

Organic Chemistry
Carboxylic Acids
Practice Set

1. (19.1) Give the common names and IUPAC names for the straight-chain saturated carboxylic acids containing the following numbers of carbon atoms: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18

2. (19.2) Give the structural formula and, where possible, a second name (by a different system) for each of the following:
 - a. Isovaleric acid
 - b. trimethylacetic acid
 - c. α,β -dimethylcaproic acid
 - d. 2-methyl-4-ethyloctanoic acid
 - e. phenylacetic acid
 - f. γ -phenylbutyric acid
 - g. Adipic acid
 - h. P-toluic acid
 - i. Phthalic acid
 - j. isophthalic acid
 - k. terephthalic acid
 - l. *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid
 - m. potassium α -methylbutyrate
 - n. magnesium-2-chloropropanoate
 - o. maleic acid
 - p. α,α' -dibromosuccinic acid
 - q. isobutyronitrile
 - r. 2,4-dinitrobenzonitrile

3. (19.3) Write equations to show how each of the following compounds could be converted into benzoic acid:
 - a. toluene
 - b. bromobenzene
 - c. benzonitrile
 - d. benzyl alcohol
 - e. benzotrichloride
 - f. acetophenone (Hint: See Sec. 18.21)

4. (19.4) Write equations to show how each of the following compounds could be converted into *n*-butyric acid:
 - a. *n*-butyl alcohol
 - b. *n*-propyl alcohol
 - c. *n*-propyl alcohol (a second way)
 - d. methyl *n*-propyl ketone

5. (19.6) Write equations to show the reaction (if any) of benzoic acid with:
 - a. KOH
 - b. Al
 - c. CaO
 - d. Na₂CO₃
 - e. NH₃(aq)
 - f. H₂, Ni, 20°C, 1 atm
 - g. LiAlH₄
 - h. hot KMnO₄
 - i. PCl₅
 - j. PCl₃
 - k. SOCl₂
 - l. Br₂/Fe
 - i. Br₂ + P
 - j. HNO₃/H₂SO₄
 - k. fuming sulfuric acid
 - l. CH₃Cl, AlCl₃
 - q. *n*-propyl alcohol, H⁺

6. (19.11) Complete the following, giving the structures and names of the principal organic products.
- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}=\text{CHCOOH} + \text{KMnO}_4 + \text{OH}^- + \text{heat}$
 - $p\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH} + \text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
 - Succinic acid + LiAlH_4 , followed by H^+
 - $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH} + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}^+$
 - product (d) + $\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
 - n*-butyric acid + Br_2, P
 - cyclo*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{MgBr} + \text{CO}_2$, followed by H_2SO_4
 - product (g) + $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + \text{H}^+$
 - product (g) + $\text{SOCl}_2 + \text{heat}$
 - $m\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COCH}_3 + \text{KMnO}_4 + \text{OH}^-$
7. (19.14) Outline a possible laboratory synthesis of the following compounds from benzene, toluene, and alcohols of four carbons or fewer, using any needed inorganic reagents:
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| a. ethyl α -methyl butyrate | g. <i>p</i> -toluamide |
| b. 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride | h. <i>n</i> -hexyl benzoate |
| c. α -amino- <i>p</i> -bromophenylacetic acid | i. 3-bromo-4-methylbenzoic acid |
| d. α -hydroxypropionic acid | j. α -methylphenylacetic acid |
| e. $p\text{-HO}_3\text{SC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH}$ | k. 2-bromo-4-nitrobenzoic acid |
| f. 2-pentenoic acid | l. 1,2,4-benzenetricarboxylic acid |