

Friday Worksheet
¹HNMR spectroscopy 1

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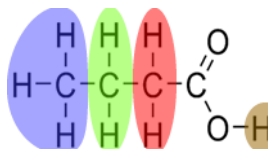
BACKGROUND ON NMR:

- 1) How many signals are expected in the ¹HNMR spectrum of the following molecules? Draw the structure of each molecule.

Each hydrogen that is chemically different has its own signal. The chemically different hydrogen atoms are shown in each diagram coloured.

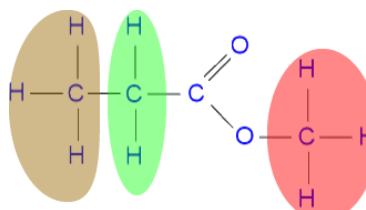
a) CH₃CH₂CH₂COOH

Four signals



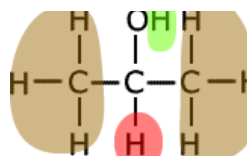
b) Methyl propanoate

Three signals



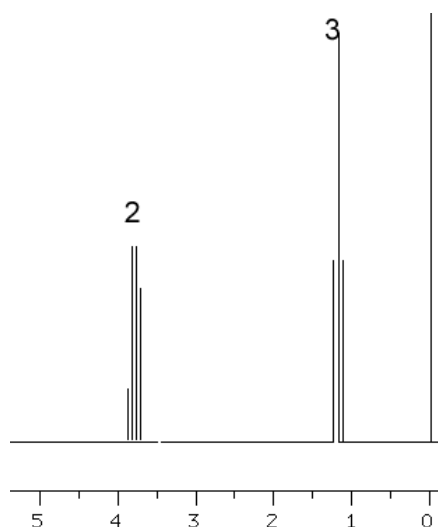
c) Propan-2-ol

Three signals

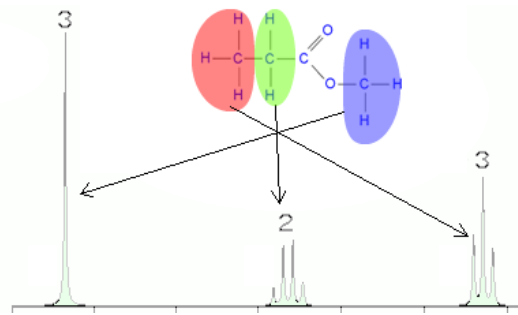


- 2) Draw the ¹HNMR spectrum of each of the compounds below. Clearly show the signal splitting and the relative intensity of each signal.

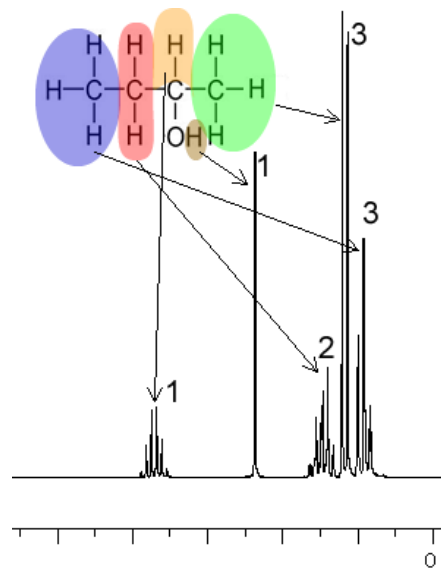
a) CH₃CH₂OCH₂CH₃



b) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_3$



c) Butan-2-ol



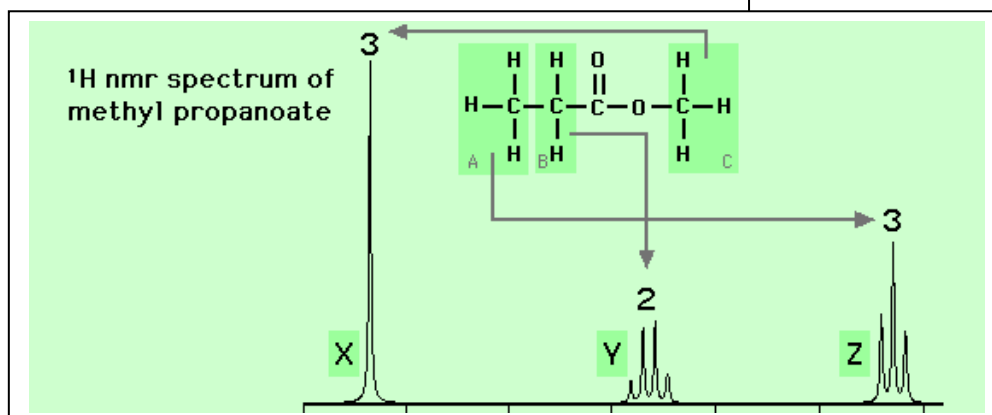
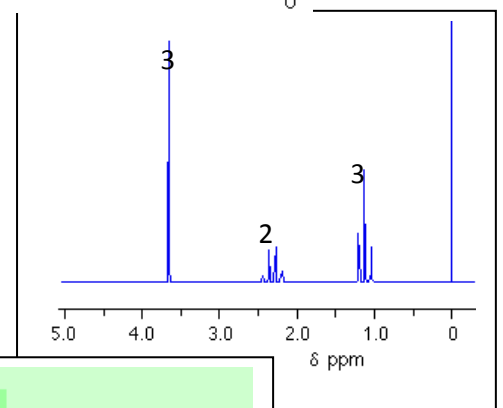
3) Consider the ^1H NMR spectrum on the right.

a) What is the signal at 0 ppm?

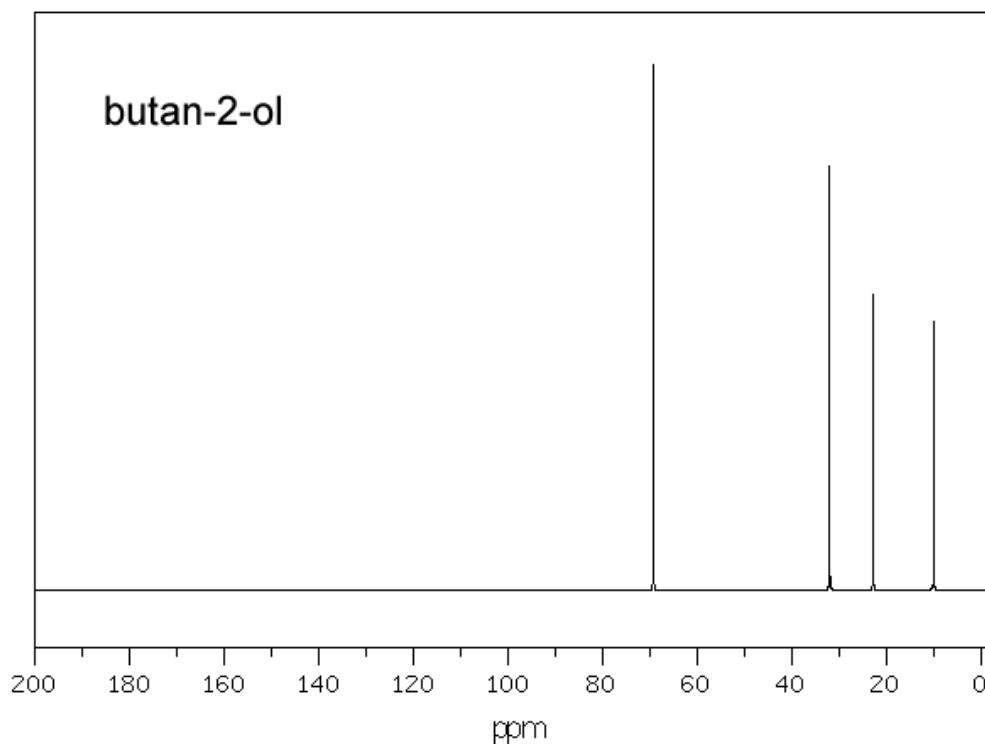
It is the TMS signal that all other signals are compared to.

b) Which of the following molecules is likely to be represented by this spectrum? Explain.

methyl propanoate



4) Below is the ^{13}C NMR for butan-2-ol



a) How many chemically different carbon environments exist?

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b) Why is there no signal splitting in ^{13}C NMR but there is in ^1H NMR?

The natural abundance of ^{13}C is very low and so the chances of having two ^{13}C atoms next to each other in a molecule are very low and so no splitting is seen in ^{13}C NMR.

c) Why ^{13}C is used for analysis and not ^{12}C , which is the more abundant isotope of carbon

The ^{12}C isotope is not magnetically active and therefore not detectable by NMR. Only nuclei with an odd number of nucleons can be detected in NMR.