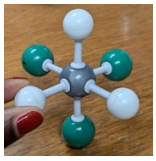
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In-Class Activity – Point Groups and Symmetry Species

Description:

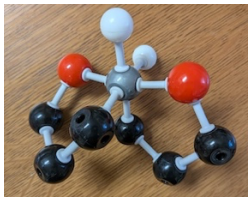
In groups of 2-3, you will rotate among several molecular models, orbital representations, and random objects. At each station, you will determine either the point group of a molecule or the symmetry species (irreps) of a central orbital or object using a specified molecular point group and provided character table (missing the linear and quadratic functions). You can take ~ 5 min at each station.

Station 1



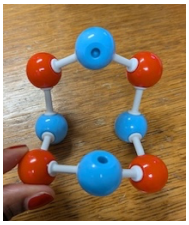
i. The molecule has symmetry elements _____.
ii. It belongs to point group _____.

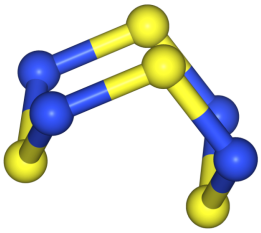
Station 2



i. The molecule has symmetry elements _____.
ii. It belongs to point group _____.

Station 3





i. The molecule has symmetry elements _____.
ii. It belongs to point group _____.

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Station 4

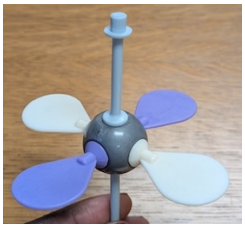


D_{3h}	E	$2C_3$	$3C_2$	σ_h	$2S_3$	$3\sigma_v$
A_1'	1	1	1	1	1	1
A_2'	1	1	-1	1	1	-1
E'	2	-1	0	2	-1	0
A_1''	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1
A_2''	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1
E''	2	-1	0	-2	1	0

The orbital of the central atom of a D_{3h} molecule:

i. It is a _____ orbital.
ii. Its symmetry species is _____.

Station 5

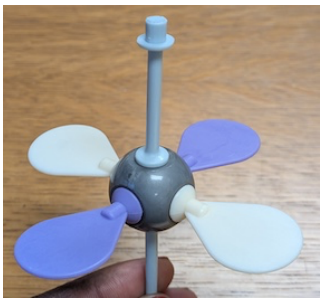


C_{4v}	E	$2C_4$	C_2	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
A_1	1	1	1	1	1
A_2	1	1	1	-1	-1
B_1	1	-1	1	1	-1
B_2	1	-1	1	-1	1
E	2	0	-2	0	0

The orbital of the central atom of a C_{4v} molecule. The bonds represent the z-axis, and the lobes are ***on*** the x- and y-axes.

i. It is a _____ orbital
ii. Its symmetry species is _____.

Station 6



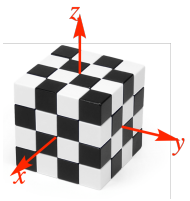
D_{4h}	E	$2C_4$	C_2	$2C_2'$	$2C_2''$	i	$2S_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
A_{1g}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A_{2g}	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1
B_{1g}	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1
B_{2g}	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1
E_g	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0
A_{1u}	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
A_{2u}	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
B_{1u}	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1
B_{2u}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
E_u	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0

The orbital of the central atom of a D_{4h} molecule. The bonds represent the z-axis, and the lobes are ***inbetween*** the x- and y-axes.

i. It is a _____ orbital
ii. Its symmetry species is _____.

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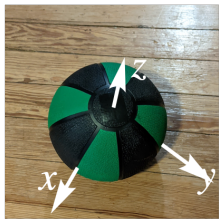
Station 7



C_{2v}	E	C_2	$\sigma_v(xz)$	$\sigma_v(yz)$
A_1	1	1	1	1
A_2	1	1	-1	-1
B_1	1	-1	1	-1
B_2	1	-1	-1	1

The symmetry of this object in the C_{2v} point group is _____.

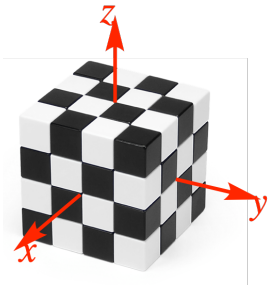
Station 8



C_{4v}	E	$2C_4$	C_2	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
A_1	1	1	1	1	1
A_2	1	1	1	-1	-1
B_1	1	-1	1	1	-1
B_2	1	-1	1	-1	1
E	2	0	-2	0	0

The symmetry of this object in the C_{4v} point group is _____.

Station 9



D_{4h}	E	$2C_4$	C_2	$2C_2'$	$2C_2''$	i	$2S_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
A_{1g}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A_{2g}	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1
B_{1g}	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1
B_{2g}	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1
E_g	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0
A_{1u}	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
A_{2u}	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
B_{1u}	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1
B_{2u}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
E_u	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0

The symmetry of this object in the C_{2v} point group is _____.