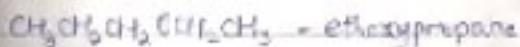
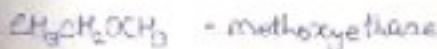


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## Properties of ethers

### Physical properties

Density: Most ethers are less dense than water but the density increases with increasing relative molecular mass.

- solubility: Ether molecules are miscible with most organic solvents.

- boiling point: Their boiling point is lower than that of alcohols.

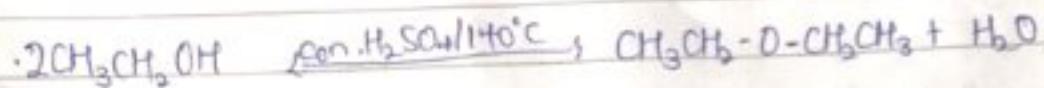
- physical state: There are colourless, neutral liquids with pleasant odours at room temperature.

Q) Three uses of ethylene oxide are

- a) It is used as a gaseous sterilising agent.
- b) It is used in the manufacture of detergents, fumigants etc.
- c) It is used in the production of plastics, and synthetic textiles.

### Methods Preparation of ethers

i) Partial dehydration of alcohols: This method includes acid which is tetraxoxosulphate (vi) acid being heated. It includes acid catalysed and catalytic dehydration.



ii) From Alkyl halides: These ethers can be prepared by heating haloalkanes with dry silver oxide.

