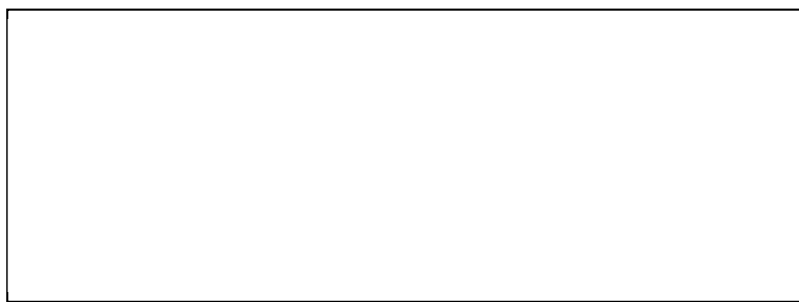
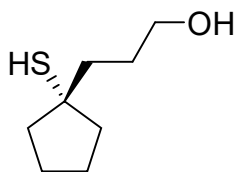
This enantiomer

d.

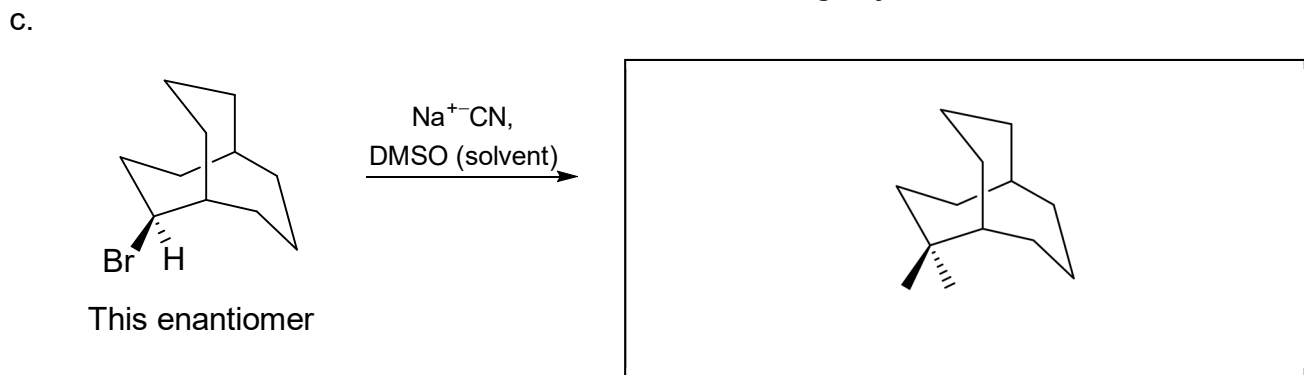
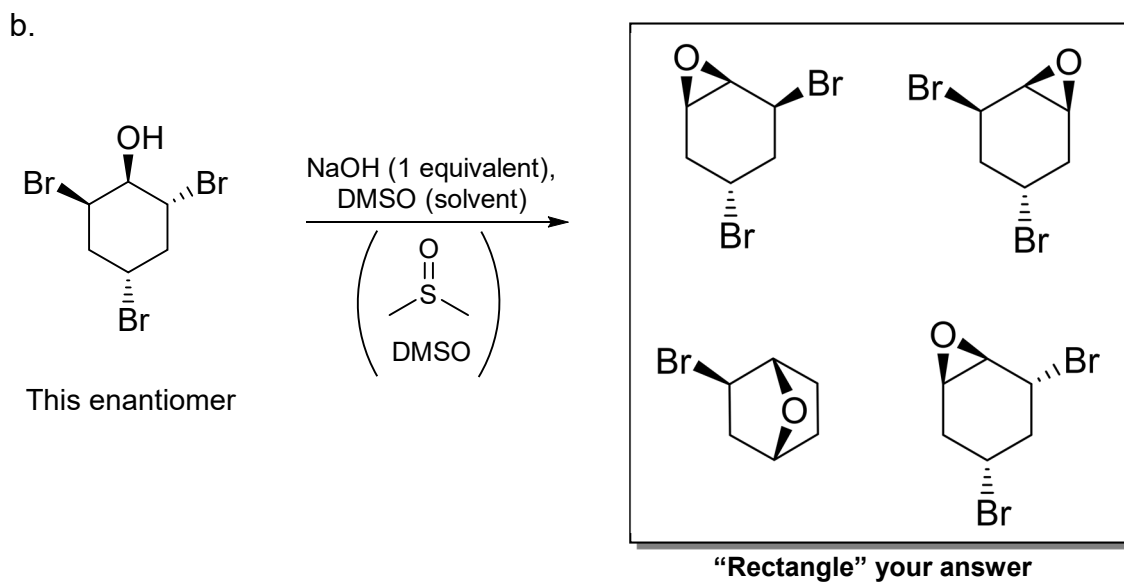
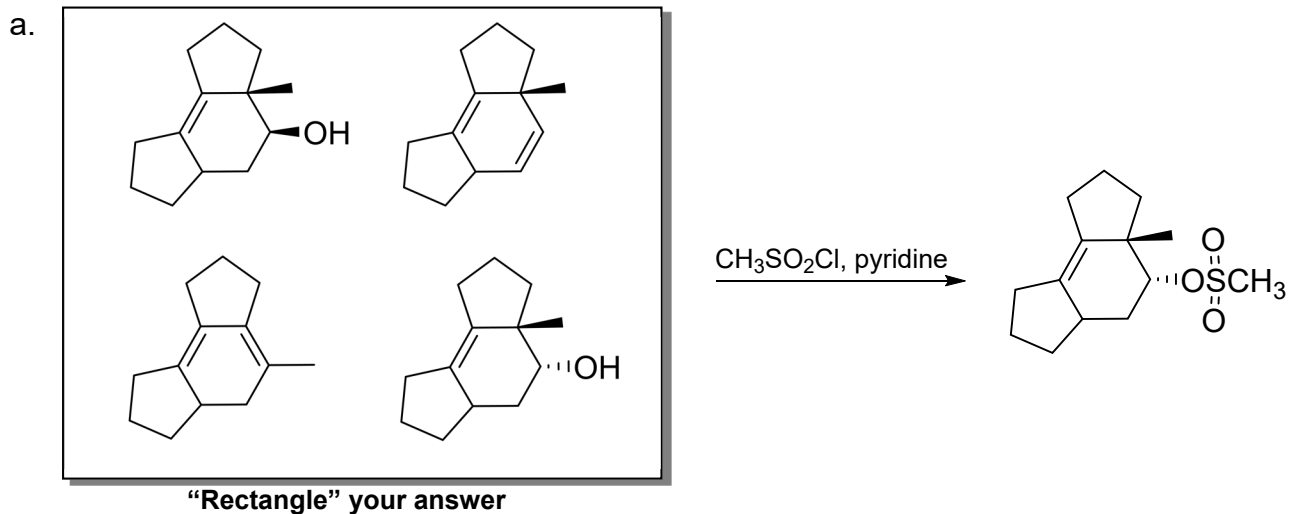
(*R*)-1,1-Dichloro-3-methoxycyclohexane



e.



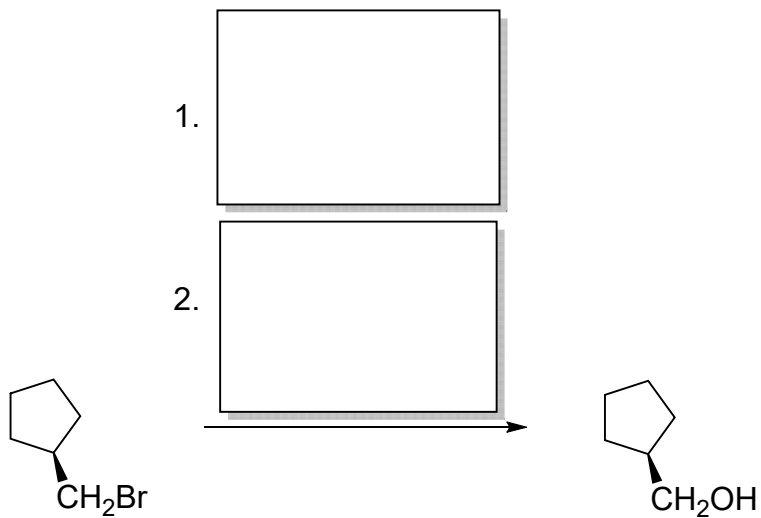
- II. [80 Points] Add or identify the missing starting materials, reagents, or products (aqueous work-up is assumed where necessary). **Caution:** Do not forget to consider **stereochemistry!**



Place the missing substituents at the end of the dashed/wedged dangling bonds

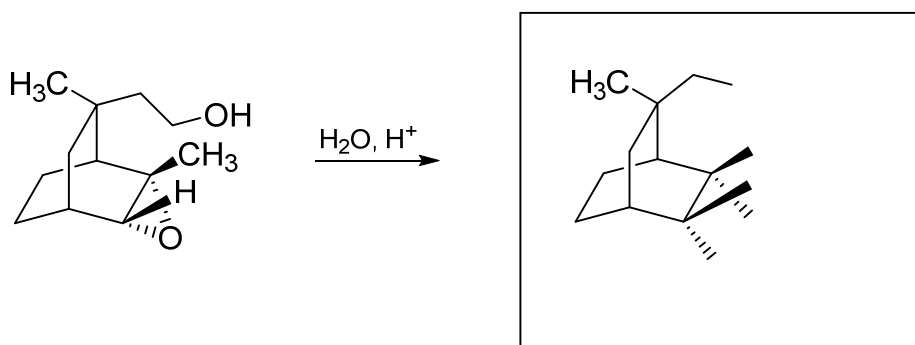
“Oval” your choice of an answer: Is the product optically active? Yes No

d.



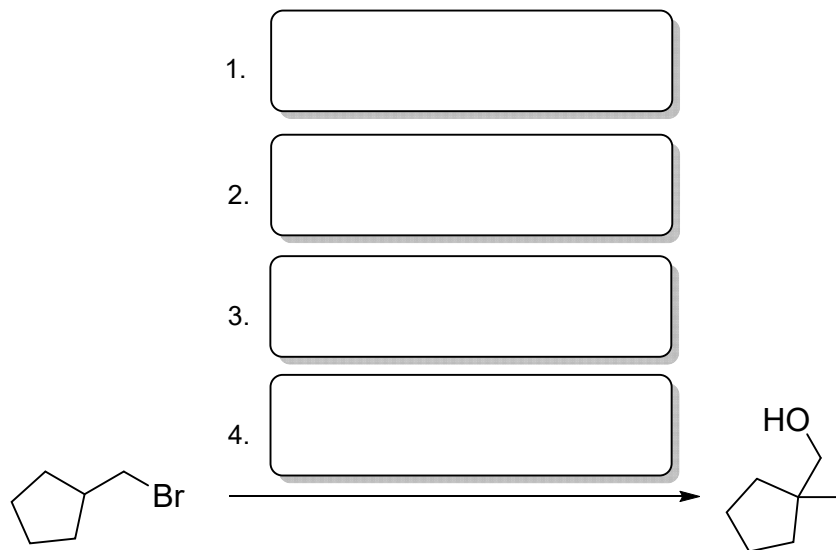
Type your answers in the respective boxes using the “Text” tool. Ignore super- and subscripts if applicable [as in, for example, tert-butyl cation = (CH₃)₃C⁺]

e.



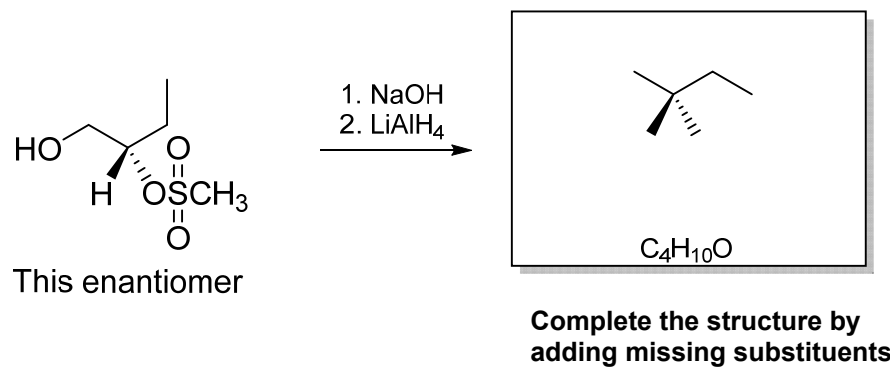
Complete the structure by adding bonds (“Line” tool) and atoms (“Text” tool) as appropriate

f.



Type your answers in the respective boxes using the “Text” tool. Ignore super- and subscripts [as in, for example, tert-butyl cation = (CH₃)₃C⁺].

g.

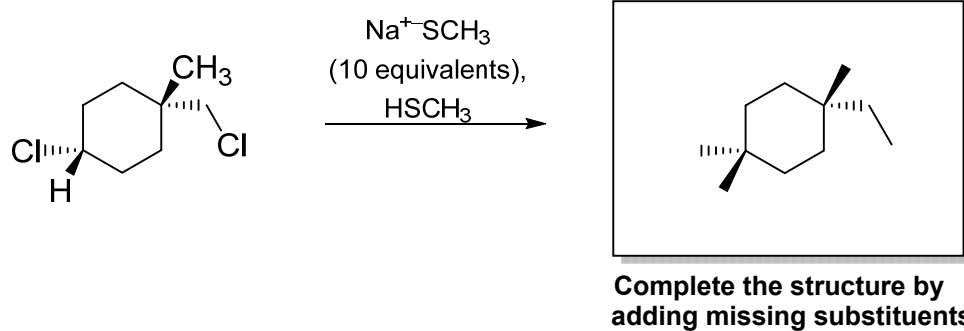


“Oval” your choice of an answer:

Is the product chiral? Yes No

Is the product optically active? Yes No

h.



“Oval” your choice of an answer:

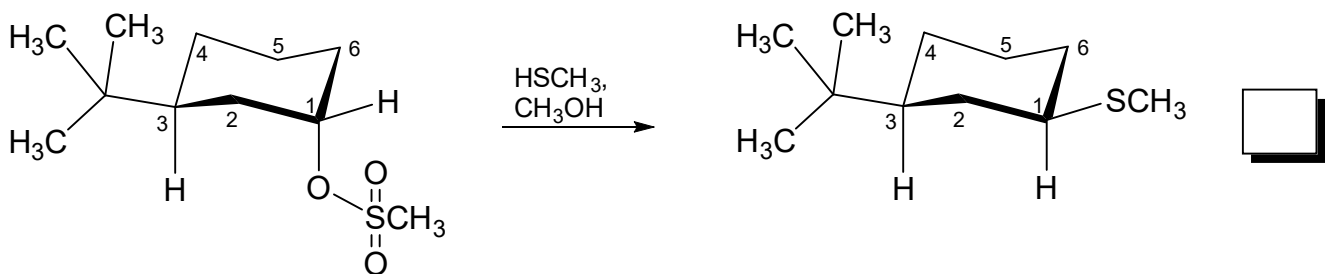
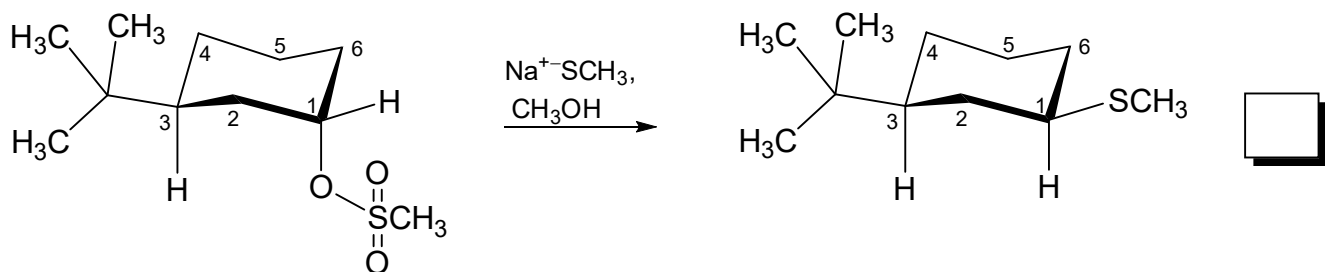
Is the product chiral? Yes No

Is the product optically active? Yes No

III. [40 Points] For each pair of reactions shown below, mark the box on the right with an "X" indicating which will go faster and "rectangle" the mechanism by which it proceeds (e.g. S_N2 , S_N1 , E2, E1). In one sentence, provide a brief explanation for the rate acceleration in each case in the bottom box provided.

a.

1.



2. Mechanism:

S_N2

S_N1

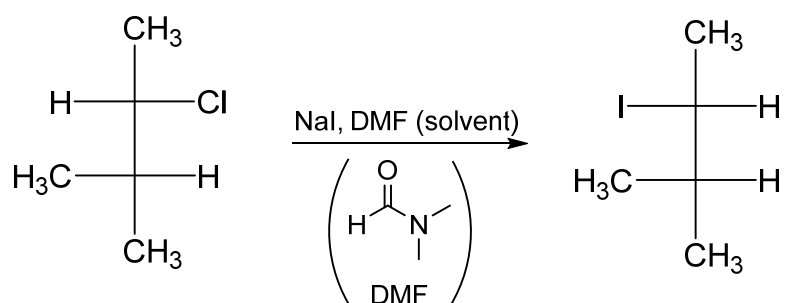
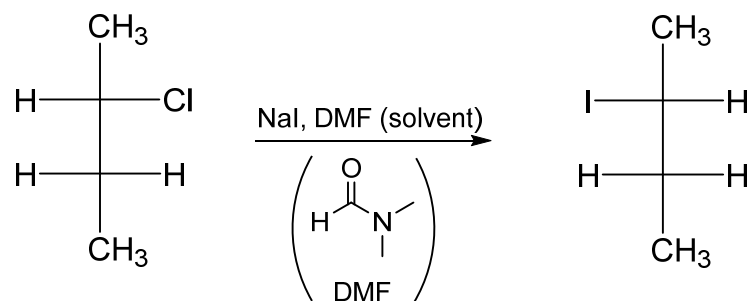
E2

E1

3. Explain your choice of the faster reaction in one sentence.

b.

1.



2. Mechanism:

 $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$

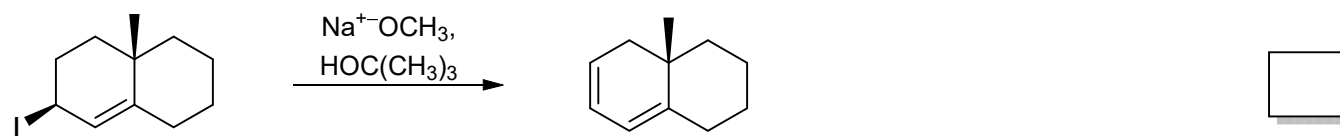
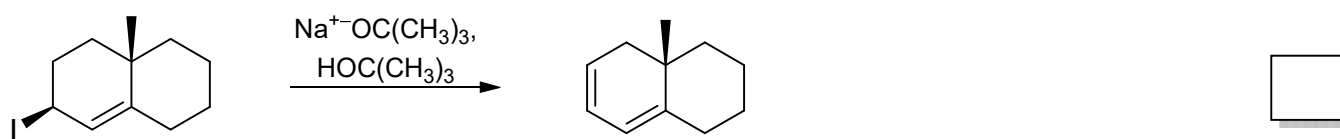
E2

E1

3. Explain your choice of the faster reaction in one sentence.

c.

1.



2. Mechanism:

S_N2S_N1

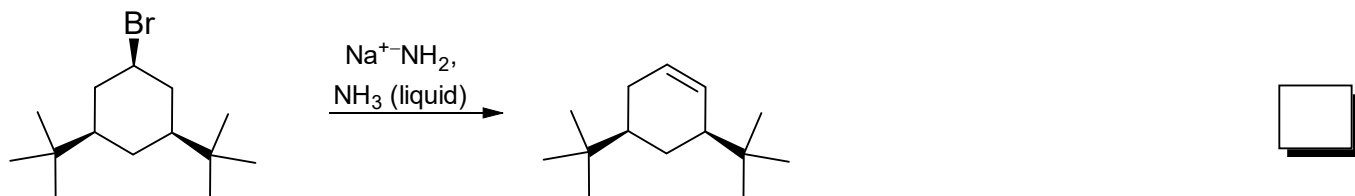
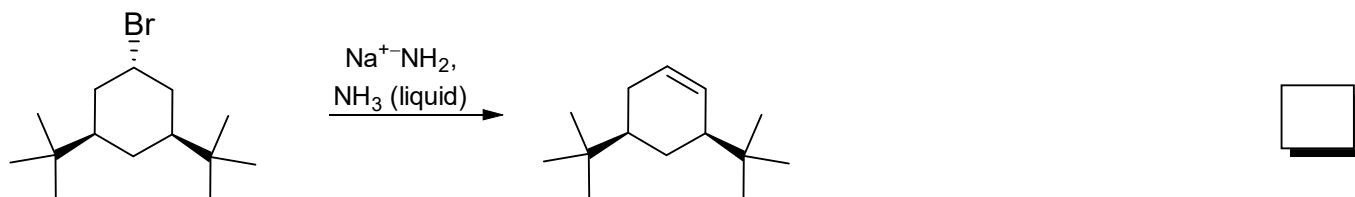
E2

E1

3. Explain your choice of the faster reaction in one sentence.

d.

1. **Hint:** Draw the most stable chair conformations for the respective starting bromides.



2. Mechanism:

S_N2

S_N1

E2

E1

3. Explain your choice of the faster reaction in one sentence.

IV. [20 Points]

a. Place an **X mark** ("Text" tool) in the box preceding a true statement. There will be several such statements. Leave blank those that you deem untrue. Note: An incorrect X mark will count against your total score, but the minimum is zero (i.e., no negative points).

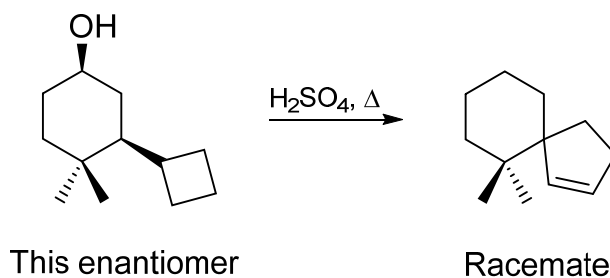
- Along the radical series—primary to secondary to tertiary—hyperconjugation decreases.
- Hybridization of an atom is advantageous when it increases overlap to attached other atoms and minimizes electron repulsion.
- The number of stereoisomers in a compound with two stereocenters is always four.
- Leaving group ability increases along the series HO^- , $\text{CH}_3\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CO}^-$, CH_3SO_3^- , because the oxygen accommodates the negative charge increasingly better.
- The rate of the reaction $\text{A} + \text{B} \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{D}$ is always proportional to the concentrations of both A and B.
- In R/S nomenclature, the 1-methylethyl substituent has higher priority than ethyl.
- Nucleophilicity of charged nucleophiles in protic solvents increases down the periodic table.
- The chair conformation of cyclohexane is more stable than the boat form, because it minimizes eclipsing and transannular strain.
- The $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ reaction is generally faster than the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ reaction.
- The conversion of alcohols to chloroalkanes using PCl_3 requires only catalytic amounts of PCl_3 .

The following four problems should be answered on four separate pages of hard copy white paper using a dark (at least #2) pencil. Label these pages "V.a", "V.b", "VI.a", and "VI.b". Ascertain that your drawings are clearly visible. When you are finished, scan the four pages on your device with a suitable scanning app (do not use CamScanner) in the order V.a → VI.b, save the document as a pdf file, and add its contents to this file, using the "Combine Files" feature on AcrobatPro. Make sure to set up the correct order of the two; the combined file should feature your scanned pages at the end. Label the final combined pdf file with your name and the words "Exam 2" (namely: Last Name, First Name, Exam 2) and upload it to Gradescope.

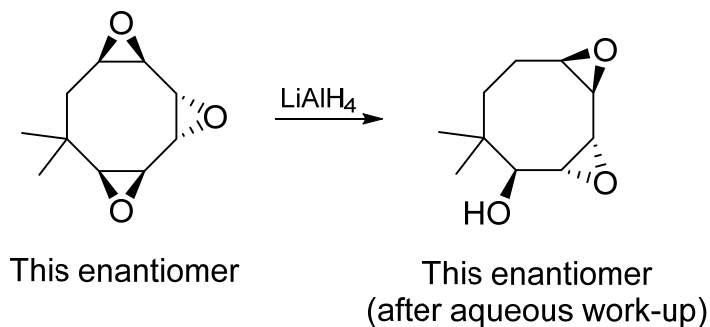
V. [40] Points]

For each of the following reactions, provide a detailed mechanism (i.e., write a scheme with structures, arrow pushing, etc.) Do **not** add any reagents! These are **not** synthesis problems!

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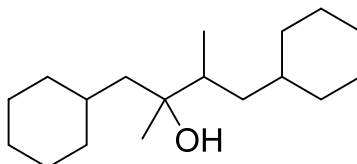


b.



VI. [40 Points]

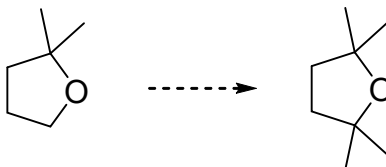
a. Devise the synthesis of compound **A** below, starting from **cyclohexane** and using additional building blocks containing four carbons or less as the only carbon sources. It will help you if you execute a retrosynthesis on a separate page (not to be submitted).



A

(mixture of diastereomers)

b. Provide a viable conversion of the starting material below to the product. You may use any additional compounds and reagents. It will help you if you execute a retrosynthesis on a separate page (not to be submitted).



“Eureka! Beefsteak!”

♪ The End ♪