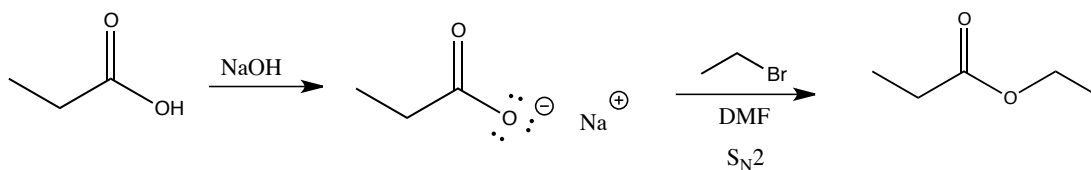


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Synthesis of Esters by the Use of Carboxylates

Reaction:



This reaction illustrates the concept of weak bases being good nucleophiles in S_N2 reactions where the alkyl halide is primary. Aprotic solvents enhance nucleophilicity.