



Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry

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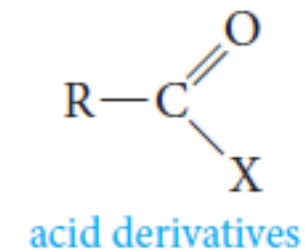
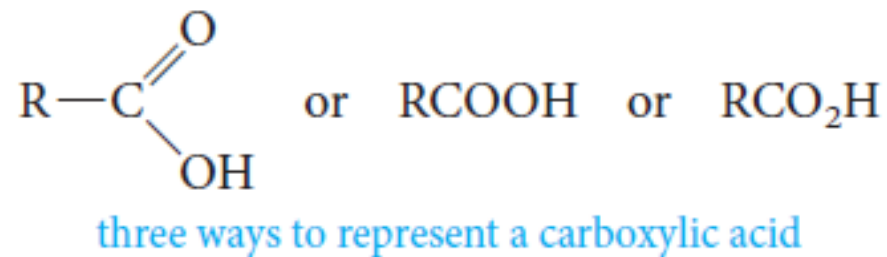
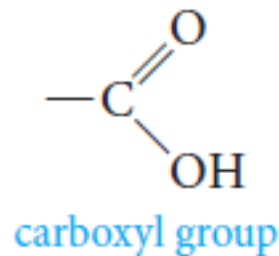
Structure of Carboxylic Acids

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- The functional group common to all carboxylic acids is the carboxyl group.

*The name is a contraction of the parts: the **carbonyl** and **hydroxyl** groups.*

- The **general formula for a carboxylic acid** can be written in expanded or abbreviated forms.

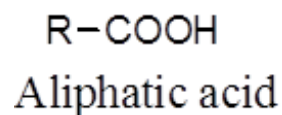


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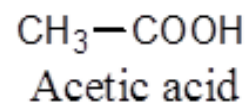
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- Depending on whether an **R** or an **Ar**. residue is attached to the carboxyl group; Carboxylic acids are classified as aliphatic or aromatic.

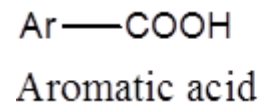
- **Aliphatic Carboxylic Acids.**



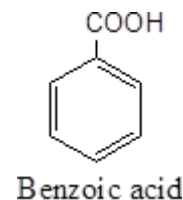
(R = H or alkyl)



- **Aromatic Carboxylic Acids.**



(R = C₆H₅-)



- **Fatty acids.**

Long straight-chain carboxylic acids with even numbers of carbons, which were first isolated from fats and waxes.

Nomenclature of Acids

Common Names

- The **common names** of carboxylic acids **all end in -ic acid**.
- These names usually come from some Latin or Greek word that indicates the original source of the acid.
- **Common name**, substituents are located with Greek letters, beginning with the α -carbon atom.

IUPAC System

- We replace the final **e** in the name of the corresponding alkane with the suffix **-oic** and add the word **acid**.

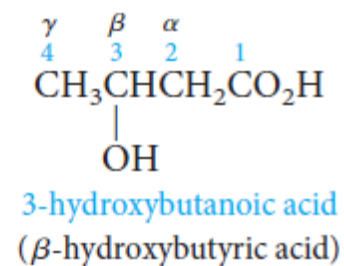
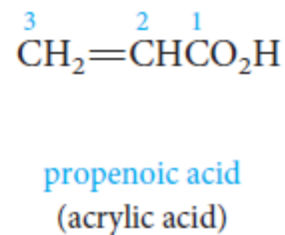
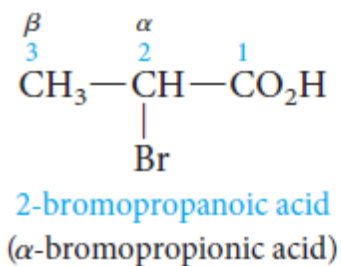
Alkane- e + oic acid = Alkanoic acid

- **IUPAC system**, the chain is numbered beginning with the carboxyl carbon atom, and substituents are located in the usual way.

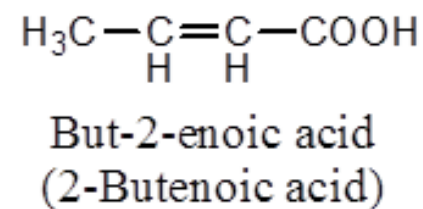
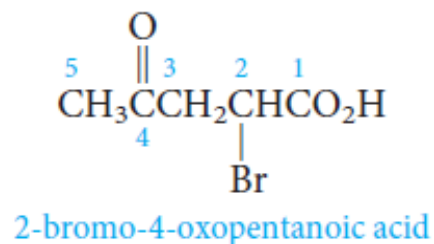
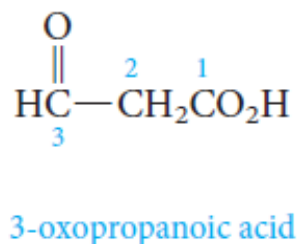
Nomenclature of Acids

Carbon atoms	Formula	Source	Common name	IUPAC name
1	HCOOH	ants (Latin, <i>formica</i>)	formic acid	methanoic acid
2	CH ₃ COOH	vinegar (Latin, <i>acetum</i>)	acetic acid	ethanoic acid
3	CH ₃ CH ₂ COOH	milk (Greek, <i>protos pion</i> , first fat)	propionic acid	propanoic acid
4	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂ COOH	butter (Latin, <i>butyrum</i>)	butyric acid	butanoic acid
5	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ COOH	valerian root (Latin, <i>valere</i> , to be strong)	valeric acid	pentanoic acid
6	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ COOH	goats (Latin, <i>caper</i>)	caproic acid	hexanoic acid
7	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₅ COOH	vine blossom (Greek, <i>oenanthe</i>)	enanthic acid	heptanoic acid
8	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₆ COOH	goats (Latin, <i>caper</i>)	caprylic acid	octanoic acid
9	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₇ COOH	pelargonium (an herb with stork-shaped seed capsules; Greek, <i>pelargos</i> , stork)	pelargonic acid	nonanoic acid
10	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₈ COOH	goats (Latin, <i>caper</i>)	capric acid	decanoic acid

Nomenclature of Acids



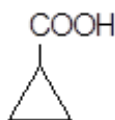
- The **carboxyl** group has priority over **alcohol, aldehyde, or ketone** functionality in naming.
- The prefix **oxo-** is used to locate the carbonyl group of the aldehyde or ketone.



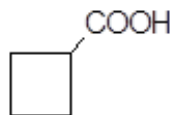
Nomenclature of Acids

➤ Cycloalkane carboxylic acid

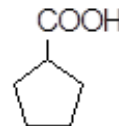
When the carboxyl group is attached to a ring, the ending **-carboxylic acid** is added to the name of the parent **cycloalkane**. (i.e. **Cycloalkanecarboxylic acid**)



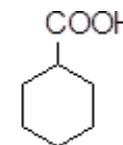
Cyclopropanecarboxylic acid



Cyclobutanecarboxylic acid

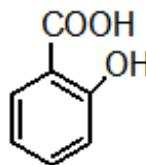


Cyclopentanecarboxylic acid

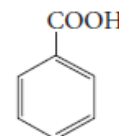


Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

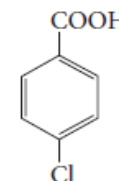
➤ **Aromatic acids** are named by attaching the suffix **-oic acid** or **-ic acid** to an appropriate prefix derived from the aromatic hydrocarbon.



Common name: **Salicylic acid**
IUPAC name : 2-Hydroxybenzenecarboxylic acid



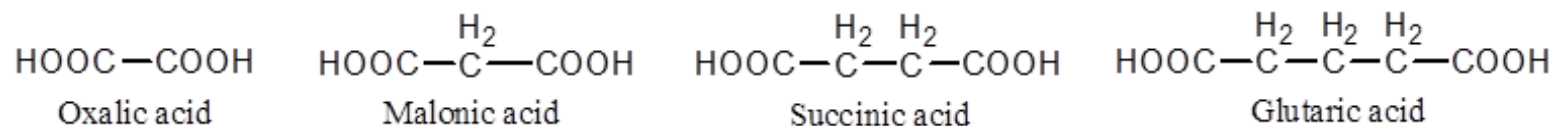
benzoic acid
(benzenecarboxylic acid)



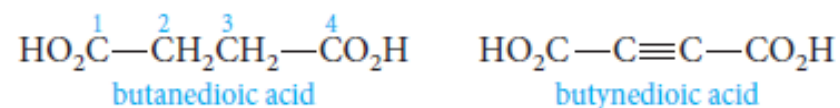
p-chlorobenzoic acid
(4-chlorobenzenecarboxylic acid)

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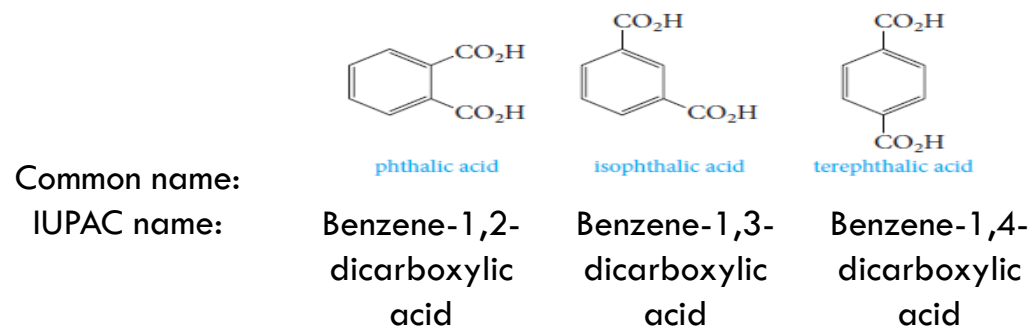
- **Dicarboxylic acids** (*acids that contain two carboxyl groups*) are known almost exclusively by their common names.



- **Aliphatic dicarboxylic acids** are given the suffix **-dioic acid** in the IUPAC system.

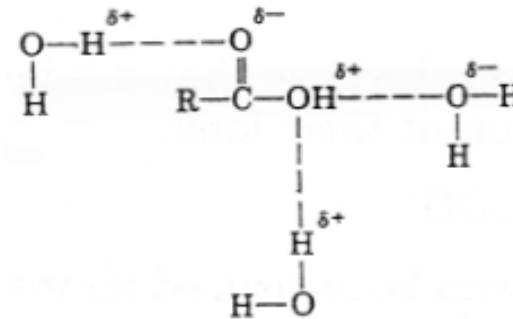
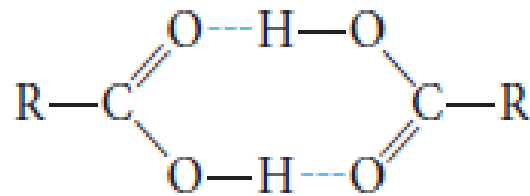


- The three **benzenedicarboxylic acids** are generally known by their common names.



Physical Properties of Acids

- **Carboxylic acids** are **polar** and they form hydrogen bonds with themselves or with other molecules.
- **Carboxylic acids form dimer**, with the individual units held together by **two hydrogen bonds** between the electron-rich oxygens and the electron-poor hydrogens.



Boiling Points

Therefore, they have high boiling points for their molecular weights-higher even those of comparable alcohols.

Physical Properties of Acids



Solubility in water

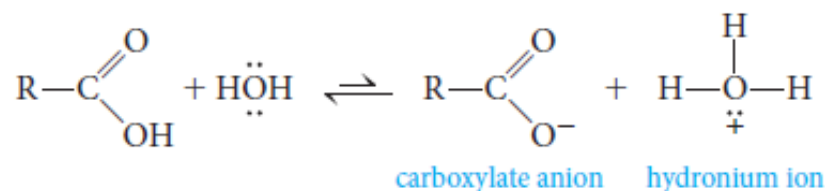
Hydrogen bonding also explains the water solubility of the lower molecular weight carboxylic acids.

- The first four aliphatic acids (formic through butyric) are completely miscible in water.
- Aromatic acids are insoluble in water.

Structure	Name	Mol. Wt.	b.p. °C	Solubility in H ₂ O at 25°C
HCOOH	Formic acid	46	100	Very soluble
CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	Ethyl alcohol	46	78	Very soluble
CH ₃ COOH	Acetic acid	60	118	Very soluble
CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	<i>n</i> -Propyl alcohol	60	97	Very soluble
CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ COOH	Valeric acid	102	187	4.0 g/100 g H ₂ O
CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ CH ₂ OH	<i>n</i> -Hexyl alcohol	102	156	0.6 g/100 g H ₂ O
Ph-COOH	Benzoic acid	122	250	Insoluble
Ph-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	3-Phenylethanol	122	250	Insoluble

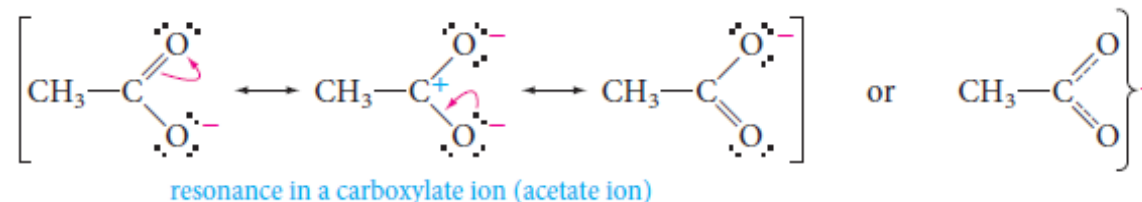
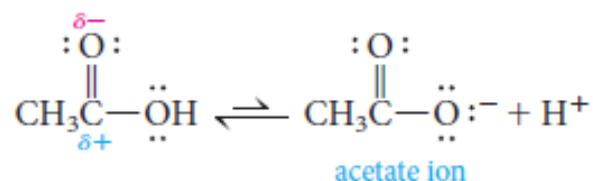
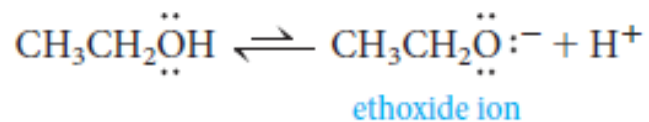
Acid Strength and Structure

- **Carboxylic acids** (RCOOH) dissociate in water, yielding a carboxylate anion (RCOO⁻) and hydronium ion.



Why carboxylic acids are more acidic than alcohols?

- In **ethoxide ion**, the negative charge is localized on a single oxygen atom.
- In **acetate ion**, on the other hand, the negative charge can be delocalized through **resonance**.

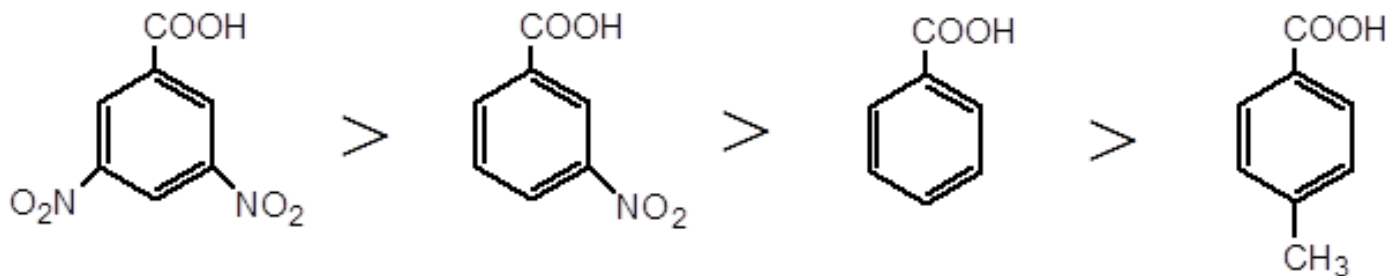


Acid Strength and Structure

Effect of Structure on Acidity; the Inductive Effect

- Acidities can vary depending on what other groups are attached to the molecule.
- Recall that *electron-withdrawing groups (-I) enhance acidity*, and *electron-releasing groups (+I) reduce acidity*.

This effect relays charge through bonds, by displacing bonding electrons toward electronegative atoms, or away from electropositive atoms.



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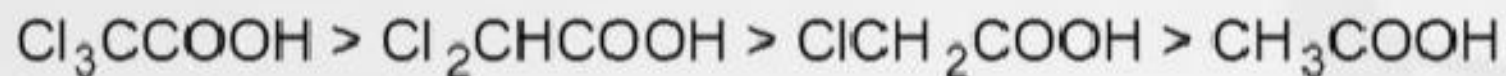
- **Formic acid is a substantially stronger acid than acetic acid.**

This suggests that the methyl group is more electron-releasing (hence anion-destabilizing and acidity-reducing) than hydrogen.



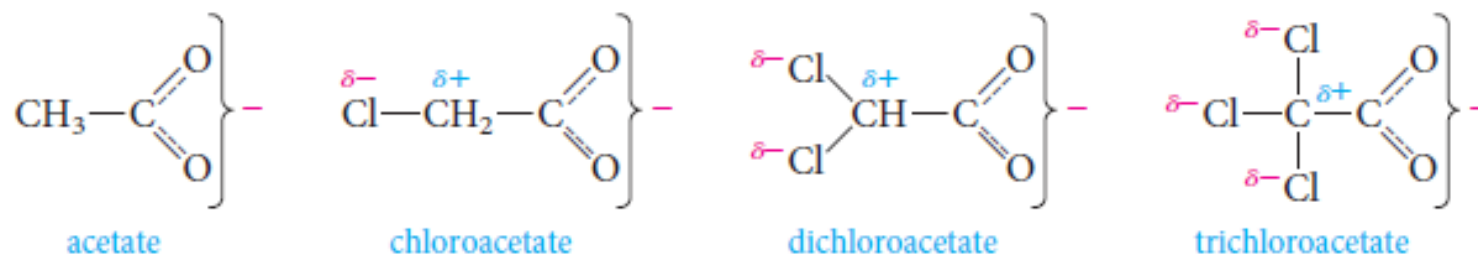
- **Example:** acetic acid with those of mono-, di-, and trichloroacetic acids.

Comparison of acid strengths of acetic Acid and chlorinated acetic acids



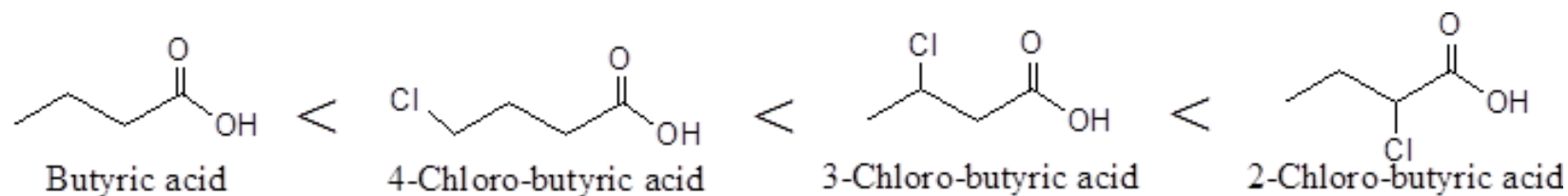
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The more chlorines, the greater the effect and the greater the strength of the acid.

- **Comparison of acid strengths** of butyric acid and the monochlorinated acids.

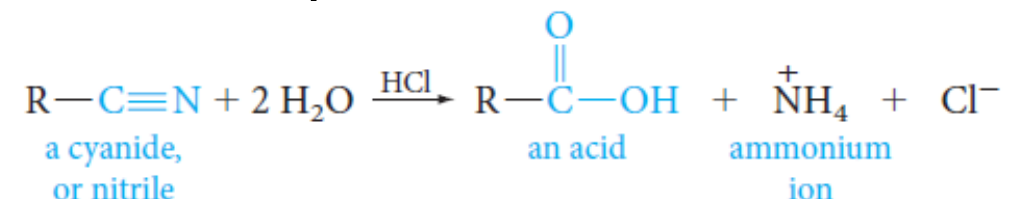


1) Hydrolysis of Cyanides (Nitriles)

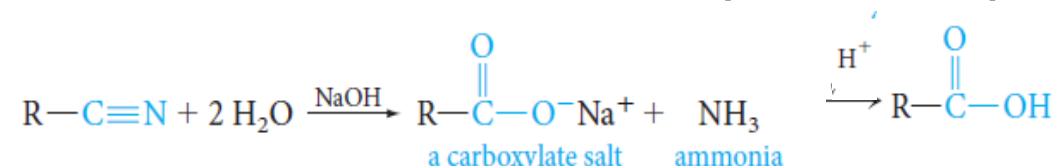
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- The reaction requires either acid or base.

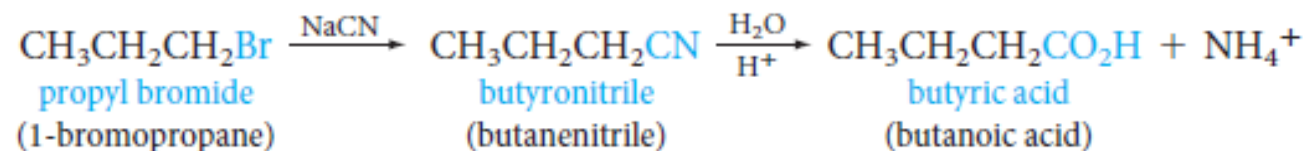
➤ **In acid**, the nitrogen atom of the cyanide is converted to an ammonium ion.



➤ **In base**, the nitrogen atom is converted to ammonia and the organic product is the carboxylate salt, which must be neutralized in a separate step to give the acid.



- Alkyl cyanides** are generally made from the corresponding alkyl halide.



2) Reaction of Grignard Reagents with Carbon Dioxide (Carbonation of Grignard Reagent)

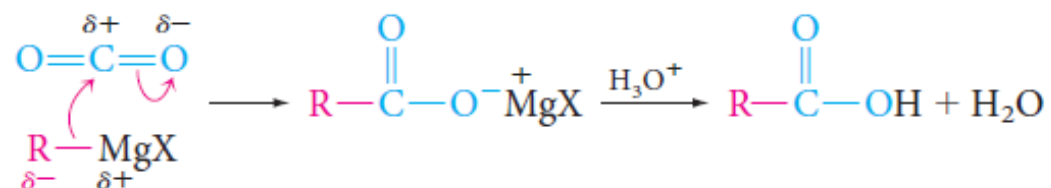
Preparation of Acids

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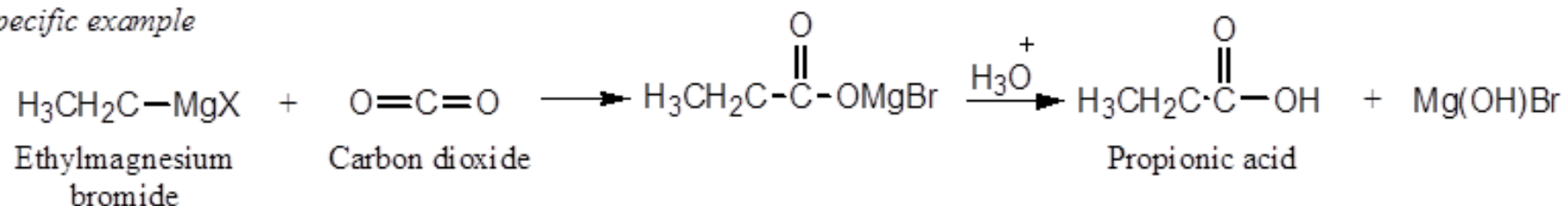
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- **Grignard reagents** add to the carbonyl group of carbon dioxide to give acids, after protonation of the intermediate carboxylate salt with a mineral acid like aqueous HCl.
- **The acid obtained has one more carbon atom** (*the reaction provides a way to increase the length of a carbon chain*).



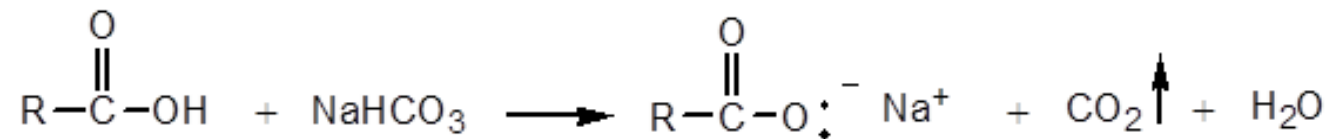
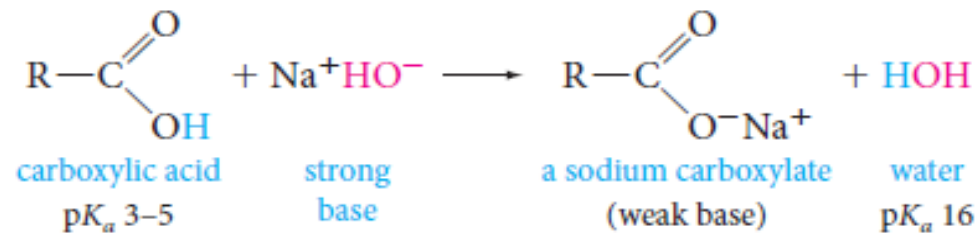
Specific example



1) Reactions with Bases: Salt Formation

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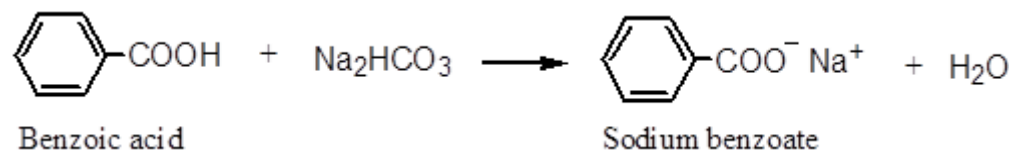
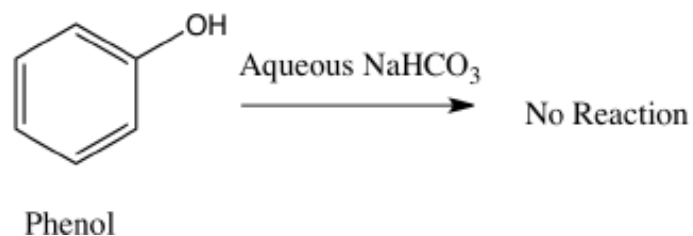
- Carboxylic acids, when treated with a strong base, form **carboxylate salts**.



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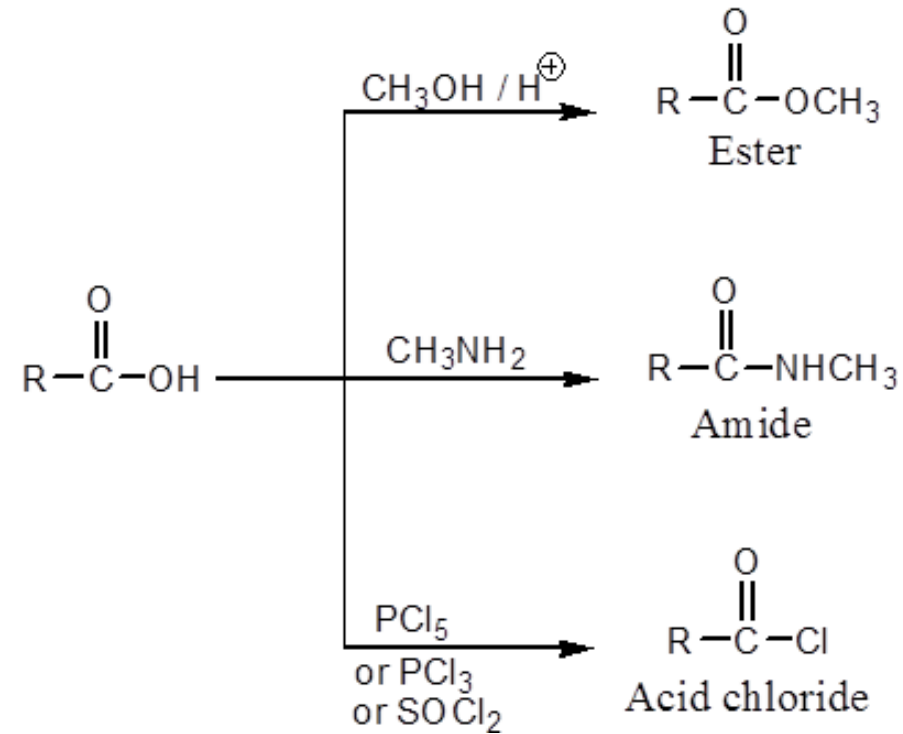
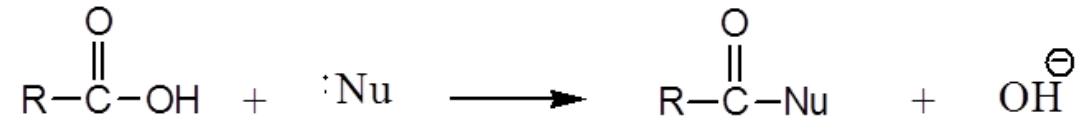
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- Examples.



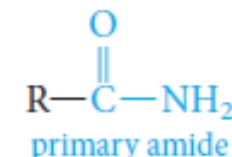
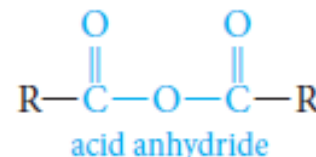
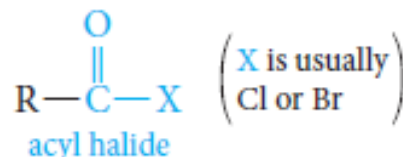
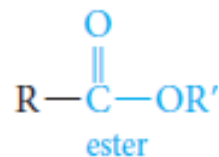
2) Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

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Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

- **Carboxylic acid derivatives** are compounds in which the hydroxyl part of the carboxyl group is replaced by various other groups.



- All acid derivatives can be hydrolyzed to the corresponding carboxylic acid.

Acid derivative	HOH (hydrolysis)
$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{Cl}$ acyl halide	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH} + \text{HCl}$
$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{R}$ acid anhydride	$2 \text{ R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$
$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\text{R}'$ ester	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH} + \text{R}'\text{OH}$
$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{NH}_2$ amide	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH} + \text{NH}_3$
Main organic product	acid

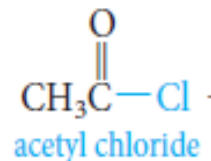
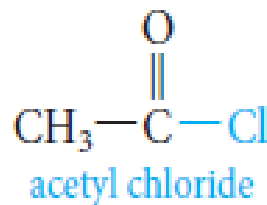
Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Acid Chloride

- **Acyl chlorides** have the general formula RCOCl .
- **Acyl chlorides** are more common and less expensive than bromides or iodides.

➤ Nomenclature:

Acyl chlorides, or acid chlorides, are named by replacing the -ic acid ending of the parent acid by -yl chloride.

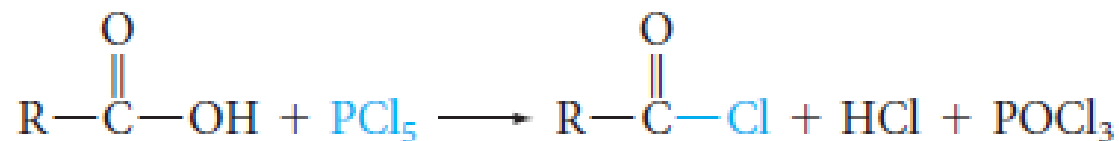
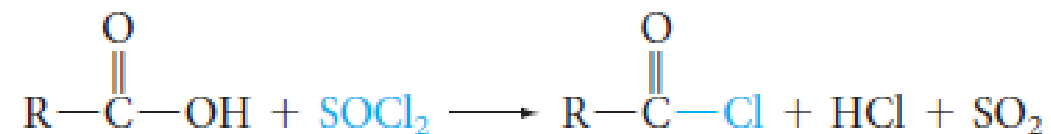


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Acid Chloride

➤ Preparation:

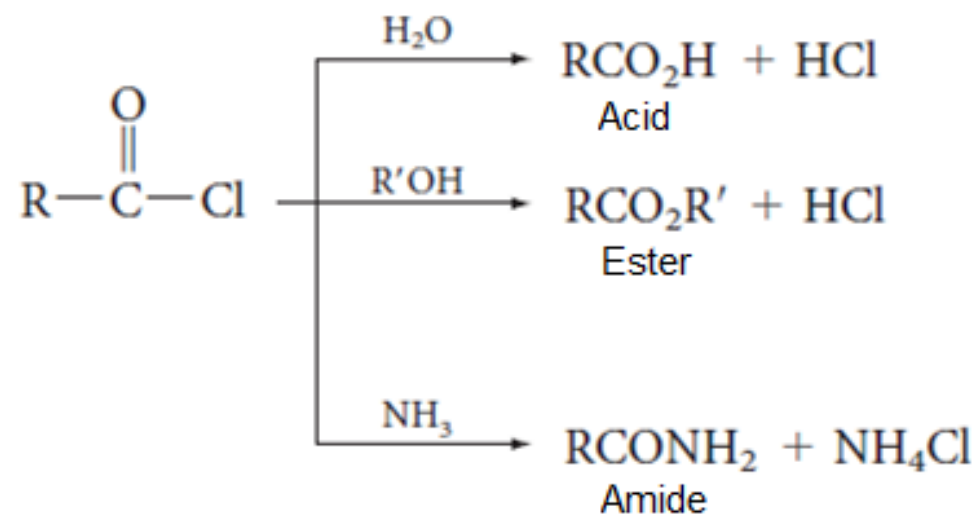
They can be prepared from acids by reaction with thionyl chloride or phosphorous pentachloride.



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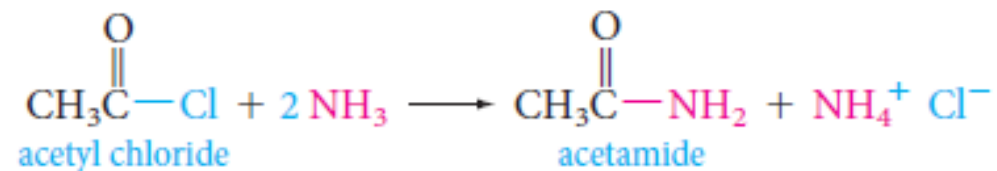
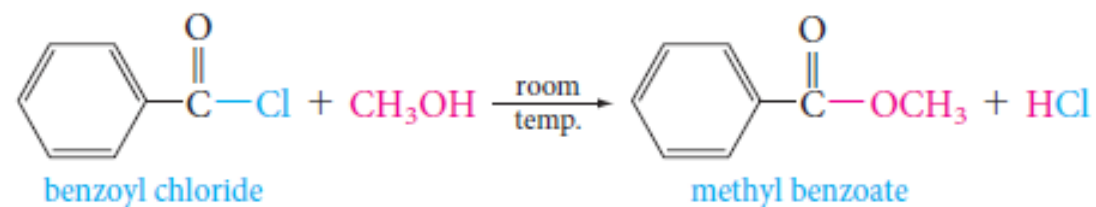
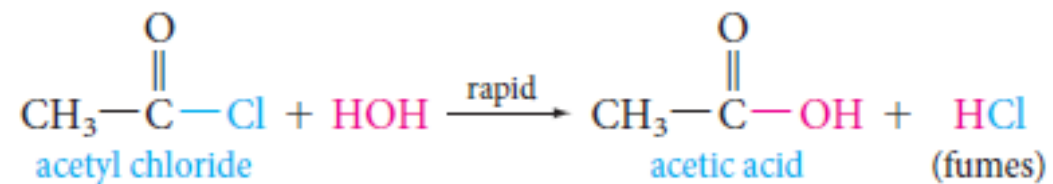
➤ **Reactions:** They can react rapidly with most nucleophile.



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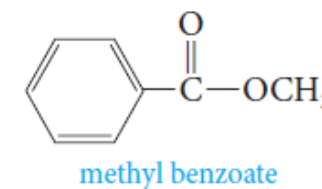
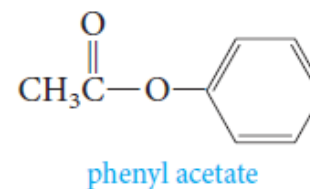
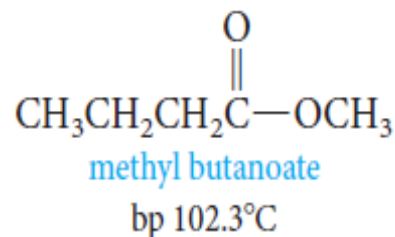
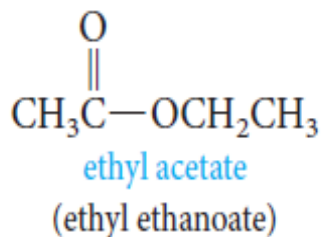
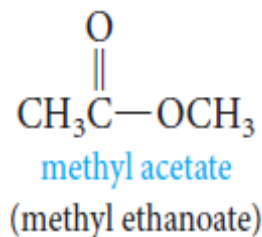
Examples:



Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Esters

- **Esters** are derived from acids by replacing the -OH group by an -OR group and have the general formula $\text{R}'\text{COOR}$.
- **Nomenclature:**
 - They are named in a manner analogous to carboxylic acid salts.
 - The **R part of the -OR group is name first**, followed by the name of the acid, with the **-ic acid** ending changed to **-ate**.

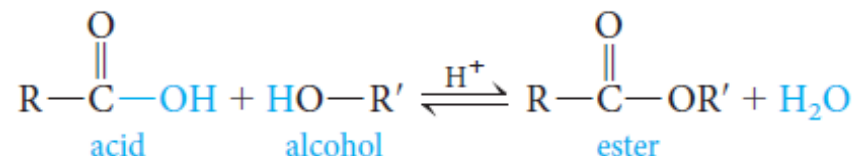


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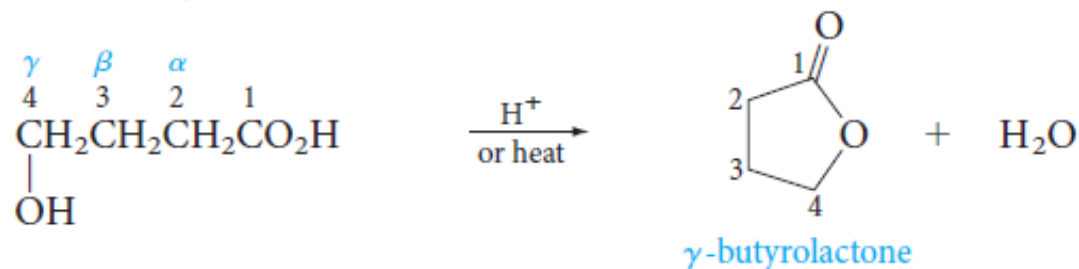
Esters

➤ Preparation:

When a carboxylic acid and an alcohol are heated in the presence of an acid catalyst (HCl or H₂SO₄), an equilibrium is established with the ester and water.



➤ **Cyclic esters (lactones)** can be prepared from hydroxy acids if these groups can come in contact through bending of the chain.

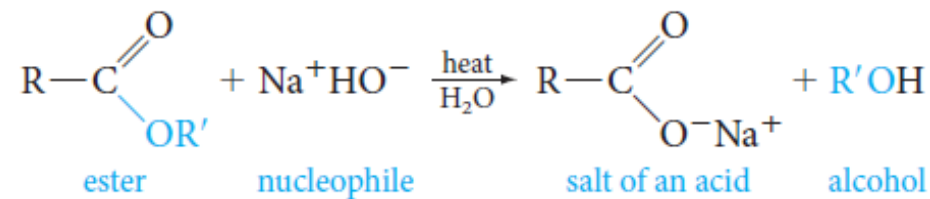


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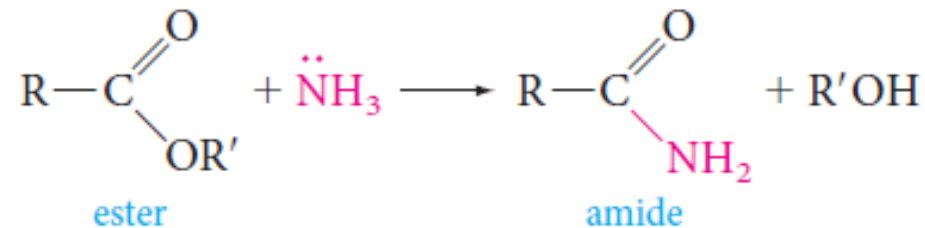
Esters

➤ Reactions

- **Saponification**; esters are commonly hydrolyzed with base.



- Ammonia converts esters to **amides**.



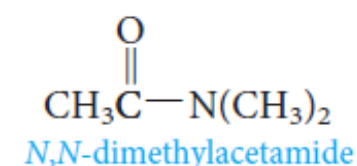
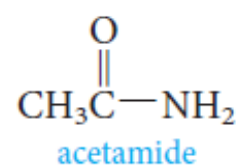
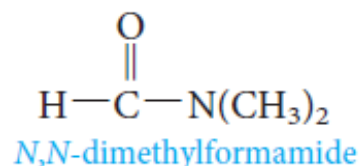
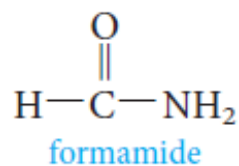
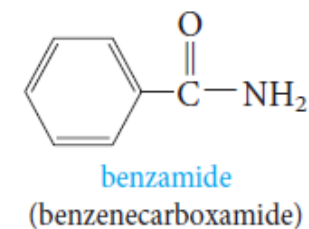
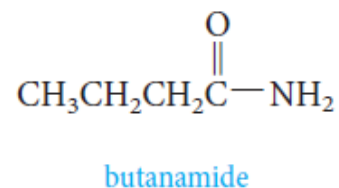
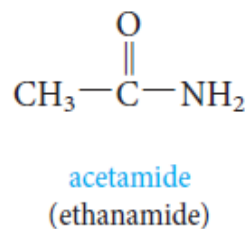
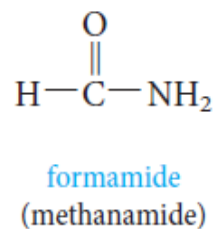
Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Amides

- **Amides** are the least reactive of the common carboxylic acid derivatives.
- Primary amides have general formula **RCONH_2** .

- **Nomenclature:**

Amides are named by replacing the $-\text{ic}$ or $-\text{oic acid}$ ending of the acid name, either the common or the IUPAC name, with the $-\text{amide}$ ending.

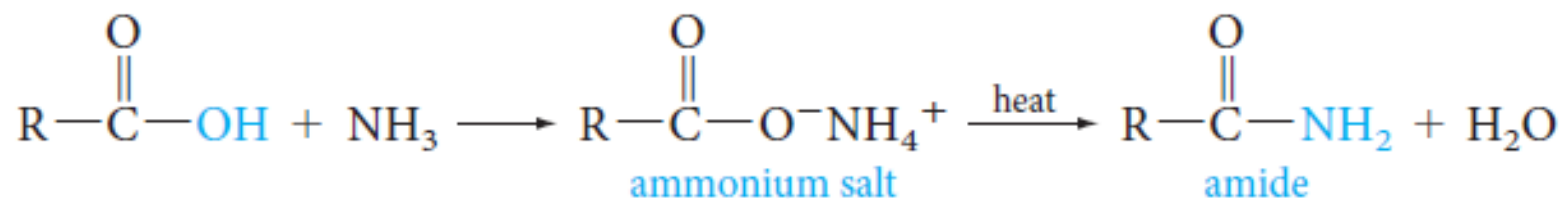


Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Amides

➤ Preparation:

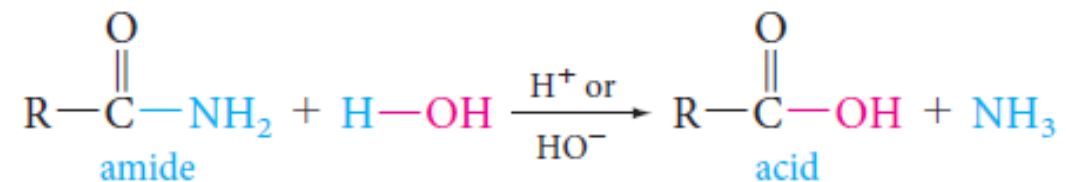
- They can be prepared by the reaction of ammonia with esters, with acyl halides, or with acid anhydrides.
- Amides can also prepared by heating the ammonium salts of acids.



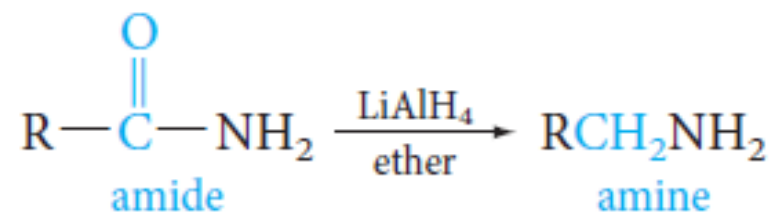
Amides

➤ Reactions

- **Amides** react with nucleophiles and they can be hydrolyzed by water.



- **Amides** can be reduced by lithium aluminum hydride to give amines.



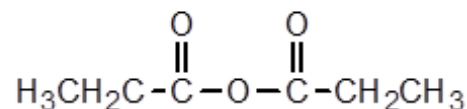
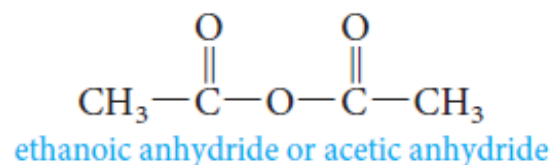
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Acid Anhydrides

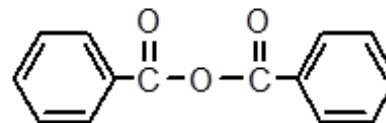
➤ **Acid anhydrides** have general formula RCOOCOR .

➤ **Nomenclature:**

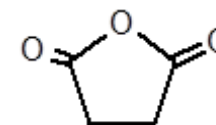
The name of an anhydrides is obtained by naming the acid from which is derived and replacing the word acid with anhydride.



IUPAC name: Propanoic anhydride
Common name: Propionic anhydride



Benzoic anhydride



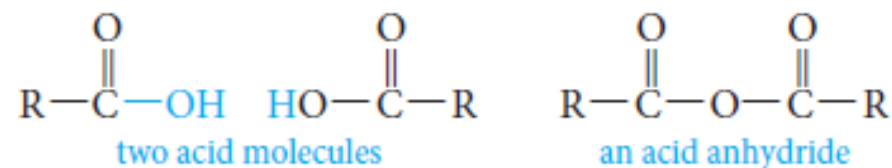
Succinic anhydride

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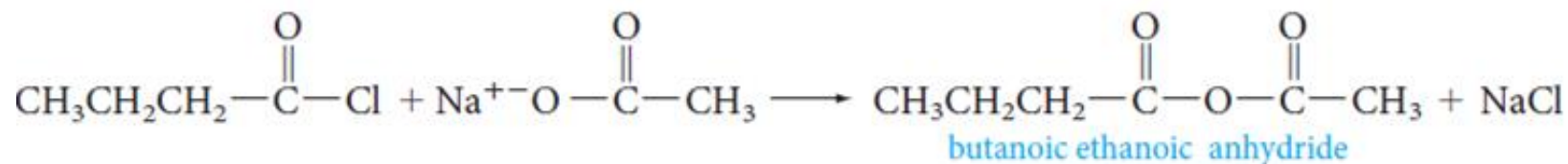
Acid Anhydrides

➤ Preparation

- **Acid anhydrides** are derived from acids by removing water from two carboxyl groups and connecting the fragments.



- **Anhydrides** can also be prepared from acid chlorides and carboxylate salts. *This method is used for preparing anhydrides derived from two different carboxylic acids (mixed anhydrides).*



Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Acid Anhydrides

➤ Reactions

- **Anhydrides** undergo **nucleophilic acyl substitution reactions** (*They are more reactive than esters, but less reactive than acyl halides*).

