

Problem Set #11  
CHEM101A: General College Chemistry

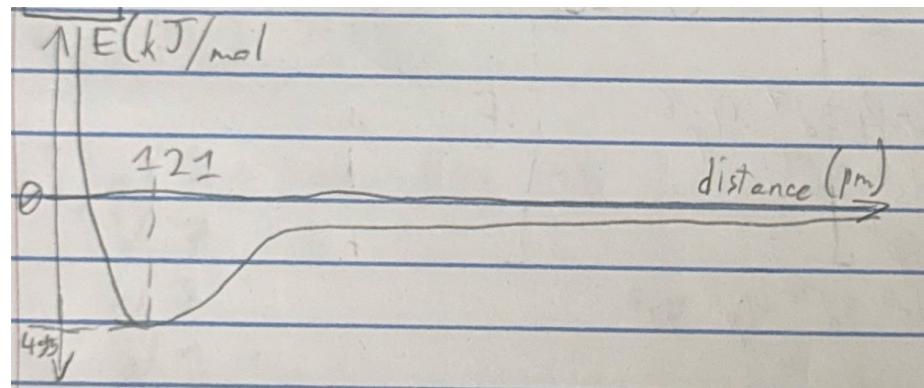
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## 1 Topic F Problem 1

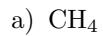
Draw a bond energy diagram (a graph of potential energy versus distance between the nuclei) for the bond in O<sub>2</sub>, which has a bond energy of 495 kJ/mol and a bond distance of 121 pm.

### 1.1 Solution

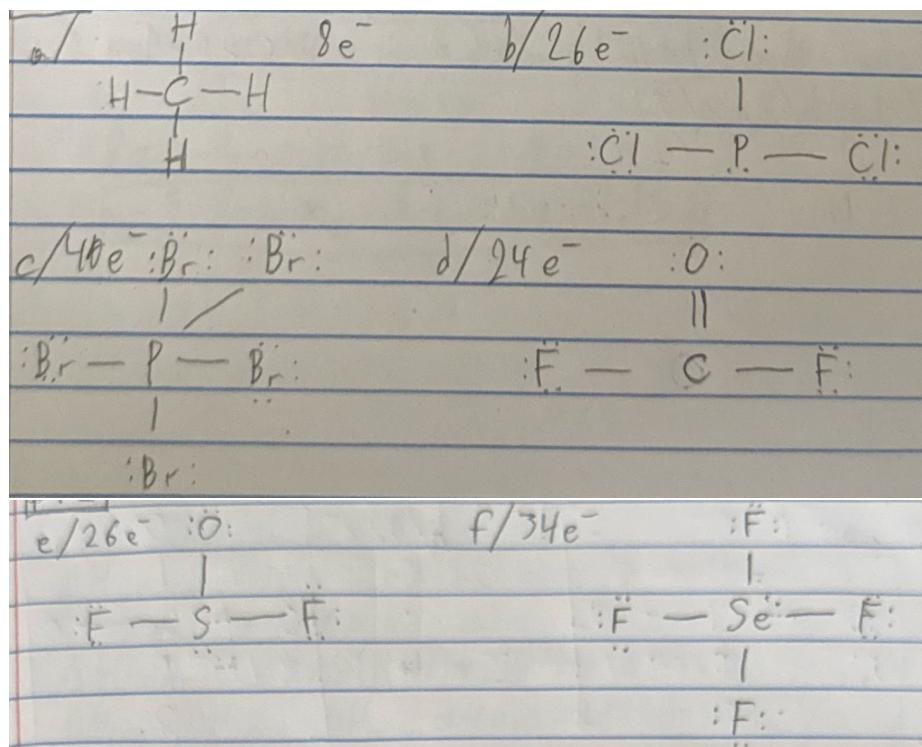


## 2 Topic F Problem 2

Draw Lewis structures for each of the following molecules. For each molecule, the first atom in the formula is the central atom and all other atoms are bonded to it.

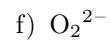


### 2.1 Solution

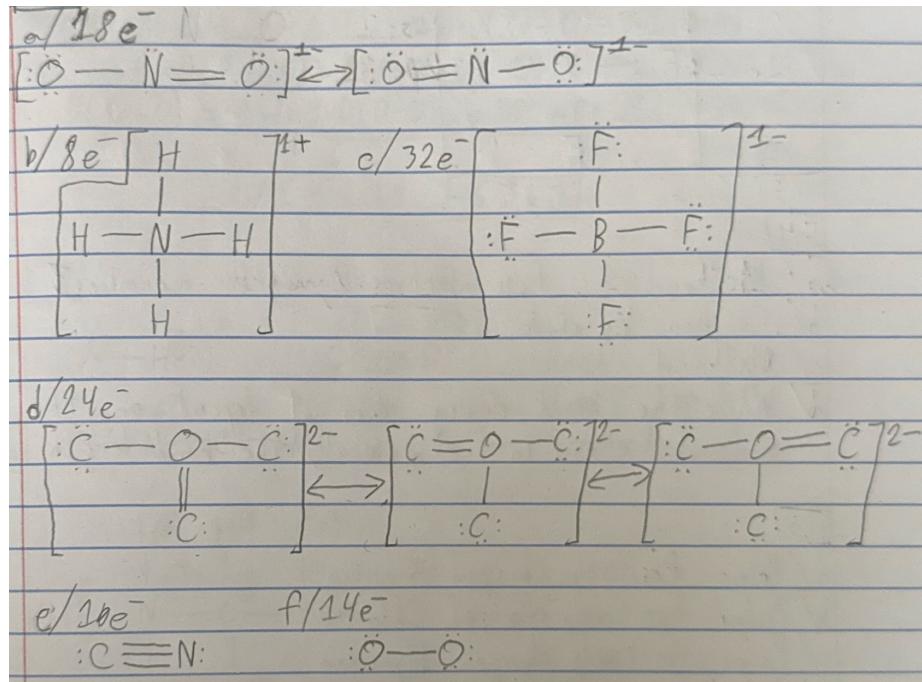


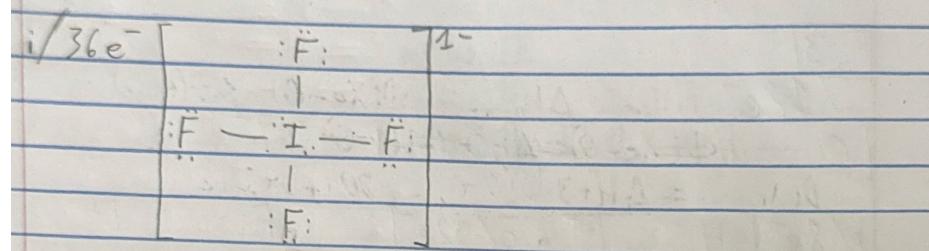
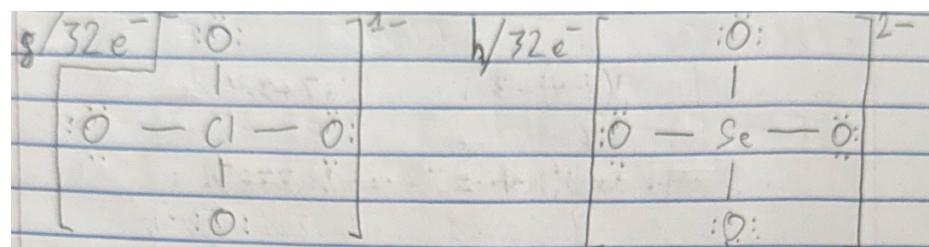
### 3 Topic F Problem 3

Draw Lewis structures for each of the following polyatomic ions. If there are multiple resonance structures for an ion, you only need to draw one of the resonance structures.



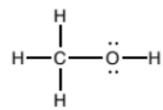
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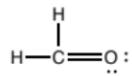


## 4 Topic F Problem 4

Consider each of the following molecules:



methanol



formaldehyde



carbon monoxide

- a) What is the bond order of the carbon-oxygen bond in each molecule?
- b) Which molecule has the largest carbon-oxygen bond energy?
- c) Which molecule has the largest carbon-oxygen bond distance?
- d) Would you expect the carbon-hydrogen bond distances in methanol and formaldehyde to be equal, or will they be significantly different? If they are different, which molecule should have the larger C-H bond distances?

### 4.1 Solution

a/ Methanol: 1; Formaldehyde: 2; Carbon monoxide: 3  
b/ Carbon Monoxide  
c/ Methanol  
d/ While the bond energy does not depend on the other molecules atoms in the molecule, the bond length does not.

## 5 Topic F Problem 5

For each of the bond types in parts a through d below, answer the following questions. You may refer to the table of electronegativity values in the textbook.

- Are these bonds polar?
  - If they are polar, which atom is positively charged (if any)?
- a) The C–Cl bonds in  $\text{CCl}_4$       c) The C–H bonds in  $\text{CH}_4$   
b) The O–Cl bonds in  $\text{OCl}_2$       d) The C–C bond in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$

### 5.1 Solution

a/ Polar; Positively charged Carbon  
b/ Polar; Positively charged Chlorine  
c/ Polar; Positively charged Hydrogen  
d/ Not polar  
Table found in 6.1.2

## 6 Topic F Problem 6

Using the bond dissociation energy values in the text, calculate an approximate value of  $\Delta H$  for the reaction:  $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ .

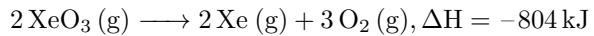
### 6.1 Solution

Table found in 6.1.5

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H_{\text{deformation}} &= D(N-N) + 3 \times D(H-H) = 167 + 3 \times 432 \\ &= 1463 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ \Delta H_{\text{reformation}} &= 3 \times D(N-H) = 3 \times 391 = 1173 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} &= \Delta H_{\text{deform}} - \Delta H_{\text{reform}} = 1463 - 1173 = \boxed{290 \text{ kJ/mol}}\end{aligned}$$

## 7 Topic F Problem 7

Xenon is one of the “inert gases”, but it can form a number of compounds, including xenon trioxide ( $\text{XeO}_3$ ). When heated, xenon trioxide breaks down explosively into the elements:



Use this value and the bond dissociation energy for the bond in  $\text{O}_2$  to calculate a value for the xenon-oxygen bond energy. Give your answer in  $\text{kJ/mol}$ .

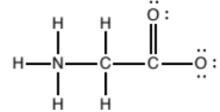
### 7.1 Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H_{rxn} &= \Delta H_{deform} - \Delta H_{reform} = 6 \times D(\text{Xe-O}) - 3 \times D(\text{O-O}) \\ 6 \times D(\text{Xe-O}) &= \Delta H + 3 \times D(\text{O-O}) \\ D(\text{Xe-O}) &= \frac{\Delta H + 3 \times D(\text{O-O})}{6} = \frac{-804 + 3 \times 142}{6} \\ &= 71 - 134 = \boxed{-63 \text{ kJ}}\end{aligned}$$

## 8 Topic F Problem 8

For each of the following molecules, determine the formal charge on each atom.  
(In your answer, draw the Lewis structure and write all non-zero formal charges next to the corresponding atoms.)

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hydroxide ion

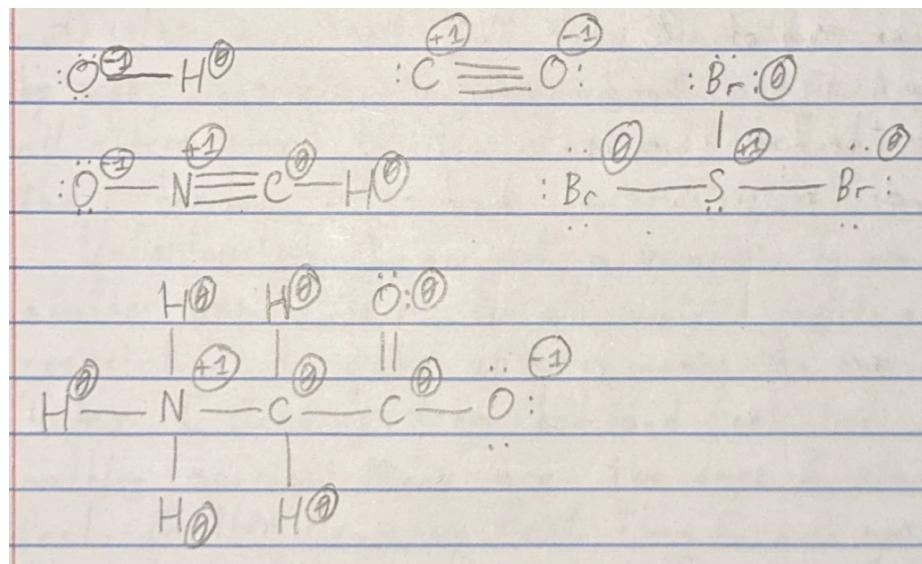
carbon monoxide

fulminic acid

thionyl bromide

glycine

### 8.1 Solution



## 9 Topic F Problem 9

There are two resonance structure for the ozone molecule, O<sub>3</sub>; these structures are shown below.

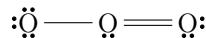


Figure 1: Structure #1

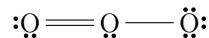


Figure 2: Structure #2

- a) A student says “sometimes each bond in O<sub>3</sub> is the same strength as the bond in O=O, and sometimes it’s the same strength as the central bond in H-O-O-H.” Is this an accurate statement? Explain your answer.
- b) Another student says “when O<sub>3</sub> looks like structure #1, the bond on the left is longer than the bond on the right.” Is this an accurate statement? Explain your answer.

### 9.1 Solution

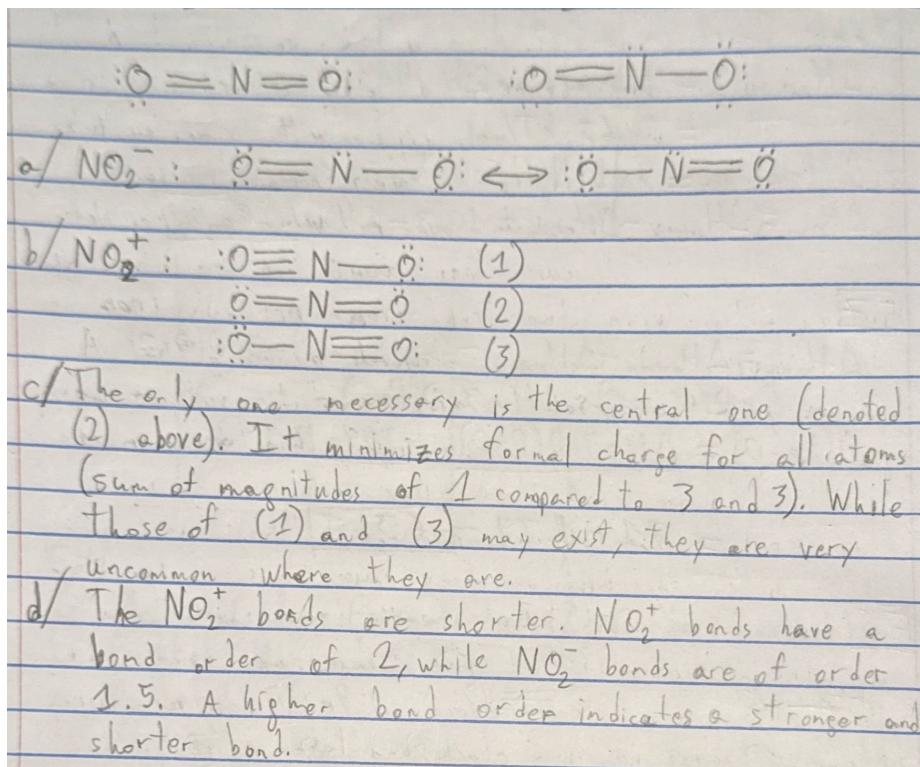
- a/ This is not accurate. In truth, the bond strength does not alternate, it stays the same at all times. The difference is that the bond strength is stronger than the H-O-O-H bond but weaker than the O=O bond.
- b/ This is not accurate. Firstly, the structure of O<sub>3</sub> does not look like either at any given time. Secondly, the two bonds are identical in both strength and length. If O<sub>3</sub> were to look like structure #1, it would have a longer bond on the left than on the right, but that is not the case and so is the conclusion that arises from it.

## 10 Topic F Problem 10

This problem asks you to compare two ions:  $\text{NO}_2^+$  and  $\text{NO}_2^-$ . In both of these ions, the nitrogen is the central atom.

- One of these ions requires two resonance structures to represent it accurately. Which one is it? Draw the two reasonable resonance structures for this ion.
- For the other ion, there are three resonance structures that satisfy the octet rule. Draw these three resonance structures for this ion.
- The ion in part b actually requires just one Lewis structure to depict it accurately. Which structure is this, and why is this the only structure you need?
- Which are shorter: the nitrogen-oxygen bond distances in  $\text{NO}_2^+$ , or the nitrogen-oxygen bond distances in  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ? Or do the two ions have equal N-O bond distances? Explain your answer.

### 10.1 Solution



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