Chemistry 334

Organic Synthesis

1. retrosynthetic analysis



retrosynthetic direction:

 $\mathbf{A} \implies \mathbf{B}$

synthetic direction:

A **–** B

an example:



2. efficiency

avoid product mixtures

obtain highest yields

use fewest number of steps

use convergent syntheses

linear:



overall yield: (.90)(.90)(.90) = .73

convergent:



overall yield: (.90)(.90) = .81

3. carbon framework

Construction of the C - C framework often

is one of the most difficult tasks.

4. nearby functional groups













5. oxidation levels

6. stereochemistry

7. regiochemistry

8. functional group compatibility

