## **Chapter 2--Polar Covalent Bonds: Acids and Bases**

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9. What is the formal charge on the nitrogen atom indicated with the arrow in the following compound?



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 $CH_3OH + NaH \longrightarrow CH_3O^*Na^+ + H_2$ 

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