Naming Carboxylic Acids, Esters and Amides – Chem 30B

Carboxylic Acids

The IUPAC names of carboxylic acids • Replace the -*e* in the alkane name with -*oic acid*. CH₄ methane HCOOH methanoic acid CH₃—CH₃ ethane CH₃—COOH ethanoic acid • Number substituents from the carboxyl carbon (#1). • Extra carbonyl groups present are called -oxo. • Other alcohol groups –OH are known as –hydroxyl The common names of simple carboxylic acids are: $\begin{array}{c}
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Locate substituents using α, β, γ (letters of the greek alphabet) for the carbon atoms adjacent to the carboxyl carbon.
 CH₃
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β-methylbutyric acid

- Dicarboxylic acids contain two –COOH groups and they end wiith –dioic acid.
- Unsaturated acids are named (IUPAC system) with the ending –enoic.

Esters

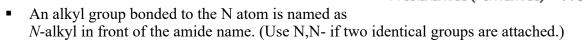
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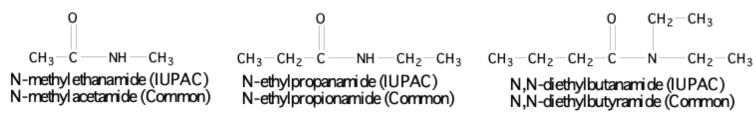
- The alkyl group from the alcohol.
- The carbon chain from the acid with *-ate* ending. from alcohol from acid

Amides

Amides are named as alkanamides.

- IUPAC replaces *-oic acid* ending with *-amide*.
- Common names replace *-ic acid* ending with *-amide*.





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