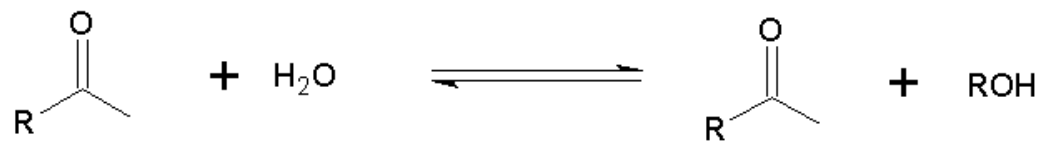


**CONCEPT: ACID-CATALYZED ESTER HYDROLYSIS— MECHANISM**

The exact reverse of ***Fischer esterification***.

General Reaction:



Mechanism: