



Question 21. Apart from tetrahedral geometry, another possible geometry for  $\text{CH}_4$  is square planar with the four H atoms at the corners of the square and the C atom at its centre. Explain why  $\text{CH}_4$  is not square planar?

Answer: According to VSEPR theory, if  $\text{CH}_4$  were square planar, the bond angle would be  $90^\circ$ . For tetrahedral structure, the bond angle is  $109^\circ 28'$ . Therefore, in square planar structure, repulsion between bond pairs would be more and thus the stability will be less.

Question 22. Explain why  $\text{BeH}_2$  molecule has a zero dipole moment although the Be—H bonds are polar.

Answer:

$\text{BeH}_2$  is a linear molecular ( $\text{H—Be—H}$ ), the bond angle =  $180^\circ$ .

Be—H bonds are polar due to difference in their electronegativity but the bond polarities cancel each other. Thus, molecule has resultant dipole moment of zero.

Question 23. Which out of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NF}_3$  has higher dipole moment and why?

Answer:

In  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NF}_3$ , the difference in electronegativity is nearly same but the dipole moment of  $\text{NH}_3$  = (1.46D) For Example,  $\text{NH}_3$  = (0.24D)

In  $\text{NH}_3$ , the dipole moments of the three N—H bonds are in the same direction as the lone pair of electron. But in  $\text{NF}_3$ , the dipole moments of the three N—F bonds are in the direction opposite to that of the lone pair. Therefore, the resultant dipole moment in  $\text{NH}_3$  is more than in  $\text{NF}_3$ .

Question 24. What is meant by hybridisation of atomic orbitals?

Describe the shapes of  $sp$ ,  $sp^2$ ,  $sp^3$  hybrid orbitals.

Answer:

Hybridisation: It is defined as the process of intermixing of atomic orbitals of slightly different energies to give rise to new hybridized orbitals having equivalent energy and identical shapes.

Shapes of Orbitals:

$sp$  hybridisation: When one s-and one p-orbital, intermix then it is called  $sp$ -hybridisation. For example, in  $\text{BeF}_2$ , Be atom undergoes  $sp$ -hybridisation. It has linear shape. Bond angle is  $180^\circ$ .

$sp^2$  hybridisation: One s-and two p-orbitals get hybridised to form three equivalent hybrid orbitals. The three hybrid orbitals directed towards three corners of an equilateral triangle. It is, therefore, known as trigonal hybridisation.

$sp^3$  hybridisation: One s-and three p-orbitals get hybridised to form four equivalent hybrid orbitals. These orbitals are directed towards the four corners of a regular tetrahedron.

Question 25. Describe the change in hybridisation (if any) of the Al atom in the following reaction.  $\text{AlCl}_3 + \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{AlCl}_4^-$ .

Answer: Electronic configuration of  $_{13}\text{Al}$  =

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1 3p_x^1 3p_y^1$  (excited state)

Hence, hybridisation will be  $sp^2$

In  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$ , the empty  $3p_z$  orbital is also involved. So, the hybridisation

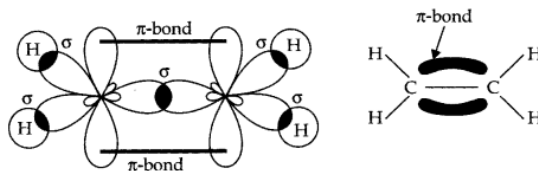
is  $sp^3$  and the shape is tetrahedral.

Question 26. Is there any change in the hybridisation of B and N atoms as a result of the following reaction ?  $BF_3 + NH_3 \longrightarrow F_3B \cdot NH_3$

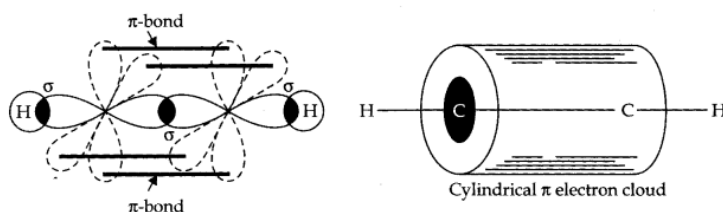
Answer: In  $BF_3$ , B atom is  $sp^2$  hybridised. In  $NH_3$ , N is  $sp^3$  hybridised. After the reaction, hybridisation of B changes from  $sp^2$  to  $sp^3$ .

Question 27. Draw diagrams showing the formation of a double bond and a triple bond between carbon atoms in  $C_2H_4$  and  $C_2H_2$  molecules.

Answer:



*Orbital picture of ethene molecule*



*Orbital picture of ethyne molecule*

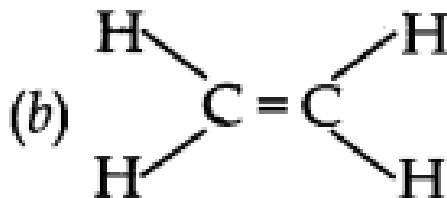
Question 28. What is the total number of sigma and pi bonds in the following molecules?

(a)  $C_2H_2$  (b)  $C_2H_4$

Answer:

(a)  $H-C \equiv C-H$

Sigma bond = 3  $\Pi$  bonds = 2



**Sigma bond = 5**  
 **$\pi$  bonds = 1**

Question 29. Considering X-axis as the internuclear axis which out of the following will not form a sigma bond and why? (a)  $1s$  and  $1s$  (b)  $1s$  and  $2p_x$  (c)  $2p_y$  and  $2p_y$  (d)  $1s$  and  $2s$

Answer: (c) It will not form a  $\sigma$ -bond because taking x-axis as the internuclear axis, there will be lateral overlap between the two  $2p_y$  orbitals forming a  $\Pi$ -bond.

Question 30. Which hybrid orbitals are used by carbon atoms in the following molecules?

(a)  $CH_3-CH_3$

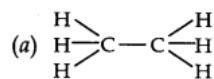
(b)  $CH_3-CH=CH_2$

(c)  $CH_3-CH_2-OH$

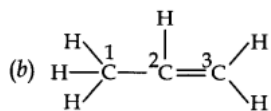
(d)  $CH_3-CHO$

(e)  $CH_3COOH$ .

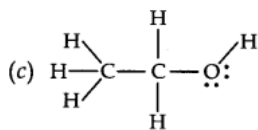
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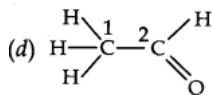
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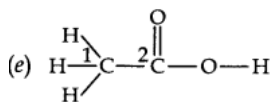
$C_1 = sp^3$ ,  $C_2 = sp^2$ ,  $C_3 = sp^2$



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