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# **IUPAC NAMES FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPOUNDS**

I, HCOOH: METHANOIC ACID

ii, HOOCCH2CH2CH2COOH: PETAN-1,5-DIOIC ACID

iii, CH3CH2CH2COOH: BUTANOIC ACID

iv, HO<sub>2</sub>C-CO<sub>2</sub>H: ETHANEDIOIC ACID

V, CH<sub>3</sub>CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH: HEX-4-ENE OIC ACID

VI, CH<sub>3</sub>[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>4</sub>COOH: HEXANOIC ACID

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### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

### Physical appearances

All simple aliphatic carboxylic acids up to  $C_{10}$  are liquids at room temperature. Most other carboxylic acids are solid at room temperature although anhydrous carboxylic acid (acetic acid) also known as glacial ethanoic acid freezes to an ice-like solid below the room temperature.

## **Boiling points**

Boiling point increases with increasing relative molecular mass. Aromatic carboxylic acids are crystalline solids and have higher melting points than their aliphatic counterparts of comparable relative molecular mass.

### Solubility

Lower molecular mass carboxylic acids with up to four carbon atoms in their molecules are soluble in water; this largely due to their ability to form hydrogen bonds with water molecules. The water solubility of the acids decreases as the relative molecular mass increases because the structure becomes relatively more hydrocarbon in nature and hence covalent. All carboxylic acids are soluble in organic solvents.

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#### INDUSTRIAL PREPARATIONS

#### 1. From Carbon(II) oxide

Methanoic acid (formic acid) is manufactured by adding carbon(II)oxide under pressure to hot aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide. The free carboxylic acid is liberated by careful reaction with tetraoxosulphate (vi) acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)

CO 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 HCOONa  $\longrightarrow$  HCOOH + NaHSO<sub>4</sub>

#### 2. From ethanal

Ethanoic acid is obtained commercially by the liquid phase air-oxidation of 5% solution of ethanal to ethanoic acid using manganite (II) ethanoate catalyst.

Ethanal itself is obtained from ethylene

$$HC = CH \quad \underline{\text{dil. H}_2SO_4/\text{Hg}SO_4} > CH_3CHO \quad \underline{O_2/(CH_3COO)_2Mn} \quad CH_3COOH$$

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## SYNTHETIC PREPARATIONS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

There are a lot of ways to prepare the carboxylic acid synthetically, but I will just state two briefly with the respective equations.

### Oxidation of primary alcohols and aldehydes

Oxidation of primary alcohols and aldehydes can be used to prepare carboxylic acids using the usual oxidizing agents (i.e  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  or  $KMnO_4$ ) in acidic solution

RCH<sub>2</sub>OH [O], excess acid/KMnO<sub>4</sub> RCHO [O] RCOOH

Hydrolysis of nitriles (cyanides) or esters

 $RCN + 2H_2O \longrightarrow H^+ \rightarrow RCOOH + NH_4^+$ 

(R=alkyl or aryl radical)

RCOOR'  $\frac{\text{H}_2\text{O/H}^+ \text{reflux}}{\text{RCOOH} + \text{ROOH}}$  RCOOH + ROH

 $C_6H_5CH_2CN + 2H_2O \xrightarrow{\quad \quad H^+ \quad \quad } C_6H_5CH_2COOH + NH_4^+$ 

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Reduction to primary alcohol

$$4RCOOH + 3LiAlH_4 \qquad (C_2H_5)_2O \qquad (RCH_2O)_4AlLi + 2LiAlO_2 + 4H_2 \\ \qquad \qquad 4H_2O \\ \qquad \qquad 4RCH_2OH + Al(OH)_3 + LiOH \\ CH_3CH_2CH_2COOH \qquad \qquad LiAlH_4 > \qquad CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH \\ \qquad \qquad Butanol$$

# Decarboxylation

Thermal decarboxylation

$$CH_3CH_2COONa + NaOH$$
 — fuse  $CH_3CH_2CH_3 + Na_2CO_3$ 

Kolbe synthesis

2CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COONa + 2H<sub>2</sub>O electrolysis/aq. CH<sub>3</sub>OH CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> +CO<sub>2 (anode)</sub> + 2NaOH + 
$$\frac{\text{H}_2(\text{cathode})}{\text{H}_2(\text{cathode})}$$

### Esterification

$$CH_3CH_2COOH + CH_3CH_2CH_2OH$$
  $H^+$   $CH_3CH_2CH_2COO CH_2CH_2CH_3 + H_2O.$