



Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Program  
CHM2210 Study Guide & Practice Problems

Topics Covered:

The Rules & The Protocol  
The Basics of Organic Chemistry  
Line Angle Formulas  
Hybridization and Geometry  
Molecular Orbital Theory  
Functional Groups

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# The Rules & The Protocol

1. The Rules: guiding principles to understanding Organic Chemistry
  - a. Neutrality rules the day
    - i. Organic molecules are working towards neutrality
    - ii. Exceptions: strong acids in water
  - b. Proton transfer is #1
    - i. Proton transfer is fast (kinetic)
    - ii. Proton transfer is favorable (thermodynamic)
    - iii. Protons constantly jump from molecule to molecule
  - c. Atoms with lone pairs that are bonded to atoms with pi bonds are  $sp^2$  hybridized
    - i. Although an atom with lone pairs might have four areas of electron density, it chemically functions as  $sp^2$  if connected to a pi system
    - ii. Exceptions: halogens
  - d. Pi bonds prefer to become sigma bonds
    - i. Exceptions: benzene, carboxylic acids, carboxylic acid derivatives
2. The Protocol (SERI): the factors which govern chemical change
  - a. Size
    - i. The size of atoms bonded to one another affects the stability of the bond (larger atoms can better stabilize negative charge)
    - ii. Size increases from top left of PT to bottom right
  - b. Electronegativity
    - i. The tendency of an atom to attract electrons toward itself
    - ii. Electronegativity increases from bottom left of PT to top right
  - c. Resonance
    - i. The delocalization of electrons within a molecule stabilizes it
  - d. Inductive Effect
    - i. The effect of the transmission of unequal sharing of bonding electrons within a molecule

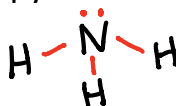
# The Basics of Organic Chemistry

1. Carbon is special
  - a. Forms strong bonds
  - b. Forms linear and branched chains
  - c. Forms ring structures
  - d. Central to functional group structures
  - e. Fundamental to supporting living things from a biochemical level to an ecological level
2. Electron pairs and pi bonds are the driving force
  - a. Nucleophiles
    - i. Think “nucleophile = negative”
    - ii. Electron rich
    - iii. Electron pair donor (Lewis Base)
    - iv. Nucleophiles “attack” electrophiles!!!
  - b. Electrophiles
    - i. Electron poor
    - ii. Electron pair acceptor
3. Atoms desire neutrality and an octet
  - a. Both neutrality and an octet contribute towards molecule stability
4. Formal charge is significant
  - a. Formal charge = # valence electrons – (# dots + # line)
  - b. Formal charge determines the “happy states” of organic atoms within molecules

- i. Carbon’s “happy state”: four bonds



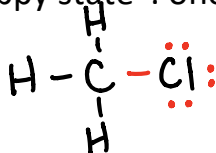
- ii. Nitrogen’s “happy state”: three bonds and one lone pair



- iii. Oxygen’s “happy state”: two bonds and two lone pairs



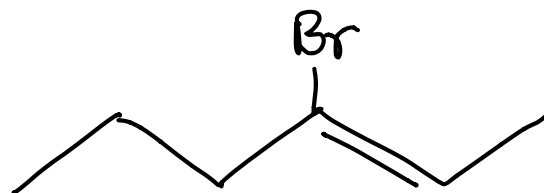
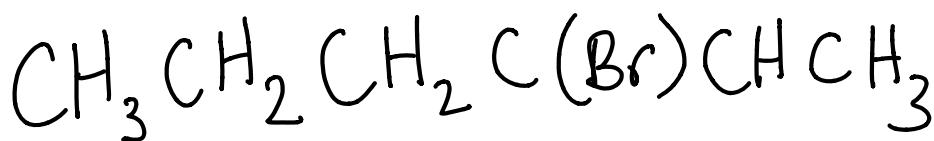
- iv. A Halide’s “happy state”: one bond and three lone pairs



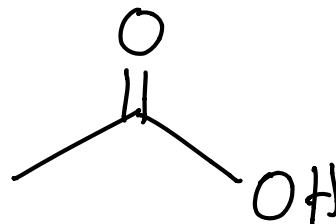
# Line Angle Formulas

1. Shorthand representation of an organic molecule's bonding and molecular geometry

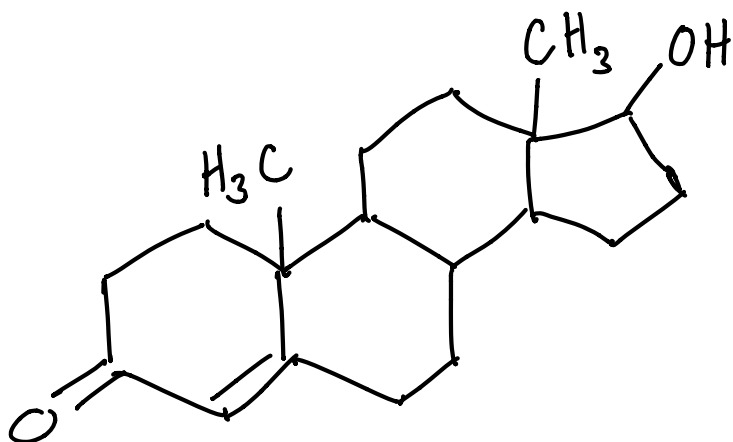
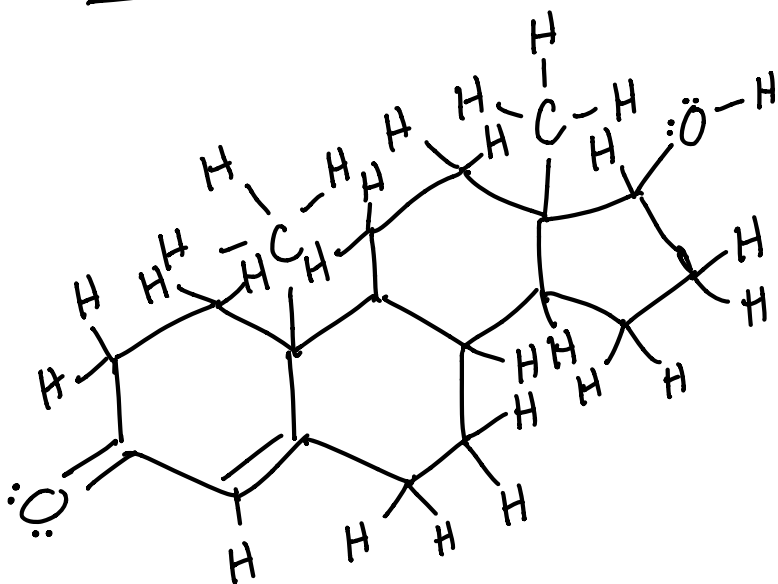
## Condensed



## Chemical formula



## Lewis structure



# Hybridization and Geometry

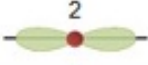




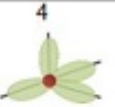
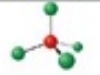





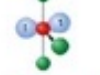
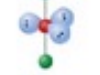






## 1. Hybridization

- a. The mixing or hybridization of atomic orbitals (which individually have different shapes and energies) suitable for the creation of chemical bonds through electron pairing

Letters + Lone Pairs	Hybridization	Geometry
4	$sp^3$ (25% s = less s character → least EN → <b>most basic orbital for lone pair of e-</b> b/c farther away from the nucleus)	Tetrahedral
3	$sp^2$	Trigonal Planar
2	$sp$ (50% s = greater s character → most EN → <b>most acidic</b> b/c stingier with giving away its lone pair of electrons)	Linear

## 2. Geometry

- a. Molecular Geometry describes the 3-dimensional shape of a molecule

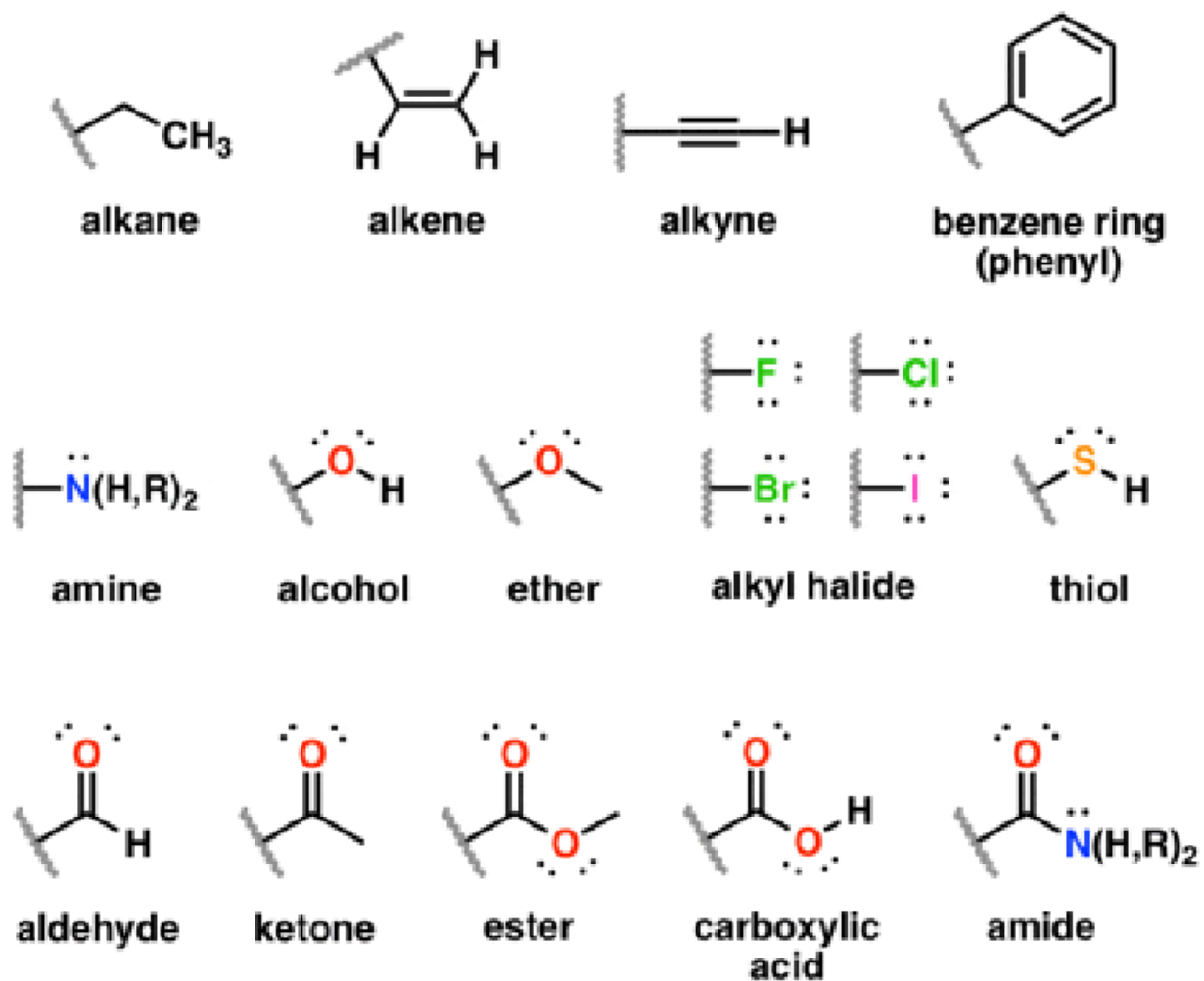
Number of Electron Dense Areas	Electron-Pair Geometry	Molecular Geometry				
		No Lone Pairs	1 lone Pair	2 lone Pairs	3 lone Pairs	4 lone Pairs
 2	Linear	 Linear				
 3	Trigonal planar	 Trigonal planar	 Bent			
 4	Tetrahedral	 Tetrahedral	 Trigonal pyramidal	 Bent		
 5	Trigonal bipyramidal	 Trigonal bipyramidal	 Sawhorse	 T-shaped	 Linear	
 6	Octahedral	 Octahedral	 Square pyramidal	 Square planar	 T-shaped	 Linear

# Molecular Orbital (MO) Theory

1. HOMO (Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital)
  - a. HOMO is the nucleophile
  - b. Because nucleophiles attack electrophiles, increasing an atom's negativity increases the energy of the HOMO and leads to bonding by reducing the gap between the HOMO and the LUMO (the more negative an atom is, the more nucleophilic it is, which gives it greater ability to attack an electrophile)
2. LUMO (Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital)
  - a. LUMO is the electrophile
3. Anti-bond (node)
  - a. The location where no electron density is found
4. Goals of MO theory
  - a. Raise nucleophilicity (increase the HOMO's energy)
  - b. Lower electrophilicity (decrease the LUMO's energy)

# Functional Groups

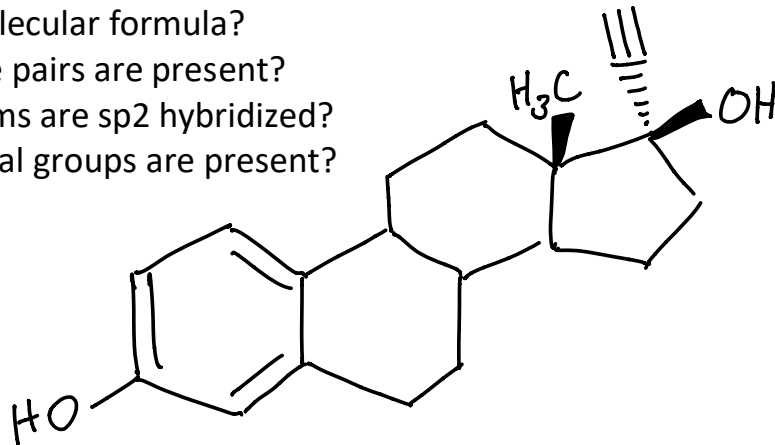
1. Groupings or sequences of atoms with specific chemical characteristics that are commonly found in organic molecules



## Organic Chemistry Basics Problems

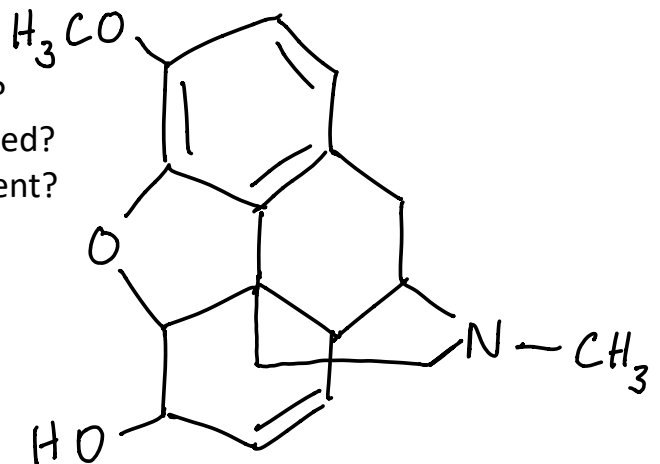
- 1) SEE IT: The line angle structure of Ethinyl estradiol (the birth control pill) is shown below.

- What is the molecular formula?
- How many lone pairs are present?
- How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized?
- Which functional groups are present?



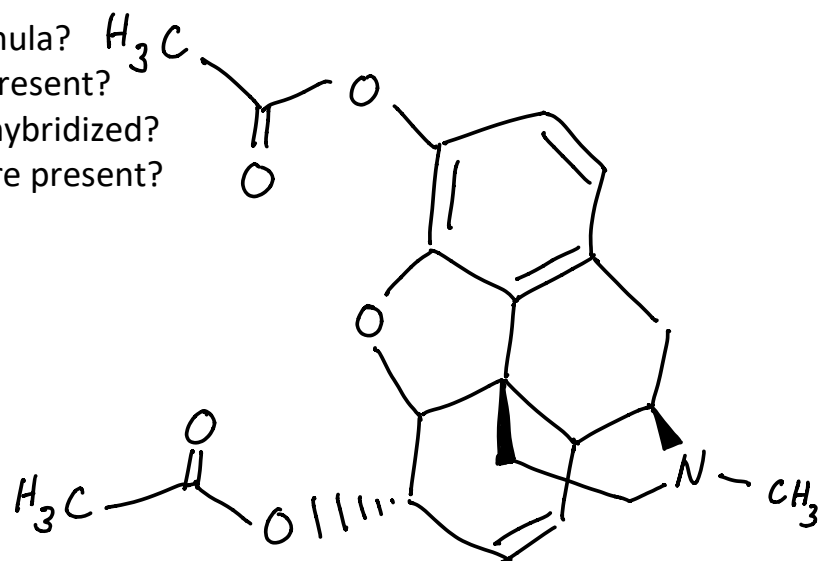
- 2) DO IT: The line angle structure of codeine (an opioid analgesic) is shown below.

- What is the molecular formula?
- How many lone pairs are present?
- How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized?
- Which functional groups are present?



- 3) TEACH IT: The line angle structure of heroin (an illegal opioid) is shown below.

- What is the molecular formula?
- How many lone pairs are present?
- How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized?
- Which functional groups are present?

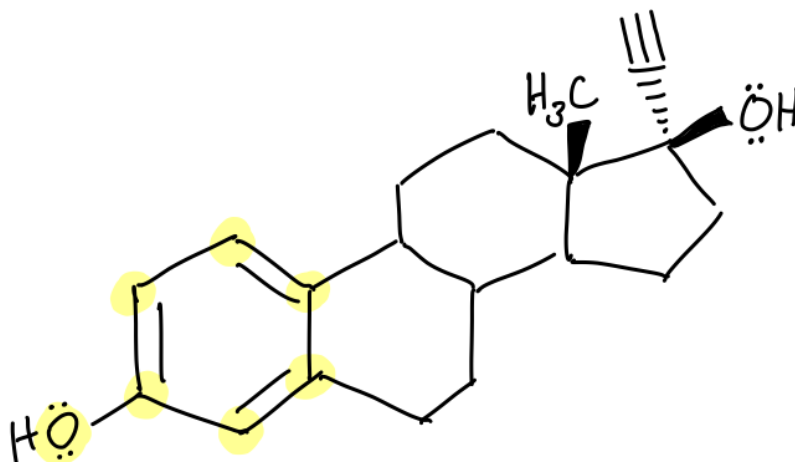




# Solutions

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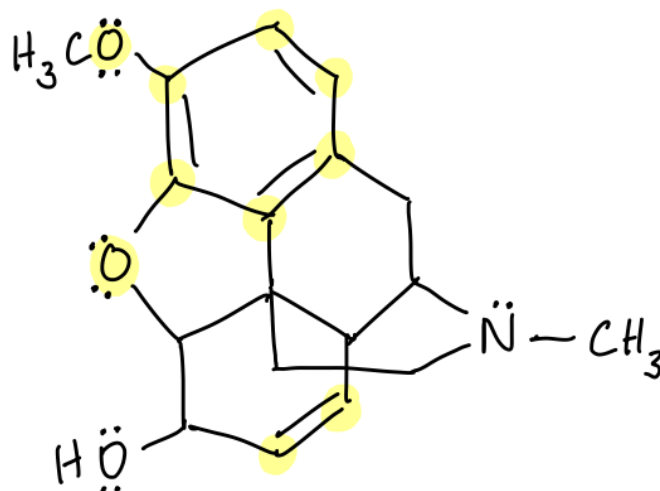
- A. What is the molecular formula?  $C_{20}H_{24}O_2$
- B. How many lone pairs are present? 4
- C. How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized? 7
- D. Which functional groups are present? two alcohols,  
one alkyne,  
one benzene ring



2)

- A. What is the molecular formula?  $C_{18}H_{21}O_3N$   
B. How many lone pairs are present? 7  
C. How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized? 10  
D. Which functional groups are present?

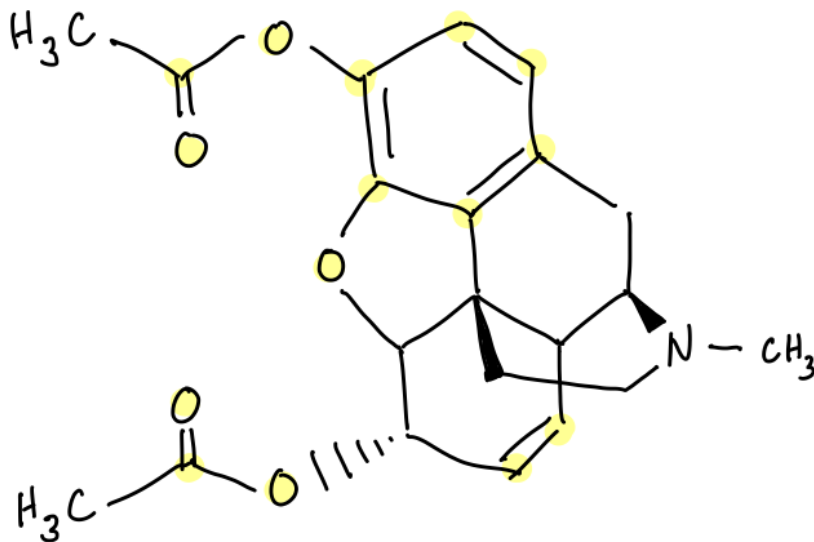
two ethers,  
one alcohol,  
one amine,  
one benzene  
ring,  
one alkene



3)

- A. What is the molecular formula?  $C_{21}H_{23}O_5N$   
B. How many lone pairs are present? 11  
C. How many atoms are  $sp^2$  hybridized? 15  
D. Which functional groups are present?

two esters,  
one ether,  
one amine,  
one benzene  
ring,  
one alkene



Group →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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	1 H													5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
2	3 Li	4 Be																	
3	11 Na	12 Mg												13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
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