Recitation Week 4 2/6/13

1. What are the characteristic absorbances in the infrared spectra of the following types of compound? You should discuss the frequency, intensity and broadness of each absorbance.

- (a) alkanes
- (b) ketones
- (c) terminal alkynes (compounds with a ≡C−H bond)
- (d) alcohols
- (e) carboxylic acids
- 2. What is the conjugate base of each of these?
- (a) HNO_3

- (b) CH₃CH₂OH
- (c) CH₃CH₂COOH
- 3. What is the conjugate acid of each of these?
- (a) H_2PO_4

- (b) $(CH_3)_2NH$
- (c) $CH_3C = C^-$
- 4. Draw curved arrows to show the electron flow in these reactions:
- (a)

(b)

(c)

5. For these reactions, identify the electrophile and the nucleophile, and (if appropriate) the Lewis acid and base.

(a)
$$CH_{3}-C^{+}_{3}+H_{2}O \longrightarrow CH_{3}-C^{+}_{C}OH_{2}^{+}$$

$$CH_{3}$$

(a)
$$CH_{3} - C^{+} + H_{2}O \longrightarrow CH_{3} - C - OH_{2}^{+}$$
(b)
$$CH_{3} - CH_{3} + -C - OH_{2}^{+} \longrightarrow CH_{3} - C - OH_{2}^{+}$$

$$CH_{3} - C - OH_{2}^{+} \longrightarrow CH_{3}$$

6. Rank each set of molecules by their acidity.

(a)
$$C_6H_5OH$$
 (p $K_a = 9.9$), CH_3OCH_3 (p $K_a = 19.2$), H_2SO_4 (p $K_a = -9$)

- (b) CH₃OH, CH₃SH
- (c) CH₃CH₃, CH₃NH₂, CH₃OH
- (d) CH₃CH₃, CH₂=CH₂, CH≡CH
- (e) CH₃CH₂CH₂CO₂H, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂OH,
- (f) CH₃CH₂OH, CH₃CHFOH, CH₂BrCH₂OH, CH₃CHBrOH, CH₃CHClOH
- 7. For these equilibria, would the reactants or products be favored?

(a)
$$CH_3CH_2OH + CH_3CO_2 - \Leftrightarrow CH_3CH_2O - + CH_3CO_2H$$

(b)
$$CF_3CO_2H + CH_3NH_2 \Leftrightarrow CF_3CO_2^- + CH_3NH_3^+ pK_a = 0.18$$
 $pK_a = 10.6$

8. What would be the products of the following reaction if it was performed (a) in aqueous solution (b) in liquid ammonia.