

Denticity of ligand

- It is defined as the number of atom of a ligand coordinated to central metal ion in the complex

- It is numerically equal to the no. of lone pair of atom of ligand used to coordinate with metal ion under coordination sphere.

✓ Depending of denticity, ligand may be monodentate, bidentate tridentate etc.

:CO Carbonyl

:NH₃ Ammine

:PH₃ Phosphine

H₂O: aquo

:NO Nitrosyl

:CS Thio Carbonyl

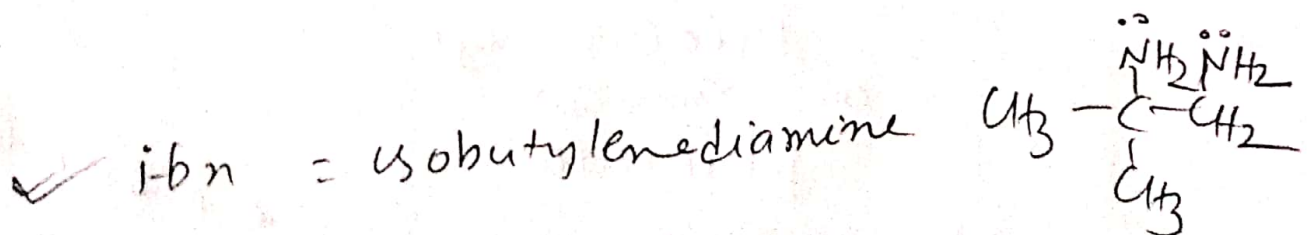
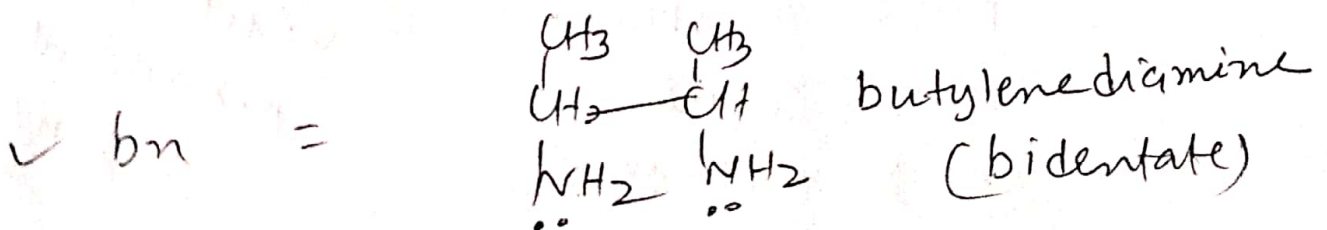
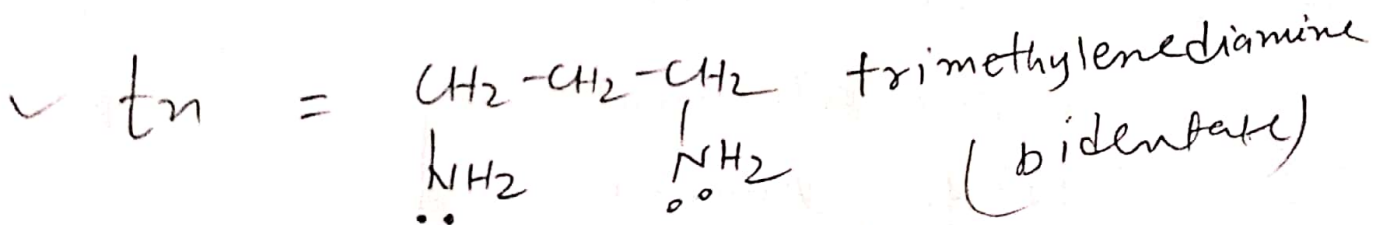
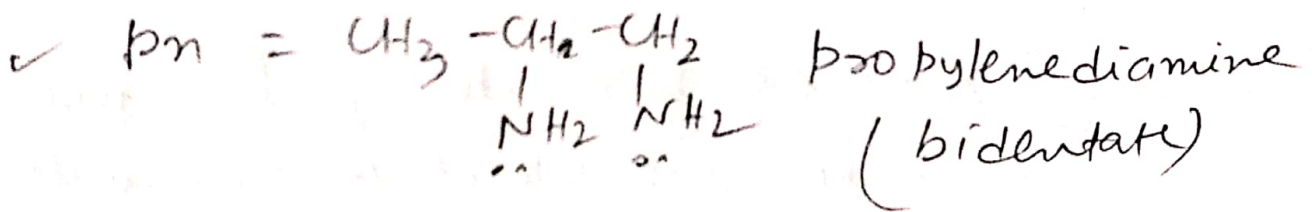
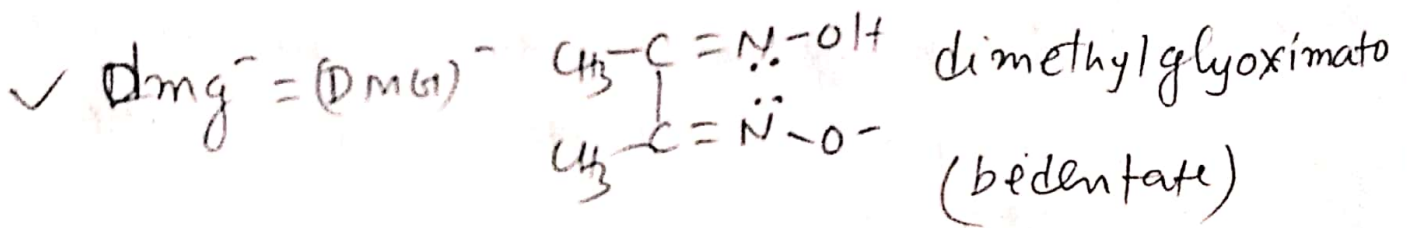
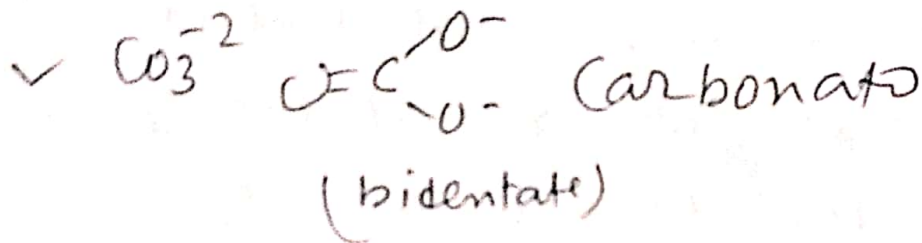
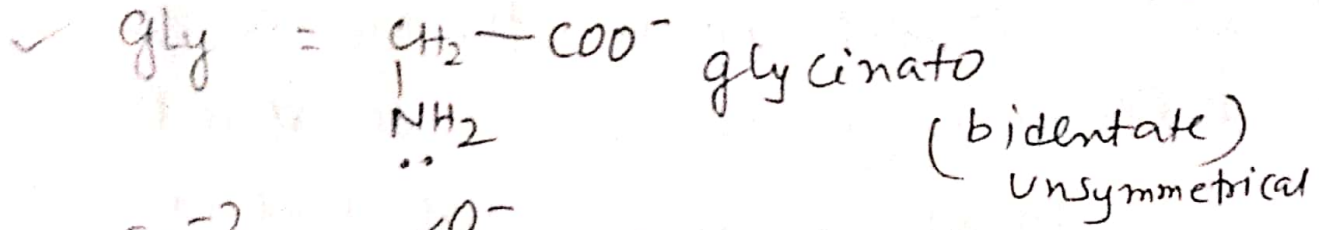
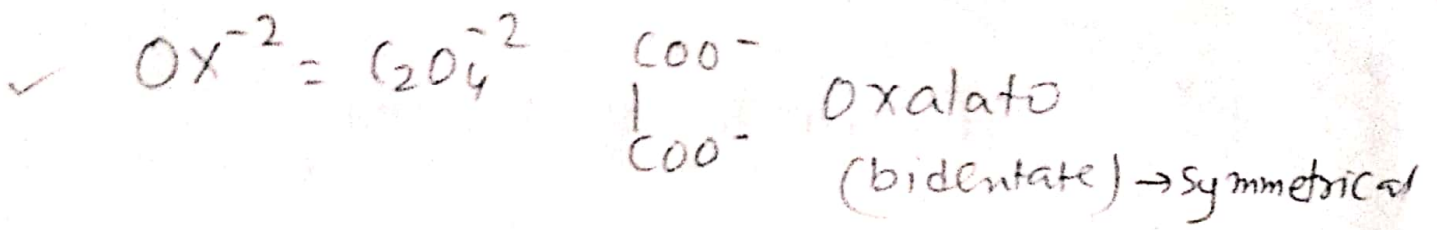
CN⁻ Cyanido
F⁻ Fluorido

Cl⁻ Chlorido

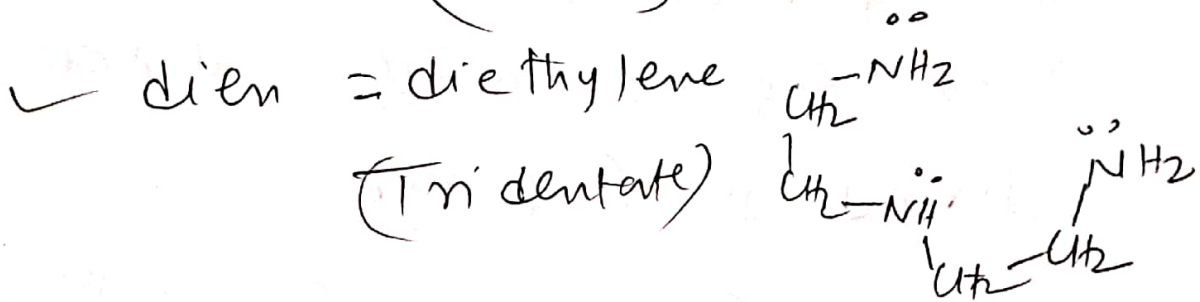
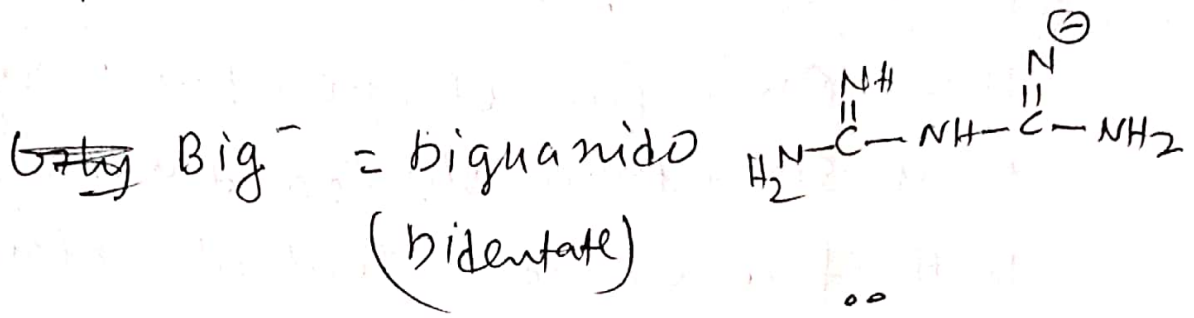
I⁻ Iodido

Neutral monodentate ligand

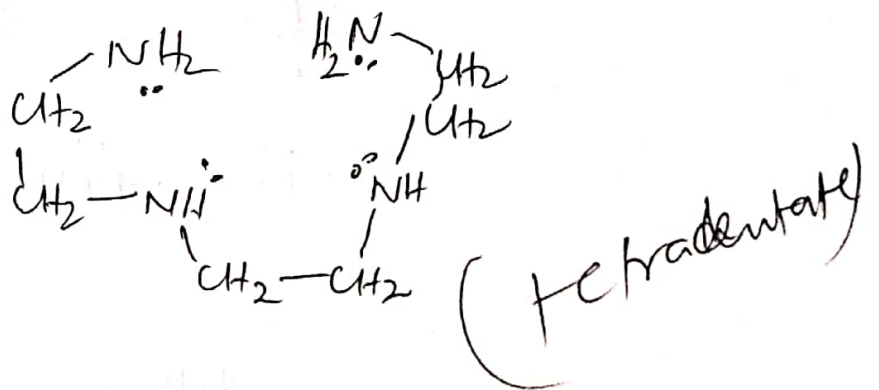
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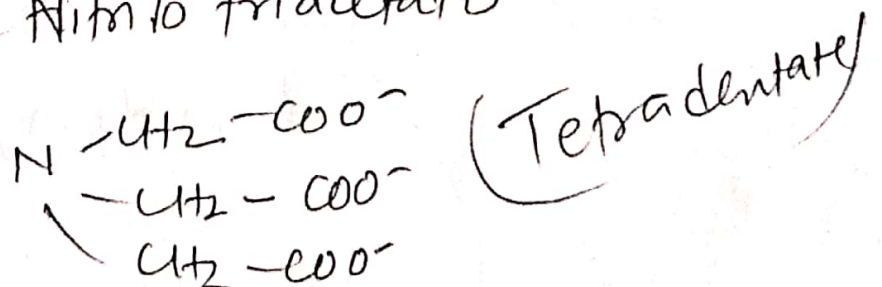
✓ Poly dentate ligands have flexidentate character



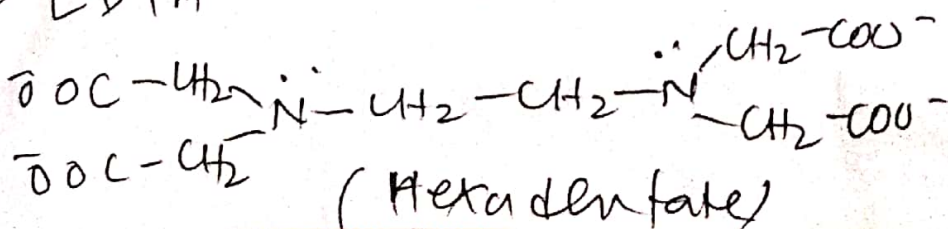
✓ trien = triethylene tetramine



✓ NTA⁻³ = Nitro triacetato

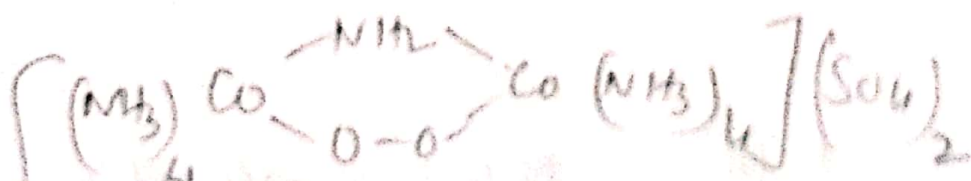
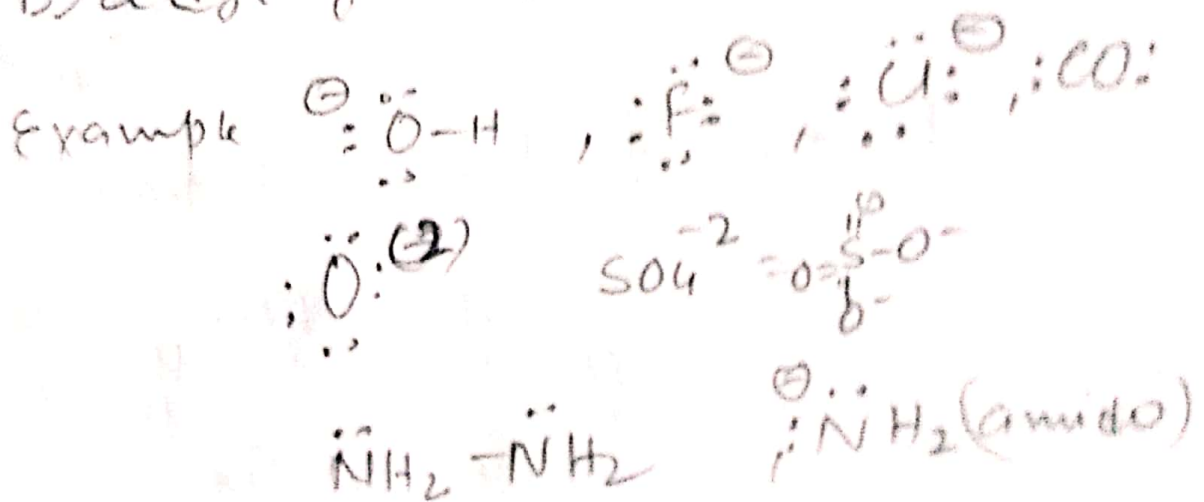


✓ EDTA⁻⁴ = ethylenediamine tetraacetato



Bridging Ligand

If a monodentate ligand has more than one free electron pair and may simultaneously coordinate with two or more central metal ions. Such ligands are regarded as bridging ligand.



bridging complex

bridging ligand $\leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{O}^{-2} \\ \text{NH}_2^- \end{array}$