Objective 6. Identify an aromatic compound and apply substitution, elimination, and oxidation-reduction principles to aromatic side chain reactions.

1. a. Cyclopentadiene is not aromatic but the cyclopentadiene anion is aromatic. Apply the aromaticity rules to each compound.


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b. Pyridine (it stinks) is aromatic. The $N$ on pyridine is trigonal planar and is $s p^{2}$ hybridized. The lone pair on $N$ is not part of the conjugated pi system. This means the lone pair occupies the $\qquad$ orbital and the pi bond occupies the $\qquad$ orbital. (Choices: $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ hybrid orbital or p orbital)

c. The $N$ on pyrrole is $s p^{2}$ hybridized. Pyrrole has a lone pair on the $N$. This lone pair is part of the conjugated pi system. Is pyrrole aromatic?

d. The furan ring is aromatic. Is each lone pair on the O part of the conjugated pi system?

e. DNA bases are aromatic. How many pi electrons does each base have? Are the lone pairs on N part of the conjugated pi system?

Purine


Guanine


Pyrimidine


Thymine


Cytosine
2. Reactions on arene side chain.
a. NBS is a special brominating agent in which Br substitutes for H at the allylic C . Identify the allylic C . Then, draw the structure of the product.

b. Consider the reaction. What reaction type? The Cl behaves like a $\qquad$ . What reagent would you use? Use curved arrows to show how reactant forms product.

c. Which pi bond in the Structure $B$ is more reactive? Why?
d. What reagent would you use to convert Structure B back to Structure A? Use curved arrows to show how this reaction occurs.
e. Which product forms when Structure B reacts with $\mathrm{H}_{2} /$ Pd? Why?


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f. Classify each reaction as an oxidation or reduction reaction. What reagent would you use in each reaction?

3. Describe a synthesis.
a. How many carbons are in the starting material and target compound? What is the reaction type? At what position is something happening? Does a C-C bond have to form? If so, what method would you use (acetylide, Grignard)?

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