

Chemistry 6330
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Advanced Inorganic Chemistry – Group Theory
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Principles and Applications of Group Theory in Inorganic Chemistry

Text: F.A. Cotton, "Chemical Applications of Group Theory", 3rd Edition

- I. Introduction to groups and group representations (Cotton, Chapters 2 – 4)
 - a. Definition and examples of groups
 - b. Products of symmetry operations and class structure
 - c. Matrix representation of groups
 - d. The Great Orthogonality Theorem
 - e. Characters and character tables
- II. Molecular vibrations (Chapter 10)
 - a. Normal modes and fundamental vibrations
 - b. Infrared and Raman selection rules
 - c. CO stretches in metal carbonyl complexes
- III. Applications to π -bonding in organic molecules (Chapter 7)
 - a. LCAO and Hückel approximations
 - b. Secular equations
 - c. Carbocyclic systems and other π -bonded molecules
 - d. Electronic transitions
- IV. Molecular orbital theory (Chapter 8)
 - a. Principles of molecular orbital theory
 - b. Symmetry and molecular orbitals
 - c. The construction of qualitative MO diagrams
 - d. Bonding in σ -donor, π -donor, and π -acceptor complexes
 - e. Molecular orbital theory and electronic spectroscopy
 - f. Correlation diagrams (Chapter 9)

Additional Course Information

Homework: problem sets will be given in class at a rate of about one per week. These problem sets will not be graded and will not count toward your grade in the course; however, you are strongly urged to understand and solve the assigned problems. Solutions to the homework will be posted on the web at

<https://research.cbc.osu.edu/turro.1/graduate-courses/>

Office hours: Lauren will have office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 PM in 4107 Newman-Wolfrom. Prof. Turro will not have specific times set aside for office hours, but time to meet her can be arranged via email.

Exams: There will be one midterm exam and a final exam. These will be weighted equally and will cover (approximately) the first and second halves of the course, respectively. I am planning to schedule the 2-hour midterm exam on Friday, Sept. 15 in the afternoon or late afternoon (exact time will be decided in class). The 2-hour final exam is scheduled for October 10 or 11 in the evening (exact time to be decided in class).

Additional books: In addition to the assigned text, the following books may be useful:

Hall, "Group Theory and Symmetry in Chemistry"

Tinkhan, "Group Theory and Quantum Mechanics"

Ballhausen, "Introduction to Ligand Field Theory"

Orchin, "Symmetry, Orbitals, and Spectra"

Wilson, "Molecular Vibrations"

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