## Next Tuesday: Midterm 1: Welch 1.316

- ~15 pts on orbitals
- ~15 pts on electronic configurations and periodic trends
- ~30 pts on determining point group (and drawing lewis structure)
- ~20 pts on symmetry operations
- ~20 pts on character tables
- Bring your student ID!
- You will be provided a periodic table
- You are allowed to bring three simple models from your model kit: octahedral, tetrahedral, and trigonal bipyramidal. Have these assembled before class, you will not have access to your full kit during the exam



### Midterm 1 Office hours/Review Session

My office hours in 4.314
Today: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Monday: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Regular TA office hours: Thursday: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (Spencer) Friday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Rahul)

Review session: Sunday night, 7:00 pm (for ~1.5h)
 Welch 2.312
 Led by Kanchan, with help from other TAs

## Quiz 3

⊖ Average Score

**68%** 







#### +0.56

What is the product of the S<sub>6</sub> operation shown below?





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#### Attempts: 113 out of 113

What rotation axes does a cube contain? Check all that apply.









Match the following items with another item in the same point group. If there is no match indicate choose "no match" in the drop-down menu.







B) Fluoroacetylene, C2HF [answerB]

C) A dx2-y2 orbital [answerC]

D) Br<sub>4</sub>cyclooctatetraene (pictured below) [answerD]





Point group short cuts



# CHARACTER TABLES, POINT GROUPS, AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

MFT section 4.4



# Mulliken symbols

- A: singly degenerate (1 under E operation), sym w.r.t. C<sub>n</sub>
- B: singly degenerate (1 under E operation), antisym w.r.t.  $C_n$
- E: doubly degenerate (2 under E operation)
- T: triply degenerate (3 under E operation)
- $_1$ : sym w.r.t.  $\sigma_v$  or a perpendicular  $C_2$
- $_2$  : antisym w.r.t.  $\sigma_{_{\! V}}$  or a perpendicular  $C_2$
- g: sym w.r.t. inversion center
- <sub>u</sub>: antisym w.r.t. inversion center
- ': sym w.r.t.  $\sigma_h$
- ": antisym w.r.t.  $\sigma_h$

Characters:

- + values = symmetric
- values = antisymmetric



# Properties of characters and irreducible representations (Table 4.7)

- Order (h) = sum of coefficients on symmetry operations
- Number of classes = number of columns
- Number of irreducible representations = number of classes
- Sum of square of dimensions (characters in the 'E' column) equals order (h)
- Within an irreducible representation (row), sum of square of characters multiplied by coefficient of the class equals order of group (h)
- Irreducible representations are orthodonal
- There is always a totally symmetric representation (all characters = 1)



#### A bit more explanation on the functions on the right hand side of character tables:

#### Character table for C<sub>4v</sub> point group

	E	2C <sub>4</sub> (z)	<b>C</b> <sub>2</sub>	$2\sigma_v$	2σ <sub>d</sub>	linear, rotations	quadratic
<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	Z	$x^2+y^2, z^2$
<b>A</b> <sub>2</sub>	1	1	1	-1	-1	Rz	
<b>B</b> <sub>1</sub>	1	-1	1	1	-1		x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup>
<b>B</b> <sub>2</sub>	1	-1	1	-1	1		xy
E	2	0	-2	0	0	$(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) (\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y}})$	(xz, yz)

This portion of the table represents how rotations and different orbitals behave w.r.t. symmetry operations in this point group.

 $z = p_z$ ,  $xy = d_{xy}$  etc. Note: s orbital is always going to be in the group where all characters are 1's





 $p_x$  orbitals have the same symmetry as x (positive in half the quadrants, negative in the other half).  $d_{xy}$  orbitals have the same symmetry as the function xy(sign of the function in the four quadrants).





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- 1) Why is a specific orbital associated with a specific irreducible representation?
- 2) Why is a specific rotation associated with a specific irreducible representation?
- 3) What does (x,y) mean?

