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.

H<sub>2</sub>O or NH<sub>3</sub> b. HO<sup>-</sup> or HS<sup>-</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>O<sup>-</sup> or (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CO<sup>-</sup> d.  $\checkmark$  s<sup>-</sup> or  $\checkmark$  s<sup>-</sup>

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

| a. | $H_2O$ | or | NH <sub>3</sub> | b. | $\mathrm{NH}_3$ | or | $\mathrm{PH}_3$ |
|----|--------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| c. | HO-    | or | HS-             | d. | Cl-             | or | Br-             |

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

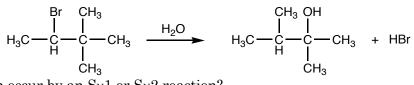
a. Using skeletal structures, draw a balanced equation for the reaction.

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    |

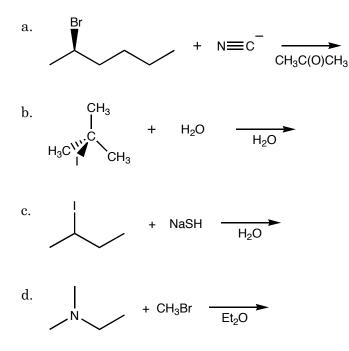
5. The following reaction is a nucleophilic substitution.



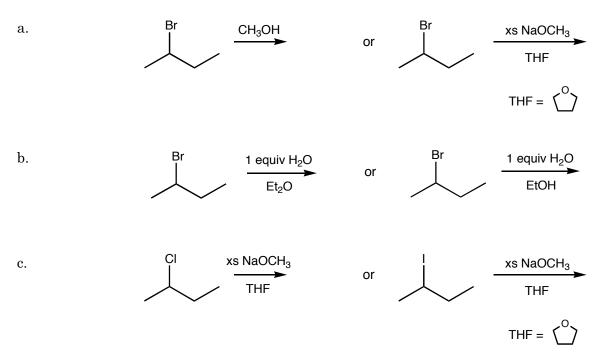
a. Did this reaction occur by an  ${\rm S}_{\rm N}1$  or  ${\rm S}_{\rm N}2$  reaction?

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.

