10.675 Assignment #3 due 10/14/04

(Note: Do not wait until the day before to start these runs.)

- (1) Pose a simple problem to address using G03, and solve it.
- (2) Using the same methods that you used in Assignment 2, for the isomerization reaction below, use transition-state theory in G03 to compute the barrier height for reaction. Confirm that you have only one complex mode (negative frequency) and visualize it to get the pathway for isomerization.

cis-CHD=CHD → trans-CHD=CHD

(3) Compare the results from (2) to the experimental data (at 770 K), $\log A = 13 \text{ s}^{-1}$, and E = 65 kcal/mol (JCP, 23, 315 (1955)).

Note that each assignment should be done individually, even though several may be using the same methods.