

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- ↑ bp ∴ H-bonds (higher than alcohols)
- soluble in H₂O ∴ C=O, O-H
- C↑, solubility ↓

FORMATION OF C. ACIDS

- oxidation of 1° alcohols (K₂Cr₂O₇, heat)
- oxidation of aldehydes (K₂Cr₂O₇, heat)
- oxidation of alkenes (KMnO₄ + H₂SO₄(aq), heat)
- Hydrolysis of nitriles → (HCl(aq)/H₂SO₄(aq), heat)

REACTIONS OF C. ACIDS.

- carboxyl group = $\begin{matrix} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} - \text{O} - \text{H} \end{matrix}$ + $\begin{matrix} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} - \text{O} - \text{H} \end{matrix}$ (Carboxyl hydroxyl)
- weak acids, partially dissociate in H₂O
- CH₃COOH + H₂O ⇌ CH₃COO⁻ + H₃O⁺
- $\begin{matrix} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} - \text{O}^- \end{matrix}$ carboxylate ion (H⁺ removed)
- undergoes all "normal" acid reactions.

CARBOXYLIC ACIDS W/ ALCOHOLS

- form esters through condensation reactions
- acid catalyzed & reversible.
- R-C(=O)-OH + R'-OH $\xrightleftharpoons[\text{heat}]{\text{conc. H}_2\text{SO}_4}$ R-C(=O)-OR' + H₂O
- reagent: alcohol
- conditions: heat, H₂SO₄ conc. catalyst.

C. ACIDS W/ LITHIUM ALUMINIUM HYDRIDE

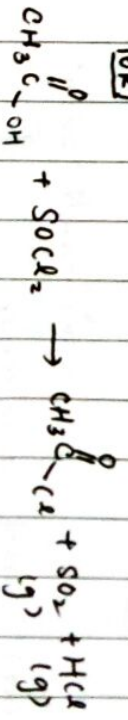
- reduces c acids to 1° alcohols
- water added at the end to destroy remaining LiAlH₄
- R-C(=O)-OH $\xrightarrow[2. \text{H}_2\text{O}^+]{1. \text{LiAlH}_4 \text{ in dry ether}}$ R-CH₂-OH

carboxylic acid

C. ACIDS W/ PHOSPHORUS PENTACHLORIDE

- produces steamy fumes of HCl
- reacts w/ -OH group.
- R-C(=O)-OH + PCl₅ → R-C(=O)-Cl + POCl₃ + HCl (steamy fumes)
- reagent: phosphorus (V) chloride
- conditions: room temperature.

- 3 CH₃C(=O)OH + PCl₅ → 3 CH₃C(=O)Cl + H₃PO₄
- less vigorous, no fumes



POLYESTERS

- dial + dicarboxylic acid
- eg. Terylene → wash & wear garments.
- 2 monomers → dial + dicarboxylic acid.

