Problem Set IV



1. Given that the pKa of acetylene is 25, and the pKa of water is 16, write out the reaction that occurs between the acetylide anion and water. State whether the reaction will proceed as written and why.

H-=
$$\Theta$$
 + H₂O \rightarrow H-=-H + OH Θ
pKa=16 pKa=25
Yes - Equilibrium lies in the direction of
greater pKa.
Keq = $10^{-(16-25)} = 109$

2. Circle the strongest acid of each pair.



3. Draw the structures of the major products of the following acid-base reaction. Use arrow notation to show the flow of electrons in the reaction mechanism.



4. Write out a detailed mechanism for the following reaction:





5. Circle the most stable carbocation of each pair.



6. Fill in the blanks (reactant or product) for each transformation.



7. Label each structure compared to that in the box as SAME, ENANTIOMER, DIASTEREOMER or STRUCTURAL ISOMER.





