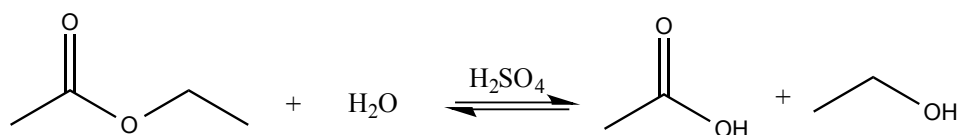


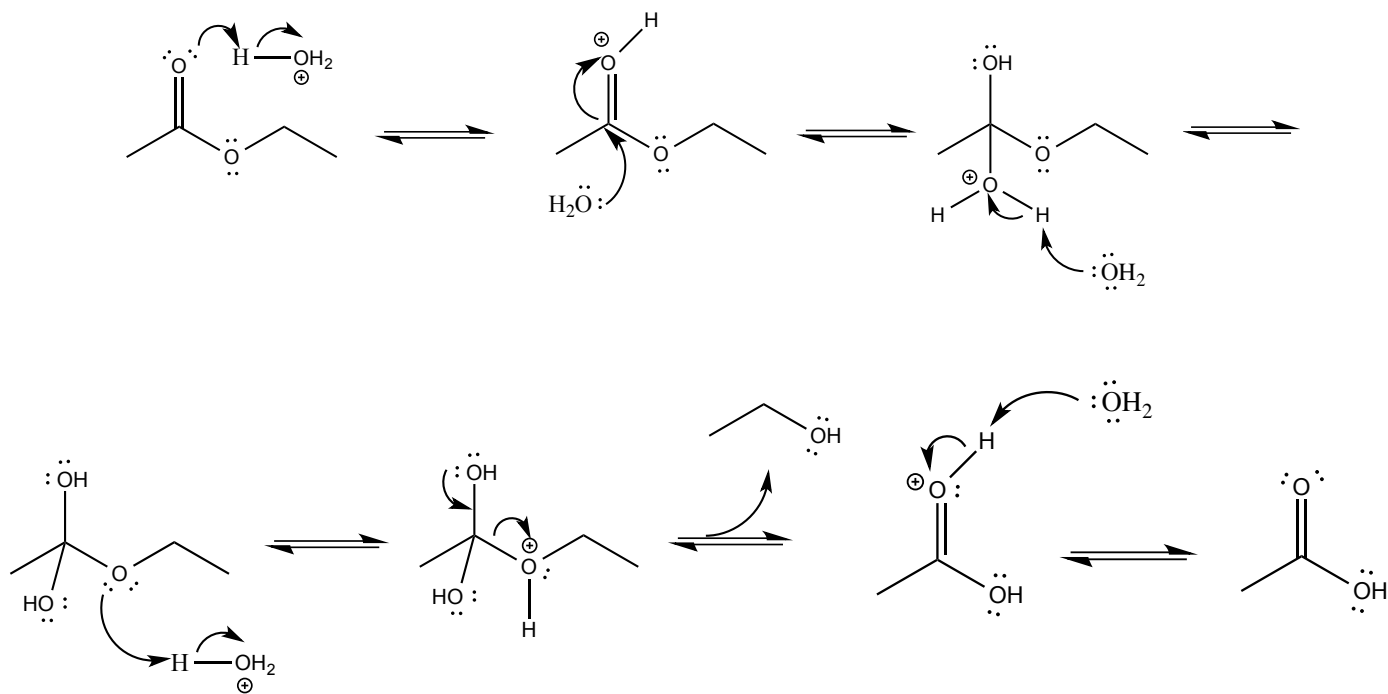
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Acid Catalyzed Hydrolysis of Esters

Reaction:



Mechanism:



This reaction is the reverse of the Fisher esterification process. Although the reaction is under thermodynamic conditions, it becomes product favored when large amounts of water are used.