## Answer on Question #54114 - Chemistry - Organic Chemistry

## Question:

Suggest a synthesis of 4-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid from benzene including all the reagents paying particular attention to the order of reaction to the functional groups.

## Answer:

The first stage is a bromination reaction:

Since Br is a ortho/para directing group, a nitration of bromobenzene gives a para-derivative:

$$\frac{\text{HNO}_3, \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}{\text{Br}}$$

Then substitution of Br into –SCH<sub>3</sub> with followed by hydrolysis of thioether produces an aromatic thiol:

The last step is an oxidation of 4-nitrothiophenole with strong oxidant:

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