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Problem Set 1

1. Draw products of the following reactions.

How would you distinguish between products \boldsymbol{G} and $\boldsymbol{H}?$

6. Propose a reasonable mechanism for the following reactions.

a)
$$Br = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{ \left(\underbrace{ } \right)_{2}CuCN \right]_{Li_{2}}}_{THF, \ 0^{\circ}C}$$
b)
$$Br = \underbrace{ \left[\underbrace{ \left(\underbrace{ } \right)_{2}CuCN \right]_{Li_{2}}}_{THF, \ 0^{\circ}C}$$

7. Predict the product of this reaction and briefly explain. Pay attention to regio- and stereo-chemical issues.

8. Synthesize molecules $\bf 1$ and $\bf 2$ in the most efficient way (both are hot leads in a pharmaceutical firm $\bf X$) from acetylene ($\bf C_2\bf H_2$).

9.a)
$$H = H + 1 \text{ eq } nBuLi \longrightarrow A + MeO$$

10. Transform bromobenzene to compounds 1 and 2.