

UNIT-1

Structure and Bonding Models

1. What is quantum mechanics?

Answer:

Quantum mechanics is the branch of physics that deals with the behavior of matter and energy at microscopic scales (atomic and subatomic levels), where the classical laws of mechanics fail.

2. What is the Schrödinger wave equation?

Answer:

It is a fundamental equation of quantum mechanics that describes how the wave function (ψ) of a particle evolves in space and time.

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

where \hat{H} is the Hamiltonian operator and E is the energy of the system.

3. What is the significance of ψ (psi)?

Answer:

ψ represents the wave function of a particle and contains all the information about the system's quantum state.

4. What is the significance of ψ^2 ?

Answer:

ψ^2 (or $|\psi|^2$) represents the **probability density** of finding a particle at a given point in space.

5. What are the boundary conditions for a particle in a 1-D box?

Answer:

For a particle confined between $x = 0$ and $x = L$,

$$\psi(0) = \psi(L) = 0$$

6. What is the expression for energy of a particle in a one-dimensional box?

Answer:

$$E_n = n^2 h^2 / 8mL^2 \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

Where n is the quantum number, h is Planck's constant, m is mass, and L is the length of the box.

7. What does the quantum number 'n' signify in the 1D box model?

Answer:

'n' denotes the energy level or the number of half wavelengths fitting inside the box.

8. What is molecular orbital theory (MOT)?

Answer:

MOT explains bonding by considering the combination of atomic orbitals to form molecular orbitals that extend over the entire molecule.

9. What is bond order and how is it calculated?

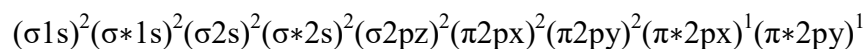
Answer:

Bond order = $\frac{1}{2}$ (Number of bonding electrons – Number of ant bonding electrons)
It indicates bond strength and stability.

10. What is the bond order of O₂ molecule?

Answer:

Molecular configuration of O₂:



Bond order = $\frac{1}{2} (10 - 6) = 2$.

11. Why is O₂ paramagnetic?



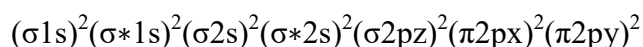
Answer:

O₂ has two unpaired electrons in π^*2p orbitals, making it paramagnetic.

12. What is the bond order of CO molecule?

Answer:

Electronic configuration of CO:



Bond order = $\frac{1}{2} (10 - 4) = 3$.

13. Why is CO a stable molecule?

Answer:

Because it has a high bond order (3), indicating a strong triple bond.

14. What are π molecular orbitals?

Answer:

π -Molecular orbitals form by lateral (sidewise) overlap of p-orbitals, resulting in electron density above and below the internuclear axis.

15. How many π molecular orbitals are present in 1,3-butadiene?

Answer:

1,3-butadiene (C₄H₆) has **4 π molecular orbitals** formed from 4 p-orbitals.

16. What is the delocalization in benzene?

Answer:

In benzene, 6 p-orbitals combine to form 6 π molecular orbitals with delocalized electrons spread over the ring.

17. What is the bond order in benzene?

Answer:

Each C–C bond has a bond order of **1.5** due to delocalization of π electrons.

18. What is the energy order of molecular orbitals for homonuclear diatomic molecules ($Z < 8$)?

Answer:

$$\sigma 1s < \sigma^* 1s < \sigma 2s < \sigma^* 2s < (\pi 2p_x = \pi 2p_y) < \sigma 2p_z < (\pi^* 2p_x = \pi^* 2p_y) < \sigma^* 2p_z$$

19. What changes in energy order occur for O_2 and F_2 ($Z > 8$)?

Answer:

For heavier atoms (O_2 , F_2):

$$\sigma 1s < \sigma^* 1s < \sigma 2s < \sigma^* 2s < \sigma 2p_z < (\pi 2p_x = \pi 2p_y) < (\pi^* 2p_x = \pi^* 2p_y) < \sigma^* 2p_z$$

20. What is normalization of a wave function?

Answer:

It means the total probability of finding a particle in all space is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi|^2 dx = 1$$

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Derive the Schrodinger Time-Independent wave equation?

→ Schrodinger's wave Equation:-

Schrodinger time-independent wave equation.

Classical mechanics failed to provide a correct explanation for the properties of the physical system of particles. According to de-Broglie theory, a material particle is associated with a wave. A wave motion can be described effectively if we have parameter related to that wave which varies space and time.

According to de-Broglie theory, a particle of mass 'm' is always associated with a wave whose wavelength is given by $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$.

consider a system of stationary waves associated with the particle. let x, y, z be the co-ordinates ψ be the displacement of the matter at any time t .

The differential equation of a wave function is given from the

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} \right] = v^2 \nabla^2 \psi \rightarrow (1)$$

where, $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$, is a laplacian operator, ∇^2 It is a partial derivative

v = wave velocity.

The solution of equation (1) is given by

$$\psi = \psi_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\psi = \psi_0 \sin 2\pi \nu t \rightarrow (2) \quad \left[\because \omega = 2\pi \nu \text{ } \omega \text{ is Angular frequency} \right]$$

where ν is the frequency of the stationary wave associated with the particle.

Differentiating eqn (2) twice with respect to t , we get

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \psi_0 (2\pi \nu) \cos 2\pi \nu t$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = -\psi_0 (2\pi \nu)^2 \sin 2\pi \nu t$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = -u \pi^2 \nu^2 \psi = -\frac{u \pi^2 \nu^2}{\lambda^2} \psi \rightarrow (3) \quad \left[\because \nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} \right]$$

Sub the values of $\left[\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \right]$ from eqn (3) in eqn (1) we get

$$-\frac{u \pi^2 \nu^2}{\lambda^2} \psi = \nabla^2 \psi$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{u \pi^2}{\lambda^2} \psi = 0 \rightarrow (4)$$

from the Debroglie relation, $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$

Hence eqn (4) becomes $\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2\pi^2 m^2 v^2}{h^2} \psi = 0 \rightarrow (5)$

If V and E are the potential and total energy of the particle respectively, then its kinetic energy is given by

Total energy $E = K.E + P.E$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + V$$

$$E - V = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$2(E - V) = mv^2$$

multiplying 'm' on both sides

$$2m(E - V) = m^2 v^2 \rightarrow (6)$$

Sub eqn (6) in eqn (5)

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2\pi^2}{h^2} 2m(E - V) \psi = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E - V) \psi = 0 \rightarrow (7)$$

$$\text{let } \hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi} \Rightarrow h = \hbar 2\pi$$

Sub 'h' value in eqn (7)

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2\pi^2 m}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \psi = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \psi = 0$$

\therefore This is the Schrodinger time independent wave eqn

2. Derive the Energy equation for particle in one dimensional box and write significance of ψ and ψ^2 ?

particle in one dimensional box :-

let us consider a particle of mass 'm' moving along x-axis b/w the two rigid walls A and B at $x=0$ and $x=a$. The particle free to move b/w the walls. The potential energy of the particle b/w the two walls is constant bcz no force is acting on the particle.

limit-1 :-

$$\psi = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

limit-2 :-

let us consider Schrodinger's time independent wave eqⁿ

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \psi = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

Sub \hbar value in eqn (1)

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\frac{h^2}{4\pi^2}} (E - V) \psi = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E - V) \psi = 0$$

The particle moves in b/w the two walls its potential energy is 0

$$\therefore V = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E - 0) \psi = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E \psi = 0$$

$$\text{let } \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} E = k^2 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi + k^2 \psi = 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

general solution of the equation (3) is $\psi(x) =$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin kx + B \cos kx \rightarrow (4)$$

where A & B are constants. The values of these constants can be determined by applying the boundary conditions of the problem. They are.

$$\psi(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

$$0 = A \sin(0) + B \cos(0)$$

$$0 = 0 + B$$

$$\boxed{B = 0}$$

Replace 'B' value in eqn (4)

$$\psi(x) = A \sin kx + 0$$

$$\psi(x) = A \sin kx \rightarrow (5)$$

Applying the secondary boundary condition, we have

$$\psi(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = a$$

$$0 = A \sin ka$$

$$\sin ka = 0$$

$$ka = \sin^{-1}(0)$$

$$ka = \sin^{-1}(\sin n\pi)$$

$$ka = n\pi$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{n\pi}{a}} \rightarrow (6)$$

Replace 'k' value in eqn (5)

$$\psi(x) = A \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x$$

Here $\psi(x)$ represents the wave character / properties of the particle.

$$\text{let } k^2 = \frac{8\pi^2 m E}{h^2}$$

$$\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi^2 m E}{h^2}$$

$$E = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8ma^2}$$

case (i): If $n=1$

$$E_1 = \frac{h^2}{8ma^2}$$

case (ii): If $n=2$

$$E_2 = \frac{4h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$E_2 = 4E_1$$

case (iii): If $n=3$

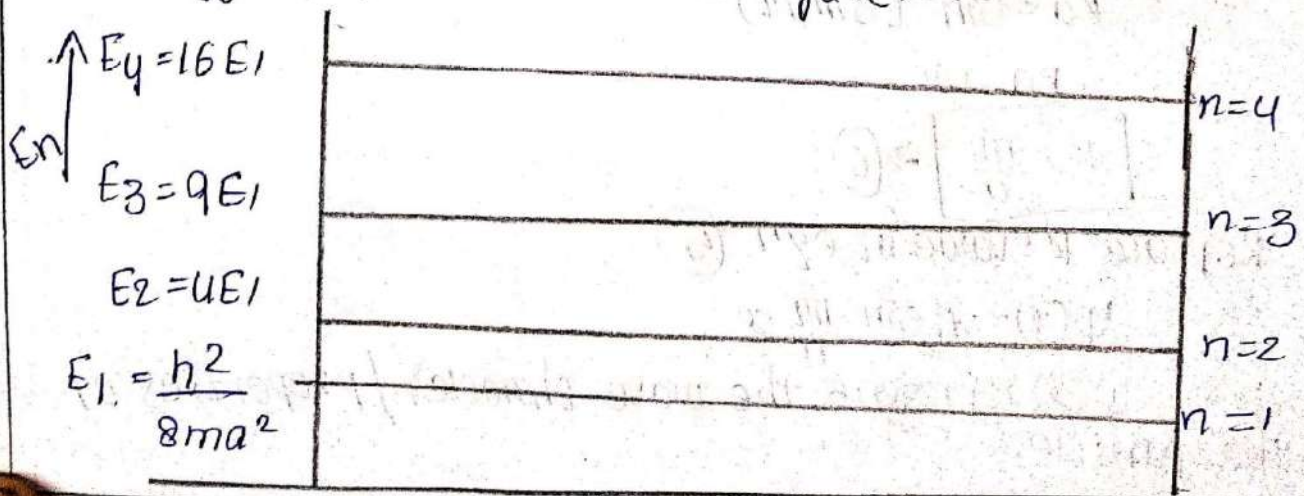
$$E_3 = \frac{9h^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$E_3 = 9E_1$$

case (iv): If $n=4$

$$E_4 = 16E_1$$

The energy levels are shown in the figure.



Significance of ψ & ψ^2 :-

- The value of ψ is called wave function (or) Eigen function of the Schrodinger's wave equation
- * The wave function ψ contains all the information we want to know about system
- * All the properties of a system can be calculated from it's wave function.
- * The wave function ψ in the Schrodinger's eqⁿ represents the amplitude of the e⁻ wave
- * The probability of finding an electron at a given point in the 3d space is proportional to ψ^2 .
- * Hence ψ^2 gives the probability of finding an electron with energy in a given region around the nucleus
- * Those places around the nucleus can be detected where the probability of finding the electron is highest

3. Draw the molecular diagrams of O_2 and CO ?

O_2 molecule:-

no. of e^- in $O_2 = 16e^-$ (Heavier molecule)

$O_2 [O = 8; 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$

$O = 8; 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$

configuration of O_2 molecule:-

$1s^2 \uparrow\downarrow 1s^2 \uparrow\downarrow 2s^2 \uparrow\downarrow 2s^2 \uparrow\downarrow 2p_z^2 \uparrow\downarrow \pi 2p_x = \pi 2p_y \uparrow \uparrow$

Bond order = $\frac{N_b - N_a}{2}$

$$= \frac{10 - 6}{2}$$

$$B.O = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

magnetic Behaviour:-

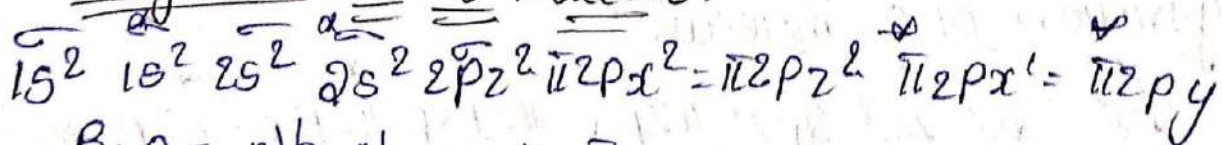
paramagnetic (because of unpaired e^-)

Heteronuclear diatomic molecules:-

NO. of e^- in NO = 15 e^- (heavier molecule)

$$\text{NO} \begin{cases} N=7; 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3 \\ O=8; 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4 \end{cases}$$

Configuration of NO molecule:-

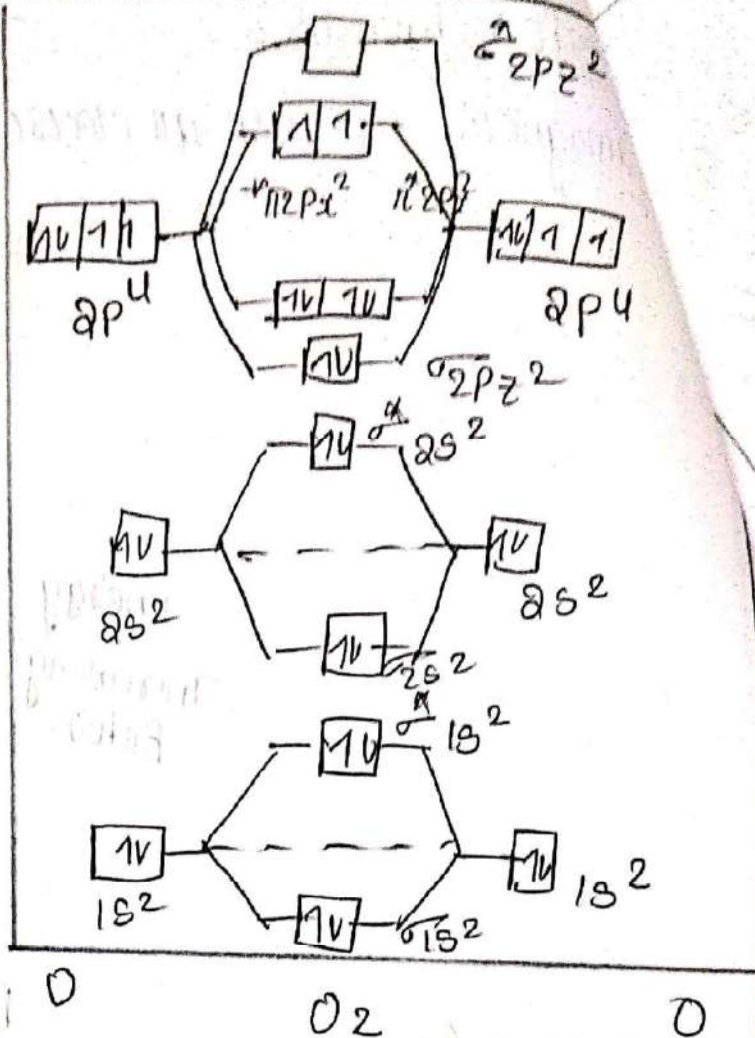


$$B.O = \frac{n_b - n_a}{2} = \frac{10 - 5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$= 2.5$$

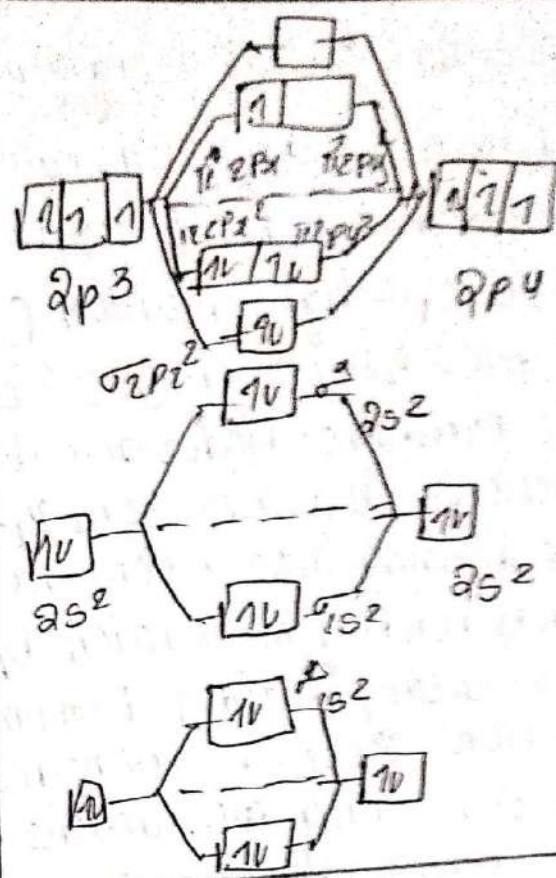
Magnetic Behaviour:-

paramagnetic (because of unpaired e^-)



2p² 2

energy
increasing
order.



CO-Molecule:-

no. of e⁻ in CO = 14e⁻ (highest mole)

CO [C = 6; 1s² 2s² 2p²
O = 8; 1s² 2s² 2p⁴

Electronic configuration of CO molecule:-

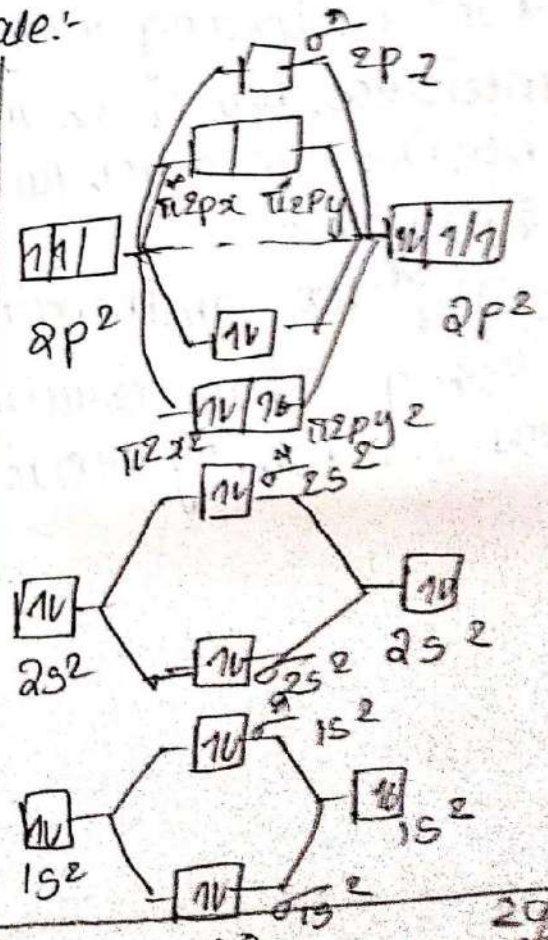
1s² 2s² 2s² 2s² π2p² = π2py² 2p² 2

$$B.O = \frac{n_b - n_a}{2}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 4}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Magnetic behavior:-

Diamagnetic
(because all e⁻ are
paired).



4. Write the molecular orbital diagrams for 1,3 butadiene and benzene?

π molecular orbital diagram of Butadiene:-

* 1,3 butadiene is $H_2C=CH-CH=CH_2$ composed of two conjugated double bonds. Here each carbon atom undergoes sp^2 hybridisation (4 sp^2 hybridised carbon atoms) and it has one atomic orbital with one unpaired electron. The number of nodes and the number of antibonding interactions increases from $\pi_1 - \pi_4$.

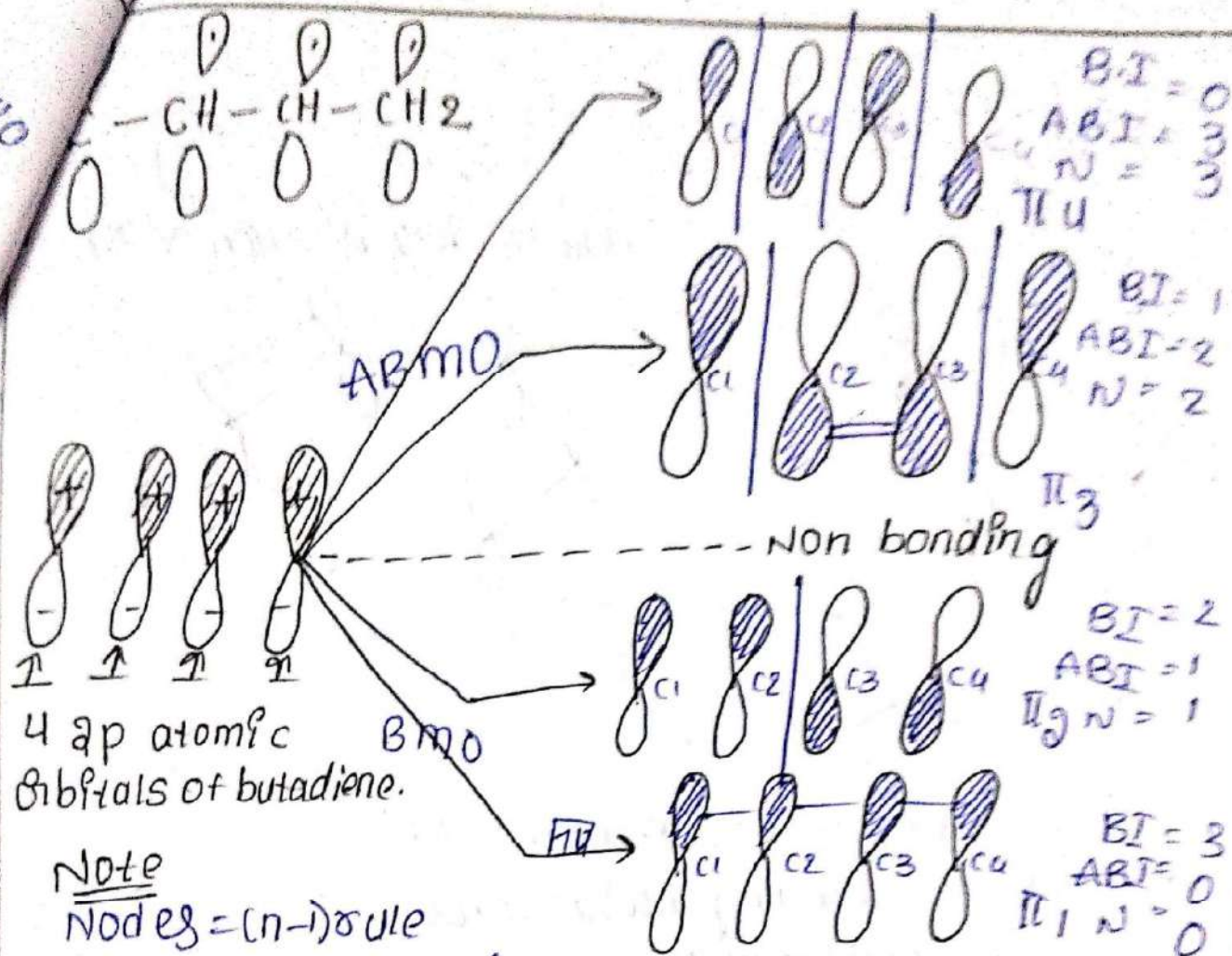
The bonding interactions are described below.

* π_1 has bonding interaction b/w C_1-C_2 , C_2-C_3 , and C_3-C_4 thus resulting in three bonding interactions, no. of antibonding interactions zero, no. of nodes zero.

* π_2 has bonding interactions b/w C_1-C_2 and C_3-C_4 and an antibonding interaction b/w C_2-C_3 thus resulting in one antibonding interaction and two bonding interactions, one node.

* π_3^* has bonding interactions b/w C_2-C_3 and antibonding interactions b/w C_1-C_2 and C_3-C_4 thus resulting in one bonding interaction and two antibonding interactions, 2 nodes.

* π_4^* has antibonding interactions b/w C_1-C_2 , C_2-C_3 , C_3-C_4 - thus, resulting in 3 antibonding interactions and zero bonding interactions and, 3 nodes.



Note

$$\text{Nodes} = (n-1) \text{ rule}$$

n = no. of energy level

$$n=1 = 1-1 = 0 \text{ nodes}$$

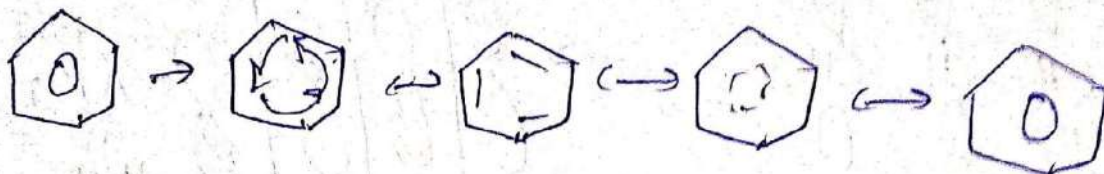
$$n=2 = 2-1 = 1 \text{ nodes}$$

$$n=3 = 3-1 = 2 \text{ nodes}$$

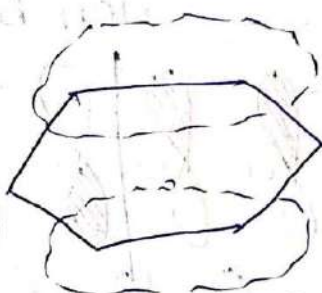
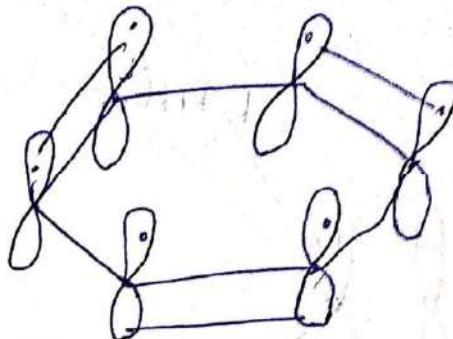
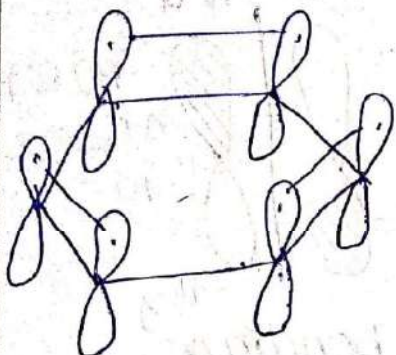
$$n=4 = 4-1 = 3 \text{ nodes}$$

π -Molecular orbital diagram for Benzene:

- * planar hexagonal cyclic structure
- * each carbon atom is sp^2 hybridized
- * All carbon-carbon bonds are equal in length due to delocalization of π electrons (equivalent bond length)
- * stable compound
- one hybridized p-orbital is present perpendicularly at each carbon.



due to delocalization of πe^-



πe^- cloud

Stability due to delocalization of πe^-

* π_1 has all 6-bonding interactions

zero Anti bonding

zero node

* π_2 has 4 - bonding
2 - Antibonding
1 node plane
1 node present

* π_3 has 4 - bonding
2 A-B
1 node
1 node present

* π_4 has 2 Bonding
4 Anti Bonding
2 nodes

* π_5 has 2 Bonding
4 A-B
2 node planes
2 nodes

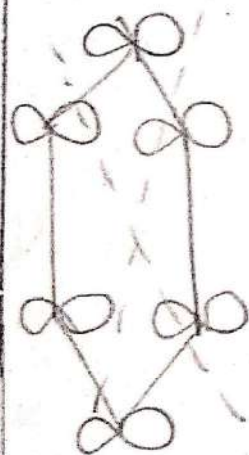
π_6^* has

No bonding interactions

6 = Anti bonding

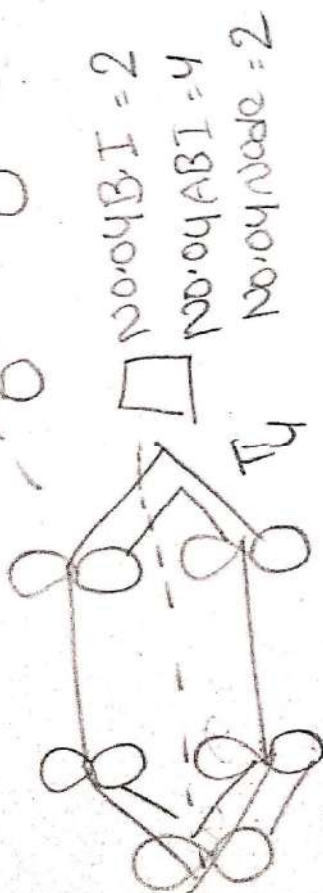
3 = Node planes

6 = Nodes are present.



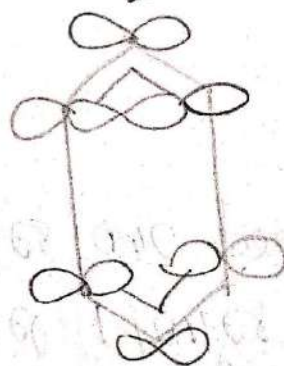
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 $\text{No. of A.B.I.} = 6$
 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 3$

Π_6



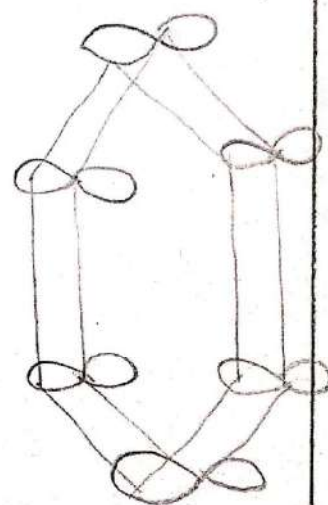
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 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 2$

Π_4



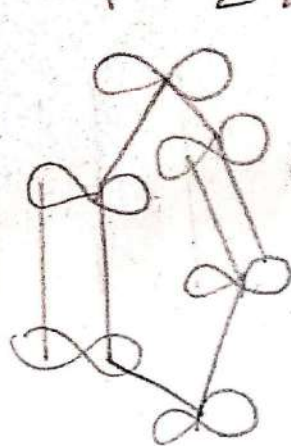
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 $\text{No. of A.B.I.} = 2$
 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 1$

Π_2



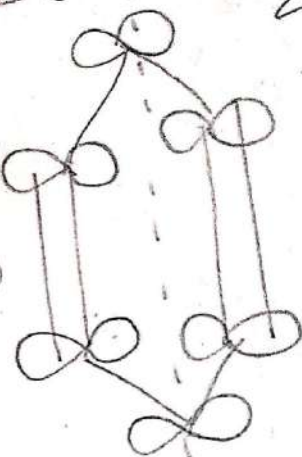
Π_1

$\text{No. of B.I.} = 6$
 $\text{No. of A.B.I.} = 0$
 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 0$



Π_3

$\text{No. of B.I.} = 2$
 $\text{No. of A.B.I.} = 4$
 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 2$



Π_3

$\text{No. of B.I.} = 4$
 $\text{No. of A.B.I.} = 2$
 $\text{No. of Nodes} = 1$

MCQs

1. Schrödinger wave equation is a fundamental equation in:

- A) Classical mechanics
- B) Quantum mechanics
- C) Nuclear physics
- D) Relativity theory

Answer: B) Quantum mechanics

☐ *It describes the behavior of particles at atomic and subatomic levels.*

2. In the Schrödinger wave equation, the symbol ψ (psi) represents:

- A) Energy of the system
 - B) Wave function of the particle
 - C) Momentum of the particle
 - D) Potential energy
- Answer:** B) Wave function of the particle
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3. The term ψ^2 (psi squared) represents:

- A) Kinetic energy
 - B) Probability of finding the electron
 - C) Charge density
 - D) Wave amplitude
- Answer:** B) Probability of finding the electron

☐ *ψ^2 gives the probability density function.*

4. For a particle in a one-dimensional box, the allowed energy levels are proportional to:

- A) n
- B) n^2
- C) $1/n$
- D) $1/n^2$

Answer: B) n^2

☐ $E_n = n^2 h^2 / (8mL^2)$



5. The lowest energy state of a particle in a box is called the:

- A) Excited state
 - B) Zero energy state
 - C) Ground state
 - D) Forbidden state
- Answer:** C) Ground state
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6. In Molecular Orbital (MO) theory, atomic orbitals combine to form:

- A) Hybrid orbitals
 - B) Molecular orbitals
 - C) Crystal orbitals
 - D) Nodal planes
- Answer:** B) Molecular orbitals
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7. The number of molecular orbitals formed equals:

- A) Number of electrons
 - B) Number of nuclei
 - C) Number of atomic orbitals combined
 - D) Twice the number of atomic orbitals
- Answer:** C) Number of atomic orbitals combined
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8. In MO theory, bonding molecular orbitals have:

- A) Higher energy than atomic orbitals
 - B) Lower energy than atomic orbitals
 - C) Same energy as atomic orbitals
 - D) Zero energy
- Answer:** B) Lower energy than atomic orbitals
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9. In O₂ molecule, according to molecular orbital theory, the bond order is:

- A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 3
 - D) 2.5
- Answer:** B) 2



☐ $Bond\ order = \frac{1}{2} (Nb - Na) = \frac{1}{2} (10 - 6) = 2$

10. The magnetic nature of O₂ molecule is:

- A) Diamagnetic
- B) Paramagnetic
- C) Ferromagnetic
- D) None of these

Answer: B) Paramagnetic

☐ *Due to two unpaired electrons in π_{2p} orbitals.**

11. In CO molecule, the bond order is:

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 2.5

Answer: C) 3

☐ $Bond\ order = \frac{1}{2} (Nb - Na) = \frac{1}{2} (10 - 4) = 3$

12. The correct filling order of molecular orbitals up to O₂ is:

- A) $\sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s}, \sigma_{2s}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2p}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2p}$
- B) $\sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s}, \sigma_{2s}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2p}$
- C) $\sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2s}$
- D) $\pi_{2p}, \sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2p}, \sigma_{2s}$

Answer: A) $\sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s}, \sigma_{2s}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2p}, \pi_{2p}, \sigma_{2p}^*$

13. In 1,3-butadiene, π molecular orbitals are formed by the combination of:

- A) 2 p-orbitals
- B) 3 p-orbitals
- C) 4 p-orbitals
- D) 6 p-orbitals

Answer: C) 4 p-orbitals

☐ *Each carbon contributes one p-orbital \rightarrow 4 total π -MOs.*

14. The number of π molecular orbitals in benzene is:

- A) 3
- B) 6
- C) 12
- D) 2

Answer: B) 6

☐ *One from each of the six sp^2 carbons.*

15. The delocalized π -electron system in benzene contributes to:

- A) Its instability
 - B) Its high reactivity
 - C) Its aromatic stability
 - D) Its ionic character
- Answer:** C) Its aromatic stability
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16. The bond order between two atoms can be calculated using the formula:

- A) $(N_b + N_a)/2$
- B) $(N_b - N_a)/2$
- C) $(N_b \times N_a)/2$
- D) (N_b / N_a)

Answer: B) $(N_b - N_a)/2$

☐ *N_b = number of electrons in bonding MOs, N_a = in antibonding MOs.*

17. In the O_2^- ion, the bond order is:

- A) 1.5
- B) 2
- C) 2.5
- D) 3

Answer: C) 2.5

☐ *Extra electron enters $\pi^*2p \rightarrow$ bond order = $\frac{1}{2} (10-5) = 2.5$.**



18. In the O_2^{2-} ion (peroxide), the bond order is:

- A) 1
- B) 1.5
- C) 2
- D) 2.5

Answer: A) 1

19. Which molecule is isoelectronic with CO?

- A) N_2
- B) O_2
- C) NO
- D) CN^-

Answer: D) CN^-

☐ Both CO and CN^- have 14 electrons.

20. The $\pi-\pi^*$ transition in conjugated molecules like butadiene occurs at:

- A) Very low energy (long λ)
- B) Very high energy (short λ)
- C) Infinite energy
- D) No transition possible

Answer: A) Very low energy (long λ)

☐ Because the HOMO–LUMO gap decreases as conjugation increases.

UNIT-II MODERN ENGINEERING MATERIALS

SEMICONDUCTORS

1. What is a semiconductor?

A semiconductor is a substance whose electrical conductivity lies between that of a conductor and an insulator.

Example: Silicon (Si), Germanium (Ge).

2. What are the types of semiconductors?

- **Intrinsic semiconductor:** Pure semiconductor (e.g., Si, Ge).
- **Extrinsic semiconductor:** Doped with impurities to increase conductivity.
 - **n-type:** Doped with pentavalent element (P, As).
 - **p-type:** Doped with trivalent element (B, Al).

3. What is the band gap in semiconductors?

It is the small energy gap (about 1 eV) between the valence band and conduction band.

4. Give two applications of semiconductors.

- Used in diodes, transistors, and integrated circuits (ICs).
- Used in solar cells and LEDs.

⚡SUPERCONDUCTORS

1. What is superconductivity?

It is the phenomenon in which a material shows **zero electrical resistance** and **expulsion of magnetic field (Meissner effect)** below a critical temperature.

2. What is the critical temperature (T_c)?

The temperature below which a material becomes superconducting.

3. Give examples of superconductors.

- Mercury (Hg)
- Niobium (Nb)
- $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ (Yttrium barium copper oxide – high- T_c superconductor)

4. Mention two applications of superconductors.

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines.
 - Maglev (magnetic levitation) trains.
 - Superconducting power cables.
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□ □ SUPERCAPACITORS

1. What is a supercapacitor?

A supercapacitor (ultracapacitor) is an energy storage device that stores electrical energy **between a capacitor and a battery**, with higher energy density than conventional capacitors.

2. What is the basic concept?

Supercapacitors store charge either by **electrostatic double-layer formation** or **fast surface redox reactions**.

3. What are the types (classification) of supercapacitors?

- **Electrochemical Double Layer Capacitors (EDLCs)** – charge stored electrostatically.
- **Pseudocapacitors** – charge stored by redox reactions.
- **Hybrid supercapacitors** – combination of both.

4. Give two applications of supercapacitors.

- Energy storage in electric vehicles (EVs).
 - Power backup in electronic devices and renewable energy systems.
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▣ NANOMATERIALS

1. What are nanomaterials?

Materials having at least one dimension in the nanometer range (1–100 nm).

2. What are the classifications of nanomaterials?

- **Zero-dimensional (0D):** Nanoparticles, quantum dots.
- **One-dimensional (1D):** Nanowires, nanotubes.
- **Two-dimensional (2D):** Graphene sheets.
- **Three-dimensional (3D):** Nanocomposites.

3. What are the important properties of nanomaterials?

- High surface area to volume ratio.
- Enhanced mechanical strength.
- Improved electrical and optical properties.

4. What are Fullerenes?

Fullerenes are spherical carbon molecules (C_{60} , buckyballs) composed of pentagons and hexagons.

5. What are Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs)?

CNTs are cylindrical fullerenes with high tensile strength and conductivity.

Types: Single-walled (SWCNT) and multi-walled (MWCNT).

6. What is Graphene?

Graphene is a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice; it has excellent electrical, thermal, and mechanical properties.

7. Mention applications of nanomaterials.

- Drug delivery and biosensors.
- Nanoelectronics and solar cells.
- Strengthening materials (nanocomposites).
- Catalysts and coatings.

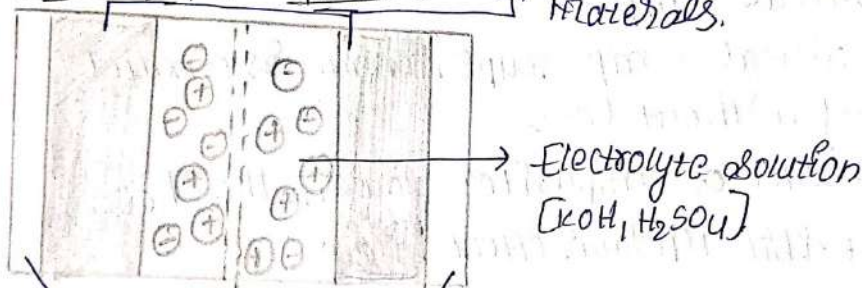
ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write about super capacitors and classification applications of super capacitors?

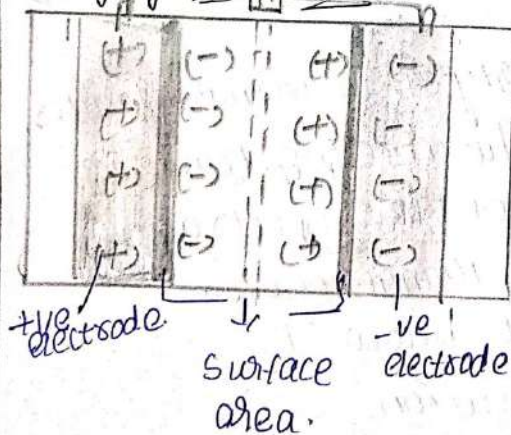
Super capacitors:-

- * These are also called ultra capacitors
- * These are additional Energy store densers
- * To store Energy from Re-generative Banking
- * Recharged very quickly
- * Release large amount of power

Inside super capacitors Electrodes Activated Carbon Materials.



Charging Super capacitors



- * As we know a charge connected across the electrode Current starts to flow into the capacitor.
- * There are +ve (+) -ve (-) ion present inside electrolyte.

distributed randomly across it.

When the charger starts to charge the (+) electrode with (+) charge it starts to attract (-) ions from electrolyte forming layer.

* Similarly the (-) electrode is charge with (-) ions and attract the (+) ions from electrolyte forming another layer across it.

* The forces of attraction b/w electrode & Electrolyte is Electrostatic force do the Alignment of (+) & (-) charges across the boundary of Electrode Solⁿ cause Electric double layer.

* And this is Responsible for stores Electrical charges

* Then capacitor known as Double layer capacitor

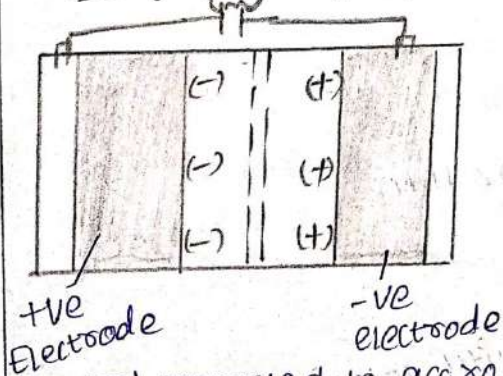
* The capacitor (C₁) formed along with the another capacitor (C₂) which act as they are connected as series

$$C_1 \propto \frac{A}{d} \quad C_2 \propto \frac{A}{d} \Rightarrow A = \text{high surface area of Electrodes}$$

$d = \text{small distance b/w plates}$

$$C'_{\text{total}} = \frac{C_1 \cdot C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

During Discharging



* load connected to across the electrolyte and the Electrode starts to lose the charge and charge flows the external circuit

- * and then light after 1000 to complete the circuit.
- * Both the electrodes (+) & (-) loose the charges & hence they can not attract the ions and ions are distributed across the electrolyte as if way before it being charge.

Applications

- * Super capacitor is used to as an additional power source for regenerating braking.
- * And also it is used lot of power is needed is less time like quick acceleration's.
- * used in electronics like laptop, computer, GPS, portable media player, handheld devices and photovoltaic system.
- * To provide back up, shutdown, RAM, & so on.

2. Write about Nano materials classification properties and applications of Carbon nano tubes and Fullerenes?

Nano Materials

The materials like metals, ceramics, polymeric materials, composite materials with dimensions and tolerance in the range of 1 nm to 100 nm are called nanomaterials.

* one billionth (10^{-9}) of a meter.

* $1\text{ m} = 39\text{ inches}$

$$1\text{ NM} = 10^{-9}\text{ m}$$

$$1\text{ M} = 10^9\text{ NM}$$

eg: ~~10 M~~ $\text{H} = 0.1\text{ nm}$, $\text{H}_2\text{O} < 1\text{ nm}$

Significance

- * Due to their small size
- * M.P, reaction rates, conductivity, colour
- * A nanoparticle is defined as a small object that behaves as a whole unit in terms of its transport

and exhibit a number of special properties relative to bulk materials. (1nm - 100nm)

Classification (Based on Dimensions)

1D

2D

3D

1D: Two dimension reduced to nanorange & one D is remains large. movement of e^- is along these direction
Eg:- nanowires

2D: 1D reduced to nanorange, 2D are large. movement of e^- along 2 directions
Eg:- nanowells, nanofilms

3D: There is no confinement in nanorange. movement of e^- along 3 directions
Eg:- Bulk N.M, nano powders.

Based on composition:-

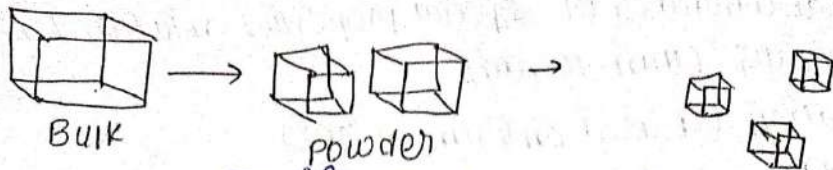
1) Organic n.m: composed with carbon with different forms
Eg:- CNT, fullerenes

2) Inorganic n.m: - composed with metal & metal oxide in different forms
Eg:- Au, Fe, Pt, Al

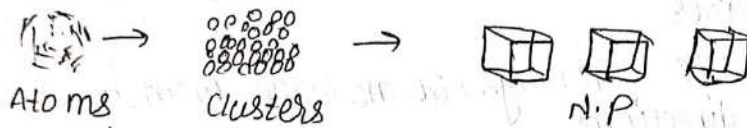
3) Hybrid n.m: - exhibit combination of organic & inorganic n.m (O-O, O-I, I-I)
Eg:- polymers

Preparation of N.M:-

1. Top-down: - In this method bulk materials are converted to nanoparticles by making use of lithographic methods.

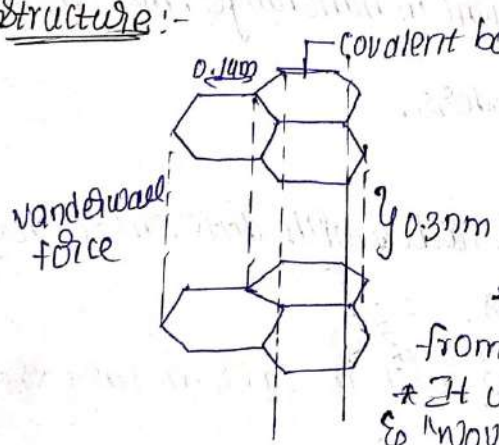


Bottom-up:- In this very small particle n.p like individual molecules are assembled to get clusters which in turn are aggregated with N.P



Graphene:-

Structure:-



* Graphene is an allotrope of 'C' consisting of a single layer of atoms arranged in a hexagonal monostructure.

* Graphene is derived word from Graphite

* It was invented by "Andre Geim" & "Novoselov" in 2004 & received Nobel prize in 2010

properties:-

- * It exhibits in 2D form
- * Graphene is stronger than Diamond
- * It is Tough & highly flexible.
- * weight of graphene is less than a paper
- * It has Excellent fire resistance
- * Having high flexibility up to 25%
- * It has more durability & stiffness.

Applications

- * used in optical electronic system
- * used in ultra filtration
- * used in photo voltaic cells solar cells
- * used as sensors
- * used as super capacitors
- * used in nuclear reactors
- * used in preparation of power banks, mobile & display
- * mixed in concrete to increase strength of cement in building constructions.

* Carbon nano tubes (CNT) :-

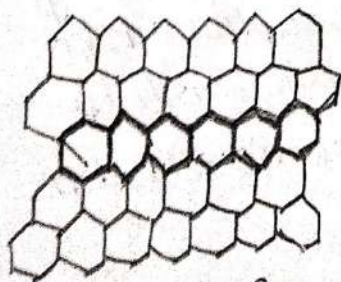
Carbon nano tubes are sheets of graphite about 0.1 nm in diameter rolled up to make a tube of few nm in diameter.

* CNT's are also called "bucky tubes".

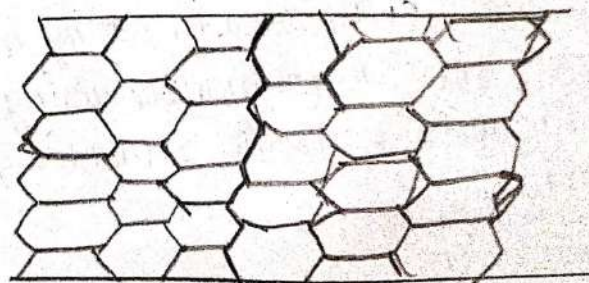
Depending on arrangement these are 2-types.

1) Single walled NT's :- a. $n=m$ - Arm chair, b. $m=0$, zig-zag, c. $n \neq m$, chiral.

2) Multiwalled NT's :- consists multi layers of graphite, Distance b/w 2 graphite layers is 3.35 \AA



(a) Arm chair



(b) zig-zag

Properties of CNT:-

- * CNT's are high thermal conductivity
- * CNT's have high Electrical conductivity
- * CNT's have high tensile strength
- * CNT's are highly flexible without damage
- * Have low thermal expansion coefficient
- * CNT possess toxicity.

* CNT's have unique optical absorption properties and differ from in bulk materials

Applications

- * CNT's are used to make space elevators, stab-proof
- * CNT's are recently used for making electrical cables & wires bcz of high conductivity.

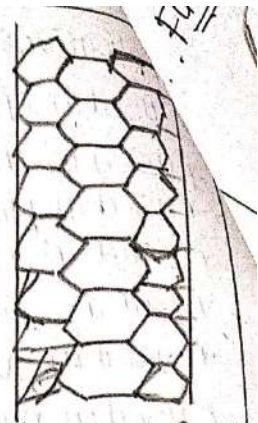
Paper batteries:- use a paper-thin sheet of cellulose infused with CNT. Here CNT act as electrode.

Hydrogen storage:- CNT can be store hydrogen to be used as a fuel source

Medical:- * used as drug delivery materials

* used as tumour targeting material in human body

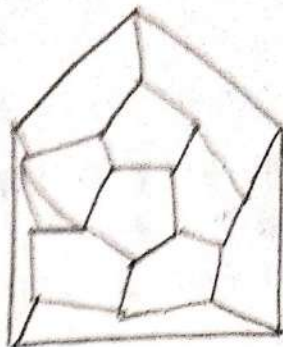
Textile:- CNT's used for coating & absorption on the surface of fibre for manufacturing fabric which is antibacterial, electronic conductive, flame retardant etc.



Fullerenes



C_{60}



C_{20}

- * Fullerenes are allotropes of carbon
- * It can be prepared by vaporising rod in the atmosphere
- * Carbon atoms in fullerenes are connected by single and double bonds and forms closed mesh network.
- * The shape of fullerene may be a hollow sphere.

C_{60} fullerene

- * As structure like soccer ball
- * Each carbon atom is sp^2 hybridised and trigonally linked (each carbon atom is linked with other 3 carbon atoms)
- * It has polyhedral network
- * It has 60 vertices & 32 faces
- * Out of 32 faces 12 are pentagonal & 20 are hexagonal rings.

properties

- * It can be compressed up to 30% of its volume.
- * It is thermally stable up to 60°C
- * It is soluble in benzene solution.
- * It has good tensile strength.

Applications

- * used as charge carriers in batteries.
- * Alkali metal fullerenes are used as superconductors.
- * It is used as lubricant due to spherical shape.
- * used to control growth of HN-1 virus
- * used to make hydrogen fuel
- * used to making cosmetic related materials //

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3. Define super conductor and discuss about their classification and applications?

Super conductors:-

* A solid which offers no resistance to the passage of electricity through it is called super conductor

* The phenomenon was discovered by Dutch scientist "Onnes" in 1911, He was measuring the resistivity of mercury below 4.2 K.

Super conductivity:-

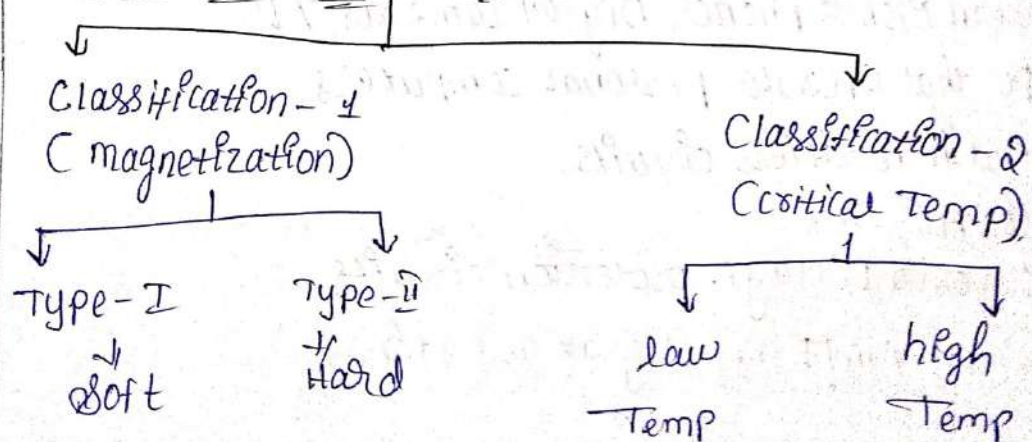
The phenomenon of disappearance of electrical resistance of a material below a certain temperature is known as super conductivity.

Critical temperature:-

* The temperature below which the electrical resistance becomes zero is called critical temperature (T_c)

* At this temperature a material changes to super conducting state.

Types of super conductors



Classification

Based on superconducting transition the superconductors are following to two types

- 1] low temperature
- 2] High temperature

1] Low Temp:-

* Superconductors with low T_c are known as low temperature superconductors

* Usually the T_c of low Temp S.C is less than 20K

* The other name is Elemental S.C

Eg:- Hg = 4.2K.

High temperature:-

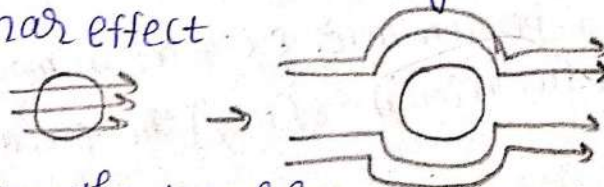
* Superconductors with high temperature are known as High temperature S.C

* Usually the T_c is $< 20K$

Eg:- Metallic alloys.

Misnar Effect:-

* An Expulsion of a magnetic field from a S.C during it's to the superconducting state is called misnar effect.



* Below the transition temperature the superconductors cancel nearly all the magnetic field inside

Classification - I

* Based on Magnetisation Behaviour superconductors are divided into two types

1. Type-I S.C

2. Type-II S.C

1. Type-I superconductors:-

* Example pure metals, conductors, Hg, Pb

* In type-I superconductors the magnetic field is totally expelled from the interior of the material below a certain magnetization field (H_c)

* At H_c the material loses its magnetization suddenly

* This type of superconductors exhibits Meissner effect.

2. Type-II S.C:-

* Examples alloys, metals

* In type-II superconductors the magnetization is lost gradually rather than suddenly

* There are two magnetic field.

* Lower critical magnetic field [H_{c1}] & upper critical magnetic field [H_{c2}].

* Below H_{c1} the superconductor excludes all magnetic field lines in between (H_{c1}) & (H_{c2}) the field becomes to enter.

- Type-II S.C do not exhibit complete Meissner effect
- * Mixed state is present
 - * These are also called Hard S.C.

Properties

- * A material of normal conducting state changes to superconducting state below a certain temp is called critical temp
- * Below critical temp superconductors conduct electricity without loss.
- * The presence of Impurities lowers the T_c
- * S.C exhibit Meissner effect below T_c
- * When strong magnetic field is applied to a superconductor below its T_c . The superconductivity is destroyed.

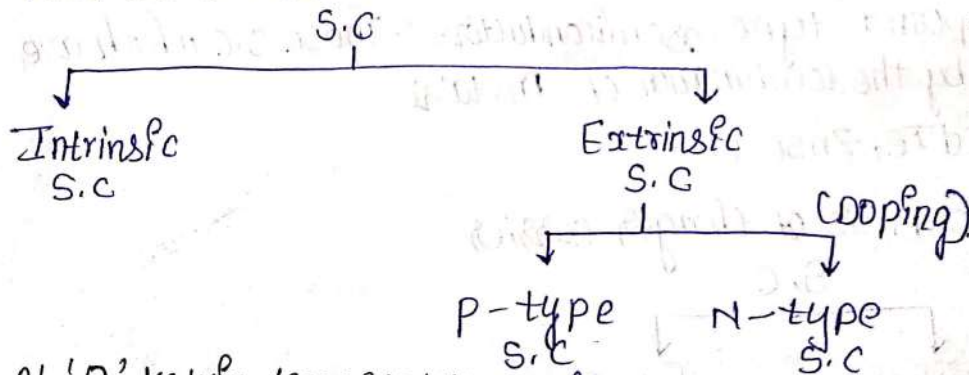
Applications

- * Magnetic levitation property of S.C to make trains, vehicles, where the friction b/w wheels & tracks is used. and also in the study of MRI spectra
- * Type-II S.C are used to manufacture
- * S.C exhibit Meissner effect below T_c
- * Used in S.C logic calculation
- * Used as a sensor to find people in drunk & drive cases. It is a gas sensor whose electrical resistance sharply changes when meets with Alcohol.

4. Define semi conductor and discuss various types and applications of semi conductor?

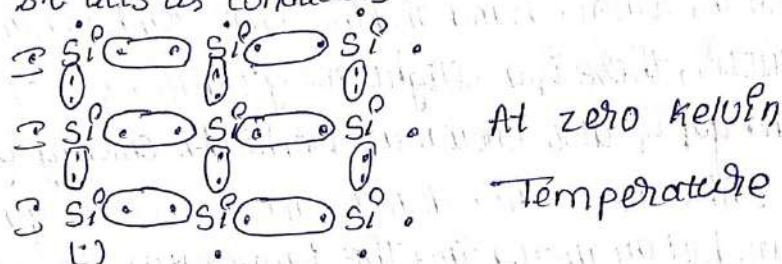
Semi Conductors

- * Between the valence band and the conduction band in a semiconductor, there is a slight energy difference of around
 - * This band gap is also known as Forbidden energy gap
 - * Those substances which do not conduct electricity at low temperature but on increasing the temperature it conducts electricity called "Semiconductors". Eg: Si/Ge.
 - * S.C are materials which have conductivity b/w conductors & Insulators, so they have low conductivity. To increase conductivity of S.C we are adding impurities to it. Eg: Si/Ge.
- Then S.C are classified into



At '0' kelvin temperature:- There is no free electron as all the valence electrons are involved in bonding so that zero kelvin temp S.C behave as an Insulator.

At temperature above then zero :- On increasing temperature more thermal energy are available due to which atom is a pure crystal start vibrating due to which some of the covalent bond break and some free e^- are generated so there S.C acts as conductors.



Classification:-

1. on the basis of chemical composition.

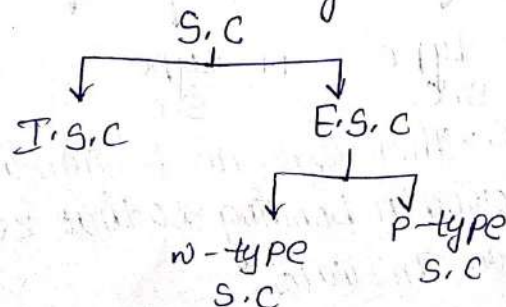
a) Element type semiconductors :- Those S.C are available in natural form.

Eg:- Silicon & Germanium

b) compound type semiconductors :- Those S.C which are formed by the combination of metals

Eg:- CdTe, ZnSe etc.

2) on the basis of charge carriers



temp

Intrinsic Semiconductors:-

* pure form of S.C are called I.S.C

Eg:- Si, Ge.

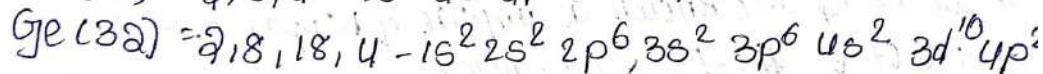
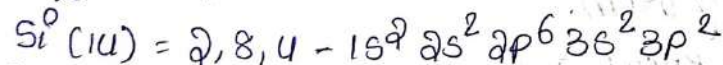
* Impurities do not effect its electrical behaviour hence are also called undoped / S.C

* It has equal no. of e^- & holes (+ve).

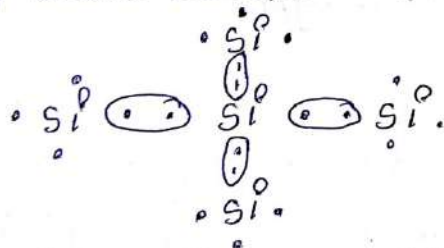
* This S.C pentavalent impurities are added that acts as N-type S.C & Trivalent are added.

working:-

* w.k.T Electronic configuration of both the elements Si/Ge have 4 e^- in its valence shell.



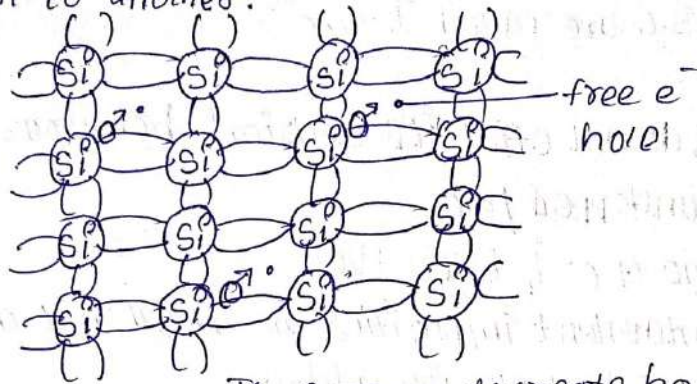
* As \uparrow Temp it behaves like an insulator at zero K & temp above zero, act as conductor.



* further \uparrow Temp the covalent bond is broken and the e^- is free. The position from which the e^- gets dislodged has a hole.

* The hole is occupied by a free e^- as a result of which vacant position becomes a hole.

* This way the hole / +ve charge is transferred from one position to another.



To ↑ Temp to create hole

Extrinsic S.C:-

* E.S.C are formed by the doping of pure S.C with certain specific impurity atom.

* So it is also known as impure or doped S.C

* No. of e^- \neq No. of holes

* Electric conductivity is high

Depending on doping E.S.C are 2 types.

1] N-type E.S.C

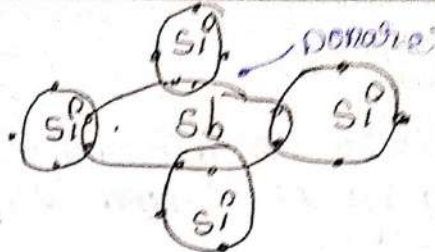
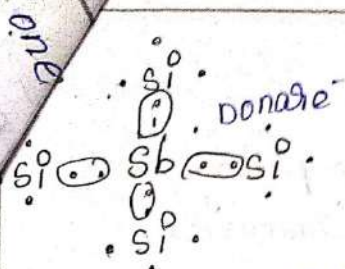
2] P-type E.S.C

N-type E.S.C:-

* It is also called donor group

* In this S.C pentavalent impurity atoms i.e., P, As, Sb, Bi etc are added to pure Si/Ge crystal is called, N-type E.S.C.

* The conductivity of Si/Ge is ↑ by the process of doping.

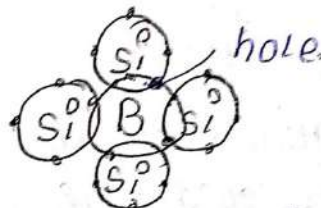
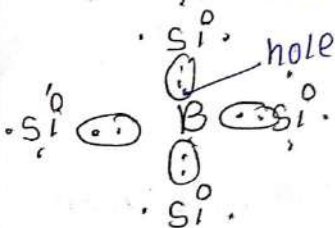


So the conductivity \uparrow due to $-$ vely charged e^- So this is n-type s.c.

p-type s.c

* These are acceptors

* In this s.c. trivalent impurity atoms i.e., B, Al, Ga, In, Tl are added to Si/Ge crystal called p-type E.S.C.



So the conductivity \uparrow due to $+$ vely charged ion. So this is p-type s.c.

App's:-

- * used in Mobile phones, Digital cameras, TV.
- * CPU that operate personal computers
- * used in rectifiers circuits
 - * for AC-DC.
- * In over voltage. protection circuits
- * In Am/Fm signal detector's

MCQs

1. Substances whose conductivity lies between conductors and insulators are called:

- A) Conductors
- B) Semiconductors
- C) Superconductors
- D) Insulators

Answer: B) Semiconductors

2. In an *intrinsic semiconductor*, conduction is due to:

- A) Electrons only
- B) Holes only
- C) Electrons and holes both
- D) Impurities

Answer: C) Electrons and holes both

3. Example of an *intrinsic semiconductor*:

- A) Silicon (Si)
- B) Copper (Cu)
- C) Germanium (Ge)
- D) Both A and C

Answer: D) Both A and C

4. In *n-type semiconductors*, the majority charge carriers are:

- A) Holes
- B) Electrons
- C) Protons
- D) Neutrons

Answer: B) Electrons

5. In *p-type semiconductors*, the majority carriers are:

- A) Holes
- B) Electrons
- C) Ions
- D) Protons

Answer: A) Holes

6. The process of adding impurities to increase conductivity is called:

- A) Polarization
 - B) Doping
 - C) Deionization
 - D) Magnetization
- Answer:** B) Doping
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7. A common application of semiconductors is:

- A) Transformers
 - B) Diodes and Transistors
 - C) Heating elements
 - D) Capacitors
- Answer:** B) Diodes and Transistors
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8. Band gap of silicon at room temperature is approximately:

- A) 1.1 eV
 - B) 2.2 eV
 - C) 0.7 eV
 - D) 3.2 eV
- Answer:** A) 1.1 eV
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⚡📄 Superconductors – Concepts and Applications

9. A superconductor is a material which shows:

- A) Infinite resistance
 - B) Zero resistance
 - C) High resistance
 - D) Variable resistance
- Answer:** B) Zero resistance
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10. The temperature below which a material becomes superconducting is called:

- A) Transition temperature (T_c)
- B) Critical temperature
- C) Both A and B
- D) Melting temperature

Answer: C) Both A and B

11. The Meissner effect is related to:

- A) Thermal expansion
 - B) Magnetic field expulsion
 - C) Photoelectric emission
 - D) Electrolysis
- Answer:** B) Magnetic field expulsion

☐ *Superconductors expel magnetic flux below T_c .*

12. Which of the following is a high-temperature superconductor?

- A) Mercury
- B) $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ (Yttrium barium copper oxide)
- C) Tin
- D) Lead

Answer: B) $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$

13. One major application of superconductors is in:

- A) Transformers
 - B) Magnetic levitation (Maglev) trains
 - C) Electric irons
 - D) LEDs
- Answer:** B) Magnetic levitation (Maglev) trains
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14. The property lost by a superconductor above T_c is:

- A) Conductivity
 - B) Diamagnetism
 - C) Luster
 - D) Elasticity
- Answer:** B) Diamagnetism

⚡️ ☐ Supercapacitors – Concepts, Classification & Uses

15. Supercapacitors are also called:

- A) Chemical capacitors
- B) Ultracapacitors
- C) Quantum capacitors
- D) Power capacitors

Answer: B) Ultracapacitors

16. Supercapacitors store energy mainly by:

- A) Chemical reaction
- B) Electrostatic charge separation
- C) Magnetic induction
- D) Nuclear reaction

Answer: B) Electrostatic charge separation

17. Supercapacitors are classified mainly as:

- A) Electrochemical double-layer capacitors (EDLCs)
- B) Pseudocapacitors
- C) Hybrid capacitors
- D) All of the above

Answer: D) All of the above

18. Which of the following is used as electrode material in supercapacitors?

- A) Graphite
- B) Activated carbon
- C) Silicon
- D) Copper

Answer: B) Activated carbon

19. An important application of supercapacitors is in:

- A) Long-term energy storage
- B) Fast charge/discharge backup systems
- C) Food preservation
- D) Light emission

Answer: B) Fast charge/discharge backup systems

4 ☐ Nanomaterials – Concepts, Types, Properties, and Applications

20. Nanomaterials have at least one dimension in the range of:

- A) 1–100 μm
- B) 1–100 nm
- C) 1–10 cm
- D) 0.1–1 mm

Answer: B) 1–100 nm

21. Fullerenes are:

- A) Allotropes of sulfur
- B) Allotropes of carbon
- C) Allotropes of silicon
- D) None of these

Answer: B) Allotropes of carbon

22. The most famous fullerene molecule is:

- A) C_{60}
- B) C_{70}
- C) C_{80}
- D) C_{120}

Answer: A) C_{60}

☐ Known as Buckminsterfullerene (buckyball).



23. Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are formed by:

- A) Folding graphite sheets into cylinders
 - B) Melting diamond
 - C) Polymerizing carbon monoxide
 - D) Heating hydrocarbons in air
- Answer:** A) Folding graphite sheets into cylinders
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24. Graphene is a:

- A) 0D nanomaterial
 - B) 1D nanomaterial
 - C) 2D nanomaterial
 - D) 3D nanomaterial
- Answer:** C) 2D nanomaterial
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25. The electrical conductivity of graphene is due to:

- A) Localized π -electrons
 - B) Delocalized π -electrons
 - C) σ -bonds
 - D) Ionic bonds
- Answer:** B) Delocalized π -electrons
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26. Nanoparticles have unique properties mainly due to:

- A) High surface-to-volume ratio
 - B) High temperature
 - C) Bulk density
 - D) Crystal defects only
- Answer:** A) High surface-to-volume ratio
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27. An important application of carbon nanotubes is in:

- A) Bulletproof vests
 - B) Nanoelectronics and sensors
 - C) Cement manufacture
 - D) Paints
- Answer:** B) Nanoelectronics and sensors
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28. Fullerenes are used in:

- A) Drug delivery and lubricants
 - B) Nuclear reactors
 - C) Fertilizers
 - D) None of these
- Answer:** A) Drug delivery and lubricants
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29. Graphene is used in:

- A) Transparent conductive displays
 - B) Electrical insulators
 - C) X-ray tubes
 - D) Glass polishing
- Answer:** A) Transparent conductive displays
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30. Nanomaterials are widely used in:

- A) Medicine
 - B) Electronics
 - C) Energy storage
 - D) All of the above
- Answer:** D) All of the above

UNIT III ELECTROCHEMISTRY AND APPLICATIONS

1. Electrochemical Cell

Q1. What is an electrochemical cell?

A: An electrochemical cell converts chemical energy into electrical energy or vice versa through redox reactions. It consists of two electrodes (anode and cathode) and an electrolyte.

Q2. Differentiate between galvanic and electrolytic cells.

A:

- **Galvanic cell:** Spontaneous redox reaction, generates electricity.
 - **Electrolytic cell:** Non-spontaneous reaction, electricity is supplied to drive the reaction.
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2. Nernst Equation

Q3. What is the Nernst equation?

A: It relates the cell potential to the concentration of ions:

$$E = E_0 - 0.0591/n \log Q$$

Where E = cell potential, E_0 = standard potential, n = electrons, Q = reaction quotient.

Q4. Numerical example:

For the cell: $\text{Zn}|\text{Zn}^{2+}||\text{Cu}^{2+}|\text{Cu}$, $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 0.01\text{M}$, $E_0 = 1.10\text{ V}$

$$E = 1.10 - 0.0591 \log [\text{Cu}^{2+}]/[\text{Zn}^{2+}]$$

$$= 1.10 - 0.0591 \log 0.1/0.01$$

$$= 1.10 - 0.0591(1) \approx 1.041\text{ V}$$

3. Potentiometry & Titrations

Q5. What is potentiometry?

A: Measurement of the voltage of an electrochemical cell without current to determine analyte concentration.

Q6. What is a potentiometric titration?

A: A titration in which the potential of the solution is measured as a function of titrant volume. Example: redox titration of Fe^{2+} with Ce^{4+} .



4. Conductivity & Conductometric Titrations

Q7. What is conductivity?

A: The ability of a solution to conduct electric current due to the presence of ions.

Q8. Conductivity cell:

A device with electrodes immersed in solution to measure conductivity.

Q9. Conductometric titration:

Titration based on changes in conductivity.

- **Example:** Strong acid vs. strong base (HCl vs. NaOH). Conductivity decreases till equivalence point, then increases.

5. Electrochemical Sensors

Q10. Potentiometric sensor example:

- **P^H meter** using glass electrode, measures potential due to H⁺ concentration.

Q11. Amperometric sensor example:

- **Glucose biosensor**, current proportional to glucose concentration via enzymatic reaction.

6. Primary Cells

Q12. Example of primary cell:

- **Zinc-air battery**
Reaction:
 - Anode: $\text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$
 - Cathode: $\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$
 - Characteristics: Non-rechargeable, high energy density.

7. Secondary Cells

Q13. Example of secondary cell:



- **Lithium-ion battery**

Reaction:

- Charging: $\text{LiCoO}_2 + \text{C} \rightarrow \text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2 + \text{LiC}_6$
 - Discharging: Reverse reaction.
 - Characteristics: Rechargeable, high energy density, long cycle life.
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8. Fuel Cells

Q14. Hydrogen-Oxygen Fuel Cell:

- **Anode:** $\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$
- **Cathode:** $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Converts chemical energy directly to electrical energy, clean.

Q15. Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC):

- Uses **proton-conducting polymer membrane** as electrolyte.
- **Working:** H_2 at anode $\rightarrow \text{H}^+$ moves through membrane, electrons via circuit; O_2 at cathode reacts with $\text{H}^+ \rightarrow$ water.

EASSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write about Potentiometric titrations and discuss various types and write about conductometric titrations?

Potentiometric titrations:

The potential of electrode depends upon the concentration of the ions to which it is reversible in accordance with Nernst equation. Thus in a titration, the potential of an electrode is measured by the change in ionic concentration.

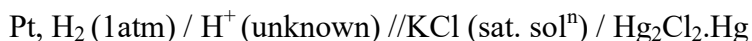
The potentiometric titrations are those titrations which involve the measurement of electrode potentials with the addition of the titrant. The end point is detected by measuring the changes in the potential of a suitable electrode during the course of reaction. No indicator is used in this titrations. The end point of the reaction is indicated by a sharp change in the potential of the system.

(i) ACID BASE TITRATIONS:

The acid solution whose strength has to be determined is taken in a beaker and the hydrogen electrode and calomel electrode were dipped in the solution. The electrodes were connected to the potentiometer and the E.M.F is measured. A known volume of standard alkali solution is added from a burette and stirred and the EMF of the cell is recorded. Like this 10-15 readings are recorded by repeating the procedure of the addition of standard alkali. On adding alkali solution (NaOH) from the burette, the H^+ concentration goes on decreases, i.e. pH of the solution goes on increases and hence the EMF of the cell goes on

increases gradually, but at the end point the rate of change of potential will be suddenly quite large. After the end point, further addition of NaOH produces very little change in the H^+ ion concentration and hence there is very little change in the EMF of the cell.

The complete cell may be represented as

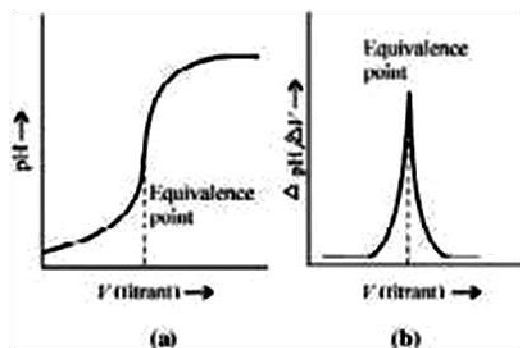


The emf of the indicator electrode (hydrogen

$$\text{electrode) is given as } E_{H_2/H^+} = E^{\circ} + 0.0591 \log [H^+]$$



A graph is plotted by taking volume of alkali added against EMF observed. A sigmoid curve is obtained and the steepest portion of the curve indicates the equivalence point of the titration



From the graph, we draw the conclusion that the EMF increases with the decrease in concentration of hydrogen ions because electrode potential of indicator electrode depends on the concentration of H^+ ions.

(ii) OXIDATION- REDUCTION TITRATIONS:

The procedure adopted for oxidation titration is the same as in acid-base titration; the only difference is that the electrode reversible to hydrogen ions is replaced by a bright platinum electrode. The EMF of the electrode is determined by the activity of ratio of the substance being oxidized or reduced. For E.g.; Fe^{2+} titrated against $K_2Cr_2O_7$. The Fe^{2+} solution is taken in the beaker, treated with $dil.H_2SO_4$ and Pt electrode and calomel electrodes are dipped. The electrodes are connected to the potentiometer and EMF of the solution after the addition of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is recorded. On addition of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ from the burette, EMF of the cell increase first slowly, but at the equivalence point there will be sudden jump in potential, since change in ratio of Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+} ion concentration. A graph is plotted with EMF and volume of $K_2Cr_2O_7$. A sigmoid curve is obtained and the steepest portion of the curve indicates the end point of the titration.

(iii) PRECIPITATION REACTION:

In precipitation reaction also an electrode reversible to one of the ions involved is made use of, for e.g: titration of $AgNO_3$ with $NaCl$, where $AgCl$ precipitates out, Ag^- electrode is used along with calomel electrode. The silver nitrate is placed in the micro burette and added to sodium chloride taken in the beaker, containing electrodes. The EMF of the cell is measured and plotted against volume of silver nitrate added. The steep rise in the curve shows the end point of the titration.

1. Real life applications

Potentiometry represents a powerful technique with a myriad of different applications in biology, physics as well as chemistry.

It was also used for the respiratory gas analysis in the hospitals consisting of respired gas samples from the patients undergoing anesthesia. It can also be used for the genomic studies with potential applications for clinical medicine. Due to its speed and sensitivity, potentiometry has played a pivotal role in space related applications, drug discovery, geologic research for petroleum composition measurements,

carbon dating and some other research endeavors. Three most interesting uses of potentiometry in real life are as follows:

- **Food industry:** Titration is a method or the process of determining the concentration of a dissolved substance in terms of the smallest amount of a reagent of known concentration required to bring about a given effect in reaction with a known volume of the test solution.
- **Paper manufacturing:** Atmospheric emissions from the pulp and paper manufacturing industry can be determined by the potentiometric measurements.
- **Pharmaceutical industry:** To determine the pH of given chemical



agents and also in the detection of end point in potentiometry titration of certain drugs like amoxicillin, propranolol.

Example: Determination of pH of blood for diagnosis of acidosis or alkalosis

Example: Determination of NO_3 , NO_2 in meat preservatives.

Example: To determine the NaCl content in meat, fish, dairy products

and fruit juice **Example:** To determine the Ca content in dairy products,

beer, wines and brewing solutions **Example:** To determine the K

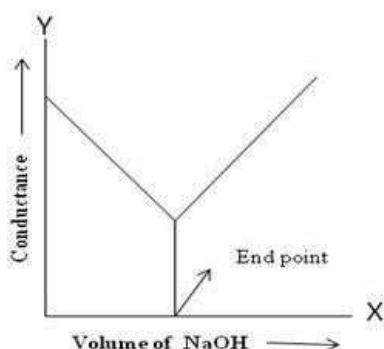
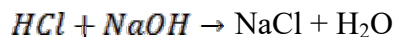
content in fruit juices, beer and wines.

CONDUTOMETRIC TITRATIONS: Titrations involving conductivity measurements of electrolytes to get endpoint are called conductometric titrations. The end point is generally found out by plotting the conductance values on y-axis against the volume of electrolyte on x-axis. The electrical conductance of an aqueous solution depends up on:

1. The number of free ions in the solution containing an electrolyte.
2. The charge on the free ions.
3. The mobility of the ions.

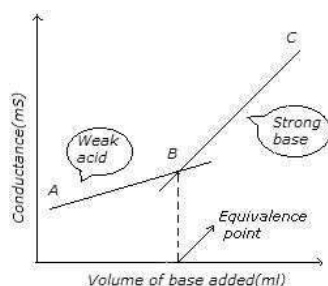
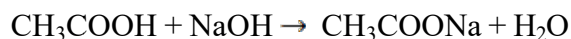
1. Strong acid Vs Strong base titrations:

In an acid–base titration, acid is taken in the conical flask and base is added through the burette. Consider the titration of strong acid (HCl) with strong base (NaOH). Before the addition of NaOH, the conductivity is mainly due to the H^+ ions; hence the conductivity is high. On the gradual addition of NaOH from the burette, the fast moving H^+ ions of acid are replaced by OH^- ions. The conductivity of the solution decreases progressively by the addition of NaOH till the equivalence point is reached. The conductance again increases after the equivalence point.

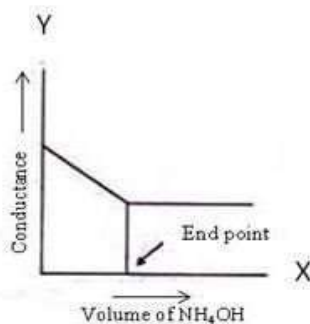
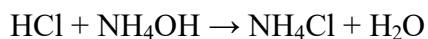


2. Weak acid Vs Strong base titration:

When weak acid is titrated with strong base, the conductance of the solution is low in the beginning, since the dissociation of weak acid is very low. On addition of base, highly dissociated sodium acetate is formed. Due to the common ion effect, the acetate ion tends to suppress the ionization of acetic acid. Later the conductivity begins to increase due to the conductivity power of the highly ionized salt exceeds that of weak acid. After end point, the addition of NaOH contributes sharp increase in the conductivity of the solution. The point of intersection of the two curves gives the end point of the titration.

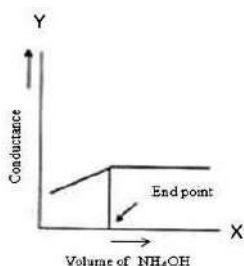
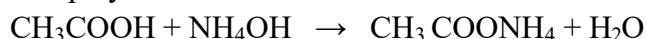


3. Strong acid Vs weak base titrations: When strong acid is titrated against a weak base, the conductance of the solution first decrease due to the replacement of fast moving H^+ ions with slow moving NH_4^+ ions. After the end point, the addition of excess of NH_4OH will not result in any appreciable change in the conductivity.



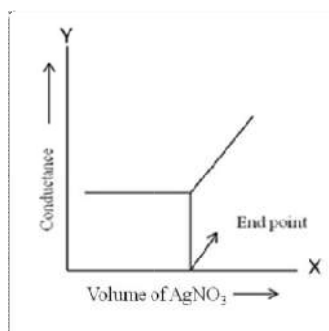
4. Weak acid Vs weak base Titration:

Consider the titration of acetic acid against ammonium hydroxide. The titration of weak acid with weak base does not give sharp end point by volumetric titrations. The initial conductance of the solution is low due to the poor dissociation of weak acid, but starts raising as $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$ is formed. After the equivalent point, the conductivity remains almost constant because the free base NH_4OH is weak electrolyte. The end point is quite sharp by conductometric titrations



5. Precipitation titrations:

In precipitation titrations, sharp endpoint is obtained, e.g. The titration of KCl against AgNO_3 . There is no sharp increase in conductance after the addition of AgNO_3 , because the mobility of K^+ and Ag^+ is one and the same. After the end point, there is a sharp increase in conductance due to an increase in the number of free ions in the solution.



Advantages of conductometric titrations:

1. The results obtained by conductometric titrations are more accurate because the end point is obtained graphically.
2. The titrations of a weak acid with a weak base do not give a sharp end point with indicator in volumetric titrations. Accurate results are

obtained in conductometric titrations.

3. Colored solutions where no indicator is found to work satisfactorily can be successfully titrated.
4. Conductometric titrations can be used even in case of polybasic acids.

Precautions:

1. The temperature must be kept constant throughout the experiment.
2. In acid–base titration, the titrant should be about 10 times stronger than the solution to be titrated so that the volume change is as little as possible.

2. Define primary and secondary cells? Write about construction and working of lithium-ion battery with neat diagram?

Primary cells are the ones which cannot be recharged and have to be discarded after the expiration of the lifetime.

Secondary cells need to be recharged when the charge gets over.

Both the types of battery are used extensively in various appliances and these cells differ in size and material used in them.

Difference between Primary Cell and Secondary Cell	
Primary Cell	Secondary Cell
Have high energy density and slow in discharge and easy to use	They have smaller energy density
There are no fluids in the cells hence it is also called as dry cells	These are made up of wet cells (flooded and liquid cells) and molten salt (liquid cells with different composition)
It has high internal resistance	It has a low internal resistance
It has an irreversible chemical reaction	It has a reversible chemical reaction
Its design is smaller and lighter	Its design is more complex and heavier
Its initial cost is cheap	Its initial cost is high

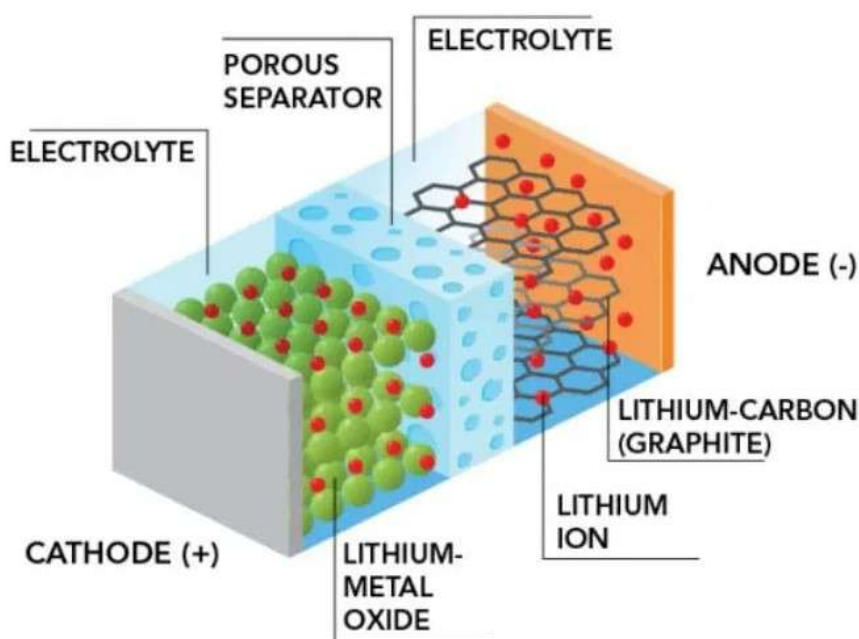
A lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery is a type of **rechargeable battery** that uses lithium ions as the main component of its electrochemical cells. It is **characterised by high energy density**, fast charge, long cycle life, and wide temperature range operation. Lithium-ion batteries have been **credited** for revolutionising communications and transportation, enabling the rise of super-slim smartphones and electric cars with a practical range such as portable electronics and electrified transportation.

M. Stanley Whittingham, John B. Goodenough, and Akira Yoshino received the **Nobel Prize in Chemistry** for their contributions to the development of the **modern Li-ion battery** in 2019.

Lithium-ion Battery Structure

A lithium-ion battery consists of an **anode** (negative electrode), **cathode** (positive electrode), separator, electrolyte, and two current collectors (positive and negative).

PARTS OF A LITHIUM-ION BATTERY



Cathode: The cathode of a lithium-ion battery is typically made of a lithium metal oxide, such as **lithium cobalt oxide (LiCoO_2)**, **lithium manganese oxide (LiMn_2O_4)**, or **lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO_4)**.

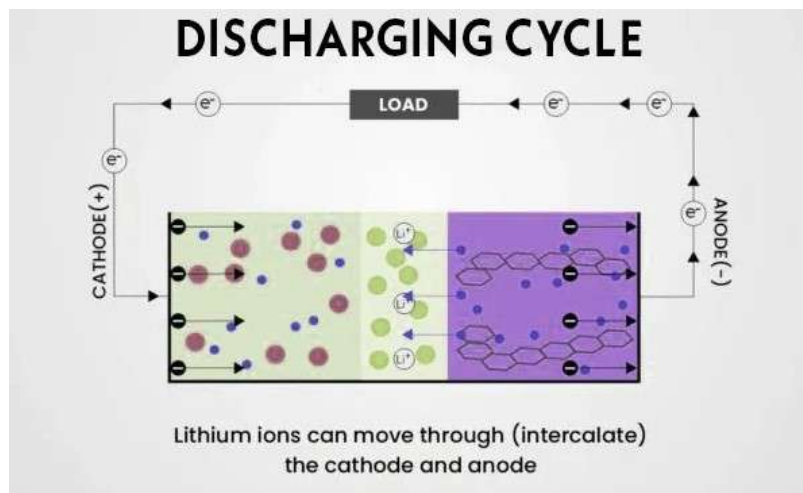
The choice of cathode material influences the performance characteristics of the battery.

- **Anode:** The anode is usually composed of **graphite**. During discharge, **lithium ions** move from the **anode to the cathode** through the electrolyte, and during **charging**, they **move back to the anode**.
- **Electrolyte:** The electrolyte is a **conductive medium** that allows the flow of lithium ions between the cathode and anode.
 - It is typically a **lithium salt** dissolved in a solvent.
- **Separator:** The separator is a **permeable membrane** that keeps the cathode and anode apart to prevent a short circuit while allowing the passage of lithium ions.
- **Rechargeability:** One of the key advantages of lithium-ion batteries is their rechargeability.

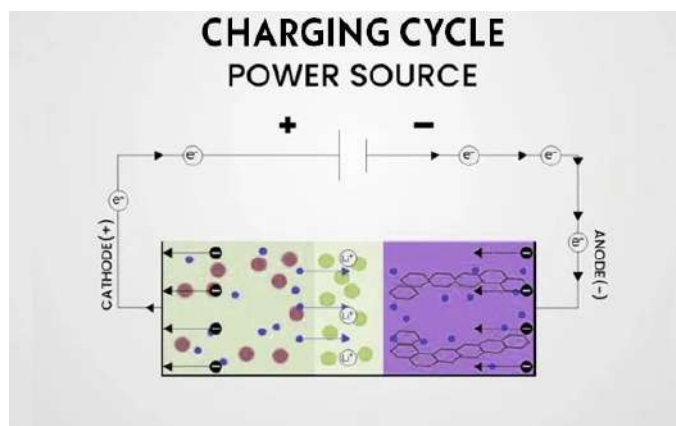
- They can be recharged hundreds to thousands of times, depending on the specific chemistry and use conditions such as **overcharging** or **undercharging**.

Working of Lithium-ion Battery

Working principle of Lithium-ion Battery based on **electrochemical reaction**. Inside a lithium-ion battery, **oxidation-reduction (Redox)** reactions take place which sustain the charging and discharging cycle.



- **Discharging:**
 - During this cycle, **lithium ions** form from the ionization of lithium atoms in the anode.
 - **Oxidation reaction** takes place: $LiC_6 \rightarrow C_6 + Li^+ + e^-$
 - The lithium ions move from the anode and pass through the electrolyte until they reach the cathode, where they recombine with their electrons and electrically neutralise.
 - The lithium ions are small enough to be able to move through a **micro-permeable separator** between the anode and cathode.
 - **Li-ion batteries** are capable of having a very **high voltage** and **charge storage** per unit mass and unit volume owing to the small size of lithium.



- **Charging cycle:**
 - **During the charging cycle**, the process is exactly the opposite of the discharging cycle. The lithium ions return to the anode from the cathode and electrons are transferred from the anode to the cathode.
 - Lithium ions flow from the cathode to the anode, and electrons flow from the **anode to the cathode**, as the battery is charging.
 - There is a **steady flow of electrons** as long as lithium ions are making their way from one electrode to the next.
 - **Reduction** takes place at the cathode $-CoO_2 + Li^+ + e^- \rightarrow LiCoO_2$ (Cobalt oxide combines with lithium ions to form lithium-cobalt oxide (LiCoO₂)).

Lithium-ion Battery Significance

The excellent electrochemical properties of lithium such as highly reactive properties give Lithium the potential for high-density batteries, enhanced standby power, compact design, etc.

- **High charge density:** Since lithium is the most electropositive element, it has a high charge density, and can give a lot of energy without being very heavy. This means they can store a significant amount of energy for their size and weight.
 - **Electropositivity** is a measure of how easily an element can produce positive ions or how easily an element can produce energy.
- **Compact design:** They can store a large amount of energy in a relatively small and lightweight package.
- **Low self-discharge rate:** They also exhibit a relatively low self-discharge rate when compared to other rechargeable batteries, allowing them to hold their charge for extended periods.
- **High-scale current:** Lithium-ion batteries can deliver large amounts of current for high-power applications.
 - **For example-** Lithium-ion battery cells can deliver up to **3.6 Volts, 3 times greater** than any present technology.
- **No memory effect:** Lithium-ion batteries have no memory effect, a detrimental process where repeated partial discharge/charge cycles can cause a battery to 'remember' a lower capacity.
- **Free-form toxic materials:** These batteries do not contain toxic cadmium, which makes them easier to dispose of than **Ni-Cd batteries**.
- **Fossil Fuel-free society:** Modern society is completely dependent on fossil fuels, and lithium-ion batteries have great potential to replace the **internal combustion engine** and **store solar energy, and wind energy**, which will reduce dependency on fossil fuels by providing sustainable renewable energy.

Lithium-ion Battery Application

The versatility and performance characteristics of lithium-ion batteries make them a preferred choice in a wide range of applications, such as **aerospace, electric vehicles, electronics industries**, etc.

- **Portable electronic devices:** Lithium-ion batteries are predominantly used in various portable electronic devices such as **smartphones** and **laptops** etc.
- **High-end application:** It can also be employed to power electrical systems for aerospace applications and submarines.
 - For Example, **Aircraft-Boeing 787**, where weight is a significant cost factor.
- **Hybrid electric vehicles:** Lithium-ion technology so far has the best option for potential applications in battery-powered **vehicles** with a practical range **thereby reducing dependency on fossil fuels**.
- **Example-** Tesla's Model S cars are using a P85 battery consisting of 18,650 Li-ion cells, with an energy output of 80-90 kWh.
- **Defence:** Various submarines are using lithium-ion batteries as a source of power back in emergency and enhanced stealth operation.
- **Medical devices:** They are used in cardiac pacemakers and other implantable devices.

Lithium-ion Battery Disadvantages

Despite several promising applications of lithium-ion batteries, they have certain limitations:

- **Highly Inflammable:** The batteries tend to overheat and can face insulation failure at high voltages.
 - In some cases, this can lead to thermal runaway and combustion.
- **Performance constraints:** Lithium-ion batteries face the situation of increased weight and **limited performance** in some cases due to the requirement of safety mechanisms to limit voltage and internal pressures.
- **Low self-life:** Lithium-ion batteries are also subject to ageing, meaning that they can lose capacity and frequently fail after some years.
- **Heavily dependent on imports:** Another factor limiting their widespread adoption is their uneven geographical distribution of lithium leading to higher cost, which is around **40% higher than Ni-Cd**.

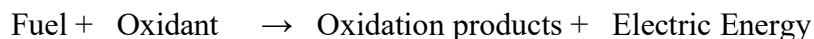
3. Define Fuel cells? Write about construction and working of H_2-O_2 fuel cell and polymeric electrolyte membrane fuel cell with neat diagram?

FUEL CELLS

Definition: A fuel cell is an electrochemical which converts chemical energy contained in readily available fuel oxidant system into electrical energy.

Principle: The basic principle of fuel cell is as same as that of an electrochemical cell. The fuel cell operates like a galvanic cell. The only difference is that the fuel and the oxidant are stored outside the cell. Fuel

and oxidant are supplied continuously and separately to the electrodes at which they undergo redox reaction. Fuel cells are capable of supplying current as long as reactants are replenished.

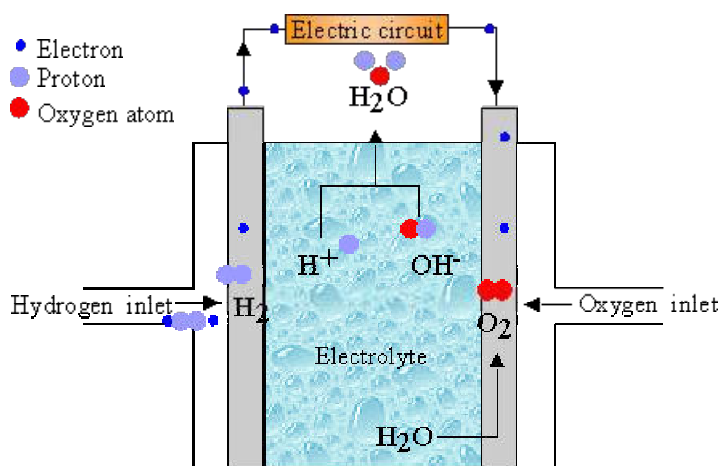


Examples: 1. $\text{H}_2\text{-O}_2$ fuel cell

2. $\text{CH}_3\text{OH-O}_2$ fuel cell

Hydrogen oxygen fuel cell:

This cell is a common type of fuel cell. Similar to a galvanic cell, fuel cell also have two half cells. Both half cells have porous graphite electrode with a catalyst (platinum, silver or a metal oxide). The electrodes are placed in the aqueous solution of NaOH or KOH which acts as an electrolyte. Hydrogen and oxygen are supplied at anode and cathode respectively at about 50 atmospheric pressure, the gases diffuse at respective electrodes. The two half-cell reactions are as follows;



At anode: $2\text{H}_2 (\text{g}) + 4\text{OH}^- (\text{aq})$

$\rightarrow 4\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) + 4\text{e}^-$ **At cathode:** O_2

$(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$

The net reaction: $2\text{H}_2 (\text{g}) +$

$\text{O}_2 (\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l})$

The EMF of this cell is measured to be 1.23V. A number of such fuel cell are stacked together in series to make a battery.

Advantages:

1. The energy conversion is very high (75-82%).
2. Fuel cell minimizes expensive transmission lines and transmission losses.
3. It has high reliability in electricity generation.
4. The byproducts are environmentally acceptable.
5. Maintenance cost is low for these fuels.
6. They save fossil fuels.
7. Noise and thermal pollution are very low.
8. They have low maintenance cost.
9. They have quick start system.

Disadvantages:

1. The major disadvantage of the fuel cell is the high cost and the problems of durability and storage of large amount of hydrogen.
2. The accurate life time is also not known.

APPLICATIONS:

1. The most important application of a fuel cell is its use in space vehicles, submarine or military vehicles.
2. The product H_2O is valuable source of fresh water by the astronauts.
3. It is hoped that fuel cell technology will bring a revolution in the area of energy production.
4. Fuel cell batteries for automotive will be a great boom for the future.

Limitations:

1. The life time of fuel cells is not accurately known
2. It cannot store electricity
3. Electrodes are expensive and short lived.
4. Storage and handling of H_2 gas is dangerous because it is inflammable.

4. Derive Nernst equation and numerical problems?

Derivation of Nernst equation: Nernst found that the single electrode potential varies with the change in concentration of ions and temperature and hence the EMF of the cell also varies. He derived a mathematical relationship between the standard electrode potential, temperature and the concentration of ions. This relationship is known as the Nernst equation.

Consider the redox reaction: $M^{n+} + ne^- \rightleftharpoons M$



In the above reversible reaction the free energy change (G) and its equilibrium constant (K) are related by the following equation which is popularly known as Van't Hoff reaction isotherm.

$$\Delta G = RT \ln K + RT \ln \frac{\text{product}}{\text{reactant}}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln \frac{\text{product}}{\text{reactant}}$$

When ΔG^0 is the standard free energy change

The free energy change is equivalent to the electrical

energy $-nFE$ Where n = valency

F = Faraday

(96500

coloumbs)

E =

Electrode

potential

$R = 8.314 \text{ Joules K}^{-1}$

$\text{mole}^{-1}(\text{Gas constant}) T$

= Temperature (K)

$$-nFE = -nFE^0 + RT \ln([M])/([M^{n+}]) \quad (\text{Concentration of M is unity})$$

$$-nFE = -nFE^0 - RT \ln [M^{n+}]$$

$$= -nFE^0 - RT 2.303 \log_{10} [M^{n+}]$$

Dividing the equation by $-nF$

$$E = E^0 + \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log_{10} [M^{n+}]$$

$$E = E^0 + \frac{0.0591}{n} \log_{10} [M^{n+}]$$

APPLICATIONS OF NERNST EQUATION:

4. It can be used to study the effect of electrolyte concentration on electrode potential. $E = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln[1/M^{n+}]$
5. It can also be used for the calculation of the potential of a cell under non-standard conditions.

MCQs

1. In a galvanic cell, which of the following statements is correct?

- A) Oxidation occurs at the cathode
- B) Reduction occurs at the anode
- C) Electrons flow from cathode to anode
- D) Oxidation occurs at the anode

☒ **Answer: D**

Explanation: In a galvanic cell, oxidation takes place at the anode and reduction at the cathode.

2. The standard electrode potential of Zn^{2+}/Zn and Cu^{2+}/Cu are -0.76 V and $+0.34\text{ V}$ respectively. The EMF of the cell $Zn | Zn^{2+} || Cu^{2+} | Cu$ is:

- A) 0.10 V
- B) 0.42 V
- C) 1.10 V
- D) 1.50 V

☒ **Answer: C**

Explanation: $E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}} = 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10\text{ V}$

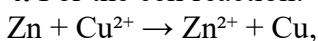
☐ NERNST EQUATION & CELL POTENTIAL

3. The Nernst equation for a half-cell reaction is given by:

- A) $E = E^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$
- B) $E = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$
- C) $E = E^{\circ} + nF \ln Q$
- D) $E = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} Q$

☒ **Answer: B**

4. For the cell reaction:



if $[Zn^{2+}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$ and $[Cu^{2+}] = 1 \text{ M}$, the EMF at 25°C is approximately:

- A) 1.10 V
- B) 1.12 V
- C) 1.08 V
- D) 1.00 V

☑ **Answer:** C

Explanation:

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

- $E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = +0.34 \text{ V}$
- $E_{Zn^{2+}/Zn} = -0.76 \text{ V}$
- $E_{\text{cell}} = 0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10 \text{ V}$

$$E = 1.10 - 20.0591 \log(0.1)$$

$$\log(0.1) = -1$$

$$E = 1.10 - 20.0591 \times (-1)$$

$$E = 1.10 + 0.02955$$

$$E \approx 1.1295 \text{ V} \approx 1.13 \text{ V}$$

☐☐ POTENTIOMETRY

5. Potentiometry is based on the measurement of:

- A) Current at constant potential
- B) Potential at zero current
- C) Resistance at constant current
- D) Conductance at constant potential

☑ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Potentiometric measurements involve determining potential differences under zero current flow conditions.

6. Which electrode is commonly used as a reference electrode in potentiometry?

- A) Glass electrode
- B) Calomel electrode
- C) Silver electrode
- D) Platinum electrode

☑ **Answer:** B

Explanation: The saturated calomel electrode (SCE) is a common reference electrode.

7. In potentiometric **redox titration**, the potential change is due to:

- A) pH variation
- B) Change in ion concentration
- C) Electron transfer between oxidant and reductant
- D) Change in temperature

✓ **Answer:** C

□ CONDUCTIVITY & CONDUCTOMETRIC TITRATIONS

8. The unit of specific conductivity (κ) is:

- A) $\Omega \text{ cm}$
- B) $\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- C) S m
- D) mho cm

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Conductivity (κ) has the unit Siemens per centimetre (S cm^{-1} or $\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$).

9. Molar conductivity (Λ_m) increases with dilution because:

- A) Ion concentration increases
- B) Ion mobility increases
- C) Ion-pair formation increases
- D) Temperature decreases

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: On dilution, interionic attraction decreases \rightarrow ion mobility increases \rightarrow Λ_m increases.

10. In conductometric acid–base titration, the end point is determined by:

- A) Sharp potential change
- B) Minimum conductance
- C) Maximum conductance
- D) Constant temperature

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Conductance decreases, then increases — the minimum point corresponds to the equivalence point.

□ □ ELECTROCHEMICAL SENSORS

11. A glass electrode is an example of a:

- A) Amperometric sensor
- B) Conductometric sensor
- C) Potentiometric sensor
- D) Optical sensor

✓ **Answer:** C

Explanation: Glass electrode measures pH via potential difference → a potentiometric sensor.

12. The **Clark oxygen electrode** is an example of:

- A) Potentiometric sensor
- B) Amperometric sensor
- C) Conductometric sensor
- D) Optical biosensor

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Clark electrode measures current produced by oxygen reduction at a cathode (amperometric principle).

13. Amperometric sensors operate at:

- A) Constant voltage, measuring current
- B) Constant current, measuring voltage
- C) Variable resistance
- D) Constant power

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: They maintain a fixed potential and measure the resulting current due to redox reactions.

14. Which of the following is used in glucose biosensors?

- A) Glass electrode
- B) Clark oxygen electrode
- C) pH electrode
- D) Silver–silver chloride electrode

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Glucose oxidase enzyme reacts with glucose producing oxygen changes detected by Clark electrode.

15. Conductivity cell constant depends on:

- A) Concentration of electrolyte
- B) Geometry of electrodes
- C) Nature of solvent
- D) Applied voltage

✓**Answer:** B

Explanation: Cell constant = distance between electrodes / area of electrodes.

Electrochemical Cells MCQs

1. Primary Cells – Zinc–Air Battery

1. Zinc–air battery is a type of:

- A) Primary cell
- B) Secondary cell
- C) Fuel cell
- D) Electrolytic cell

✓**Answer:** A) Primary cell

2. In a zinc–air cell, the **anode** is made of:

- A) Carbon
- B) Zinc
- C) Nickel
- D) Platinum

✓**Answer:** B) Zinc

3. The **cathode reaction** in a zinc–air cell involves:

- A) Reduction of Zn^{2+} ions
- B) Oxidation of O_2 gas
- C) Reduction of O_2 gas
- D) Oxidation of H_2O

✓**Answer:** C) Reduction of O_2 gas

4. The **overall reaction** in a zinc–air battery is:

- A) $\text{Zn} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO}$
- B) $\text{Zn} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO}_2$
- C) $\text{Zn} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO}$
- D) $\text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$

✓**Answer:** C) $\text{Zn} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO}$

5. Zinc–air batteries are **non-rechargeable** because:

- A) Zinc electrode gets corroded
- B) Electrolyte dries up
- C) Reaction is irreversible



D) All of the above

✓Answer: D) All of the above

2. Secondary Cells – Lithium-Ion Batteries

6. Lithium-ion batteries are:

- A) Primary cells
- B) Secondary cells
- C) Fuel cells
- D) Voltaic cells

✓Answer: B) Secondary cells

7. The **anode** in a Li-ion cell is usually made of:

- A) Lithium metal
- B) Graphite
- C) Nickel
- D) Zinc

✓Answer: B) Graphite

8. The **cathode** in a Li-ion battery is commonly made of:

- A) Lithium cobalt oxide (LiCoO_2)
- B) Zinc oxide
- C) Manganese dioxide
- D) Nickel-cadmium

✓Answer: A) Lithium cobalt oxide (LiCoO_2)

9. The **overall cell reaction** during discharge of Li-ion battery:

- A) Li^+ moves from cathode \rightarrow anode
- B) Li^+ moves from anode \rightarrow cathode
- C) Electrons move through electrolyte
- D) Lithium ions are not involved

✓Answer: B) Li^+ moves from anode \rightarrow cathode

10. The **electrolyte** in lithium-ion cells is usually:

- A) KOH solution
- B) H_2SO_4
- C) LiPF_6 in organic solvent
- D) NaCl aqueous solution

✓Answer: C) LiPF_6 in organic solvent

3. Fuel Cells – Hydrogen–Oxygen Fuel Cell

11. Hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell is an example of:

- A) Primary cell
- B) Secondary cell



C) Fuel cell

D) Dry cell

✓**Answer:** C) Fuel cell

12. In a hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell, **electrolyte** used is:

A) Concentrated H_2SO_4

B) KOH solution

C) NaCl solution

D) HCl solution

✓**Answer:** B) KOH solution

13. The **anode reaction** in hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell:

A) $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

B) $2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$

C) $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$

D) $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{O}^{2-}$

✓**Answer:** B) $2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$

14. The **cathode reaction** in hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell:

A) $4\text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2 + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

B) $2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$

C) $\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$

D) $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{O}^{2-}$

✓**Answer:** A) $4\text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2 + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

15. The **overall cell reaction** is:

A) $\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$

B) $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

C) $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

D) $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2$

✓**Answer:** C) $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

4. Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell (PEMFC)

16. The **electrolyte** in a PEM fuel cell is:

A) Aqueous KOH

B) Phosphoric acid

C) Solid polymer membrane (Nafion)

D) Molten carbonate

✓**Answer:** C) Solid polymer membrane (Nafion)

17. The **working temperature** of PEM fuel cell is typically:

A) 1000°C

B) 600°C

C) 80°C

D) 25°C

✓**Answer:** C) 80°C



18. The **anode reaction** in a PEMFC is:

- A) $\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$
- B) $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- C) $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- D) $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2$

✓**Answer:** A) $\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$

19. The **cathode reaction** in a PEMFC is:

- A) $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- B) $2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$
- C) $\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- D) $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2$

✓**Answer:** A) $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

20. The main **advantage** of PEM fuel cells is:

- A) High operating temperature
- B) Fast start-up, compact design
- C) Use of molten electrolytes
- D) Low efficiency

✓**Answer:** B) Fast start-up, compact design

5. Conceptual & Application-Based

21. Which cell is rechargeable?

- A) Zinc–air cell
- B) Lithium-ion cell
- C) Dry cell
- D) Fuel cell

✓**Answer:** B) Lithium-ion cell

22. Which of the following directly converts chemical energy to electrical energy **continuously** as fuel is supplied?

- A) Primary cell
- B) Secondary cell
- C) Fuel cell
- D) Electrolytic cell

✓**Answer:** C) Fuel cell

23. In fuel cells, **electrodes are:**

- A) Consumed in reaction
- B) Permanent catalysts
- C) Made of zinc only
- D) Replaced after each use

✓**Answer:** B) Permanent catalysts

24. The byproduct of hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell is:

- A) CO_2

B) SO_2

C) H_2O

D) H_2S

☑ **Answer:** C) H_2O

25. The **efficiency** of a hydrogen–oxygen fuel cell is approximately:

A) 10–20%

B) 25–35%

C) 50–60%

D) 90–100%

☑ **Answer:** C) 50–60%

UNIT IV

POLYMER CHEMISTRY

1. Introduction to Polymers

Q: What is a polymer?

A: A polymer is a large molecule composed of repeating structural units called monomers, linked by covalent bonds.

Q: Give examples of natural and synthetic polymers.

A:

- Natural: Cellulose, rubber, proteins
 - Synthetic: Polyethylene (PE), Nylon-6,6, Polystyrene (PS)
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2. Functionality of Monomers

Q: What is the functionality of a monomer?

A: Functionality is the number of reactive sites on a monomer molecule that can form bonds during polymerization.

Q: Give an example.

A: Ethylene (C_2H_4) has a functionality of 2 (one double bond), allowing it to form polyethylene.

3. Polymerization Methods

A. Chain Growth Polymerization

Q: What is chain growth polymerization?

A: Polymerization where monomers add to an active site on a growing chain, e.g., free radical polymerization.

Q: Example and mechanism.

A: Polyethylene (PE)

- Initiation: Formation of radical by decomposing initiator (e.g., benzoyl peroxide)
 - Propagation: Radical reacts with monomer \rightarrow chain grows
 - Termination: Two radicals combine \rightarrow polymer chain ends
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B. Step Growth Polymerization

Q: What is step growth polymerization?



A: Polymerization where monomers with two or more reactive groups react stepwise to form dimers, trimers, and eventually high molecular weight polymer.

Q: Example and mechanism.

A: **Nylon-6,6**

- Monomers: Hexamethylenediamine + Adipic acid
 - Mechanism: Condensation reaction with release of water → amide bond formation
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C. Coordination Polymerization

Q: What is coordination polymerization?

A: Polymerization using metal catalysts (e.g., Ziegler–Natta catalyst) to control polymer structure and stereochemistry.

Q: Example.

A: **Polypropylene** – isotactic polypropylene produced via Ziegler-Natta catalysis.

4. Plastics

Q: Differentiate thermoplastics and thermosetting plastics.

A:

- **Thermoplastics:** Soften on heating, can be reshaped (e.g., PVC, Teflon)
- **Thermosetting:** Harden permanently on heating, cannot be reshaped (e.g., Bakelite, epoxy)

Q: Examples, preparation, and uses:**

- **PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride):** Chain growth polymerization; pipes, flooring
 - **Teflon (PTFE):** Free radical polymerization of tetrafluoroethylene; non-stick coatings
 - **Bakelite:** Phenol + formaldehyde; thermosetting; electrical insulators
 - **Nylon-6,6:** Step growth condensation; fibers, textiles
 - **Carbon fibers:** Pyrolysis of polyacrylonitrile; high strength, aerospace
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5. Elastomers

Q: What are elastomers?**

A: Polymers that can stretch and recover their original shape.

Q: Examples:**

- **Buna-S:** Copolymer of butadiene and styrene; tires, shoes
 - **Buna-N:** Copolymer of butadiene and acrylonitrile; oil-resistant gaskets
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6. Conducting Polymers

Q: What are conducting polymers?**

A: Polymers that conduct electricity due to conjugated double bonds.

Q: Examples and conduction mechanism:**

- **Polyacetylene:** Doping with halogens increases conductivity
 - **Polyaniline:** Protonation/doping enhances conductivity
- Applications:** Flexible electronics, sensors, batteries
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7. Biodegradable Polymers

Q: Examples of biodegradable polymers:**

A:

- **Poly Glycolic Acid (PGA):** Sutures, tissue engineering
- **Poly Lactic Acid (PLA):** Packaging, biomedical devices

Q: Why are they biodegradable?

A: They can hydrolyze or be metabolized into non-toxic products in the environment.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write the addition polymerization and condensation polymerization? Write specific examples with mechanisms?

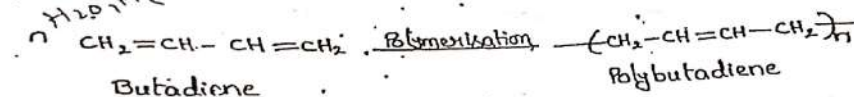
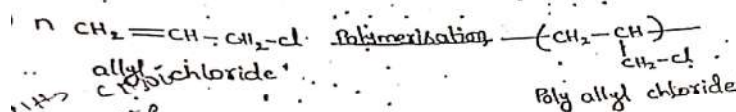
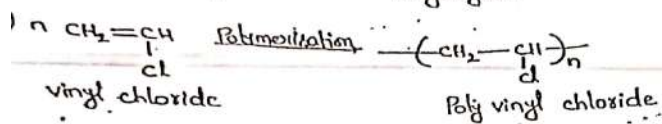
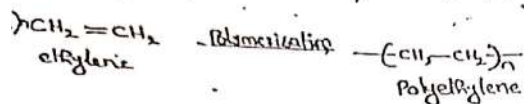
2) Chain Polymerisation:

This is also called addition polymerisation.

- In this polymerisation, the functionality of monomer is double bond.
- No byproducts like H_2O , CH_3OH etc., are formed.
- The molecular weight of the polymer is the exact multiple of the monomer.
- The mechanism is rapid.

The compounds containing double bonds undergo chain polymerisation.

For example: i) olefins ii) vinyl iii) allyl and iv) dienes.



The mechanism is carried out in three steps, i.e., initiation, propagation and termination.

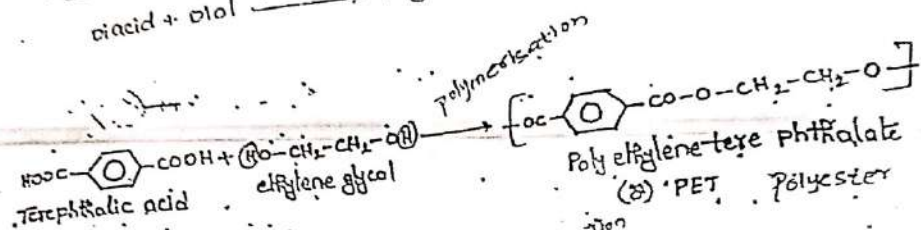
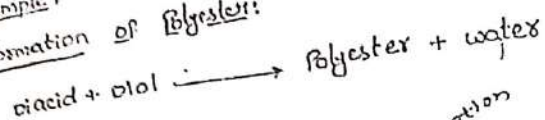
An initiator is required to start the polymerisation reaction.

Addition polymerisation can be done by the following three methods:

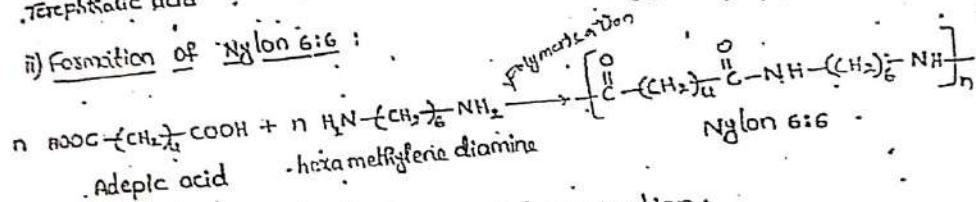
1) Condensation Polymerisation (or) Condensation Polymerisation
 This type of polymerisation takes place by condensation reactions of the functional groups of the monomers. Hence, known as condensation polymerisation.

Example:

i) Formation of Polyester:



ii) Formation of Nylon 6:6:



Characteristics of condensation polymerisation:

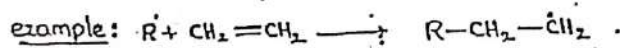
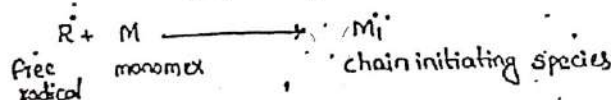
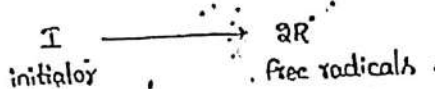
- The monomers contain functional groups like $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$ etc.
- This polymerisation is accompanied by the elimination of byproducts like HCl , H_2O , NH_3 , CH_3OH etc.
- The functionality of the monomer must be two or more than two.
- The molecular weight of the polymer is not the sum of the molecular weights of the monomers.

1) Free radical mechanism:

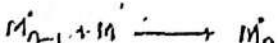
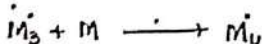
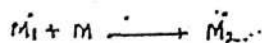
This mechanism involves the following steps:

- 1) Initiation step
- 2) Propagation step
- 3) Termination step

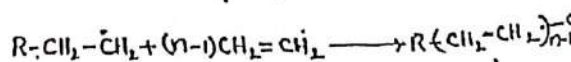
1) Initiation step: This step takes place by two reactions, the first is the production of free radicals, the second the addition of this radical to the first monomeric molecule to produce the chain initiating species M_1 .



2) Propagation step: This step involves successive addition of large number of monomer molecules

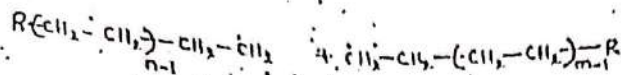


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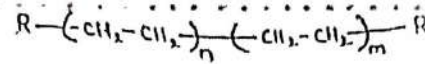


3) Chain Termination: chain termination takes place either by coupling reaction, or disproportionation reaction.

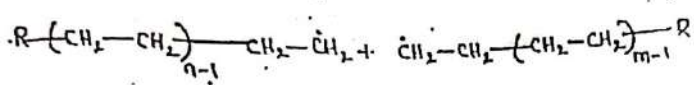
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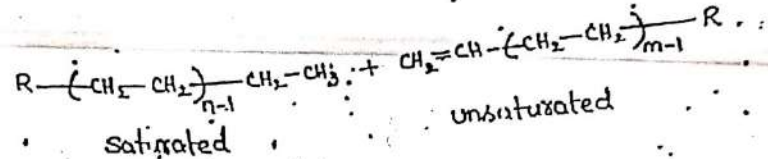
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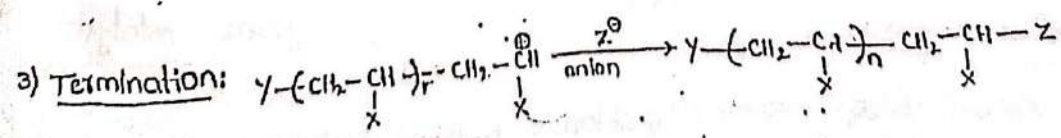
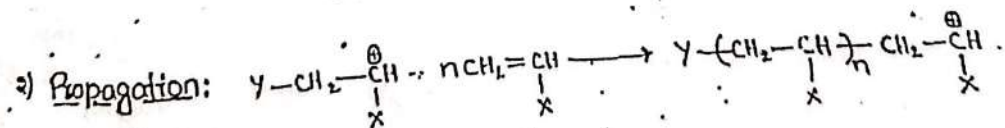
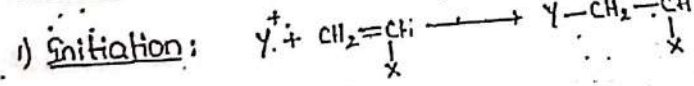


ii) Ionic Mechanism:

Ionic mechanism is again classified into 2 types.

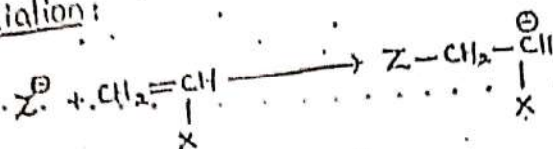
- A) Cationic mechanism B) Anionic mechanism

A) Cationic Mechanism:

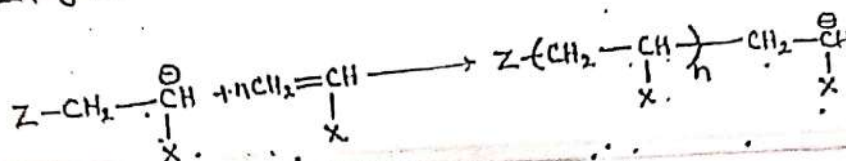


B) Anionic mechanism:

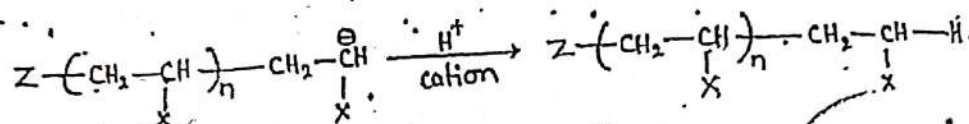
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2) Propagation:



3) Termination:



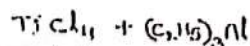
2. Write the coordination polymerization? Write specific examples with mechanisms?

iii) Co-ordination polymerisation mechanism:

This mechanism is suggested by Ziegler and Natta. In this mechanism, a combination of transition metal halide and trialkyl aluminium is used as catalyst. This catalyst is called Ziegler Natta catalyst. So, this mechanism is also called Ziegler Natta catalysis.

One example for the Ziegler-Natta catalyst combination is

Titanium tetrachloride + Triethyl aluminium



These two compounds react with each other and form a catalyst complex.

This complex of catalyst is active catalyst in the mechanism.

The mechanism of polymerization is given below:

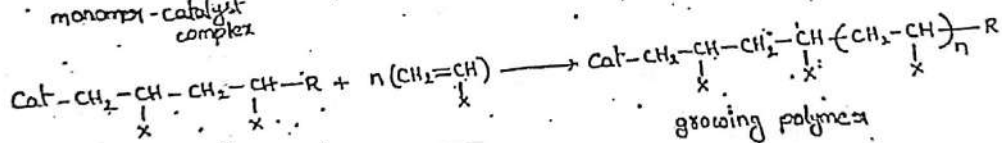
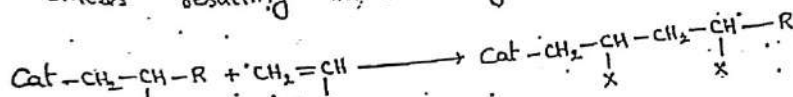
a) Initiation:

The catalyst form monomer catalyst complexes by reacting with monomer molecule.



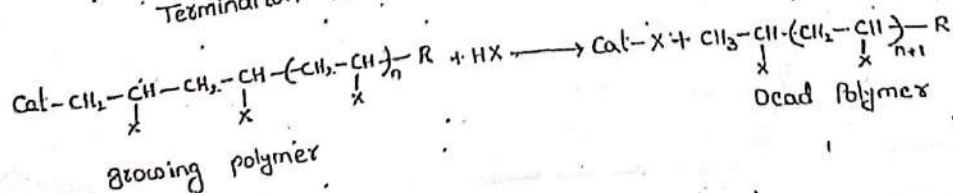
b) Propagation:

The monomer catalyst complex reacts with fresh monomers resulting in chain growth.



c) Termination:

Termination is carried out with an active halogen compound.



3. Write the Preparations of following Polymers
a) BUNA-S b) BUNA-N c) Bakelite d) Nylon 6,6 e) Teflon

* Bakelite : (or) phenol-formaldehyde resin :

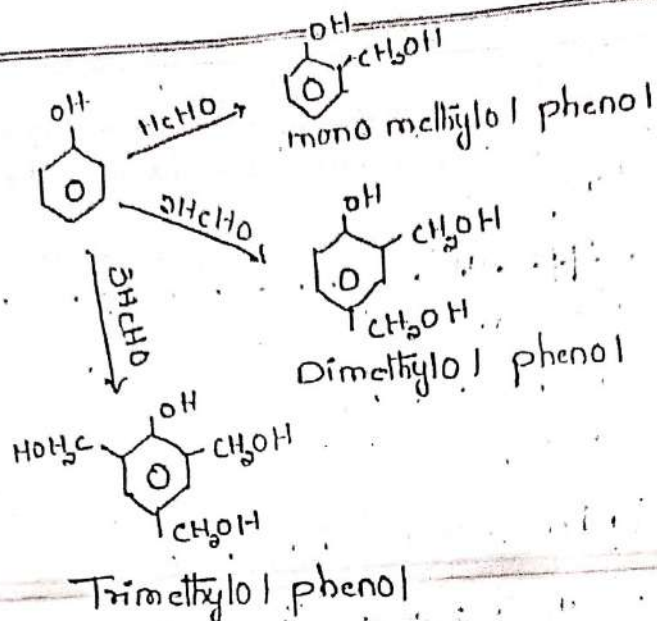
Bakelite is an important thermoset resin. It is named after the scientist Bakeland, who synthesised this resin.

Preparation :

Bakelite is prepared by the step polymerisation of phenol with formaldehyde in presence of acid or alkali as a catalyst. This polymerisation takes place in 3 stages.

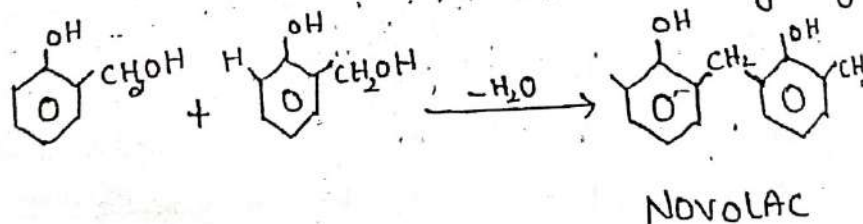
Stage : ①

phenol is made to react with formaldehyde in presence of acid/alkali to produce non-polymeric mono, di and tri methylol phenols, depending on the phenol-formaldehyde ratio.



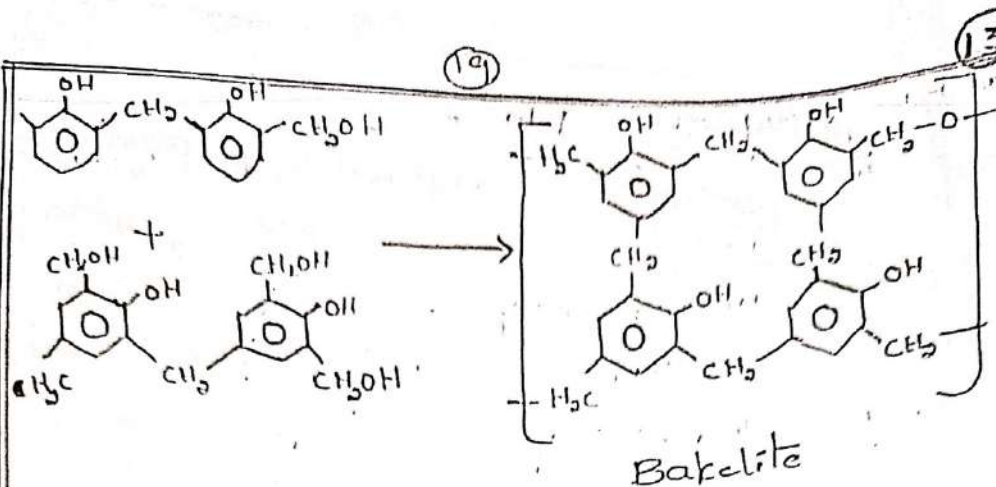
Stage : ②

The mono di and tri methylol phenols are heated to produce two types of straight chain resins condensation of the methylol group with hydrogen atom of benzene ring of another methylol group



Stage : ③

This stage of preparation includes heating of NOVOLAC, to produce Bakelite



Properties:

1. It is hard, rigid and strong
2. Starch and water resistant
3. Good chemical resistant
4. Excellent electrical insulator
5. Very good adhesive
6. Good corrosion and atmospheric resistance

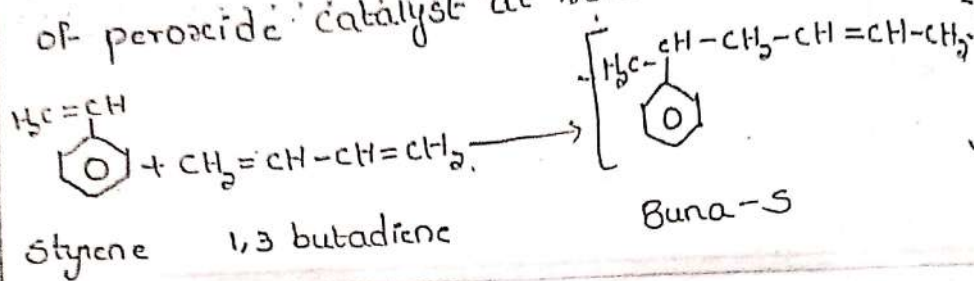
Engineering Applications:

Bakelite has wide range of applications,

1. Used to make electrical insulator parts like switches, switch boards, heater handles
2. Used to make telephone parts, radio & TV cabinets
3. Good anion exchange resin.

1. Buna-S :

Preparation: It is prepared by co-polymerisation of 75% 1,3 butadiene and 25% styrene in presence of peroxide catalyst at 50°C .



Properties:

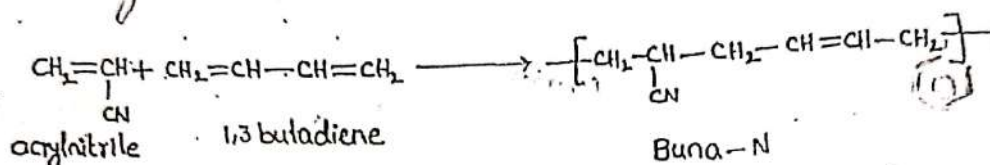
- i. High abrasion resistant
- ii. High loading capacity.
- iii. poor resilience property
- iv. It swells in oils and solvents
- v. low oxidation resistant, specially with traces of ozone.

Uses:

Used for motor pipes, shoe soles, foot wear, gaskets, adhesives, insulating cable wires, tank linings, carpet backing, electrical insulation etc---

⑩ Buna - N : (Nitrile Rubber)

Preparation: It is prepared by polymerisation of acrylonitrile with 1,3-butadiene in presence of H_2O_2 catalyst.



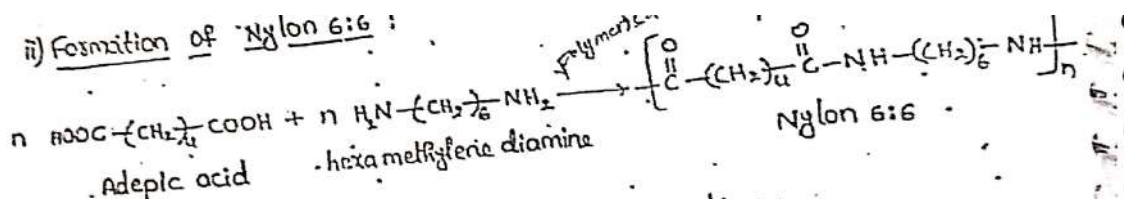
Properties:

- i). Excellent resistance to oils
- ii) High abrasion resistance and good tensile strength
- iii) Excellent resistance to heat, sunlight and acids
- iv) It is less resistant to alkalis because of CN group.

Uses:

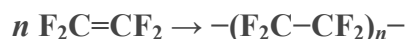
- Gaskets, adhesives, conveyor belts
- Used in oil resistant foams
- Tank linings
- Aircraft components

ii) Formation of Nylon 6:6:



Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon)

Teflon is manufactured by free-radical polymerization of tetrafluoroethylene. The catalyst used is per sulphate at high pressure. The reaction is given as:



Teflon is hydrophobic and is inert in nature. It is used in making a non-stick coating for cookware and also as a lubricant in machinery to reduce friction.

4. What are Conducting Polymers and discuss various examples and mechanism of conduction?

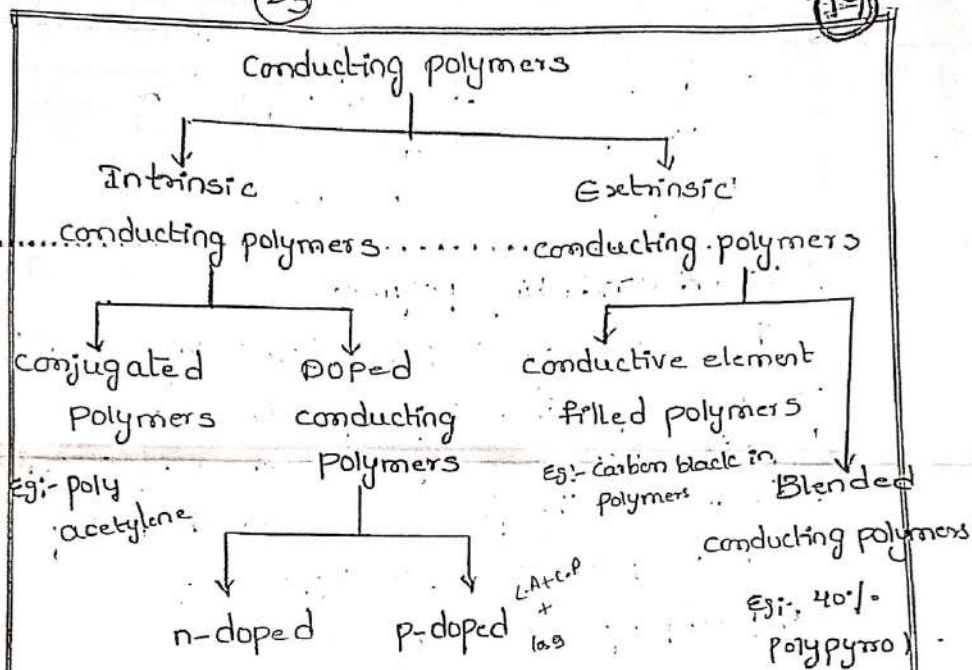
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* conducting polymers:
... The polymers which conduct electricity are called conducting polymers. The conductivity of polymers may be due to unsaturation or due to the presence of externally added ingredients in them.

The conducting polymers can be classified

as follows:-

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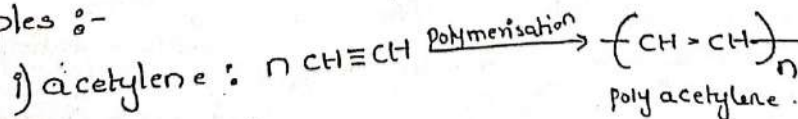
Intrinsic conducting polymers:

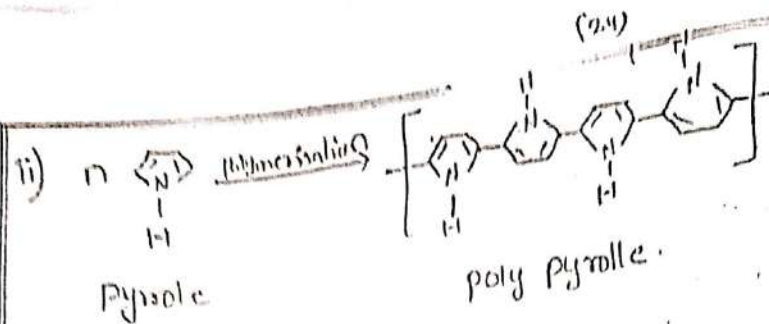
These polymers having conjugation in the backbone of the polymer. Again these are two types.

1. conjugated conducting polymers:

These polymers have conjugated double bonds in the backbone the polymer. Their conductivity is due to π -electrons.

Examples :-





Doped conducting polymers

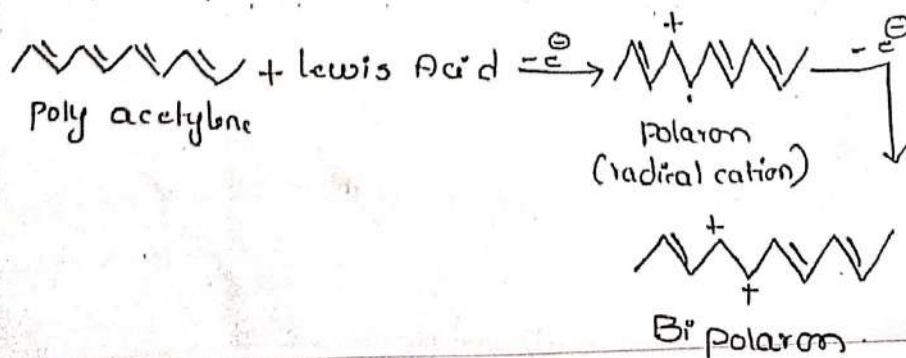
The conductivity of conjugated polymers can be enhanced by introducing a positive charge or negative charge on polymer backbone by oxidation or reduction. This process is called doping.

Doping is again two types.

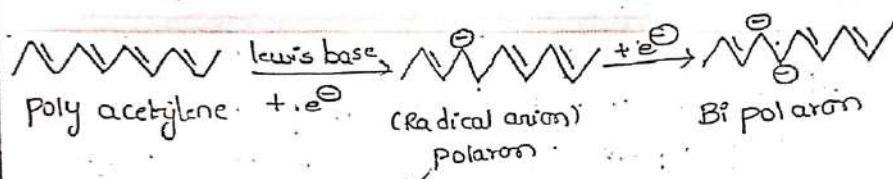
a) p-doping b) n-doping.

a) p-doping : p-doping is done by oxidation of a conjugated polymer with a Lewis acid.

During this process, removal of π -electron from polymer backbone leads to the formation of a radical cation (or) polaron. The second oxidation of polaron forms bipolaron.



b) n-doping: n-doping is done by reduction of a conjugated polymer with a Lewis base. During this process, addition of e^- to the polymer backbone leads to the formation of a radical anion (1) polaron. The second reduction of polaron forms bipolaron.



ii) Extrinsic conducting polymers:

The conductivity of these polymers is due to the presence of externally added ingredients in them.

3- Conductive element filled polymers:

The polymer acts as a binder to hold the conducting element such as metallic fibre carbon black etc-----

A minimum amount of conducting filler is added so that the polymer starts conducting. This minimum amount is called percolation threshold.

Normal polymer - conductive polymer

Advantages:

- i) These are low cost polymers.
- ii) These are light weight and mechanically durable.
- iii) These are strong.
- iv) They can be fabricated very easily.

4- Blended conducting polymers:

The conventional polymer is blended with a conducting polymer to improve physical, chemical, electrical and mechanical properties.

Ex:- polypyrrole is a conducting polymer and if it is present 40% in a conventional polymer then the impact strength increases. These blends are used in electromagnetic shielding.

Applications of conducting polymers:

1. conducting polymers are used in rechargeable batteries.
2. In analytical sensors for pH , O_2 , NO_2 , SO_2 , NH_3 and glucose.
3. The conducting polymers are used for making ion exchangers.
4. In electronic displays and optical fibres.
5. In photovoltaic devices.

MCQs

1. Which of the following statements about polymers is TRUE?

- A) Polymers are always natural.
- B) Polymers are made up of repeating structural units called monomers.
- C) All polymers are biodegradable.
- D) Polymers cannot be synthesized artificially.

✓ **Answer: B**

Explanation: Polymers are large molecules formed by repeating monomer units through polymerization.

□ 2. The functionality of a monomer refers to:

- A) Its ability to conduct electricity
- B) The number of reactive sites present in the monomer
- C) Its molecular weight
- D) Its chemical stability

✓ **Answer: B**

Explanation: Functionality = number of bonding sites that can form covalent links during polymerization.

Example: Ethylene ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$) has functionality 2.

□ 3. Which of the following polymerization reactions involves free radicals, cations, or anions?

- A) Step-growth polymerization
- B) Chain-growth polymerization
- C) Condensation polymerization
- D) Coordination polymerization

✓ **Answer: B**

Explanation: Chain-growth polymerization proceeds via active centers like free radicals, cations, or anions.

□ 4. Nylon-6,6 is prepared by condensation of:

- A) Adipic acid and hexamethylene diamine
- B) Caprolactam
- C) Maleic acid and ethylene glycol



D) Phthalic acid and glycerol

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Nylon-6,6 = condensation polymer of adipic acid + hexamethylene diamine → amide linkages.

□ **5. Which of the following is an example of coordination polymerization?**

- A) Polymerization of ethylene using Ziegler–Natta catalyst
- B) Condensation of glycerol with phthalic acid
- C) Polymerization of formaldehyde
- D) Vulcanization of rubber

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Coordination polymerization uses transition metal catalysts (e.g., TiCl_4 + $\text{Al}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3$).

□ **6. PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) is formed by the polymerization of:**

- A) Vinyl chloride
- B) Ethylene
- C) Tetrafluoroethylene
- D) Styrene

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: PVC is obtained by addition polymerization of vinyl chloride ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCl}$).

□ **7. Teflon is known chemically as:**

- A) Polyethylene
- B) Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)
- C) Polypropylene
- D) Polyacrylonitrile

✓ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Teflon = PTFE, obtained by polymerizing tetrafluoroethylene.

□ **8. Bakelite is a thermosetting plastic formed by condensation of:**



- A) Phenol and formaldehyde
- B) Ethylene and benzene
- C) Styrene and butadiene
- D) Adipic acid and glycerol

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Bakelite = phenol + formaldehyde → cross-linked phenol-formaldehyde resin.

□ **9. Which of the following is a thermoplastic polymer?**

- A) Bakelite
- B) Melamine
- C) Teflon
- D) Urea-formaldehyde resin

✓ **Answer:** C

Explanation: Teflon (PTFE) softens on heating → thermoplastic.
Bakelite & urea-formaldehyde → thermosetting.

□ **10. Buna-S rubber is obtained by copolymerization of:**

- A) Styrene and butadiene
- B) Styrene and acrylonitrile
- C) Butadiene and acrylonitrile
- D) Isoprene and butadiene

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Buna-S = butadiene + styrene → synthetic rubber.

□ **11. Buna-N is prepared by copolymerization of:**

- A) Butadiene and acrylonitrile
- B) Styrene and butadiene
- C) Ethylene and propylene
- D) Isoprene and butadiene

✓ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Buna-N = butadiene + acrylonitrile → oil-resistant rubber.



☐ 12. Conducting polymer among the following is:

- A) Polyethylene
- B) Polyaniline
- C) PVC
- D) Nylon-6,6

☒ **Answer: B**

Explanation: Polyaniline and polyacetylene conduct electricity due to delocalized π -electrons.

☐ 13. Mechanism of conduction in polyacetylene involves:

- A) Ionic conduction
- B) Electron delocalization through conjugated double bonds
- C) Proton conduction
- D) Hole conduction only

☒ **Answer: B**

Explanation: Polyacetylene conducts through delocalized π -electrons along conjugated C=C bonds.

☐ 14. Which of the following polymers is biodegradable?

- A) PVC
- B) Polythene
- C) Poly(lactic acid) (PLA)
- D) Nylon-6,6

☒ **Answer: C**

Explanation: PLA and PGA are biodegradable polyesters used in medical sutures.

☐ 15. Poly Glycolic Acid (PGA) is used mainly for:

- A) Electrical insulation
- B) Biodegradable surgical sutures
- C) Textile fibers
- D) Rubber materials

☒ **Answer: B**

Explanation: PGA is a biodegradable polymer used for absorbable sutures and implants.

☐ 16. Thermoplastics differ from thermosetting plastics in that:

- A) They soften on heating and harden on cooling
- B) They are cross-linked
- C) They cannot be reshaped after molding
- D) They have high rigidity permanently

☒ **Answer:** A

Explanation: Thermoplastics can be remolded; thermosets cannot due to cross-linking.

☐ 17. Carbon fibers are made from:

- A) Polyacrylonitrile (PAN)
- B) Polystyrene
- C) Polyethylene
- D) Nylon

☒ **Answer:** A

Explanation: PAN is pyrolyzed to form carbon fibers—lightweight, strong materials.

☐ 18. Step-growth polymerization is also called:

- A) Addition polymerization
- B) Condensation polymerization
- C) Radical polymerization
- D) Ionic polymerization

☒ **Answer:** B

Explanation: Step-growth involves condensation with elimination of small molecules (e.g., H_2O , HCl).

☐ 19. In chain-growth polymerization, molecular weight increases:

- A) Gradually throughout
- B) Only at the end
- C) Rapidly at the beginning and then levels off
- D) After all monomers react

☒ **Answer:** C

Explanation: Chain-growth polymerization forms high molecular weight early in the

reaction.

☐ 20. The monomer of Teflon is:

- A) $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2$
- B) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCl}$
- C) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$
- D) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$

☒ **Answer:** A

Explanation: $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}_2 \rightarrow$ polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon).

UNIT V INSTRUMENTAL METHODS AND APPLICATIONS

Electromagnetic Spectrum

Q1. What is the electromagnetic spectrum?

A1. It is the range of all types of electromagnetic radiation, ordered by wavelength or frequency, including gamma rays, X-rays, UV, visible light, IR, microwaves, and radio waves.

Q2. Which region of the electromagnetic spectrum is used in UV-Visible spectroscopy?

A2. The UV (200–400 nm) and visible (400–800 nm) regions.

Absorption of Radiation & Beer-Lambert Law

Q3. What is absorption of radiation?

A3. It is the process where molecules absorb specific wavelengths of radiation, causing electronic or vibrational transitions.

Q4. State the Beer-Lambert law.

A4. $A = \epsilon c l$

Where A = absorbance, ϵ = molar absorptivity, c = concentration, l = path length.

Q5. What is the significance of the Beer-Lambert law?

A5. It allows determination of concentration of a solution by measuring absorbance.

UV-Visible Spectroscopy

Q6. What is UV-Visible spectroscopy?

A6. It is a technique that measures absorption of UV or visible light by molecules, causing electronic transitions from ground to excited states.

Q7. What are common electronic transitions in UV-Vis spectroscopy?

A7. $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, and $d \rightarrow d$ transitions.

Q8. Name main components of a UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

A8. Light source, monochromator, sample holder (cuvette), and detector.

IR Spectroscopy



Q9. What is IR spectroscopy used for?

A9. To identify functional groups in molecules by measuring vibrational transitions.

Q10. What are fundamental vibrational modes?

A10. Stretching and bending (scissoring, rocking, wagging, twisting).

Q11. State the selection rule for IR absorption.

A11. A vibration is IR active if it causes a change in the dipole moment of the molecule.

Q12. Components of an IR spectrometer?

A12. IR source, sample holder, monochromator or interferometer, detector.

Chromatography

Q13. What is chromatography?

A13. A technique for separating components of a mixture based on differential partitioning between stationary and mobile phases.

Q14. Name types of chromatography.

A14. Paper, thin-layer (TLC), column, gas (GC), and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

Q15. What is the basic principle of chromatography?

A15. Components move at different rates due to differences in adsorption or solubility between stationary and mobile phases, leading to separation.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

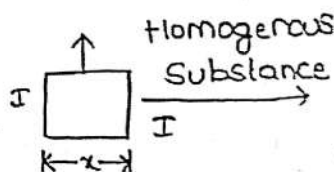
1. Write about the UV Spectroscopy with applications?

Absorption laws :-

There are two laws which are the absorption of light by the molecules. they are lambert's law, beer's law.

Lambert's law :

It is applied to solids.



When a beam of monochromatic radiation pass through a homogenous absorbing medium the rate of decrease of intensity of radiation with thickness of absorbing medium is proportional to the Intensity of the incident light.

Mathematically the law is expressed as

$$-\frac{dI}{dx} \propto I_0$$

$$-\frac{dI}{dx} = KI_0$$

Where,

I = Intensity of radiation after passing through a thickness x for the medium.

dI = Small decrease in the intensity.

$-\frac{dI}{dx}$ = rate of decrease of intensity of radiation with thickness of the absorbing medium.

K = proportionality constant. Its value depends upon the nature of absorbing medium.

Let ' I_0 ' be the intensity of radiation entering the absorbing medium $x=0$.

Then ' I ' is the Intensity of radiation after passing through any thickness x (or x) of the medium, can be calculated as

$$\int_{I_0}^I \frac{dI}{I_0} = \int_{x=0}^{x=x} -K dx$$

$$\log \frac{I}{I_0} = -Kx + C \quad [C = \text{constant}]$$

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-Kx+C} \Rightarrow \boxed{I = I_0 e^{-Kx+C}}$$

The intensity of radiation absorbed I_{abs} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{abs}} &= I_0 - I \\ &= I_0 - I_0 e^{-Kx+C} \\ &= I_0 [1 - e^{-Kx+C}] \end{aligned}$$

Beer's law:

It is applied to liquids.

When a beam of monochromatic radiations passed through solution of absorbing medium substance the rate of decrease of intensity of radiation with thickness of absorbing solute is proportional to the incident radiation as well as the concentration of the solution. Mathematically it is represented as

$$-\frac{dI}{dx} \propto CI_0$$

$$-\frac{dI}{dx} = k'CI_0$$

where C = concentration of the solution in moles per liter
 k' = molar absorption coefficient.

Suppose I_0 be the intensity of radiation before entering medium ($x=0$) then the intensity of the radiation ' I ' after passing through the thickness x of the medium can be given as

$$\int_{I_0}^I \frac{dx}{I} = - \int_{x=0}^x k' C dx$$

$$\ln \frac{I}{I_0} = -k' C x$$

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = e^{-k' C x}$$

$$\therefore I = I_0 e^{-k' C x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_0 e^{-k' C x} \\ \ln \frac{I}{I_0} &= -k' C x \end{aligned}$$

② The intensity of radiation absorbed is given by

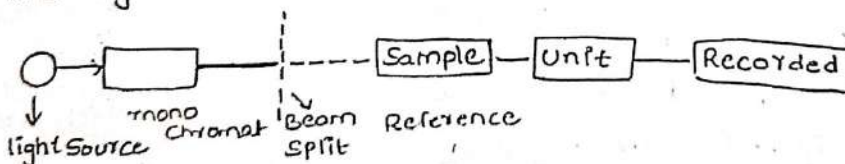
$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{abs}} &= I_0 - I \\ &= I_0 - I_0 e^{-K'c\alpha} \\ &= I_0 [1 - e^{-K'c\alpha}] \end{aligned}$$

The above Beer's law can also be written by changing the natural logarithm to base

$$I = I_0 - 10^{-a'c\alpha} \quad \left[a' = \frac{K'}{2.303} \right]$$

Instrumentation:

In visible-UV spectrometer, a beam of light is split into two equal half. One-half of the beam (the sample beam) is directed through a transparent cell containing a solution of the compound being analyzed and one-half (the reference beam) is directed through an identical cell that contains only the solvent. The instrument is so-designed that it can compare the intensities of the two beams at each above length of the region.

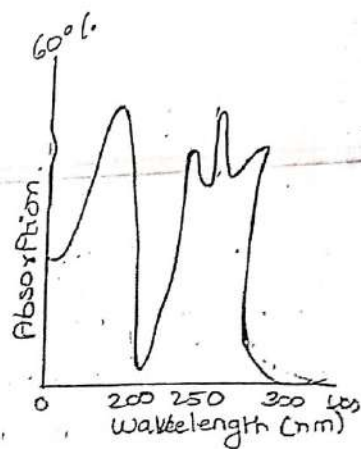
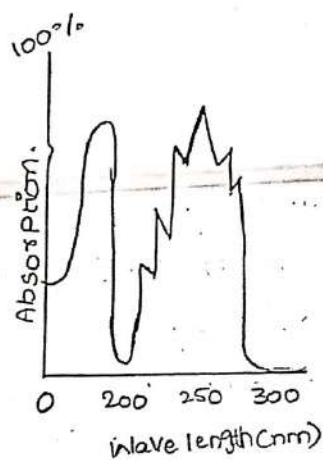


If the compound absorbs light at a particular wave length, the intensity of the sample beam (I) will be less than that of the reference beam (I_0). The instrument gives output graph a plot the wavelength of the entire region versus the absorbance (A) of the light at each wavelength, where absorbance $(A) = \log \left(\frac{I_0}{I} \right)$.

Such a graph is known as an absorption spectrum.

Example of Visible-UV spectroscopy :-

(i) spectrum of arenes: Arenes are organic compounds that contain one or more benzene rings. The electrons in π orbitals are spread around the hexagonal rings of carbon atoms. fig a & b shows UV spectra of benzene and naphthalene.

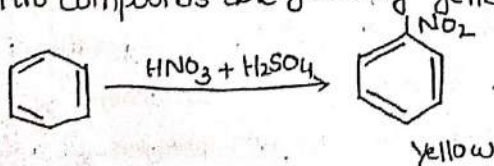


Chromophore :-

All those compounds which absorb light of wavelength between 400-800 nm appear coloured to the human eye. exact colour depends upon the wavelength of light absorbed by the compound.

"A chromophore was considered by substance which is responsible for imparting colour to the compound".

Eg: Nitro compounds are generally yellow in colour.



Auxochrome :-

An Auxochrome can be defined as "any group which does not itself acts as a chromophore but whose presence brings about a shift of the absorption band towards the out end of the spectrum."

→ The absorption of longer wave length is due to the combination of chromophore and an auxochrome to give rise to another chromophore.

→ An Auxochromic group is called color exchanging group.

→ Auxochrome is a functional group which does not absorb UV and IR represents a saturated group with non-bonded electrons which are attached to a chromophore alters both wavelength as well as absorption maximum (ϵ_{max})

→ Auxochromic group do not show the characteristic absorption above 200.

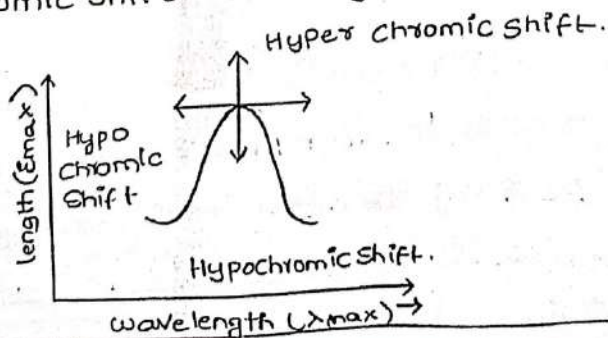
Eg: $-\ddot{O}H$, $-\ddot{N}H_2$, $-SH$, $-\ddot{Cl}$, $-\ddot{O}R$, $-\ddot{N}O_2$, $-CN$ etc.,

Intensity Shifts :

These are Two Types. They are:

1. Hyperchromic Shift

2. Hypochromic Shift.



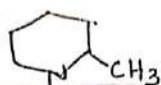
(i) Hypsochromic Shift:-

It is an effect due to which the intensity of absorption maximum increases (E_{max}). This is called "Hypsochromic Shift". The introduction of an auxochrome usually increases intensity of absorption.

Eg: The band for pyridine of 257 nm [$E_{max} = 2150$] is shifted to 262 nm [$E_{max} = 3650$] for 2-methyl pyridine.



$\lambda_{max} = 257 \text{ nm}$
[$E_{max} = 2150$]



$\lambda_{max} = 262 \text{ nm}$
[$E_{max} = 3650$]

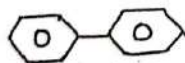
(ii) Hypochromic Shift:-

It is an effect due to which the intensity of absorption maximum decreases.

* i.e., extinction coefficient [E_{max}] decreases.

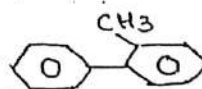
* The introduction of group which distorts the geometry of the molecule causes "Hypochromic Shift".

Eg:



Biphenyl

$\lambda_{max} = 250 \text{ nm}$ [$E_{max} = 19000$]



2-methyl Biphenyl

$\lambda_{max} = 237 \text{ nm}$
[$E_{max} = 10,250$]

Biphenyl absorbs at 250 nm [$E_{max} = 19,000$], whereas 2-methyl Biphenyl absorbs at 237 nm [$E_{max} = 10,250$]. It is due to the distortion caused by the methyl group in 2-methyl Biphenyl.

2. Write about the IR Spectroscopy with applications?

Infrared Vibrations - active and forbidden (selection rules)

* Infrared light is absorbed when a change in the dipole moment of the molecule takes place.

* Total symmetry about a bond will eliminate certain absorption bands so that the number of absorption bands does not coincide exactly the number of fundamental vibrations and molecules display somewhat simplified spectra.

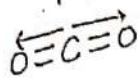
Thus, some of the fundamental vibrations are infrared active while the others are not. This is governed by the selection rules which may be stipulated as follows:

- (i) In a molecule with a centre of symmetry, the vibrations symmetrical about the centre of symmetry are inactive in the infrared but active in the Raman.
- (ii) The vibrations, without a centre of symmetry, are active in infrared but inactive in the Raman.

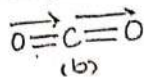
S. NO.	Type of Vibrations	Infrared	Raman
1.	Centrosymmetric	Inactive	active
2.	Non-centrosymmetric	active	Inactive

It means that the two types of spectra are complementary and the more easily obtained the infrared, is most informative for organic chemists because most of the functional groups are not centrosymmetric. Carbon dioxide, eg: we have the following vibrations.

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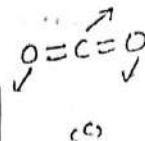


Symmetrical
Stretching
(IR-inactive)



Asymmetrical
Stretching

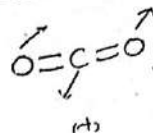
$$\nu_{\max} = 2350$$



Bending Vibrations

identical motions

$$\nu_{\max} = 667 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



Fundamentals Vibration of Carbondioxide.

* These four vibrations (a-d) are the fundamental vibrations of Carbondioxide. The symmetric C=O stretching vibration (a) of carbon dioxide does not give rise to a change in the dipole moment of the molecule and consequently remains inactive. However, in the Asymmetric stretching (b) the two C=O bonds are of different length and hence the molecule has a net change in the dipole character (infrared active) and consequently absorbs at 2350 cm^{-1} .

* The Bending of O=C=O bonds (c and d) are identical motions but they occur in perpendicular planes. Such vibrations are called degenerate and appear in the same position in the spectrum. Thus, the two bands at 2350 cm^{-1} and 667 cm^{-1} pertaining to asymmetric stretching (b) and bending vibrations (c and d) constitute the fundamental spectrum of Carbondioxide.

Intensity and position of Infrared absorption bands:

The intensity of a particular fundamental absorption depends upon the difference between the dipole moments of the molecule in the ground state and the vibrational

Excited state. The greater the difference in the dipole moments, the more intense the absorption. If no change in the dipole moment accompanies the vibrations then the mode is infrared inactive.

The intensity of absorption bands in infrared spectroscopy cannot be measured with the same accuracy as in ultraviolet spectroscopy. It is usually sufficient for an organic chemist to know that a band is of strong, medium, weak or variable intensity. This may be classified (estimated) by assigning the most intense peak in the infrared spectrum, a relative intensity of 100%.

Functional Group and Fingerprint regions:

The region of the infrared spectrum from 4800 cm^{-1} to 1400 cm^{-1} exhibits absorption bands assignable to a number of functional groups and called functional group region.

* These bands are useful diagnostically but more usually they supplement the region below 1400 cm^{-1} .

* The region from 1400 cm^{-1} to 900 cm^{-1} is complex because it contains apart from fundamental stretching and bending vibrations, many bands resulting from the sum or difference of their vibrational frequencies.

* Specific vibrational assignments in these region are therefore, very difficult. Thus, this part of the spectrum is characteristic of a compound is called fingerprint region. Similar compounds may show very similar spectra in functional group region but certainly exhibit discernible difference in fingerprint region.

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Absorption of Infrared radiation & molecular Vibrations:

(i) Absorption of Infrared radiation:—

* The absorption of Infrared radiation corresponds to energy changes in the range from 2 to 10 kcal/mol.

* Radiation in this energy range, corresponds to the range encompassing the stretching and bending vibrational frequencies of the bands in most covalent molecules.

* Infrared light is absorbed when oscillating dipole moment interacts with the oscillating electric vector of infrared beam.

* These vibrations absorb light at certain quantized frequency given rise to characteristic bands. When infrared light of that frequency is incident on the molecule, energy is absorbed and the amplitude of that vibration is increased.

(ii) Molecular Vibrations:

A molecule may be regarded as a system of balls (atoms) and springs (bonds) when it absorbs infrared radiation. It is set into vibrations resulting in excitation of bond deformations, stretching and bending.

→ Stretching Vibrations: During stretching vibrations the distance between 2 atoms increases or decreases but the atoms remain in the same bond axis.

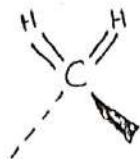
Types of stretching vibrations:

stretching vibrations require high energy and occur at higher frequency. They are two types.

(i) Symmetrical stretching:

In this stretching mode both the atoms move in and out simultaneously.

Eg: for example, symmetrical stretching of $=CH_2$ group



Asymmetrical stretching:
In asymmetrical stretching one atom moves in while the other moves out.



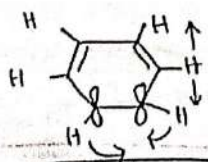
Bending Vibration: During bending vibrations, the distⁿ b/w the atoms remains constant but the position of the atoms changes relative to the original bond axis.

* Bending vibrations require lower energy and occur at lower frequency. They are divided into two types.

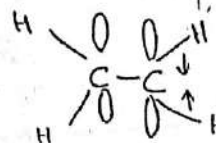
a) In plane bending (b) Out-of plane bending.

(a) In-plane Bending Vibrations:

A bending vibrational mode in which the atoms remain the same plane as the nodal plane of the system, is called in-plane bending vibration. The in-plane bending vibration in olefin & aromatic ring as shown.



out of plane bending



In plane Bending

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Types of in-plane bending vibrations:-

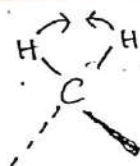
They are of two types. (i) In-plane scissoring deformation.

(ii) In-plane rocking deformation.

(i) In-plane scissoring deformation:

In the scissoring deformation mode, the atoms swing in opposite directions as represented for CH_2 group.

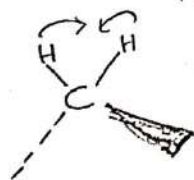
* Imagine Carbon as the pivot and the hydrogens as the points of a scissors, then there is a plane passing all the atoms and the motion is in-plane.



In-plane bending (scissoring).

(ii) In-plane rocking deformation:

In this deformation mode, both the atoms swing to the same side then both to the other side. This is shown for the CH_2 group.



Imagine a person (C) sitting on a rocking chair of Hydrogen (H) as tips of the rockers. Then there is a plane passing through all the atoms. This is a poor group frequency as all the atoms move.

(b) Out-of plane bending:

When the atoms bond out of the normal plane, the bending is called out-of-plane bending. The out-of-plane bending vibrations in olefin or aromatic ring.

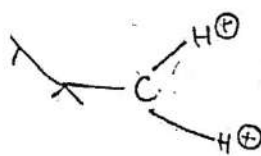
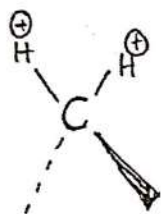
Types of Out-of-plane bending Vibrations:

Out-of plane bending vibrations are of two types

(i) Wagging deformations (ii) Twisting deformations.

(i) Out-of-plane wagging deformation:

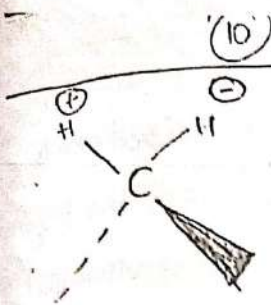
In this deformation mode both the atoms swing up and out of the paper in unison. This is illustrated for the CH_2 group.



Suppose (C) represents the body of a dog and Hydrogen (H) tail. When the dog wags its tail, the motion is from side to side and out of the plane of the dog.

(ii) Out-of-plane Twisting Deformation:

In twisting deformation one atom swings up and the other swings down related to the plane of paper. The '+' or '-' signs signify the movement of hydrogens in a direction perpendicular to the plane of paper.



Selection Rules:

change in Dipole moment:

For a vibrational mode to be observed in the IR spectrum, there must be a change in the molecule's dipole moment during the vibration.

→ The molecule must go from a non-polar state to polar state or vice versa during the vibration.

• Non-Centrosymmetric molecules:

In centrosymmetric molecules, such as diatomic gases like N_2 or O_2 , no net changes in the dipole moment occurs during vibration because they have a center of inversion symmetry. As a result, they do not exhibit IR absorption.

3. Intensity factors:

The intensity of an IR absorption band depends on the magnitude of the change in dipole moment during the vibration. Vibrations with larger dipole moment changes will have stronger absorption bands.

4) Quantization of Energy:

Vibrational Transitions in molecules are quantized and the energy difference b/w vibration level determines the freq of absorption. Only transitions b/w quantized vibration energy levels are allowed.

These selection rules help explain why certain vibration modes are observed in the IR spectrum while others not. It's Important to note that IR spectroscopy is a

ful tool for identifying functional groups and molecular structures in organic and inorganic compounds by analyzing the pattern of absorption bands in the spectrum.

MCQs

Electromagnetic Spectrum & Absorption of Radiation

1. Which of the following has the *shortest wavelength*?

- A) Infrared
- B) Ultraviolet
- C) Visible
- D) Microwave

✓ **Answer:** B) Ultraviolet

Explanation: Wavelength decreases from IR → Visible → UV → X-ray → Gamma.

2. The relationship between energy and wavelength is given by:

- A) $E = hc \cdot \lambda$
- B) $E = hc / \lambda$
- C) $E = hc \lambda$
- D) $E = h \lambda c^2$

✓ **Answer:** B)

3. Beer-Lambert's law is represented as:

- A) $A = \epsilon cl$
- B) $A = c\epsilon/l$
- C) $A = \epsilon + cl$
- D) $A = 1/\epsilon cl$

☑ **Answer:** A) $A = \epsilon cl$

Explanation: Absorbance (A) is directly proportional to molar absorptivity (ϵ), concentration (c), and path length (l).

4. Deviation from Beer-Lambert's law occurs due to:

- A) High concentration of solute
- B) Monochromatic radiation
- C) Constant temperature
- D) Dilute solution

☑ **Answer:** A) High concentration of solute

Explanation: At high concentration, molecular interactions alter linearity.

☀ ☐ UV-Visible Spectroscopy

5. In UV-Visible spectroscopy, transitions involve:

- A) Rotational energy levels
- B) Vibrational energy levels
- C) Electronic energy levels
- D) Nuclear energy levels

☑ **Answer:** C) Electronic energy levels

6. $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions are observed in:

- A) Alkanes
- B) Alkenes
- C) Alkynes
- D) Alkanols

☑ **Answer:** B) Alkenes

Explanation: $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions occur in compounds with C=C bonds.

7. Which component is used for wavelength selection in a UV-Vis spectrophotometer?

- A) Detector
- B) Grating or prism
- C) Lamp



D) Sample holder

☒ **Answer:** B) Grating or prism

Explanation: Monochromators (grating/prism) select specific wavelengths.

8. A common light source for UV spectroscopy is:

A) Tungsten lamp

B) Deuterium lamp

C) Sodium lamp

D) Mercury lamp

☒ **Answer:** B) Deuterium lamp

☐ ☐ IR Spectroscopy

9. IR spectroscopy deals with transitions between:

A) Electronic energy levels

B) Vibrational energy levels

C) Nuclear spin levels

D) Translational energy levels

☒ **Answer:** B) Vibrational energy levels

10. The stretching vibration involves:

A) Change in bond angle

B) Change in bond length

C) Both

D) None

☒ **Answer:** B) Change in bond length

11. A molecule will show IR absorption only if:

A) It has a change in dipole moment

B) It has a change in mass

C) It has π electrons

D) It contains hydrogen

☒ **Answer:** A) It has a change in dipole moment

12. The fundamental region in IR spectroscopy is:

A) 400–4000 cm^{-1}

B) 4000–10000 cm^{-1}

C) 40–400 cm^{-1}



D) 10000–40000 cm^{-1}

✓**Answer:** A) 400–4000 cm^{-1}

13. The IR spectrometer uses which radiation source?

A) Tungsten lamp

B) Nernst glower or Globar

C) Mercury vapor lamp

D) Sodium lamp

✓**Answer:** B) Nernst glower or Globar

☐ Chromatography – Basic Principle

14. Chromatography is based on:

A) Difference in solubility

B) Difference in adsorption

C) Difference in partition

D) All of the above

✓**Answer:** D) All of the above

Explanation: Depending on the type—adsorption, partition, or ion exchange—different principles apply.

15. The stationary phase in paper chromatography is:

A) Paper itself

B) Water trapped in paper

C) Mobile solvent

D) Ink

✓**Answer:** B) Water trapped in paper

16. The term *R_f value* represents:

A) Ratio of distance moved by solute to solvent front

B) Distance moved by solvent

C) Ratio of solvent to solute concentrations

D) Retardation factor

✓**Answer:** A) Ratio of distance moved by solute to solvent front

17. In gas chromatography, the mobile phase is:

A) Gas

B) Liquid



- C) Solid
- D) Supercritical fluid

☒ **Answer:** A) Gas

18. The main use of chromatography is:

- A) Quantitative analysis
- B) Qualitative analysis
- C) Both
- D) None

☒ **Answer:** C) Both

19. In thin layer chromatography (TLC), the stationary phase is often:

- A) Silica gel or alumina
- B) Paper
- C) Mercury
- D) Glass beads

☒ **Answer:** A) Silica gel or alumina

20. The main principle behind HPLC is:

- A) Partition
- B) Adsorption
- C) Both A and B
- D) Electrophoresis

☒ **Answer:** C) Both A and B