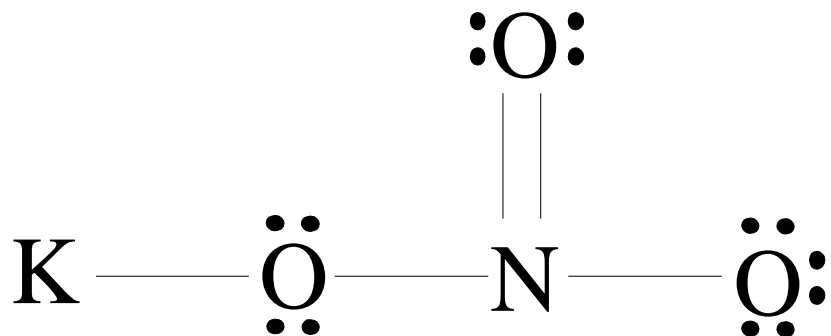
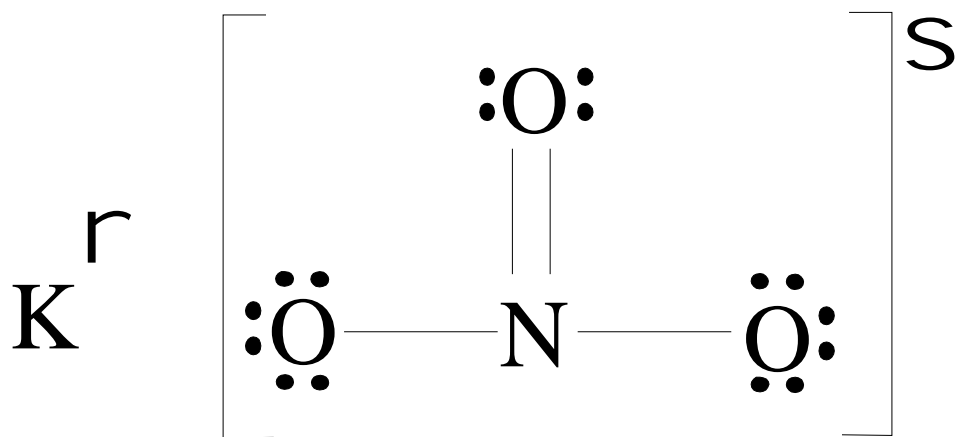


wrong



Potassium nitrate is an ionic compound, not covalent as indicated above.

right



Sketch shows covalent bonding holding nitrate together, but it also shows the ionic attraction (no electron sharing) between the two ions. Charges are often circled for clarity. Square brackets delineate polyatomic ions.