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List of 13 Covalent Bonding Formulas

Covalent Bonding

1) Bond Angle between Bond Pair and Lone Pair of Electrons given P Character

$$fx \quad \theta = a \cos \left(\frac{p - 1}{p} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 109.4712^\circ = a \cos \left(\frac{0.75 - 1}{0.75} \right)$$

2) Bond Angle between Bond Pair and Lone Pair of Electrons given S Character

$$fx \quad \theta = a \cos \left(\frac{s}{s - 1} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 109.4712^\circ = a \cos \left(\frac{0.25}{0.25 - 1} \right)$$

3) Bond Order for Molecules Showing Resonance

$$fx \quad B.O. = \frac{b}{n}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.833333 = \frac{11}{6}$$



4) Formal Charge on Atom 

$$\text{fx } \text{FC} = n_{\text{vs}} - \left(\frac{n_{\text{bp}}}{2} \right) - n_{\text{nb}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3 = 7 - \left(\frac{4}{2} \right) - 2$$

5) Fraction of P Character given Bond Angle 

$$\text{fx } p = \frac{1}{1 - \cos(\theta)}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.749734 = \frac{1}{1 - \cos(109.5^\circ)}$$

6) Fraction of S Character given Bond Angle 

$$\text{fx } s = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - 1}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.250266 = \frac{\cos(109.5^\circ)}{\cos(109.5^\circ) - 1}$$

7) Number of Bonding Electrons given Formal Charge 

$$\text{fx } n_{\text{bp}} = (n_{\text{vs}} - \text{FC} - n_{\text{nb}}) \cdot 2$$

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$$\text{ex } 4 = (7 - 3 - 2) \cdot 2$$



8) Number of Nonbonding Electrons given Formal Charge 

$$\text{fx } n_{\text{nb}} = n_{\text{vs}} - \left(\frac{n_{\text{bp}}}{2} \right) - \text{FC}$$

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$$\text{ex } 2 = 7 - \left(\frac{4}{2} \right) - 3$$

9) Number of Valence Electrons given Formal Charge 

$$\text{fx } n_{\text{vs}} = \text{FC} + \left(\frac{n_{\text{bp}}}{2} \right) + n_{\text{nb}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 7 = 3 + \left(\frac{4}{2} \right) + 2$$

10) Percentage of P Character given Bond Angle 

$$\text{fx } \% p = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \cos(\theta)} \right) \cdot 100$$

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$$\text{ex } 74.97337 = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \cos(109.5^\circ)} \right) \cdot 100$$


11) Percentage of S Character given Bond Angle 

$$\text{fx } \% s = \left(\frac{\cos(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - 1} \right) \cdot 100$$

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$$\text{ex } 25.02663 = \left(\frac{\cos(109.5^\circ)}{\cos(109.5^\circ) - 1} \right) \cdot 100$$



12) Total Number of Bonds between all Structures given Bond Order 

$$fx \quad b = B.O. \cdot n$$

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$$ex \quad 10.998 = 1.833 \cdot 6$$

13) Total Number of Resonating Structures given Bond Order 

$$fx \quad n = \frac{b}{B.O.}$$

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$$ex \quad 6.001091 = \frac{11}{1.833}$$




Variables Used

- **% p** Percentage of P-Character
- **% s** Percentage of S-Character
- **b** Total no. of Bonds between Two Atoms
- **B.O.** Bond Order for Molecules Showing Resonance
- **FC** Formal Charge
- **n** No. of Resonating Structures
- **n_{bp}** No. of Bonding Pair Electrons
- **n_{nb}** No. of Non-Bonding Pair Electrons
- **n_{vs}** No. of Valence Shell Electrons
- **p** Fraction of P-Character
- **s** Fraction of S-Character
- **θ** Bond Angle between Bond Pair and Lone Pair (*Degree*)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **acos**, $\text{acos}(\text{Number})$
Inverse trigonometric cosine function
- **Function:** **cos**, $\text{cos}(\text{Angle})$
Trigonometric cosine function
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree ($^{\circ}$)
Angle Unit Conversion 



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