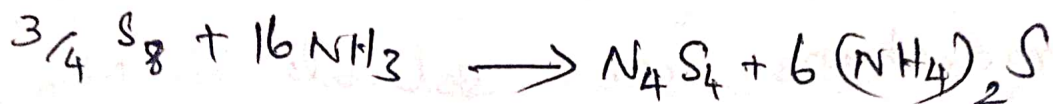


Liq.  $\text{NH}_3$ :

- \* M.P. & <sup>B.P</sup>  $\text{NH}_3$  are abnormal. with respect to  $\text{PH}_3$ ,  $\text{AsH}_3$  &  $\text{SbH}_3$
- \* f.p. & b.p are lower than those of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- \* dielectric constant = 22 water (78.5)
- \* Hydrocarbons are soluble in  $\text{NH}_3$ .
- \* nitrates, thiocyanates, perchlorates, & most cyanides are soluble in  $\text{NH}_3$ .
- \* oxides, hydroxides, sulphates, carbonates, phosphates, sulphites and most sulphides are insoluble.
- \* general order of solubilities of halides in  $\text{NH}_3$   $\text{I}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{Cl}^-$
- \* most iodides are soluble
- \* bromides are less soluble
- \* most of the ammon. salts such as  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})$  are soluble
- \* All metal oxides, except those of alkali metals, are insoluble.  $\text{LiNH}_2$  is also insoluble.

\* alcohols, halogen compounds, ketones, esters, simple ethers & phenols and its derivatives are soluble

\* non-metals (P, S, I) dissolve in  $\text{NH}_3$ .



### Advantages:

\* without reacting dissolves alkali-metals. The dissolved alkali metals can be recovered from  $\text{NH}_3$  by evaporation.

\*  $\text{NH}_3$  has lesser tendency than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to undergo solvolysis ~~rxns~~ with solutes.

### Disadvantages:

\* b.p of  $\text{NH}_3$  is  $-33.5^\circ\text{C}$

\* lower temperature is maintained

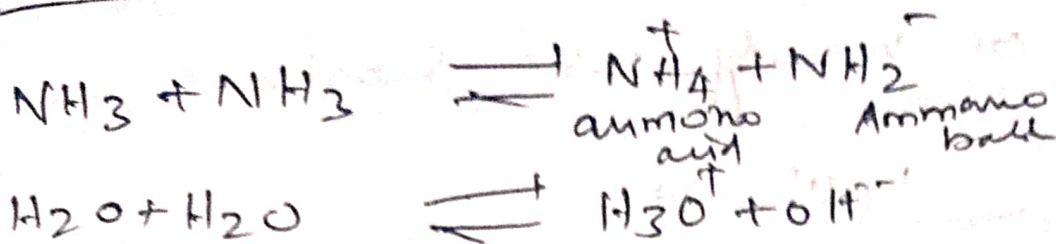
\* high pressure are to be avoided.

\* It is used as solvent required elaborate equipment & special techniques are to be used.

\* Due to the hygroscopic nature of  $\text{NH}_3$ , rxns are done in sealed tubes, so as not allow

Contact with moisture.

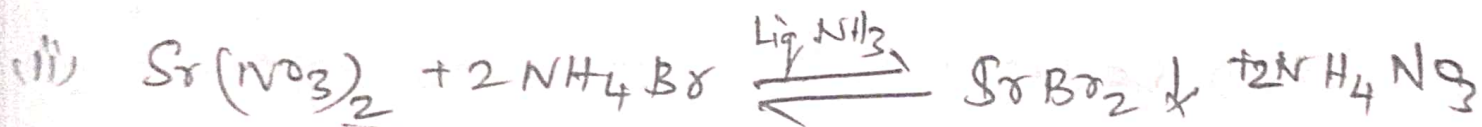
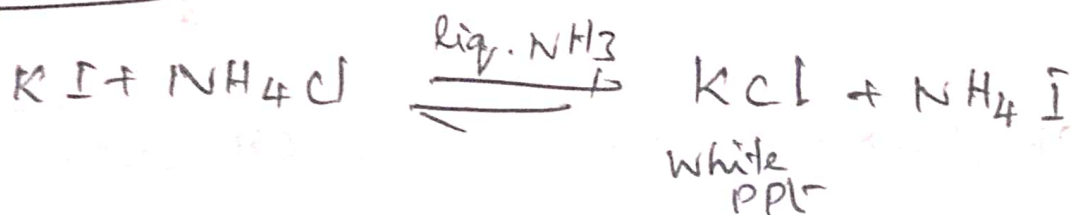
Auto ionisation:



Undergo auto ionisation similar to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
but lesser extent than  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

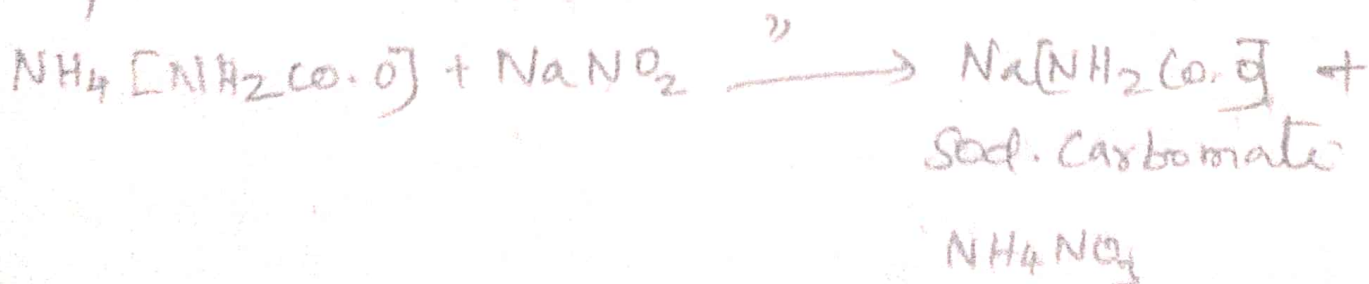
Chemical rxns:

i) metathetical or precipitation rxns



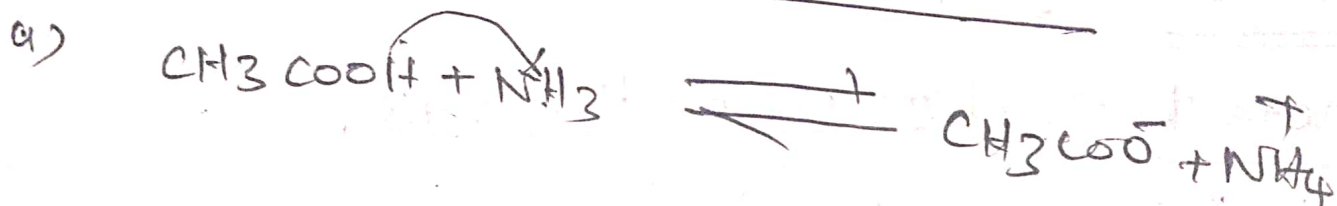
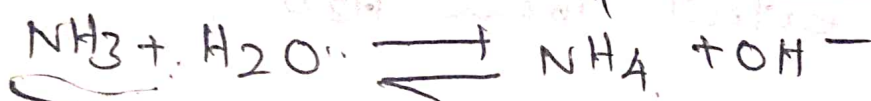
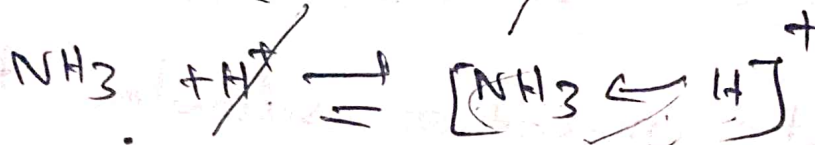
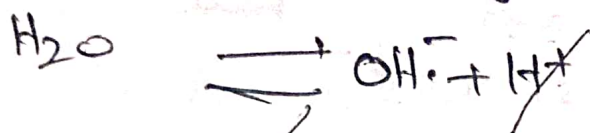
(iii) Sodium carbamate is precipitated in

liq.  $\text{NH}_3$

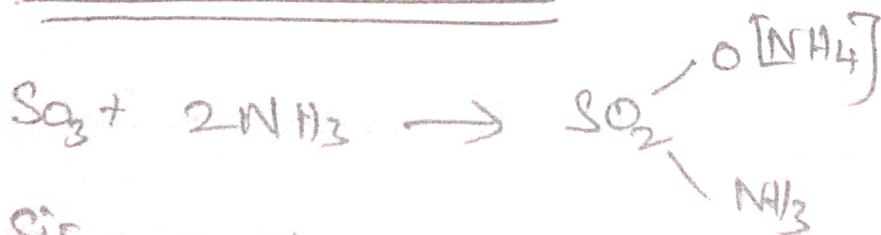


## 2) Ammonia as proton acceptor:

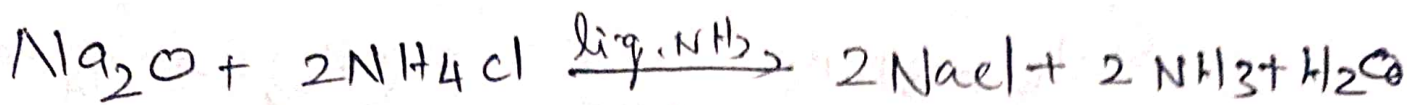
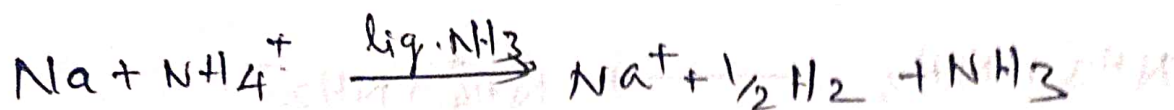
Strong tendency to pick up  $H^+$  from neutral or weakly basic substances.



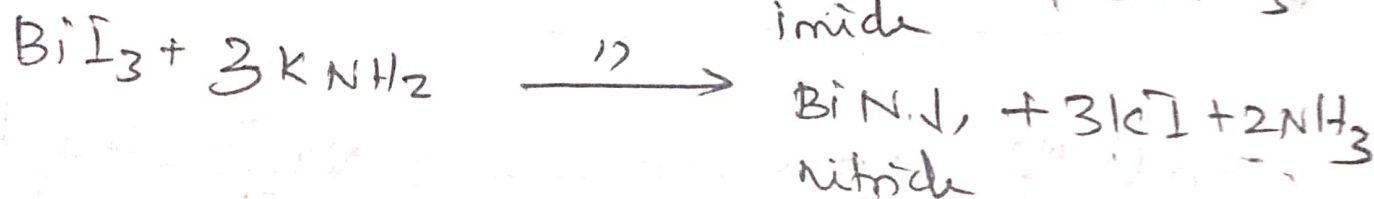
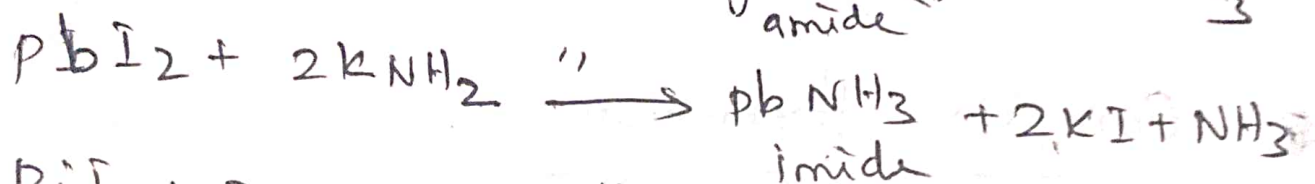
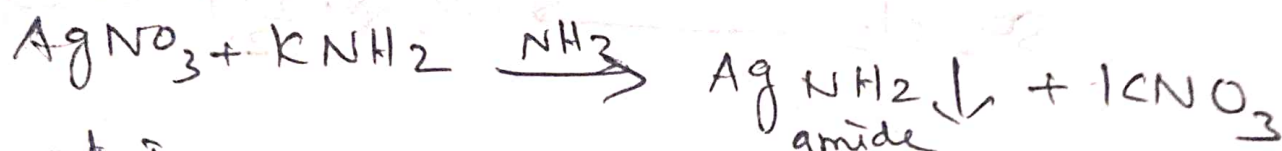
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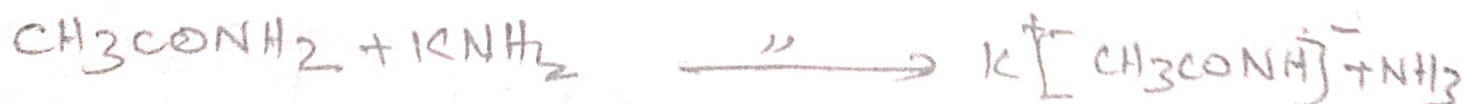
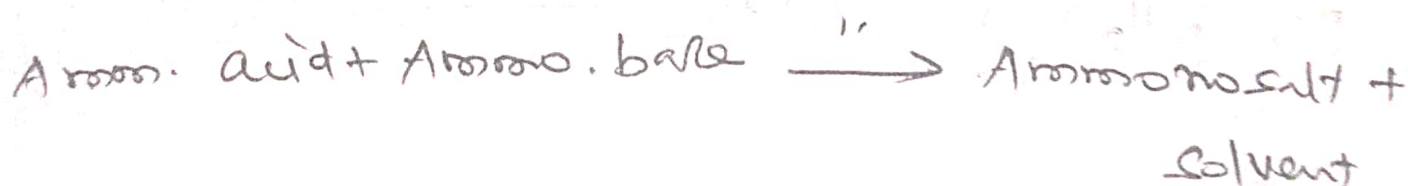
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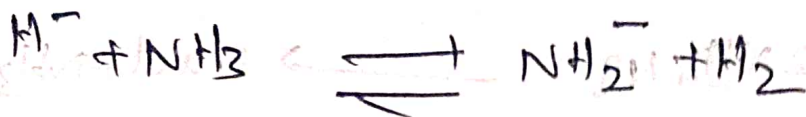
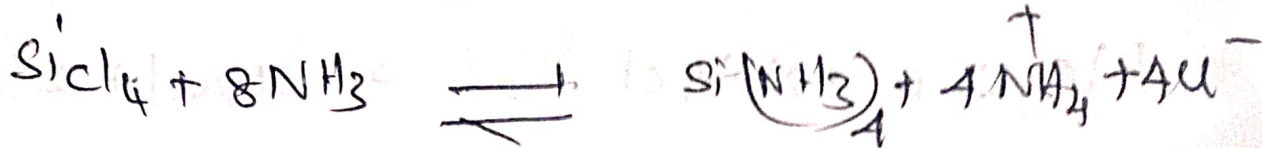
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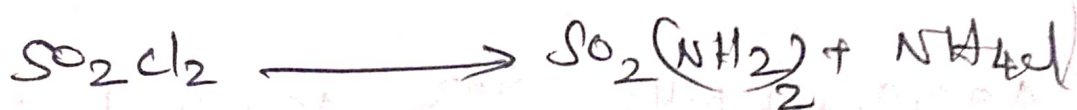
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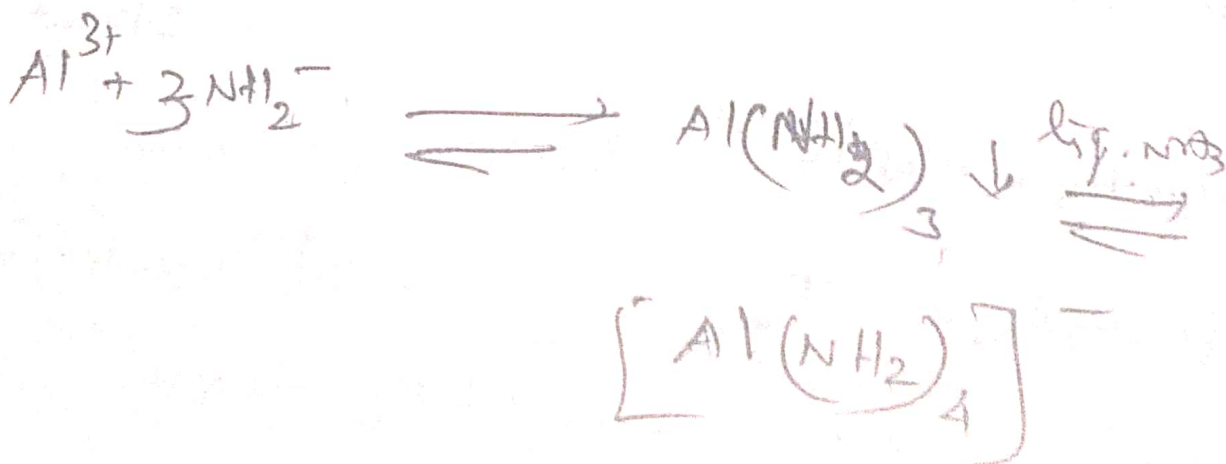
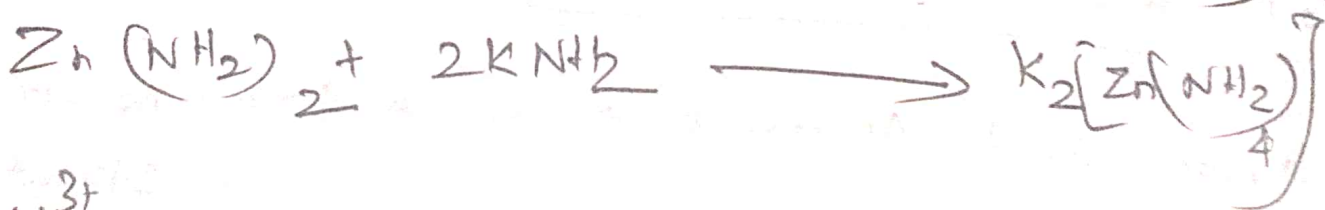
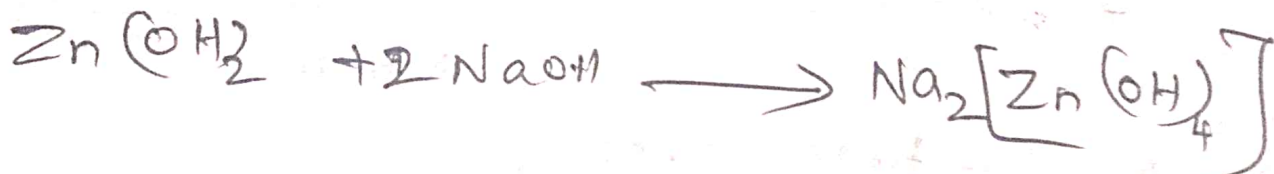
(1) Ammonolytic rxns:



~~ammonolysis~~



(2) Complex formation:



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## Lewis concept for acids & bases :

- \* It explains  $e^-$  structure of the acid & base along with the formation of a coordinate covalent bond.
- \* according to Lewis is any species that can accept an  $e^-$  pair to form a coordinate covalent bond.
- \* base is any species that can donate an  $e^-$  pair to the formation of a coordinate covalent bond.
- \* In the Lewis system acid is an  $e^-$  pair acceptor and base is an  $e^-$  pair donor.
- \* Simply formation of coordinate bond between an acid & a base.



acid Base

Adduct

- \*  $H^+$  accept one pair  $e^-$  from  $NH_3$  there fore an acid.
- \*  $NH_3$  donates an pair of  $e^-$  is a base
- \* Adduct is  $NH_4^+$  ion.



\* Lewis & Bronsted-Lowry bases are the same substances, since the molecule (or) ion accepts protons.

\* In the above ~~was~~ example  $\text{NH}_3$  molecule is a proton acceptor (ie Bronsted base) & an  $e^-$  pair donor (ie Lewis base)

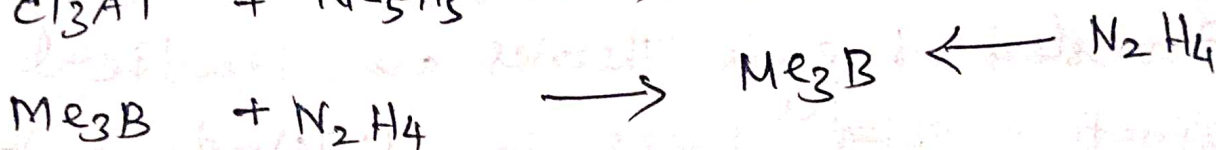
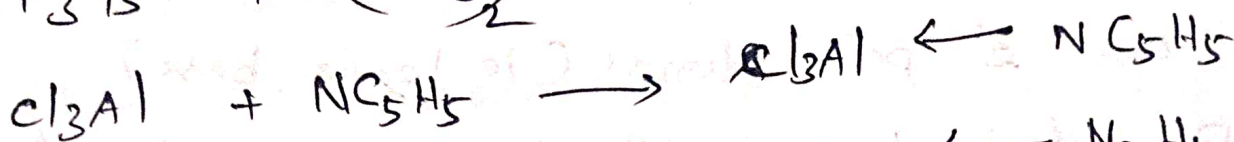
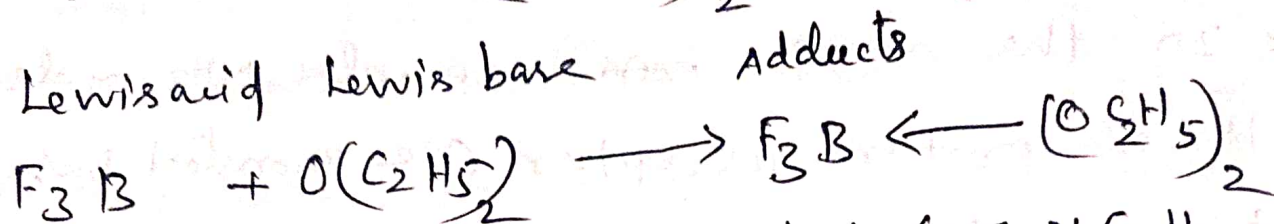
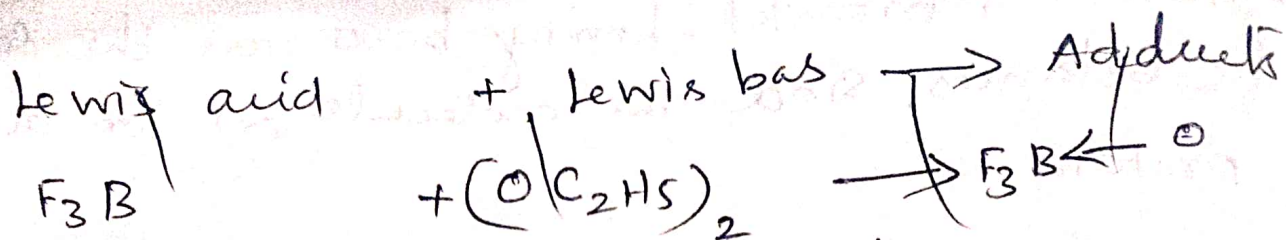
\* Bronsted & Lewis Theories are identical. definition of ~~the~~ bases is different in ~~the~~ both the theories.

\*  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{CN}^-$  etc. are the bases on the Bronsted as well as on the Lewis system.

\* amides, ethers, nitriles,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  etc which have little or no tendency to accept protons but react readily with Lewis acids -

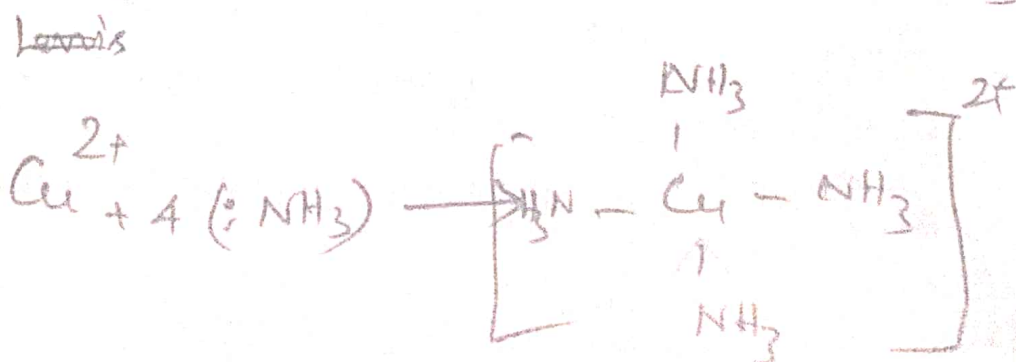
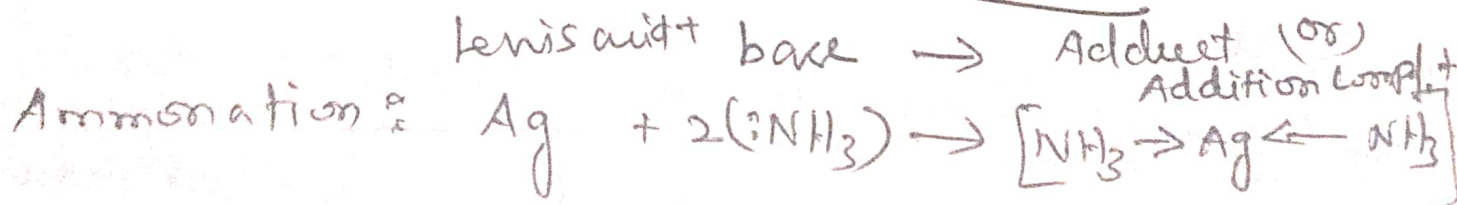
Classification of Lewis acids.

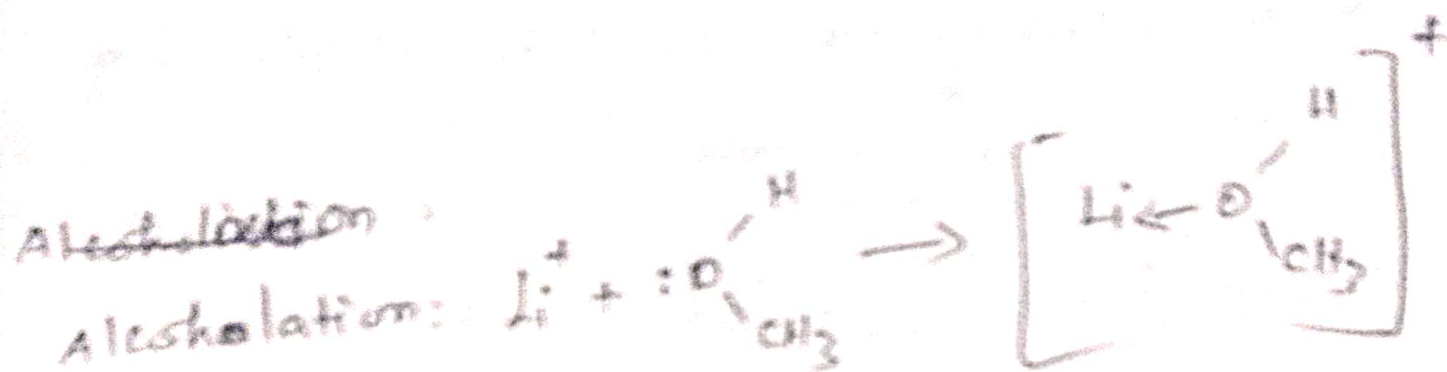
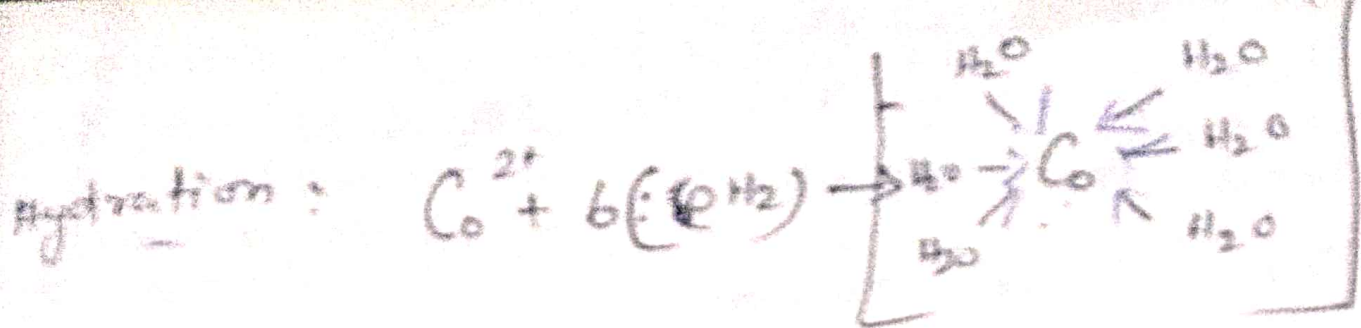
Any Lewis acid must contain atleast one empty orbital in the valance shell. of one of its atoms accept an  $e^-$  pair from Lewis base.



\* The central metal atom of the halides such as  $SiX_4$ ,  $GeX_4$ ,  $TiCl_4$ ,  $SnX_4$ ,  $PX_3$ ,  $PF_5$ ,  $SF_4$ ,  $SeF_4$ ,  $Ted_4$  etc have vacant d-orbitals

\* These substances accept  $e^-$  pair from Lewis base to accommodate their orbital and can form adducts.



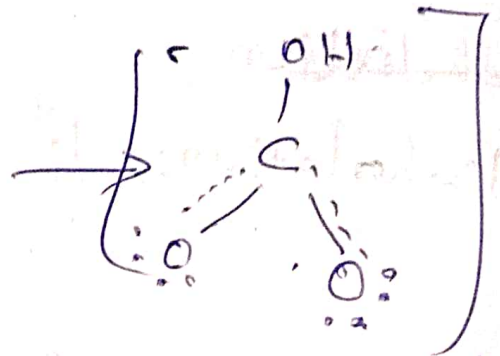
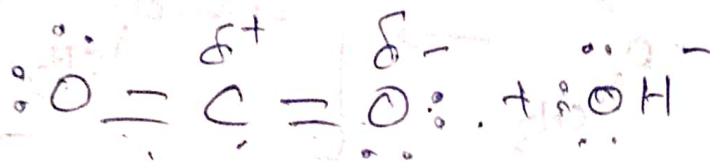


- ↓ Lewis acid strength depending on
- (a) an increase in the +ve charge carried by the cation
  - (b) increases nuclear charge for atoms in any period of the periodic table
  - (c) decrease in ionic radii
  - (d) decrease in the no. of shielding  $e^-$  shells

↓ Strength of simple cations increases  
 ↓ Strength of Lewis acid increases  
 $\text{Fe}^{2+} < \text{Fe}^{3+}$  (+ve charge increases  $+2 \rightarrow +3$ )  
 $\text{K}^+ < \text{Na}^+$  (on moving a bottom to top in a group)  
 $\text{Li}^+ < \text{Be}^{2+}$  (even moving for L-R in a period)

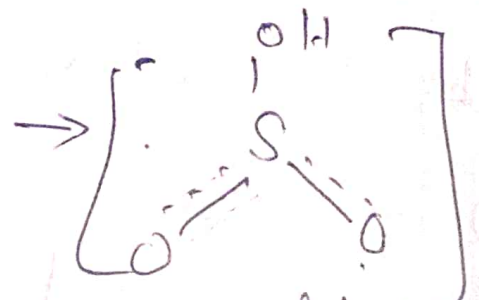
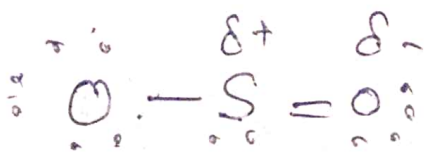
\* Lewis acids are  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  &  $\text{SO}_3$ . In these <sup>compd acids</sup> the O-atoms are more  $e^-$   $\rightarrow$ ve than S or C-atom.

\*  $e^-$  density of  $\pi e^-$ s is displaced by from S or C-atoms.



Bicarbonate ion

$\text{SO}_2$  also reacts in the same manner



Bisulphate ion

\* O & S atoms contain  $6e^-$  in their valance shell, and therefore regarded as Lewis acid.



HSAB principle: Hard & Soft acids and bases

Hard & Soft base:

- \* Soft Lewis bases are easily polarised & have low electronegativity.
- \* Hard bases are low polarisabilities & have high electronegativity.

\* Softness of Lewis bases increases with the increase in the size of the donor atom.



F - hardest, I - softest Lewis base

Hard bases

Borderline

Soft bases

- $H_2O, OH^-, F^-, CH_3COO^-$
- $PO_4^{2-}, SO_4^{2-}, Cl^-, CO_3^{2-}$
- $ClO_4^-, NO_3^-, ROH, RO^-$
- $R_2O, NH_3, RNH_2, N_2H_4$

- $C_6H_5NH_2, C_5H_5N$
- $NO_2^-, SO_3^{2-}, N_2$

- $R_2S, RSH, RS^-, I^-$
- $SCN^-, S_2O_3^{2-}, R_3P$
- $R_3AS, (RO)_3R$
- $CN^-, RNC, CO$
- $C_2H_4, C_6H_6, H^+$

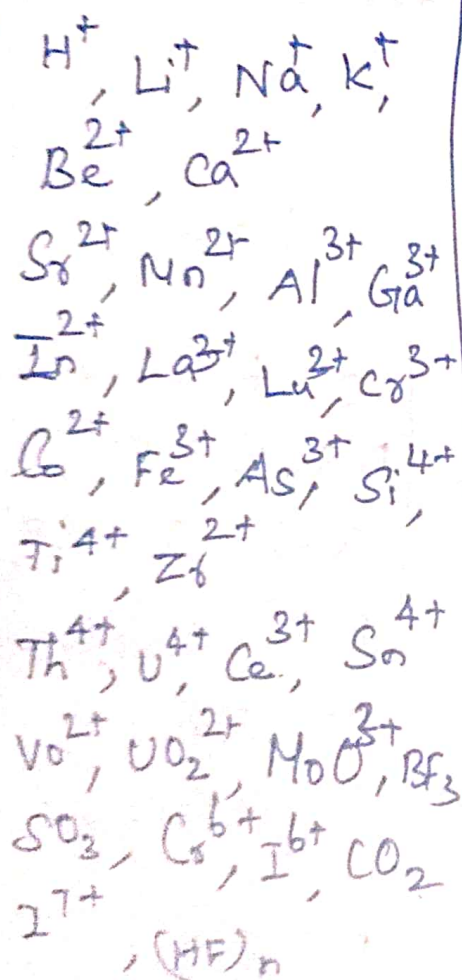
Hard & Soft acids:

- \* A hard acid difficult to polarise
- \*  $Al^{3+}$ , generally has
  - i) small size
  - ii) high +ve charge
  - iii) noble gas configuration

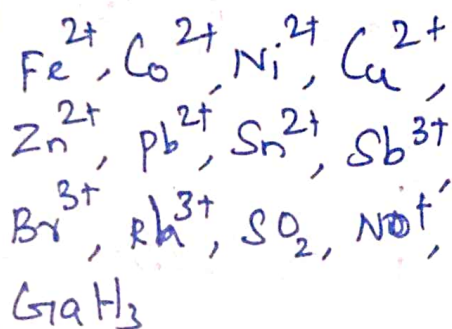
## Soft acids

- \* soft acids are readily polarised
- \* large size
- \* low +ve (or zero) charge
- \* do not have a noble gas electronic configuration

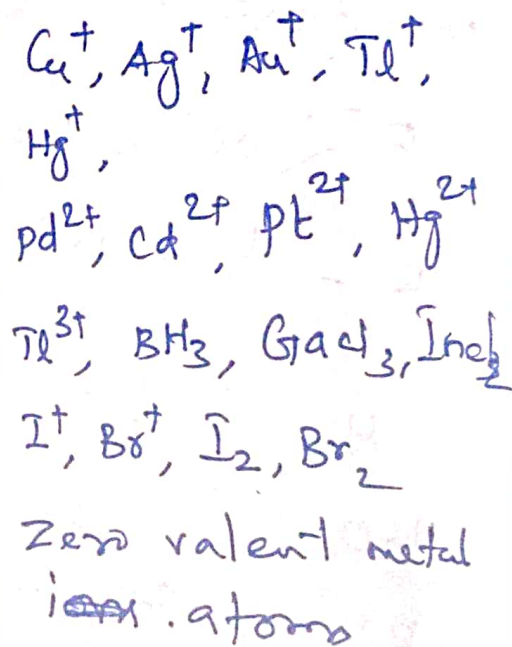
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## Soft acids



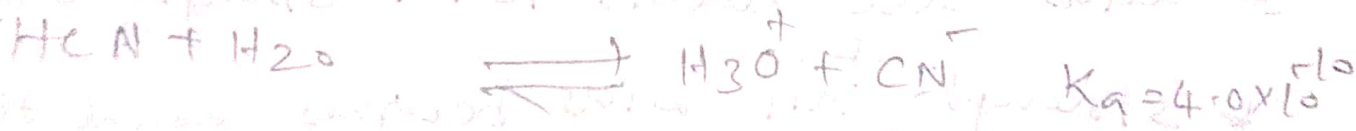
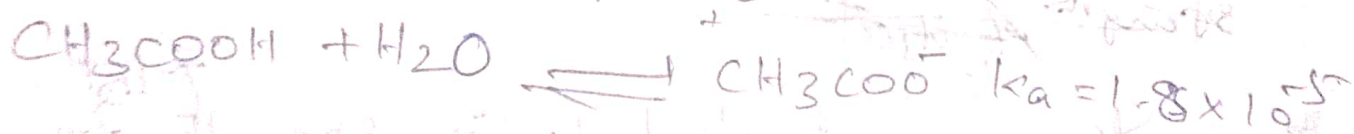
## Relative Strength of Oxyacids:

- \* Strong acid has a strong tendency to donate a proton.
- \* Strong base has a strong tendency to accept proton.

\* Comparison of proton-donating tendencies of different acids

\* Compare the acidic strength of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  &  $\text{HCN}$

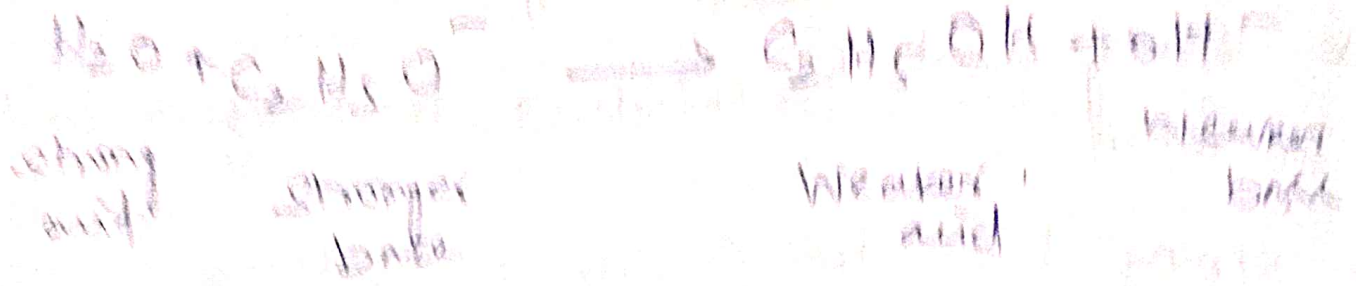
\* Experimentally it has been observed that the ionisation or acidic constant,  $K_a$ , for  $\text{ACOH}$  &  $\text{HCN}$  at  $25^\circ$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  &  $4.0 \times 10^{-10}$  respectively.



\*  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  is stronger acid than  $\text{HCN}$ .  
 $\text{CN}^-$  ion is a stronger base than  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$

## Competitive Protolysis method

\* One acid is added to conjugate bases of another and equilibrium con. of



\*  $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$  is stronger base than  $\text{OH}^-$

\*  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is stronger acid than  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

### Levelling effect (or) Levelling solvent:

\* apparent strength of a protonic acid dependent on the solvent.

\*  $\text{HClO}_4, \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4, \text{HCl}$  &  $\text{HNO}_3$  are added to

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . They donate  $\text{H}^+$  to form  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

~~strength of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$~~

\* acids all levelled to the strength of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

\* strength of all acids becomes equal to that of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is called levelling effect of the solvent.

\*  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a levelling solvent.

\* very strong bases like  $\text{Na}^+\text{H}^-$  are



$\text{NaOEt}$  are levelled to the strength of  $\text{OH}^-$  ion. for they react completely with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to produce  $\text{OH}^-$  ion.

\* Solvent completely produced proton-transfer occurs are called levelling solvent.

\* Solute 100% ionised are called levelling solvent.

\*  $\text{HF}$  &  $\text{HCl}$  both are  $\sim 100\%$  ionised in liq.  $\text{NH}_3$  to give  $\sim 100\%$   $\text{NH}_4^+$  ions

\* In  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HF}$  is only partially ionised where  $\text{HCl}$  &  $\text{HBr}$  are  $\sim 100\%$  ionised.

Thus  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is differentiating solvent

\*  $\text{HCl}$  &  $\text{HBr}$  levelling solvent

\* Several mineral acid are partially ionised in  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ .

\* But for bases  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  act as a levelling solvent.