Identify the pairs among the following that are not isoelectronic:
$\mathrm{Na}+$ and $\mathrm{O}^{-}-$
P3- and Na+
I - and Xe
$\mathrm{Na}+$ and Ar
N3- and F-

Solution:

| Pair | Element/Ion | Electron configuration |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$and $\mathrm{O}^{2-}$ | $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{O}^{2-}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |
| $\mathrm{P}^{3-}$ and $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ | $P^{3}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |
| ${ }^{\circ}$ and Xe | 1 | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6} 3 d^{10} 4 s^{2} 4 p^{6} 4 d^{10} 5 s^{2} 5 p^{6}$ |
|  | Xe | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6} 3 d^{10} 4 s^{2} 4 p^{6} 4 d^{10} 5 s^{2} 5 p^{6}$ |
| $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$and Ar | $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |
|  |  | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6} 3 s^{2} 3 p^{6}$ |
| $\mathrm{N}^{3-}$ and F- | $\mathrm{N}^{3}$ | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |
|  | F | $1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{6}$ |

## Answer:

So, only two pairs among the following are not isoelectronic [1]: $\mathrm{P}^{3-}$ and $\mathrm{Na}^{+}, \mathrm{Na}^{+}$and Ar .

Reference:
[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isoelectronicity

