

NMR - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

It involves the change in the spin state of a nuclear magnetic moment when the nucleus absorbs electromagnetic radiation in a strong magnetic field.

— There are two types of NMR Spectroscopy used

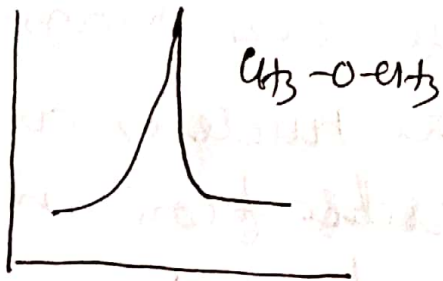
- (i) ^1H -NMR spectroscopy
- (ii) ^{13}C -NMR spectroscopy

^1H -NMR spectroscopy deals the following kind of information

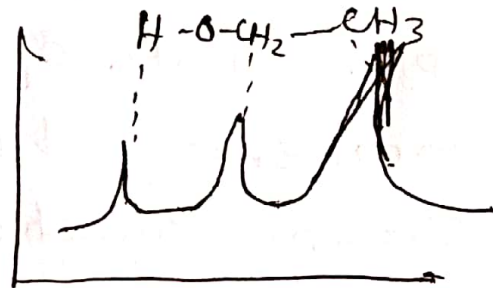
(i) The relation b/w the number of signals (or peaks) in spectrum and the different kinds of environments of the hydrogen atoms in the molecule.

(ii) The areas underneath each signal are in the same ratio as the number of H atoms causing signals.

Ex- $\text{CH}_3-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$ has six H-atoms in 2 identical average environments and one sharp resonance signals



Only one signal
in dimethyl
ether



higher field
Three signals
in ethanol

However, in ethanol
is found in three
different kinds of
absorption peaks
which shows three kinds
of H-atom.

Hence ratio of three peaks
are in 1:2:3 for OH, CH_2 , CH_3
respectively.

(ii)

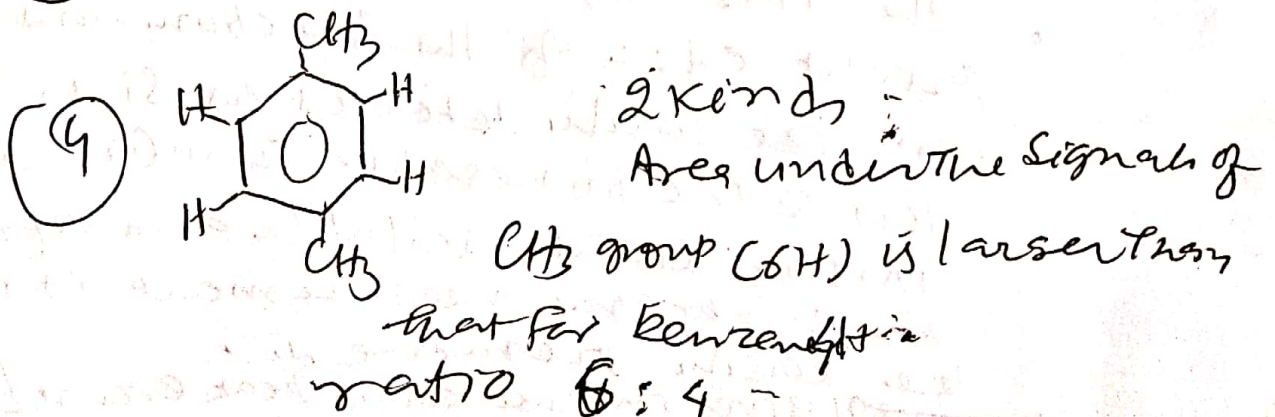
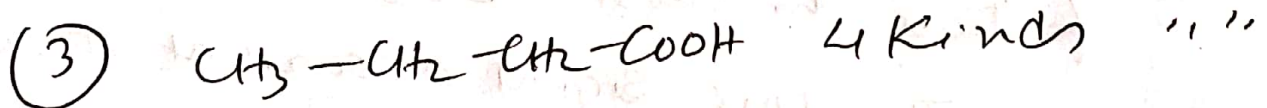
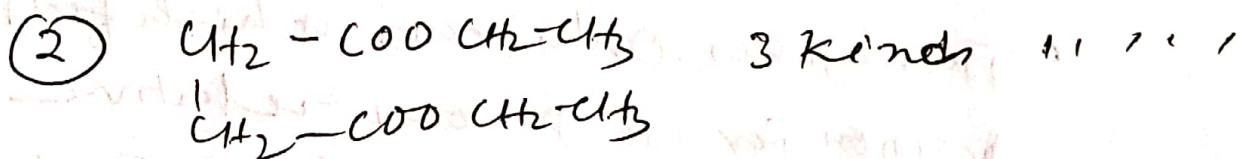
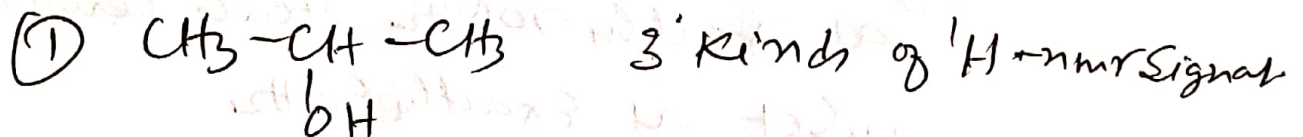
The principal signal may get into
smaller peaks i.e. spin-spin splitting
splitting may be observed. The type
of splitting (doublet, triplet, quartet etc)
depends upon the no. of neighbouring
non equivalent protons
ratio 1:2:3

(17) The spacing b/w the peaks as a result of spin-spin splitting is labelled as J (in the unit of cycle per sec or Hz)

J = Coupling constant between two protons. The J values give further information on molecular structure and stereochemical features.

Ex - J value of between adjacent axial H in cyclohexane is $10-13 \text{ Hz}$
 While between axial & equatorial or b/w two equatorial H is $3-5 \text{ Hz}$

Prediction of NMR Signals



TMS - Tetramethylsilane is most suitable reference compound

- TMS signal is used to define the zero position on the δ -scale

- The protons of TMS are known to come to resonance at exactly 60 MHz. Thus zero Hz-line is set at exactly 60 MHz at the right hand side of spectral paper.

when using 60 MHz spectrometer

- Using 90 MHz instrument, protons of TMS are known to come to resonance at exactly 90 MHz. Hence zero Hz is set at exactly 90 Hz.

- TMS gives only peak at high field position for its protons relative to those in most organic compounds.

- The TMS signal occurs at the right edge of the spectrum and can be easily detected as Si is less electronegative than carbon.

- TMS is highly volatile and after NMR spectral measurement it can be easily removed. It gives an intense sharp peak even at low conc.