

Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana.

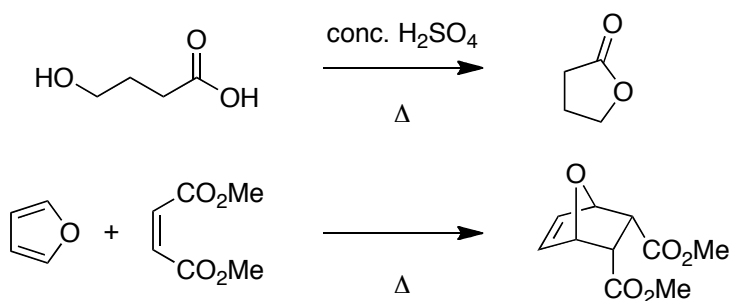
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Quiz #6

1. Please provide the major product for each. (4pts)



2. **Why do we reflux the reaction pot? What rate principle is in effect here? (4pts)**
Because the reaction is very slow even if a catalyst is present, the reaction mixture has to be heated to obtain a reasonable yield in the allotted time. The Arrhenius equation exhibits the rate principle in effect: $\text{rate} = ke^{-\Delta G/RT}$. The rate of reaction increases by a factor of 1000.

3. **Since this reaction is an equilibrium reaction with a relative small equilibrium constant, how can we take advantage of Le Châtelier's Principle to increase the yield? (4pts)**

Add an excess of the alcohol to push the equilibrium to the right.

4. **What are the following substances used for in the experiment today: (4pts)**
a. **Sodium Bicarbonate:** extraction
b. **Sodium Sulfate:** drying agent

5. **A student observes a refractive index of $n_D=1.4040$ for his compound at 24.5°C . Calculate the refractive index at 20°C . (2pts)**

$$n_D^X = n_D^T + (T-X) \cdot 0.00045$$
$$n_D^{20} = 1.4040 + (24.5-20) \cdot 0.00045 = 1.4060$$

6. **Why are we performing a vacuum distillation instead of a normal distillation? (2pts)**

The ester decomposes at its normal boiling point temperature. In order to distill the ester without decomposing it, we need to reduce the pressure.