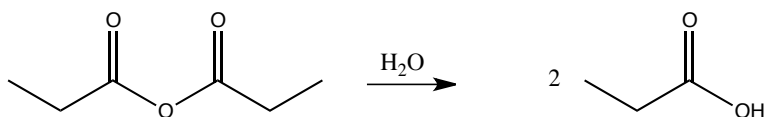


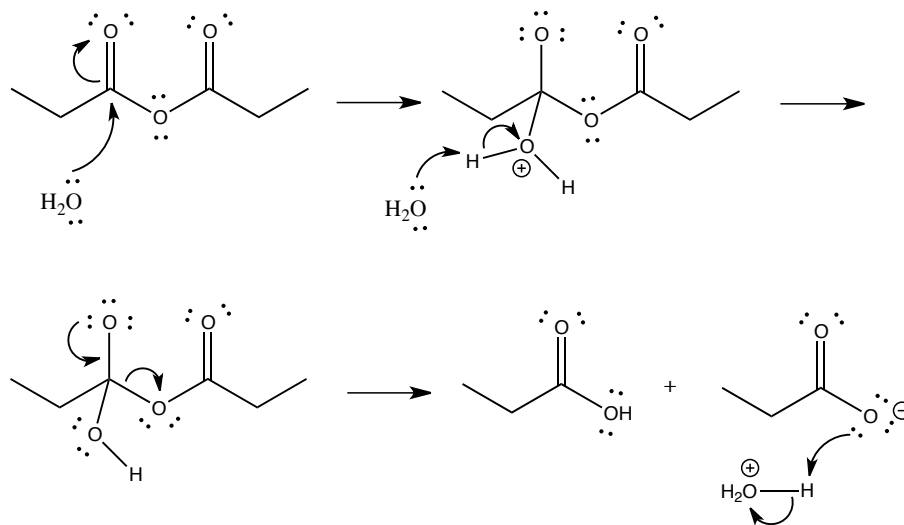
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Hydrolysis of Acid Anhydrides

Reaction:



Mechanism:



This reaction is very exothermic. This reaction can be catalyzed by either acid or base.