

40 The purity of a compound can be determined using infrared spectroscopy.

The table gives the characteristic infrared absorption frequencies for some selected bonds.

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Propan-2-ol is made by hydration of propene. A sample of the product is obtained.

Which feature of the infrared spectrum of the product would show that **no** propene remains in the product?

- A** absorption in the 2900 cm^{-1} region
- B** strong absorption below 1000 cm^{-1}
- C** the lack of absorption at or near 1250 cm^{-1}
- D** the lack of absorption at or near 1550 cm^{-1}

Important values, constants and standards

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- 4 Fig. 4.1 shows how propane, C_3H_8 , can be converted to propanoic acid, CH_3CH_2COOH .

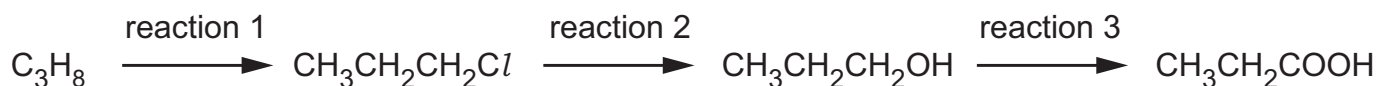
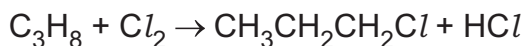


Fig. 4.1

- (a) Reaction 1 in Fig. 4.1 takes place in the presence of sunlight.



The reaction takes place via initiation, propagation and termination steps.

- (i) Name the mechanism shown by reaction 1.

..... [1]

- (ii) Complete the mechanism for reaction 1.

Construct equations to describe the steps of the mechanism.



propagation 1

propagation 2

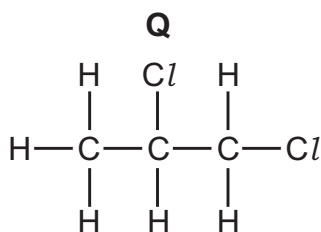
termination $\rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2Cl$
[3]

- (iii) Reaction 1 is initiated by the bond fission of Cl_2 .

State the type of bond fission shown in the initiation step.

..... [1]

- (iv) Compound **Q** is a by-product of reaction 1.



Name **Q**.

..... [1]

- (v) The molecular formula of **Q** is $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2$.

Identify the types of structural isomerism and stereoisomerism that a molecule with molecular formula $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2$ can show.

type of structural isomerism

type of stereoisomerism

[2]

- (b) State the reagent and solvent required for reaction 2.

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- (c) Reaction 3 takes place when $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ is heated under reflux with acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution.

- (i) State the colour change that takes place in the reaction mixture.

..... [1]

- (ii) Construct an equation to represent reaction 3. Use [O] to represent an atom of oxygen from the oxidising agent.

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(d) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ reacts with an unsaturated alcohol **R** to form unsaturated ester **S**.

(i) State the **type** of reaction that forms **S**.

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(ii) The infrared spectrum of **S** is shown in Fig. 4.2.

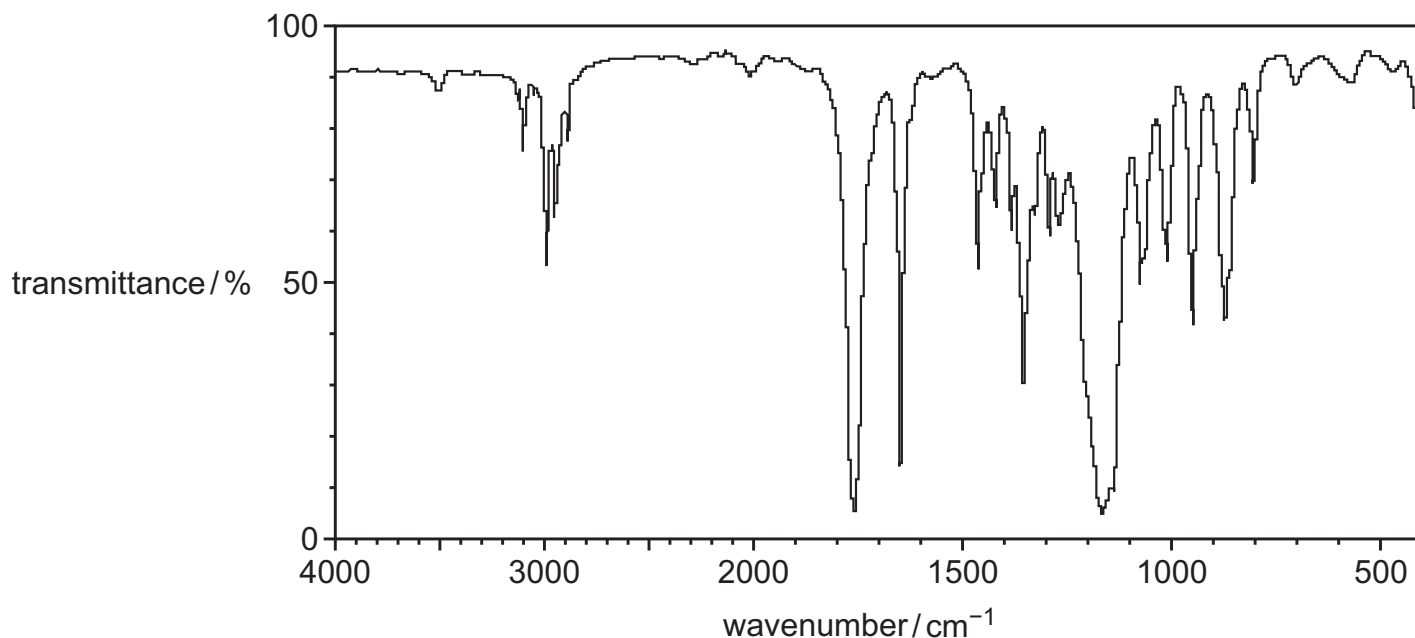


Fig. 4.2

Three absorptions in the infrared spectrum in Fig. 4.2 confirm that **S** is an ester and is unsaturated.

- Write **1**, **2** or **3** on Fig. 4.2 against each of these three absorptions.
- Complete Table 4.1 to show which bond is responsible for each absorption that you have identified in Fig. 4.2.

Table 4.1

absorption	1	2	3
bond responsible			

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Table 4.2

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(iii) The mass spectrum of **S** shows the following peaks.

Table 4.3

peak	relative abundance
M ⁺	4.7
[M+1] ⁺	0.31

Use Table 4.3 to calculate the number of carbon atoms in **S**.

number of carbon atoms in **S** = [1]

[Total: 16]

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