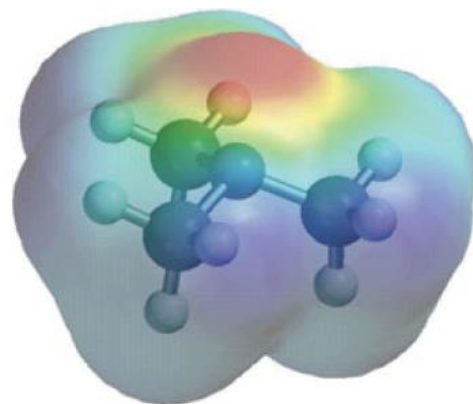


## Amines – Amines as Electrophiles

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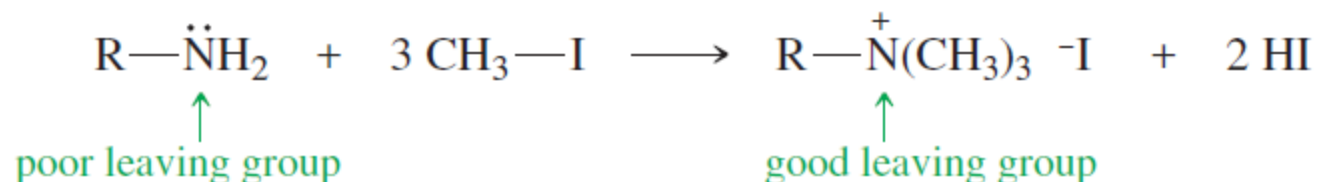
**Recommended Textbook:**

Chapter 19 in *Organic Chemistry*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, L. G. Wade, Jr., **2010**,  
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# Amines as Leaving Group – Amine vs Alcohol

## Hofmann Elimination

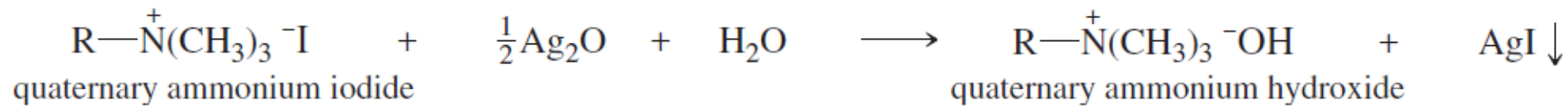
- **Exhaustive methylation** using **methyl iodide** converts amine to a **quaternary ammonium salt** that can leave as a neutral amine



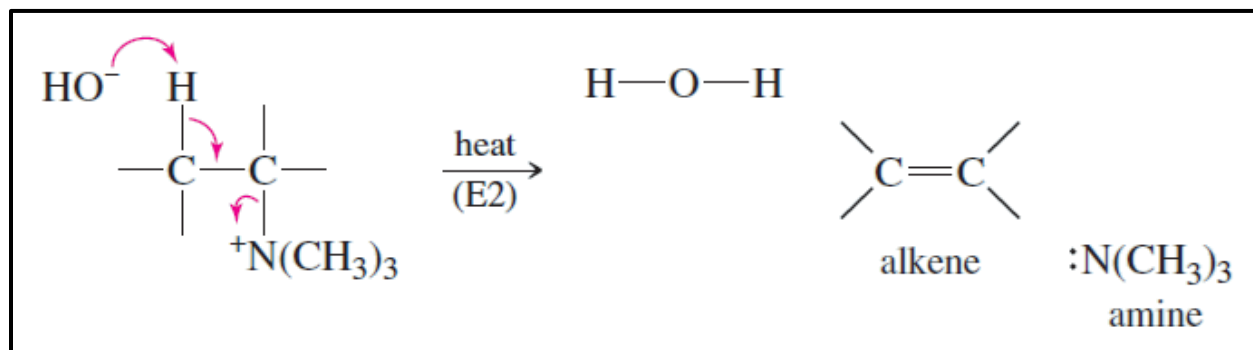
- Elimination of the quaternary ammonium salt generally takes place by the **E2** mechanism, which requires a **strong base**

## Hofmann Elimination

- To provide the base, the quaternary ammonium iodide is converted to the **hydroxide salt** by treatment with **silver oxide**



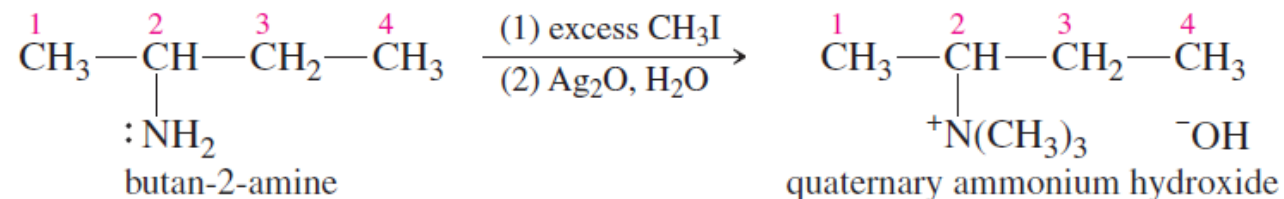
- Heating** of the quaternary ammonium hydroxide results in **E2** elimination and formation of an alkene



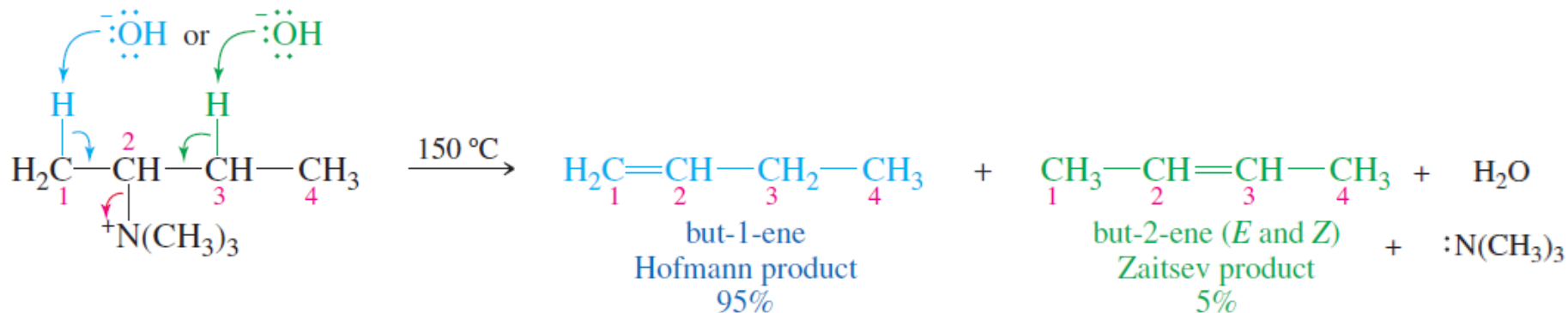
# Hofmann Elimination

- **Example**

*Exhaustive methylation and conversion to the hydroxide salt*



*Heating and Hofmann elimination*



Hofmann vs Zaitsev product?

## Hofmann Elimination - Example

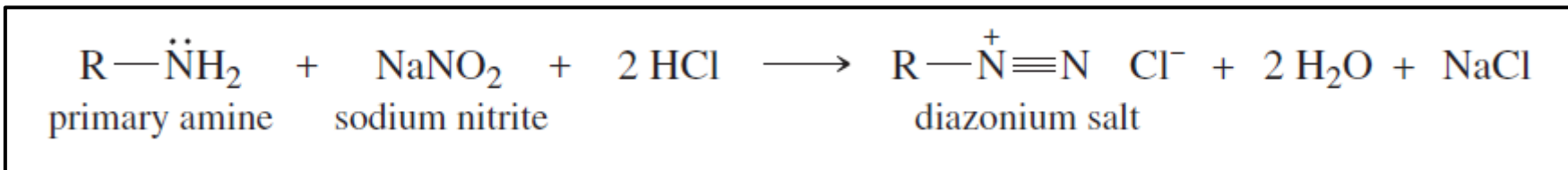
Predict the products of the following reactions and draw mechanism of all steps



# Reactions of Amines – Amines as Leaving Groups

## Formation of Diazonium Salts

**Diazotization:** Primary amines react with **nitrous acid**, via the **nitrosonium ion**, to give **diazonium cations**

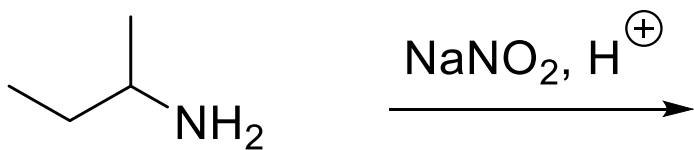


# Diazonium Salts

- **Alkane**diazonium salts are unstable. They decompose to give nitrogen and carbocations



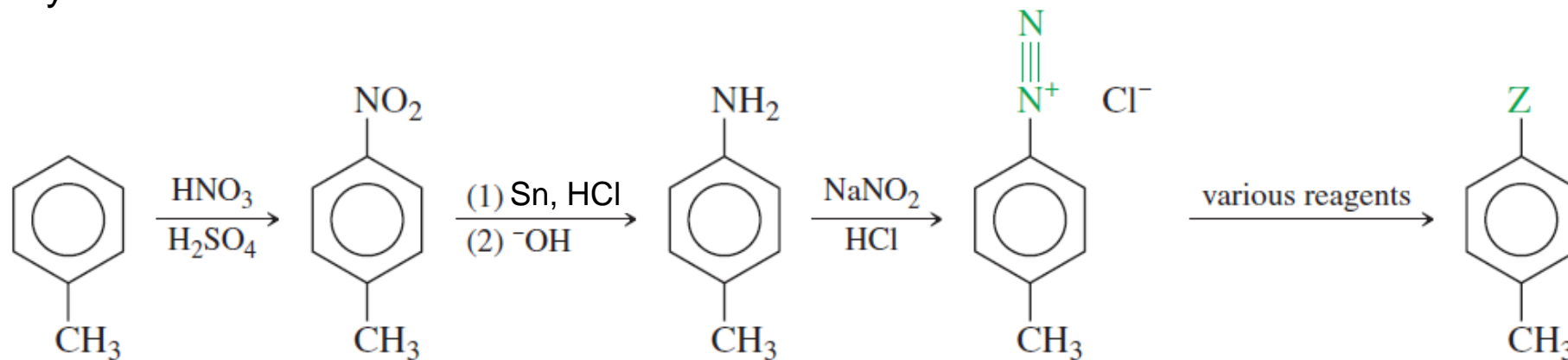
- The driving force for this reaction is the formation of an **N<sub>2</sub>** gas





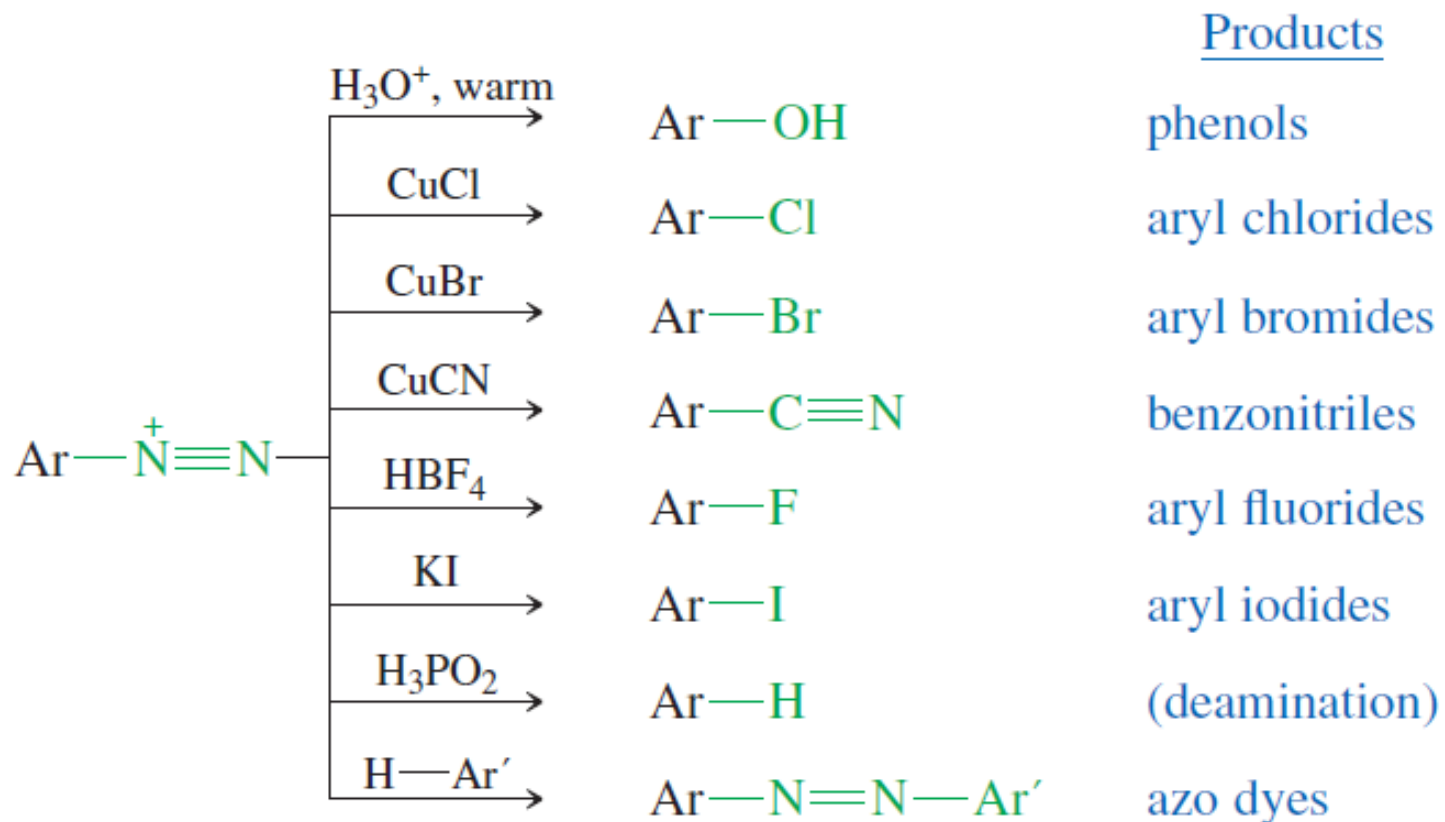
# Diazonium Salts

- **Arenediazonium** salts are relatively stable around 0 - 10 °C, and they serve as **intermediates** in a variety of important synthetic reactions

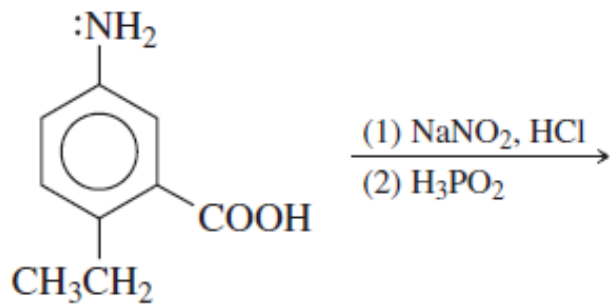
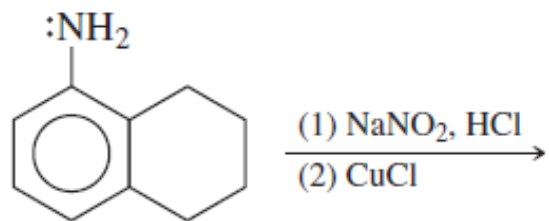
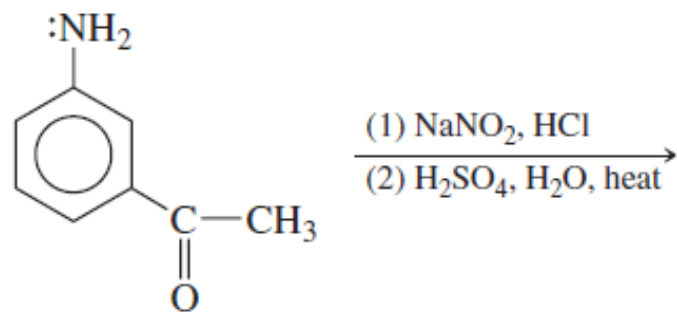


# Diazonium Salts

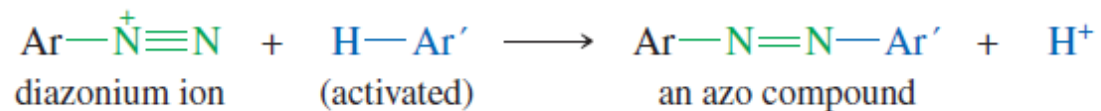
- The following flowchart shows some of the functional groups that can be introduced via arenediazonium salts



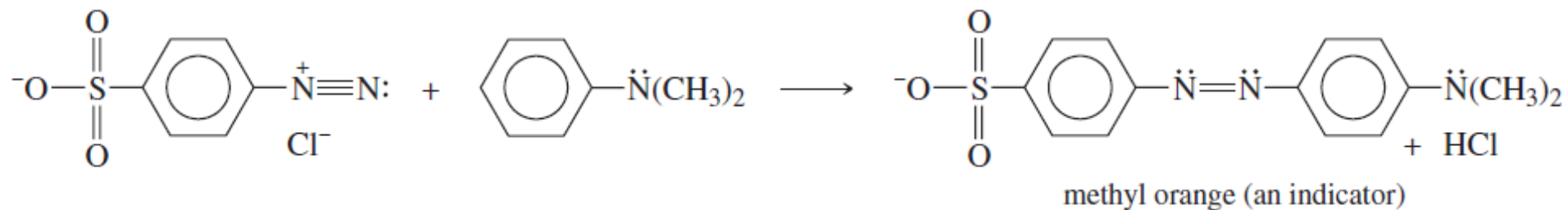
*Example*



- **Diazocoupling:** Arenediazonium ions act as **weak electrophiles** in electrophilic aromatic substitutions; react only with **strongly activated rings**

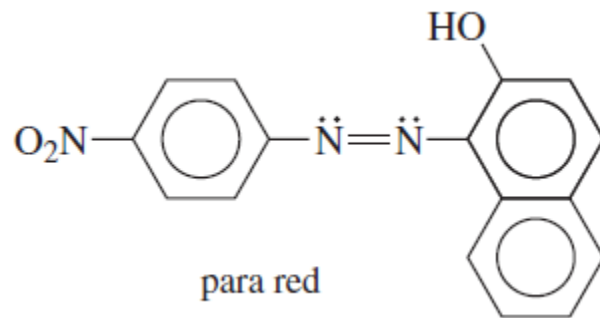


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# Diazonium Salts

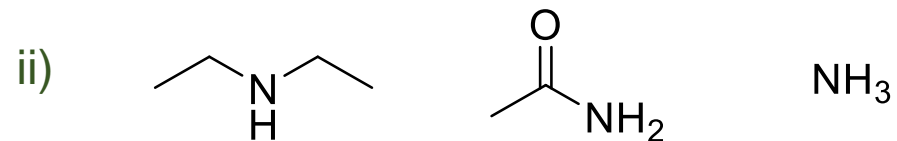
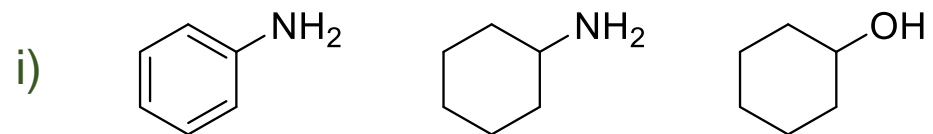
Suggest a synthesis for para red



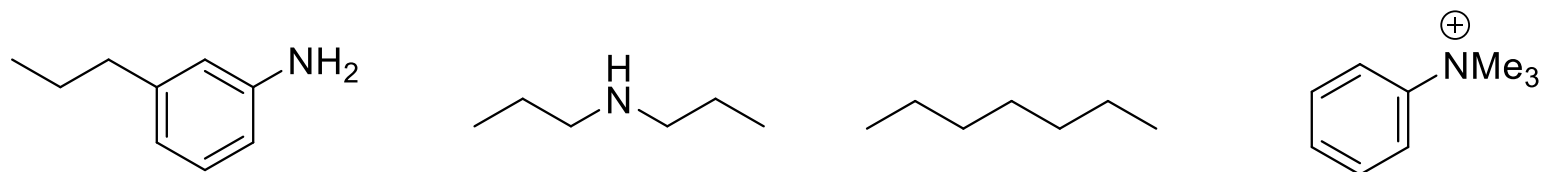


# Homework – 1

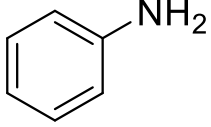
a) Rank the following compounds in order of increasing basicity



b) Rank the following compounds in order of increasing water solubility



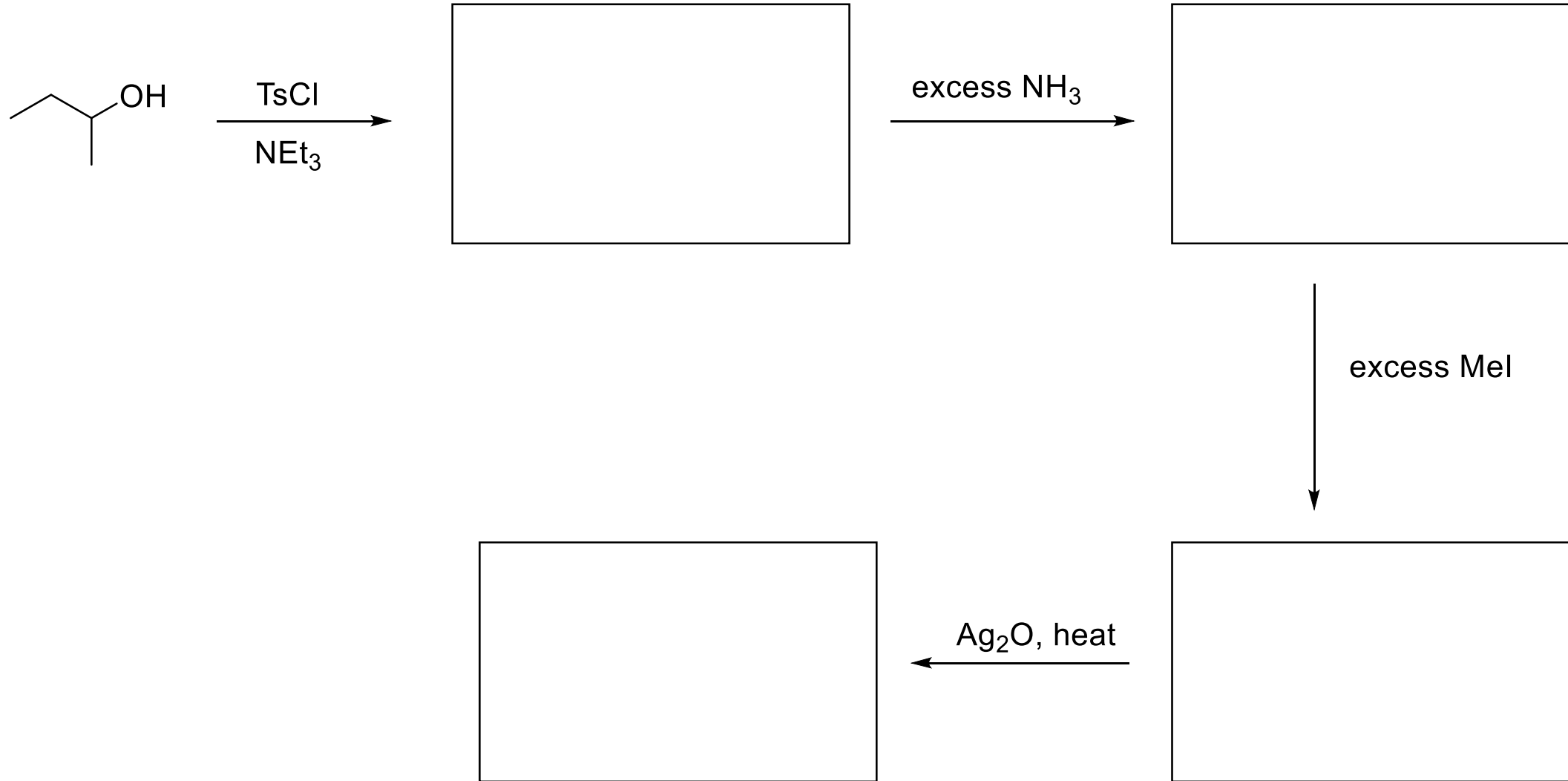
## Homework – 2

Suggest a way to separate aniline  from a mixture of aniline and benzene



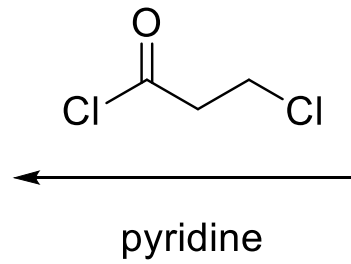
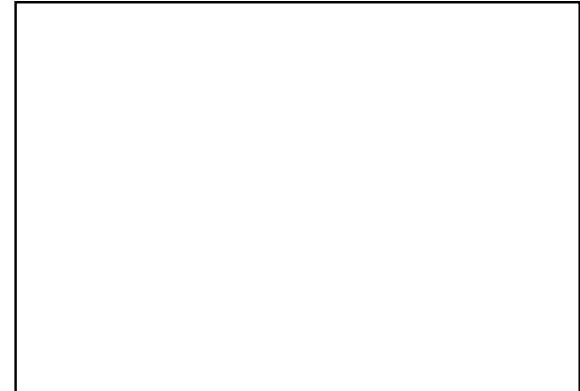
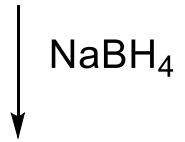
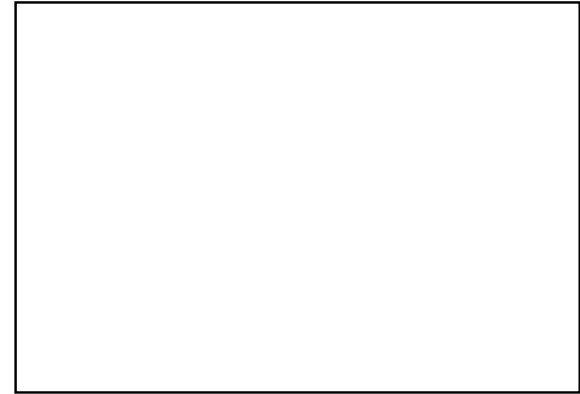
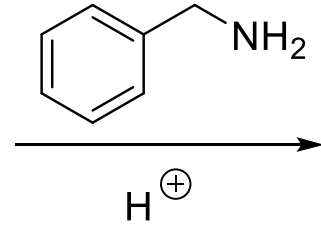
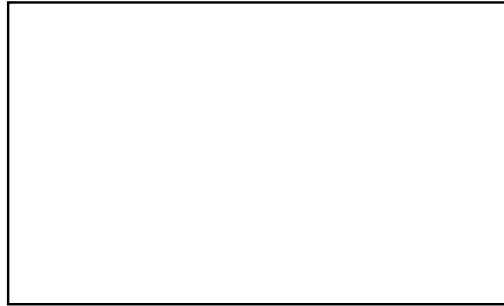
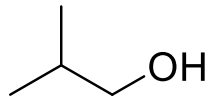
## Homework – 3

Predict the products of the following reactions and draw mechanism of all steps



# Homework – 4

Predict the products of the following reactions:



## Homework – 5

A synthesis of coloured nanoparticles was performed using the following sequence. Suggest the structure of the products in each step.

