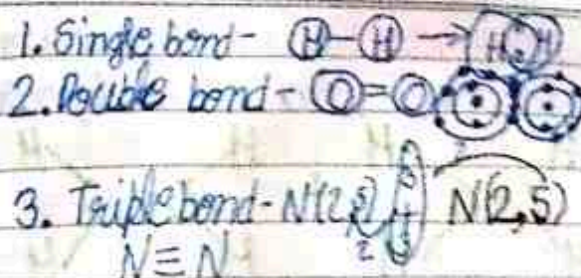


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★ Reasons Behind this uniqueness?

• **TETRAVALENCY** - It's valency is 4 & it can form compounds only by sharing of electrons

• **Covalent Bond**: The atomic no. of carbon is 6, its electronic configuration is (2,4) it requires 4 electrons to achieve the inert gas electronic configuration. But carbon form an ionic bond.

it could gain four electrons forming C^{4-} ion. it would be difficult for the nucleus with 6 protons to hold on to ten electrons.

It could lose four electrons forming C^{4+} ion. it requires a large amount of energy to remove four electrons.

• **CATENATION** - The Property of direct bonding between atoms of same element to form long chains, branches or ring structure.

• Carbon possesses this property:-

1. Straight chain - $-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-$

2. Branched chain - $\begin{array}{c} | \\ -\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}- \\ | \\ -\text{C}- \end{array}$

3. Closed chain - $\begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ -\text{C}-\text{C}- \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ -\text{C}-\text{C}- \\ | \quad | \end{array}$