

## The Spectral Properties of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH Compounds

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### Abstract

The electronic spectra within UV-Vis region for chlorobenzene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl) and phenol (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) and, have been studied. The bands, centered at 260nm and 240nm are assigned to electronic transitions  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  type for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH respectively. However, an electronic transition of type  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  has been absorbed, at 265nm only for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH compound. The spectral shifts of these electronic bands were studied under various [pH] values. The vibrational bands of these two compounds have been studied by using Infrared and Raman scattering techniques. In the fact, these two compounds may be regarded as benzene C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> which belongs to D<sub>6h</sub> point group with one of the hydrogen atom is substituted by Cl- and OH- ions for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl, and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH respectively. These substitutions will reduce the symmetry of point group to C<sub>2v</sub>, and hence will activate all the vibrational modes to be allowed in both infrared and Raman techniques. These aspects will be studied and discussed in this work.

**Keywords:** vibration, FTIR, Raman spectroscopy

### الخصائص الطيفية لمركبات الكلوروبنزين والفينول

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### الخلاصة:

تم دراسة الأطياف الإلكترونية في منطقة فوق البنفسجية والمرئية (UV\_Visible) للكلوروبنزين (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl) والفينول (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH). يتم تعيين النطاقات المتمركزة في 260 نانومتر و 240 نانومتر على التحولات الإلكترونية  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  من النوع C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl و C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH بشكل ملحوظ. ومع ذلك، تم امتصاص الانتقال الإلكتروني لنوع  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  عند 265 نانومتر فقط لمركب C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH. تم دراسة التحولات الطيفية لهذه النطاقات الإلكترونية تحت قيم [pH] مختلفة. وقد تمت دراسة الحزم الاهتزازية لهذين المركبين باستخدام تقنيات الانتشار بالأشعة تحت الحمراء والرامان. في الواقع، يمكن النظر إلى هذين المركبين على أنه يتم استبدال البنزين C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> الذي ينتمي إلى مجموعة نقطة D<sub>6h</sub> مع واحدة من ذرة الهيدروجين بواسطة OH- and Cl- أيونات C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl، و C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH على التوالي. هذه البدائل سوف تقلل من تناظر مجموعة النقاط لـ C<sub>2v</sub>، وبالتالي سيتم تفعيل جميع وسائط الاهتزاز ليتم السماح في تقنيات الأشعة تحت الحمراء ورامان. سيتم دراسة هذه الجوانب ومناقشتها في هذا العمل.

الكلمات المفتاحية: الاهتزازية، الأشعة تحت الحمراء، الرامان

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### معلومات البحث

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## 1. Introduction

The  $C_6H_6$  molecule possesses  $D_{6h}$  point group, with  $6C_2$ ,  $C_3$ , and  $C_6$  (axes of rotations),  $6\sigma_v$ , and  $\sigma_h$  (planes of reflections), and  $S_6$  (plane of reflection + axis of rotation) symmetry operations. However when one of hydrogen atom at corner is substituted by  $Cl^-$  and  $OH^-$ , the point group of the new molecule will be reduced to  $C_{2v}$  point group [1]. These two organic compounds are colorless, and flammable usually used as intermediate solvents in manufacturing of some pesticide [2]. The impress of the hydroxyl group on the electronic spectra of Benzene derivatives (for example  $C_6H_5OH$ ) is of interest for a number of reasons [3]. Firstly phenol is known to give rise to hydrogen bonding form, and secondly, phenol may be regarded as substitution compound of Benzene (derivative). The Chlorobenzene compound is also an aromatic organic compound with one hydrogen atom is

substituted by  $Cl^-$  [2]. The bond lengths of the ring have also shown characteristic variation but these changes have been small and less well determined than the changes of angles between bonds [4]. Due to the high symmetry of the hexagonal unsubstituted benzene framework and its relative rigidity, the substituted benzene derivatives are well suited for accurate geometrical studies [4,5]. The following work will deal with the electronic spectra, and vibrational spectra by using IR and Raman techniques for these two compounds.

## 2. Experimental details

### 2.1 Chemicals and reagents

Different chemicals and reagents which have been used in present study, are listed in table(1). The purities, companies, and manufacture countries of the used chemical are show in table (1).

**Table (1): Chemical and reagents, which have been used in this study**

Chemical	Company	Country	Purity
Chlorobenzene	Schuchardt	Germany	99.8%
Phenol	Fluka	Switzerland	98.6%
Ethanol	sigma Aldrich	USA	99.9%
NaOH	BDH	England	99.9%
HCl	Romil	UK	99.98%

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### 2.2 The UV-Visible spectra:

The UV-Visible spectra have been measured by using Perkin – Elmer lambda 750.

### 2.3 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) Measurements:

Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (SHIMADZO IRAFFINITY- Japan) has been used to measure Infrared spectra of,  $C_6H_5Cl$  solution and  $C_6H_5OH$  compounds.

### 2.4 The Raman spectra:

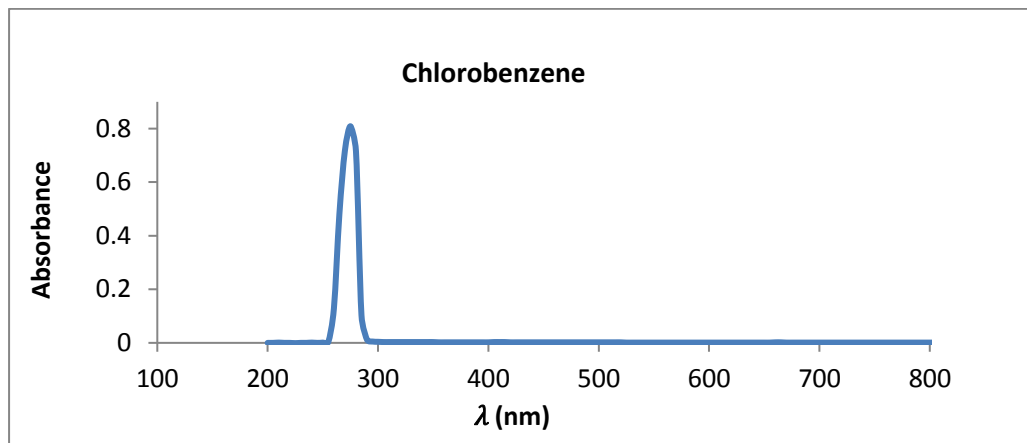
Have been measured by using ventana spectrophotometer which is used the second

harmonic generation laser (532nm) of the Nd-Yag laser as an excitation source.

### 3. Results and discussions

The UV-Vis spectrum of  $C_6H_5Cl$  is shown in figure (1). The band centered at 240nm is assigned to

$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  electronic transition of C=C band. It should be mentioned that there is no bands have been observed within visible region (400-800nm) which indicates that this compound is colorless substance [6].



**Figure 1:** Shows; the UV-Visible Spectrum of pure  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound

However, one may expect bands within vacuum Ultra-Violet region ( $\lambda < 200nm$ ) for  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$  electronic transitions of C-H , C-C and C-Cl bonds , where the used UV-Vis spectrometer does not cover this wavelength range.

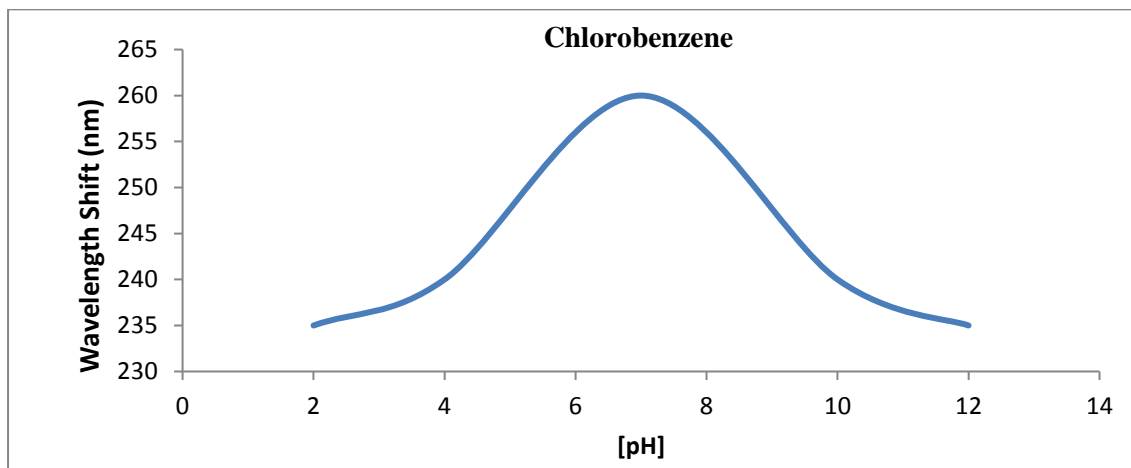
The [pH] value measurements have been recorded by using pH meter Hana, (Mauritius), different values of [pH] for  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound as shown Table [2]. However, on going from [pH] = 7  $\rightarrow$  12 , blue shift (shifting toward shorter wavelength ) has been absorbed.

**Table 2:** wave length shifts of  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band at different values of [pH] , for  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound.

[pH ] values	$\lambda$ (nm)
2	235
4	240
7	260
10	240
12	235

On changing the values of [pH] by adding drops of HCl and NaOH , the centre of  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band

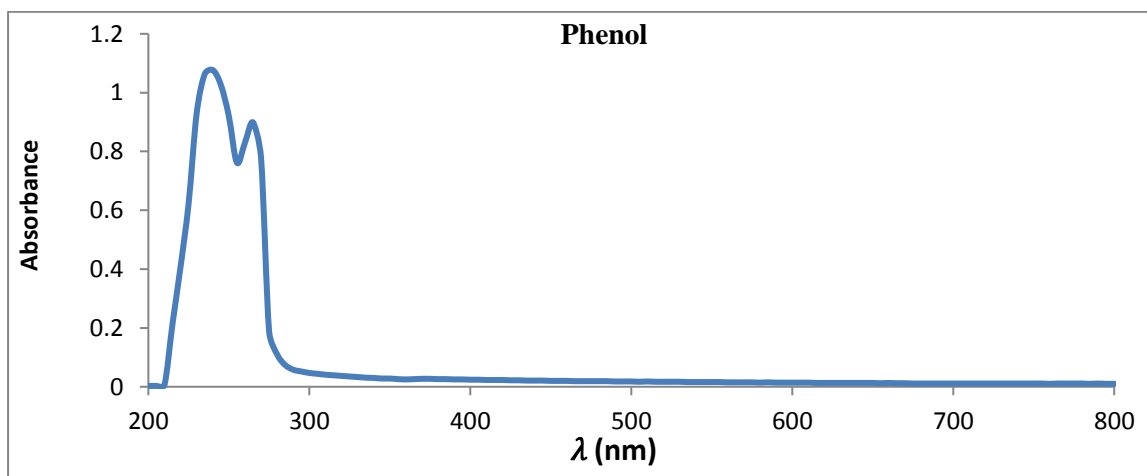
shows red shift (shifting toward higher wavelength on going from [pH] = 2  $\rightarrow$  7 , as shown in figure [2].



**Figure2:** Shows; the wavelength Shifts of  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band with various [pH], for  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound.

For  $C_6H_5OH$  compound the UV-Vis spectrum shows two bands center at 240nm and 262nm as has been shown in figure (3). These two

bands are assigned as  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  electronic transitions, respectively [6].



**Figure3:** Shows; the UV-Visible Spectrum of pure  $C_6H_5OH$  compound .

The [pH] value measurements have been recorded by using pH meter Hana, (Mauritius), different

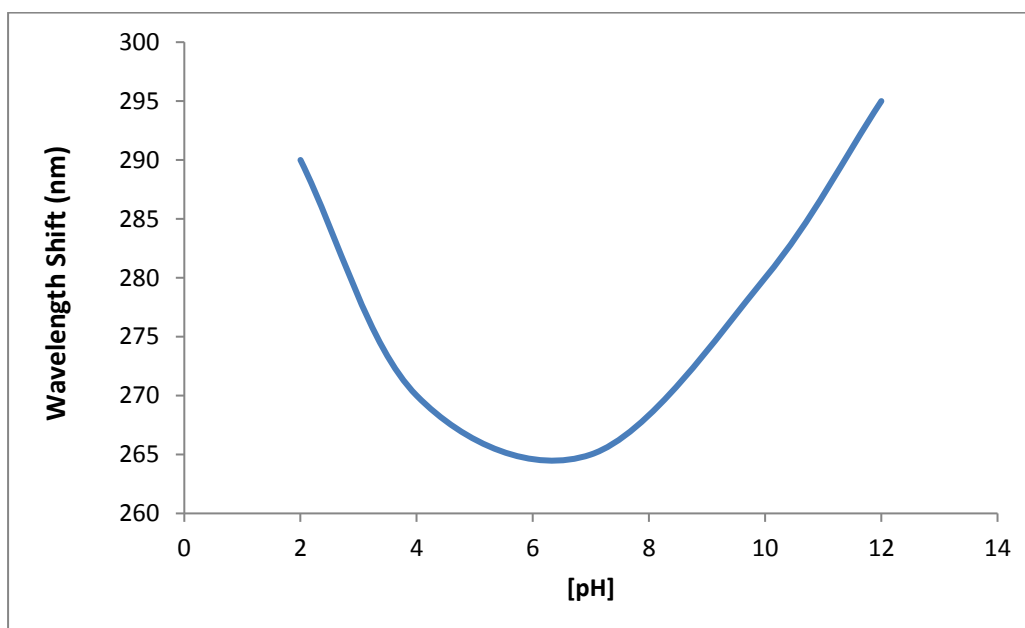
values of [pH] for  $C_6H_5OH$  compound as shown Table [3].

**Table 3:** listed the wave length shift of  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  band center at different values of [pH] for  $C_6H_5OH$  compound

[pH]	$\lambda$ (nm)
2	290
4	270
7	265
10	280
12	295

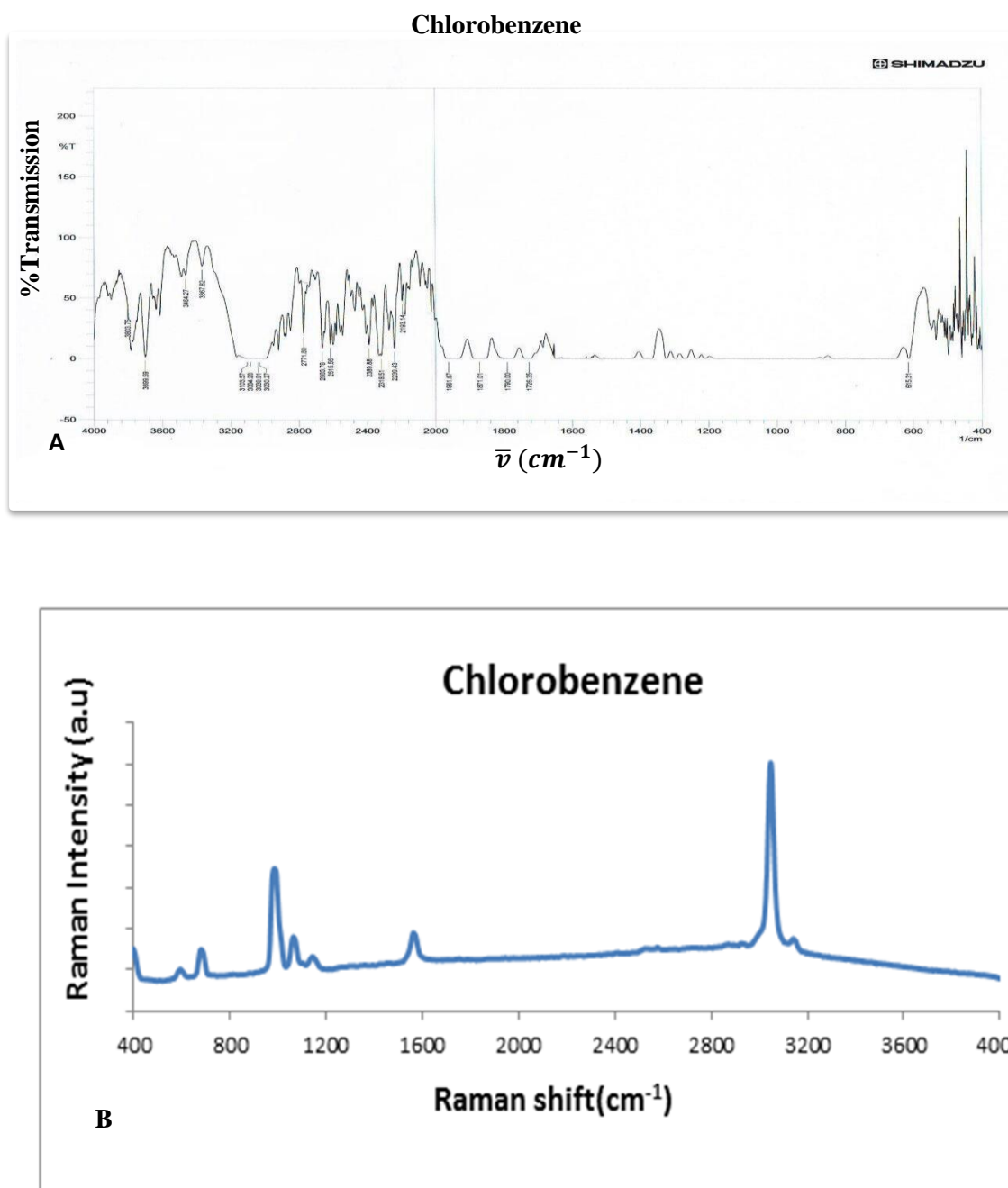
However, blue shift has been absorbed for  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  band, on increasing the value from [pH] = 2  $\rightarrow$  7, and red shift has been recorded on changing [pH] = 7  $\rightarrow$  12, as shown in figure (4). These wave length

shifts, of the electronic bands for the two compounds, are expected because of the environmental existences of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  ions by adding HCl and NaOH respectively

**Figure 4 :** Shows; the wavelength Shift of  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  band for  $C_6H_5OH$  compound .

Therefore ,when the point group of  $C_6H_5Cl$  and  $C_6H_5OH$  molecules have been reduced to  $C_{2v}$  [12] , on substituting one H-atom at corner by  $Cl^-$  and  $OH^-$  , respectively , Accordingly , all modes of vibrations

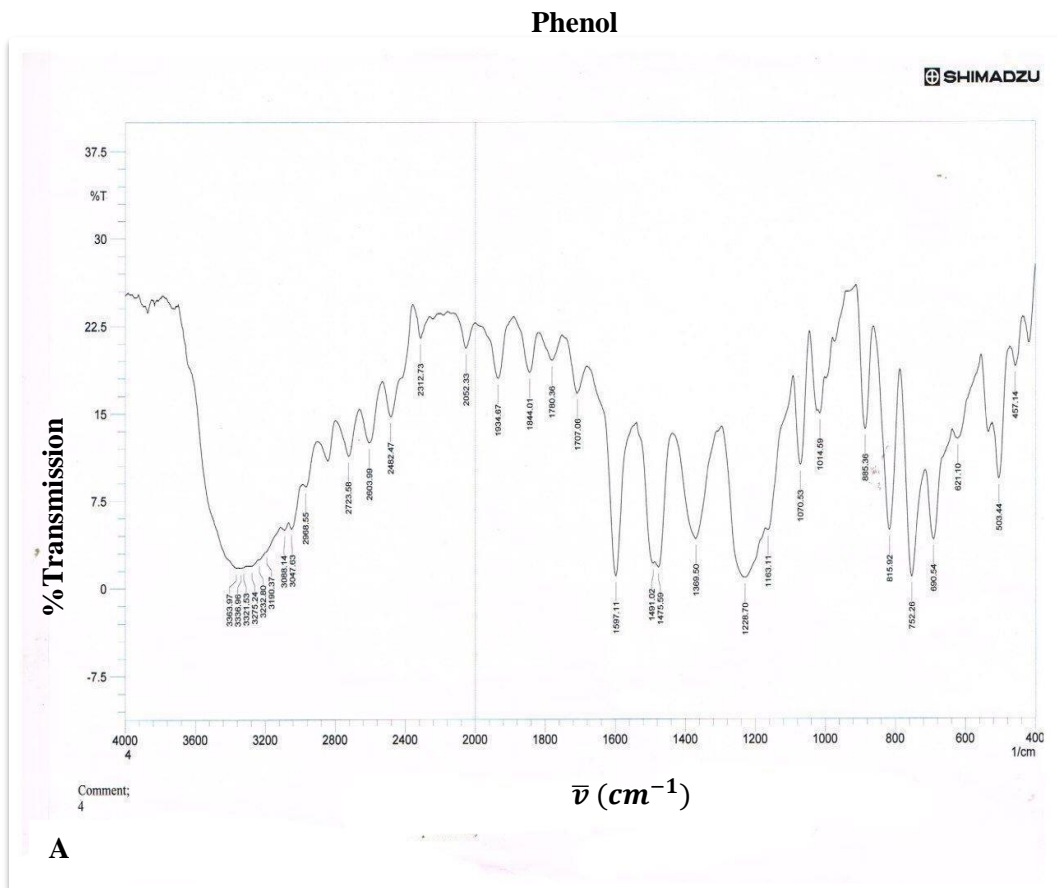
will be active in both technique Figure (5) (A) the FTIR Spectrum, and (B) the Raman spectrum of  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound.



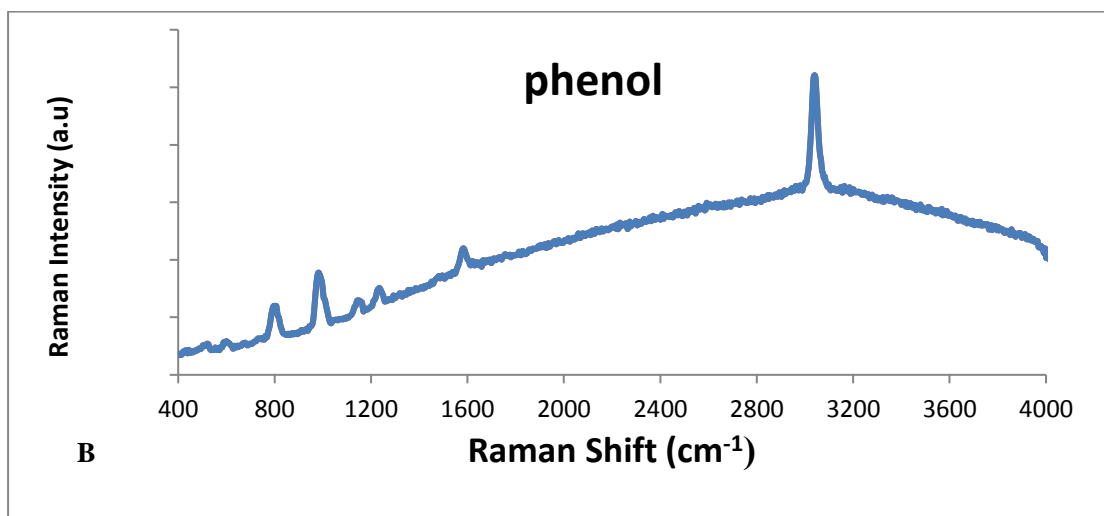
**Figure (5) :** Shows, (A) the FTIR Spectrum, and (B) the Raman spectrum of  $C_6H_5Cl$  compound.

When the intensities of vibrational modes depend on the strength, of dipole moments, and polarizability tensors [16-18].

the point groups of Phenol  $C_{2v}$  symmetry according to the activities of the vibrational bands, technique Figure (6) Shows (A) the FTIR Spectrum, and (B) the Raman spectrum of  $C_6H_5OH$  compound.



Similar spectra have been reported by many workers for both compounds  $C_6H_5Cl$  and  $C_6H_5OH$  . [13-15].



**Figure (6)** Shows , (A) the FTIR Spectrum, and (B) the Raman spectrum of  $C_6H_5OH$ .

#### 4. Conclusions

The spectral bands for the C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl, which have been observed within UV- region, have been assigned as  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  electronic transitions. The wavelength shifts of these bands were studied.

The modes of vibrations have been studied by using IR and Raman techniques where the point groups of these two compounds revealed C<sub>2v</sub> symmetry according to the activities of the vibrational bands.

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