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## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II (2302)

8:00 – 8:50 am, August 4, 2015

### Exam 4

If you want to pick this exam up Wednesday in class (in public), please check the box on the right:

If you do not check the box, I will not bring your exam to class on Wednesday, and you will need to pick up your exam in private from Chemistry department staff in 115 Smith beginning Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Exams that are not picked up within two weeks will be disposed of.

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A periodic table and a chart of amino acids and nucleic acid bases are attached to the back of this exam as an aid. Otherwise, you are not permitted to use any other materials (including notes, books, or electronic devices of any kind).

When the exam begins, please write your name at the top of the next page.

You may use pen or pencil. However, re-grades will be considered only for exams completed in pen.

Please write your answers in the boxes/spaces provided. If your answer is not in the appropriate space (say, for example, it's on the back of the page), draw us an arrow and/or note telling us where to look.

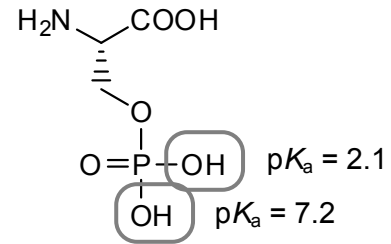
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 2. \_\_\_\_\_ / 9      5. \_\_\_\_\_ / 5  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ / 30

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 100

1. (48 pts)

- a. L-Phosphoserine is a modified amino acid that is generated in proteins by phosphorylation of serine residues. The amino acid side chain has two acidic protons, which exhibit different  $pK_a$  values, as shown at right. What would be the structure and charge state of phosphoserine under extremely acidic conditions, at  $pH = 1$ ? Then, how would the structure change with increasing  $pH$ ?



*L-phosphoserine*

<i>charge = +1</i>	<i>charge = 0</i>	<i>charge = -1</i>



- b. What would you predict for the isoelectric point ( $pI$ ) of phosphoserine?

$pI =$

- c. If you analyzed a mixture of phosphoserine and serine by ion exchange chromatography, using a solvent gradient of increasing  $pH$ , would you expect phosphoserine to elute

**earlier                      later                      or                      at the same time**

relative to serine? (*Circle one answer.*)

- d. At pH = 7, if a kinase enzyme were to convert serine residues on the surface of a target protein to phosphoserines, would the protein

become **more positively charged?**

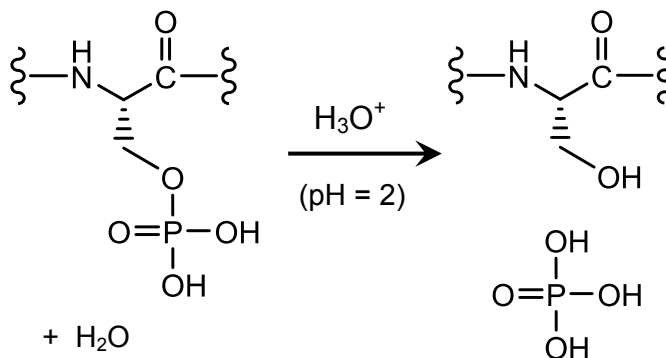
become **more negatively charged?**

or

retain **the same charge state?**

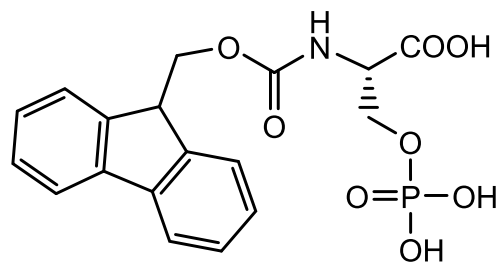
(Circle one.)

- e. Ingested, phosphoserine-containing proteins may not survive our stomachs. Under acidic conditions, phosphoserine residues on the surfaces of proteins can undergo acid-catalyzed, nucleophilic phosphoacyl substitution, and can be hydrolyzed back to serines. Draw a mechanism (using “electron pushing”) for this process. Draw each molecule and mechanistic step explicitly; don’t cheat by combining multiple processes in a single step.

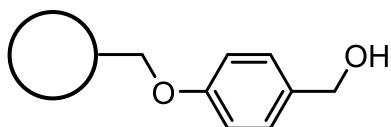


*Mechanism:*

- f. Phosphopeptides—peptides incorporating a phosphoserine residue—can be synthesized via solid-phase peptide synthesis using the Fmoc-protected phosphoserine (“Fmoc-PS”) reagent shown at right. In the box below, propose a multistep synthesis of the dipeptide phosphoserinylglycine ( $\text{H}_2\text{N-PS-Gly-COOH}$ ), starting from Wang resin (drawn in the box below). You do not need to draw any chemical structures to answer this problem; you can refer to molecules by name or chemical abbreviation. In addition to the starting materials I’ve drawn, you can use any reagents and reactions we’ve learned about in class. (*Wang resin is cleaved in acid.*)

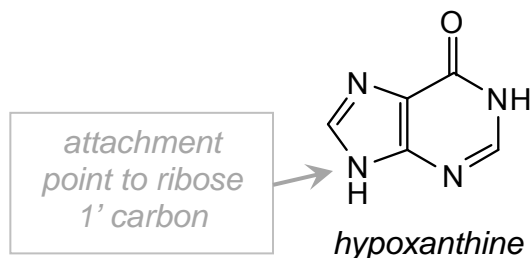


Fmoc-PS



Wang resin

2. (9 pts) Inosine is a non-natural nucleoside that is formed when a hypoxanthine base is attached at the 1' position of a ribose sugar. Inosine can be incorporated into DNA and RNA by both biological and synthetic methods.

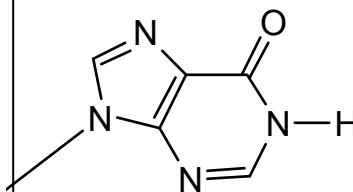


- a. DNA polymerase can incorporate 2'-deoxyinosine into DNA when it accepts 2'-deoxyinosine triphosphate as a substrate. Draw the structure of 2'-deoxyinosine triphosphate.

*2'-deoxyinosine triphosphate*

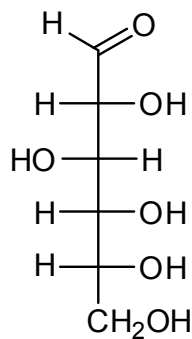
- b. Inosine can base-pair with any of the four typical DNA bases, though the DNA double helix accommodates a pyrimidine across from inosine better than a purine. Draw a base pair between the hypoxanthine base of inosine (already drawn in the box for you) and either of the two pyrimidine bases typically found in DNA. Illustrate hydrogen bonding in your drawing. You do not need to draw the sugar or phosphate parts of DNA; just draw the base.

*hypoxanthine-pyrimidine base pair*



3. (30 pts) Lactose is a disaccharide formed from glucose and galactose; it is a glucosyl glycoside of galactose.

- a. D-Galactose is the C-4 epimer of D-glucose, shown at right. Draw a Fischer projection of D-galactose in the box provided.



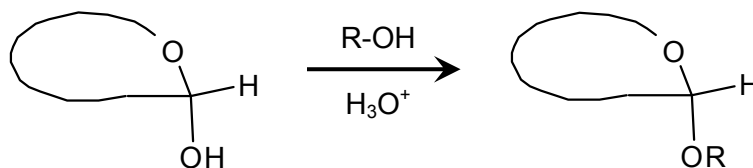
*D-glucose*

*acyclic form of D-galactose  
(Fischer projection)*

- b. Acyclic D-galactose equilibrates with a cyclic,  $\alpha$ -galactopyranose (6-membered ring) form. Draw both a Haworth projection and the most stable chair conformer of that cyclic form in the boxes on the next page.

<i>cyclic <math>\alpha</math>-D-galactopyranose</i> <i>(Haworth projection)</i>	<i>cyclic <math>\alpha</math>-D-galactopyranose</i> <i>(chair conformer)</i>
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- c. Although the  $\alpha$ -anomer of galactose that you drew is less stable than the  $\beta$ -anomer, the  $\alpha$ -anomer is still stabilized by the “anomeric effect”, a specific molecular orbital interaction. Illustrate that molecular orbital interaction on your chair drawing above, drawing lobes for orbitals.
- d. Cyclic  $\alpha$ -galactose (a hemiacetal) spontaneously forms glycosides (acetals) with other alcohols, like glucose, in the presence of an acid catalyst. Using my cartoon illustrations below, draw a mechanism on the next page for the formation of glycoside from galactose.

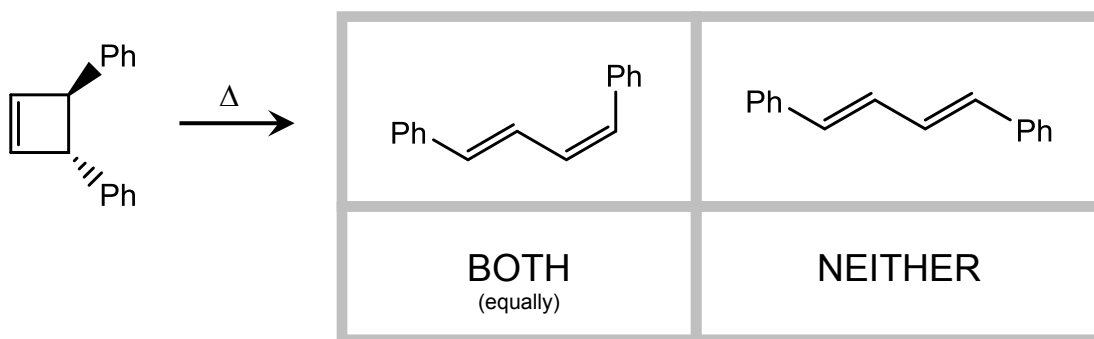
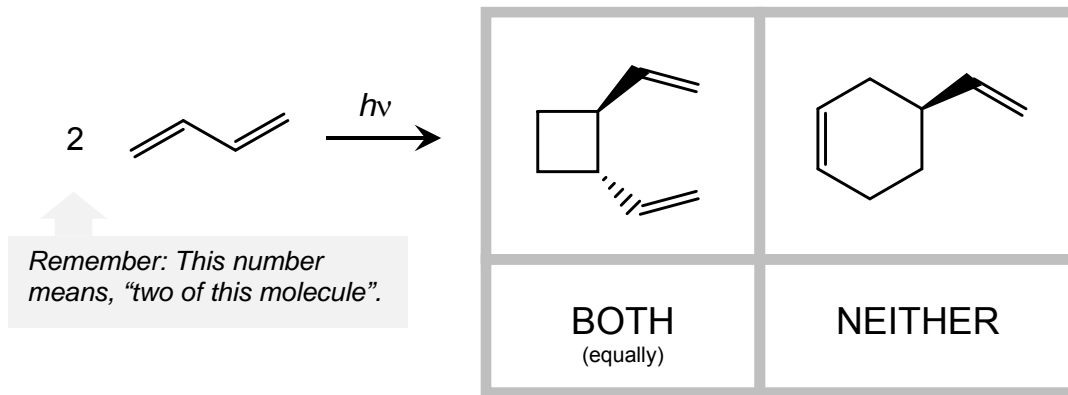


*Mechanism:*

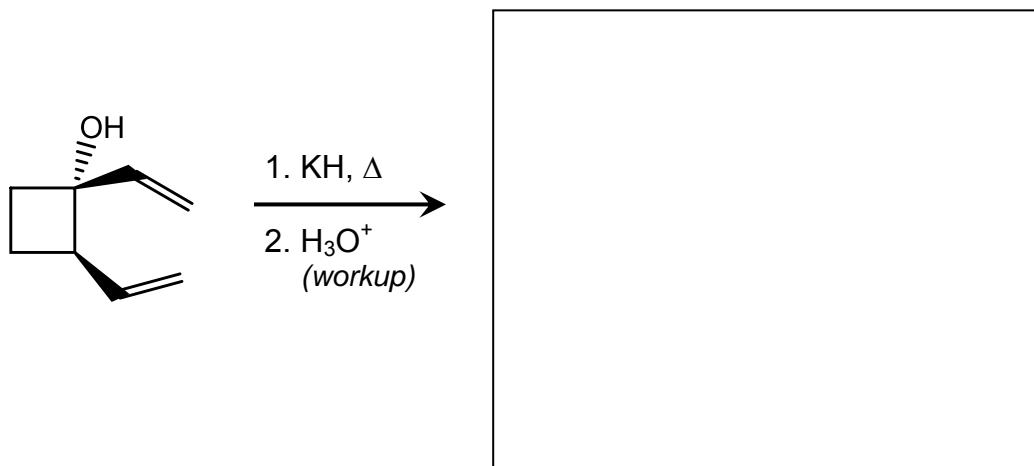
e. What is the timescale of the reaction on the previous page? Does it take place spontaneously over

**minutes?**      **weeks?**      *or*      **decades?**      (*Circle one.*)

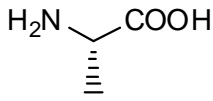
4. (8 pts) Each of the reactions below is drawn with two possible products. Circle the preferred product. If the two products are produced equally, circle "BOTH". If neither product would result from the reaction, circle "NEITHER". **Circle one answer only.**



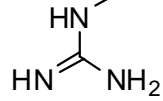
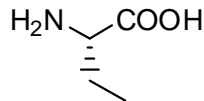
5. (5 pts) For the reaction below, fill in the empty box corresponding to product. Give only one answer. If you expect the reaction to yield multiple products, draw one major product. If the reaction yields multiple enantiomers, draw only one enantiomer in the box, and include the note "+ enantiomer".



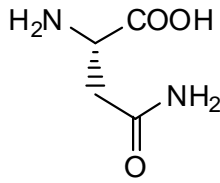
## Exam 4 Chart of Amino Acids (in Alphabetical Order)



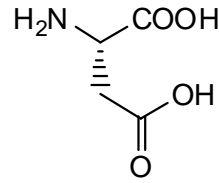
alanine  
(Ala, A)



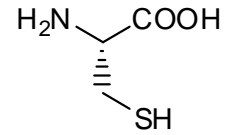
arginine  
(Arg, R)



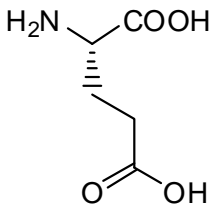
asparagine  
(Asn, N)



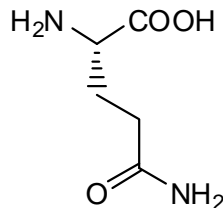
aspartic acid  
(Asp, D)



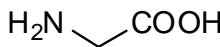
cysteine  
(Cys, C)



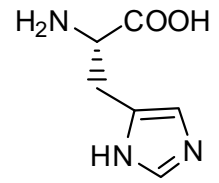
glutamic acid  
(Glu, E)



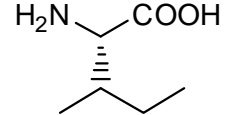
glutamine  
(Gln, Q)



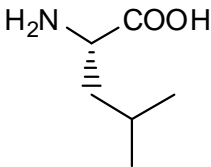
glycine  
(Gly, G)



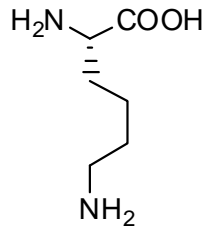
histidine  
(His, H)



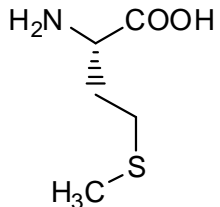
isoleucine  
(Ile, I)



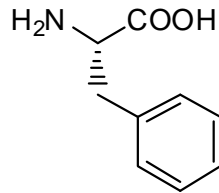
leucine  
(Leu, L)



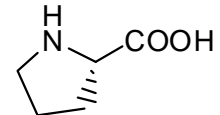
lysine  
(Lys, K)



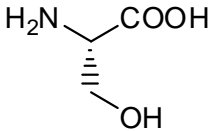
methionine  
(Met, M)



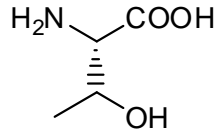
phenylalanine  
(Phe, F)



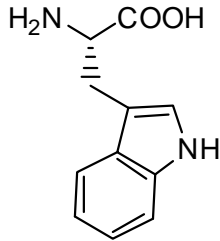
proline  
(Pro, P)



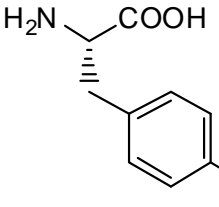
serine  
(Ser, S)



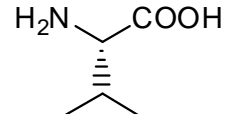
threonine  
(Thr, T)



tryptophan  
(Trp, W)



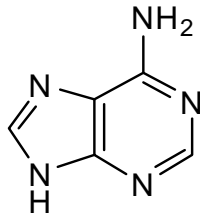
tyrosine  
(Tyr, Y)



valine  
(Val, V)



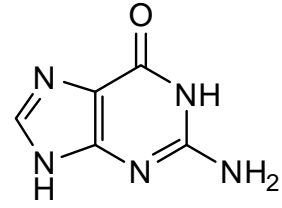
**Exam 4 Chart of Nucleic Acid Bases  
(in Alphabetical Order)**



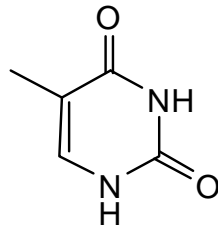
adenine  
(A)



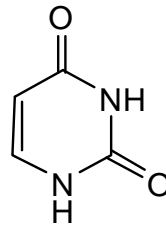
cytosine  
(C)



guanine  
(G)



thymine  
(T)



uracil  
(U)

## Exam 4 Chart of Reaction Conditions

