## **Retrosynthesis of Benzene Derivatives**

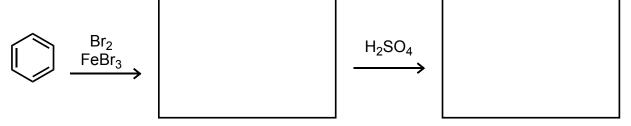
1. Only one of the strategies below is successful in creating the target final product.

A. Provide the products in each scheme below.

## Strategy A

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & \xrightarrow{\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\mathsf{FeBr}_3}
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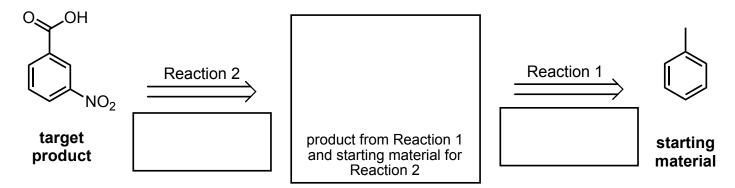
## Strategy B



B. Which strategy forms the desired product?

C. In words, why does the other scheme not work for forming our desired product?

2. **Perform a retrosynthetic analysis** on the target product using the template and guiding questions, labeled as parts A-E.

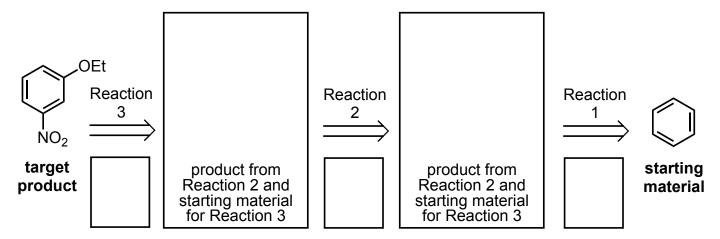


- A. What **new functional groups** are present?
- B. What is the **relationship** of the new groups (*ortho, meta,* or *para*)?
- C. What are the **directing effects** of the new groups (*o/p*-director or *m*-director)?

- D. **What types of reactions** (e.g. EAS, NAS, benzylic reactions, oxidation, reduction) could introduce those functional groups?
- E. Finally, what order of these reactions is needed to achieve the desired relationship?

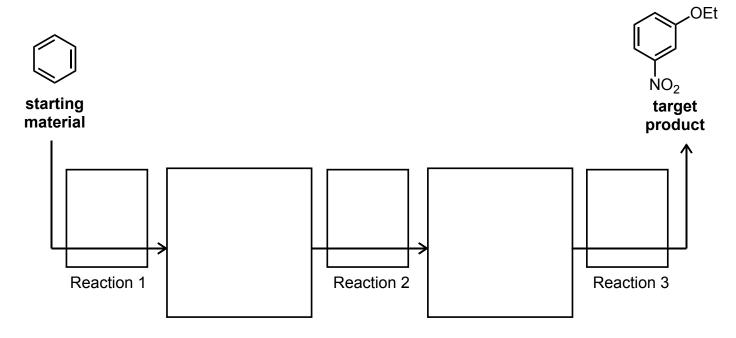
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3. Perform a retrosynthetic analysis on the target final product using the template and guiding questions, labeled as parts a-e.



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4. **Propose a successful forward synthetic route** for the formation of the shown target final product from the shown initial starting material.

**Hint**: You **cannot** install the bromine through a Friedel-Crafts reaction. Instead, you must use a benzylic reaction!

5. Propose a successful forward synthetic route for the formation of the shown target final product from the shown initial starting material.

**Hint**: This is a more complex tri-substituted product. Utilizing a retrosynthetic analysis of thinking "backwards", consider this question: **Which functional group had to be incorporated last?** 

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