

Chem 103 Midterm 1

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Problem 1: _____ (16 pts)

Problem 2: _____ (36 pts)

Problem 3: _____ (60 pts)

Problem 4: _____ (72 pts)

Problem 5: _____ (24 pts)

Problem 6: _____ (20 pts)

Problem 7: _____ (22 pts)

Total: _____ (250 pts)

This exam has 14 pages. There is a periodic table on the final page for your reference.

1) **Metals in Biology.** (16 points)

Match each of the following roles/substances in the left column with a relevant metal from the list. You may use each metal once and only once:

Co V Fe K W Cd Bi Zn

N₂ fixation _____

Hydrogen production/consumption _____

Toxic heavy metal _____

Vitamin B12 _____

Halogenation _____

Gene expression _____

Neuronal charge carrier _____

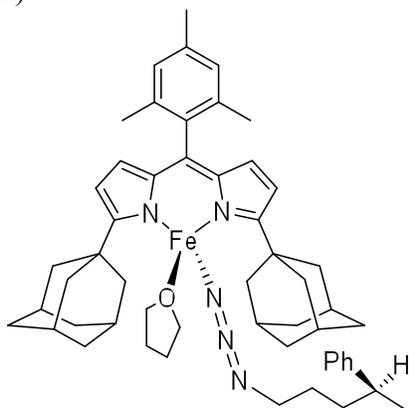
Antacid medication _____

2) Electron Counting. (36 points)

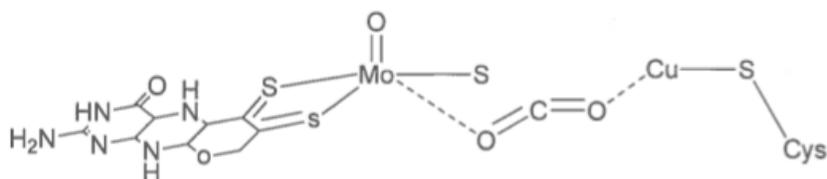
For the following complexes, determine:

- formal oxidation state of each metal center.
- d-electron counts for each metal center.
- total electron count of the complex.

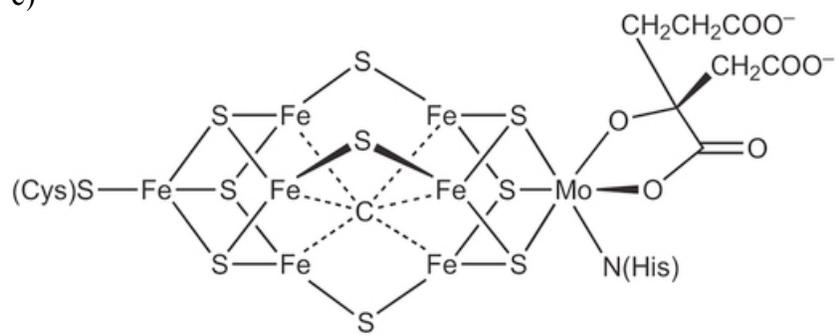
a)



b)



c)



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3) Valence Bond Theory and Molecular Orbital Theory. (60 points)

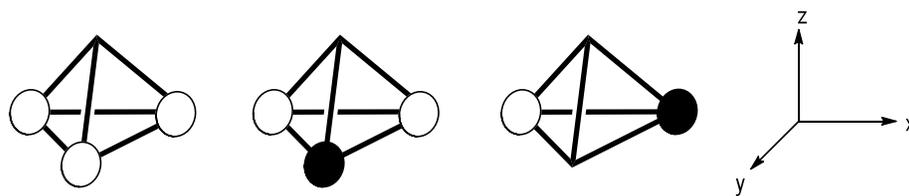
Hydrogen is a candidate fuel for carbon-neutral energy cycles, and current research is geared toward new ways to store it under ambient conditions. A promising material is the simple Lewis Acid/Base complex ammonia borane, H_3NBH_3 .

a) Draw Lewis structures for NH_3 and BH_3 . Designate which is a Lewis Acid and which is a Lewis Base.

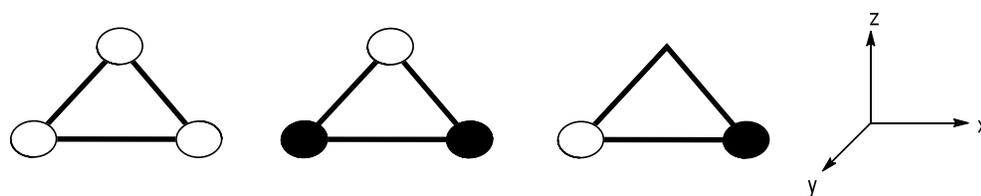
b) Make Valence Bond Theory (VBT) diagrams for NH_3 and BH_3 .

c) Combining NH_3 and BH_3 , make a Lewis structure and VBT diagram of H_3NBH_3 .

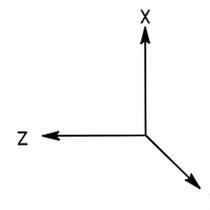
d) Using the SALCs and coordinate axes given below, make a molecular orbital (MO) diagram for NH_3 (remember you have seen this before).



e) Using the SALCs and coordinate axes given below, make a molecular orbital (MO) diagram for BH_3 .



- f) Using fragments from parts d) and e) and knowledge of Lewis Acid/Lewis Base complexes, make a MO diagram of H_3NBH_3 (use the coordinate axes given).

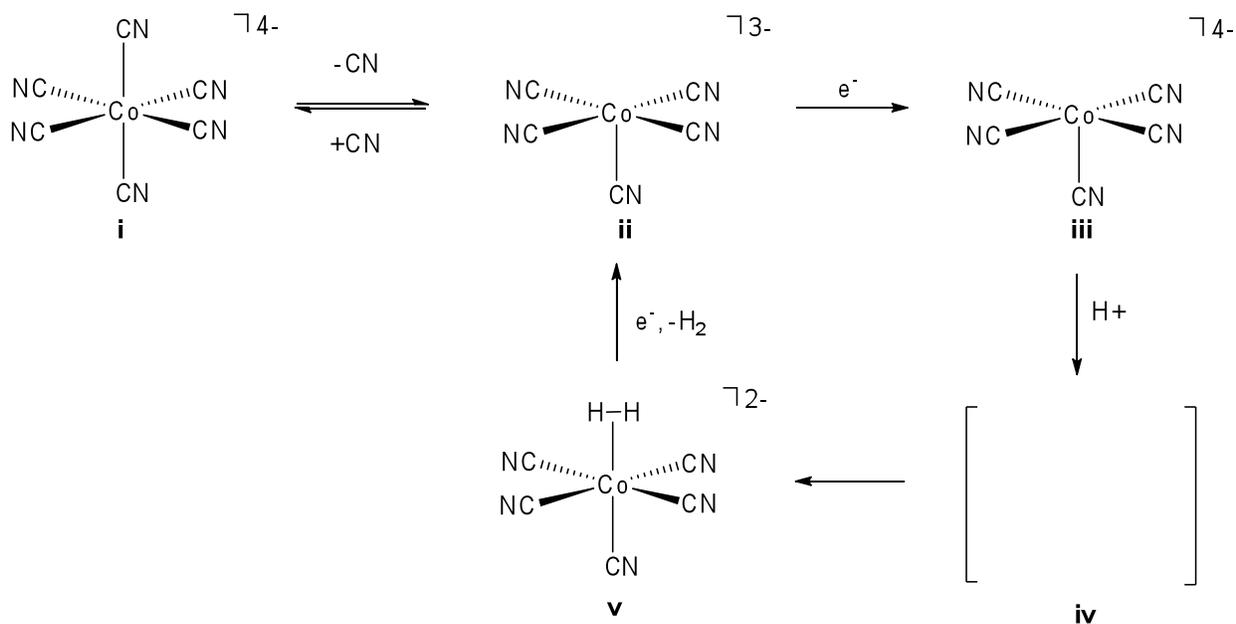


- g) **Bonus:** For H_3NBH_3 , predict the product of release of 3 H_2 molecules. Include the chemical structure of this product.

4) Crystal Field Theory (72 points)

Generation of H_2 from non-carbon sources such as H^+ (from H_2O) is important for sustainable energy sources. One candidate platform is based on classic cyanide-metal complexes of the type $[(CN)_5ML]^{n-}$.

a) For the following cycle, fill in the missing intermediate (iv).



b) Give the oxidation state, d-electron count, and total electron count for (i) – (v) above.

i

Oxidation State:	_____
d-electron count:	_____
Total electron count:	_____

iv

Oxidation State:	_____
d-electron count:	_____
Total electron count:	_____

ii

Oxidation State:	_____
d-electron count:	_____
Total electron count:	_____

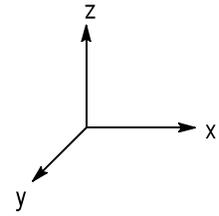
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Oxidation State:	_____
d-electron count:	_____
Total electron count:	_____

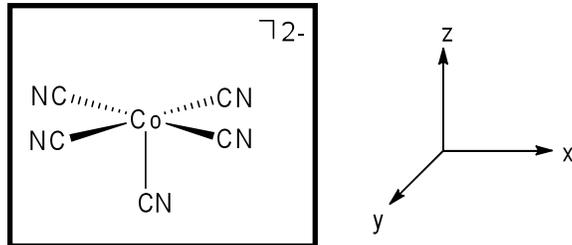
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Oxidation State:	_____
d-electron count:	_____
Total electron count:	_____

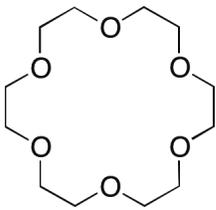
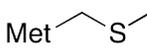
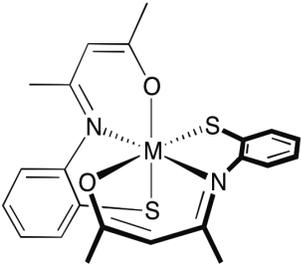
c) Give the crystal field splitting for (i) – (v), showing how the field will change relative to each intermediate. Use the coordinate axes given.



d) Using the crystal field for the fragment shown below and the MO diagram for H_2 , draw a MO diagram for complex (v). Use the coordinate axes given.



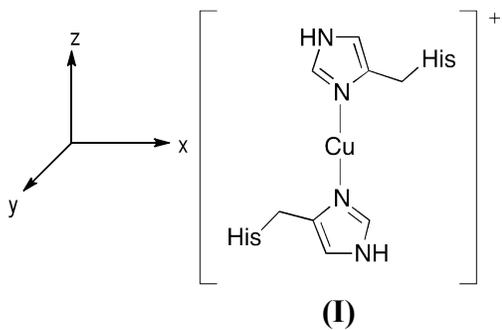
5) **Ligands.** (24 points) Decide the properties for each ligand in the table below.

Ligand	Hard, soft, or intermediate	σ -donor, π -donor, or π -acceptor	Prefers Fe^{2+} or Ca^{2+}
			
			
			
			

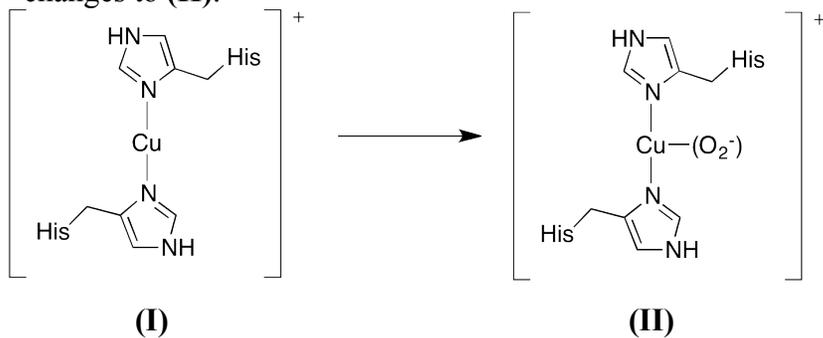
6) Crystal Field Theory (20 points)

The linear complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{His})_2]^+$ is a potential therapeutic for restoring normal copper levels in the body.

- a) Using the orientation given below, (i) Draw a crystal field diagram for $[\text{Cu}(\text{His})_2]^+$ and (ii) determine the d-count and oxidation state for the metal center.



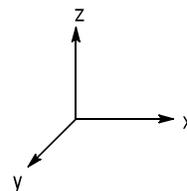
- b) Under certain circumstances under long-term storage, an O_2 adduct of this compound can form, making the bound O_2 a superoxide (O_2^-). Draw a crystal field, showing how **(I)** changes to **(II)**.



7) Molecular Orbital Theory (22 points)

Phosphorous is a limiting element on the planet required for DNA/RNA as well as other phosphate-containing metabolites and materials (e.g. bone).

- a) Draw a MO diagram for the P_2 fragment. Use the coordinate axes given.



- b) The P_2 fragment is reactive and can form higher adducts, such as P_3^- . Using part (a) and an appropriate phosphorous source, make a MO diagram for P_3^- .

The Periodic Table of the Elements

1																	2		
H Hydrogen 1.00794																	He Helium 4.003		
3																	9		
Li Lithium 6.941																	F Fluorine 18.9984032		
11																	17		
Na Sodium 22.989770																	Cl Chlorine 35.4527		
19																	35		
K Potassium 39.0983																	Br Bromine 79.904		
37																	53		
Rb Rubidium 85.4678																	I Iodine 126.90447		
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Cs Cesium 132.90545																	Xe Xenon 131.29		
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Fr Francium (223)																	Rn Radon (222)		
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					B Boron 10.811												C Carbon 12.0107		
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					Al Aluminum 26.981538												Si Silicon 28.0855		
					31												32		
					Ga Gallium 69.723												Ge Germanium 72.61		
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					In Indium 114.818												Sn Tin 118.710		
					81												82		
					Tl Thallium 204.3833												Pb Lead 207.2		
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					Au Gold 196.96655												Hg Mercury 200.59		
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					Pt Platinum 195.078												Pd Palladium 106.42		
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					Ir Iridium 192.217												Rh Rhodium 102.90550		
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					Mt Meitnerium (266)												Os Osmium 190.23		
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					Co Cobalt 58.933200												Fe Iron 55.845		
					27												26		
					Ni Nickel 58.6934												Mn Manganese 54.938049		
					28												25		
					Cu Copper 63.546												Zn Zinc 65.39		
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					Ag Silver 107.8682												Cd Cadmium 112.411		
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