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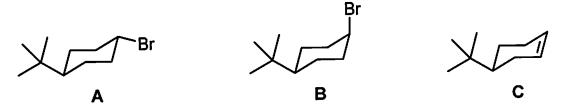
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(b)
$$H$$
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up to 2 BONUS POINTS

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Based on your knowledge of the relationship between chirality and optical activity (rotation of plane polarized light), guess the optical rotation value (including + or - sign, and numerical value) for a 0.1M solution of Xylitol at room temperature.

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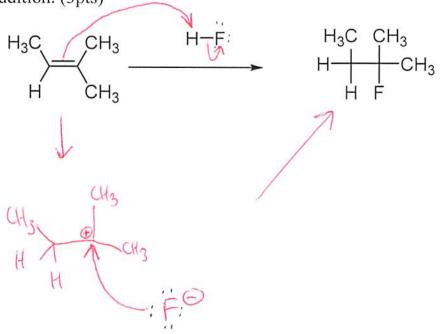
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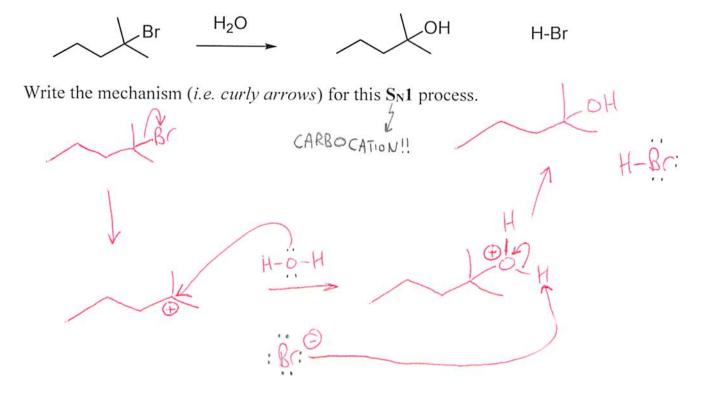
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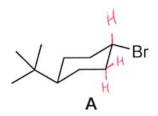
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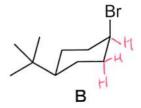
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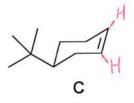
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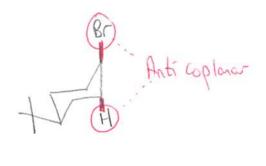
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