

CHAPTER :-ALCOHOLS, PHENOLS AND
ETHERS

Alcohols = hydroxy derivatives of alkanes / alkyl derivative of H_2O .

Phenols = hydroxy derivatives of benzene

→ Distinguishing Alcohols and Phenols:-

$\text{R}-\text{OH} \rightleftharpoons$

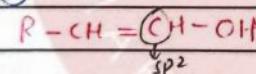
* OH is bonded to sp^3 - hybridized carbon

* OH is bonded to sp^2 - hybridized but sp^2 -hybridized carbon

① $\text{R}-\text{CH}-\text{H}_2\text{C}-\text{OH}$ 2nd carbon is ~~not~~ a part of benzene ring.

sp^3

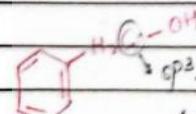
②



$\text{C}-\text{OH}$

alcoholic carbon (sp^3 -hybridized)

③



sp^2 -hybridized carbon (phenol).

→ $\text{Ar}-\text{OH}$

OH bonded to sp^2 -hybridized carbon; then it is a

phenol. (and sp^2 -hybridized carbon is a part of benzene ring)

→ Classification of Alcohols:

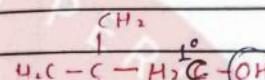
1. Monohydric Alcohols :- (having one OH group)

Monohydric $\text{R}-\text{OH}$

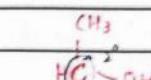
1°

2°

3°



(1° - $\text{R}-\text{OH}$)

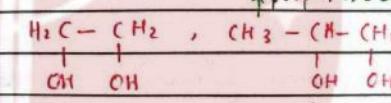


(2° - $\text{R}-\text{OH}$)

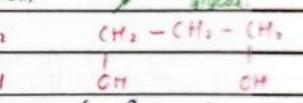
2. Dihydric Alcohols :- (having 2-OH groups)

↑ polyhydroxy alcohol

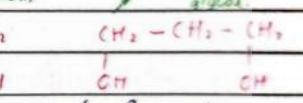
acc to old KP it's a glycol



(ethylene glycol)



(propylene glycol)

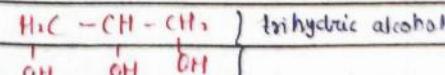


(1,3-propandiol)

Glycol → a dihydric alcohol

must have OH groups on the adjacent C-atoms.

3. Polyhydric Alcohols :- (having more than two OH groups)



(Glycerol/Glycerine)

→ As glucose and fructose have OH groups along

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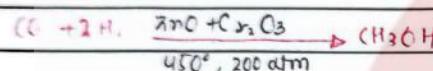
with aldehyde and ketone therefore they can also be included in alcohol family.

→ Methanol:

→ also called:

i) CH_3OH ii) methyl alcohol iii) carbinal
iv) wood spirit.

→ can be prepared by;



→ Ethanol

→ also called;

i) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ii) ethyl alcohol iii) spirit of wine
iv) grain alcohol.

→ most commonly occurring alcohol.

→ Before WW-II, 75% of ethanol was prepared by fermentation but now less than 10% is prepared by this method.

Fermentation:

i) a biochemical process

ii) occurs in the presence of enzymes

iii) enzymes :- secreted by yeast. (no yeast, no enzyme,

In yeast
↳ can secrete 33 imp enzymes.

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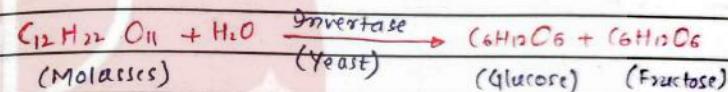
iv) An aerobic process

v) exothermic process.

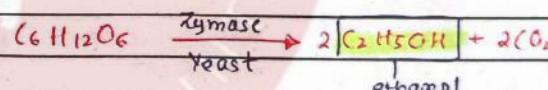
Necessarily Conditions :- (for fermentation)

- i) Proper aeration (if O_2 level high, aerobic respiration occurs)
- ii) dilution of solution (enzymes become inactive in the concentrated soln)
- iii) Optimum temperature ($25^\circ\text{C} - 35^\circ\text{C}$)
- iv) absence of any preservative [preservatives kill micro-organisms (yeast)]

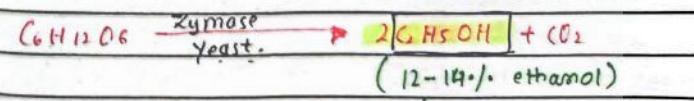
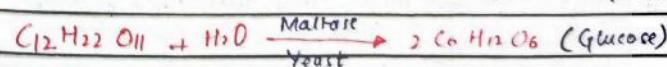
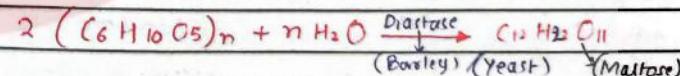
From Molasses;



FG isomers of each other

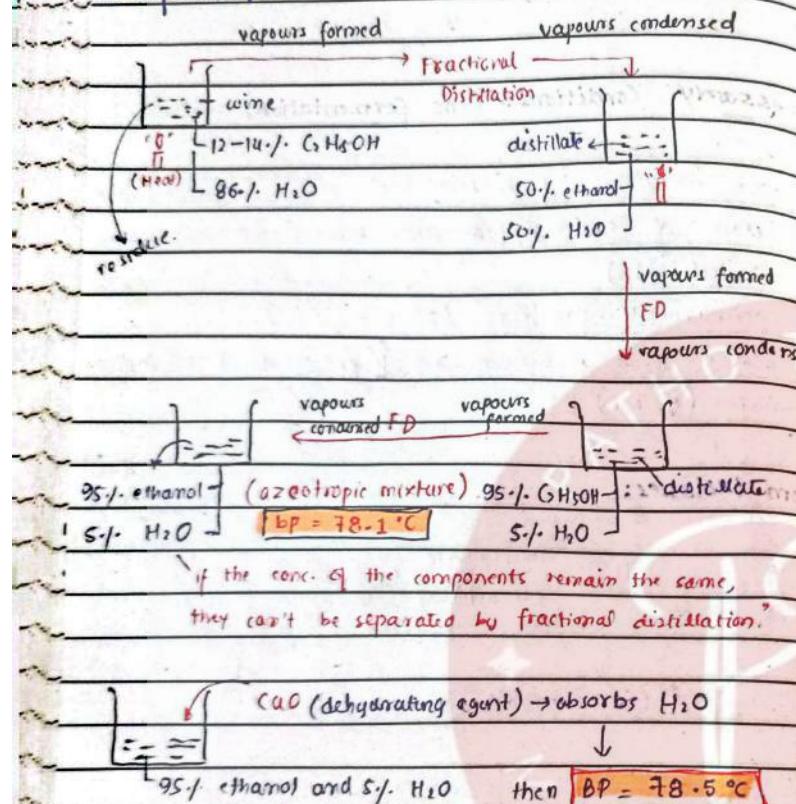


From Starch (Potato, Barley and Maize) → main sources.



↳ rest of 86% is H_2O

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Rectified Spirit:Methylated Spirit:- (Denatured Spirit)

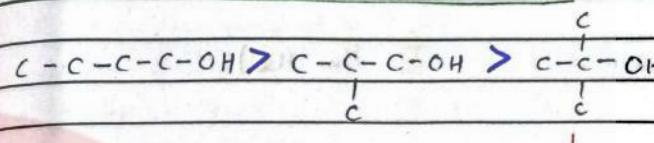
Add i, 10% CH₃OH ii, traces of pyridine
iii, colouring matter

This whole mixture is called "methylated spirit."

→ Boiling Point of Alcohols:

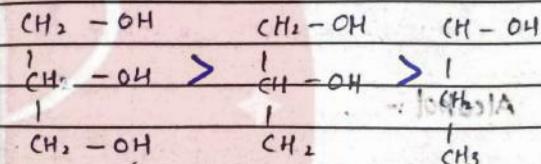
BP \propto molecular mass \propto 1

No. of R groups



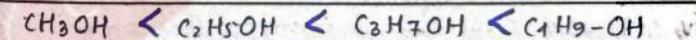
→ more R groups, least surface area, least IMF and hence least boiling point.

BP \propto No. of Hydrogen bonds (No. of OH groups)

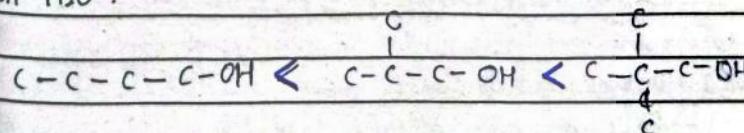


more OH groups so more H-bonds.

BP \propto molecular mass

→ Solubility :-

In H₂O :



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C-C-C-C-OH (greater non-polar surface area,
greater non-polar character and
least solubility in H₂O.)

solubility \propto No. of OH

solubility \propto 1
molecular mass

Solubility or No of branches.

In Non-Polar Solvents:-

1° > 2° > 3° (in ether)

↳ (least molecular mass) \rightarrow smaller non-polar chain.

Reactivity of Alcohols:-

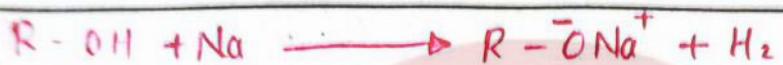
Characteristic Reactions :-

- 1) Elimination rxns (produces alkenes)
- 2) S_N rxns (produces substitution products)
- 3) Electrophilic substitution rxns

① C-H bond breaking

acid-base rxn (shows acidic nature)

Electrophilic substitution rxn.

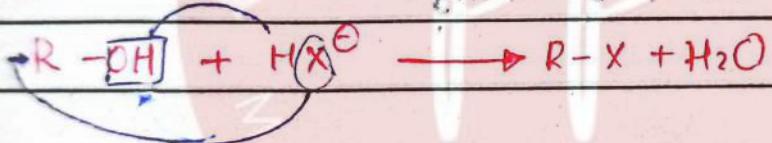


② C-O bond breaking:-

Shows the basic nature

S_N rxn

→ standard prod H-O or and +



③ C-H(β) and C-O breaking:

β-Elimination / 1,2-Elimination (reactivity order $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$)

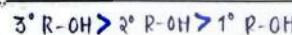
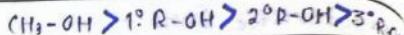
① C-H(α) and O-H breaking; α-elimination

Loridation rxn.

Reaction in which C-O bond Rxn in which O-H bnd
breaks breaks.

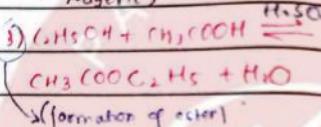
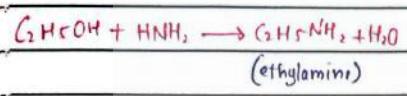
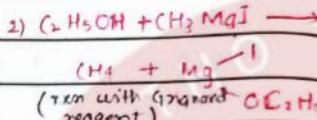
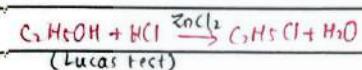
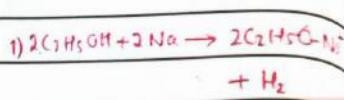
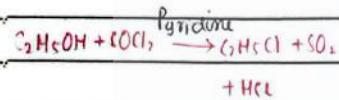
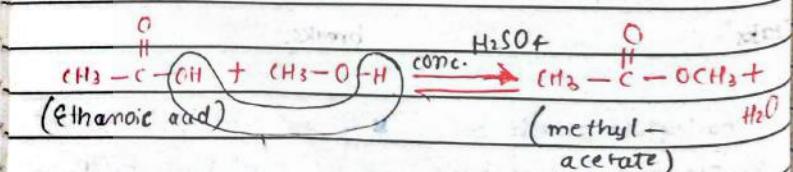
* If a nucleophile attacks on an R-OH, C-O bond breaks and a carbocation is formed.

* If an electrophile attacks, the O-H bond breaks & an alkoxide ion is formed.

Order of Reactivity:Order of Reactivity:

Rxns:

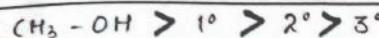
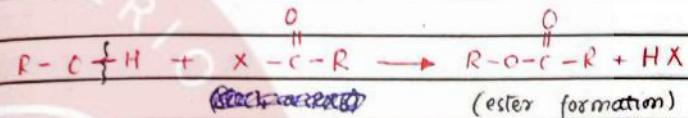
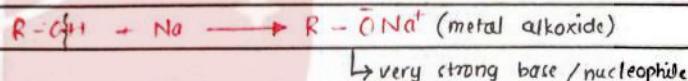
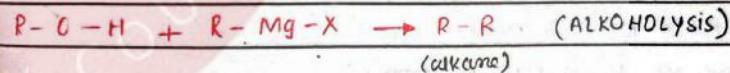
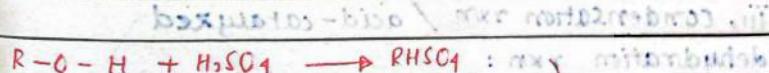
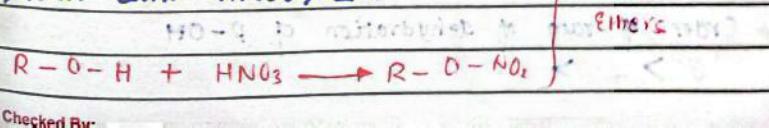
Rxns

Reactions of Alcohol :-→ Due to O-H bond breaking :-i. Esterification :→ formation of Ester→ 'H' for H₂O formation comes from ethanol/ and OH₋ from acetic acid (carboxylic acid)→ called as Fischer Esterification→ a type of condensation rxn.

It is reversible and the position of equilibrium lies slightly to the products side when reactants are simple alkyl alcohols.

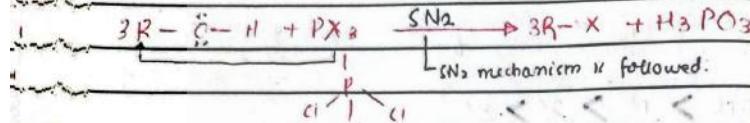
→ Order of reactivity of R-OH

→ for steric reasons, the order of reactivity is given as;

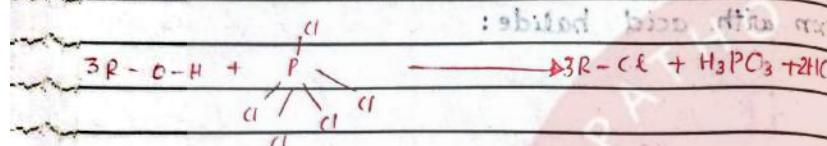
ii) Rxn with acid halide:iii) Rxn with reactive Metal:iv) Rxn with Grignard Reagent:v) Rxn with H₂SO₄ / Δ :vi) Rxn with HNO₃ / Δ :

→ Rxn Due to C-O Bond Breaking:

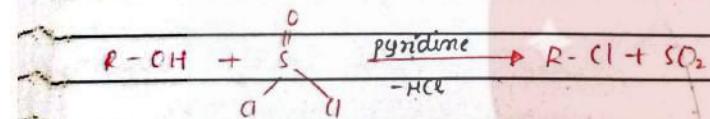
i) Rxn with PX_3 : (Phosphorus trihalides)



→ Rxn with PX_5



ii) Rxn with SOCl_2 : (Intramolecular dehydration rxn)

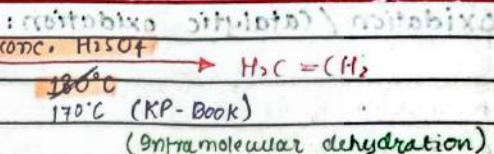


SN_2 mechanism is followed (Proving) below rxn

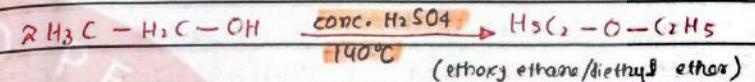
In these first 3 rxns,
 $\text{R}-\text{OH}$ act as initial nucleophile
 X^- is the main nucleophile.

iii) condensation rxn / acid-catalyzed
dehydration rxn:

- Intermolecular dehydration
- Order of rate of dehydration of $\text{R}-\text{OH}$

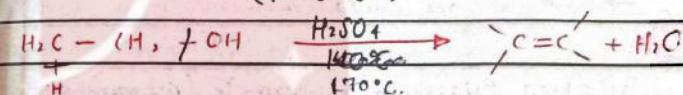


- elimination rxn → acid-catalyzed
- unimolecular dehydration dehydration.
- breaking of C-O and C-H bond



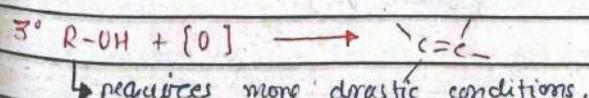
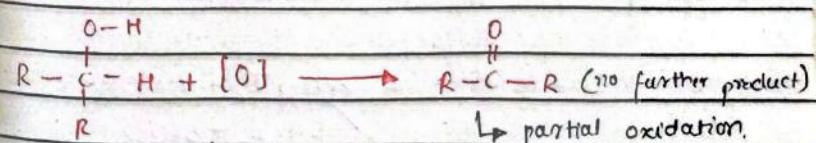
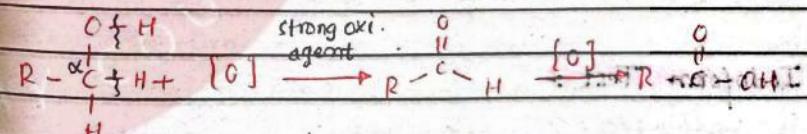
- condensation rxn → inter-molecular dehydration
- Bimolecular dehydration. (b/w two molecules)

(c) C-O and C-H bond breaking:-(β -1,2-elimination rxn)



→ Intramolecular dehydration (within the molecule)

(d) O-H and C-H breaking (of same carbon): (α-hydrogen) (oxidation rxn)



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1 HI, HBr → give fast rxn
↳ no need of catalyst.

HF, HCl → slow rxn
↳ need a catalyst

${}^1\text{R-OH} + \text{LR} \rightarrow$ very slow (no rxn at RTP)
(weakest base)

${}^2\text{R-OH} + \text{LR} \rightarrow$ intermediate speed
(5 to 10 mins)

Result :- i, oily layer formation

i (formation of ii, cloudy appearance

alkyl halide) iii, turbid appearance

${}^3\text{R-OH} + \text{LR} \rightarrow$ Fastest rxn (immediately)

Results :- i, oily appearance.

ii, cloudy appearance

iii, turbidity.

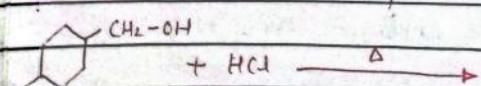
Ques: An unknown alcohol is treated with Lucas

Reagent. WOF give faster rxn and by what mechanism?

Ⓐ ${}^3\text{O}(\text{SN}_1)$ Ⓑ ${}^1\text{O}(\text{SN}_1)$ Ⓒ ${}^2\text{O}(\text{SN}_2)$

Ⓓ ${}^3\text{O}(\text{SN}_2)$

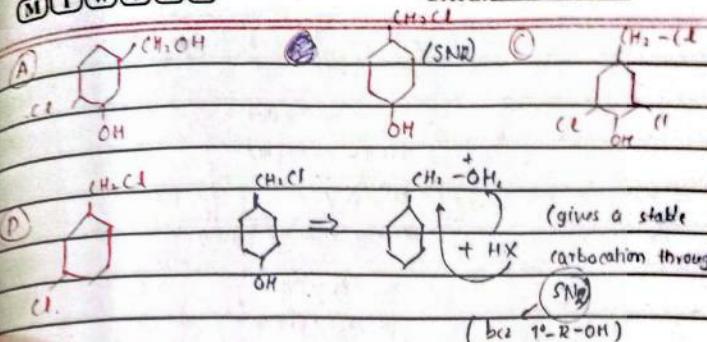
Ans: WOF is the main product of



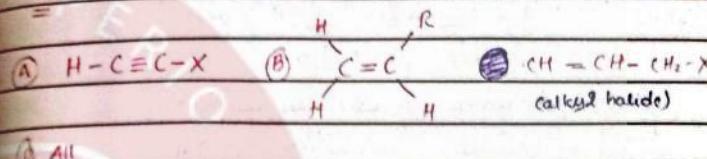
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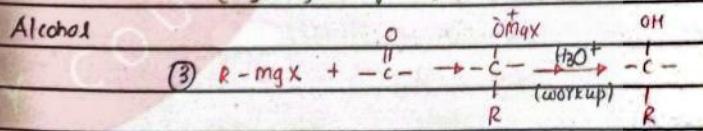
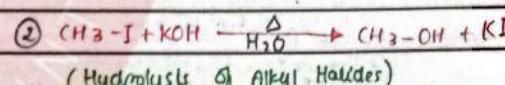
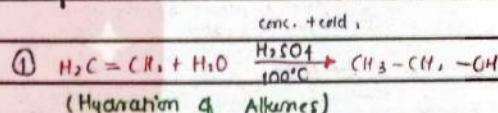
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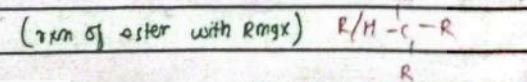
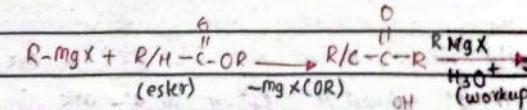
Mechanism: WOF give SN1 rxn more easily.



Preparation of Alcohols:



other aldehydes $\rightarrow {}^2\text{R-OH}$ (Rxn of R-MgX with carbonyl compounds)



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2. Dihydric Alcohols Phenols

| Phenol | IUPAC NAME | COMMON NAME |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| | 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene (benzene-1,2-diol) | Catechol |
| | 1,3-Dihydroxybenzene (benzene-1,3-diol) | Resorcinol |
| | 1,4-Dihydroxybenzene (benzene-1,4-diol) | Quinol (Hydroquinone) |

3. Trihydric Phenols:

| Phenol | IUPAC Name | Common Name |
|--------|--|----------------|
| | 1,2,3-Trihydroxybenzene : gallic acid, 3,5,7-trihydroxyphenol | Pyrogallol |
| | 1,2,4-Trihydroxybenzene | Hydroxyquinol |
| | 1,3,5-Trihydroxybenzene | Phloroglucinol |

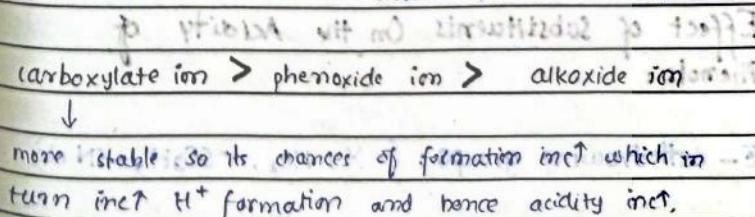
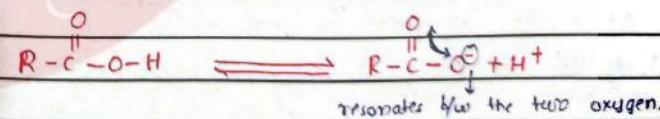
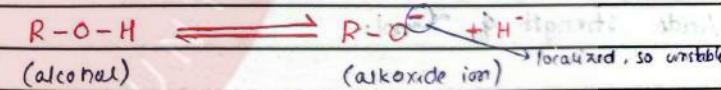
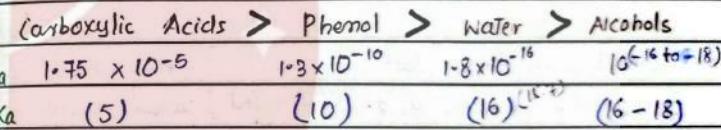
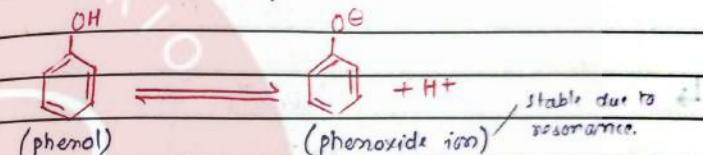
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Physical Properties:-

- 1) colourless liq / low MP solid at RTP.
- 2) characteristic phenolic odour.
- 3) MP = 41 °C and BP = 182 °C.
- 4) sparingly soluble in H₂O at RTP i.e. 25 °C and completely soluble in H₂O at 68.5 °C (forms pink soln)
- 5) poisonous and used as disinfectant in hospitals & washrooms.

Acidic Nature of Phenol:-

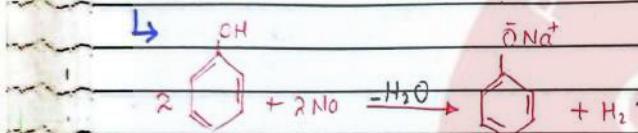
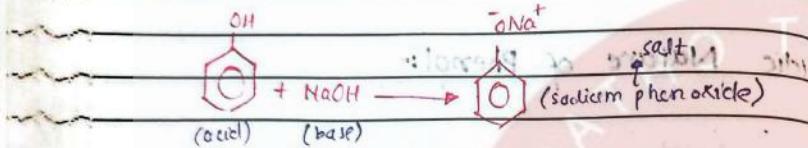


K_a or acidic strength

| | |
|------------|--|
| K_a or 1 | |
| pK_a | |

PHENOLS:-

↳ dissolves in alkalies



rxn with base → forms salt
rxn with metal → forms H_2 gas is released

] shows the acidic nature.

Acidic Strength of Phenol:-

- i) no effect on litmus paper
- ii) doesn't evolve CO_2 from CO_3^{2-} and HCO_3^{-}
- iii) pH of its soln is 5 or 6.

Effect of Substituents On the Acidity of Phenols:

$\bar{\alpha}$ - withdrawing groups: (-X, NO_2 , $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{CN}$ etc)

ii) tends to disperse -ive charge on phenoxide ion.

- ii) stabilize the phenoxide ion.
- iii) increases the acidity. e.g. nitrophenol is more acidic than phenol.

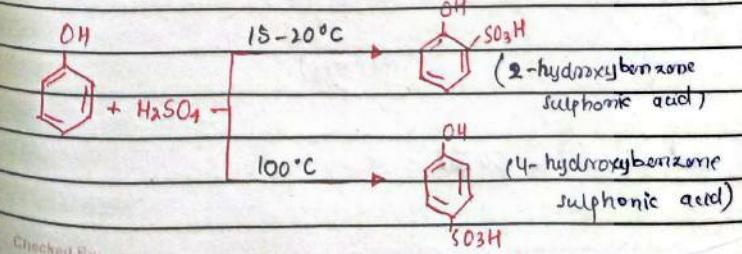
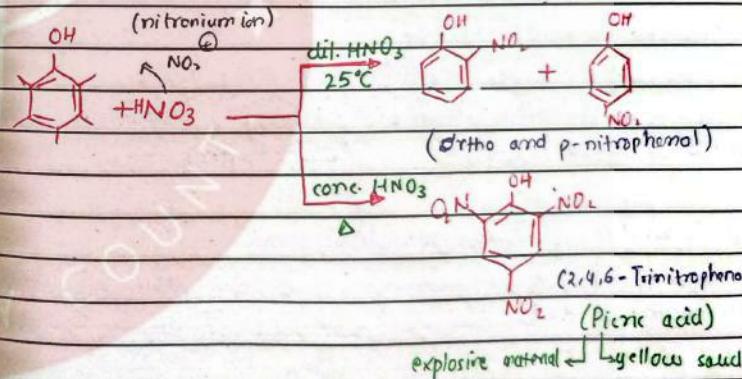
 $\bar{\alpha}$ -donating groups (-NH₂, -OR, -R etc)

- i) tends to intensify the -ive charge on phenoxide ion.
- ii) destabilize the phenoxide ion.
- iii) dec^l the acidity. e.g. methylphenol is less acidic than phenol.

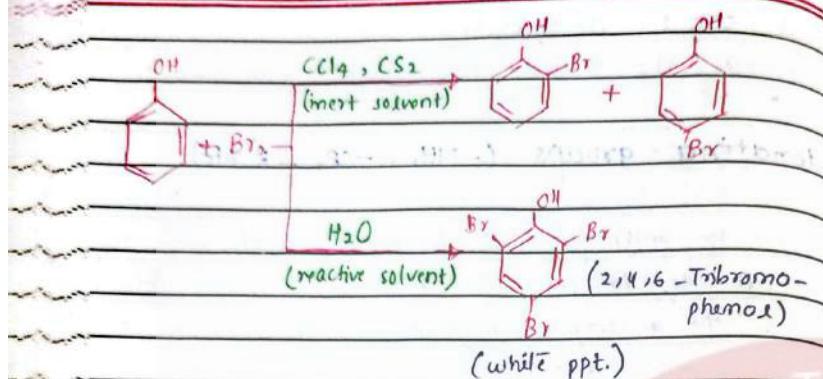
Para substituted phenol is more acidic than ortho phenol. (bcz of the intramolecular H-bonding)

Reactions of Phenol:-

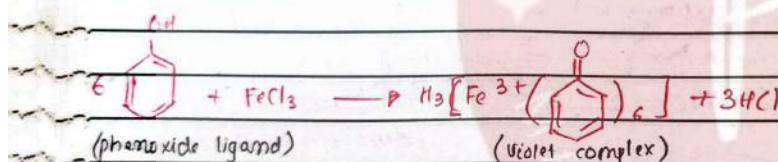
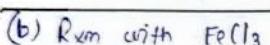
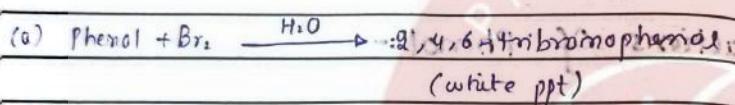
ES Rxns (in which the benzene ring is involved).



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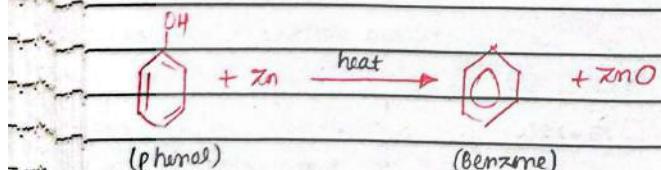


Identification of Phenol:-

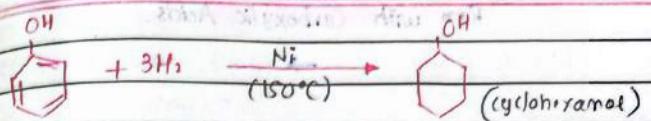


(c) Reduction of Phenol

i) with Zn dust.



ii) with H_2 ($\text{Ni}, 150^\circ\text{C}$)



Differentiating Alcohols And Phenols:

Alcohols

Phenols

Hydroxy derivative of

alkanes

Hydroxy derivatives of

benzene

Lowers alcohols are

generally colourless liquids.

Colourless crystalline

deliquescent solids

Less acidic ($\text{pK}_a = 16-20$)

More acidic ($\text{pK}_a = 10$)

Characteristic sweet smell.

Characteristic phenolic smell.

Br_2 -Water Test

No rxn with $\text{Br}_2-\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Give white ppt. with Br_2 -water.

Rxn With NaOH

No rxn with NaOH .

React with NaOH to form salt. (bcz it's a weak acid)

Solubility in H_2O

Readily soluble in H_2O

Sparsely soluble in H_2O

at R.T.

Rxn with FeCl_3

No rxn.

give purple ppt.

Rxn with Carboxylic Acids

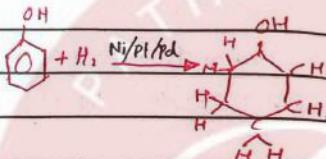
→ give esters with fruity smell. → can't react bcz both are acids.

Rxn With HX

→ Lucas test: testing b/w alcohols & carboxylic acids.

Metal Catalytic Reduction

→ can't undergo catalytic reduction bcz they are already in reduced state. → forms cyclohexanol. → can undergo catalytic hydrogenation.



Diazonium Salt

→ no rxn gives dyes

Rxn With a Reactive Metal

(Na, K, Mg, etc.)

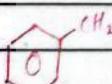
→ can react. → can react

alcohols

Aromatic

Aliphatic

(R-OH)

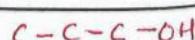
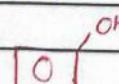


~~Self-reaction~~

→ cyclic non-cyclic

→ OH not directly

attached to aromatic ring.



C-C-C-OH

(alkanol)

ETHERS

→ derivatives of H_2O (diethyl) / alkoxy derivatives of alkanes
→ Lewis base

Reactivity ::

- Very unstable towards -I, Dilute acid
- ii, very strong conjugate base
- iii, strong reducing agent
- iv, strong oxidizing agent

Only reactive towards,

- I. hot and conc. strong acids
- II. oxonium ions.

Preparation:

I. Intramolecular dehydration of alcohols (H_2SO_4 / 140°C)

II. Williamson Synthesis.

