) Count valence electrons

Pick central atom and draw skeletal structure

central atom is usually the one that needs to gain the most electrons!
skeletal structure has all atoms connected to center with single bonds

3 Distribute remaining valence electrons around structure, outer atoms first. Follow octet rule until you run out of electrons.

Check octet rule - each atom should have a share in 8 electrons (H gets 2). if not, make double or triple bonds.

HNO2 "nitrous acid" In oxyacids, the acidic hydrogen atoms are attached to OXYGEN atoms in the structure! $H: | \times |$ N: YS 0:2×6 18e-Since this is an OXYACID, a H atom must be attached to an O ... ()We run out of valence electrons : O - N - O - Hafter putting a single lone pair onto NITROGEN

Nitrogen has a share in SIX valence electrons, not eight!

O = N - O - H

Unlike the oxygen atoms in carbon dioxide, these oxygen atoms are in different environments, so they might be expected to bond differently.

A DOT STRUCTURE FOR A LARGER MOLECULE

Count valence electrons

Pick central atom and draw skeletal structure

> - central atom is usually the one that needs to gain the most electrons! - skeletal structure has all atoms connected

to center with single bonds

Distribute remaining valence [3] electrons around structure, outer atoms first. Follow octet rule until you run out of electrons.

> Check octet rule - each atom should have a share in 8 electrons (H gets 2). if not, make double or triple bonds.

CH3 CH2 OH ETHANOL!

This formula gives us a hint to the structure of ethanol. Ethanol has THREE central atoms chained together.

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A DOT STRUCTURE FOR A MOLECULE WITH DELOCALIZED BONDS

 \mathfrak{I} Count valence electrons

Pick central atom and draw skeletal structure

- central atom is usually the one that needs to gain the most electrons!

- skeletal structure has all atoms connected to center with single bonds

Distribute remaining valence electrons around structure, outer atoms first. Follow octet rule until you run out of electrons.

Check octet rule - each atom should have a share in 8 electrons (H gets 2). if not, make double or triple bonds.

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OUT OF ELECTRONS Central oxygen has only six electrons

: O = O - O; All atoms have a share in eight electrons!

The structure we drew implies that one of the outer oxygen atoms is closer to the central oxygen atom than the other one.

Experimentally, though, we find the two oxygen atoms to be the SAME distance from the center.

In the ozone molecule, electrons are actually being shared between ALL THREE oxygen atoms at the same time. This is called a DELOCALIZED BOND.

(OZONE)



The structures in the green box are called RESONANCE STRUCTURES. The "real" structure of ozone is an "average" of the two resonance structures. The "double bond" electrons in these structures are actually shared between all three oxygen atoms

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A DOT STRUCTURE FOR A POLYATOMIC ION

NHU

 $\widehat{\mathfrak{I}}$ Count valence electrons

Pick central atom and draw skeletal structure

central atom is usually the one that needs to gain the most electrons!
skeletal structure

has all atoms connected to center with single bonds

3 Distribute remaining valence electrons around structure, outer atoms first. Follow octet rule until you run out of electrons.

Check octet rule - each atom should have a share in 8 electrons (H gets 2). if not, make double or triple bonds.

N: 175 H: 4×1 9e -le (+1 charge) H - N - HFor this ion, indicate the charge by putting the ion in brackets and putting the charge in the upper right ... (as usual with ions)

- Some atoms do not always obey the octet rule. A few, like BORON, will bond in such a way that they end up with less than eight electrons.



... but many more bond in such a way that they end up with a share in MORE THAN EIGHT electrons!

- Any atom in period three or greater can do this. SULFUR and PHOSPHORUS compounds commonly do this!

... these atoms have unfilled "d" orbitals that may participate in bonding!

- All noble gas compounds (example: XENON compounds with oxygen and fluorine) exhibit this behavior!

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EXAMPLES:





- The central SULFUR atom has a share in TWELVE total electrons, not eight!

- The SHAPE of the sulfur hexafluoride molecule in three dimensions agrees with the picture of six fluorine atoms each sharing a pair of electrons with a sulfur center.



This molecule does NOT obey the octet rule. Phosphorus ends up with ten electrons instead of eight.