

Problem Set 2

Organic Chemistry 1 (Greenberg)
Fall 2025

- 1. Circle the correct answer for each of the following statements.
 - a. A more acidic compound has a (more or less) stabilized conjugate base.
 - b. The higher the pK_a, the (stronger or weaker) the acid will be.
 - Delocalization of electrons results in (increased or decreased) local charge on the involved atoms.
 - d. A proton on a sp hybridized carbon is (more or less) acidic than a proton on a sp³
 hybridized carbon.
- 2. Shown below is the structure of Vitamin C. Determine the most acidic proton and explain why this proton is the most acidic.

3. For each molecule below, circle the most acidic proton. Then determine which compound in each row is the most acidic and explain why.

4. Caffeine is a purine derivative used to block adenosine receptors in the brain, helping Hopkins students stay awake to study remotely at home (big sad). What is the hybridization of each nitrogen in this molecule, and in which orbitals are the lone pair electrons held?

5. Consider the two structures below. Is oxygen or nitrogen more willing to delocalize their lone pairs? Prove this by drawing at least one resonance structure for both.

6. Which of the following compounds have a conjugated π systems? Prove this by drawing resonance structure to attempt to show conjugated π systems. What observations can you make about the hybridizations of atoms in and outside of conjugated systems?

OH
$$\wedge$$
 NH₂ \wedge

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CAN (Curing Alzheimer's Now) Dream Foundation - focusing on providing Alzheimer's education to kids in K-12 settings

Application Form (<u>link</u>) | Primary (Sun 9/7), Final (Wed 9/17)

Information Session (link) | Tues 9/2, 6:00 PM

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Tip of the Week:

Future Fest 2025 has started! Future Fest is a two week series of events (Sep. 5 - Sep 19) organized by the Life Design Lab to help students explore possible internships and careers. Check out the schedule below (or just stop by the Imagine Center for the free coffee):

Future Fest 2025

	Friday	September 5- Kickoff		
Saturday September 6- Break Into Big (Bio)Tech & Community Service & Social Impact Explore Tour				
Monday September 8	Tuesday September 9	Wednesday September 10	ThursdaySeptember 11	Friday September 12
Parallel Pathways to Medicine Reverse Salary Negotiation Challenge WSE Career Night	Networking in the US as an International Student Future Proof Yourself Using Al Prompts Soaring in Sophistication: A Blue Jay Dining Experience	Jumpstart Your Finance Journey The Secret Sauce: Skills Learned From the Grill Visa Pathways and Sponsorship Stories	A Recruiters Recipe for Student Success in Big Tech What's the Tea on Your Future with Hopkins Black Alumni	Internship Open House BioFestival and Grant Competition Tasting Notes- A Lab Crawl
	Saturday September	r 13- Prepare for the Fair & FLlavors	of the Future: D.C. Trek	
Monday September 15	Tuesday September 16	Wednesday September 17	Thursday September 18	Friday September 19
Virtuel STEM Fair Savor Your Latine Journey: A Story Seasoned by Your Resume	Washington D.C. Fair Imagining Possible Lives as a First Year Crafting Careers in Media & Marketing	Prepare for the Fair Bridging Compassion and Innovation: Al Medical Assistant Training with Trusted Care	Prepare for the Fair Consulting, Health, Finance, and Social Impact Fair Student Org Showcase	BioTech, Tech, and Engineering Homewood Career Fair F12.5