

# THE MOLECULE: NOMENCLATURE

## IONS AND IONIC COMPOUNDS

Atomic CATIONS: (positive ions)

Group IA, IIA and other main group cations where the charge is equal to the group number:

- element name followed by the word "ion"

e.g.  $\text{Li}^+$ : Lithium ion

$\text{Al}^{3+}$  (aluminum is in group IIIA): Aluminum ion

$\text{Pb}^{4+}$  (lead is in group IVA): Lead ion

I II  
+1 +2

III IV V VI VII

*no roman numeral group number.*

hydrogen 1 <b>H</b> 1.0079																	helium 2 <b>He</b> 4.0026						
lithium 3 <b>Li</b> 6.941	beryllium 4 <b>Be</b> 9.0122																	boron 5 <b>B</b> 10.811	carbon 6 <b>C</b> 12.011	nitrogen 7 <b>N</b> 14.007	oxygen 8 <b>O</b> 15.999	fluorine 9 <del><b>F</b></del> 18.998	neon 10 <b>Ne</b> 20.180
sodium 11 <b>Na</b> 22.990	magnesium 12 <b>Mg</b> 24.305																	aluminium 13 <b>Al</b> 26.982	silicon 14 <b>Si</b> 28.086	phosphorus 15 <b>P</b> 30.974	sulfur 16 <b>S</b> 32.065	chlorine 17 <b>Cl</b> 35.453	argon 18 <b>Ar</b> 39.948
potassium 19 <b>K</b> 39.098	calcium 20 <b>Ca</b> 40.078	scandium 21 <b>Sc</b> 44.956	titanium 22 <b>Ti</b> 47.867	vanadium 23 <b>V</b> 50.942	chromium 24 <b>Cr</b> 51.996	manganese 25 <b>Mn</b> 54.938	iron 26 <b>Fe</b> 55.845	cobalt 27 <b>Co</b> 58.933	nickel 28 <b>Ni</b> 58.693	copper 29 <b>Cu</b> 63.546	zinc 30 <b>Zn</b> 65.38	gallium 31 <b>Ga</b> 69.723	germanium 32 <b>Ge</b> 72.61	arsenic 33 <b>As</b> 74.922	selenium 34 <b>Se</b> 78.96	bromine 35 <b>Br</b> 79.904	krypton 36 <b>Kr</b> 83.80						
rubidium 37 <b>Rb</b> 85.468	strontium 38 <b>Sr</b> 87.62	yttrium 39 <b>Y</b> 88.906	zirconium 40 <b>Zr</b> 91.224	niobium 41 <b>Nb</b> 92.906	molybdenum 42 <b>Mo</b> 95.96	technetium 43 <b>Tc</b> [98]	ruthenium 44 <b>Ru</b> 101.07	rhodium 45 <b>Rh</b> 102.91	palladium 46 <b>Pd</b> 106.42	silver 47 <b>Ag</b> 107.87	cadmium 48 <b>Cd</b> 112.41	indium 49 <b>In</b> 114.82	tin 50 <b>Sn</b> 118.71	antimony 51 <b>Sb</b> 121.76	tellurium 52 <b>Te</b> 127.60	iodine 53 <b>I</b> 126.90	xenon 54 <b>Xe</b> 131.29						
caesium 55 <b>Cs</b> 132.91	barium 56 <b>Ba</b> 137.33	57-70 *	lutetium 71 <b>Lu</b> 174.97	hafnium 72 <b>Hf</b> 178.49	tantalum 73 <b>Ta</b> 180.95	tungsten 74 <b>W</b> 183.84	rhenium 75 <b>Re</b> 186.21	osmium 76 <b>Os</b> 190.23	iridium 77 <b>Ir</b> 192.22	platinum 78 <b>Pt</b> 195.08	gold 79 <b>Au</b> 196.97	mercury 80 <b>Hg</b> 200.59	thallium 81 <b>Tl</b> 204.38	lead 82 <b>Pb</b> 207.2	bismuth 83 <b>Bi</b> 208.98	polonium 84 <b>Po</b> [209]	astatine 85 <b>At</b> [210]	radon 86 <b>Rn</b> [222]					
francium 87 <b>Fr</b> [223]	radium 88 <b>Ra</b> [226]	89-102 **	lawrencium 103 <b>Lr</b> [262]	rutherfordium 104 <b>Rf</b> [267]	dubnium 105 <b>Db</b> [268]	seaborgium 106 <b>Sg</b> [271]	bohrium 107 <b>Bh</b> [272]	hassium 108 <b>Hs</b> [270]	meitnerium 109 <b>Mt</b> [276]	darmstadtium 110 <b>Ds</b> [281]	roentgenium 111 <b>Rg</b> [280]	ununbium 112 <b>Uub</b> [285]	ununtrium 113 <b>Uut</b> [284]	ununquadium 114 <b>Uuq</b> [289]	ununpentium 115 <b>Uup</b> [288]	ununhexium 116 <b>Uuh</b> [293]	ununseptium 117 <b>Uus</b> -	ununoctium 118 <b>Uuo</b> [294]					

+3

-3 -2 -1

+3 / +1 / +4 / +2 / +3 / +4

The atom (2) – Multi-electron Atoms -  
Exceptions

## Other Main Group cations, and d-block and f-block cations:

- element name
- followed by the charge on the ion, in roman numerals, in round brackets
- followed by the word "ion"

e.g.  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  (d-block): Manganese (II) ion

$\text{Nd}^{3+}$  (f-block): Neodymium (III) ion

$\text{Pb}^{2+}$  (lead not in gr IIA: specify!): Lead (II) ion  
*group IV*

The charge on the ion is specified for main group ions **ONLY** when it is not the same as the group number, and for d and f block cations at all times.

**Molecular cations:** (cations which consist of more than one atom; memorize!)

*many exist. One needs to be memorized.*

$\text{NH}_4^+$  : Ammonium ion

There are many others, but if you need those, I'll give you name and charge. The ammonium ion is common, and you need to know it.

## Atomic ANIONS: (negative ions)

- Drop the last syllable (or last 2 syllables) from the element name
- Replace them with the syllable "ide"
- Followed by the word "ion"

e.g. Cl: Chlorine

Cl<sup>-</sup>: Chloride ion

e.g. Te: Tellurium

Te<sup>2-</sup>: Telluride ion

The charge on an anion is never specified. No element can form more than one type of anion (although some will form one type of anion and one or more type of cation.)

**Molecular anions:** (memorize)

*only "oxide" molecular ion.*

$\text{OH}^-$  hydroxide ion

$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  acetate ion

$\text{NO}_3^-$  nitrate ion

$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  carbonate ion

$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  sulfate ion

$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  phosphate ion

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**IONIC COMPOUNDS:** (metal + non-metal or any combination of the molecular ions/elemental ions; **Neutral by definition**)

- Name of the cation (with roman numeral included, if applicable) without the word "ion"
- Followed by Name of anion without the word "ion"

e.g. NaCl is made up of Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup>  
or sodium ion and chloride ion

called: **Sodium chloride**

e.g.  $\text{CrCl}_3$  is made up of:

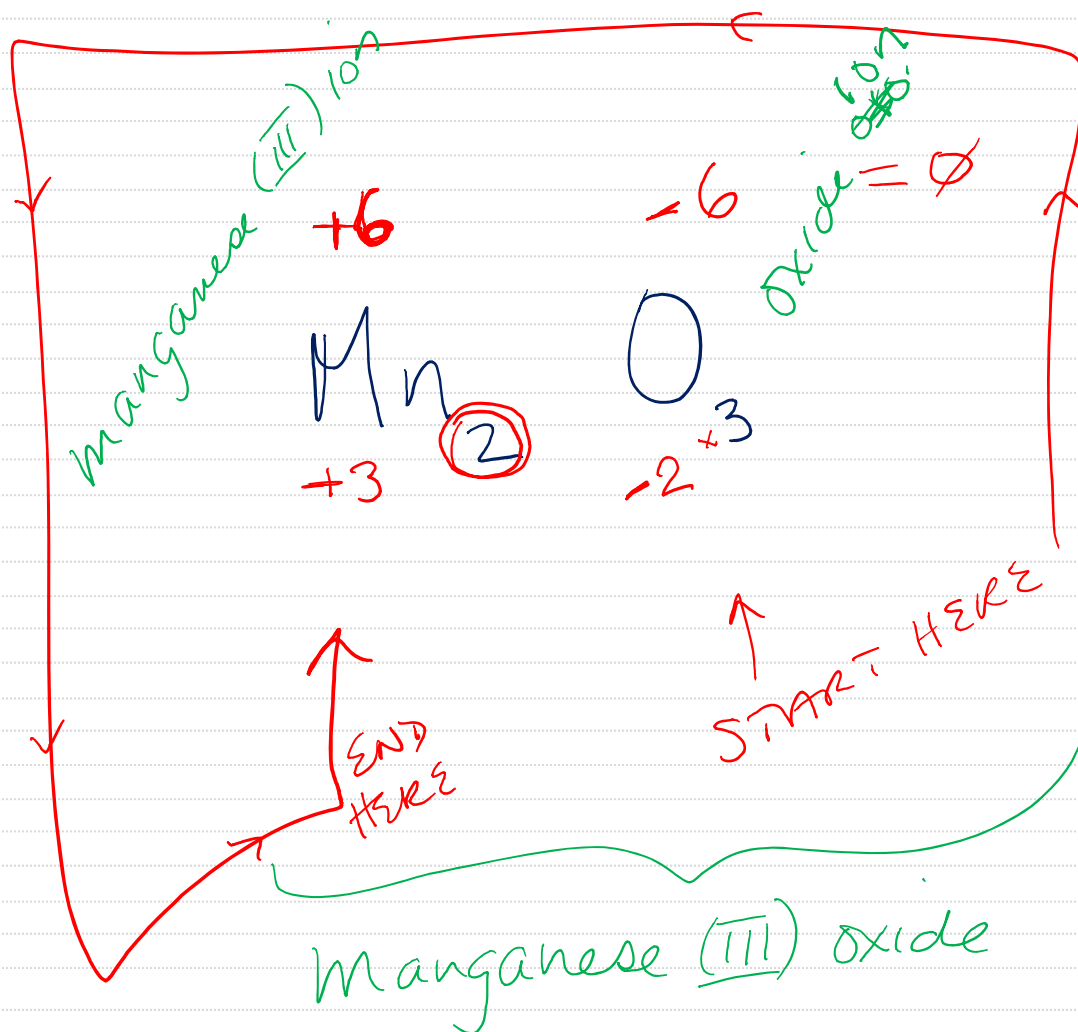
 the "Cl" must be  $\text{Cl}^-$  (no choice for the anion!)

therefore, to give a neutral compound, and "balance"  
the 3  $\text{Cl}^-$ , the "Cr" must be  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ .

The ions are therefore: Chromium (III) ion and Chloride ion  
called: **Chromium (III) chloride**

e.g.  $Mn_2O_3$

Name?



e.g.  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

Copper (II) phosphate.

## **BINARY COVALENT COMPOUNDS:** (2 non-metals)

You don't have electrical charges to dictate how many of each species may combine. Two elements may combine in ***several different ratios*** to form different covalent compounds.

The *words* used for the elements are the same as they were for ionic cpds :

- The less electronegative element is named first, using its element name
- The more electronegative is named second, with the last (or last 2) syllables replaced by "ide"

**Prefixes** are used to indicate how many of each element is used:

Mono/mon	1
di	2
tri	3
tetra/tetr	4
penta /pent	5
hexa/hex	6
hepta /hept	7
octa/oct	8
nona/non	9
deca/dec	10

**Note:** if only one of the less electronegative element (i.e. the first) is present, the prefix "mono" is left out. It is never left out for the more electronegative (second) however.

$\text{CO}$  : Carbon monoxide (Not monocarbon monoxide)  
 $\text{CO}_2$  : Carbon dioxide (Not carbon oxide)

e.g.

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  : dinitrogen pentoxide

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  : dinitrogen tetroxide

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$  : dinitrogen monoxide (**not** dinitrogen oxide)

$\text{CO}_2$  : carbon dioxide (**not** monocarbon dioxide!)

# THE MOLECULE: LEWIS STRUCTURES

A moderately reliable way of predicting the bonding and bond orders of atoms in a molecule.

It is based on observation.

It is not a theory – it isn't trying to explain anything

It is a model – within certain constraints, it makes accurate predictions

- It does not work well on ions or molecules with an odd number of electrons (radicals)
- It does not predict the magnetic properties of ions or molecules

# THE MOLECULE: LEWIS STRUCTURES

## "RECIPE"

1. Count the number of valence electrons on each atom.
  - Add 1 for each negative (-) charge
  - Subtract 1 for each positive (+) charge
2. Build the skeleton: Put the least electronegative element in the centre (never H in centre!)
  - If "acid", group all O and H into -O-H groups
  - If organic, you may have -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups or -CH<sub>3</sub> groups *& chains*
  - Link each atom (or group, as above) directly to the central atom with 1 link, or single bond (S.B.)
3. Count the number of electrons used in the skeleton (2 for each bond)
  - Subtract this from the number of valence electrons counted in step 1 to get the number left over.
4. Use leftover electrons in step 3. To try to complete all octets (ie fill the valence s and p orbitals) (NB. H only gets a total of 2 (NOT 8!) therefore it is satisfied with 1 single bond.)

There are now 3 possible outcomes:

**O. EXACTLY ENOUGH ELECTRONS**

Stop! (for now)

## I. NOT ENOUGH ELECTRONS TO COMPLETE THE OCTETS:

### "do what?"

- You need 1 double bond (DB) for each 1 pair (2 electrons) missing
- OR You need 1 triple bond (TB) for each 2 pair (4 electrons) missing

### "do it where?"

- O atoms often form DB's
- C atoms often form DB's, quite often form TB's
- N atoms often form TB's, quite often form DB's
- NEVER to a H atom *group VII*
- Rarely to a halogen, Never to F atom
- Never have more than 4 bonds on a second row (Li ...Ne) atom

### "do it how?"

- GO RIGHT BACK TO THE SKELETON!!!!
- Redraw skeleton with DB's/TB's as necessary
- Recalculate leftover electrons and re-do steps 3 and 4

## II. YOU HAVE ELECTRONS LEFT OVER:

"expand the octet" of the central atom (as long as it is in row 3 or lower on the per. Table)

ie. Place the extra electrons, *in pairs*, on the *central atom*.

## CORRECTING FOR FORMAL CHARGE

An atom, even in a molecule, has a "memory" of its original valence, and wants to maintain it.

1. Count the number of electrons "formally" assigned to each atom:  
count all electrons in lone pairs

count 1 for each chemical bond touching the atom

2. Compare this against the original valence to get formal charge, FC.

$$\text{F.C.} = \{\text{group \#}\} - \{(\# \text{ lone electrons}) + (\# \text{ bonds})\}$$

3. If, and only if:

The central atom is in row 3 or below on the periodic table

*and*

there are both + and - formal charges present in the molecule

**MOVE A LONE PAIR OF ELECTRONS OFF THE ELEMENT WITH THE NEGATIVE FORMAL CHARGE AND INTO THE BOND JOINING IT TO THE ELEMENT WITH THE POSITIVE FORMAL CHARGE.**

The net effect is that the formal charge that was negative goes up by one (eg. from -1 to 0, or from -3 to -2) and the formal charge that was positive goes down by one (eg from +3 to +2, or from +1 to 0)

WHEN THERE ARE NO LONGER **BOTH** POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FORMAL CHARGES PRESENT, YOU **STOP** ADJUSTING THE MOLECULE.

## RESONANCE

When a Lewis structure has fewer multiple bonds than there were **equivalent** positions where you could have placed the multiple bond(s) THE MULTIPLE BONDS ARE SHARED AMONG THE EQUIVALENT POSITIONS.

Draw enough "resonance structures" to show every possible position having every possible bond order. You do not need to show "permutations and combinations".

For example, it only takes two resonance structures to show that  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  has two double bonds, shared among 4 equivalent S to O bonds.

# e.g. $\text{Cl}_2\text{CO}$ Carbonyl dichloride

① Valence:

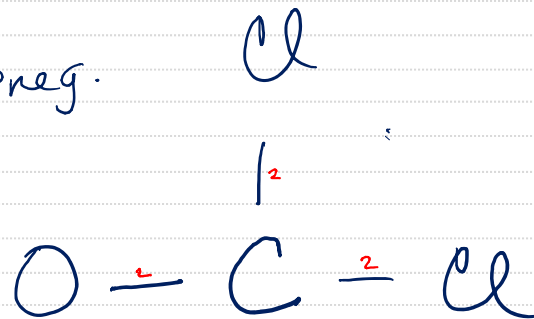
$$2 \times \text{Cl} : 2(7) = 14$$

$$1 \times \text{C} : 1(4) = 4$$

$$1 \times \text{O} : 1(6) = 6 / 24 \text{ valence } e^-$$

②

least  $e^-$  neg.

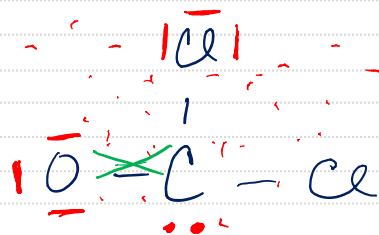


skeleton

③ 24 valence

- 6 bonding / 18 left to use in completing octets.

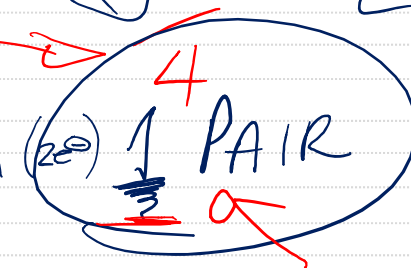
OCTETS ARE ABOUT SHARING

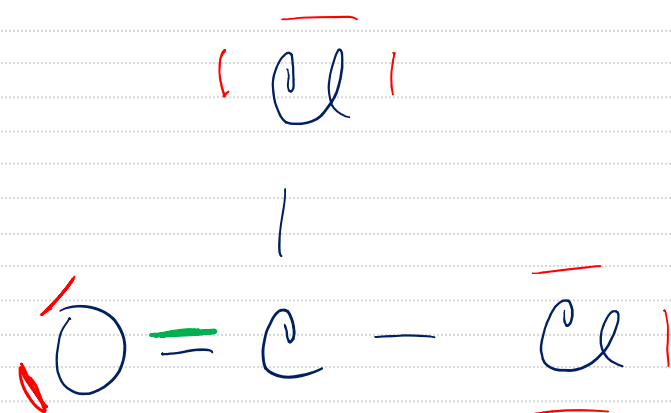


Want? 6 more  
have 4 more

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ \text{C} : 2 - 2 / 16 \\ - 6(\text{O}) \\ \hline 10 \\ - 6 \text{ Cl} \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

MISSING





new skeleton

24 valence e

- 8 e<sup>-</sup> in skeleton

16 left for ..

- 0 (C)

- 4 (O)

12 - 12 = 0 ✓

all octets (at least) complete

all e<sup>-</sup>s used.

STOP - for now

later - check for formal charge (none here)

check for resonance (none here)

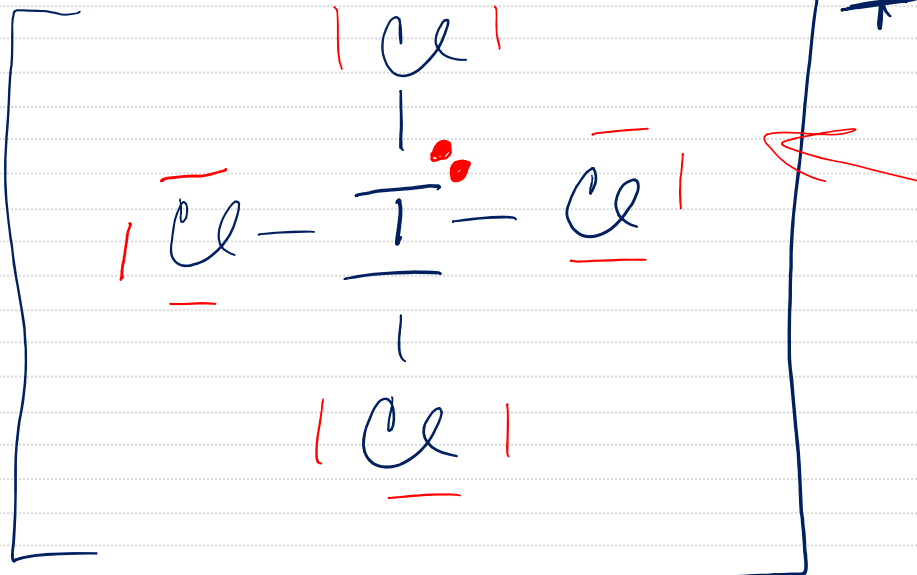
e.g.  $\text{ICl}_4^+$

①  $\text{I} : 7$

$\text{Cl} : 4 \times 7 = 28$  (35)  
 $- 1 e^- / 34 \text{ valence } e^-$

$+1$

② :



③  $34 \text{ valence}$   
 $- 8 \text{ in skeleton}$   
 $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$   
 $26 \text{ left.}$   
 $- 24 e^- \text{ lone pairs}$   
 $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$2 e^- \text{ LEFT}$   
 $\text{OVER!}$

on central



## CORRECTING FOR FORMAL CHARGE

An atom, even in a molecule, has a "memory" of its original valence, and wants to maintain it.

*after all octets complete*  
*NOT about sharing*  
*ALL ABOUT OWNERSHIP* (e<sup>-</sup> only counted once)

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*orig. valence*

*"valence" for now in the molecule.*

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**and**

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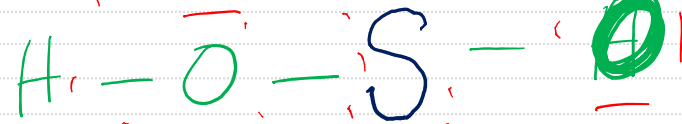
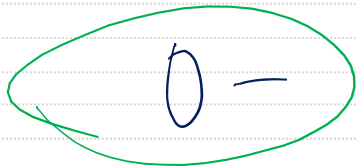
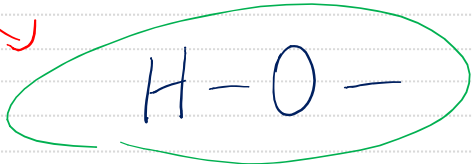
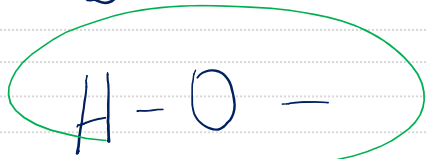
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e.g.  $H_2SO_3$

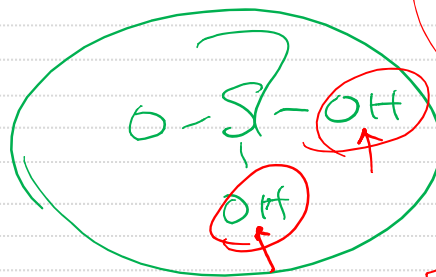
# Sulfurous ACID

① 2 H: 2  
 1 S: 6  
 3 O: 18 / 26 valence

ACID



all octets complete  
 all e<sup>-</sup>s used



STOP FOR  
Now

check for  
FORMAL CHARGE

26  
 - 10  
 -----  
 16 left  
 14 to  
 6 to

e.g.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$

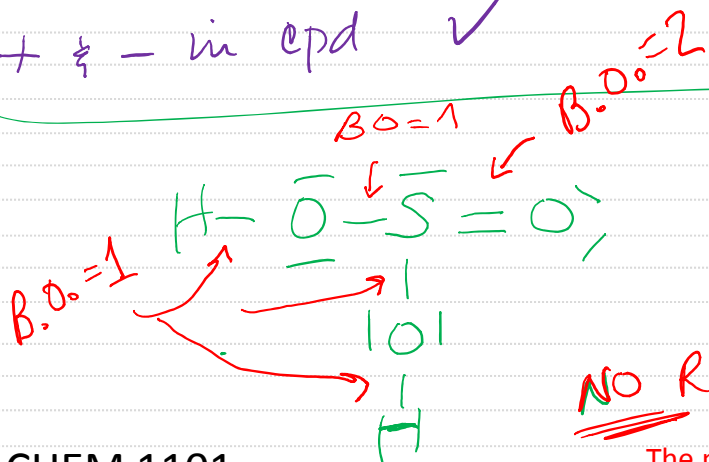
$$\text{F.C. (H)}: \underline{1} - \{0 + \underline{1}\} = 0$$

$$\text{F.C. } (-\underline{\bar{O}}-): 6 - \{4 + \underline{2}\} = 0$$

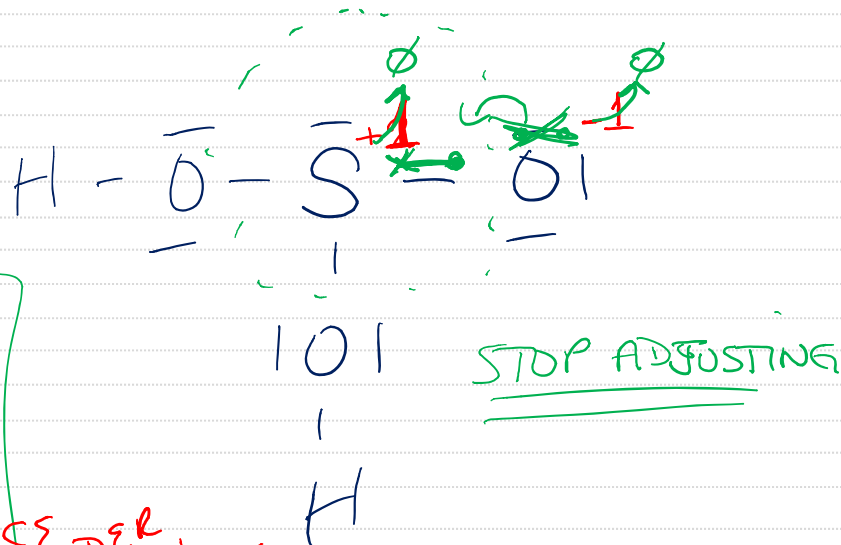
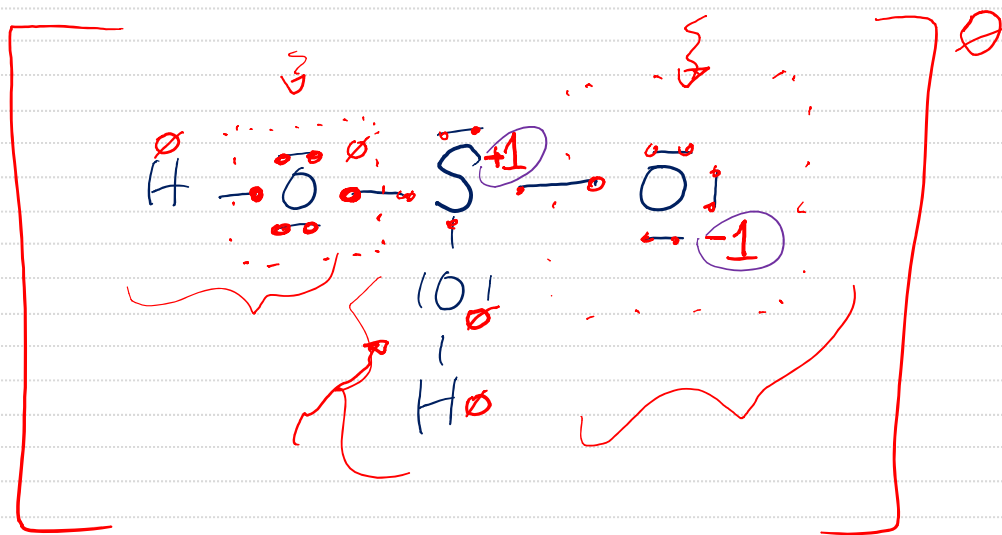
$$\text{F.C. } (-\underline{\bar{O}}|): 6 - \{6 + \underline{1}\} = -1$$

$$\text{F.C. } (-\underline{\bar{S}}-): 6 - \{2 + 3\} = +1$$

Central row 3 or lower ✓  
 + & - in epd ✓



NO RESONANCE  
 BOND ORDER GIVEN BY # LINES.

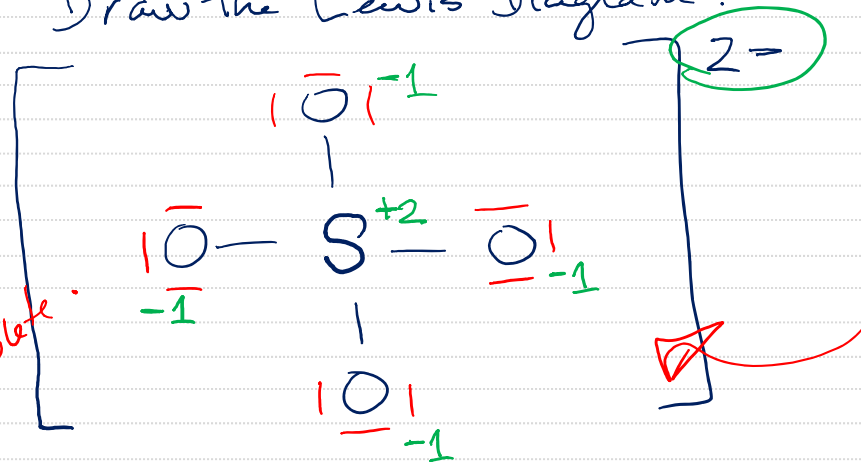


Draw the Lewis Diagram.

e.g.  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

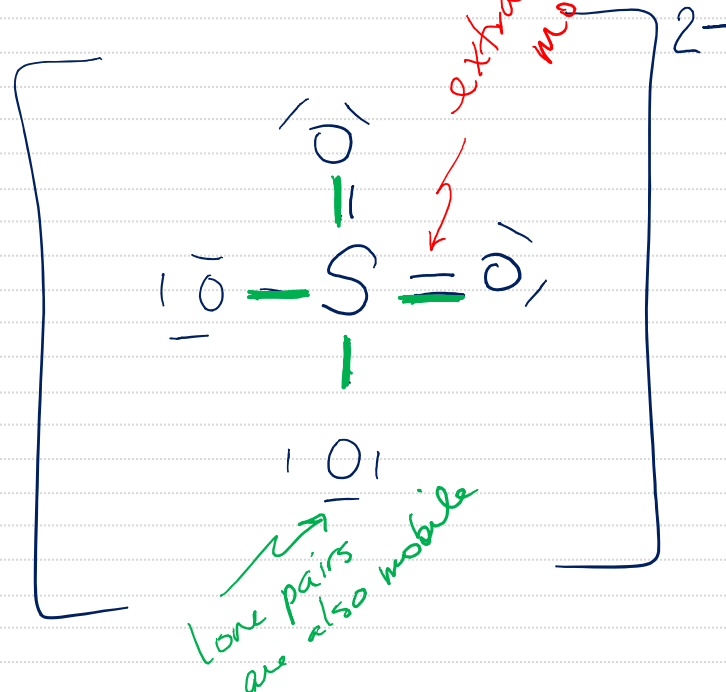
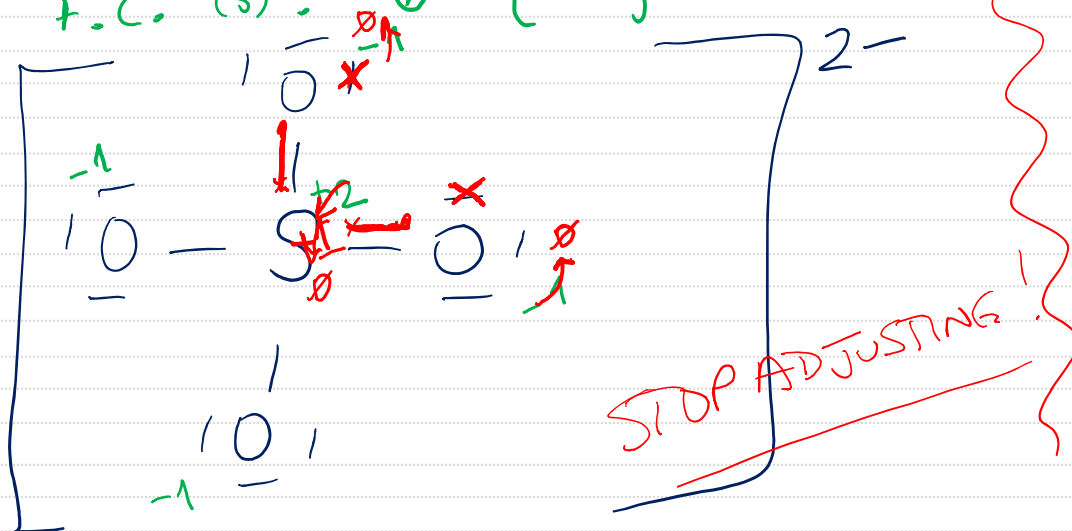
S: 6  
 $4 \times \text{O}: 24$   
 $2-: 2 / 32.$   
 $\frac{-8}{24}$

all e used  
 allocated, complete.

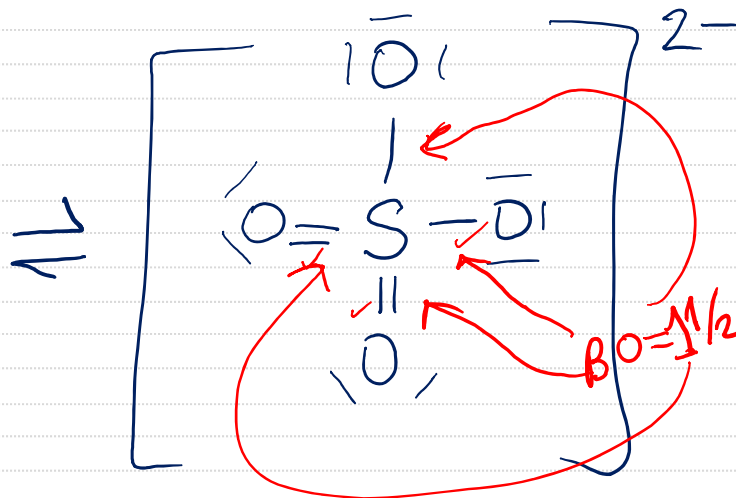
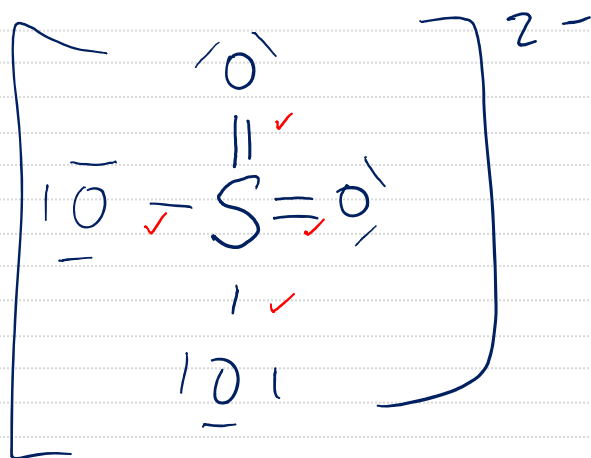


F.C.  $\bar{\text{O}}- : 6 - \{6 + 1\} = -1$

F.C. (S) :  $6 - \{0 + 4\} = +2$



e.g.  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$



Bond order: single?  $\text{B.O.} = 1$

fractional { double?  $\text{B.O.} = 2$   
triple :  $\text{BO} = 3$

count over  
structure.

BOND ORDER AVERAGED

$\text{B.O.} = \frac{\# \text{ total chemical bonds}}{\# \text{ positions in resonance}}$

$$= \frac{6}{4} = 3/2 \text{ or } 1.5 \text{ or}$$

each  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$

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# Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion: VSEPR

All the electrons in one individual chemical bond (2 in a single bond, 4 in a double bond, 6 in a triple bond) have to stay in the same region of space. Each of these is a “bonding region”.

Lone pair electrons and bonding electrons are each confined to their own “region of electron density”.

“Regions of electron density” want to get as far apart from each other as possible.

## RECIPE: “VSEPR geometries” or “molecular geometries”

1. Draw a Lewis Diagram

2. On the *central atom*, count the number of regions of electron density

- 1 for each lone pair (or, if an odd number of electrons, 1 for the lone electron)
- 1 for each triple bond
- 1 for each double bond
- 1 for each single bond

## RECIPE: "VSEPR geometries" or "molecular geometries"

3. Assign the "ideal shape" on which to base the geometry:

- 2 regions: LINEAR
- 3 regions: TRIANGULAR
- 4 regions: TETRAHEDRAL
- 5 regions: TRIGONAL BIPYRAMEDAL
- 6 regions: OCTAHEDRAL

*memorize*

4. Position the lone pairs (or, if applicable, the lone electron)

5. Position the bonds and the outer atoms

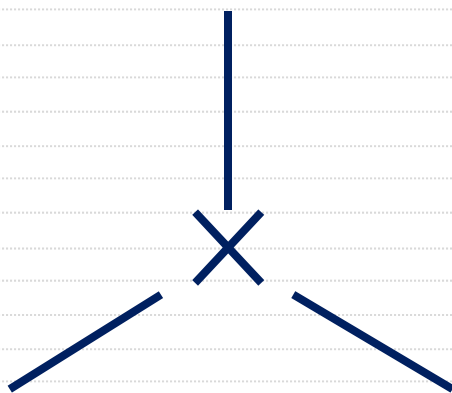
6. "Collapse" down the lone pairs (these dictate the shape, but are not part of the naming process)

7. Name and draw the resulting shape

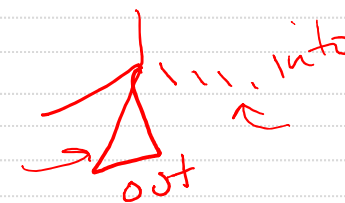
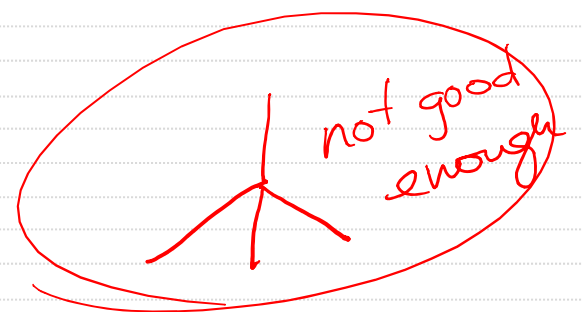
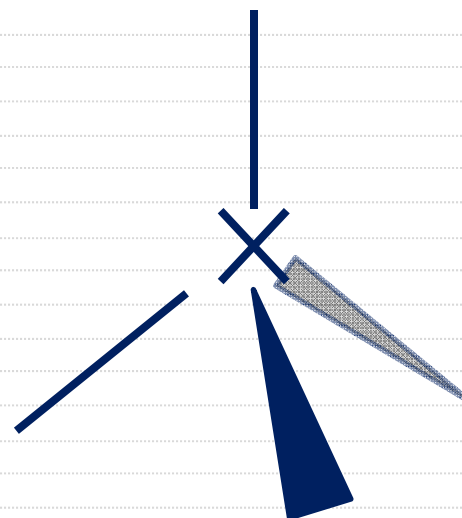
2 regions: linear



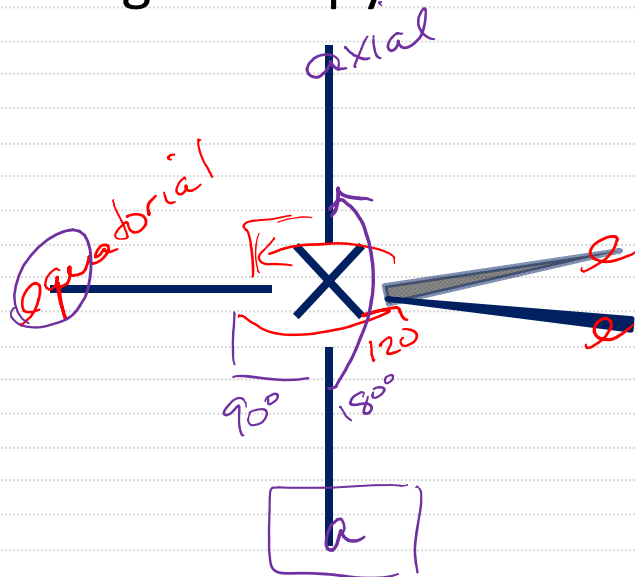
3 regions: triangular



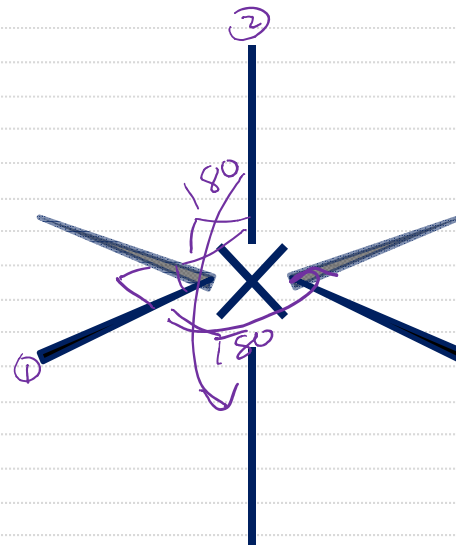
4 regions: tetrahedral



5 regions:  
trigonal bipyramidal



6 regions: octahedral



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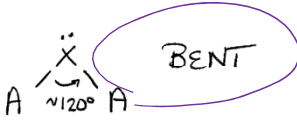

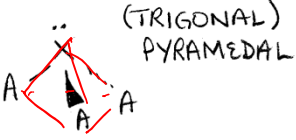
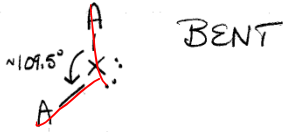
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more space!!

All the possible geometries up to six regions.

Reason them out rather than memorizing them!

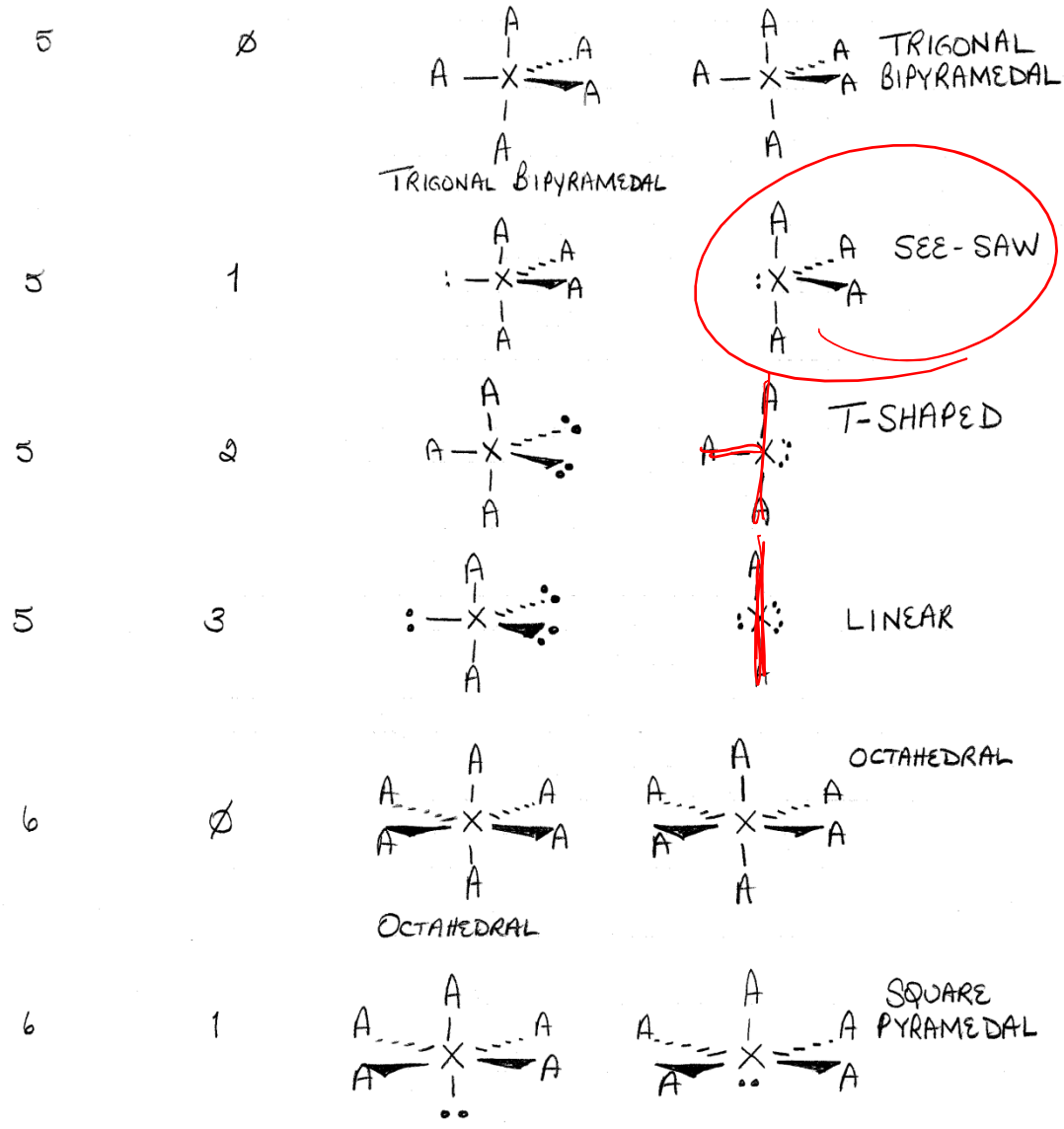
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Regions of e <sup>-</sup> density	# Lone Pairs	... based on...	ACTUAL GEOMETRY
2	∅	$  \begin{array}{c}  180 \\  \curvearrowright \\  A - X - A \\  \text{LINEAR}  \end{array}  $	A-X-A LINEAR
2	1	:X-A	:X-A LINEAR
3	∅	$  \begin{array}{c}  A \\    \\  X \\  / \quad \backslash \\  A \quad A \\  \text{TRIANGULAR}  \end{array}  $	
3	1	$  \begin{array}{c}  \cdot\cdot \\    \\  X \\  / \quad \backslash \\  A \quad A  \end{array}  $	
4	∅	$  \begin{array}{c}  A \\    \\  X \\  / \quad \backslash \\  A \quad A \\  \text{TETRAHEDRAL}  \end{array}  $	
4	1	$  \begin{array}{c}  \cdot\cdot \\    \\  X \\  / \quad \backslash \\  A \quad A \\  \text{(TRIGONAL) PYRAMEDAL}  \end{array}  $	
4	2	$  \begin{array}{c}  A \\    \\  X \\  / \quad \backslash \\  A \quad A \\  \text{BENT}  \end{array}  $	

*memorizing*

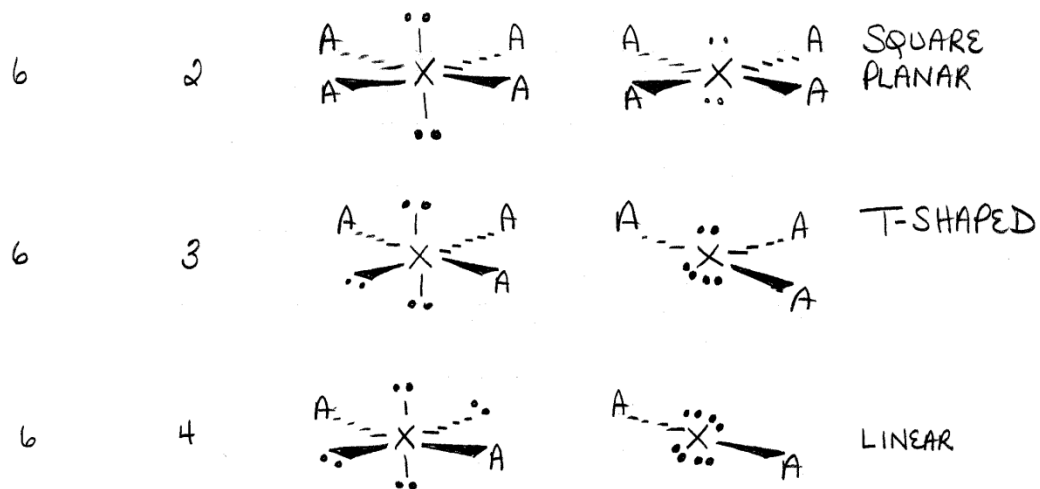
*angular*

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**NOTE:** lone pairs are always axial on the trigonal bipyramid

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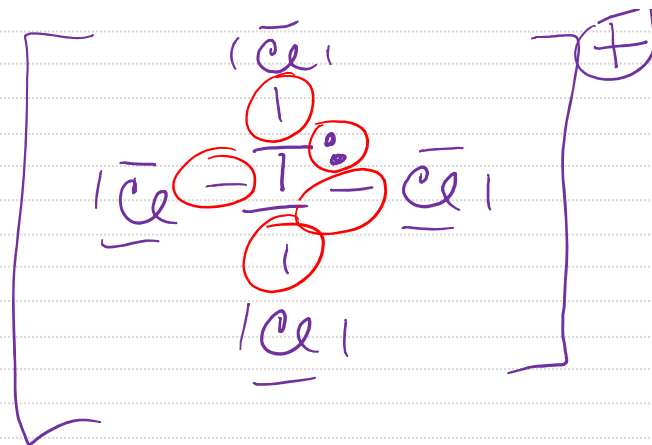


NOTE: Any time you have only 1 bonding region,  
the molecule is linear!

ie	2	regions	1	lone pair	=>	1	bonding region	-	linear
	3	"	2	"	"	1	"	"	"
	4	"	3	"	"	1	"	"	"
	5	"	4	"	"	1	"	"	"
	6	"	5	"	"	1	"	"	"

## Remember $\text{ICl}_4^+$

1. Draw a Lewis Diagram
2. On the central atom, count the number of regions of electron density



L.P.: 1

T.B.: ~~0~~

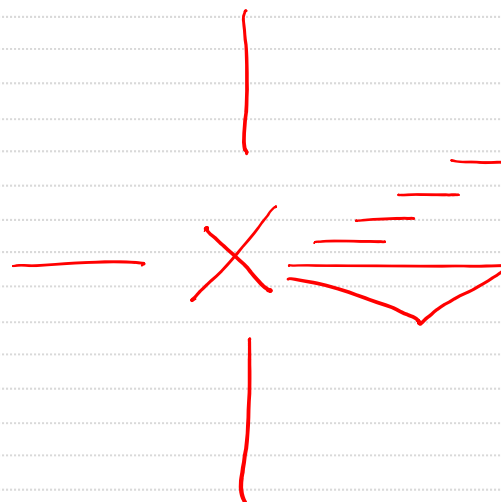
D.B.: ~~0~~

S.B.: 4

/ 5 Regions

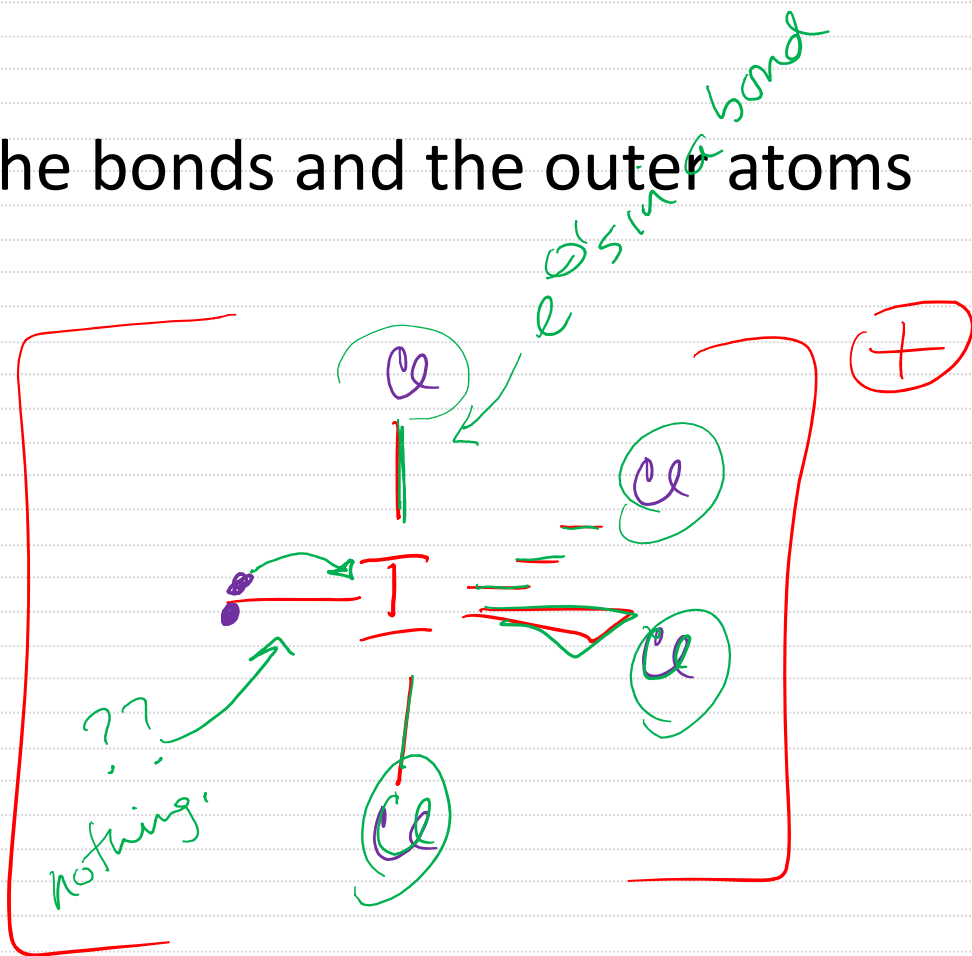
3. Assign the "ideal shape" on which to base the geometry:

- 2 regions: LINEAR
- 3 regions: TRIANGULAR
- 4 regions: TETRAHEDRAL
- 5 regions: TRIGONAL BIPYRAMEDAL
- 6 regions: OCTAHEDRAL



4. Position the lone pairs (or, if applicable, the lone electron)

5. Position the bonds and the outer atoms



6. "Collapse" down the lone pairs (these dictate the shape, but are not part of the naming process)

7. Name and draw the resulting shape

