

CLASS 11 CHEMISTRY — FORMULA SHEET

Chapter 4 : Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure (NCERT)

4.1 Lewis Structures, Octet Rule & Formal Charge

Concept	Formula / Rule
Octet rule	Atoms bond to attain 8 electrons in the valence shell (noble-gas configuration)
Formal charge (FC)	$FC = V - L - \frac{1}{2}B$ (V = valence e^- of free atom, L = lone-pair e^- , B = bonding/shared e^-)
Best Lewis structure	The one with formal charges closest to ZERO; negative FC on the more electronegative atom
Incomplete octet	LiCl, BeH ₂ , BCl ₃ , BF ₃ (central atom has < 8 e^-)
Expanded octet	PF ₅ (10 e^-), SF ₆ (12 e^-), H ₂ SO ₄ , IF ₇ (only 3rd period onward — d-orbitals)
Odd-electron molecules	NO (11 e^-), NO ₂ (17 e^-) — octet rule fails
Resonance	Real structure = hybrid of all canonical forms; more resonance → more stability (O ₃ , CO ₃ ²⁻ , benzene)

4.2 Ionic Bond, Lattice Enthalpy & Fajan's Rules

Concept	Rule / Statement
Ionic bond formation favoured by	Low ionization enthalpy of metal + high (negative) electron gain enthalpy of non-metal + high lattice enthalpy
Lattice enthalpy	Energy to completely separate 1 mole of ionic solid into gaseous ions; ↑ with charge, ↓ with ionic radius
Fajan's rules (covalent character ↑ if)	Cation: small & highly charged ; Anion: large & highly charged ; cation with pseudo noble-gas config (e.g. Cu ⁺)
Polarising power order	Li ⁺ > Na ⁺ > K ⁺ (smaller cation polarises more) ; covalent character: LiCl > NaCl > KCl

4.3 Bond Parameters & Dipole Moment

Property	Formula / Relation
Bond order (VBT)	= number of bonds between two atoms (C–C: 1, C=C: 2, C≡C: 3)
Bond order relations	Bond order ↑ → Bond enthalpy ↑ & Bond length ↓
Isoelectronic species	Same bond order: N ₂ , CO, NO ⁺ , CN ⁻ (all BO = 3)
Dipole moment (μ)	$\mu = q \times d$; unit: Debye (D), 1 D = 3.336×10^{-30} C·m
% Ionic character	= (Observed μ ÷ Theoretical μ for 100% ionic) × 100
Zero dipole (symmetric)	CO ₂ , BF ₃ , CH ₄ , CCl ₄ , PCl ₅ , SF ₆ — bond dipoles cancel
Non-zero dipole	H ₂ O (1.85 D), NH ₃ (1.47 D) > NF ₃ (0.23 D — lone pair opposes N–F dipoles)
Dipole order trick	cis-isomer has $\mu > 0$; trans (symmetric) often $\mu = 0$

4.4 VSEPR Theory — Geometry from BP + LP

BP + LP	BP	LP	Shape	Angle	Example
2	2	0	Linear	180°	BeCl ₂ , CO ₂
3	3	0	Trigonal planar	120°	BF ₃
3	2	1	Bent / V-shape	< 120°	SO ₂ , SnCl ₂
4	4	0	Tetrahedral	109.5°	CH ₄ , NH ₄ ⁺
4	3	1	Trigonal pyramidal	107°	NH ₃
4	2	2	Bent	104.5°	H ₂ O
5	5	0	Trigonal bipyramidal	120°, 90°	PCl ₅
5	4	1	See-saw	—	SF ₄
5	3	2	T-shape	—	ClF ₃
5	2	3	Linear	180°	XeF ₂ , I ₃ ⁻
6	6	0	Octahedral	90°	SF ₆
6	5	1	Square pyramidal	—	BrF ₅
6	4	2	Square planar	90°	XeF ₄

VSEPR Rule	Statement
Repulsion order	Lone pair–Lone pair > Lone pair–Bond pair > Bond pair–Bond pair
Effect of lone pairs	Each lone pair squeezes bond angle: CH ₄ (109.5°) → NH ₃ (107°) → H ₂ O (104.5°)

4.5 Valence Bond Theory & Hybridisation

Concept	Formula / Rule
Hybridisation shortcut	$H = \frac{1}{2}(V + M - C + A)$; V = valence e ⁻ of central atom, M = monovalent atoms, C = cationic charge, A = anionic charge
H value → type	2 → sp; 3 → sp ² ; 4 → sp ³ ; 5 → sp ³ d; 6 → sp ³ d ²
Alternative count	Hybridisation = σ-bonds + lone pairs on central atom
Sigma vs pi	σ: head-on overlap (stronger, free rotation); π: sideways overlap (weaker); double bond = 1σ + 1π, triple = 1σ + 2π
% s-character & angle	sp (50% s, 180°) > sp ² (33%, 120°) > sp ³ (25%, 109.5°); more s-character → shorter, stronger bond
Bond strength of overlap	s-s < s-p < p-p (for σ overlap of same period)

Hybridisation	Geometry	Bond Angle	Examples
sp	Linear	180°	BeCl ₂ , CO ₂ , C ₂ H ₂
sp ²	Trigonal planar	120°	BF ₃ , C ₂ H ₄ , SO ₃
sp ³	Tetrahedral	109.5°	CH ₄ , CCl ₄ , NH ₄ ⁺
sp ³ d	Trigonal bipyramidal	120° & 90°	PCl ₅
sp ³ d ²	Octahedral	90°	SF ₆
d ² sp ³ / sp ³ d ²	Octahedral	90°	[Co(NH ₃) ₆] ³⁺ (Class 12 preview)

4.6 Molecular Orbital Theory (MOT)

Concept	Formula / Rule
Bond order (MOT)	$BO = \frac{1}{2} (N_b - N_a)$; N_b = bonding e^- , N_a = antibonding e^-
Stability	$BO > 0 \rightarrow$ molecule exists ; $BO = 0 \rightarrow$ does NOT exist (He_2 , Be_2)
Magnetism	Unpaired $e^- \rightarrow$ paramagnetic ; all paired $\rightarrow$ diamagnetic
Energy order (up to N_2 , $Z \leq 14$)	$\sigma 1s < \sigma^* 1s < \sigma 2s < \sigma^* 2s < (\pi 2p_x = \pi 2p_y) < \sigma 2p_z < (\pi^* 2p_x = \pi^* 2p_y) < \sigma^* 2p_z$
Energy order (O_2 , F_2)	$\sigma 2p_z$ comes BEFORE $\pi 2p_x = \pi 2p_y$
Adding to antibonding MO	Removes $\frac{1}{2}$ from BO $\rightarrow O_2^+ (BO\ 2.5) > O_2 (2) > O_2^- (1.5) > O_2^{2-} (1)$

Species	Total e^-	Bond Order	Magnetism
H_2	2	1	Diamagnetic
He_2	4	0 (does not exist)	—
Li_2	6	1	Diamagnetic
B_2	10	1	Paramagnetic (2 unpaired)
C_2	12	2	Diamagnetic
N_2	14	3	Diamagnetic
O_2	16	2	Paramagnetic (2 unpaired)
F_2	18	1	Diamagnetic
Ne_2	20	0 (does not exist)	—

4.7 Hydrogen Bonding

Concept	Rule / Example
Condition	H attached to highly electronegative F, O, or N
Strength order	$H \dots F > H \dots O > H \dots N$ (but weaker than covalent bond, about 10-40 kJ/mol)
Intermolecular H-bond	Between molecules: H_2O , HF, alcohols $\rightarrow$ high b.p., water's anomalous density
Intramolecular H-bond	Within one molecule: o-nitrophenol, salicylaldehyde $\rightarrow$ LOWER b.p. than para-isomer
Why ice floats	Open cage structure due to H-bonding $\rightarrow$ ice less dense than liquid water

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FC in seconds	$FC = V - L - B/2 \rightarrow$ 'Valence minus Lone minus half-Bonded'.
Hybridisation trick	$H = \frac{1}{2}(V + M - C + A)$; SF_4 : $\frac{1}{2}(6+4) = 5 \rightarrow sp^3d$; NH_4^+ : $\frac{1}{2}(5+4-1) = 4 \rightarrow sp^3$.
BO ladder for O_2 family	$O_2^+ 2.5 > O_2 2 > O_2^- 1.5 > O_2^{2-} 1$ — each added e^- goes to π^* and cuts 0.5.
Paramagnetic pair	' B_2 and O_2 are the odd ones out' — both paramagnetic with 2 unpaired electrons.
Angle squeeze	$109.5^\circ \rightarrow 107^\circ \rightarrow 104.5^\circ$: each lone pair eats 2.5° ($CH_4 \rightarrow NH_3 \rightarrow H_2O$).
NH_3 vs NF_3 dipole	NH_3 (1.47 D) $\gg$ NF_3 (0.23 D): lone pair adds in NH_3 but opposes in NF_3 .
Zero-dipole list	' CO_2 , BF_3 , CH_4 , CCl_4 , PCl_5 , SF_6 ' — perfectly symmetric = $\mu = 0$.

Isoelectronic BO = 3 club

N_2 , CO , NO^+ , CN^- — all 14 e^- , all bond order 3.