Chemistry Notes for class 12 Chapter 12 Aldehydes, Ketones and Carboxylic Acids

In aldehydes, the carbonyl group ()C=O) is bonded to carbon and hydrogen, while in the ketones, it is bonded to two carbon atoms

Nature of Carbonyl Group

The carbon and oxygen of the carbonyl group are Sp^2 hybridised and the carbonyl double bond contains one o-bond and one π -bond.



The electronegativity of oxygen is much higher than that of the carbon, so there electron cloud is shifted towards the oxygen. Therefore, C-O bond is polar in nature.

Nomenclature

(i) **Nomenclature of aldehydes** In IUPAC system, the suffix "e" of alkane is replaced by the suffIX "al". e.g.,

Compound	Common name	IUPAC name
HCHO	Formaldehyde	Methanal
CH3CHO	Acetaldehyde	Ethanal

(ii) **Nomenclature of ketones** In IUPAC system, the suffix "e" of alkane is replaced by "one". e.g.,

Compound	Common name	IUPAC name
H ₃ C · COCH ₃	Dimethyl ketone (acetone)	Propanone
H3C · COC2H5	Ethyl methyl ketone	Butanone

Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones

(i) **By oxidation of alcohols** Aldehydes and ketones are generally prepared by oxidation of primary and secondary alcohols, respectively.



(ii) **By dehydrogenation of alcohols** In this method, alcohol vapours are passed over heavy metal catalysts (Ag or Cu). Primary and secondary alcohols give aldehydes and ketones.



(iii) By ozonolysis of alkenes



(iv) **By hydration of alkynes** Acetylene on hydration gives acetaldehyde and other alkynes on hydration give ketones.



(v) By heating Ca salt of acid

 $(RCOO)_2Ca \xrightarrow{\Delta} RCOR + CaCO_3$

To obtain aldehyde, calcium formate and any other Ca salt of acid are heated.

 $(RCOO)_2Ca + (HCOO)_2Ca \xrightarrow{\Delta} RCHO + CaCO_2$

(vi) By decarboxylation and dehydration of aromatic acids

 $\begin{array}{c} C_{6}H_{5}COOH + HCOOH & \xrightarrow{MnO} \\ \hline 300^{\circ}C & C_{6}H_{5}CHO + H_{2}O + CO_{2} \\ \hline C_{6}H_{5}COOH + HOOCH_{3} & \xrightarrow{MnO} \\ \hline 100^{\circ}C & C_{6}H_{5}COCH_{3} + H_{2}O + CO_{2} \end{array}$

Preparation of Aldehydes



Formaldehyde cannot be prepared by this method as HCOCl is highly unstable.

(ii) From nitriles

 $RCN + SnCl_2 + HCl \longrightarrow RCH \Longrightarrow NH \xrightarrow{H_3O^+} RCHO$ This reaction is called **Stephen reaction**.

Alternatively, nitriles are selectively reduced by disobutylaluminium hydride, [DiBAL-H] to imines which on hydrolysis give aldehydes.

$$\frac{\text{(i) AlH(iBu)}_2}{\text{(ii) H}_2\text{O}} \xrightarrow{\text{RCHO}}$$

Similarly, esters can also reduced to aldehydes with DiBAL-H.



(iv) Side chain halogenatiohn followed by hydrolysis of toluene



Preparation of Ketones

(i) From acyl chlorides



(ii) From nitriles



(iii) Friedel-Crafts acylation



Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones

1. Methanal (HCHO) is a gas at room temperature. and its 40% aqueous solution is known as formalin. It is a reducing agent in silvering of mirrors and decolourising vat dyes.

2. Ethanal (CH_3CHO) is a volatile liquid. Other aldehydes and ketones are liquid or solid at room temperature.

3. The boiling point of aldehydes and ketones are higher than hydrocarbons and ethers of comparable molecular mass due to high magnitude of dipole-dipole interactions.

4. Aldehydes and ketones have lower boiling point than those of alcohols of similar molecular

masses due to absence of intermolecular hydrogen bonding.

5. The lower members of aldehydes and ketones are miscible with water due to the formation of hydrogen bond with water. However, the solubility decreases with increase in length of alkyl chain.

6. Acetophenone is a hypnotic (sleep producing drug) so used as a medicine under the name hypnone.

Chemical Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones



It is due to +I effect of alkyl groups which decreases the positive charge on carbonyl carbon and steric hinderance (The bulky alkyl group hinder the approach of nucleophile).

Addition of hydrogen cyanide

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Addition of sodium hydrogen sulphite



This reaction is used for the separation and purification of aldehydes and ketones. This is because the addition compound formed, is water soluble and can be converted back to the original carbonyl compound by treating with dilute mineral acid or alkali. Addition of lower alcohols



(ii) Addition of ammonia and its derivatives Reaction with ammonia



Some N-substituted Derivatives of Aldehydes and Ketones



(iii) **Reduction** Aldehydes and ketones are reduced to primary and secondary alcohols respectively by sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) or lithium aluminium hydride [LiAlH₄].



(iv) **Oxidation** Aldehydes get easily oxidised to carboxylic acids by HNO_3 , $KMnO_4$, $K_2Cr_2O_7$, etc., or even by mild oxidising agent.

RCHO $\xrightarrow{[0]}$ RCOOH

Ketones are generally oxidised under vigorous conditions, *i.e.*, strong oxidising agents and at elevated temperature.



During oxidation of unsymmetrical ketones the point of cleavage is such that keto group stays preferentially with the smaller alkyl group popoff's rule).

(a) **Tollen's test** Aldehydes give bright silver mirror with Tollen's reagent (ammoniacal silver nitrate). $RCHO + 2[Ag(NH_{\odot})_{2}]^{T} + 3OH \longrightarrow RCOO + 2Ag \downarrow$ silver mirror

silver mirror + 2H_O + 4NH_a

(b) Fehling's test Fehling solution gives a reddish brown precipitate with aldehydes (except benzaldehyde)

 $R \longrightarrow CHO + 2Cu^{2+} + 5OH \longrightarrow RCOO^{-} + Cu_{2}O \downarrow + 3H_{2}O$

[Fehling solution is a mixture of Fehling solution A and Fehling solution B in 1: 1 ratio. Fehling solution A is aqueous copper sulphate and Fehling solution B is alkaline sodium potassium tartrate which is also called, Rochelle salt.]

(c) **Benedict solution** With it, aldehydes (except benzaldehyde) also give red ppt. of CU_2O .

(d) **Schiff's reagent** It is an aqueous solution of magenta or pink coloured rosaniline hydrochloride which has been decolourised by passing SO_2 , Aldehydes give pink colour with this reagent but ketones do not.

Haloform reaction Aldehydes and ketones having at east one methyl group $[3-\alpha$ hydrogen] linked to the carbonyl carbon atom (methyl ketones) are oxidised by sodium hypohalite to sodium salts of corresponding carboxylic acids having one carbon atom less than that of carbonyl compound. The methyl group is converted to haloform.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O & & O \\ \parallel \\ R - - C - - C H_{3} & \xrightarrow{-NaOX} & R - C - - ONa + CHX_{3} \\ & & & [X = Cl, Br, I] \end{array}$$

This oxidation does not affect a carbon-carbon double bond, if present in the molecule.



Iodoform reaction with sodium hypoiodite is also used for the detection of CH_3 – group or $CH_3CH(OH)$ - group by producing yellow solid CHI_3 .

(v) Aldol condensation



Its further condensation gives phorone,

This reaction is exhibited by those aldehydes and ketones which have at least one a-hydrogen.

(vi) **Cross aldol condensation** Base catalysed crossed aldol condensation between an aromatic aldehyde and an aliphatic aldehyde or ketone is called **Claisen-Schmidt condensation or Claisen reaction**.



The above reaction is called Benzoin condensation, not the cross aldol condensation.

(vii) **Cannizzaro reaction** Aldehydes which do not have any α – hydrogen atom, undergo self oxidation and reduction (disproportionation) reaction on treatment with concentrated alkali.



(viii) **Electrophilic substitution reaction** Aromatic aldehydes and ketones undergo electrophilic substitution. Carbonyl group shows + R effect, therefore acts as a deactivating and meta directing group.



(ix) **Baeyer- ViLLiger oxidation** With Caro's acid (H_2SO_5) or per benzoic acid ($C_6H_5CO_3H$) or peracetic acid (CH_3CO_3H) aliphatic ketones give ester.

$$R_2CO + R'CO_3H \longrightarrow RCOOR + RCOOH$$

per acid

(x) Tischenko's reaction It is a modified form of Cannizzaro reaction.

 $2CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{(C_{2}H_{5}O)_{3}Al} CH_{3}COOH + C_{2}H_{5}OH$ $\longrightarrow CH_{3}COOC_{2}H_{5}$ ethyl acetate

(xi) **Knoevenagel reaction** It involves condensation between active methylene group and ,carbonyl groups in the presence of base.



(xii) Schmidt reaction

 $RCHO + N_{3}H \xrightarrow{\text{Conc. } H_{2}SO_{4}} \xrightarrow{\Delta}$

R—CN + HCONHR + N₂ alkyl cyanide N-alkyl formamide

(xiii) Refomatsky reaction







(xv) Wittig reaction $C=0 + PPh_3 = CH_2 - \rightarrow C = CH_2 + Ph_3P = 0$

(xvi) Polymerisation

nHCHO \longrightarrow (CH₂O)_n paraformaldehyde

3HCHO - (HCHO)₃ meta formaldehyde or trioxane

 $3CH_3CHO \longrightarrow (CH_3CHO)_3$ paraldehyde (hypnotic, sleep producing)

 $4CH_{3}CHO \xrightarrow{DryHCl gas}_{Or ionic H_{2}SO_{4}} (CH_{3}CHO)_{4}$ metaldehyde

Carboxylic Acids

These are the compounds which have -C—OH group [carboxyl group]. The word carboxyl is a combination of two words carbonyl C = 0 and hydroxyl (-OH).

Classification

Depending upon the number of -COOH groups, they are classified as

(i) monocarboxylic acids; containing one -COOH group

(ii) dicarboxylic acids: containing two -COOH groups.

Sources of carboxylic acids

Formula	Common name	Source
HCOOH	Formic acid	Red ant (formica)
CH3COOH	Acetic acid	Vineger (acetum)
C3H7COOH	Butyric acid	Butter (butyrum)

Nomenclature

Their IUPAC names have been derived from the corresponding alkanes by replacing the letter 'li of the alkane with 'oic' and adding suffix 'acid' at the end, Thus, monocarboxylic acids are called alkanoic acids.

Соон	Benzene carboxylic acid (Benzoic acid)
CH ₂ COOH	2-phenylethanoic acid
Соон	Benzene-1, 2-dicarboxylic acid (phthalic acid)

Methods of Preparation of Monocarboxylic Acids

(i) From primary alcohols and aldehydes

 $\begin{array}{c} RCH_{2}OH \xrightarrow{(i) \text{ Alkaline } KMnO_{4}} \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ (ii) H_{3}O^{+} \end{array} \xrightarrow{(ii) H_{3}O^{+}} R-COOH \\ CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{8}CH_{2}OH \xrightarrow{CrO_{3} \cdot H_{2}SO_{4}} CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{8}COOH \\ \hline \\ decanoic acid \end{array}$

(ii) **From alkyl benzenes** Alkyl benzene when treated with strong oxidising agent like H_2CrO_4 (chromic acid), acidic or alkaline KMnO₄ gives benzoic acid.



(iii) **From acid derivatives** All acid derivatives like amides (RCONH₂), acid halides (RCOCl), esters (RCOOR'), acid anhydrides (RCO-O-COR) on hydrolysis give carboxylic acids. All acid derivatives break from RCO⁺.

 $\begin{array}{l} RCOZ \xrightarrow{\text{Dil. HCl}} RCOOH \\ \hline \text{or dil. NaOH} \end{array} RCOOH \\ Z = -NH_2, -X(X = Cl, Br, l), OR', RCOO- etc. \\ \text{Ease of hydrolysis} : RCOCl > (RCO)_2O > RCOOR' > RCONH_2 \end{array}$

(iv) **From nitriles and amides** Nitriles are hydrolysed to amides and then to acids in the presence of H^+ or OH^- as catalyst. Mild reaction conditions are used to stop the reaction at the amide stage.



(v) **From Grignard reagents** Grignard reagents react with carbon dioxide (dry ice) to form salts of carboxylic acids which in turn give corresponding carboxylic acids after acidification with mineral acid



Physical Properties of Carboxylic Acids

1. Aliphatic carboxylic acids up to nine carbon atoms are colourless liquids at room temperature with unpleasant odours. The higher acids are wax like solids.

2. The lower carboxylic acids are freely miscible with water due to the presence of intermolecular hydrogen bonding with H_2O molecules. However, the solubility in water decreases gradually due to increase in the size of alkyl group.

3. Monocarboxylic acids have higher boiling points as compared to the alcohols of comparable molecular masses due to the presence of stronger intermolecular hydrogen bonding as shown below.

0-H---0 C-R hydrogen bonding in carboxylic acids hydrogen bonding in alcohols

4. Melting points of aliphatic monocarboxylic acids shows alternation or oscillation effect, i.e., the m.p. of an acid with even number of carbon atoms is higher than the next lower and next higher homologue containing odd number of carbon atoms. This is because, in case of acids with even number of carbon atoms, the terminal -CH₃ and -COOH groups lie on the opposite sides of the zig-zag chain. As a result, they get closely packed in the crystal lattice.

5. Glacial acetic acid is completely pure acetic acid and represents the solid state of acetic acid. Below 16.6°C temperature pure acetic acid is converted into ice like solid hence it is called glacial acetic acid.

Chemical Properties of Carboxylic Acids

Carboxylic acids do not give reactions of carbonyl groups as it enters into resonance with lone pair of O of -OH group.

(i) Acidity

Above reactions are used to detect the presence of carboxyl group Ul an organic compound.,

Carboxylic acids dissociate in water to give resonance stabilised carboxylate anions and hydronium ion.



The strength of the acid is expressed in terms of the dissociation constant (K_a), also called acidity constant. A stronger acid has higher K_a but lesser pK_a value ($pK_a == -\log K_a$).

The electron releasing substituents (+1 effect) decrease the acidic strength of the carboxylic acids by destabilising the carboxylate ion.

Order of + I effect :
$$-H \le -CH_3 \le -C_2H_5 \le -C_3H_7$$

Therefore, the order of acidic strength is

The electron withdrawing substituents (-1 effect) such as halogen atoms (X), nitro (NO₂) group increase the acidic strength by decreasing the magnitude of the negative charge on the carboxylate anion and thus stabilising it. The release of H^+ ion becomes easy.

Acidic strength order



This is because -1 effect decreases in the order : F > C1 > Br > I.



This is because – I effect decreases with distance.

Per acetic acid (CH₃COOO-H) is a weaker acid than acetic acid as acetate ion is stabilised by resonance.

Acidic strength of aromatic acids The parent member of the family benzoic acid which is a weaker acid ($K_a = 6.3 \times 10^{-5}$) than acid ($K_a = 17.7 \times 10^{-5}$) but stronger than acetic acid.

Some order of acidity are



(b) Similarly, K_a values of methyl substituted (toluic acids) at 298 K are as follows:



From the K_a values, it is evident that with the exception of o-isomer, both p and m-toluic acids are weaker acids than benzoic acid whereas the three isomeric nitro benzoic acids are stronger acids than benzoic acid.

(ii) Reactions involving cleavage of C-O-H bond

(a) Formation of anhydride



(b) Esterification

RCOOH + R'OH $\stackrel{\text{H}^+}{\Leftarrow}$ RCOOR' + H_2O

Mechanism



(iii) Chemical reactions involving – COOH group

(a) Reduction

RCOOH
$$\xrightarrow{\text{(i) LiAlH}_4/\text{ether}}_{\text{or B}_2\text{H}_6(\text{ii) H}_3\text{O}^+} R \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow OH$$

(b) **Decarboxylation**

$$RCOONa \xrightarrow{\text{NaOH, CaO (Ratio 3:1)}} R - H + Na_2CO_3$$

(iv) Substitution reactions in the hydrocarbon part α -hydrogen atoms in carboxylic acids are acidic in nature and can be easily replaced by halogen atoms in HVZ reaction

$$R - CH_2 - COOH \xrightarrow{(i) X_2/\text{Red phosphorus}} R - CH - COOH$$

$$(ii) H_2O \qquad X$$

The reaction is known as Hell-Volhard-Zelinsky reaction.

(v) **Arndt-Eistert reaction** It is method of converting lower carboxylic acids to their higher homologues

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R\text{COOH} & \xrightarrow{\text{PCl}_5} & R\text{COC1} & \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2} \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & &$$

(vi) **Reducing property** Among carboxylic acids, formic acid is the only acid that acts as reducing agent. It reduces, acidified $KMnO_4$ to $MnSO_4$, $HgCl_2$ to Hg, Tollen's reagent to silver mirror and Fehling's solution to red ppt. and itself gets oxidised to CO_2 and H_2O .

 $HCOOH + HgCl_2 \rightarrow Hg + 2HCI + CO_2$

(vii) **Electrophilic substitution reactions of aromatic acids** -COOH group shows -R effect, therefore, acts as a deactivating and meta-directing group. Carboxylic acids do not undergo Friedel-Craft's reaction because the carboxylic group IS deactivating and the catalyst AlCl₃ (anhy.) gets bonded to the carboxyl group.



Uses

- 1. Formic acid is used in leather tanning, textile dyeing and finishing.
- 2. Acetic acid is used in the manufacture of rayon and in plastics, in in rubber and silk industries, in cooking and in vinegar (a 8-10% solution of acetic acid).
- 3. Benzoic acid and its salts are used as urinary antiseptics.
- 4. Formic acid can act as a reducing agent.

Derivatives of Carboxylic acids

These are obtained when -OH group of carboxylic acids is replaced by Cl, NH₂, OR' and OCOR and are called respectively acid chloride, acid amide, ester and acid anhydride.



Properties of Acid Derivatives

1. Chemical reactions of acid halides



2. Chemical reactions of acid amides



3. Chemical reactions of ester



4. Chemical reactions of anhydrides



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CBSE Class-12 Chemistry Quick Revision Notes Chapter-12: Aldehydes, Ketones and Carboxylic acid

• Aldehydes

Aldehydes are the organic compounds in which carbonyl group is attached to one hydrogen atom and one alkyl or aryl group.



• Preparation of aldehydes:

a) By oxidation of alcohols:

Oxidation of primary alcohols in presence of oxidizing agent like $K_2Cr_2O_7/H_2SO_4$, KMnO₄, CrO₃ gives aldehydes.

$$RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{Oxidation} R \xrightarrow{H}_{Aldehyde} R \xrightarrow{H}_{Aldehyde} O$$

b) By dehydrogenation of alcohols:

When the vapours of primary alcohol passed through heated copper at 573 K, it forms aldehyde.

$$\begin{array}{c} RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{Cu \ 573k} RCHO\\ {}_{1^0Alcohol} \xrightarrow{Aldehyde} \end{array}$$

c) By hydration of alkynes:
 Ethyne on hydration with HgSO₄/dil.H₂SO₄ at 333 K forms acetaldehyde.

$$HC \equiv CH + H - OH \xrightarrow{Hg^{2+}/H^+/333k} CH_2 = C - H \xrightarrow{Isomerisation} CH_3 - C - H$$

d) By Rosenmund reduction:

Hydrogenation of acyl chloride over palladium on barium sulphate gives aldehyde.



Benzoyl chloride

Benzaldehyde

- e) By reduction of nitriles:
 - (i) Stephen Reaction: Reduction of nitriles in presence of stannous chloride in presence of HCl gives imine which on hydrolysis gives corresponding aldehyde.

 $RCN + SnCl_2 + HCl \rightarrow RCH = NH \xrightarrow{H_3O}^+ RCHO$

(ii) Nitriles are selectively reduced by DIBAL-H (Diisobutylaluminium hydride) to aldehydes.

$$RCN \xrightarrow{AlH(i-Bu)_2/H_2O} R-CHO$$

 $CH_{3}-CH=CH-CH_{2}CH_{2}-CN \xrightarrow{AlH(i-Bu)_{2}/H_{2}O} CH_{3}-CH=CH-CH_{2}CH_{2}-CHO$

f) By reduction of ester:

Esters are reduced to aldehydes in presence of DIBAL-H (Diisobutylaluminium hydride)

$$CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{9} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}} C \xrightarrow{O} OC_{2}H_{5} \xrightarrow{DIBAL-H/H_{2}O} CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{9} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}} C \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}} H$$

g) From Hydrocarbons:

(i)By oxidation of methyl benzene:

Etard Reaction: Chromyl chloride (CrO_2Cl_2) oxidizes methyl group to a chromium complex, which on hydrolysis gives corresponding benzaldehyde.



Using chromium oxide(CrO3): Toluene or substituted toluene is converted to benzaldehyde in presence of chromic oxide in acetic anhydride.



(ii) By side chain chlorination followed by hydrolysis:

Halogenation of toluene: Side chain halogenation of toluene gives benzal chloride which on hydrolysis gives Benzaldehyde.



Toluene

Benzal chloride

Benzaldehyde

(iii) Gatterman -Koch reaction:

Benzene or its derivatives on treatment with carbon monoxide and HCl in presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride or cuprous chloride (CuCl) gives benzaldehyde or substituted benzaldehydes.



• Ketones:

Ketones are the organic compounds in which carbonyl group is attached to two alkyl group or aryl group or both alkyl and aryl group.



where R, R' may be alkyl or aryl.

• Preparation of ketones:

a) By oxidation of alcohols:

Oxidation of secondary alcohols in presence of oxidizing agent like $K_2Cr_2O_7/H_2SO_4$, $KMnO_4$, CrO_3 gives ketones.

$$R \xrightarrow{P'}_{2^{0} \text{ Alcohol}} \xrightarrow{Oxidation}_{K_{2}Cr_{2}O_{7}/H_{2}SO_{4}} \xrightarrow{R'}_{K_{2}Cr_{2}O_{7}/H_{2}SO_{4}} R \xrightarrow{R'}_{K_{etone}} O$$

b) By dehydrogenation of alcohols:
 When the vapours of a secondary alcohol are passed over heated copper at 573 K, dehydrogenation takes place and a ketone is formed.

$$R - CH - R' \xrightarrow{Cu/573k} R - C - R'$$

c) By hydration of alkynes:

Alkynes on hydration with $HgSO_4/dil.H_2SO_4$ at 333 K form ketones.

$$CH_{3} - C \equiv CH + H - OH \xrightarrow{Hg^{2+}/H^{+}333k} CH_{3} - CH_{3} = CH_{2} \xrightarrow{Isomerisation} CH_{3} - C - CH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3} = CH_{2} \xrightarrow{Isomerisation} CH_{3} - C - CH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3} = CH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3} = CH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3} \xrightarrow{O} OH_{3}$$

d) From acyl chloride:

Acyl chloride on treatment with dialkyl cadmium (prepared by reaction of cadmium chloride with Grignard reagent) gives ketone.

$$2R - Mg - X + CdCl_2 \rightarrow R_2Cd + 2Mg(X)Cl$$
$$2R' - C - Cl + R_2Cd \rightarrow 2R' - C - R + CdCl_2$$

e) From nitriles:

Nitriles on treatment with Grignard reagent followed by hydrolysis give ketones.



 f) By Friedel Crafts acylation reaction: Benzene or substituted benzene on treatment with acid chloride in presence of anhydrous aluminium chloride forms ketone.



g) Preparation of aldehydes and ketones by ozonolysis of alkenes:



Aldehydes or Ketones

• Reactions of aldehydes and ketones:

- a) Aldehydes are generally more reactive than ketones in nucleophilic addition reactions due to steric and electronic reasons (or inductive effect).
- b) Electronic Effect:

Relative reactivities of aldehydes and ketones in nucleophilic addition reactions is due the positive charge on carbonyl carbon. Greater positive charge means greater reactivity. Electron releasing power of two alkyl groups in ketones is more than one in aldehyde. Therefore positive charge is reduced in ketones as compared to aldehydes. Thus ketones are less reactive than aldehydes.

c) Stearic Effect:

As the number and size of alkyl group increase, the hindrance to the attack of nucleophile also increases and reactivity decreases. In aldehydes there is one alkyl group and one hydrogen atom, whereas in ketones there are two alkyl groups (same or different).

• Nucleophilic addition reactions of aldehydes and ketones:

(a)Addition of hydrogen cyanide (HCN) to form cyanohydrins



(b)Addition of sodium hydrogen sulphite (NaHSO $_3$) to form bisulphate addition compound



(c)Addition of Grignard reagent (RMgX) to form alcohol



(d)Addition of alcohol:

(i) Aldehydes on addition of monohydric alcohol in presence of dry HCl forms hemiacetal and acetal.



(ii)Ketones do not react with monohydric alcohols. Ketones react with ethylene glycol under similar conditions to form cyclic products known as ethylene glycol ketals.

 $\begin{array}{c} R \\ R \\ \hline C = O \end{array} + \left| \begin{array}{c} CH_2OH \\ CH_2OH \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{HCl gas} \\ \hline dal. HCl \end{array} \xrightarrow{R} C \left| \begin{array}{c} O - CH_2 \\ O - CH_2 \end{array} \right| + H_2O \\ \hline CH_2OH \end{array}$ Ethylene glycol ketal

(e)Addition of ammonia and its derivatives:



 $Z = Alkyl, aryl, OH, NH_2, C_6H_5NH, NHCONH_2, etc.$

• Reduction of aldehydes and ketones:

(a) Reduction to alcohols:

Aldehydes and ketones on catalytic hydrogenation in presence of Ni, Pt or Pd by using lithium aluminium hydride (LiAlH₄) or sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) forms primary and secondary alcohols respectively.

$$C = O \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c}H_2/Ni, \text{ Pt or Pd}\\Or\\NaBH_4\\NaBH_4\end{array}} C H - OH$$

(b) Reduction to hydrocarbons:

(i) Clemmensen reduction: Carbonyl group of aldehydes and ketones is reduced to CH_2 group on treatment with zinc amalgam and concentrated hydrochloric acid.

 $C = O \xrightarrow{Zn-Hg/HCl} CH_2 + H_2O$

(ii) Wolff-Kishner reduction: Carbonyl group of aldehydes and ketones is reduced to CH₂ group on treatment with hydrazine followed by heating with sodium or potassium hydroxide in high boiling solvent such as ethylene glycol.

 $C = O \xrightarrow{NH_2NH_2/-H_2O} C = NNH_2 \xrightarrow{KOH/ethylene \text{ glycol/Heat}} CH_2 + N_2$

• Oxidation of aldehydes and ketones:

(i) Aldehydes are oxidized to acids in presence of mild oxidising agents HNO_3 , $K_2Cr_2O_7$, $KMnO_4$.

$$R - CHO \xrightarrow{[O]} R - COOH$$

(ii) Ketones are oxidized under drastic conditions i.e. with powerful oxidising agents like HNO_3 , $K_2Cr_2O_7/H_2SO_4$, $KMnO_4/H_2SO_4$ at higher temperature.

$$R - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - R' \xrightarrow{[O]}{\longrightarrow} R - COOH + R' - CH_{2}COOH + R - CH_{2}COOH + R' - COOH + R$$

In case of unsymmetrical ketones cleavage occurs in such a way that keto group stays with smaller alkyl group. This is known as Popoff's rule.

(iii)Haloform reaction: Aldehydes and ketones having at least one methyl group linked to the carbonyl carbon atom i.e. methyl ketones are oxidised by sodium hypohalite to sodium salts of corresponding carboxylic acids having one carbon atom less than that of carbonyl compound. The methyl group is converted to haloform.

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ R - C - CH_3 \xrightarrow{NaOX} R - C - ONa + CHX_3(X = Cl, Br, 1) \end{array}$$

• Reactions of aldehydes and ketones due to α -hydrogen:

(i) Aldol condensation: Aldehydes and ketones having at least one α -hydrogen undergo a self condensation in the presence of dilute alkali as catalyst to form α - hydroxy aldehydes (aldol) or α -hydroxy ketones (ketol), respectively.

$$2CH_{3} - CHO \stackrel{dil.NaOH}{\Leftrightarrow} CH_{3} - CH - CH_{2} - CHO \stackrel{\Delta/-H_{2}O}{\longrightarrow} CH_{3} - CH = CH - CHO \stackrel{But - 2 - enal}{(Aldol condensation product)}$$

$$2CH_{3} - CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{Ba(OH)_{2}}{\Leftrightarrow} CH_{3} - \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\stackrel{I}{\leftarrow} C} - CH_{2}CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{\Delta/-H_{2}O}{\longrightarrow} CH_{3} - \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\stackrel{I}{\leftarrow} C} = CH - CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{2}O}} CH_{3} - \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\stackrel{I}{\leftarrow} C} = CH - CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{2}O}} CH_{3} - \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\stackrel{I}{\leftarrow} C} = CH - CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{2}O}} CH_{3} - \stackrel{I}{\stackrel{I}{\leftarrow} C} = CH - CO - CH_{3} \stackrel{CH_{3}}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{2}O}} CH_{3} - \stackrel{I}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{2}O}} CH_{3} - \stackrel{I}{\xrightarrow{A/-H_{$$

(ii) Cross aldol condensation: Aldol condensation between two different aldehydes and ketones is called aldol condensation. If both of them contain α -hydrogen atoms, it gives a mixture of four products.



• Canizzaro reaction:

Aldehydes which do not have an α -hydrogen atom undergo self-oxidation and reduction (disproportionation) reaction on treatment with concentrated alkali to form alcohol and salt of acid.



• Test to distinguish aldehydes and ketones:

1) Tollen's test: When an aldehyde is heated with Tollen's reagent it forms silver mirror. Tollen's reagent is ammoniacal solution of AgNO₃

$$RCHO + 2[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + 3OH^- \rightarrow RCOO^- + 2Ag + 2H_2O + 4NH_3$$

Ketones do not form silver mirror and hence do not give this test.

 Fehling's test: When an aldehyde is heated with Fehling's reagent it forms reddish brown precipitates of cuprous oxide. Fehling's reagent: Fehling solution A (aqueous solution of CuSO₄) + Fehling solution B (alkaline solution of sodium potassium tartarate)

$$R - CHO + 2Cu^{2+} + 5OH^{-} \rightarrow RCOO^{-} + \frac{Cu_2O}{\text{Red} - Brown \text{ ppt}} + 3H_2O$$

Ketones do not give this test.

• Carboxylic Acids:

Carboxylic acids are the compounds containing the carboxylfunctional group (-COOH).



• Preparation of carboxylic acid:

(i) From alcohols: Primary alcohols are readily oxidised to carboxylic acids with common oxidising agents such as potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$) in neutral, acidic or alkaline media or by potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$) and chromium trioxide (CrO_3) in acidic media.

a) $RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{alkaline \text{ KMnO}_4/H_3 \stackrel{+}{O}} RCOOH$

b) $RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{CrO_3-H_2SO_4} RCOOH$

(ii) From aldehydes: Oxidation of aldehydes in presence of mild oxidizing agents like Tollen's reagent (ammoniacal solution of $AgNO_3$) or Fehling reagent (Fehling solution A (aqueous solution of $CuSO_4$) + Fehling solution B (aqueous solution of sodium potassium tartarate)) forms carboxylic acids.

a) $RCHOH + 2[Ag(NH_3)_2]^+ + 3OH^- \rightarrow RCOO^- + 2Ag + 2H_2O + 4N$

b) $R-CHO+2Cu^{2+}+5OH^- \rightarrow RCOO^-+Cu_2O+3H_2O$

(iii)From alkyl benzenes: Aromatic carboxylic acids can be prepared by vigorous oxidation of alkyl benzenes with chromic acid or acidic or alkaline potassium permanganate.



R is an alkyl group (primary or secondary)

(iv)From alkenes: Suitably substituted alkenes are oxidised to carboxylic acids on oxidation with acidic potassium permanganate or acidic potassium dichromate.

a)
$$R - CH = CH - R \xrightarrow{kMnO_4/H^+} 2R - COOH$$

b)
$$R - CH = CH - R_1 \xrightarrow{kMnO_4/H^+} R - COOH + R_1 - COOH$$

(v)From Nitriles: Nitriles on hydrolysis in presence of dilute acids or bases forms amide which on further hydrolysis gives carboxylic acid.

$$R - CN \xrightarrow{H^+ \text{ or } OH^-/H_2O} R - \stackrel{O}{C} - NH_2 \xrightarrow{H^+ \text{ or } OH^-/\Delta} RCOOH$$

(vi) From Grignard reagent: Grignard reagents react with carbon dioxide (dry ice) to form salts of carboxylic acids which on hydrolysis forms carboxylic acids.

R-Mg-X + O=C=O
$$\xrightarrow{\text{Dry ether}}$$
 R \xrightarrow{O} C $\xrightarrow{H_3O^{+}}$ RCOOH

(vii) From acyl halides and anhydrides: Acid chlorides when hydrolysed with water give carboxylic acids .On basic hydrolysis carboxylate ions are formed which on further acidification forms corresponding carboxylic acids. Anhydrides on hydrolysis forms corresponding acid(s)

$$\begin{array}{c} H_2O \\ RCOCl & \hline OH/H_2O \\ \hline OH/H_2O \\ RCOO^- + \overline{Cl} & H_3O^+ \\ RCOOH \end{array} RCOOH$$

$$(RCO)_2O \xrightarrow{H_2O} 2 \quad RCOOH$$

(viii)From esters: Acidic hydrolysis of esters gives directly carboxylic acids while basic hydrolysis gives carboxylates, which on acidification give corresponding carboxylic acids.

$$R - COO - R' \Leftrightarrow^{H_3O^+} R - COOH + R' - OH$$
$$R - COO - R' \Leftrightarrow^{NaOH} R - COO - Na + R' - OH$$
$$\overset{NaOH}{\Leftrightarrow} R - \underset{\substack{\downarrow H_3O^+ \\ R - COOH}}{COO} - Na + R' - OH$$

• Physical properties of carboxylic acids:

(i)Solubility: As the size of alky group increases solubility of carboxylic acid decreases because non-polar part of the acid increases

(ii)Boiling points: Carboxylic acids are higher boiling liquids than aldehydes, ketones and even alcohols of comparable molecular masses. This is due to extensive association of carboxylic acid molecules through intermolecular hydrogen bonding.



• Acidity of carboxylic acids:

Carboxylic acids are more acidic than phenols. The strength of acid depends on extent of ionization which in turn depends on stability of anion formed.

(i)Effect of electron donating substituents on the acidity of carboxylic acids: Electron donating substituent decreases stability of carboxylate ion by intensifying the negative charge and hence decreases acidity of carboxylic acids.

(ii)Effect of electron withdrawing substituent on the acidity of carboxylic acids: Electron withdrawing group increases the stability of carboxylate ion by delocalizing negative charge and hence, increases acidity of carboxylic acid. The effect of the following groups in increasing acidity order is Ph < I < Br < Cl < F < CN < NO₂ < CF₃

(a)Effect of number of electron withdrawing groups: As the number of electron withdrawing groups increases –I effect increases, increasing the acid strength

(b)Effect of position of electron withdrawing group: As the distance between electron withdrawing group and carboxylic group increases, electron withdrawing influence decreases.

• Reaction of carboxylic acids:

Reactions involving cleavage of C-OH bond:

Carboxylic acids on heating with mineral acids such as H_2SO_4 or with P_2O_5 give corresponding anhydride.

(i) Anhydride formation:



(ii) Esterification: Carboxylic acids are esterified with alcohols in the presence of a mineral acid such as concentrated H_2SO_4 or HCl gas as a catalyst.

$$RCOOH + R'OH \Leftrightarrow RCOOR' + H_2O$$

(iii) Carboxylic acids react with PCl₅, PCl₃ and SOCl₂ to form acyl chlorides.

a) $RCOOH + PCl_5 \rightarrow RCOCl + PCl_3 + HCl$

b) $3RCOOH + PCl_3 \rightarrow 3RCOCl + H_3PO_3$

c) $RCOOH + SOCl_2 \rightarrow RCOCl + SO_2 + HCl$

(iv) Reaction with ammonia (NH_3) : Carboxylic acids react with ammonia to give ammonium salt which on further heating at high temperature gives amides.



Reactions involving COOH group:

(i)Reduction: Carboxylic acids are reduced to alcohols in presence of LiAlH₄ or B₂H₆.

 $R - COOH \xrightarrow{\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{ether or } B_2H_6/H_3O} R - CH_2OH$

(ii)Decarboxylation : Sodium or potassium salts of carboxylic acids on heating with soda lime (NaOH + CaO in ratio of 3:1) gives hydrocarbons which contain one carbon less than the parent acid.

$$R - COONa \xrightarrow{NaOH \& CaO/Heat} R - H + Na_2CO_3$$

(c)Reactions involving substitution reaction in hydrocarbon part:

(i) Hell-Volhard-Zelinsky reaction: Carboxylic acids having an α -hydrogen are halogenated at the α -position on treatment with chlorine or bromine in the presence of small amount of red phosphorus to give α -halocarboxylic acids)

$$R - CH_{2} - COOH \xrightarrow{X_{2}/\operatorname{Re}d \operatorname{phosphorus/H}_{2}O} R - CH_{2} - COOH$$

$$X_{X=Cl,Br}$$

$$\alpha - Halocarboxylic acid$$

(ii)Ring substitution in aromatic acids: Aromatic carboxylic acids undergo electrophilic substitution reactions. Carboxyl group in benzoic acid is electron withdrawing group and is meta directing.

