Problem R-071 (C_{18}H_{16}O)
270 MHz $^1$H NMR spectrum in CDCl$_3$
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This is the vinyl proton H-2, a doublet with $J_{2-4a} = 2$ Hz. Long range coupling is largest when the C-H bond is perpendicular to the $\pi$ system. This coupling allows one make the distinction between the 2 and 6 protons. The H$_{6a}$ proton shows no such coupling.

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The equatorial protons H$_{4e}$ and H$_{6e}$ are noticeably broader than the axial ones. This is presumably because there is a small coupling ($^3J$) of the "W" type between them, and also between them and H$_2$.

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NMR Data

**Solution 1**
- $J_{AB} = 16.1$
- $J_{AX} = 3.6$
- $J_{BX} = 13.9$
- $v_A = 757.7$
- $v_B = 744.4$
- $\Delta v_{AB} = 13.3$
- $\delta_A = 2.81$
- $\delta_B = 2.76$

**Solution 2**
- $J_{AB} = 16.1$
- $J_{AX} = -22.0$
- $J_{BX} = +4.5$
- $v_A = 748.5$
- $v_B = 753.7$
- $\Delta v_{AB} = 5.2$
- $\delta_A = 2.77$
- $\delta_B = 2.79$

Note that the "AMX" solution in part (b) gave $J_{AX} = 5.7$ and $J_{BX} = 11.8$, rather than the true values of 3.6 and 13.9.

(f) Since the X-part is complicated by additional coupling (it's really an ABMNXY pattern), suggest ways to distinguish between solutions 1 and 2?

Sign of $J_{AX}$ and $J_{BX}$ couplings is OK for Sol. 1 (all positive), not so for Sol 2 ($^3J$ are all positive). Magnitude of couplings is possible for both solutions, but better for Sol. 1. Intensity calculation gives 0.38/0.62 ratio. The X peak ($H_5$) is well behaved, and this also suggests Solution 1.

There is also the broadening of the peaks - the four signals for A are all broadened significantly compared to those for B in Sol 1 (they share a coupling partner). This is not the case for Sol 2.