Assignment 2 PHYS 0203 (Organic) Name_____

1. Assuming that the molecules below are dissolved in acetone, $CH_3C(O)CH_3$, circle the more nucleophilic molecule/ion in each pair.

c.

a.

H₂O or NH₃ b. HO⁻ or HS⁻ CH₃O⁻ or (CH₃)₃CO⁻ d. \checkmark s⁻ or \checkmark s⁻

2. Assuming that the molecules below are dissolved in ethanol, circle the more nucleophilic molecule/ion in each pair.

a.	H_2O	or	NH ₃	b.	NH_3	or	PH_3
c.	HO-	or	HS-	d.	Cl-	or	Br-

3. 1-bromopropane reacts with sodium methoxide to form 1-methoxy propane and NaBr.

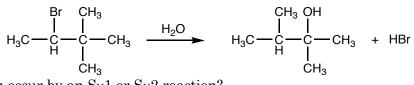
a. Using skeletal structures, draw a balanced equation for the reaction.

b. Draw a mechanism for the reaction.

4. Indicate whether the following molecules can react by S_N1 reactions, S_N2 reations, or both.

a. Br	b. Br
c. Br	d.
	Br

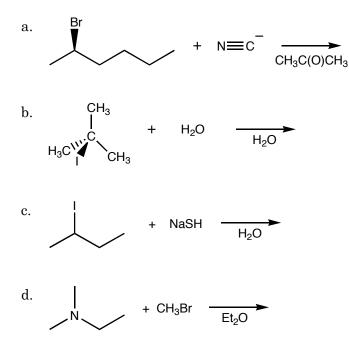
5. The following reaction is a nucleophilic substitution.



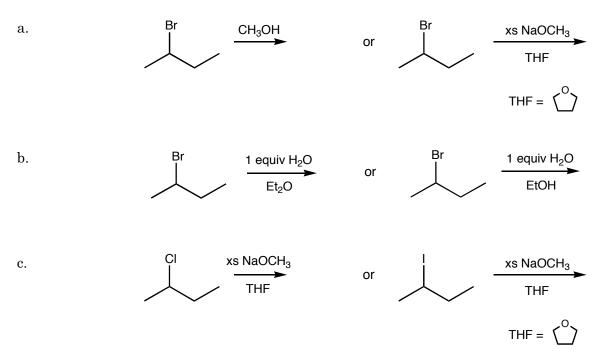
a. Did this reaction occur by an ${\rm S}_{\rm N}1$ or ${\rm S}_{\rm N}2$ reaction?

b. Draw a mechanism for the reaction.

6. Determine the products of the following reactions. Where appropriate, clearly indicate the stereochemistry of the products.



7. Which reaction conditions favor an $S_N 2$ reaction more?



8. Depending on how the hydrolysis of 3-bromo-3-methylhexane is conducted a racemic mixture or a solution enriched in one enantiomer results. Explain how this could happen.

