## Carboxylic Acides

 And Their Derivative
## Chapter 10

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## Carboxylic Acids

## Definition

$>$ A carboxylic acid contains a carboxy (carboxyl) group; which can be expressed by either $-\mathrm{COOH},-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$,or


- A carboxylic acid has one oxygen atom doubly bonded to the carbon atom and a hydroxy ( OH ) group singly bonded to the carbon atom.
$>$ The name is a combination of two the components of the group

$>$ Carboxylic acids are classified as aliphatic or aromatic depending on whether R or an Ar is attached to the carboxylic group $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{COOH}$ or $\mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{COOH}$.


## Common Names

- Carboxylic acids are example of a situation where the compounds were known and named long before anyone thought of the IUPAC method of naming compounds.

|  |  |  | $3_{3}^{3}=$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $c^{0} 0^{300^{0}}$ | Formic acid | Acetic Acid | Propionic acid | Butyric acid |
| IUPAC | Methanoic acid | Ethanoic acid | Propanoic acid | Butanoic acid |

- the position of the carbons present on the acid chain, are located by the Greek letters $\alpha$ indicating the carbon atom next to COOH group ( C 2 ), $\beta$ (C3), $\gamma(\mathrm{C} 4), \delta(\mathrm{C} 5)$, etc

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\begin{array}{cccc}
\delta & \gamma & \beta & \alpha \\
-\mathrm{C}-\stackrel{\mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}}-\underset{\mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}}-\underset{\mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}}-\underset{\mathbf{C}}{\mathrm{C}}-\underset{\mathbf{2}}{\mathrm{COOH}}
\end{array}
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## Examples


$\alpha-\beta$ - Dimethyl butyric acid

## IUPAC Nomenclature

$>$ Carboxylic acids are named by dropping the -e ending of the parent name and adding -oic acid
$>$ The carboxylic carbon is numbered 1 .
$>$ The substituent name for a -COOH group is carboxy.
$>$ If there are substituents identify their names, positions and list them as prefixes in alphabetical order.

Examples:


IUPAC: 2, bromohexanoic acid
Common:
$\alpha$, bromohexanoic acid


3,3-dimethylbutanoic acid
$\beta, \beta$-dimethylbutyric acid

## Naming cyclic carboxylic acids

$>$ Cyclic compounds containing one or more COOH groups attached to the ring are named by identifying the name of the ring followed by the word carboxylic acid or dicarboxylic acids etc.


Cyclopropane carboxylic acid


Cyclobutanecarboxylic acid


Cyclopentanecarboxylic acid
Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

## Examples

$>$ The carbon atom bearing the carboxylic group is numbered 1 and the substituents are numbered relative to it.



1-Bromo-2-chlorocyclopentane carboxylic acids
2-Isopropylcyclobutane carboxylic acids


Cis-3-chlorocyclobutane carboxylic acid
Trans-4-hydroxycyclohexane carboxylic acids

## Naming Aromatic carboxylic acids

The simplest aromatic carboxylic acid is benzoic acid.
$\square$ Substituted benzoic acids are named with benzoic acid as the parent name.
DDerivatives are named using numbers to show the location of substituents relative to the carboxyl group.
OThe ring carbon attached to the carboxyl group is the \#1 position.
Benzoic acid
Benzene carboxylic acid

Examples


4-hydroxy-5-methoxy benzoic acid


Salicylic acid
2-Hydroxybenzoic acid


2-Bromo-4-chloro benzoic acid

- Phthalic acid is one of three isomers (1,2-dicarboxylic acid) benzene with the composition benzenedicarboxylic acid, the others being isophthalic and terephthalic acid.
- Sometimes the term "phthalic acids" is used to refer to this family of isomers, but in the singular, "phthalic acid", refers exclusively to the ortho- isomer





## Physical Properties of Carboxylic Acids

## 1. Solubility

-The carboxylic acid are highly polar organic compounds.
-This polarity results from the presence of a strongly polarized carbonyl ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ) group and hydroxyl ( $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ ) group.


- They form hydrogen bonds with water molecules through both the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and OH groups
-The lower members of carboxylic acids are miscible with water, the solubility of the bigger acids decreases very rapidly with size.
- Carbons 1-4 = water soluble
- Carbons 5-8 = slightly water soluble
- Carbons 8 and above = virtually insoluble in water.

- Carboxylic acids are more soluble in water than alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, and ketones of comparable molecular weight.
- Aromatic carboxylic acids are insoluble in water.


## 2. Boiling Point

- Carboxylic acids are polar compounds and form very strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds.


## 츨 Boiling Point: <br> Carboxylic acid Alcohols <br> Aldehydes/Ketones <br> Ethers <br> Alkanes



- Carboxylic acids have significantly higher boiling points than other types of organic compounds of comparable molecular weight.

| Compound | Structure | Chem. formula | Mol wt | Bp $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acetic acid | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | 60.05 | 118 |
| n- Propylalcohol | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}$ | 60.01 | 97 |

## Acidity and Acid Strength

- The most important chemical property of carboxylic acids chemistry is their acidic nature.
- The mineral acids ( $\mathrm{HCl}, \mathrm{HBr}, \mathrm{HI}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ ) are defined as "strong acids" because they undergo complete dissociation.
- Carboxylic acids are weak acids, they are much more acidic than alcohols.
- Carboxylic acids are stronger acids than phenols.


Phenoxide ion
(Less stable)


Carboxylate ion (More stable)
"Because in carboxylate ion, the negative charge is equally distributed over two electronegative atoms (oxygen atoms) while in phenoxide ion, it is present only on one oxygen".

## Effect of substituents on the acidity of carboxylic acids

## 1. Effect of Substituent Type:

If we compare the acid strength of an unsubstituted carboxylic acid with one that bears an EWG or EDG substituted on the R or the Ar of the molecule.

We find that:
$\checkmark$ An electronegative group will drive the ionization equilibrium toward dissociation, increasing acidity.

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Examples: F, Cl, Br, NO},\mp@code{CN, SO
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$\checkmark$ An electron-donating group destabilizes the carboxylate anion and decreases acidity.

Examples: $\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7}$, .. etc


Electron-withdrawing group stabilizes carboxylate and strengthens acid


Electron-donating group destabilizes carboxylate and weakens acid

## 2. Effect of number of electron withdrawing groups:

As the number of electron withdrawing groups increases, the acid strength increasing.

acetic acid
$\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}=4.74$

chloroacetic acid $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}=2.86$

dichloroacetic acid $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}=1.26$

trichloroacetic acid $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}=0.64$
3. Effect of position of electron withdrawing group:

As the distance between electron withdrawing group and carboxylic group increases, electron withdrawing influence decreases.


## Aromatic Substituent Effects

$\square$ An electron-withdrawing group ( $-\mathrm{NO}_{2}$ ) increases acidity by stabilizing the carboxylate anion.
$\square$ An electron donating (activating) group $\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)$ decreases acidity by destabilizing the carboxylate anion.

p-Methoxybenzoic acid ( $\mathbf{p} K_{a}=4.46$ )


Benzoic acid ( $\mathrm{p} K_{a}=4.19$ )

p-Nitrobenzoic acid ( $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}=3.41$ )

Acidity
Example




Increase acidity

## General methods for preparing Carboxylic acids:

There are three general methods for preparing carboxylic acids.

## 1. Oxidation:

## a. Oxidation of primary alcohols and aldehydes

Primary alcohols are oxidized quickly to carboxylic acids by potassium permanganate, $\mathrm{KMNO}_{4}$, or by a mixture of potassium dichromate; $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{r} 2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$, and sulfuric acid.
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH} \xrightarrow[\text { or } \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}]{\mathrm{KMnO}_{4} / \text { hot }} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CHO} \xrightarrow{[\mathrm{O}]} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathbf{C O O H}$
Ethyl alcohol


Benzyl alcohol
Benzaldehyde
Benzoic acid

## b. Oxidation of Alkylbenzene

If the carbon directly attached to the aromatic ring has >1 hydrogen attached to it, it can be oxidized to the corresponding carboxylic acid with hot aqueous potassium permanganate $\left(\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}\right)$ as shown below.

## Examples



$o$ - Nitro toluene

$o$ - Nitro benzoic acid

## 2. Carbonation of Grignard Reagents:

The addition of Grignard reagents to $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in form of dry ice gives an acid with one more carbon more than the original Grignard reagent.
General Equation


Example:
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{MgBr}$

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+\mathrm{O}=\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O} \xrightarrow[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}]{\text {Dry ether }} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{OH}
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## 3. Hydrolysis of Nitriles:

 They are prepared by reacting a $1^{\circ}$ or $2^{\circ}$ alkyl halide with cyanide salt. Acid hydrolysis of a nitriles yields a carboxylic acids.

## General Equation

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{RX}+\mathrm{NaC} \bar{\rightleftharpoons} \mathrm{~N} \longrightarrow \mathrm{RC} \overline{\overline{\mathrm{~N}}} \underset{\mathrm{H}^{+}}{\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}} \mathrm{RCOOH} \\
& \text { Example: }
\end{aligned}
$$

$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}+\mathrm{NaCN} \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CN} \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathbf{C O O H}$


## Reactions with Carboxylic acids:

The reactions of acids are basically of two types:

1. Reaction with bases to form salts:

## General Equation



The carboxyl hydrogen is replaced by metal ion, $\mathrm{M}^{+}$.
Case "1" with stroge base
$\mathrm{HCOOH}+\mathrm{KOH}$
Formic acid


Benzoic acid
$\longrightarrow$ HCOO:- $\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
Potassium formate


Sodium benzoate

## Case "2" with weak base

Carboxylic acids will also react with a weak base such as sodium bicarbonate, To form water soluble salt.


Weaker acids like phenols react only with strong bases like ( NaOH or KOH ) and will not react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$



## Case "3" with basic amines

Carboxylic acids also form water-soluble salts with ammonia; $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ and amines.


Benzoic acids
Ammonium benzoate

## 2. Reaction with nucleophiles to form acid derivatives:

The OH of the carboxyl group is replaced by a nucleophile, a process known as nucleopilic substitution.
General Equation

a nucleophile

When the OH of a carboxylic acid is replaced by a nucleophile, :Nu, a carboxylic acid derivative is produced.


## Part II: Derivatives of Carboxylic acids

## 1. Esters

- -OH of acid is replaced with -OR group.
- Name R group like a side chain (with a space).
- Then name acid portion with -oate ending.


## Examples:



Propyl ethanoate


Benzyl ethanoate

## 1. Esters Reaction






$\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$
$\rightarrow \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{OH}+\mathrm{ROH}$
Reduction of Esters 2 moles of alcohols

1) R " MgX 2) $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+} \stackrel{\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{R}}}{ }$
2) $\mathrm{R} " \mathrm{MgX}, 2) \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+} \mathrm{R}-\underset{\mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}}-\mathrm{OH}+\mathrm{ROH}+\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH}) \mathrm{X}$

Grignard reagent
$\left.\right|_{R^{\prime \prime}} 3^{\circ}$ alcohol

## 2. Acid Halide

-OH of acid is replaced with a $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$ or I . Name like with acid but use -oyl halide.

## Examples:



Butanoyl chloride


Benzoyl chloride

## 2. Acid Halide Reactions



## 3. Acid Anhydride

Formed from the combination of two acids and the loss of water.
Name by changing acid ending to anhydride.

Examples: both halves are from the same acid.


Propanoic anhydride


Benzoic anhydride

## 3. Acid Anhydride Reactions



## 4. Amides

Primary amides are named by changing the name of the acid by dropping the -oic acid or -ic acid endings and adding -amide.

Examples:



Common: Acetamide
IUPAC:
Ethanamide
Benzamide

## 4. Amides Reactions

1- Hydrolysis with water:


2- Base catalyzed hydrolysis:
Produces a carboxylate salt and free ammonia


3- The conversion of amide to nitrile:


## 4- Reaction of amides with alkaline hypohalite solution:

Simple amides can be reduced to amines containing one less carbon atom by reaction with alkaline hypohalite solution.


An amine with one less carbon
5- Reduction of amides with lithium aluminium hydride to amines:



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