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Bond length calculation of aniline and its reaction products by semi-empirical method

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Abstract

A semi-empirical molecular orbital method MINOD/3 is used to evaluate the bond length of aniline, and its reaction product like diphenyl urea, acetanilide and benzanilide. The results obtained are in good agreement with experimental result.

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Introduction

The molecular orbital studies of molecules describes the classical chemical bond in terms of quantum chemical parameters. The concept of bond length and bond angle are of direct chemical significance to get an immediate insight into the bounding situation in different molecules. A continued interest has been show by the quantum chemists in the above classical chemical concepts for the molecular system because these parameters can be put well into correspondence with the corresponding chemical notions. In general these parameters may be useful in correlating the quantum mechanics and ordinary chemistry and can be useful in giving better results and getting deeper understanding of the results of the actual quantum chemical calculations for particular system.

The bond length have been computed from the total bond orders using Coulson's bond order-bond length relationship. The relationship has been used with a fair amount of success in both-electron and all valence electron semi-empirical theories. Mulliken in his work on population analysis used two quantities namely, the bond order and overlap population in order to define the strength of chemical bond. Although both the quantities have different forms and magnitude but essentially they have same meaning.

In molecular orbital theory, the molecular orbital coefficients of AO's define the density matrix and are a basis to determine the probability of electron distribution among the atoms. The density matrix contains information about the system and can be defined in ab-initio as well as semi-empirical molecular orbital formalism. We have evaluated the bond length of aniline and its reaction products like diphenyl urea, acetanilide and benzanilide using the MINDO/3 method.

Method of Calculation

A semi-empirical method MINDO/3 is used to calculate bond length of aniline, diphenyl urea, acetanilide and benzanilide by MOPAC software, MINOD/3 is the improved version of MINDO (modified intermediate neglect of differential overlap). It is a method for the quantum calculations of molecular electronic structure in computational chemistry.

Results and Discussion

Bond Length

It is the average distance between the nuclei of two atoms bonded together by covalent bond. Since atoms in a molecule are always vibrating with respect to each other and hence it is not possible to determine the exact distance between the nuclei of the atoms.

According to MO theory, a covalent bond between two atoms is formed by the overlap of their atomic orbitals. The overlapping of their atomic orbitals bring the two atoms closer to each other. During overlapping, when the force of attraction between the two atoms is balanced by the force of repulsion between the nuclei of two atoms, then equilibrium distance between the two atomic nuclei is called the bond length. The calculated bond length of aniline and its reaction product are presented in Table.

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The following points are observed from these results:

- In aniline the bond length between C₅-C₆ is 1.431 which is maximum it means the electro negativity difference between these atoms will be minimum.
- The bond lengths between atoms in aniline has been found in following order:
C-C > C-N > C-H > N-H
The maximum bond length is found between C-C while minimum bond length is found between N-H. Since bond length between N-H is minimum therefore the electronegativity difference between atoms N-H will be maximum.
- It is also found that the presence of-NH₂ group of C₅ in aniline, increases the bond length between C₅-C₆. So that in all ring carbon bond length between C₅-C₆ is maximum.
- The bond length between C₁-C₂ and C₂-C₃ is approximately same, similarly the bond length between C₄-C₅ and C₅-C₆ in nearly equal in aniline.
- In diphenyl urea the bond length between different atoms is generally found in following order:
C-C > C-N > C-O > C-H > N-H
- The bond length between C-C is maximum while bond length between N-H is minimum. So that electronegativity difference between C-C will be least while electronegativity difference between N-H will be highest.
- In diphenyl urea one-NH group is attached with C₁₀ and bond length between C₁₀-C₁₁ is higher than other C-C bond length in first ring carbon while other-NH group is attached with C₄ and bond length between C₄-C₅ is higher than the other C-C bond in second ring carbon. Thus we conclude that the presence of-NH group increases the bond length. This trend is exactly similar as in the case of aniline.
- The bond length between C-O is less than the bond length between C-N because the bond order between

- C=O is greater than that of C-N. Thus, if bond order increases then bond length decreases.
- In acetanilide, the highest bond length is found between C₂-C₃. The presence of-CH₃ group at C₂, increases the bond length. Therefore the electronegativity differences between atoms C₂-C₃ will be least.
 - In ring carbon, the bond length between C₄-C₅ is greater than other C-C bond length. The presence of-NH group at C₄ increases the bond length.
 - In acetanilide, the bond length between different atoms is found in the following order:
C-C > C-N > C-O > C-H
 - The bond length between N₁-H₁₅ is smallest. Therefore electronegativity difference between N₁-H₁₅ will be highest.
 - It has also been seen that the bond length between C-H which is attached to the ring carbon is slightly less than that attached with the carbon of-CH₃ group.
 - In benzanilide, the bond length between different atoms is found in the following order:
C-C > C-N > C-O > C-H > N-H
This trend is exactly similar as in case of acetanilide.
 - In the acetanilide and benzanilide, the-CO group is attached at carbon C₃. Therefore the bond length between C₂-C₃ is maximum. The presence of-CO group at C₃, increases the bond length between C₂-C₃. So electronegativity difference between C₂-C₃ will be least.
 - The presence of-CO group at C₃ increases the bond length between C₃-C₄ and presence of-NH group at C₉ also increases the bond length between C₉-C₁₁.
 - Since bond length between C-O is greater than that of N-H, therefore electronegativity difference between C-O is less than that of N-H.

Thus, from above discussion we see that the similar trend is obtained in aniline as well as its reaction products.

Table: Bond length (Å⁰)

| Molecule | Bond | Bond length | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Aniline | C ₁ -C ₂ | 1.407 | |
| | C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.405 | |
| | C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.402 | |
| | C ₅ -C ₆ | 1.431 | |
| | C ₅ -N ₇ | 1.350 | |
| | C ₆ -H ₈ | 1.105 | |
| | C ₁ -H ₉ | 1.106 | |
| | C ₂ -H ₁₀ | 1.103 | |
| | C ₃ -H ₁₁ | 1.106 | |
| | C ₄ -H ₁₂ | 1.106 | |
| | N ₇ -H ₁₃ | 1.011 | |
| | N ₇ -C ₁₄ | 1.011 | |
| | Di-phenyl urea | N ₁ -C ₂ | 1.376 |
| | | C ₂ -N ₃ | 1.373 |
| N ₃ -C ₄ | | 1.400 | |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | | 1.427 | |
| C ₅ -C ₆ | | 1.402 | |
| C ₆ -C ₇ | | 1.416 | |
| C ₇ -C ₈ | | 1.404 | |
| C ₈ -C ₉ | | 1.405 | |
| N ₁ -C ₁₀ | | 1.398 | |
| C ₁₀ -C ₁₁ | | 1.429 | |
| C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ | | 1.424 | |
| C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ | | 1.405 | |
| C ₁₃ -C ₁₄ | | 1.402 | |

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | C ₁₄ -C ₁₅ | 1.399 |
| | C ₁₄ -H ₁₆ | 1.104 |
| | C ₁₅ -H ₁₇ | 1.105 |
| | C ₁₁ -H ₁₈ | 1.110 |
| | C ₁₂ -H ₁₉ | 1.102 |
| | C ₁₃ -H ₂₀ | 1.107 |
| | N ₁ -H ₂₁ | 1.033 |
| | C ₂ -O ₂₂ | 1.222 |
| | N ₃ -H ₂₃ | 1.032 |
| | C ₅ -H ₂₄ | 1.106 |
| Molecule | Bond | Bond length |
| | C ₆ -H ₂₅ | 1.105 |
| | C ₇ -H ₂₆ | 1.101 |
| | C ₈ -H ₂₇ | 1.106 |
| | C ₉ -H ₂₈ | 1.105 |
| Acetanilide | N ₁ -C ₂ | 1.679 |
| | C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.765 |
| | N ₁ -C ₄ | 1.442 |
| | C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.540 |
| | C ₆ -C ₇ | 1.464 |
| | C ₇ -C ₈ | 1.387 |
| | C ₈ -C ₉ | 1.607 |
| | C ₈ -H ₁₀ | 1.100 |
| | C ₉ -H ₁₁ | 1.100 |
| | C ₅ -H ₁₂ | 1.100 |
| | C ₆ -H ₁₃ | 1.100 |
| | C ₇ -H ₁₄ | 1.100 |
| | N ₁ -H ₁₅ | 1.100 |
| | C ₂ -O ₁₆ | 1.614 |
| | C ₃ -H ₁₇ | 1.109 |
| C ₃ -H ₁₉ | 1.109 | |
| Benzanilide | N ₁ -C ₂ | 1.373 |
| | C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.503 |
| | C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.425 |
| | C ₃ -C ₅ | 1.423 |
| | C ₄ -C ₆ | 1.404 |
| | C ₆ -C ₇ | 1.408 |
| | C ₇ -C ₈ | 1.403 |
| | N ₁ -C ₉ | 1.400 |
| | C ₉ -C ₁₀ | 1.422 |
| | C ₉ -C ₁₁ | 1.432 |
| | C ₁₁ -C ₁₂ | 1.402 |
| | C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ | 1.405 |
| | C ₁₃ -C ₁₄ | 1.403 |
| | C ₁₃ -H ₁₅ | 1.103 |
| | C ₁₄ -H ₁₆ | 1.106 |
| | C ₁₀ -H ₁₇ | 1.106 |
| | C ₁₁ -H ₁₈ | 1.106 |
| | C ₁₂ -H ₁₉ | 1.106 |
| | N ₁ -H ₂₀ | 1.036 |
| | N ₁ -H ₂₀ | 1.036 |
| | C ₂ -O ₂₁ | 1.218 |
| | C ₄ -H ₂₂ | 1.107 |
| | C ₆ -H ₂₃ | 1.104 |
| C ₇ -H ₂₄ | 1.105 | |
| C ₈ -H ₂₅ | 1.105 | |
| C ₅ -H ₂₆ | 1.107 | |

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