Final prep:



4. Draw the orbital diagram that explains why backside attack is favored for SN2 reactions.

5. Account for the fact that the rate of reaction of 1-chlorooctane with acetate ion to give octyl acetate is greatly accelerated by the presence of a small quantity of iodide ion.

6.

Write an $S_N 1$ mechanism that accounts for the reactions products shown.



7. Compound X is optically inactive and has the formula C₁₆H₁₆Br₂. On treatment with strong base, X gives hydrocarbon Y, C₁₆H₁₄. Compound Y absorbs two equivalents of hydrogen when reduced over a Pd catalyst and reacts with ozone to give two fragments. One fragment, Z, is an aldehyde with formula C₇H₆O. The other fragment is glyoxal, CHOCHO. Formulate the reactions involved, and suggest structures for X, Y, and Z. What is the stereochemistry of X?