

1.1: Solutions to selected chapter 2 problems

P2.1:

bond a is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on one carbon and an sp^2 orbital on another carbon.

bond b is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on one carbon and an sp^2 orbital on another carbon.

bond c is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on a carbon and an sp^2 orbital on a nitrogen, combined with a pi bond formed by the overlap of a $2p$ orbital on a carbon and a $2p$ orbital on a nitrogen.

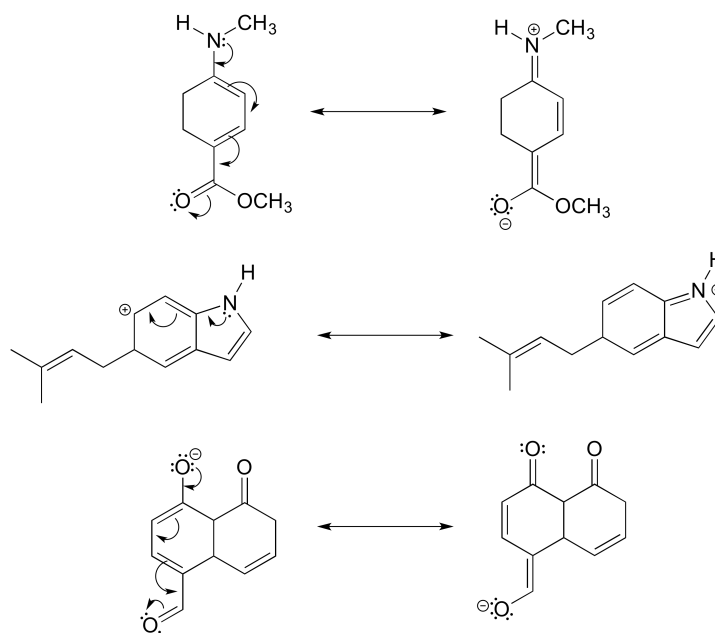
bond d is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on a nitrogen and a $1s$ orbital on a hydrogen.

bond e is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on one carbon and an sp^3 orbital on another carbon.

bond f is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on one carbon and an sp^3 orbital on another carbon.

P2.2:

a)



b)

Top: the contributor on the right is minor due to separation of charge.

Middle: the contributor on the left is minor due to one carbon not having a complete octet.

Bottom: The contributors shown are roughly equivalent.

P2.5:

bond a is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on one carbon and an sp^3 orbital on another carbon.

bond b is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on a carbon and an sp^2 orbital on an oxygen, combined with a pi bond formed by the overlap of a $2p$ orbital on a carbon and a $2p$ orbital on an oxygen.

bond c is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on a carbon and an sp^3 orbital on another carbon.

bond d is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on a carbon and an sp^3 orbital on an oxygen.

bond e is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on a carbon and an sp^3 orbital on an oxygen.

bond f is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on a carbon and an sp^3 orbital on a nitrogen.

bond g is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on a carbon and an sp^2 orbital on a nitrogen.

bond h is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^3 orbital on a carbon and an sp^3 orbital on a nitrogen.

bond i is a sigma bond formed by the overlap of an sp^2 orbital on one carbon and an sp^3 orbital on another carbon.

P2.6:

a) $C_{sp^3} - O_{sp^3}$ b) $C_{sp^2} - C_{sp^3}$ c) $C_{sp^2} - N_{sp^2}$ d) $C_{sp^2} - C_{sp^2}$ e) $C_{sp^3} - C_{sp^3}$ f) $C_{sp^2} - C_{sp^2}$

g) $C_{sp^3} - C_{sp^3}$ h) $C_{sp^2} - H_{1s}$ i) $C_{sp^2} - O_{sp^2}$ j) $C_{sp^2} - Cl_{3p}$ k) $N_{sp^3} - H_{1s}$

l) The walking stick compound contains two aldehydes, compound one contains an ether, compound 2 contains an amide, compound 3 contains a terminal alkene, and compound 4 contains a secondary amine.

m) The molecular formula of the walking stick compound is $C_{10}H_{14}O_2$.

P2.7:

shortest

bond e (triple bond)

bond c (double bond)

bond d (single bond between sp^2 and sp hybridized carbons)

bond f (single bond between sp and sp^3 hybridized carbons)

bond b (single bond between sp^2 and sp^3 hybridized carbons)

bond a (single bond between two sp^3 hybridized carbons)

longest

P2.11:

shortest

bond c (double bond)

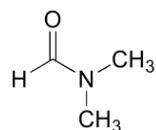
bond d (single bond between two sp^2 hybridized carbons)

bond b (single bond between sp^2 and sp^3 hybridized carbons)

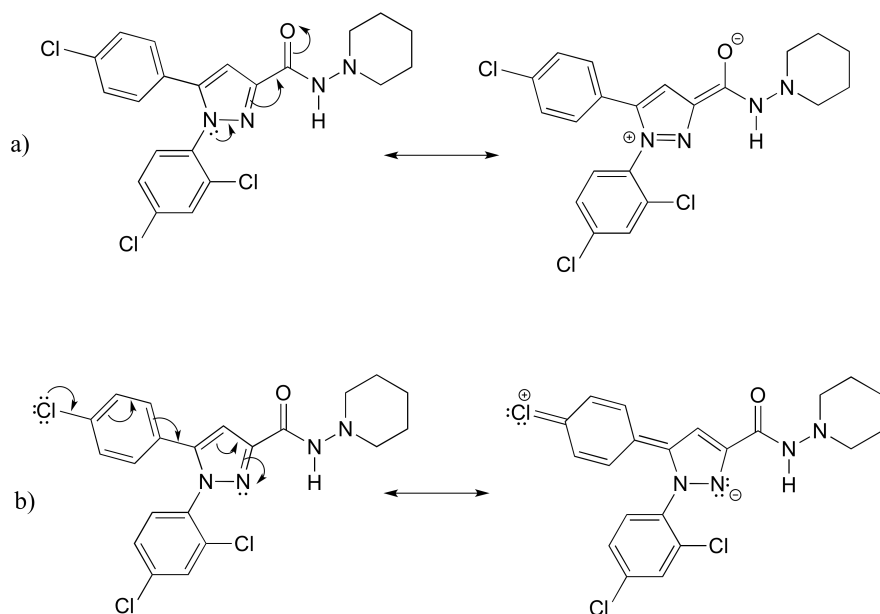
bond a (single bond between two sp^3 hybridized carbons)

longest

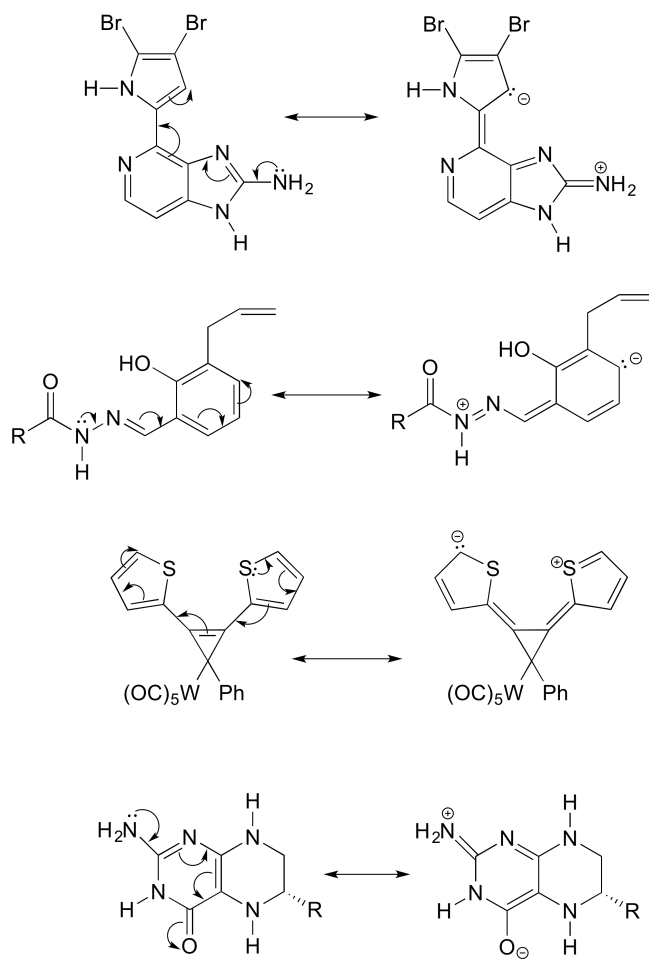
P2.12: The amide shown below is not capable of acting as a hydrogen bond donor (it does not have any N-H bonds), and thus is expected to be less soluble in water. The other three amides of the same formula have one or more N-H bonds, and can thus participate in hydrogen bonding with water as both donor and acceptor.



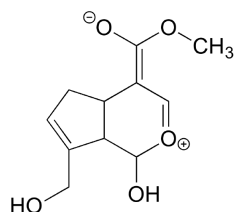
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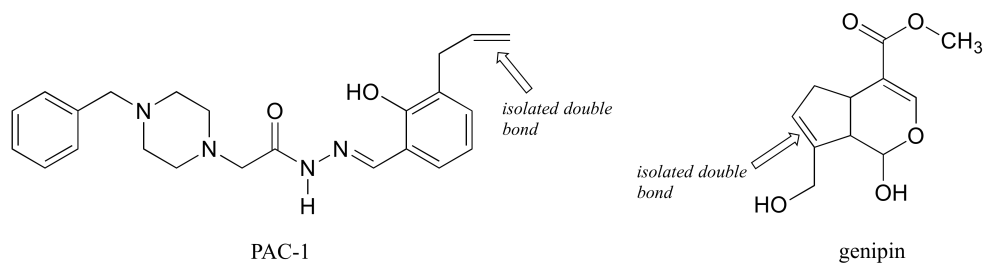
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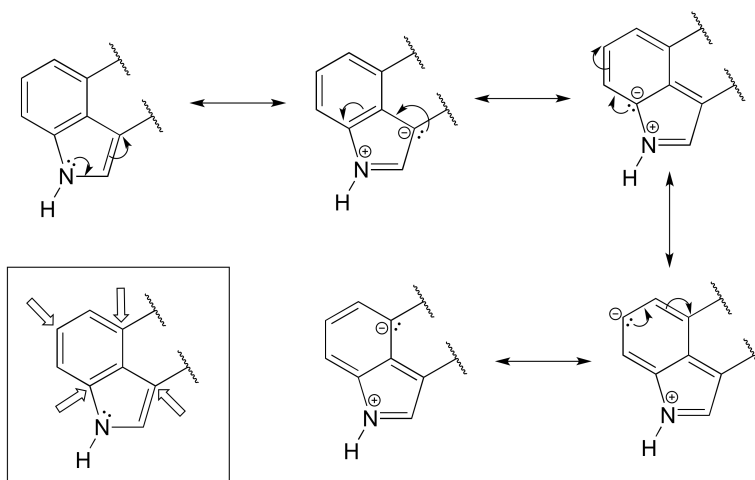
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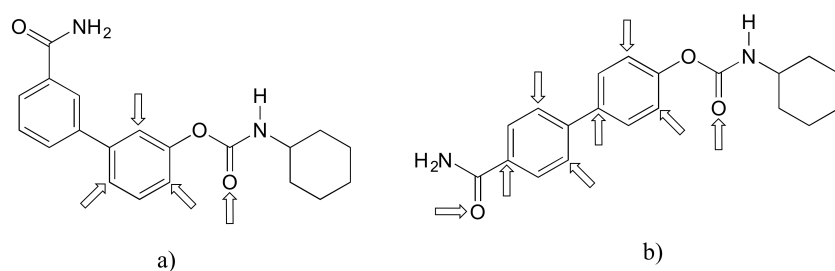
P2.16:



P2.17:



P2.18:



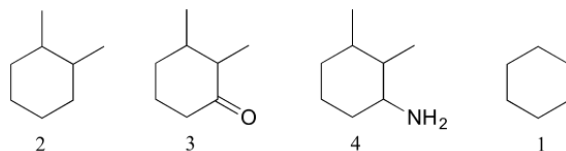
P2.19:

a)

- 1: CH₃F
- 2: CH₂F₂
- 3: CH₃CHF₂
- 4: HF

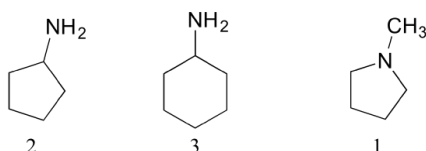
2 and 3 have two fluorines and are more polar than 1, so they have stronger intermolecular dipole-dipole interactions. 3 has one more carbon than 2, and therefore stronger van der Waals interactions. 4 is capable of hydrogen bonding, so it has the strongest intermolecular interactions and the highest boiling point.

b)



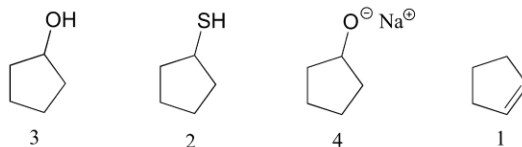
1 and 2 have only van der Waals interactions, but 2 has more carbons so these interactions are slightly stronger. 3 has a polar carbonyl group, and 4 is capable of hydrogen bonding.

c)



1 is not capable of hydrogen bonding. 2 and 3 both have hydrogen bonding groups, but 3 has one more carbon and therefore stronger overall van der Waals interactions.

d)

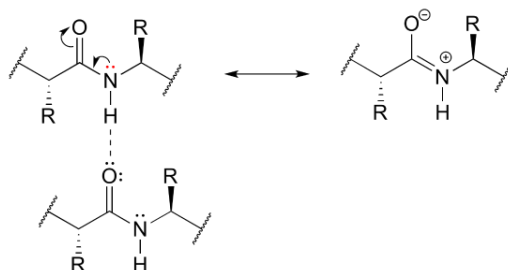


1 has only van der Waals interactions. 2 has a polar thiol group, but 3 has a hydroxyl group which is capable of hydrogen bonding. 4 is a salt: the charge-charge interactions are very strong and lead to a very high boiling point.

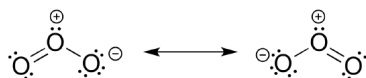
P2.20:

- The compound on the right is more soluble (fewer hydrophobic carbons)
- The compound on the left is more soluble (ionic phosphate group)
- The compound on the left is more soluble (fewer hydrophobic carbons)
- The compound on the left is more soluble (capable of hydrogen bonding)
- The compound on the right is more soluble (fewer hydrophobic carbons)

P2.22: The lone pair electrons on the peptide nitrogen are conjugated to the carbonyl pi bond, and thus are not available to act as hydrogen bond acceptors.



P2.23: Both bonds are the same length, and have a bond order of 1.5 (one part single bond, one part double bond). The central oxygen is sp^2 hybridized (note the 'bent' geometry).



P2.26: The five-membered ring is *not* part of the aromatic system, due to the presence of an sp^2 hybridized carbon in the ring.

P2.27:

A is *not* aromatic (sp^3 hybridized carbon in the ring)

B is aromatic (count the lone pair and you get 10 pi electrons, which is a Huckel number)

C is *not* aromatic (the $2p$ orbital on the carbocation is empty, thus there are only four pi electrons in the system, which is not a Huckel number)

D is *not* aromatic (four pi electrons, not a Huckel number)

E is *not* aromatic (sp^3 hybridized carbon in the ring)

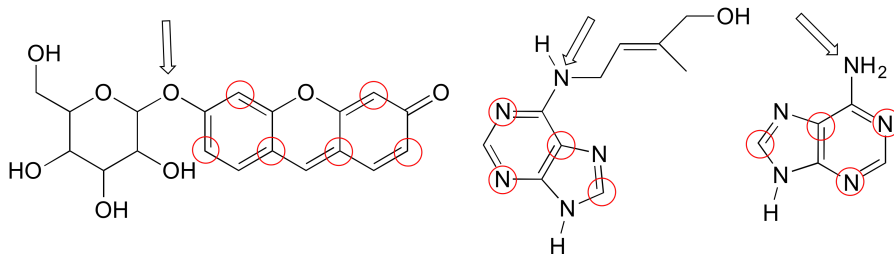
F is *not* aromatic (sp^3 hybridized carbon in the ring)

G is *not* aromatic (lone pair electrons count as part of pi system, thus there are four pi electrons which is not a Huckel number).

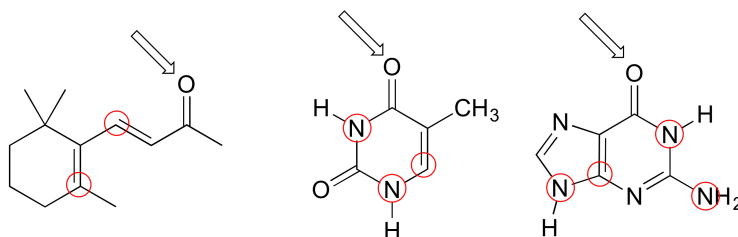
H is aromatic (carbocation is sp^2 hybridized, the $2p$ orbital is empty, so there are two pi electrons in the system, and 2 is a Huckel number)

I is *not* aromatic (there are three conjugated pi bonds with six pi electrons in the system, but the compound is not cyclic).

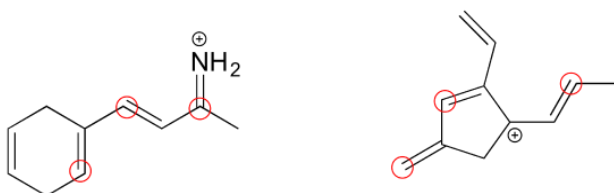
P2.28:



P2.29:



P2.30:



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