Figure 1105

Addition reactions (Chapter 8): looking at oxidation number.



The overall process for the hydroboration-oxidation reaction is an addition of water, too, and so this overall process cannot be a net redox if the simple addition of water (above) is not. But quite plainly, the second word in "hydroboration-oxidation" is oxidation. To get no net change upon the addition of water, it must mean that the hydroboration step is a reduction, and the analysis (Figure 1105) bears that out.

B. Chromic Acid Reagents

Chromic acid solutions (H_2CrO_4 ; connectivity (HO)₂CrO₂) is formed by various Cr⁺⁶ compounds, typically in aqueous sulfuric acid (H_2O , H_2SO_4). The original laboratory preparation, using chromium trioxide, is called the Jones reagent after a 1946 report on its use in organic chemistry. Two other sets of reaction conditions, one using sodium chromate and the other using potassium dichromate, also result in chromic acid solutions. The structures and formulas for these chromic acid sources are shown in Figure 1106.

Figure 1106

Three laboratory preparations for chromic acid solutions.

