

# GROUP THEORY

10-14 Marks

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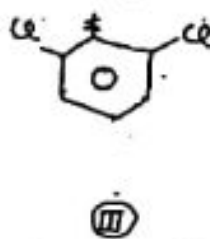
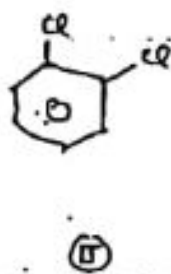
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Symmetry :- Regular arrangements of atoms or groups in a molecule or an object is called symmetry.

→ Quantitative

Mathematical study of symmetry is Group Theory.

e.g.



Symmetry order:  $I > II = III$

Symmetry  $\propto$  No. of Operation

→ To quantify the amount of symmetry in an object or a molecule, we need to describe:

(i) Elements of symmetry (ii) operation

Elements of symmetry :- Geometrical entities like axis, point, plane that can be used as a tool to analyse the symmetric properties of an object or a molecule.

Operation :- The process that used upon elements of sym. is defined as operation.

## Elements of symmetry

## Operation

- 1) Axis of symmetry ( $C_n$ )
- 2) Plane of symmetry ( $\sigma$ )
- 3) Improper axis ( $S_n$ ),  $n=3, 4, \dots$
- 4) Inversion ( $i = S_2$ )
- 5) Identity ( $E$ )

Rotations  
Reflection/Bisection  
Roto-reflection  
Invert (complete rotation)  
Nothing

1) Axis of Symmetry: Imaginary axis passing through an object or molecule rotation on which by  $\theta$  degree produces equivalent orientation.  
It is denoted by  $C_n$  where  $n$  is order of axis.  
$$n = \frac{360^\circ}{\theta}$$

(a)  $\theta = 360^\circ$ ,  $n = 1$

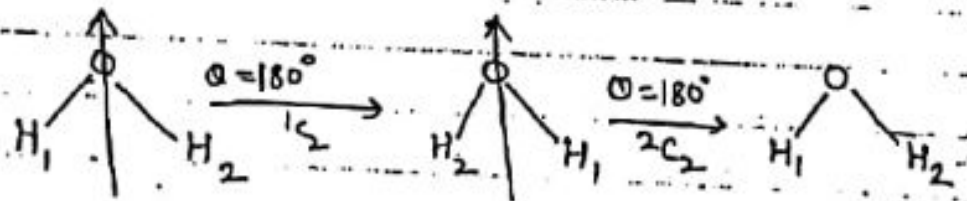
(b)  $\theta = 180^\circ$ ,  $n = 2$

(c)  $\theta = 120^\circ$ ,  $n = 3$

(d)  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ,  $n = 4$

### Examples:

→ (a)  $H_2O$



Initial orientation

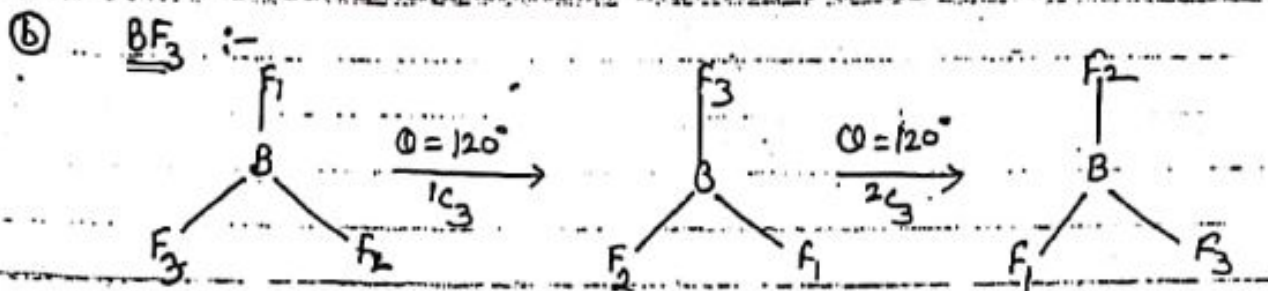
Equivalent orientation

Identical orientation

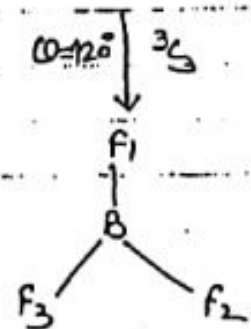
→ No. of operation / No. of equivalent orientation =  $n - 1$

→ Water molecule contains 1  $C_2$  axis passing through oxygen atom & interchanging  $H_1$  &  $H_2$

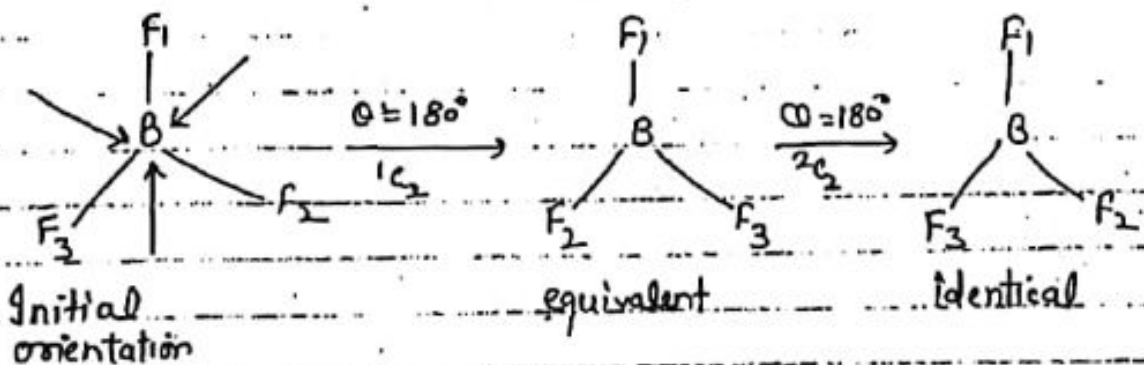
$M_{C_n} \rightarrow 'M'$  times ' $n$ -fold rotation



$C_3 = 3 - 1 = 2$   
 No. of operations / No. of equivalent orientations = 2



$\rightarrow$  BF<sub>3</sub> molecule contains one C<sub>3</sub> axis passing through B-atom  $\perp$  to triangular plane & interchanging all three 'F' i.e. F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub> with each other.



$\rightarrow$  BF<sub>3</sub> molecule contains three C<sub>2</sub>-axis passing through each B-F bond & interchanging other two F's with each other.

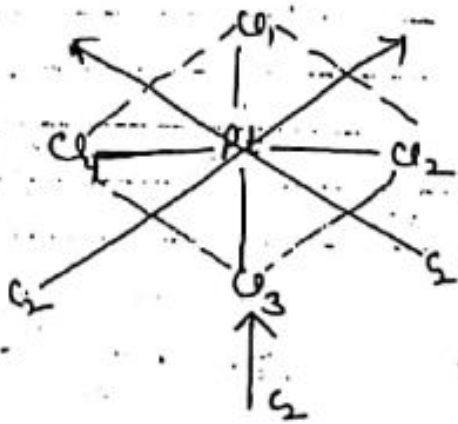
No. of operations w.r.t axis in BF<sub>3</sub>

$$E_3 \approx 2$$

$$3C_2 \approx 3(2-1) = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{Total operations} = 2 + 3 = 5$$

(c)  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$  :- square planar.



(i) one  $C_4$  axis passing through 'Pt' atom,  $\perp$  to square plane and interchanging  $Cl_1, Cl_2, Cl_3, Cl_4$  with each other

(ii) 1st  $C_2$  passing through  $Cl_1-Pt-Cl_3$  bond & interchanging  $Cl_2$  with  $Cl_4$ .

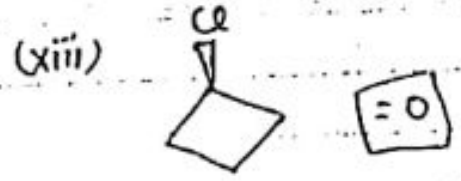
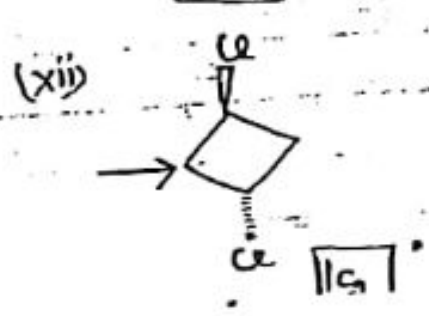
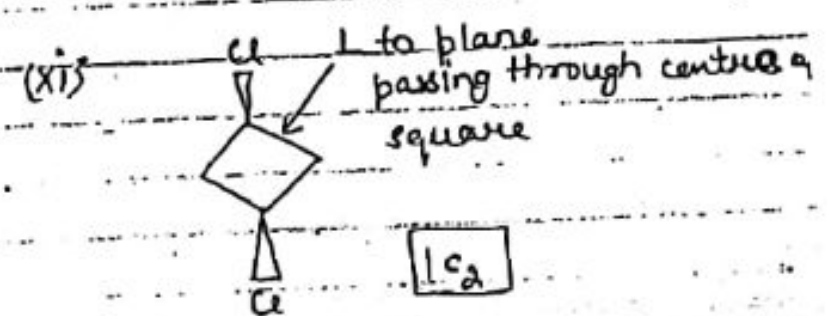
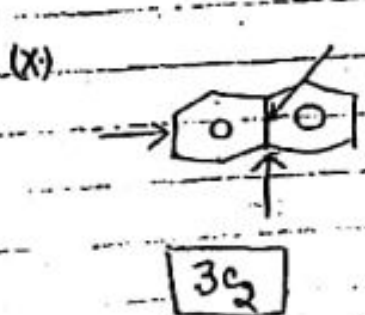
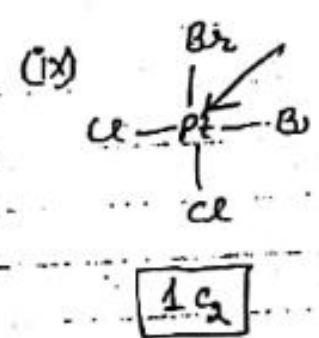
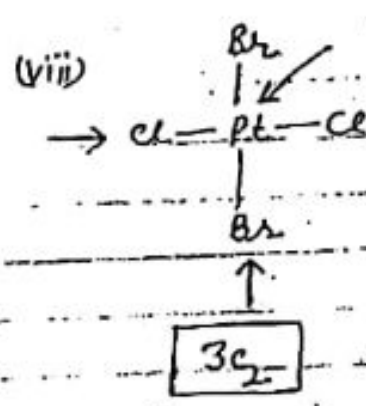
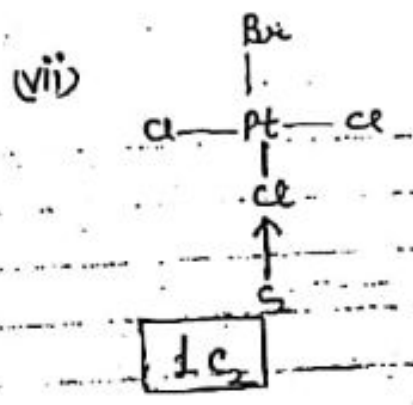
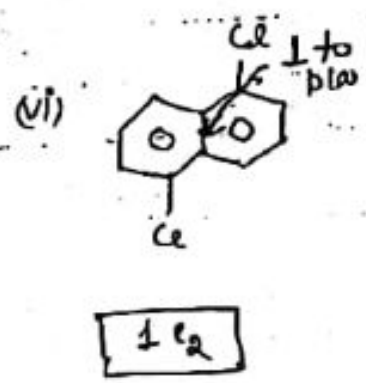
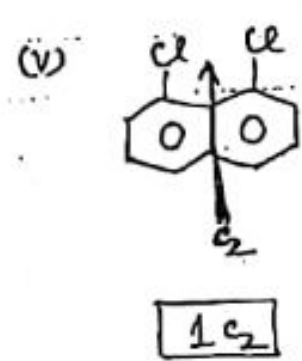
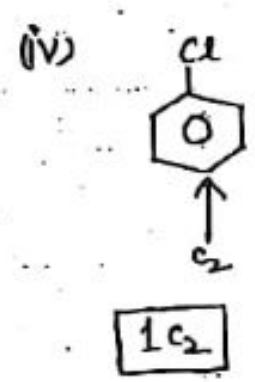
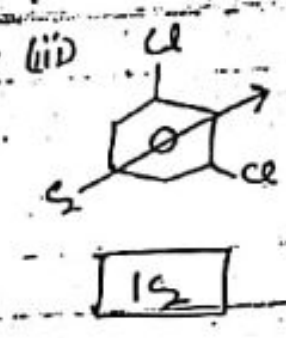
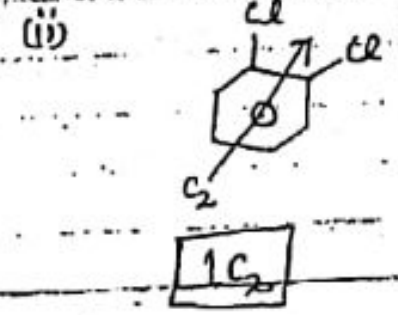
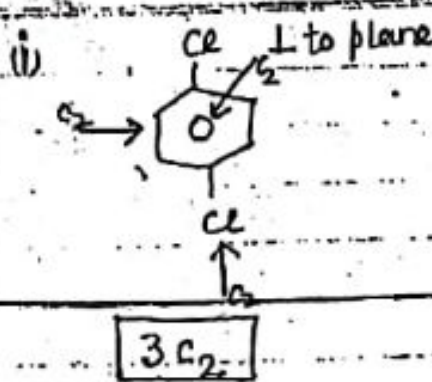
(iii) 2nd  $C_2$  passing through  $Cl_2-Pt-Cl_4$  bond & interchanging  $Cl_1$  &  $Cl_3$ .

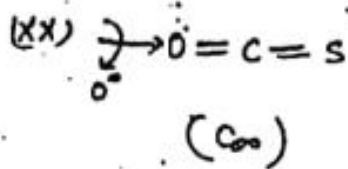
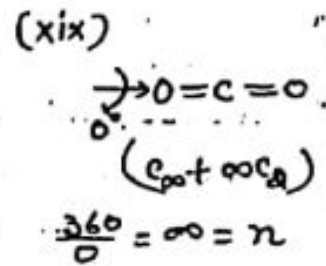
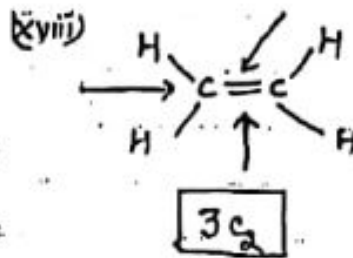
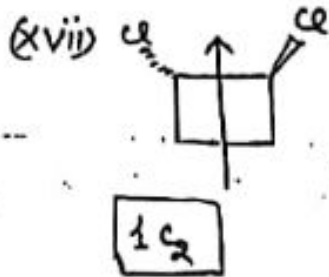
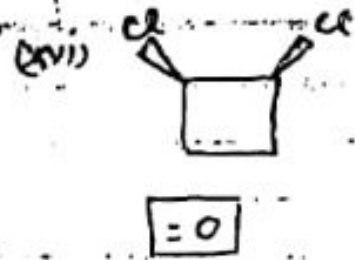
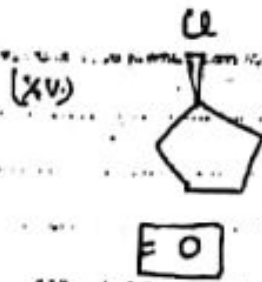
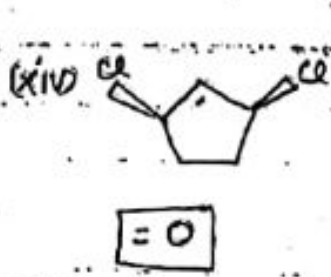
(iv) 3rd  $C_2$  passing through 'Pt' & interchanging  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$  &  $Cl_3$  with  $Cl_4$ .

(v) 4th  $C_2$  passing through 'Pt' & interchanging  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_4$  &  $Cl_2$  with  $Cl_3$ .

\* No. of Operations w.r.t. axis in  $PtCl_4$  are 7.

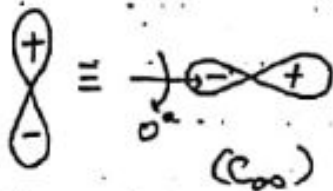
[ $\therefore 1C_4, 2C_4, 3C_4, 1C_2, 2C_2, 3C_2, 4C_2$  as  $4C_2$  is identity]





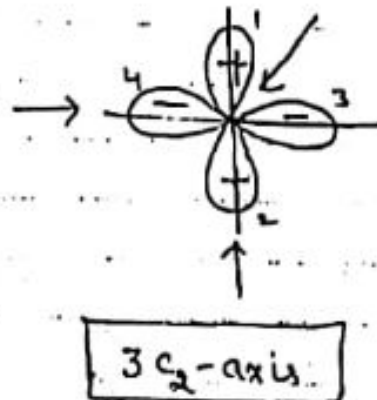
NOTE:- If we introduce  $O^B$  in  $CO_2$  [one 'O' atom], then what will be required axis of rotation?   
  $\rightarrow$  Only  $C_{\infty}$ ,  $C_2$  axis will vanish.

(xi) p-orbital:-

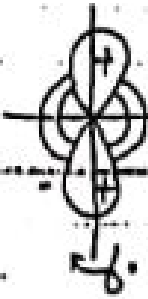


$\therefore$  On applying  $C_2$  axis, +ve lobe change to -ve lobe.]

(xii)  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ :-

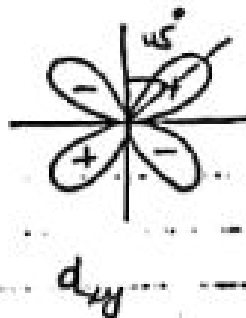
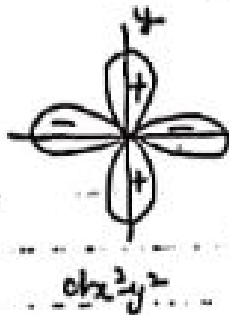


(xiii)  $d_{z^2}$



$(C_{\infty} + \infty C_2)$

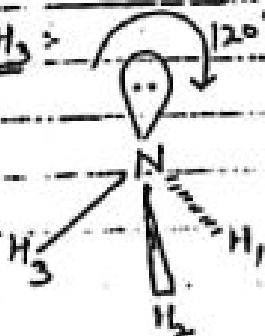
Q: No. of operations w.r.t.  $C_n$  axis are \_\_\_\_\_  
 $d_{x^2-y^2} \xrightarrow{C_n} d_{xy}$



i.e.  $\theta = 45^\circ$   
 $n = \frac{360^\circ}{45} = 8$

No. of operations =  $8 - 1 = 7$

(xiv)  $NH_3$



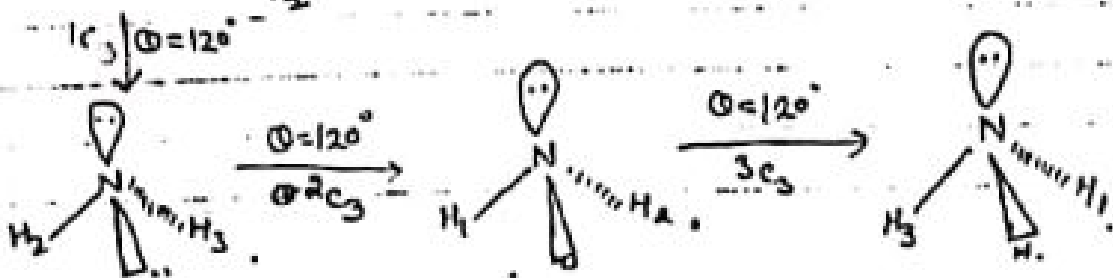
Bond angle in  $NH_3 = 107^\circ$

But angle of  $107^\circ \approx 120^\circ$

2 equivalent orientation

$\therefore n = 3$

$NH_3$  has one  $C_3$  axis

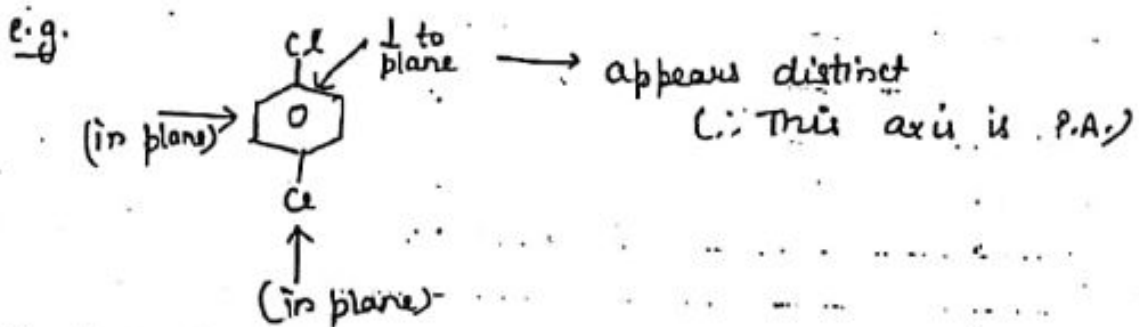


## ★ Classification of axis :-

1) Principal axis :- Axis of highest order is defined as principal axis.

2) Subsidiary axis :- Axis other than principal axis is defined as subsidiary axis.

Note:- If order of all axis are same, then axis which appears distinct from others will be P.A.

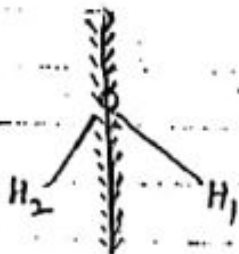


## ★ PLANE OF SYMMETRY :-

Imaginary plane passing through bi-an object or a molecule which bisects the molecule in two equal halves is called 'Plane of Symmetry'.

e.g.

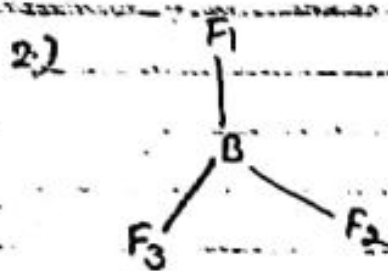
1)



2)

→ Plane bisects O & replaces  $H_1$  &  $H_2$   
→ Plane bisecting the molecule



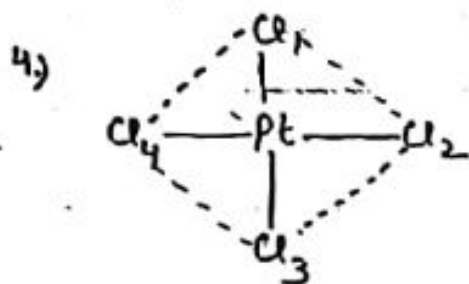


4σ



3σ

No molecular plane



→ Plane bisecting  $Cl_1-Pt-Cl_3$  & reflecting  $Cl_2$  with  $Cl_4$   
 → " "  $Cl_2-Pt-Cl_4$  & reflecting  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_3$ .

→ Plane bisecting Pt only &

reflecting  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_4$  &  $Cl_2$  with  $Cl_3$ .

→ Plane bisecting Pt only & reflecting  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$  and  $Cl_3$  with  $Cl_4$ .

→ Molecular plane.

⇒ Classification of Plane :- Planes are classified on the basis of principal axis.

1.) Vertical Plane ( $\sigma_v$ ) :- The plane which is  $\parallel$  to principal axis, is called vertical plane.

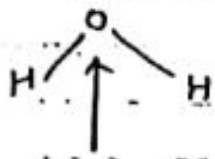
2.) Horizontal Plane ( $\sigma_h$ ) :- The plane which is  $\perp$  to principal axis is called Horizontal plane.

3.) Dihedral Plane ( $\sigma_d$ ) :- It is  $\parallel$  to principal axis] mu

\* Plane bisecting minimum no. of atoms.

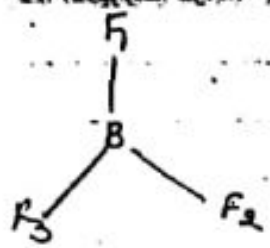
\* Plane bisecting angle b/w two  $C_2$ -axis.

Ex. (1)  $H_2O$



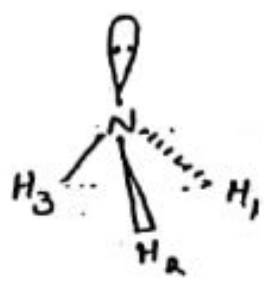
$(C_2 + 2\sigma_v)$

(2)  $BF_3$



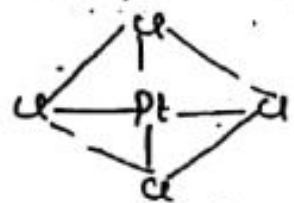
$(C_3 + 3C_2 + 3\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h)$

(3)  $NH_3$



$(C_3 + 3\sigma_v)$

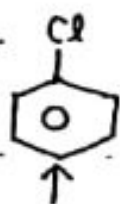
(4)  $PtCl_4$



P.A. =  $C_4$

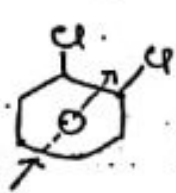
$(C_4 + 4C_2 + 4\sigma_v + \sigma_h)$

(5)



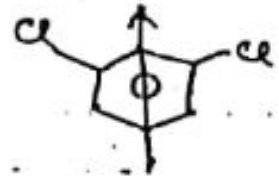
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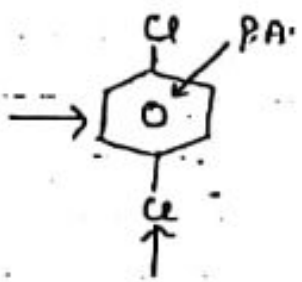
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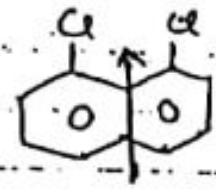
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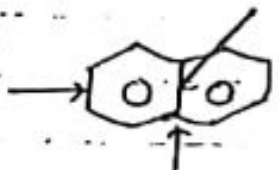
$(C_2 + 2C_2 + 2\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h)$

(9)



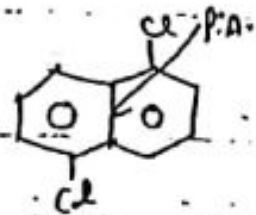
$(C_2 + 2\sigma_v)$

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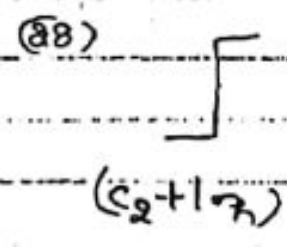
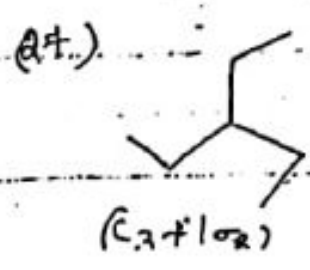
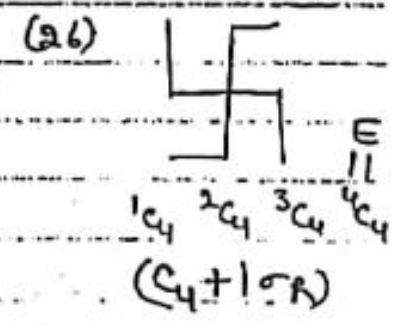
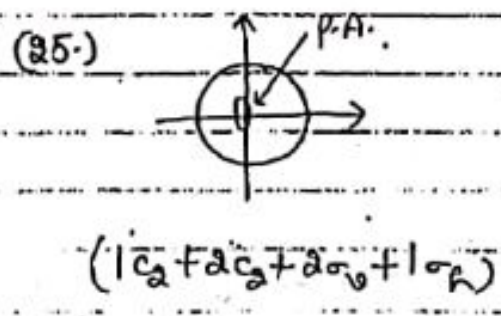
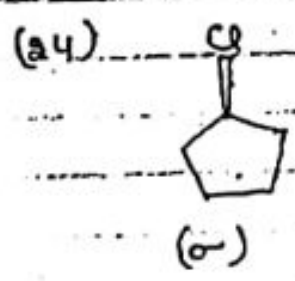
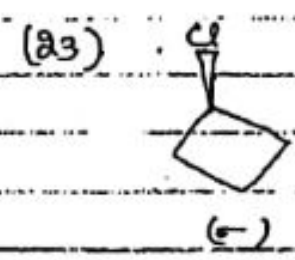
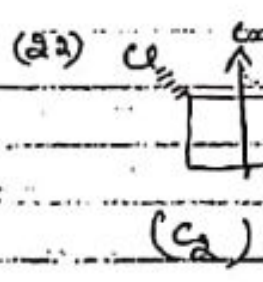
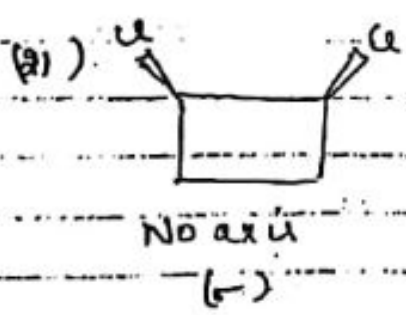
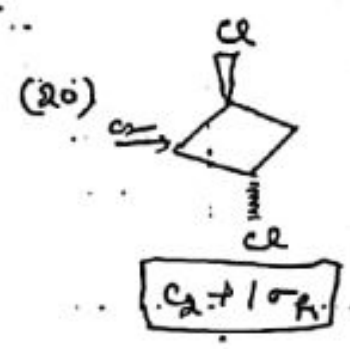
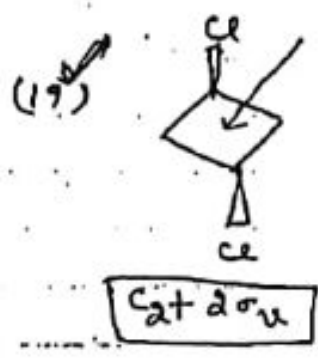
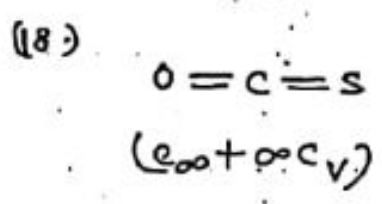
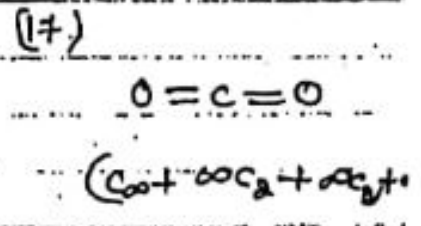
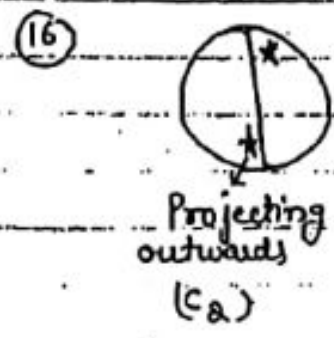
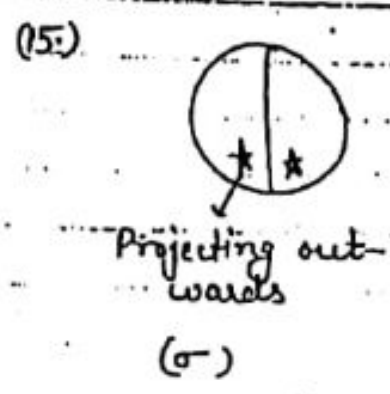
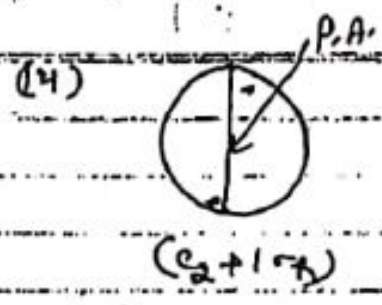
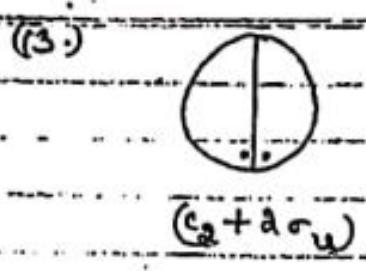
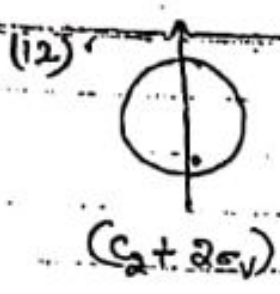


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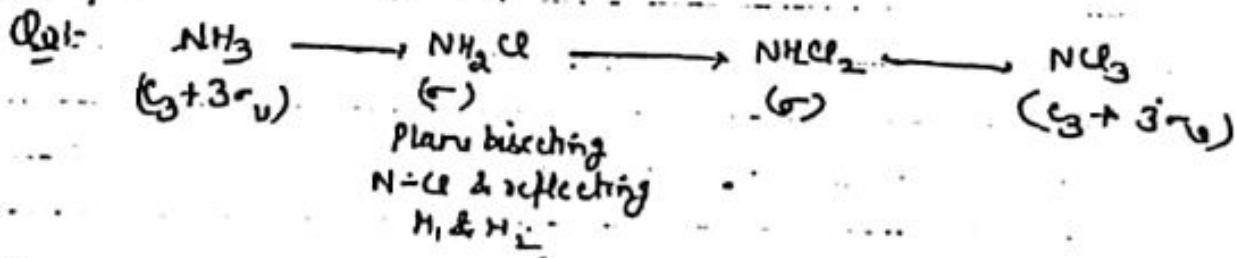
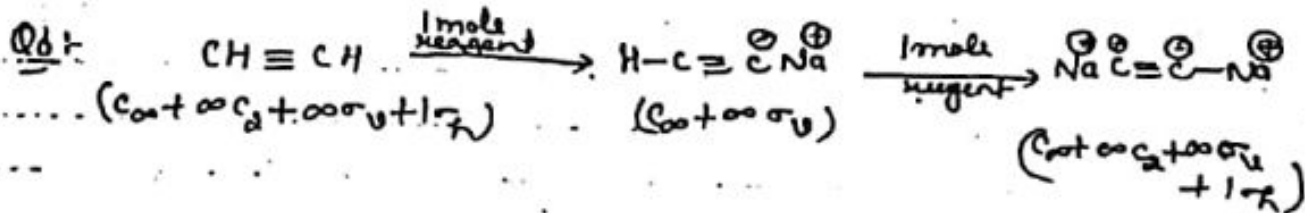
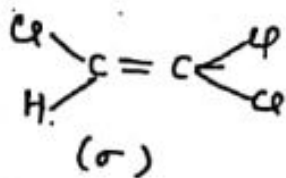
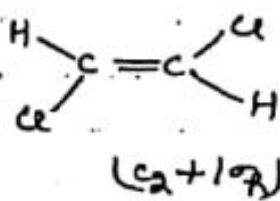
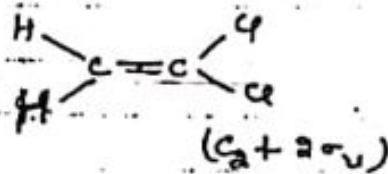
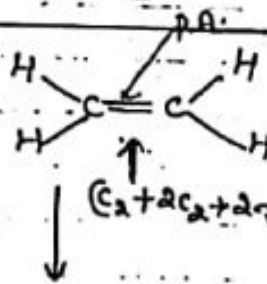
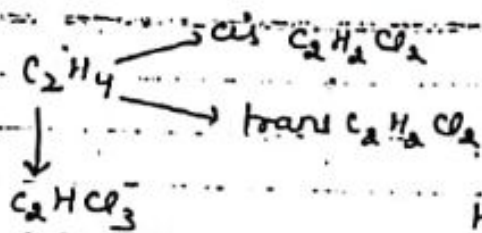
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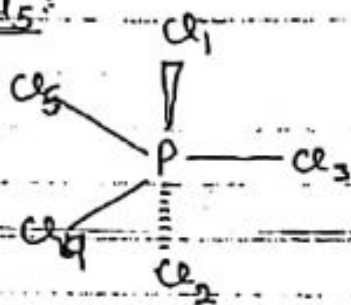
$(C_2 + 1\sigma_v)$



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30)  $PCl_5$ :



$\Rightarrow$  1  $C_3$  axis passing through  $Cl_1-P-Cl_2$  bond and interchanging  $Cl_3, Cl_4, Cl_5$  among themselves.

$\Rightarrow$  1st  $C_2$  axis passing through  $P-Cl_3$  bond and interchanging  $Cl_4$  with  $Cl_5$  &  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$ .

$\Rightarrow$  2nd  $C_2$  axis passing through  $P-Cl_4$  bond & interchanging  $Cl_3$  with  $Cl_5$  &  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$ .

$\Rightarrow$  3rd  $C_2$  axis passing through  $P-Cl_5$  bond & interchanging

$Cl_3$  with  $Cl_4$  &  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Plane  $\sigma_h$  bisecting  $P, Cl_1, Cl_2, Cl_3$  and reflecting  $Cl_4$  with  $Cl_5$ .

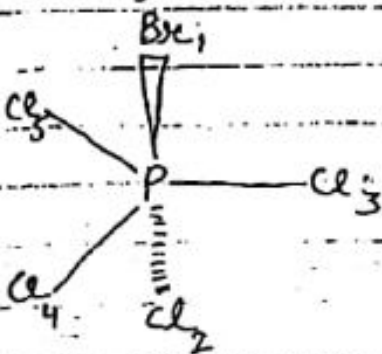
$\Rightarrow$  2nd  $\sigma_v$  bisecting  $P, Cl_1, Cl_2, Cl_4$  & reflecting  $Cl_3$  with  $Cl_5$ .

$\Rightarrow$  3rd  $\sigma_v$  bisecting  $P, Cl_1, Cl_2, Cl_5$  & reflecting  $Cl_3$  with  $Cl_4$ .

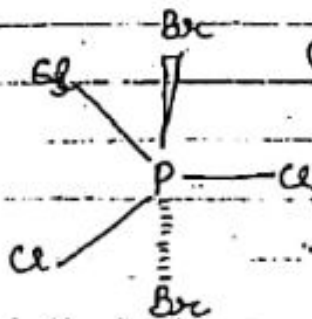
$\Rightarrow$  4th  $\sigma_v$  bisecting  $P, Cl_3, Cl_4, Cl_5$  & reflecting  $Cl_1$  with  $Cl_2$ .

$$C_3 + 3C_2 + 3\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h$$

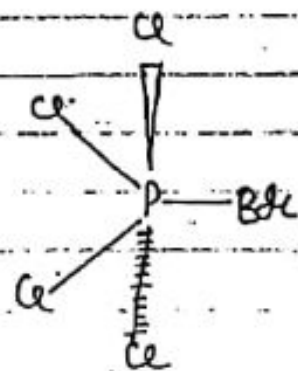
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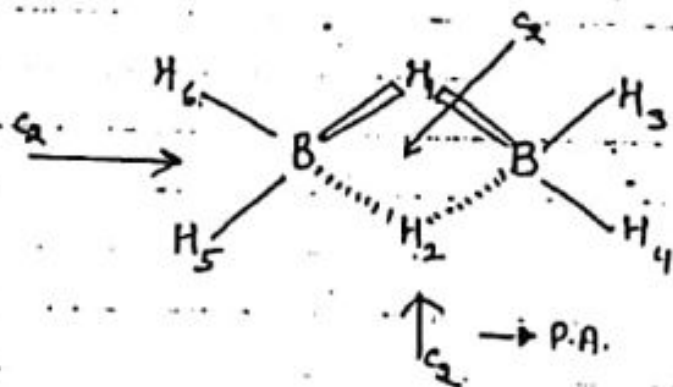
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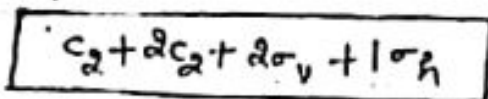
Substitution	Elements remain	Elements vanished
1. One axial Cl in $PCl_5$ is replaced by Br.	$C_3 + 3\sigma_v$	$3C_2 + 1\sigma_h$
2. Both axial Cl are replaced by Br.	$C_3 + 3C_2 + 3\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h$	Nothing
3. One equatorial Cl is replaced by Br.	(P.A.) $C_2 + \sigma_u + \sigma_v$ ( $\because \sigma_h \rightarrow \sigma_v$ )	$C_3 + 2C_2 + 2\sigma_v$
4. One axial Cl is replaced by Br & one equatorial Cl is replaced by Br.	$\sigma$	$C_3 + 3C_2 + 2\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h$
5. One axial is replaced F and one equatorial Cl is replaced by Br.	$\sigma$	$C_3 + 3C_2 + 2\sigma_v + 1\sigma_h$

Q6: Draw the structure of  $B_2H_6$  and find out all axis and plane of symmetry.

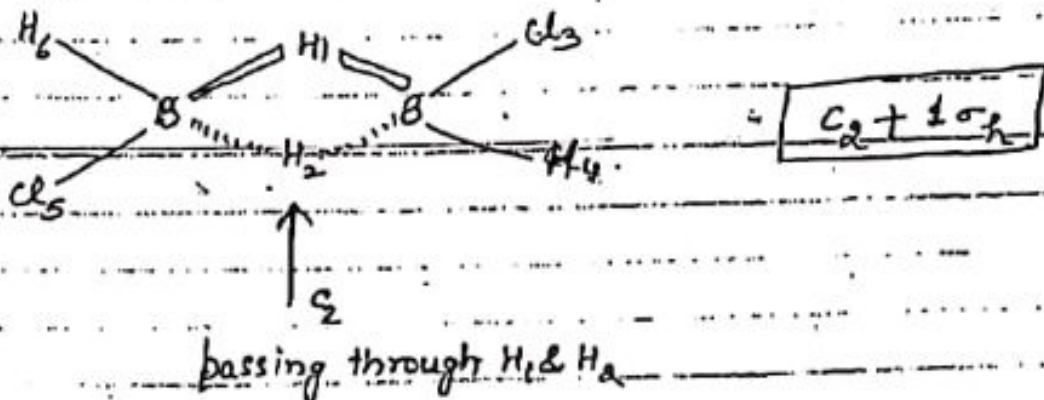
Ans:



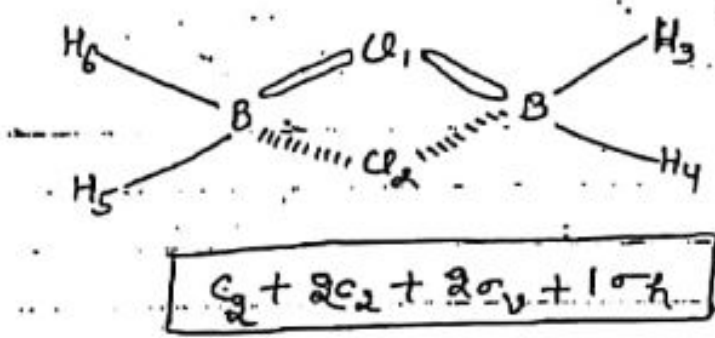
$\sigma_v$  via  $H_1$  &  $H_2$   
 $\sigma_u$  via B, B.



1.  $\Rightarrow$   $H_3$  is replaced by  $Cl_3$  &  $H_5$  with  $Cl_5$ .



2.  $\Rightarrow$   $H_1$  &  $H_2$  are replaced by  $Cl$ .



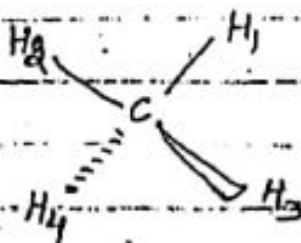
IMPROPER AXIS :-  $(S_n)$  :-  $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$   
 Imaginary axis notation on which by  $n$  degree followed by  $\perp$  reflection produces equivalent orientation.

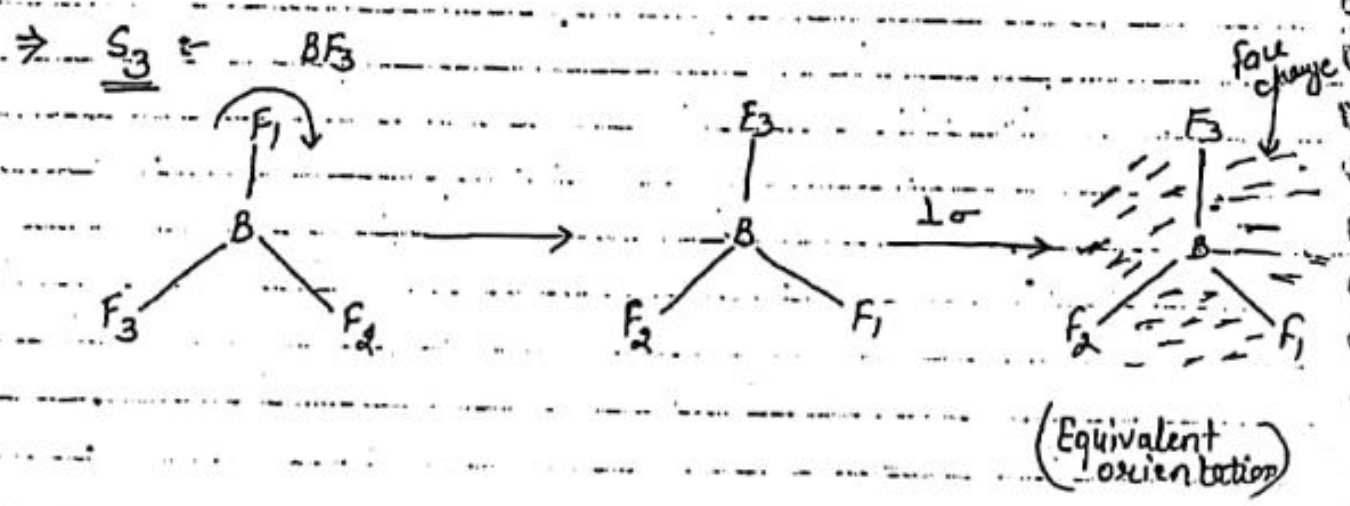
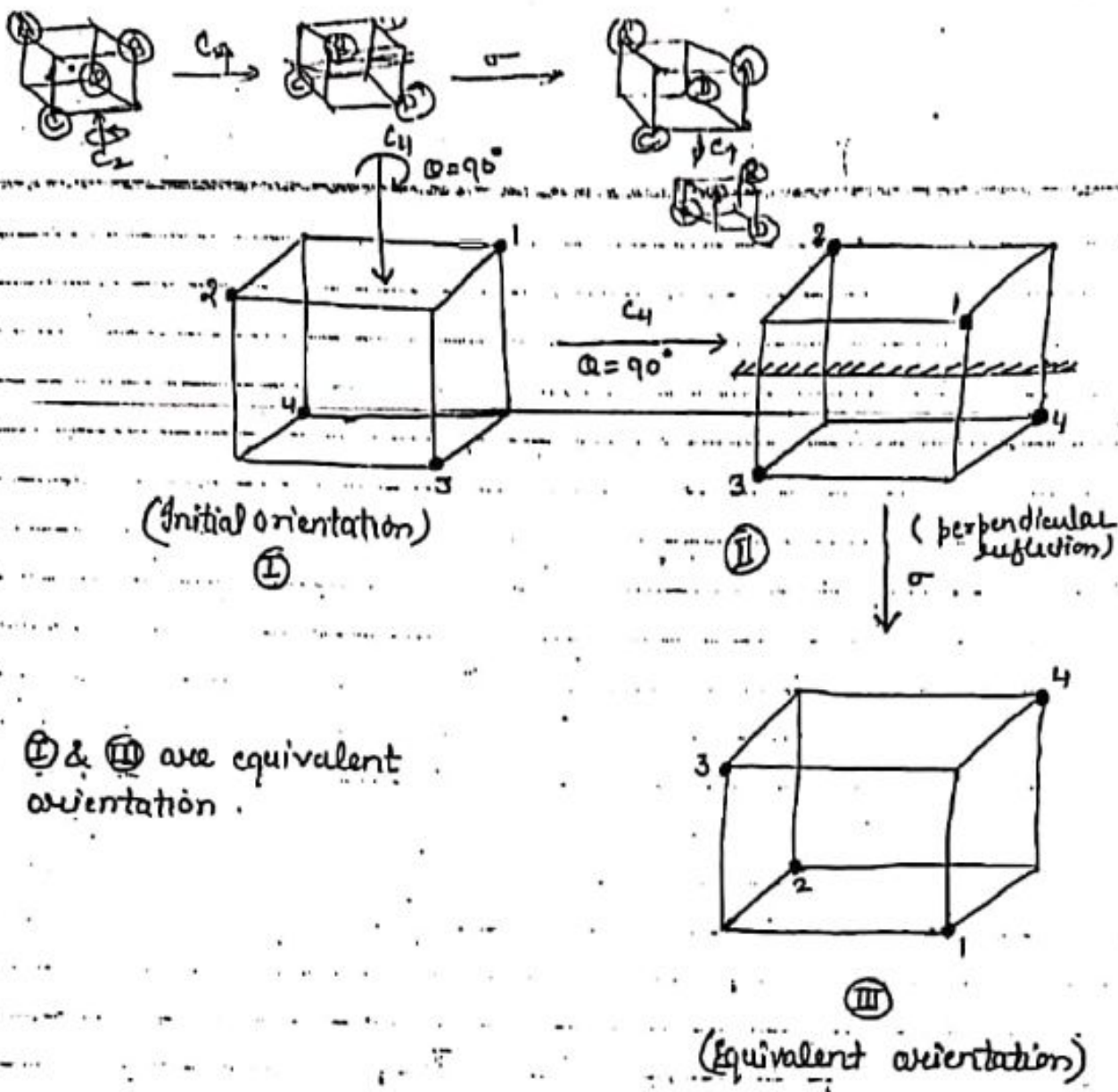
$$S_3 = C_3 + \perp \text{ plane}$$

$$S_4 = C_4 + \perp \text{ plane}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $S_4$  :-

$CH_4$





★ INVERSION CENTRE  $\approx (i \approx S_2)$

Imaginary point within the molecule which can invert all the atoms to