



Chem 14C Final Exam
Winter 2021, Dr. Amber Reilly
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1) Shows below are three different conformations of 2,3,4-trimethylpentane using Newman projections. Among the conformations shown, indicate which is the most stable and which is the least stable by circling the letter A, B, or C in the spaces provided. (4 pts each, 8 pts total)

Most stable (circle one): A B **C** C
Least stable (circle one): A B **C** C

2) Shows below are two different chair conformations of 1-tert-butyl-1,4-difluorocyclohexane. A fluorine atom is slightly larger than a hydrogen atom. Indicate which conformation is more stable by circling the letter A or B in the space provided. (2 pts per answer in the space provided, 4 pts total)

More stable (circle one): **A** B

3) For each pair of compounds below, indicate which compound is expected to have the higher boiling point (Compound A or Compound B in each pair). Circle your answer next to each box. (2 pts each, 6 pts total)

(Circle one): A **B**
(Circle one): **A** B
(Circle one): **A** B

CH₃, CH₃ gauche (bad) 2 bad
CH₃, CH₃ gauche (bad) 2 bad
CH₃, F gauche (worse) 1 bad
CH₃, F gauche (worse) 1 bad
most stable
CH₃, F gauche (bad) 1 bad
CH₃, F gauche (worse) 1 worse
CH₃, F gauche (worse) 1 worse
least stable
only slightly larger than H, while F is massive
much more stable in equatorial

both have H-bonding, D-D, and LDF, but the LDF is stronger for B due to larger surface area
A has H-bonding, B does not (no NH)
A is ionic (S²⁻ Na⁺), B is not

4) For each compound shown below, state how many stereoisomers there are for each. Place your answers in the boxes provided. (2 pts each, 15 pts total)

4 4 3

5) Indicate which side of the equilibrium is favored for the reaction shown below by circling the word Reactants or Products below. Indicate the reason for your answer by circling one of the following: Atom (A), Resonance (R), Inductive Effect (I), or Orbital (O). If more than one effect contributes, select ONLY the effect that has the most significant impact. Add arrows on the reactants side to show the mechanism of the reaction (5 pts each circle, 2 pts for arrows, 12 pts total)

Favored (circle one): **Reactants** Products
Reason (circle one): A R I **O**

6) Indicate which side of the equilibrium is favored for the reaction shown below by circling the word Reactants or Products. Indicate the reason for your answer by circling one of the following: Atom (A), Resonance (R), Inductive Effect (I), or Orbital (O). If more than one effect contributes, select ONLY the effect that has the most significant impact. (5 pts each, 10 pts total)

Favored (circle one): **Reactants** Products
Reason (circle one): A **B** I O

Two different cis/trans isomers due to stereocenters AND because there is also a chiral center, each cis/trans can have the chiral center as R or S
4 total stereoisomers
in summary → cis, R cis, S trans, R trans, S 4 stereoisomers
Symmetry plane means there will be one meso stereoisomer (meso = achiral, so no enantiomer) → 1 less stereoisomer than 2ⁿ → 4-1 = 3
The oxygen in this position can donate by resonance into the N where the (δ)-charge is, which gives another resonance structure with complete octets (more stable than H-F; O is unable to donate)
The oxygen in this position CANNOT donate directly into the N where the (δ)-charge is (less stable than the one where oxygen can donate by resonance)
A → same
R → neither has resonance → if you thought the one w/ the double bond had resonance
I → both have no inductive effect
O → sp² vs sp³
↑ more s-character = more stable base (weaker acid)
Complete octet, e⁻ can't be moved as shown → NO resonance

7) The pKa values for the conjugate acids of the amines shown below are 7.1 and 10.0, respectively. Only Amine C's conjugate acid has the expected pKa value of 10. In 1-2 words or less explain why the conjugate acid of Amine A has such a low pKa. Do not provide an explanation for Amine B, only Amine A. (4 pts)

Explanation:
A → aromatic
Conj. acid A → antiaromatic
A highly favored

8) State the relationship between the following pairs of molecules selecting from the following options: enantiomers, diastereomers, constitutional isomers, identical, resonance structures, unrelated. Place your answers in the boxes provided below. (4 pts each, 12 pts total)

identical
Constitutional isomers
identical

9) For each structure shown below, identify the most downfield proton(s) in ¹H NMR by indicating the carbon to which they are attached using the numbering shown below. (2 pts each, 6 pts total)

most downfield H is on carbon #: 2
most downfield H is on carbon #: 6
Alkene H (5-7 ppm) most downfield H is on carbon #: 6
sp² and sp are all attached to more carbons than sp³ or 6 (methyl, methylene, methine) (also due to resonance, but the above explains it too)

enantiomer was accepted for full credit, but is not correct. I didn't want to penalize people who recognized there was a chiral center but improperly did R/S when some people didn't recognize and got full credit.
Since you have the same connectivity of atoms, they must be either:
1) identical or 2) Diastereomers (cis/trans, E/Z isomers)
The cis/trans labels here are just for the purposes of seeing if the relative configuration between groups is the same or different from one structure to the next
both are trans, trans → IDENTICAL
C=C both highlighted in yellow have the same substituents
C=C both highlighted in purple have the same substituents

10) Determine the structure of a compound having the molecular formula C₇H₁₁NO, based on its ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and IR spectra. On the next page, provide the IHD, structural fragments, and your final structure in the space provided. You MUST show fragments and arrows. DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE STRUCTURE in the last box or only the lower-scoring structure will be counted. (20 pts)

2° amine (no OH group)
no C=O
2-3 ppm (attached to N)
-CH₃ (x2) (attached to carbon)
-CH₂ (x2) (attached to carbon)

Same molecular formula → 7C chain w/ C=O at C2 and C5 (and same net charge, -1)
diff connectivity of atoms
1st structure has 1H at C3, 2H at C4
2nd structure has 2H at C3, 1H at C4
Resonance structures move only e⁻, not atoms
as a result, these are NOT resonance structures of one another

Problem 10 Answer Page
IHD = 0

Fragments:

Structure:

[20 points]

To clarify further:
1st compound (left) NOT the same (charge on diff atoms, they are not resonance structures of one another)
2nd compound (right)

Partial Credit Structures
Any connectivity that changed the splitting got credit for fragments and IHD ONLY [max of 10/20] (same as midterm 2)
If you got > 10 pts, you got credit beyond fragments and IHD depending on how well the chemical shifts matched