

# Reduction, Oxidation, Hydrolysis & Decarboxylation reactions

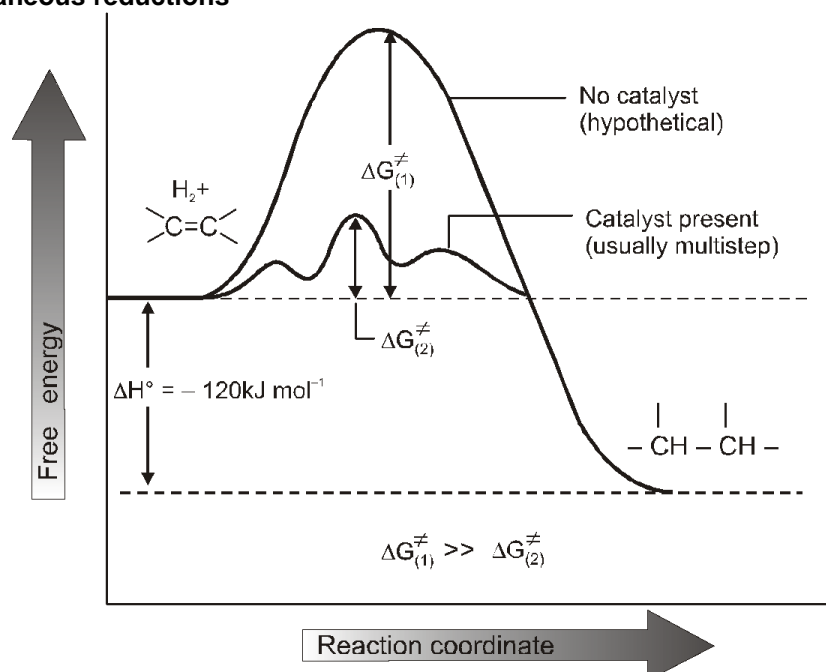
## Section (A) : Reduction

### Introduction :

Reduction covers both the addition of hydrogen (or deuterium) to a double bond and the replacement of an atom or group by hydrogen (or deuterium). In other words, reduction means hydrogenation or hydrogenolysis.

Reduction can be carried out in following ways :

- Catalytic hydrogenation
- Metal/proton (acid) reduction
- Metal hydrides reduction
- Miscellaneous reductions



### (a) Catalytic hydrogenation :

Hydrogenation using  $H_2$ (gas) on metal surface or other suitable catalyst is called catalytic hydrogenation. A catalyst provides a new pathway for the reaction that involves lower free energy of activation.

Heterogeneous hydrogenation catalysts typically involve finely divided platinum,

The catalysts used can be divided into two broad classes, (a) Heterogeneous catalysts (b) Homogeneous catalysts. Both of which mainly consist of transition metals and their compounds :

### (i) Heterogeneous catalysts : (catalysts insoluble in the reaction medium)

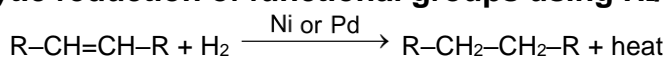
In heterogeneous catalytic hydrogenation catalysts are used in powdered form. Raney nickel (Ni), Palladium on charcoal (Pd/C), Platinum metal or its oxide are common heterogeneous catalysts.

#### Facts of catalysis :

- Substrate molecules are assumed to undergo homolysis into atoms at the surface of the catalyst.
- The substrate is chemisorbed on the surface of the catalyst and hydrogenation takes place.
- The process is exothermic,

**Note :** (If  $H_2$  and  $D_2$  mixture is used with a Pt catalyst, the two isotopes quickly scramble to produce a random mixture of HD,  $H_2$  and  $D_2$ . (No scrambling occurs in the absence of the catalyst.) The product has both D and H atoms).

### Catalytic reduction of functional groups using $H_2/Pd(C)$ or $H_2/Pt$ or $H_2/Ni$



Substrate	Product
$RCOCl$	$RCH_2OH$
$RNO_2$	$RNH_2$
$RC\equiv CR$	$RCH_2CH_2R$
$RCHO$	$RCH_2OH$
$RCH=CHR$	$RCH_2CH_2R$
$RCOR$	$RCHOHR$
$RCN$	$RCH_2NH_2$

**Note :** (i) Generally  $RCOOH$ ,  $RCOOR$ ,  $RCONH_2$  and anhydride groups are **not reduced** by catalytic hydrogenation.

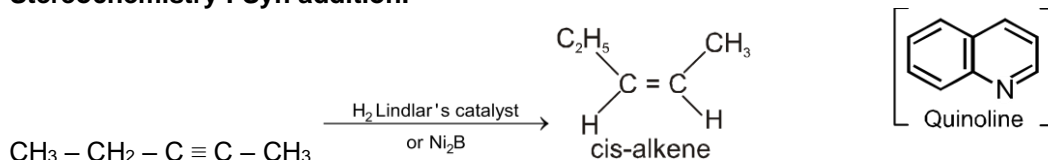
(ii) **Stereochemistry of catalytic hydrogenation :** The above reaction is syn addition (addition takes place from the same side of alkene or alkyne).

(ii) **Homogeneous catalysts :** (catalysts soluble in the reaction medium). It uses reactants and catalyst in the same phase. Both hydrogen atoms **usually** add from the same side of the molecule.  
Common example : Use of Wilkinson catalyst  $Rh[(C_6H_5)_3P]_3Cl$ .

(iii) **Lindlar's catalyst :  $[H_2/Pd, CaCO_3, \text{quinoline}]$**

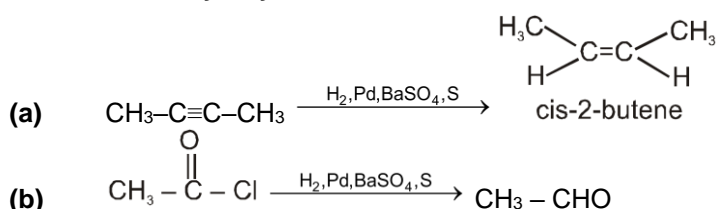
It is a poisoned palladium catalyst. It is composed of powdered calcium carbonate coated with palladium and poisoned with quinoline. It is used to carry out partial reduction of alkyne to alkene.

**Stereochemistry : Syn addition.**



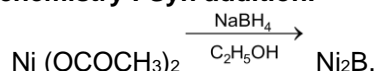
(iv) **Rosenmund catalyst :  $[H_2/Pd, BaSO_4, \text{quinoline}]$**  Hydrogenation in presence of  $H_2/Pd/BaSO_4$  is called **Rosenmund Reduction**. It reduces alkyne to alkene and acid halide to aldehyde. It is poisoned palladium catalyst, composed of powdered barium sulphate coated with palladium, poisoned with quinoline or sulphur.

**Stereochemistry : Syn addition.**



**Note :** Nickel boride  $Ni_2B$  (**P-2 catalyst**) (made from Nickel acetate and sodium borohydride) is an excellent alternative catalyst for the conversion of alkyne into alkene.

**Stereochemistry : Syn addition.**

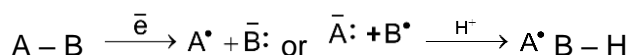


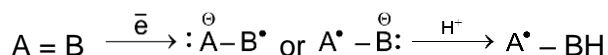
(b) **Metal/proton (acid) reduction :**

Reduction by dissolving metals is based on the fact that the metal acts as a source of electrons.

**Step-1 :** Metals give electrons to the electrophilic species and form anion

**Step-2 :** Proton is abstracted from the acidic source.



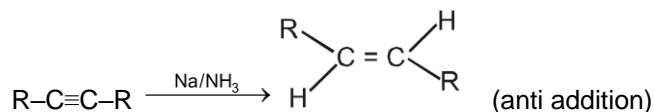


**(i) Birch reduction [Na or Li/NH<sub>3</sub>(liq.) or (ethyl alcohol)] :**

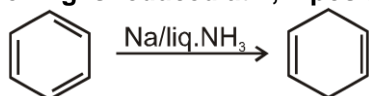
Alkyne and aromatic compounds are reduced by Na or Li/NH<sub>3</sub>.

**Stereochemistry : anti addition.**

Alkynes are reduced to trans alkene.



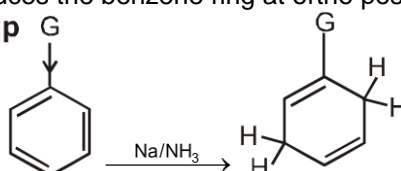
**Benzene ring is reduced at 1, 4-position.**



Typical example of reduction for aromatic system :

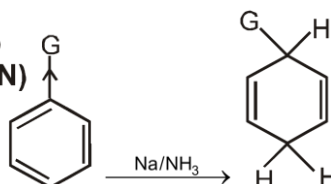
Presence of alkyl, alkoxy, amines reduces the benzene ring at ortho position.

**( electron releasing group**  
**- R, - OR, - NH<sub>2</sub>)**



Presence of nitro, cyano, carboxylic, keto or aldehyded group reduces the benzene ring at ipso position.

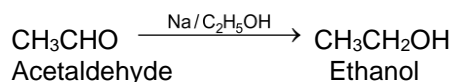
**( electron withdrawing group**  
**- NO<sub>2</sub>, - COOH, - CHO, - CN)**



**(ii) Bouvealt-Blanc reduction [Na/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH] :**

Reduction of aldehydes, ketones, esters or cyanide by means of excess of Na/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH or n-butanol is called Bouvealt-Blanc reduction reduction.

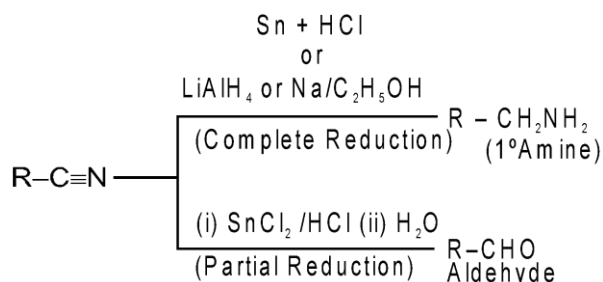
Reagent	Na/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	Na/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	Na/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	Na/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	Na/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH
Reactant	Aldehyde	Ketone	Cyanide	Ester	acid halide
Product	1° alcohol	2° alcohol	1° amine	1° alcohol	1° alcohol



**Note-**  $R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-R$ ,  $RCONH_2$ ,  $RCOOH$ ,  $RNO_2$  groups are not reduced by Bouvealt-Blanc reduction.

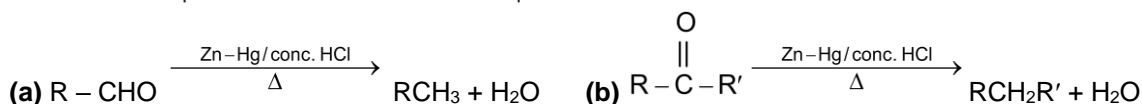
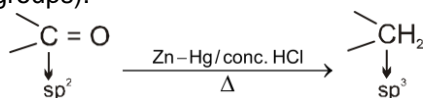
**(iii) Stephen's reductions : [SnCl<sub>2</sub>/HCl] :**

When reduction of cyanide is carried out with acidified stannous chloride (SnCl<sub>2</sub>/HCl) at room temperature, imine hydrochloride is obtained. Which on subsequent hydrolysis with boiling water gives aldehyde. This specific type of reduction of nitrile is called Stephen's reduction.



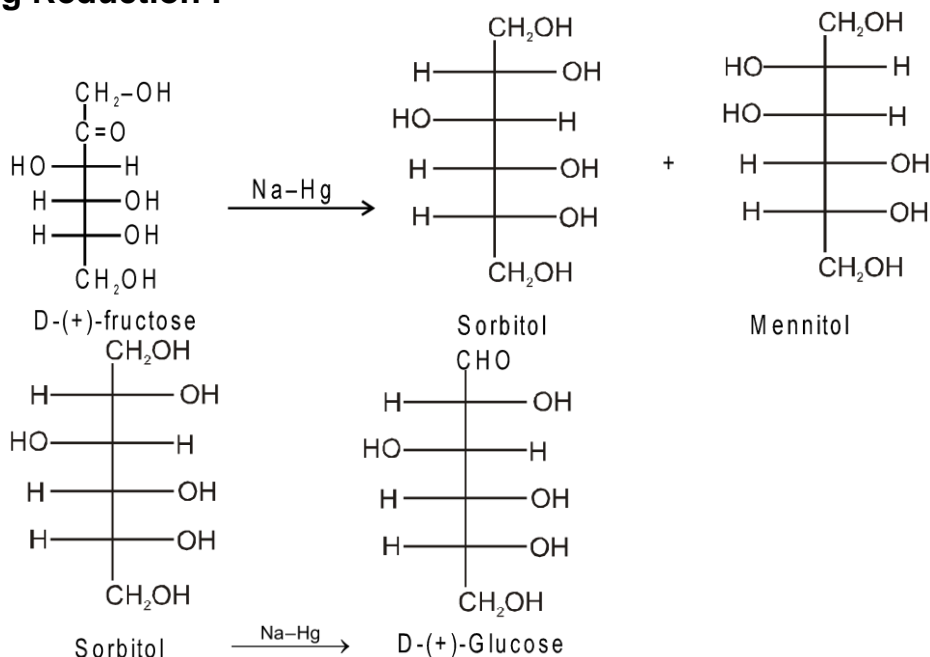
(iv) **Clemmensen's reduction : [Zn-Hg/Conc. HCl]**

It is used to prepare alkanes from carbonyl compounds (Aldehyde and ketones in absence of acid sensitive groups).



**Note :** Clemmensen reduction is not preferred for compounds which have **acid sensitive** group. [Like Alcohol, Alkene, Alkyne, Ether].

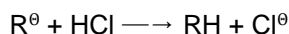
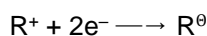
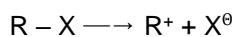
(v) **Na-Hg Reduction :**



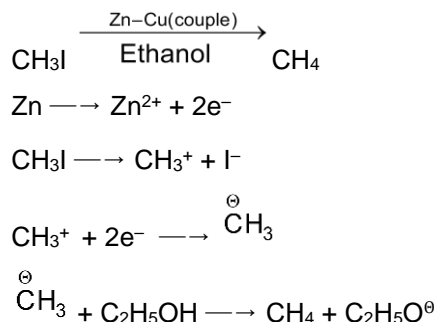
(vi) **Reduction of alkyl halides :  
By Zn/HCl**



Reaction is proceed as



Purest form of methane can be obtained as :



### (c) Metal hydrides reduction

Certain complex metal and boron hydrides, are important reagents for reduction.

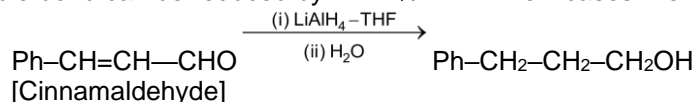
#### (i) $\text{LiAlH}_4$ (LAH) Lithium aluminium hydride [ $\text{LiAlH}_4$ / Ether or THF] :

LAH is most common and versatile reagent. It is sensitive to protic solvent and therefore used in ether.

Reagent	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{Excess}$	$\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{Excess}$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$	$\text{LiAlH}_4$
Reactant	Aldehyde	Ketone	Acid	Acid anhydride	Acid chloride	Ester	Cyanide	Amide	Isocyanide	Nitro
Product	1° alcohol	2° alcohol	1° alcohol	1° alcohol	1° alcohol	1° alcohol	1° amine	1° amine	2° amine	1° amine

**Note :** Alkene, alkyne, benzene rings are not reduced by  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  in ether but it is reported that

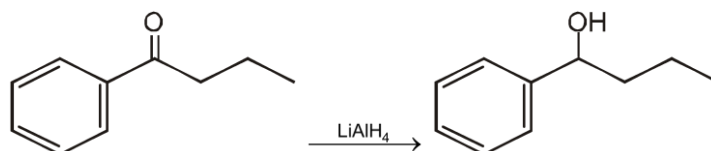
(\*) double bond can be reduced by  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  / THF in few cases like :



#### (ii) Sodium borohydride [ $\text{NaBH}_4$ / $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ or Ether] :

It is more specific than LAH as a reducing agent. It reduces ketones and aldehydes to the corresponding alcohols without affecting other functional groups, reduces acid chlorides to 1° alcohols. It does not reduce any other derivative of acid. It is effective even in protic solvent like alcohol.

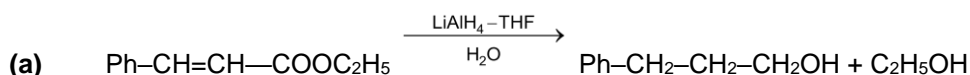
Reagent	$\text{NaBH}_4$	$\text{NaBH}_4$	$\text{NaBH}_4$
Reactant	Aldehyde	Ketone	Acid chloride
Product	1° alcohol	2° alcohol	1° alcohol



#### (iii) Diisobutyl aluminium hydride [DIBAL-H / Inert solvent] :

Diisobutyl aluminium hydride ( $\text{i-Bu}_2\text{AlH}$ )<sub>2</sub> is parallel to LAH (Lithium aluminium hydride) as a reducing agent but it is more selective.

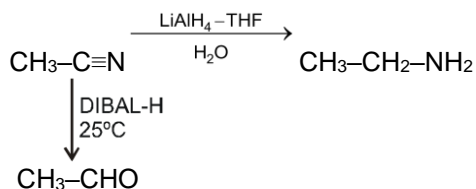
Reagent	DIBAL-H/Cold	DIBAL-H/Hydrolysis
Reactant	Ester	Cyanide
Product	Aldehyde	Aldehyde





- (b) DIBAL-H reacts slowly with electron poor compounds and more quickly with electron rich compounds.

- (c) LAH reduce RCN to amine but DIBAL is found to be reduce it to aldehyde.

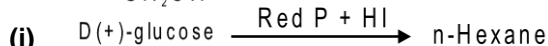
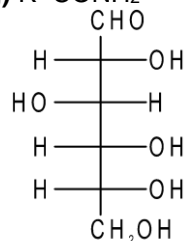
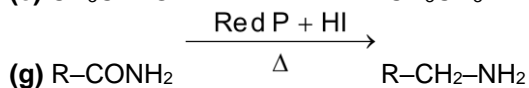
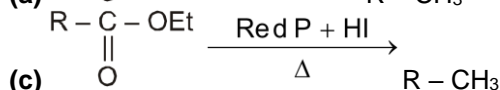
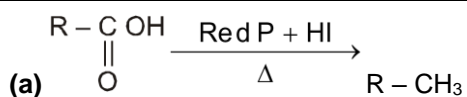


**(d) Miscellaneous reductions :**

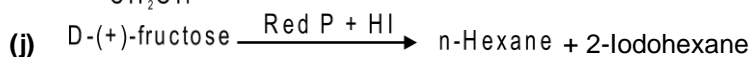
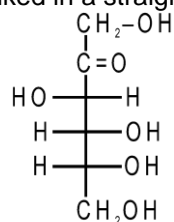
**(i) By Red P & HI :**

Used to prepare alkane from acid, acid derivatives and carbonyl compounds.

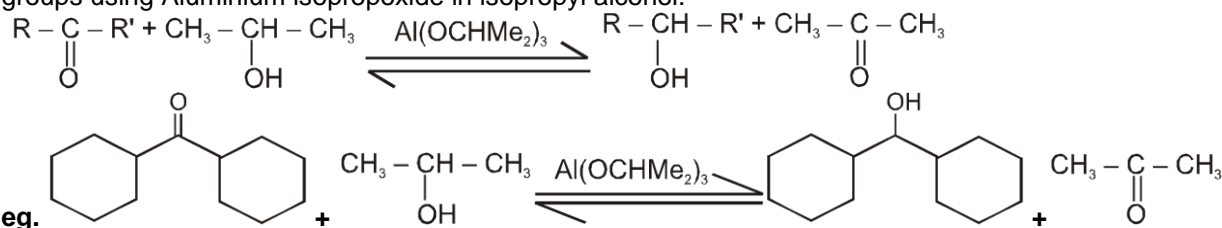
Red P & HI	Red P & HI	Red P & HI	Red P & HI	Red P & HI	Red P & HI	Red P & HI
Reactant	Aldehyde	Ketone	Acid chloride	Acid anhydride	Ester	Ether
Product	Alkane	Alkane	Alkane	Alkane	Alkane	Alkane



On prolonged heating with HI glucose forms n-hexane, suggesting that all the six carbon atoms are linked in a straight chain.

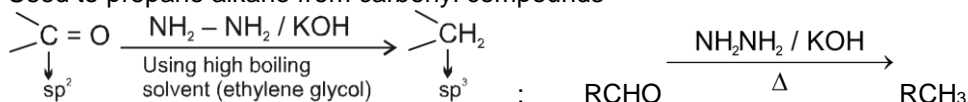


- (ii) **Meerwein-Pondorf-Verley reduction (Reduction by isopropyl alcohol and aluminium isopropoxide)** : It is selective reduction of ketones to alcohol, even in presence of other functional groups using Aluminium isopropoxide in isopropyl alcohol.



- (iii) **Wolff-kishner reduction [NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> / KOH]** :

Used to prepare alkane from carbonyl compounds



**Note** : Wolff-kishner reduction is not preferred used for compounds which have **base sensitive** groups. [Halogens, Acid halide, Esters, Anhydride]

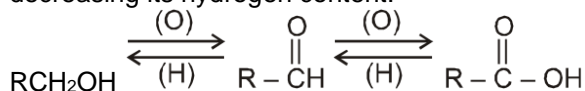
## Section (B) : Oxidation

### Introduction

1. oxidation is defined as the addition of oxygen (electronegative) element to a substance or removal of hydrogen (electropositive) element from a substance.

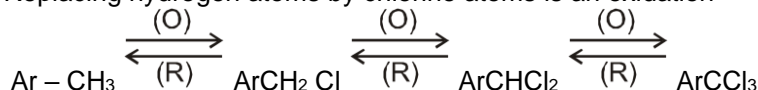
or

2. Oxidation of an organic molecule usually corresponds to increasing its oxygen content or decreasing its hydrogen content.



3. Oxidation of an organic compound may be more broadly defined as a reaction that increases its content of any element more electronegative than carbon.

Replacing hydrogen atoms by chlorine atoms is an oxidation

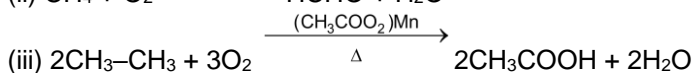
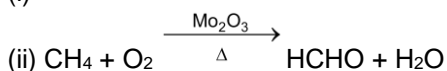
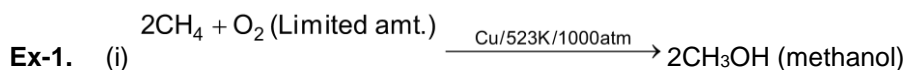
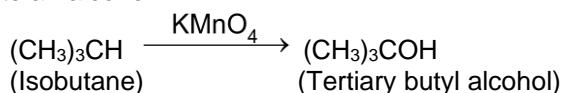


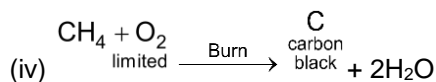
When organic compound is oxidised, **oxidising agent** used is reduced. When an organic compound is reduced, the **reducing agent** used must be oxidized.

### (a) Oxidation of alkanes

Different products are formed by the use of different oxidising agents or different reaction conditions.

**Chemical oxidation with KMnO<sub>4</sub> or K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>** : Alkanes are usually not affected by oxidising agents like KMnO<sub>4</sub> or K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>. However, alkanes having tertiary hydrogen are oxidised by these oxidising agents to an alcohol.

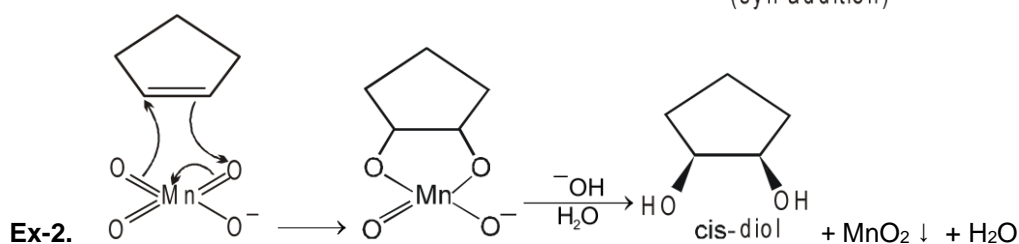
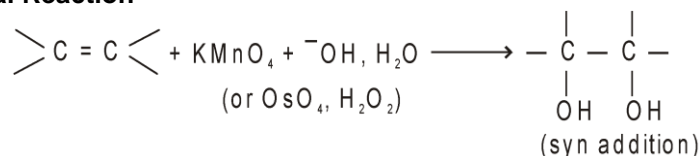



**(b) Oxidation of alkenes and alkynes**
**(i) Baeyer reagent [cold dilute alkaline  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution] :**

Baeyer Reagent	Baeyer Reagent	Baeyer Reagent
Reactant	Alkene	Alkyne
Product	Vicinal diol	Diketone

**Stereochemistry : syn addition** (Both-OH groups add from same stereochemical side)

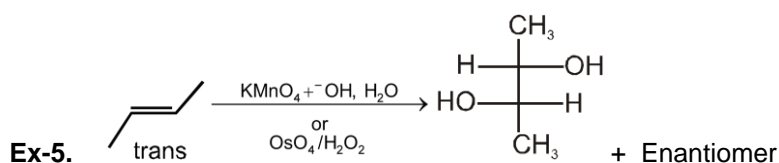
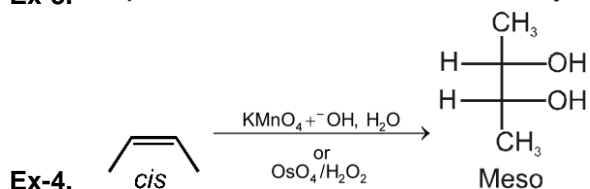
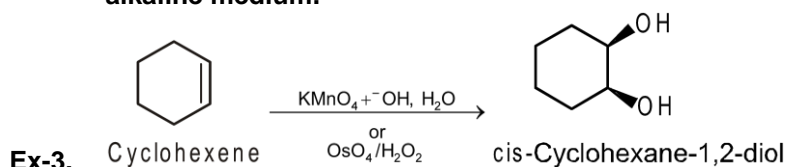
**General Reaction**


**(ii) Osmium tetroxide in alkaline medium [ $\text{OsO}_4$  /  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{NaHSO}_3$ ] :**

Similar to Baeyer's reagent.

$\text{OsO}_4$ / $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\text{OsO}_4$ / $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\text{OsO}_4$ / $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$
Reactant	Alkene	Alkyne
Product	Vicinal diol	Diketone

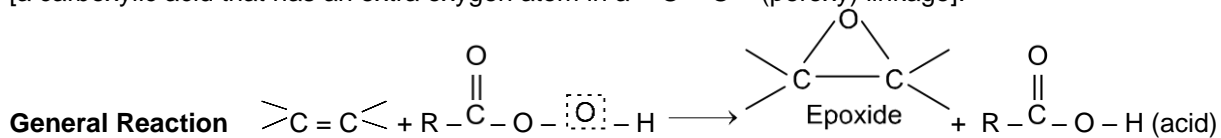
**Note :** Double bond of Aromatic ring cannot react with Baeyer's reagent and Osmium tetroxide in alkaline medium.


**(iii) Oxidation with peroxyacids**

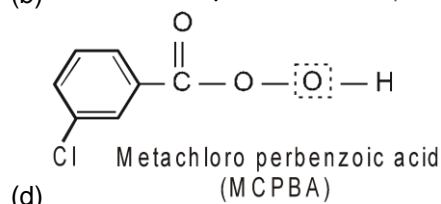
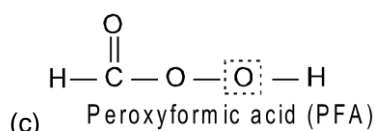
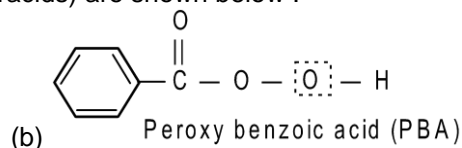
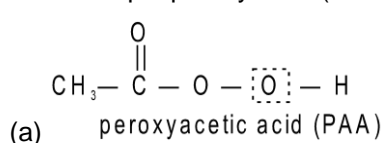


An alkene is converted to an epoxide by a peroxyacid.

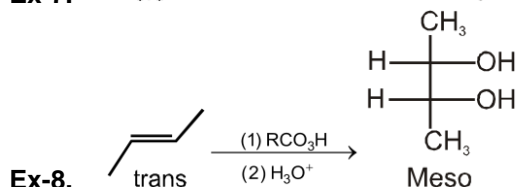
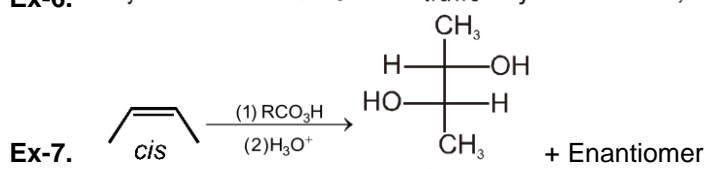
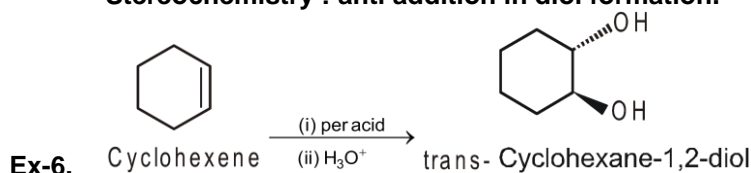
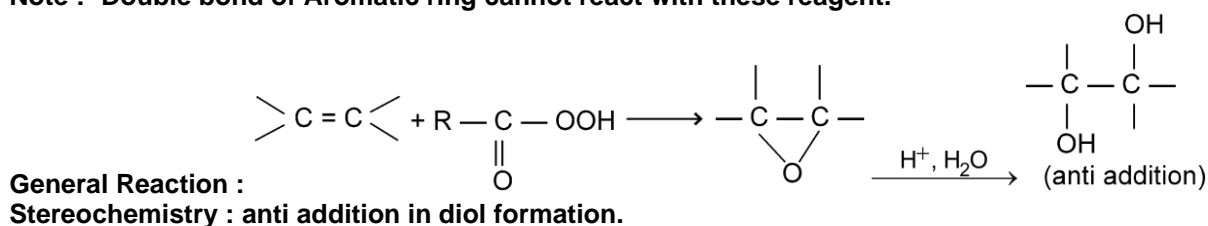
[a carboxylic acid that has an extra oxygen atom in a  $-O-O-$  (peroxy) linkage].



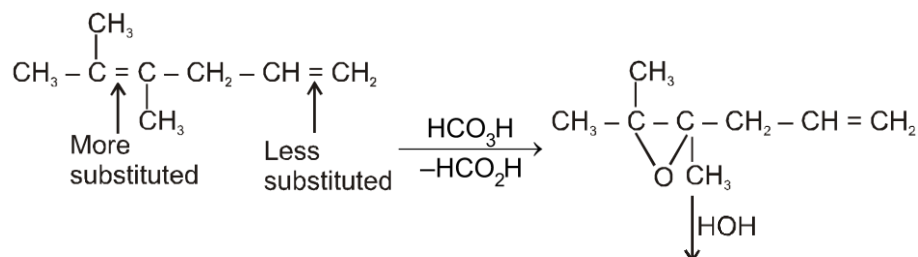
Some simple peroxyacids (sometimes called peracids) are shown below :

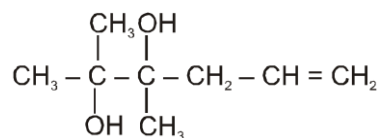


**Note :- Double bond of Aromatic ring cannot react with these reagent.**



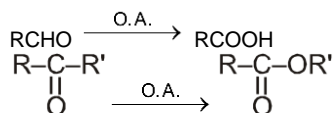
**Note :** The more highly substituted olefinic bond is more nucleophilic and therefore reacts faster with the peroxyacid than the less substituted double bond.





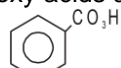
#### (iv) Baeyer–Villiger oxidation

General reactions :



Priority of shift (O accepting aptitude) : **R or R' = H > Ph > 3° > 2° > 1° > Me**

Proxy acids as an oxidising agent may be one of these



(a) = m-CPBA (Metachloro perbenzoic acid)

(b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_3\text{H}$  = PAA (Peracetic acid)

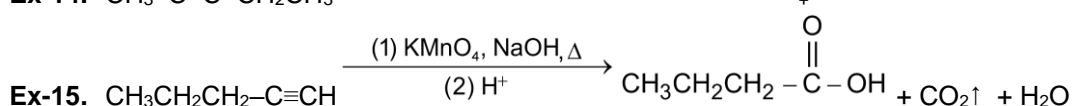
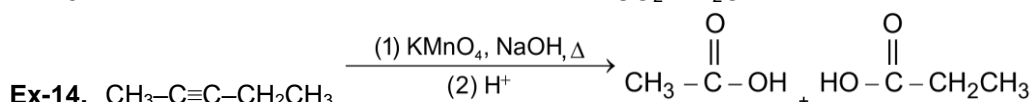
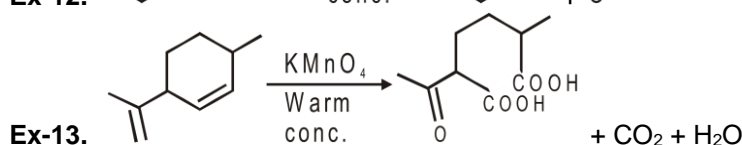
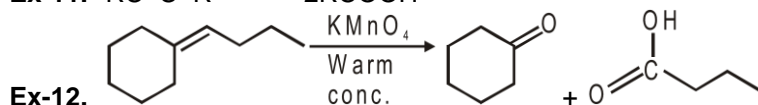
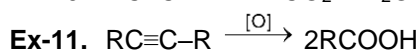
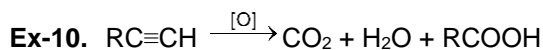
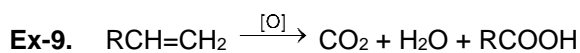
(c)  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOOH}$  (TFPAA) Trifluoro peracetic acid

(d)  $\text{HCO}_3\text{H}$  (PAA) Performic acid

#### (v) Oxidation with acidic $\text{KMnO}_4$ [ $\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$ ]

When alkene or alkyne heated with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  in acidic or in alkaline medium; following changes take place.

$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$	$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$	$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$	$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$	$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$	$\text{KMnO}_4/\text{H}^+$
Reactant	$=\text{CH}_2$ group	$=\text{CH}-\text{R}$ group	$=\text{CR}_1\text{R}_2$ group	$\equiv\text{CH}$ group	$\equiv\text{CR}$ group
Product	$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{RCOOH}$	$\text{O}=\text{CR}_1\text{R}_2$	$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{RCOOH}$
	Carbon dioxide	Carboxylic acid	Ketone	Carbon dioxide	Carboxylic acid

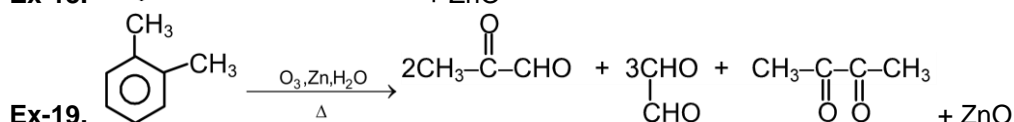
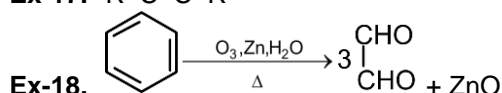
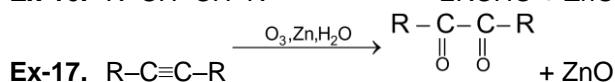
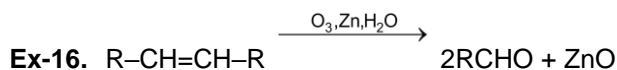


#### (vi). Oxidation with ozone (ozonolysis) :

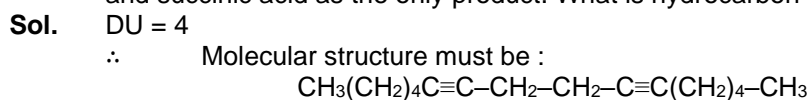
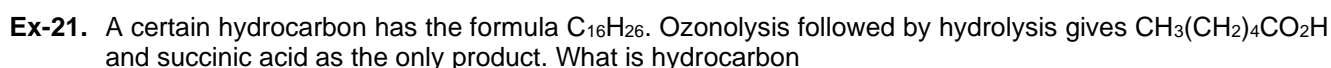
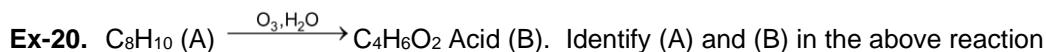
##### Alkene & Alkyne

Like permanganate ozone cleaves double bonds to give Ketones and aldehydes. However, ozonolysis is milder, and both Ketones and aldehydes can be recovered without further oxidation.

Reductive Ozonolysis Products ( $O_3/Zn, H_2O$ )					
$O_3/Zn, H_2O$	$O_3/Zn, H_2O$	$O_3/Zn, H_2O$	$O_3/Zn, H_2O$	$O_3/Zn, H_2O$	$O_3/Zn, H_2O$
Reactant	$=CH_2$ group	$=CH-R$ group	$=CR_1R_2$ group	$R-C\equiv CH$ group	$RC\equiv CR$ group
Product	HCHO	$O=CH-R$	$O=CR_1R_2$	$\alpha$ -keto aldehyde	diketone



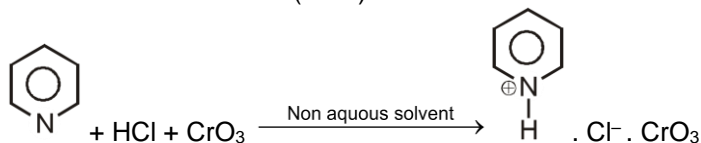
Oxidative Ozonolysis Products					
$O_3/H_2O_2$	$O_3/H_2O_2$	$O_3/H_2O_2$	$O_3/H_2O_2$	$O_3/H_2O_2$	$O_3/H_2O_2$
Reactant	$=CH_2$ group	$=CH-R$ group	$=CR_1R_2$ group	$\equiv CH$ group	$\equiv CR$ group
Product	$CO_2$	$RCOOH$	$O=CR_1R_2$	$CO_2$	$RCOOH$
	Carbon dioxide	Carboxylic acid	Ketone	Carbon dioxide	Carboxylic acid



### (c) Oxidation reaction of alcohols :

	Oxidation Product of Alcohol-1						
	Strong oxidising agent			Weak oxidising agent			
	$CrO_3$ in water or $H_2CrO_4$	$KMnO_4/H^+$	$K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+$	PCC*	PDC**	$CrO_3$ /Inert medium	Copper & heat as oxidising agent
1° alcohol or Primary alcohol	Carboxylic acid			Aldehyde		Aldehyde	
2° alcohol or Secondary alcohol	Ketone			Ketone		Ketone	
3° alcohol or tertiary alcohol	Not oxidised			Not oxidised		Dehydrate to alkene	

(1) Pyridinium Chloro Chromate (PCC)

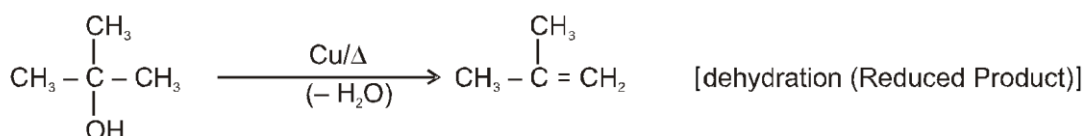
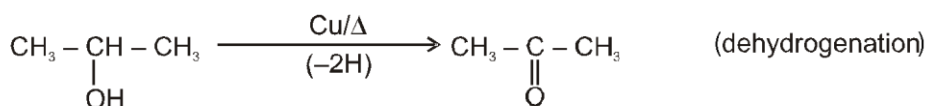
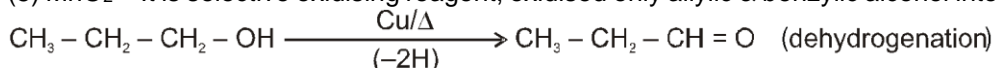


(2) Pyridinium dichromate (PDC) =  $(2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N} \cdot \text{CrO}_3)$

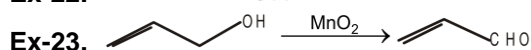
(3) Jones Reagent = dilute chromic acid + acetone

(4) Collin's reagent =  $\text{CrO}_3$  + pyridine +  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

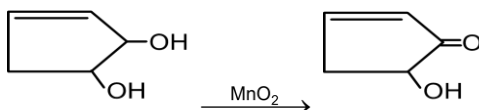
(5)  $\text{MnO}_2$  = It is selective oxidising reagent, oxidised only allylic & benzylic alcohol into aldehyde & ketone.



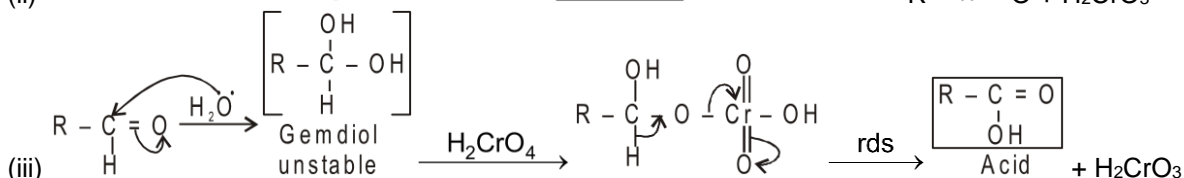
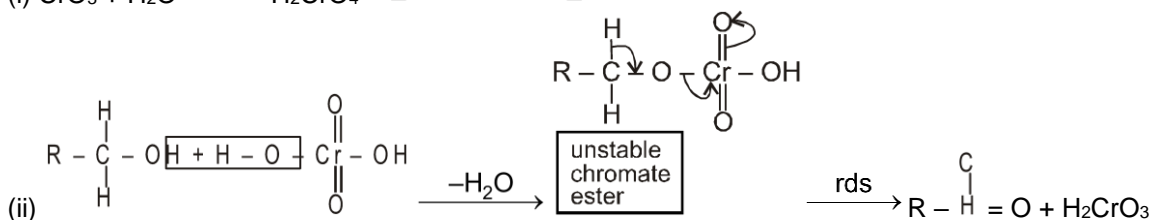
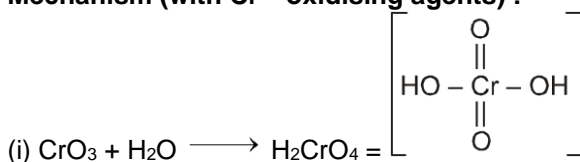
Ex-22.



Ex-24.



**Mechanism (with  $\text{Cr}^{+6}$  oxidising agents) :**



**Remarks :**

(1) Primary alcohol forms a chromate ester with chromic acid.

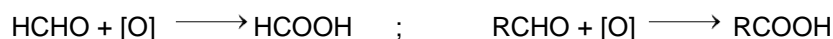
(2) The chromate ester decomposes in 2<sup>nd</sup> slow step with the elimination of  $\alpha$ -hydrogen. So the first oxidation product, an aldehyde is obtained.

(3) In **aqueous medium**, aldehyde forms a gemdiol (hydrated aldehyde). It is further oxidised to an acid by similar mechanism.

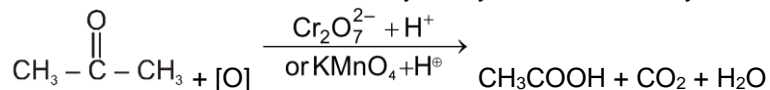
(4) The following reactivity orders can be explained by this mechanism :



Aldehydes are oxidised to carboxylic acid having same number of C atoms as aldehyde.



Ketones are oxidised with difficulty. They are oxidised only on heating with a strong oxidising agent.



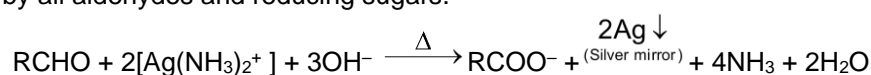
In case of mixed or unsymmetrical ketones the  $>\text{C}=\text{O}$  group remains with the smaller alkyl group.

(Popoff's rule)



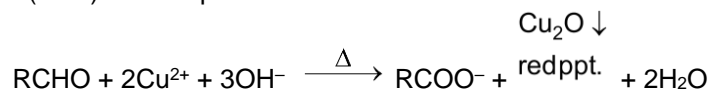
(ii) **With Tollen's reagent :**

RCHO (aldehydes) can be easily oxidised to RCOOH (except HCHO that can be oxidised to  $\text{CO}_2$ ) by weak oxidising agents like ammonical  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (**Tollen's reagent**) hence they are better reducing agents. Aldehydes reduce Tollen's reagent to Ag and appears in the form of silver mirror is called **silver-mirror test**. It is given by all aldehydes and reducing sugars.



(iii) **With Fehling solution :**

Aldehydes (except benzaldehyde) reduce **Fehling's** solution ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  reduced to  $\text{Cu}^+$ ) which is an alkaline solution of cupric ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ) ion complexed with tartrate ion.

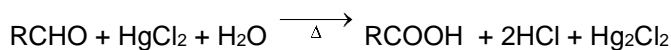
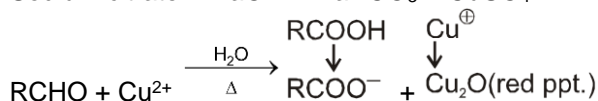


Aldehydes also reduce Benedict's solution ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  complexed with citrate ion) to  $\text{Cu}^+$

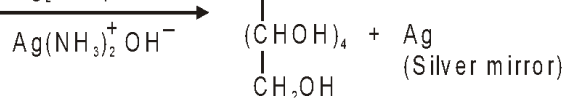
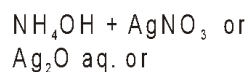
**Note** - Benzaldehyde does not reduce Benedict's solution.

(iv) **With Benedict's solution**

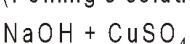
Sodium citrate + NaOH +  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  +  $\text{CuSO}_4$



(Tollen's reagent)



(Fehling's solution)

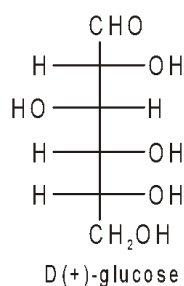
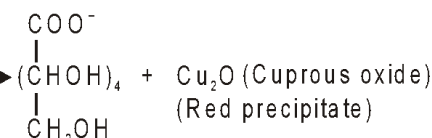


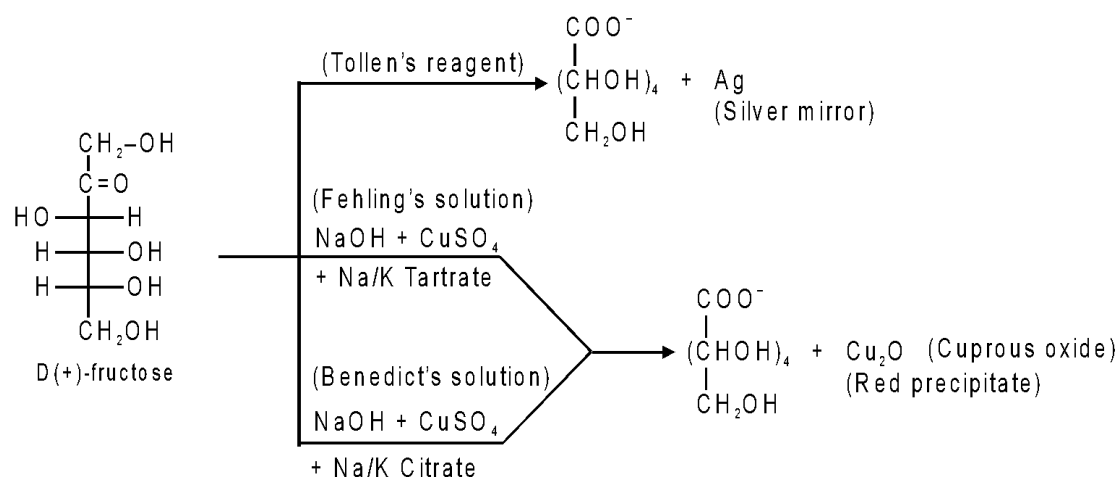
+ Na/K Tartrate

(Benedict's solution)



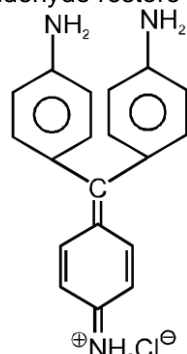
+ Na/K Citrate





(v) **With Schiff's reagent**

Schiff's Reagent is aq. solution of following base decolourised by passing  $\text{SO}_2$ . Aldehyde restore pink colour of Schiff's reagent.



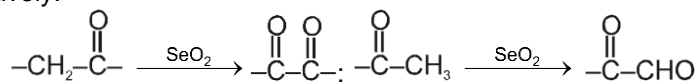
p-Rosaniline Hydrochloride (Magenta colour)

Ketones are not easy to oxidize so they do not give these 5 tests. These five tests can be used to distinguish aldehyde and ketones. Both gives 2, 4 DNP test.

(vi) **Oxidation by using  $\text{SeO}_2$**

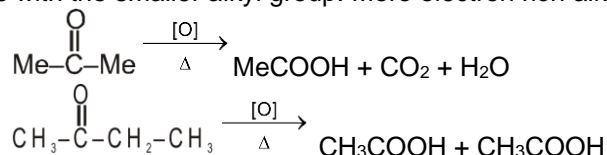
$\text{SeO}_2$  is a selective oxidizing agent with converts  $-\text{CH}_2-$  group adjacent to carbonyl group into carbonyl group.

The reagent, in general, oxidises active methylene and methyl groups to ketonic and aldehydic groups respectively.



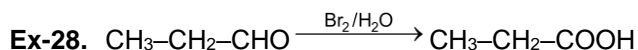
**KETONES ARE DIFFICULT TO OXIDIZE :**

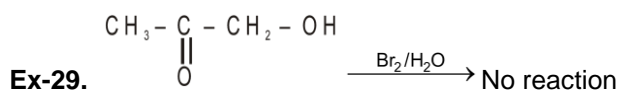
Ketones can be oxidized from their enolic form at high temperature with very strong oxidizing agent. Oxidation of ketones is sometimes governed by Popoff's rule. According to this rule carbonyl group remains with the smaller alkyl group. More electron rich alkene will be easy to oxidized.



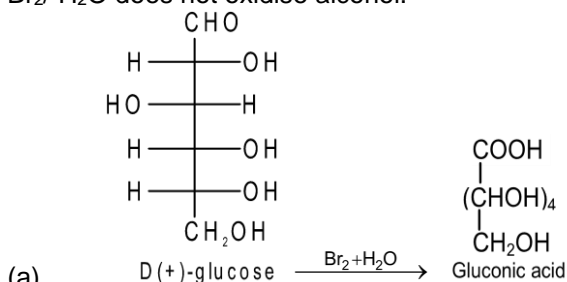
(vii) **Oxidation by  $\text{Br}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$**

It is a mild oxidising agent. It oxidises aldehyde into acid.

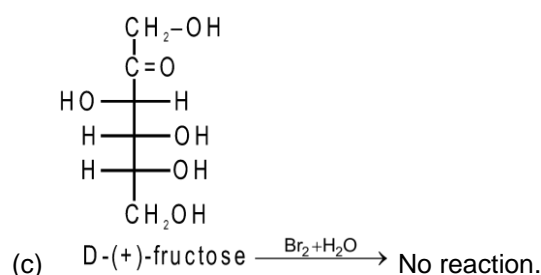
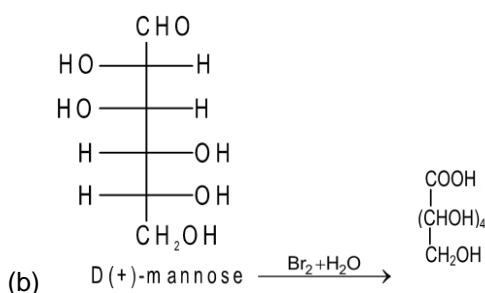




Note :  $\text{Br}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  does not oxidise alcohol.



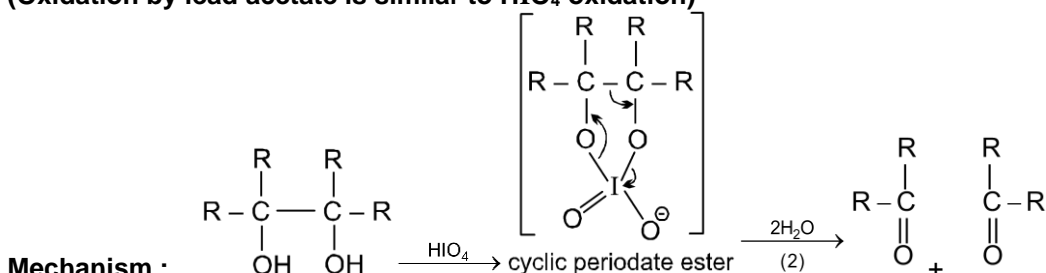
Glucose gets oxidised to six carbon carboxylic acid (gluconic acid) on reaction with a mild oxidising agent like bromine water. This indicates that the carbonyl group is present as an aldehydic group.



(f) Oxidation reaction of diols/polyols

(i)  $\text{HIO}_4$  oxidation :

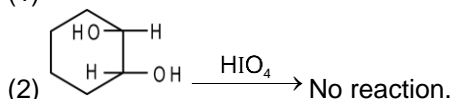
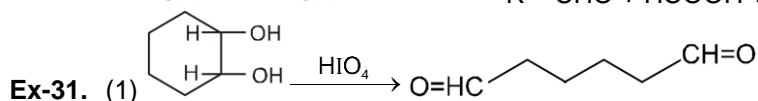
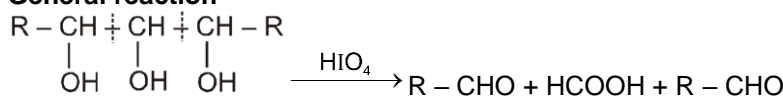
(Oxidation by lead acetate is similar to  $\text{HIO}_4$  oxidation)



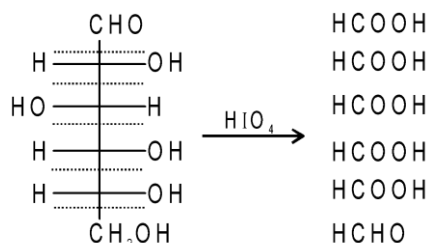
Remarks

- (1)  $\text{HIO}_4$  (periodic acid) oxidises vicinal diols (1, 2-diols).
- (2) It brings about oxidative cleavage of vicinal diol.
- (3) It can also oxidise  $\alpha$ -hydroxy carbonyl compound and  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl compound.
- (4)  $\text{HIO}_4$  forms a cyclic periodate ester as an intermediate. So the two  $-\text{OH}$  groups should have syn-conformation.
- (5) In cyclic diols only cis-vicinal diols are oxidised. Trans isomers are not oxidised.

Ex-30. General reaction



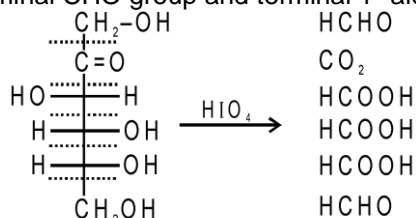




(3) D(+)-glucose

The presence of several pairs of vicinal diols oxidation with periodic acid can lead to the formation of complex product mixture. Glucose is degraded during oxidative cleavage with periodic acid into formic acid, formaldehyde.

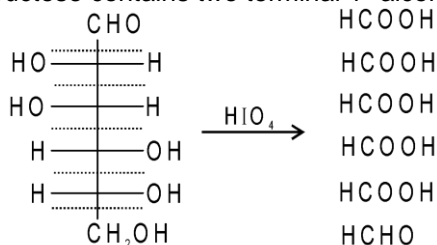
Glucose get oxidised by  $\text{HIO}_4$  gives 1 mole of  $\text{HCHO}$  and 5 mole of  $\text{HCOOH}$  it shows that glucose contains terminal  $\text{CHO}$  group and terminal  $1^\circ$  alcohol group.



(4) D-(+)-fructose

Fructose is degraded during oxidative cleavage with periodic acid into formic acid, formaldehyde and  $\text{CO}_2$ .

Fructose get oxidised by  $\text{HIO}_4$  and gives 2 moles formaldehyde, 3 moles formic acid and  $\text{CO}_2$  it shows that fructose contains two terminal  $1^\circ$  alcohol groups and 1 ketone group.

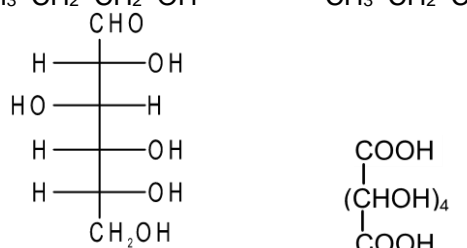
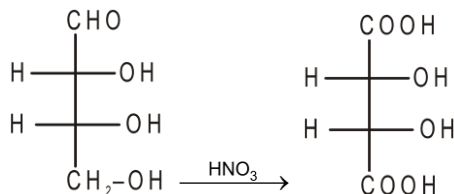
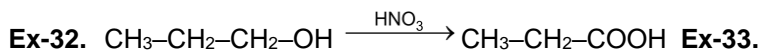


(5) D(+)-mannose

Mannose is degraded during oxidative cleavage with periodic acid into formic acid, formaldehyde.

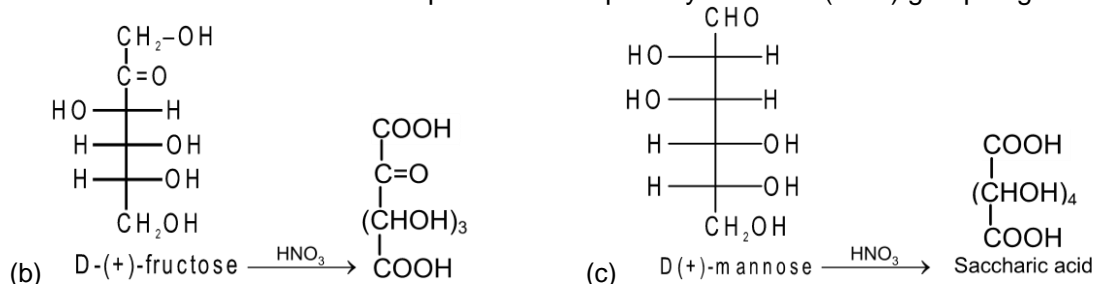
## (ii) Oxidation by conc. $\text{HNO}_3$

It oxidises  $1^\circ$  alcohol and aldehyde into acid.



(a) D(+)-glucose  $\xrightarrow{\text{HNO}_3}$  Saccharic acid

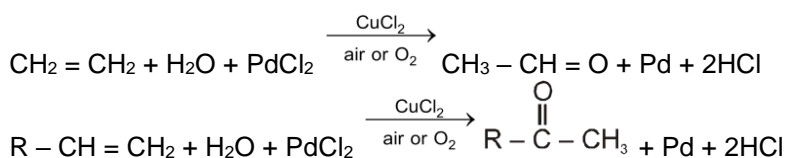
On oxidation with nitric acid, glucose as well as gluconic acid both yield a dicarboxylic acid, saccharic acid. This indicates the presence of a primary alcoholic ( $-\text{OH}$ ) group in glucose.



## (g) Miscellaneous oxidation reactions

### (i) Wacker process

Alkenes can directly be oxidised to corresponding aldehydes or ketones by treating them with a solution of  $\text{PdCl}_2$  containing a catalytic amount of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  in presence of air or  $\text{O}_2$ . Except ethene any higher alkene will give ketone.

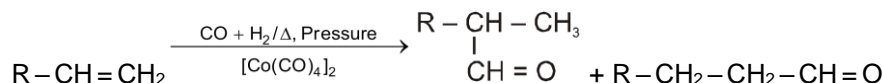


**Note :** During the reaction  $\text{PdCl}_2$  is reduced to  $\text{Pd}$  and  $\text{CuCl}_2$  is reduced to  $\text{Cu(I)}$

### (ii) Oxo-process

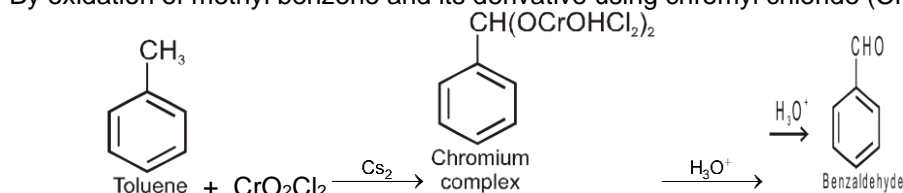
It is also called as carbonylation here terminal alkene reacts with water gas at high temperature and pressure in the presence of cobalt carbonyl catalyst to give aldehyde.

Wilkinson catalyst  $[\text{RhH}(\text{CO})(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3]$  can also be used in promoting the oxo-process.

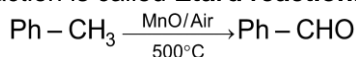


### (iii) Etard reaction

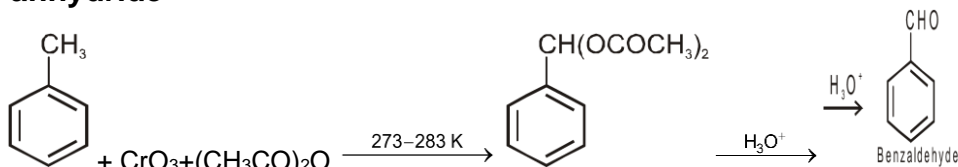
By oxidation of methyl benzene and its derivative using chromyl chloride ( $\text{CrO}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )



This reaction is called **Etard reaction**.

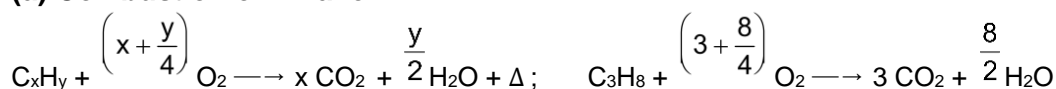


### (iv) Oxidation of methyl benzene and its derivative using chromic oxide ( $\text{CrO}_3$ ) in acetic anhydride



### (v) Combustion

#### (a) Combustion of Alkane



Hydrocarbon + sufficient supply of  $O_2 \Rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O + \Delta$

Hydrocarbon + insufficient supply of  $O_2 \Rightarrow CO + H_2O$  or C (black)

**Ex-34.** How many atoms of oxygen are needed for complete combustion of 2.2 g of propane ?

**Ans.**  $C_3H_8 + 5O_2 \longrightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O$

44 gm of  $C_3H_8$  needs = 5 moles of Oxygen =  $5 \times N_A$  molecule of Oxygen =  $5 \times 2 \times N_A$  atom

2.2 gm of  $C_3H_8$  needs =  $\frac{5 \times 2 \times 2.2 \times N_A}{44} = 0.5 \times N_A$  atoms of Oxygen

**Note :** 1. Heat of combustion  $\propto$  higher homologues

**Ex-35.**  $C_3H_8 > C_2H_6 > CH_4$   $\propto \frac{1}{\text{Branching of alkane (in isomers)}}$   
2. Heat of combustion

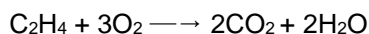
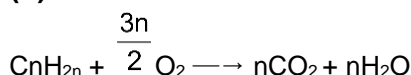
**Ex-36.**  $CH_3-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_3 > \begin{array}{c} CH_3-CH-CH_2 \\ | \\ CH_3 \end{array} -CH_3 > CH_3-\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ | \\ CH_2-C-CH_3 \\ | \\ CH_3 \end{array}$

3. Heat of combustion  $\propto \frac{1}{\text{size of ring (cycloalkane)}}$

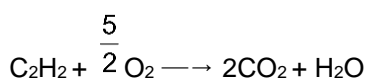
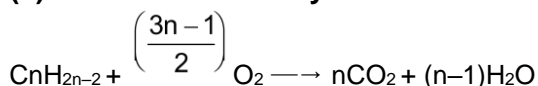
On increasing the size of ring from three to six stability of ring increases and hence heat of combustion (its value) decreases per  $CH_2$  group.

**Ex-37.** 

**(b) Combustion of alkene**

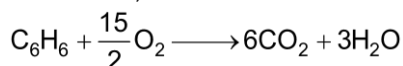


**(c) Combustion of alkyne**

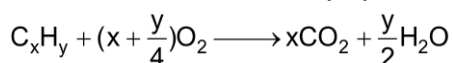


**(d) Combustion of benzene :**

When heated in air, benzene burns with sooty flame producing  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$



General combustion reaction for any hydrocarbon may be given by the following chemical equation:



## Section (C) :Hydrolysis

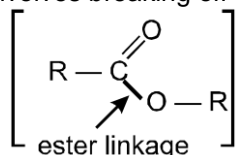
**Introduction :**

**Hydrolysis** is a chemical reaction or process in which a **molecule splits into two parts** by reacting with a molecule of water, ( $H_2O$ ). One of the parts gets  $OH^-$  from the water molecule and the other part gets  $H^+$  from the water. Such reactions are endothermic.

This is distinct from a hydration reaction, in which water molecules are added to a substance, but no fragmentation of molecule/species occurs. Such a process is exothermic.

**(i) Hydrolysis of an ester :**

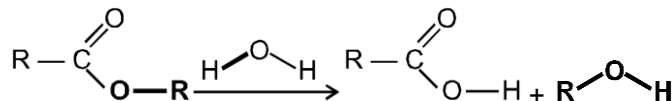
Hydrolysis of an ester involves breaking off an ester link. It can take place in



(a) **Mild acidic medium** : Dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , dilute  $\text{HCl}$ .

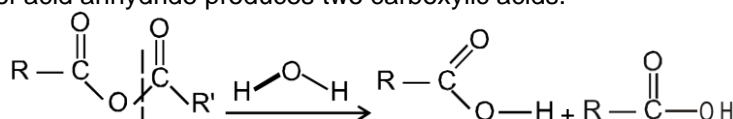
(b) **Strong alkaline medium** : Aqueous  $\text{NaOH}$  or  $\text{KOH}$  and heat.

one hydrolysis product contains a hydroxyl functional group, while the other contains a carboxylic acid functional group.



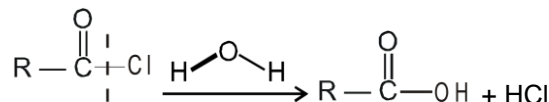
**(ii) Hydrolysis of an anhydride :**

The hydrolysis of acid anhydride produces two carboxylic acids.



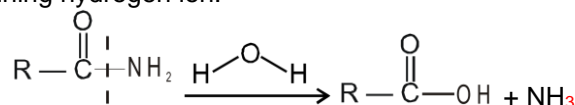
**(iii) Hydrolysis of acid halide :**

Hydrolysis of an acid halide results into a carboxylic acid and hydrogenhalide. Only the carboxylic acid product has a hydroxyl group derived from the water. Hydrohalic acid product gains the remaining hydrogen ion.



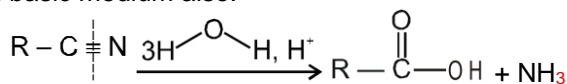
**(iv) Hydrolysis of acid amide :**

Hydrolysis of an amide results into a carboxylic acid and an amine product or ammonia, only the carboxylic acid product has a hydroxyl group derived from the water. The amine product (or ammonia) gains the remaining hydrogen ion.



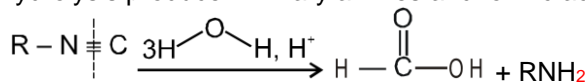
**(v) Hydrolysis of cyanides :**

Cyanide on hydrolysis produce ammonia and carboxylic acids. It is carried out in acidic medium generally but hydrolyse in basic medium also.



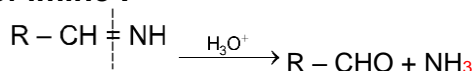
**(vi) Hydrolysis of isocyanides :**

Isocyanides on hydrolysis produce Primary amines and formic acids. It is carried out in acidic medium.



**Note :** Alkylisocyanide does not hydrolyse in basic medium.

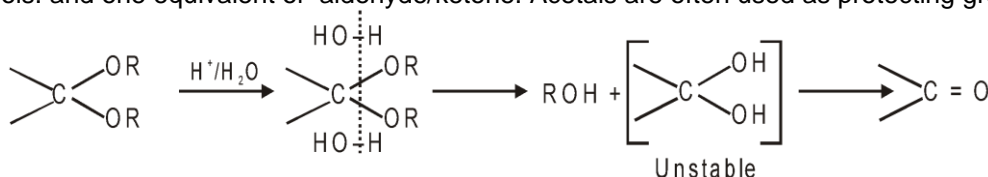
**(vii) Hydrolysis of imine :**



**(viii) Hydrolysis of hemiacetals and acetals :**

Hemiacetals and Acetals has  $\text{R}-\text{O}-\text{R}$  group.

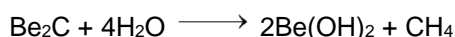
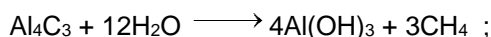
Hemiacetals are unstable and get hydrolysed to aldehyde/ketones even in aq medium. However acetals /Ketals are stable and hydrolyse only in strong acidic medium (HI or HBr) to produce 2 equivalent of alcohols. and one equivalent of aldehyde/ketone. Acetals are often used as protecting groups.



- Note :** (i) Acetal is formed to protect aldehyde for a long time.  
(ii) Acetal has functional groups ether.  
(iii) Acetal formed can be decomposed to original aldehyde by dilute acid.  
(iv) On treating with ethyleneglycol we get cyclic acetal or ketal.

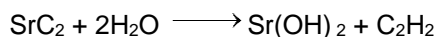
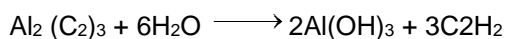
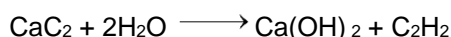
**(ix) Hydrolysis of metal carbide :**

**(a) Methanides :** These give  $\text{CH}_4$  on reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



These carbides contain  $\text{C}^{4-}$  ions in their constitution.

**(b) Acetylides :** These give  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  on reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**(c) Alkylides :** These give 1-propyne on reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



Such compounds contain  $\text{C}_3^{4-} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{:}\ddot{\text{C}}\text{--}\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\text{:} \\ \text{:}\ddot{\text{C}}\text{--}\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\text{:} \end{array} \right]^{4-}$  ions.

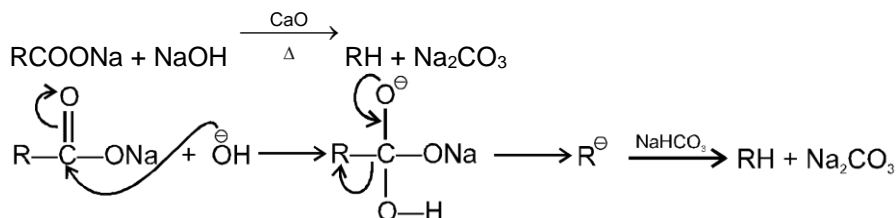
## Section (D) : Decarboxylation and heating effects

**(i) Decarboxylation of sodium salt of acid**

**(a) Synthesis of alkane :**

It is removal of  $\text{CO}_2$ . This reaction is used to descend the series and proceeds via carbanion intermediate.

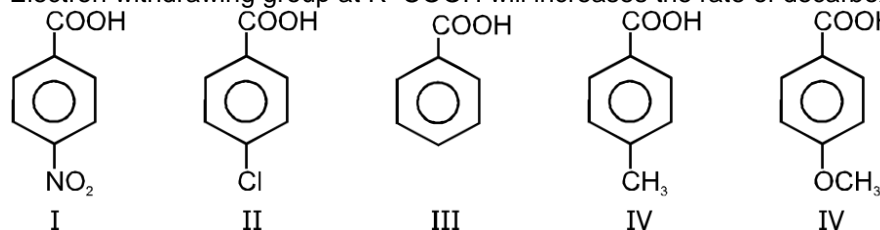
Reagent  $\rightarrow$  Sodalime [mixture of  $\text{NaOH} + \text{CaO}$ ]



**Note -** In this reaction carbanion intermediate is formed.

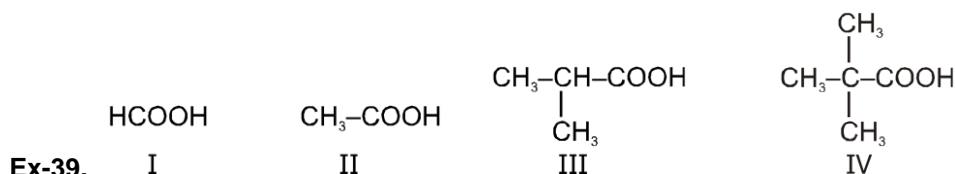
Rate of reaction depends upon the stability of carbanion intermediate.

Electron withdrawing group at  $\text{R}-\text{COOH}$  will increase the rate of decarboxylation.



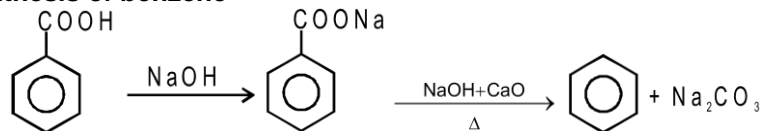
**Ex-38.**

Rate of decarboxylation.  $\text{I} > \text{II} > \text{III} > \text{IV} > \text{V}$

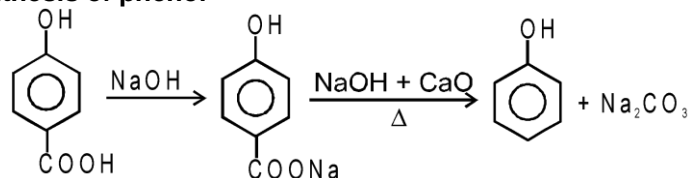


Rate of decarboxylation. I > II > III > IV

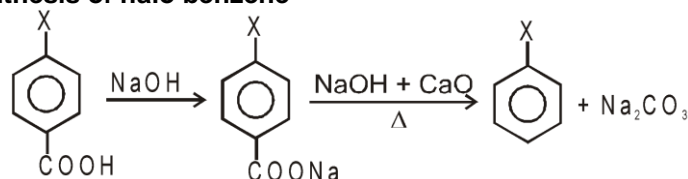
(b) Synthesis of benzene



(c) Synthesis of phenol

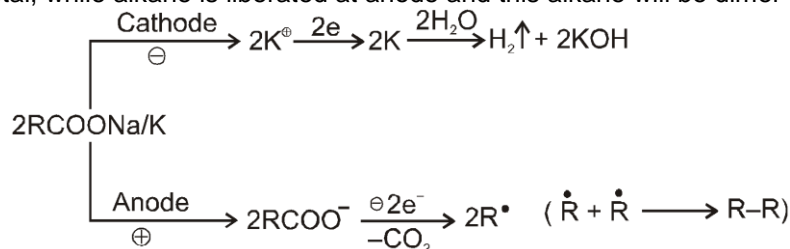


(d) Synthesis of halo benzene

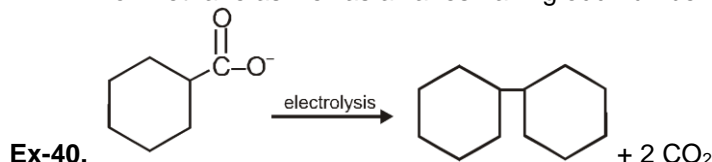


(ii) Kolbe's electrolytic method

(a) Synthesis of alkane : In this method two moles of Na/K - salt of fatty acids is used. During the electrolysis hydrogen gas is liberated at cathode because discharge potential of hydrogen is less than of that metal, while alkane is liberated at anode and this alkane will be dimer of alkyl part of acid.

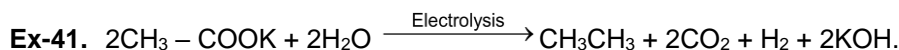


**Note :** 1. This method is used for the preparation of alkane having even number of carbon atoms. It is not used for methane as well as alkanes having odd number of carbon atom.



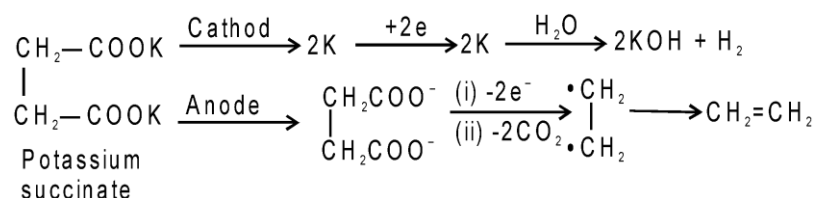
2. During kolbe's electrolysis pH of electrolyte increases progressively due to increases in concentration of alkali.

3. On using two type of Na/K-salt of fatty acids . We get the mixture of three alkanes. Because two type of salt of fatty acids gives us two types of free radicals which may combine to each other as well as itself.

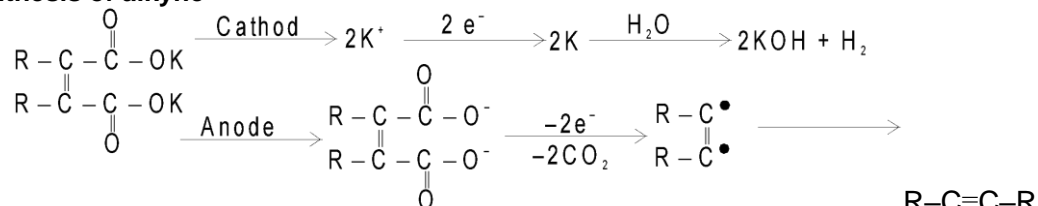


(b) Synthesis of alkene

This reaction gives ethylene as follows

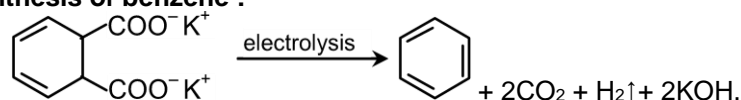


(c) Synthesis of alkyne

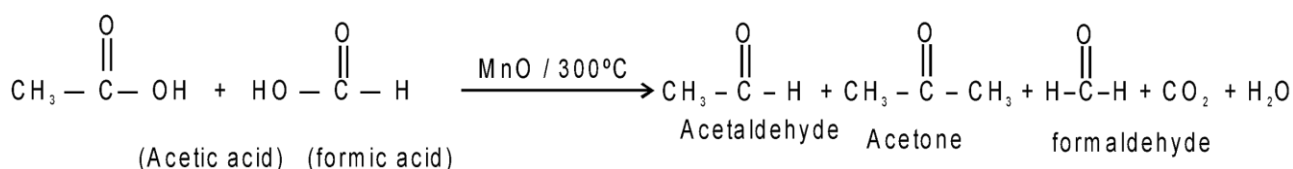
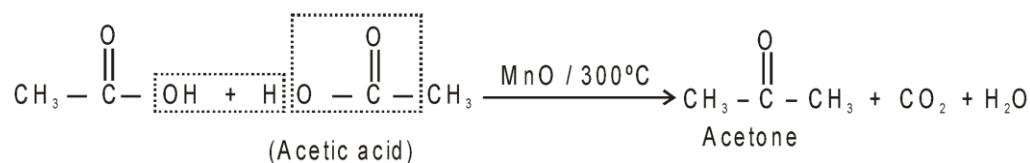
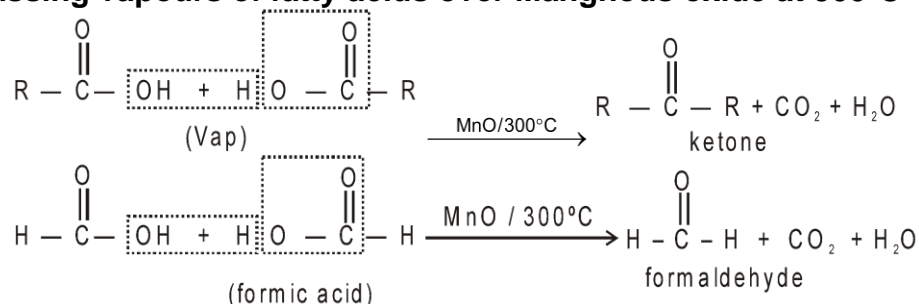


If R = H, product will be  $\text{CH}\equiv\text{CH}$  ; If R =  $\text{CH}_3$ , product will be  $\text{CH}_3-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ .

(d) Synthesis of benzene :

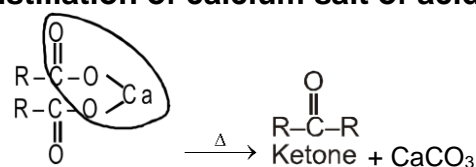


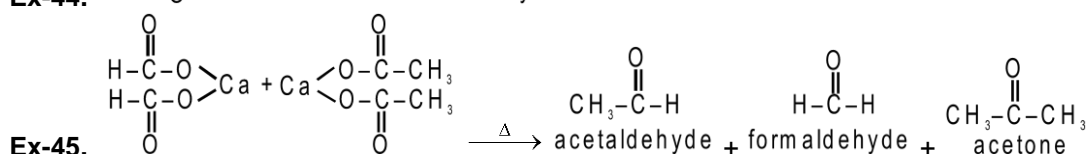
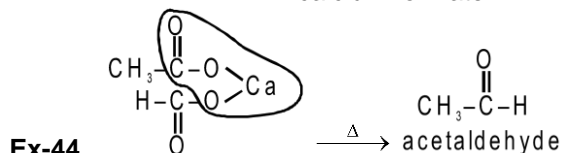
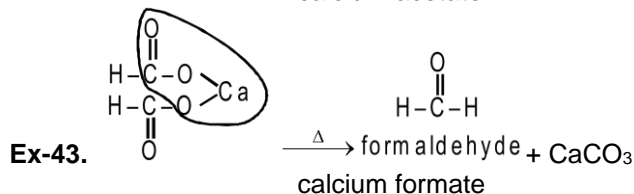
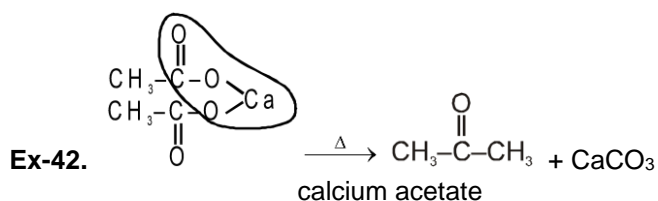
(iii) On passing vapours of fatty acids over Manganous oxide at  $300^\circ\text{C}$



On passing mixture of vapours of fatty acid with formic acid we get a mixture of aldehyde, ketone and formaldehyde.

(iv) Dry distillation of calcium salt of acid :

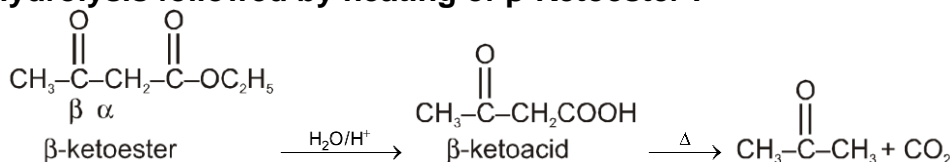




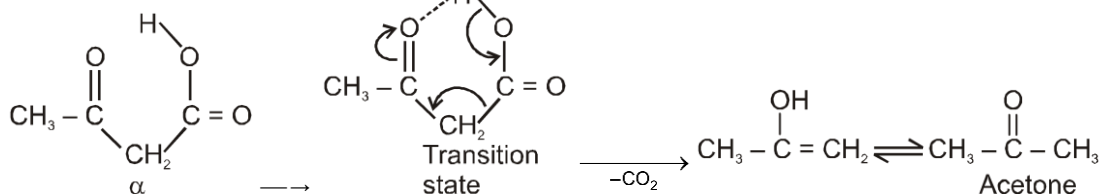
On dry distillation of calcium salt of acetic acid with calcium salt of formic acid we get a mixture of aldehyde, ketone and formaldehyde.

Calcium salt of dibasic acid (1,4 & higher) on distillation) gives cyclic ketones.

(v) Acid hydrolysis followed by heating of  $\beta$ -Ketoester :

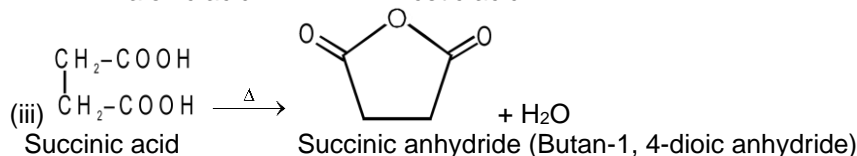
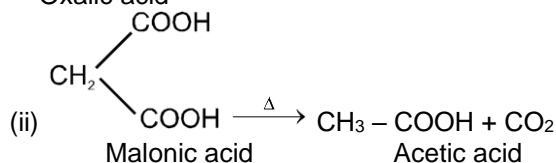
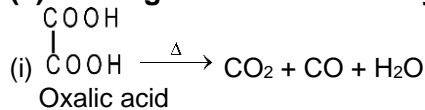


**Note :** It is  $\beta$ -ketoacid which decarboxylate more readily as it proceeds via six membered cyclic transition-state.

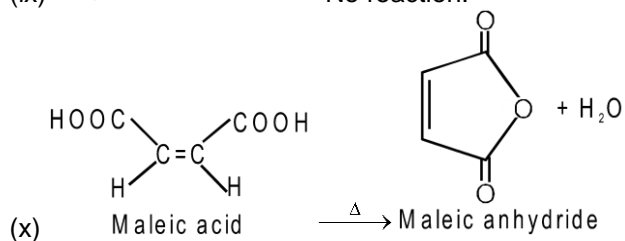
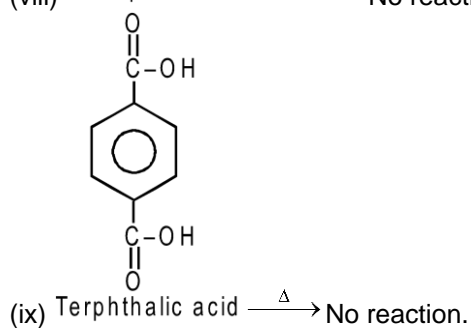
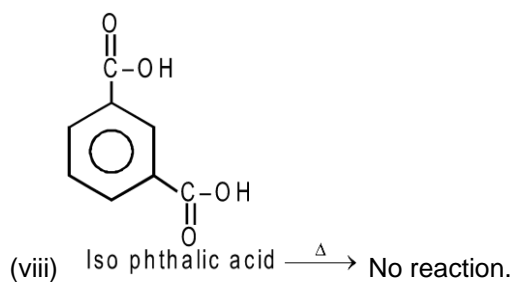
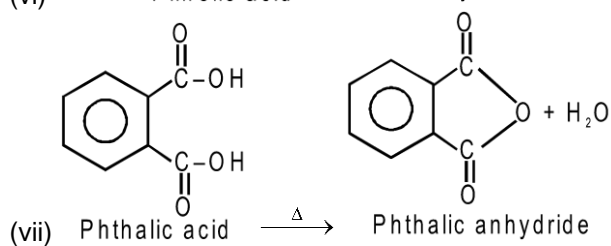
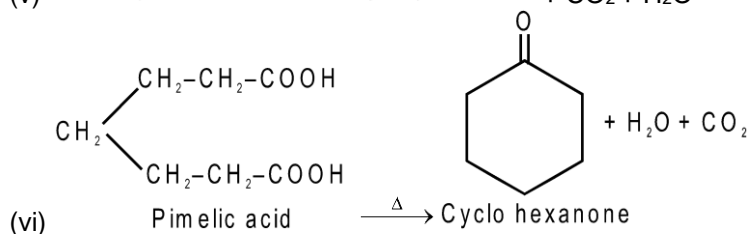
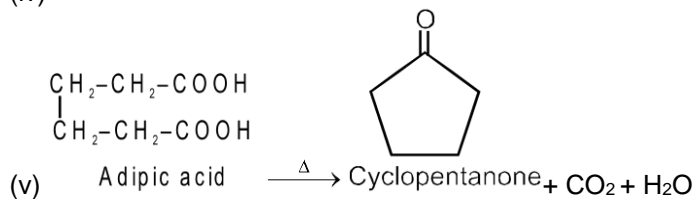
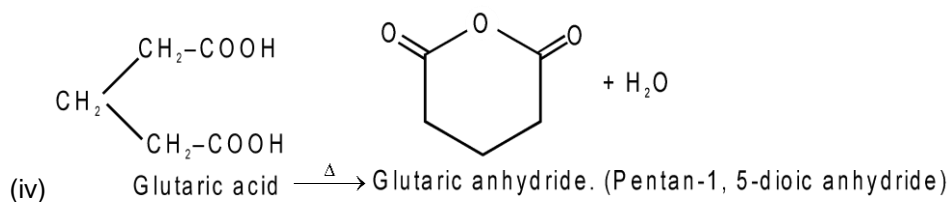


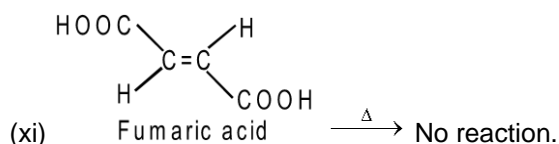
(vi) Heating effects :

(a) Heating effect on dicarboxylic acid :

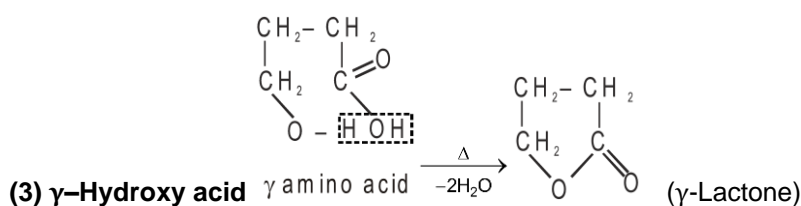
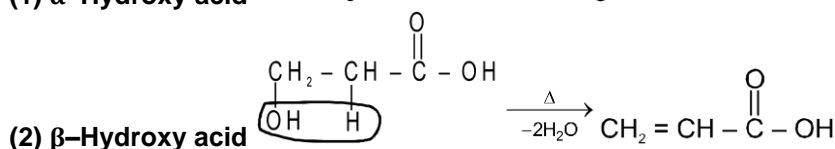
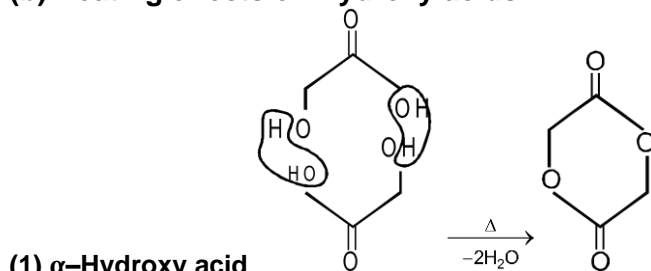




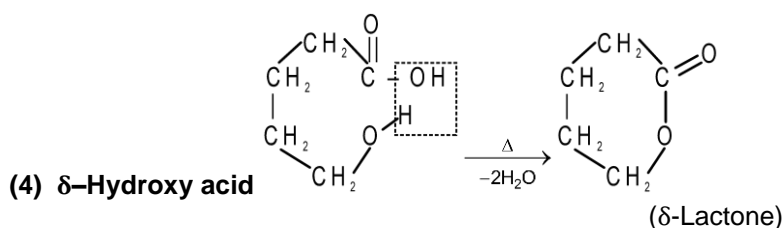




**(b) Heating effects on Hydroxy acids :**

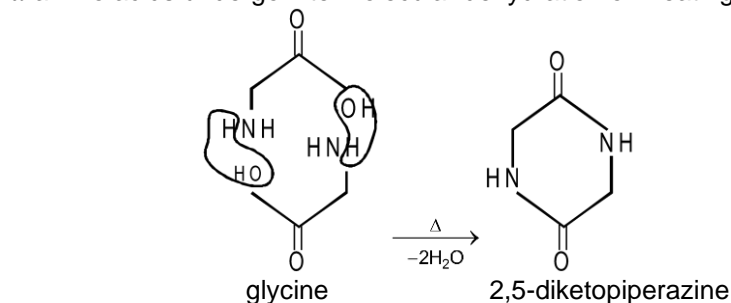


Since 4 or 8 membered rings are less stable the refore  $\beta$ -Hydroxy acids on heating produce  $\alpha, \beta$  unsaturated carboxylic acid.

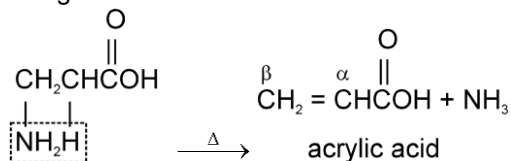


**(c) Heating effect on amino acids**

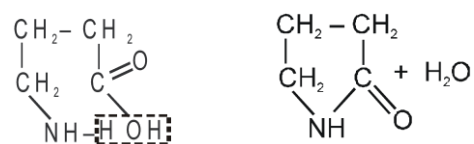
$\alpha$ -amino acids undergo intermolecular dehydration on heating at about  $200^\circ\text{C}$  to give diketopiperazines.



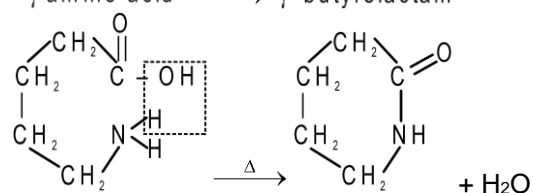
$\beta$ -amino acids undergo intramolecular deamination on heating to form  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated acids.



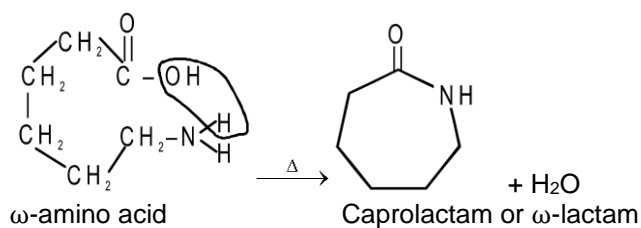
$\gamma$ -amino acids and  $\delta$ -amino acid undergo intramolecular dehydration to form cyclic amides called lactams.



$\gamma$  amino acid  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$   $\gamma$ -butyrolactam



$\delta$ -amino acid  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$   $\delta$ -valerolactam



$\omega$ -amino acid  $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$  Caprolactam or  $\omega$ -lactam