2302106 – Basic Organic Chemistry for ISE – Part II Lecture 5-3

Carboxylic and Derivatives – Nucleophilic Substitution-1



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Recommended Textbook:

Chapter 20 in Organic Chemistry, 8th Edition, L. G. Wade, Jr., 2010, Prentice Hall (Pearson Education)

Nucleophilic Addition vs. Substitution

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Ketone

Carbox.

Nucleophilic Substitution – Reactivity towards Nucleophile



Factor #1 – Leaving group ability

Factor #2 – Resonance stabilization

Nucleophilic Substitution – Reaction with Weak Nucleophiles

1 – Reaction with water (no catalyst)



Nucleophilic Substitution – no catalyst vs. base/acid catalyzed

#1 No catalyst



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#3 Acid catalyzed

Nu-H

1 – Reaction with water (base catalyzed)



1 – Reaction with water (acid catalyzed)



2 – Reaction with alcohol (no catalyst)



2 – Reaction with alcohol (base catalyzed)



2 – Reaction with alcohol (acid catalyzed)



3 – Reaction with amine (no catalyst)



3 – Reaction with amine (base catalyst)



3 – Reaction with amine (acid catalyst)



Favourable Interconversion of Acid Derivatives

• Acid chlorides are the **most reactive** acid derivatives

The most frequent strategy is to convert carboxylic acids into acid chlorides using **thionyl chloride** (SOCl₂); then convert the acid chlorides into other acid derivatives



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Synthesis of Acid Chlorides

The best reagents for converting carboxylic acids to acid chlorides are **thionyl chloride** (SOCl₂) and **oxalyl chloride** [(COCl)₂] because they form **gaseous by-products** that do not contaminate the product.



Mechanism:

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Nucleophilic Substitution - Example

Fill the gap in the following scheme

