51C Practice Problems 8 Spring, 2019

1. a. Predict the major product in the following reaction:



- b. The reaction is **part a** is expected to be a low yielding reaction. Provide an alternate strategy that would provide better yields.
- c. How the product in **part a** change if the temperature is raised and slight excess of ketone is used?



2. Fill in the reagents and products in the following syntheses:



3. Show the two organic starting materials that would be used to synthesize cinnamaldehyde by a crossed-aldol reaction. Give conditions for this synthesis.



4. a. Provide a mechanism for the following aldol condensation::



- b. NaOH/ H_2O is the same reagent that is used to make a hydrate of an aldehyde. Why doesn't hydrate formation occur instead?
- e. What product would you isolate if $Na^{18}OD$ in $D_2^{18}O$ was used instead?