



TOPIC 20 ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Topic 20 Exercise 1

- To separate components in a mixture and identify them
- TLC – solvent moves up plate coated with solid; GC – a solvent moves down a column packed with solid; gas, under pressure at high temperature, is passed through a column, packed with a solid or coated by a liquid
- The different components have different relative solubilities in the mobile phase and are retained by the stationary phase to different extents
- Using R_f values
- Using retention times and by mass spectrometry of the separated components
- Separated by thin layer chromatography, located using developing agents such as ninhydrin or ultraviolet light, and identified by their R_f values

Topic 20 Exercise 2

- Propanal has three peaks, propanone has two
 - Both have two peaks, one with chemical shift between 0 and 50. However the second peak in propanone will have a chemical shift at 160 – 220, but the second peak in propan-2-ol will have a chemical shift at 50 - 90
 - i) 4 ii) 5 iii) 3
- Peak at 60 ppm C-O and peak at 160 ppm O=C-O so ester is most likely
 $C_nH_{2n}O_2 = 116$ so $n = 6$
 Five peaks so two C atoms are in identical environments, likely $-C(CH_3)_2$
 $HCOOCH_2CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$ or $HCOOCH(CH_3)CH(CH_3)_2$ or
 $CH_3COOCH_2CH(CH_3)_2$ or $CH_3CH_2COOCH(CH_3)_2$ or
 $(CH_3)_2CHCOOCH_2CH_2CH_3$ or $(CH_3)_2CHCOOCH_2CH_3$ or
 $(CH_3)_2CHCH_2COOCH_3$
- Peak at 60 ppm C-O so alcohol is most likely
 $C_nH_{2n+2}O = 74$ so $n = 4$
 Two peaks so three C atoms are in identical environments, likely $-(CH_3)_3$
 $(CH_3)_3COH$
- Peak at 210 ppm = C=O so carbonyl most likely
 $C_nH_{2n}O = 84$ so $n = 5$
 Five peaks so no C atoms in identical environments
 $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CHO$ or $CH_3CH_2CH(CH_3)CHO$ or $CH_3CH_2CH_2COCH_3$
- Peak at 180 ppm = O=C-O so carboxylic acid most likely
 $C_nH_{2n}O_2 = 102$ so $n = 5$
 Four peaks so two C atoms in identical environments, likely $-C(CH_3)_2$
 $(CH_3)_2CHCH_2COOH$

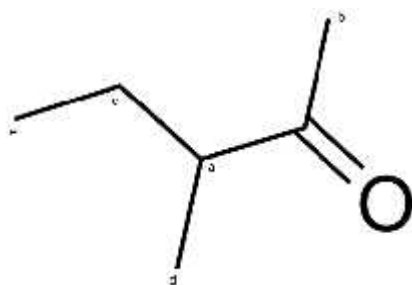
Topic 20 Exercise 3

- peak at 1.1 is CH_3- adjacent to $-CH_2-$
 peak at 2.2 is $-CH_2CO-$, adjacent to CH_3-

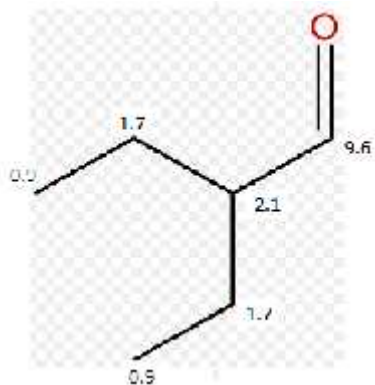
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peak at 11.8 is $-\text{COOH}$
so molecule is propanoic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$

2. a) peak at 1.2 is CH_3- , adjacent to $-\text{CH}_2-$
peak at 1.3 is also CH_3- , adjacent to $-\text{CH}_2-$
peak at 2.3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, adjacent to CH_3-
peak at 4.1 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, adjacent to CH_3-
so molecule is ethyl propanoate, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
- b) CHCl_3 is not used as a solvent because it contains a proton which will interfere with the spectrum of the substance being analysed.
- c) TMS is a good standard because
- it contains 12 identical protons, giving a single intense peak
 - it contains highly shielded protons, which do not interfere with the spectrum
 - it is cheap and non-toxic
3. e is $-\text{CH}_3$ adjacent to $-\text{CH}_2-$ (c)
b is $-\text{CH}_3$ adjacent to $-\text{C}=\text{O}$
d is $-\text{CH}_3$ adjacent to $-\text{CH}-$ (a)
a is $-\text{CH}-$ adjacent to $-\text{C}=\text{O}$



4. 9.6 is $-\text{CHO}$ adjacent to $-\text{CH}-$ (2.1)
2.1 is $-\text{CH}-$ adjacent to $-\text{CHO}$ (9.6)
0.9 is 2 x $-\text{CH}_3$ adjacent to $-\text{CH}_2-$ (1.7)





5. 4.1 is O-CH₂- adjacent to -CH₃ (1.3)
2.1 is CH₃C=O
CH₃COOCH₂CH₃ (ethyl ethanoate)
(2.1) (4.1)(1.3)
6. 2.4 is O=CCH₂ adjacent to CH₃ (1.1)
2.2 is CH₃C=O
CH₃COCH₂CH₃ (butanone)
(2.2) (2.4)(1.1)
7. 0.9 is CH₃ adjacent to CH₂ (1.4)
1.2 is CH₃ adjacent to CH (3.6)
3.6 is O-CH-
2.3 is -OH
CH₃CH₂CH(OH)CH₃ (butan-2-ol)
(0.9)(1.4)(3.6)(2.3)(1.2)
8. 11.6 is -COOH
2.2 is O=CCH₂- adjacent to -CH₂- (1.9)
1.0 is -CH₃ adjacent to -CH₂- (1.9)
CH₃CH₂CH₂COOH (butanoic acid)
(1.0)(1.9)(2.2) (11.6)
9. 9.6 is -CHO adjacent to -CH- (2.3)
2.3 is -CHC=O
1.1 is 2 x CH₃ adjacent to -CH- (2.3)
(CH₃)₂CHCHO (methylpropanal)
(1.1) (2.3)(9.6)

Topic 20 Exercise 4

1. empirical formula = C₅H₁₀O₂
from mass spectrum $m_r = 102$, $e_{fm} = 102$ so $m_f = C_5H_{10}O_2$
infra-red spectrum:
peak at 1710 cm^{-1} indicates a carbonyl
proton nmr spectrum:
peak at 0.8 is CH₃- adjacent to -CH₂-
peak at 1.1 is -CH₂- adjacent to CH₃- and -CH₂-
peak at 2.3 is -CH₂CO- adjacent to -CH₂-
peak at 3.7 is CH₃O-
so molecule is methyl butanoate, CH₃CH₂CH₂COOCH₃
2. from mass spectrum $m_r = 60$
From ¹³C nmr 60 ppm = C-O (alcohol)
3300 cm^{-1} in IR spectrum confirms -OH alcohol
C_nH_{2n+2}O = 60 so n = 3
No identical C environments so must be CH₃CH₂CH₂OH (propan-1-ol)
3. from mass spectrum $m_r = 86$
From ¹³C nmr 220 ppm = C=O (carbonyl)
1700 cm^{-1} in IR spectrum confirms C=O
C_nH_{2n}O = 86 so n = 5



Three C environments only so either $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCHO}$ (dimethylpropanal) or $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (pentan-3-one)