Chapter 7 – Alkenes: Structure and Reactivity

Solutions to Problems

7.1 Because two hydrogens must be removed from a saturated compound to introduce an unsaturation, a compound's degree of unsaturation refers to the number of pairs of hydrogens by which its formula differs from that of the corresponding saturated compound. For example, a saturated alkane with four carbons has the formula C₄H₁₀. The compound in (a), C₄H₈, which has two fewer (or one pair fewer) hydrogens, may have a double bond or a ring. C₈H₁₄ thus has a degree of unsaturation of 1.



- **7.2** Unlike the hydrocarbons in the previous problems, the compounds in this problem contain additional elements. Review the rules for these elements.
 - (a) Subtract one hydrogen for each nitrogen present to find the formula of the equivalent hydrocarbon $-C_6H_4$. Compared to the alkane C_6H_{14} , the compound of formula C_6H_4 has 10 fewer hydrogens, or 5 fewer hydrogen pairs, and has a degree of unsaturation of 5.
 - (b) $C_6H_5NO_2$ also has 5 degrees of unsaturation because oxygen does not affect the equivalent hydrocarbon formula of a compound.
 - (c) A halogen atom is equivalent to a hydrogen atom in calculating the equivalent hydrocarbon formula. For C₈H₉Cl₃, the equivalent hydrocarbon formula is C₈H₁₂, and the degree of unsaturation is 3.
 - (d) $C_9H_{16}Br_2$ one degree of unsaturation.
 - (e) $C_{10}H_{12}N_2O_3 6$ degrees of unsaturation.
 - (f) $C_{20}H_{32}ClN 5$ degrees of unsaturation.

7.3 A C₁₆ hydrocarbon with 11 degrees of unsaturation (three rings and eight double bonds) has a formula $C_{16}H_{34}-H_{22} = C_{16}H_{12}$. Adding two hydrogens (because of the two nitrogens) and subtracting one hydrogen (because of the chlorine), gives the formula $C_{16}H_{13}CIN_2O$ for Diazepam.



- **7.4** (1) Find the longest chain containing the double bond and name it. In (a), the longest chain is a pentene.
 - (2) Identify the substituents. There are three methyl groups in (a).
 - (3) Number the substituents, remembering that the double bond receives the lowest possible number. The methyl groups are attached to C3 and C4 (two methyl groups).
 - (4) Name the compound, remembering to use the prefix "tri-" before "methyl" and remembering to use a number to signify the location of the double bond. The name of the compound in (a) is 3,4,4-trimethyl-1-pentene.
 - (a) $\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} CH_{3} CH_{3} (b) \\ H_{2}C = CHCH CCH_{3} \\ CH_{3} CH_{3} CH_{3} (c) \\ CH_{3} CH = CHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH_{3} CH_{3} CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH_{3} CH_{3} CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH = CHCHCHCH = CHCHCH_{3} CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH = CHCHCHCH_{2}CH_{3} \\ CH_{3}CH_{2}C$

7.5 It is much easier to draw a structure from a given name than it is to name a structure. First, draw the carbon chain, placing the double bond or bonds in the designated locations. Then attach the cited groups in the proper positions.



7.9 Compounds (c), (e), and (f) can exist as cis-trans isomers.



7.11 Review the sequence rules presented in Section 7.5. A summary:

- *Rule 1*: An atom with a higher atomic number has priority over an atom with a lower atomic number.
- *Rule 2*: If a decision cannot be reached by using Rule 1, look at the second, third, or fourth atom away from the double-bond carbon until a decision can be made.
- *Rule 3*: Multiple-bonded atoms are equivalent to the same number of single-bonded atoms.

	Higher	Lower	Rule		Higher	Lower	Rule
(a)	–CH3	—Н	1	(b)	–Cl	-CH2Cl	1
(c)	-CH=CH2	-CH2CH2Br	3	(d)	–OCH3	–NHCH3	1
(e)	-CH=O	-CH2OH	3	(f)	-CH=O	-CH2OCH3	3

- 7.12 *Highest priority Lowest Priority*
 - (a) –Cl, –OH, –CH3, –H
 - (b) -CH2OH, -CH=CH2, -CH2CH3, -CH3
 - (c) $-CO_2H$, $-CH_2OH$, $-C\equiv N$, $-CH_2NH_2$
 - (d) $-CH_2OCH_3, -C\equiv N, -C\equiv CH, -CH_2CH_3$



Low
$$H_3C$$
 CH_2OH Low $C=C$ Z
High CH_3CH_2 Cl High

First, consider the substituents on the right side of the double bond. –Cl ranks higher than –CH₂OH by Rule 1 of the Cahn–Ingold–Prelog rules. On the left side of the double bond, –CH₂CH₃ ranks higher than –CH₃. The isomer is Z when the two higher priority groups lie on the same side of the double bond. Otherwise, the isomer is E.

(b) High Cl CH_2CH_3 Low Low CH₃O $CH_2CH_2CH_3$ High (c) High H_3C $CH_2CH_2CH_3$ High Low $CH_2CH_2CH_3$ High Z CH_2OH Low

Notice that the upper substituent on the left side of the double bond is of higher priority because of the methyl group attached to the ring.

(d) Low H CN High C=C CN High High H_3C CH₂NH₂ Low

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(a)
$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ C = C \\ H \\ CH_3 \end{array}$$

2-Methylpropene disubstituted double bond

(b) H
$$CH_2CH_2CH_3$$

 $C=C$ E H_3C H

trans-2-Hexene no steric strain



1-Methylcyclohexene trisubstituted double bond Less stable

$$\begin{array}{c} H_{\rm C}=C_{\rm H}^{\rm CH_2CH_3}\\ H_{\rm H}^{\rm C}=C_{\rm H}^{\rm CH_2CH_3}\end{array}$$

1-Butene monosubstituted double bond



cis-2-Hexene steric strain of groups on the same side of the double bond



3-Methylcyclohexene disubstituted double bond

7.16 All of these reactions are electrophilic additions of HX to an alkene. Use Markovnikov's rule to predict orientation.



In accordance with Markovnikov's rule, H forms a bond to the carbon with fewer substituents, and Br forms a bond to the carbon with more substituents.



1-Bromo-1-methylcyclohexane

7.17 Think backward in choosing the alkene starting material for synthesis of the desired haloalkanes. Remember that halogen is bonded to one end of the double bond and that more than one starting material can give rise to the desired product.



7.18 The more stable carbocation is formed.



7.19 Two representations of the secondary carbocation are shown on the left below. This secondary carbocation can experience hyperconjugative overlap with two hydrogens under normal circumstances. However, in the alignment shown in the drawing, only one hydrogen (circled) is in the correct position for hyperconjugative overlap with the carbocation carbon.

Because there is rotation about the carbon–carbon bonds, all of the hydrogens starred in the representation on the far right can be involved in hyperconjugation at some time.



7.20 The second step in the electrophilic addition of HCl to an alkene is exergonic. According to the Hammond postulate, the transition state should resemble the carbocation intermediate.



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Step 1: Electrophilic addition of H^+ to double bond.

Step 2: Hydride shift that forms a more stable tertiary carbocation.

Step 3: Reaction of carbocation with Br-.

Additional Problems

Visualizing Chemistry



Either of the two compounds shown can form the illustrated tertiary carbocation when they react with HCl. In the conformation shown, the three circled hydrogens are aligned for maximum overlap with the vacant p orbital. Because of conformational mobility, the three starred hydrogens are also able to be involved in hyperconjugation.







7.28 Note: Because the carbocation intermediate is resonance stabilized, there are two locations where the bromine can add.



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Step 2, in which the double bond electrons add to the carbocation, is an alkene electrophilic addition.



Steps 1 and 2 are alkene electrophilic additions, and steps 3 and 4 involve carbocation rearrangements.

Calculating a Degree of Unsaturation

7.34 The purpose of this problem is to give you experience in calculating the number of double bonds and/or rings in a formula. Additionally, you will learn to draw structures containing various functional groups. Remember that any formula that satisfies the rules of valency is acceptable. Try to identify functional groups in the structures that you draw. Many structures are acceptable for each part of this problem.

- (a) $C_{10}H_{16} 3$ degrees of unsaturation. Examples: $CH_3CH_2CH = CHCH = CHCH_2CH_3$
- (b) C_8H_8O . The equivalent hydrocarbon is C_8H_8 , which has 5 degrees of unsaturation.



(c) $C_7H_{10}Cl_2$ has C_7H_{12} as its equivalent hydrocarbon formula. $C_7H_{10}Cl_2$ has two degrees of unsaturation.



amine

 $C_{10}H_{16}O_2 - 3$ degrees of unsaturation ($C_{10}H_{16}$ = equivalent hydrocarbon formula). (d) double bonds ester ketones



 $C_5H_9NO_2 - 2$ degrees of unsaturation (C_5H_8 = equivalent hydrocarbon formula). (e)



(f) $C_8H_{10}CINO - 4$ degrees of unsaturation ($C_8H_{10} =$ equivalent hydrocarbon formula).





Compound		Equivalent hydrocarbon formula	Degree of	Complete formula	
(2)	CoHoOo	C _o H ₁₀	3	$C_{0}H_{12}O_{2}$	
(a)	011/02	0.01118	5	0.011202	
(b)	$C_7H_?N$	C7H16	2	C7H13N	
(c)	C ₉ H _? NO	C9H20	4	C ₉ H ₁₃ NO	

7.36 Solve this problem in the same way as we solved problems 7.3 and 7.27. A C₂₂ hydrocarbon with 12 degrees of unsaturation (four rings and eight double bonds) has a formula $C_{22}H_{46}-H_{24} = C_{22}H_{22}$. Adding two hydrogens (because of the two nitrogens) and subtracting one hydrogen (because of the chlorine), gives the formula $C_{22}H_{23}ClN_2O_2$ for Loratadine.



Naming Alkenes

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(a)
$$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} \\ H_{3}C \\ CH_{2}CH_{2}C=CH_{2} \\ H_{3}C \\ CH_{3} \\ (4E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.4-hexadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.4-hexadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.4-cyclohexadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.3-cyclobutadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dimethyl-1.4-cyclohexadiene \\ (5E)-2.4-Dim$$

7.40 Because the longest carbon chain contains 8 carbons and 3 double bonds, ocimene is an *octatriene*. Start numbering at the end that will give the lower number to the first double bond (1,3,6 is lower than 2,5,7). Number the methyl substituents and, finally, name the compound.



7.44 Start with 1-hexene and continue on until all hexenes are named, making sure that E,Z designations have been made when necessary. Then move on to all 1-pentenes, 2-pentenes, etc.



Alkene Isomers and Their Stability

7.45 *Highest priority* — *Lowest Priority* (a) –I, –Br, –CH₃, –H (b) –OCH3, –OH, –CO2H, –H (c) –CO2CH3, –CO2H, –CH2OH, –CH3 (d) –COCH3, –CH2CH2OH, –CH2CH3, –CH3 (e) $-CH_2Br$, $-C\equiv N$, $-CH_2NH_2$, $-CH=CH_2$ (f) –CH2OCH3, –CH2OH, –CH=CH2, CH2CH3 7.46 High CH3 (a) HOCH₂ High (b) HO₂C Low Low _~ W Ζ Ζ High OCH₃ High Low н Low ,CH3 Low (d) High H₃CO₂C *E* High Low HO₂C $CH = CH_2$ High (c) High Ζ Low Low CH₂OH High Low CH₃CH₂ 7.47 (a) High High Z (correct) Low Low (b) CH₂CH=CH₂ High Low E (correct) High CH₂CH(CH₃)₂ Low H₃C (c) CH₂NH₂ Low High E (incorrect) High CH₂NHCH₃ Low

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7.49 As expected, the two trans compounds are more stable than their cis counterparts. The cistrans difference is much more pronounced for the tetramethyl compound, however. Build a model of *cis*-2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-3-hexene and notice the extreme crowding of the methyl groups. Steric strain makes the cis isomer much less stable than the trans isomer and causes cis $\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog}$ to have a much larger negative value than trans $\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog}$ for the hexene isomers.



- **7.50** A model of cyclohexene shows that a six-membered ring is too small to contain a trans double bond without causing severe strain to the ring. A ten-membered ring is flexible enough to accommodate either a cis or a trans double bond, although the cis isomer has less strain than the trans isomer.
- **7.51** Build models of the two cyclooctenes and notice the large amount of torsional strain in *trans*-cyclooctene relative to *cis*-cyclooctene. This torsional strain, in addition to angle strain, causes the trans isomer to be of higher energy and to have a $\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog}$ larger than the $\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog}$ of the cis isomer.
- **7.52** Models show that the difference in strain between the two cyclononene isomers is smaller than the difference between the two cyclooctene isomers. This reduced strain is due to a combination of less angle strain and more puckering to relieve torsional strain and is reflected in the fact that the values of $\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog}$ for the two cyclononene isomers are relatively close. Nevertheless, the trans isomer is still more strained than the cis isomer.



Tamoxifen

Clomiphene

Carbocations and Electrophilic Addition Reactions

7.54 The order of carbocation stability is below.



7.55 Note: Because carbocation formation is endergonic, the transition state structure will more closely resemble the intermediate carbocation than it will the starting material. Thus, a more stable carbocation will form more rapidly than a less stable one. In each example below, a tertiary carbocation will form more quickly than a secondary carbocation because the resulting transition state structure is lower in energy.





7.56 Carbocations can be resonance stabilized. Draw all the resonance forms that would stabilize each carbocation.



(d) $H_2C = CHCH_2CH_2CH_2CH = CH_2 + 2 HCI \longrightarrow CH_3CHCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$



The third product results from rearrangement to a more stable tertiary carbocation.



The primary carbocation rearranges to the more stable secondary carbocation by a hydride shift.

(b)



This hydride shift produces a tertiary carbocation from rearrangement of a secondary carbocation.

(c)



primary carbocation

An alkyl shift forms a tertiary carbocation from a primary carbocation. In this example, rearrangement involves migration of the electrons from one of the cyclobutane ring bonds to form a cyclopentane ring.

tertiary carbocation

General Problems

7.61 The central carbon of allene forms two σ bonds and two π bonds. The central carbon is *sp*-hybridized, and the carbon–carbon bond angle is 180°, indicating linear geometry for the carbons of allene. The hydrogen atoms on one terminal =CH₂ units are perpendicular to the pair of hydrogen atoms on the other =CH₂ group.



7.62 The heat of hydrogenation for a typical diene is $2 \times (\Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog} \text{ of an alkene}) = -252 \text{ kJ/mol. Thus, allene, with } \Delta H^{\circ}_{hydrog} = -295 \text{ kJ/mol is } 43 \text{ kJ/mol higher in energy than a typical diene and is less stable.}$



Retin A

Retin A contains five carbon–carbon double bonds. Since the ring double bond cannot isomerize, Retin A can have $2^4 = 16$ isomers.



7.65 Treatment of the *tert*-butyl ester with trifluoroacetic acid cleaves the $-OC(CH_3)_3$ group and replaces it with an -OH group, which has a lower priority than the $-OCH_3$ group on the upper carbon and the $-OC(CH_3)_3$ group that was removed. The result is a change in the *E*,*Z* designation around the double bond without breaking any of the bonds attached to the double-bond carbons.



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Attack of the π electrons of the double bond on H⁺ yields the carbocation pictured on the far right. A bond shift (alkyl shift) produces the bracketed intermediate, which reacts with Br⁻⁻ to yield 1-bromo-2-methylcyclobutane.

- **7.67** (a) $C_{27}H_{46}O$ 5 degrees of unsaturation
 - (b) $C_{14}H_9Cl_5$ 8 degrees of unsaturation
 - (c) $C_{20}H_{34}O_5$ 4 degrees of unsaturation
 - (d) $C_8H_{10}N_4O_2$ 6 degrees of unsaturation
 - (e) $C_{21}H_{28}O_5$ 8 degrees of unsaturation
 - (f) $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$ 7 degrees of unsaturation
- **7.68** The reaction is exergonic because it is spontaneous. According to the Hammond postulate, the transition state should resemble the isobutyl cation.





The first step (carbocation formation) is endergonic for both reaction paths, and both transition states resemble the carbocation intermediates. Transition states for the exergonic second step also resemble the carbocation intermediate.

7.71 Reaction of 1-chloropropane with the Lewis acid AlCl₃ forms a carbocation. The less stable propyl carbocation (primary), undergoes a hydride shift to produce the more stable isopropyl carbocation (secondary), which reacts with benzene to give isopropylbenzene.





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