WORKSHOP, Chapter 18

Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives

- 1. Specify the member of each of the following pairs that is more acidic. Explain your choice in words and with the help of structures.
 - a. CH₃COOH vs FCH₂COOH
 - b. CF₃COOH vs CCl₃COOH
 - c. CH₂=CHCH₂COOH vs HC≡CCH₂COOH
 - d. N≡C-CH₂COOH vs HC≡CCH₂COOH

2. The ester shown is labeled with oxygen-18 as indicated (*O=18O). Give a mechanism consistent with the labeling results shown when the ester is hydrolyzed in unlabeled water at pH = 2.

$$H_2SO_4$$
, H_2O (xs) OH H_0^*

3. Design a synthesis of each of the molecules using the following stipulations.

Synthesis A: The Carboxylic Acid has to be added via Grignard reaction

Synthesis B: The Carboxylic Acid has to be made from the hydrolysis of a nitrile

Synthesis C: an acid catalyzed hydrolysis of an ester