Organic Chemistry 212

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Notes: Chapter Four - Benzene and Its Derivatives

Classes of Hydrocarbons

Aliphatic

Alkanes

Alkenes

Alkynes

Aromatic

Arenes

Symbols: \mathbf{R} means an aliphatic hydrocarbon chain and \mathbf{Ar} means an aryl group (a benzene ring with one H removed)

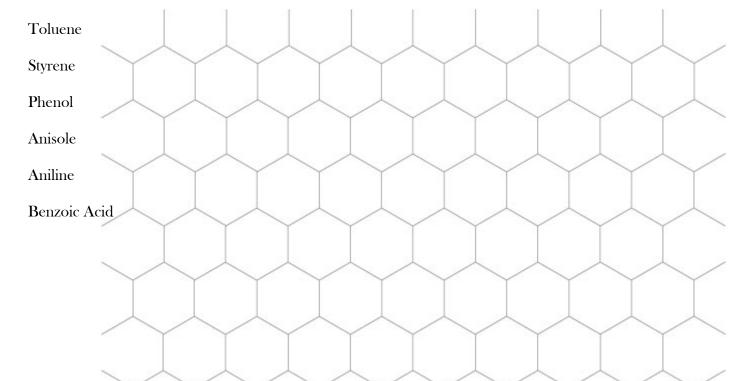
Benzene: C₆H₆

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What is a resonance structure?

Nomenclature

Write structures for these common aromatic molecules:



Explain what is meant by ortho (o), meta (m) and para (p) when naming aromatic hydrocarbons.

Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons: Draw structures for the following molecules: Naphthalene Anthracene What is a carcinogen? Characteristic Reactions: Give an example of halogenation: Give an example of nitration: Draw the structure for T.N.T. What is the meaning of the acronym T.N.T.? Give an example of sulfonation:



Vanillin:

What functional groups can you identify on this molecule?

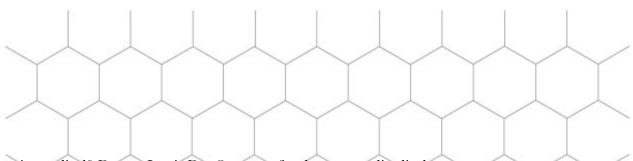
What is the formal name for vanillin?

What is the molecular formula for vanillin?

What is a typical use for this molecule?

What class contains this molecule?

Describe three other members of this class and draw their structures:



What is a radical? Draw a Lewis Dot Structure for the oxygen diradical.

What evidence suggests that oxygen exists as a triplet diradical?

Autooxidation is a radical-chain process that converts and R-H group to an R-O-O-H group, called a hydroperoxide. Show the mechanism (Step 1, Step 2a and Step 2b) for this process.