Examination – questions 2022

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The electric force acting between two point charges is determined by Coulomb's law, its magnitude depends on the size of the charges, the distance of the bodies and the environment between them. It is calculated by the formula where Q1 and Q2 are the charges of the bodies, r is their distance.

$$F = k \cdot \frac{Q_1 \cdot Q_2}{r^2}$$





Intermolecular interactions, hold molecules together in condensed systems (liquid, solid), temperature rise cancels them

in gases, molecular interactions are minimal

The stronger the interactions (they have more J/mol - we have to supply more heat to heat and evaporate), the more "resistant" the mass is, it has higher melting and boiling points



"huge, gigantic molecules" - polymers, macromolecular substances, macromolecules

Even at high temperature there will be some intermolecular interactions - not like a gas, the molecule is destroyed by the temperature rise





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|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Proper | ties of molecul | es Second | |
| Low molecular weight | Low molecular weight | Macromolecular | |
| Melting temperature | Precisely defined | Unclear, wider temperature range | |
| Melt viscosity | Low | High | |
| Transition to the gaseous state | Easy, non-destructive | Cannot, decomposition occurs | |
| Mechanical properties | Fragile | Tough, tenacious | |
| Crystallization | Usually easy, fast | Difficult, incomplete | |
| Solution | Dialyzable, low viscosity | Non-dialyzed, high viscosity | |
| Purification | Distillation, crystallisation, sublimation | By precipitation | |
| Composition | Uniform | Polymolecular | |
| Dissolving | Without swelling | after swelling | |
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from small molecules (monomers) by connecting them







n - number of repeats, degree of polymerization

Monomer - a substance from which a polymer can be prepared by polymerization, a starting substance whose molecules can combine to form macromolecules

Monomer \rightarrow **repeat unit (monomer residue, "mer")** "Mer" originates from the Greek word *meros*, which means "a part".



Constitutional repeating unit (CRU) - the part of the polymer that corresponds to the substance from which it was formed (monomer)

the constitution unit is put in square brackets - it is the part of the macromolecule that repeats regularly











Polymerization degree – number of structural units incorporated into the macromolecule "n" On the below right, after the square bracket, the structural units

For polymers, it takes values from tens upwards (hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands are common...)







The limiting "n" is a problem, for ethylene it will be more than for polyester (depending on the properties of the structural unit such as size and polarity)



(g/mol)

The mass of a polymer molecule is determined by the weight of the structural unit and the polymerization degree

Molar mass of structural unit = ...





amount of substance / molar mass



The mole, symbol mol, is the unit of <u>amount of substance</u> in the International System of Units (SI). The quantity amount of substance is a measure of how many elementary entities of a given substance are in an object or sample. The mole is defined as containing exactly 6.02×10²³ elementary entities.

The number of elementary entities in one mole is known as the Avogadro number. This definition supersedes the previous definition of a mole as the number of elementary entities equal to that of 12 grams of carbon-12, the most common isotope of carbon.

Molar mass = sum (number of atoms in a molecule x their atomic mass)

- Example: CH4 ... 12 + 4x1 ... 16 g/mol
- C ... 12 g/mol, H ... 1 g/mol, O ... 16 g/mol, N ... 12 g/mol



The amount of substance in low molecular weight substances is easily detectable/calculable.

For macromolecules it is different: they are usually a mixture of substances with very similar properties. Therefore, a "distribution curve" has to be considered.





small macromolecules (= lower values of (n) and (Mr) = shorter chains): sticky, low melting points, more soluble

large macromolecules (= higher values of (n) and (Mr)= longer chains): Non-sticky, higher melting points, higher strength, better solvent resistance



orientation values ! Only for fibres

| polymer | Polymrization degree | Molar mass of repeating unit | Molar mass of polymer | Polarity of polymer |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Polyethylene | 10 000 | 28 | 280 000 | low |
| polypropylene | 5 000 | 43 | 200 000 | low |
| Polyetylenglyko ltereftalate | 100 | 192 | 19 000 | medium |
| Polyamide 6.6 | 200 | 240 | 50 000 | medium |
| Polyamide 6 | 100 | 113 | 11 000 | medium |
| akrylonitril | 2000 | 53 | 106 000 | medium |
| Cellulose (viscose) | 300 | 162 | 52 000 | high |





Anything is possible if the geometry of the system allows it

The probability of a particular possible arrangement is related to its energy efficiency



Each individual chain changes its size and shape with time, so that at any given time in the system different chains vary in size and shape



The changes are rapid (order 10⁻¹²s)

shape of a macromolecule

"fixed" is the bond angle (valence angle) between the atoms and the bond length (interatomic distance) Each atom is a "joint" that allows rotation



"fixed" is the bond angle
between the atoms and the
bond length
Double bonds - rotation is
not possible !!!



shape of a macromolecule
The free mobility of the segments is preserved in solution or melt - there they form so-called statistical balls, after solidification their shape remains typically preserved







Crystallinity = percentage of crystalline phase in the polymer







Amorphous and Crystalline Areas of Polymers



| Supramolecular structure, 🔯 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Crystallinity + | | | | | | | |
| Polymer | Crystallinity % | Density of crystalline phase g/cm3 | Density of amorphous phase g/cm3 | | | | |
| Polyamide 6.6 (PA66) | 35–45 | 1.24 | 1.08 | | | | |
| Polyoxymetylen (POM) | 70–80 | 1.54 | 1.28 | | | | |
| Polyethylentereftalate | 30–40 | 1.50 | 1.33 | | | | |
| Polytetraflourethylene | 60-80 | 2.35 | 2.00 | | | | |
| Polypropylene | 70–80 | 0.95 | 0.85 | | | | |
| Highdensity polyethylen | 70-80 | 1.0 | 0.85 | | | | |
| Lowdensity polyethylen | 45–55 | 1.0 | 0.85 | | | | |

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- Sterically regular structure (tacticity)
- Linear unbranched macromolecules (large substituents prevent crystals)
- Suitable conformation
- Sufficiently strong secondary bonds (between segments)
- Sufficiently flexible chains (placement in crystal regions)
- Suitable preparation conditions (cooling rate, temperature)



How to influence crystallinity



Cooling speed Nucleation Arrangement and deformation of chains Heating **Increase the mobility of** macromolecules (intermolecular "lubricants")

orientation

Nucleation - PP crystal growth on cotton fibre at 130°C





Deformation 300% - change in shape of molecules -



teplota T



Obr. 20. Schematické rozdělení jednotlivých fází v krystalickém a amorfním polymeru v závis-losti na rostoucí teplotě. T_g – teplota skelného přechodu, T_m – teplota tání krystalického podílu, T_f – teplota plastického toku



A strong chemical bond can form between atoms - this creates molecules (a molecule is made up of atoms joined by a chemical bond)

intermolecular forces - There are also weaker forces between atoms or molecules - weak intermolecular interactions - this causes clumping of particles (liquids, solids)



A stable bond is formed only if energy is released during its formation





Dipole-ioné forces



Dipole-Dipole forces





Dispersion forces = partial charges (dipole) in nonpolar molecules quickly arise and disappear due to the movement of electrons in the orbital, between particles that do not have a permanent dipole



Frequency of occurrence is high, binding energy is low: 0.1 to 4 kJ.mol⁻¹. It acts up to a distance of 0.4 nm (i.e. about twice the length of a covalent bond!), but the bond strength decreases very strongly with distance (with the sixth power of the distance!).

Hydrogen bonding (hydrogen bridge) This is an important - relatively strong - physical interaction between hydrophilic sections of molecules, which is also of considerable importance in fibre dyeing. Also, the sorption of water molecules during the swelling of fibres by water takes place via these hydrogen bridges



It occurs mainly in compounds of H with F, O and N. It is explained by by the strong polarity of the HF, OH and NH bonds. The bonding electron pair is to that extent shifted to the more electronegative atom that a hydrogen atom can form a weak bond with a free bond to a free electron pair on an atom of another molecule.



Key interactions in many threads

E.g. cotton, kevlar

increase the cohesiveness of the polymer, strength, melting point or solvent resistance



Hydrogen bond

Kevlar (polyamide)



There are attractive forces between the molecules of the liquid (or solid), only the forces towards the liquid act on the molecules in the surface, as shown in the following figure



Prediction of surface energy fromcohesive energy

Matter is composed of cubic particles with edge A. The value of A is related to the molar volume V (cm3.mol-1) through the number of particles in one mole (NA):

Phase surface

$$V = N_A \cdot A^3 \qquad A = \sqrt[3]{\frac{V}{N_A}}$$

The interfacial area between the particles (cubes) in one mole of matter is S, based on the geometry of the cube:

The contact of the cube below the surface of the substance with the surrounding particles has area 6A2. S is the surface area of all the cubes (particles) in volume V. $S = N_A \cdot 6 \cdot A^2$ $\delta^2 \cdot V = \gamma \cdot S$ The surface energy density on surfaces between cubic particles can be considered equal to the surface tension of the phase surface. Based on this consideration, the dependence of the surface phase on the cohesive energy can be derived. After substituting for NA (6,023.10²³) and including the dimensional constants, we obtain:

$$\gamma = \delta^2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{V}{N_A}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \qquad \gamma = 0,019 \cdot \partial^2 \sqrt[3]{V} \qquad \frac{\gamma \dots mJ.m}{\delta^2 \dots J.cm}$$



Plastics are polymers that are usually hard and often brittle under normal conditions. At elevated temperatures they become plastic and mouldable:

If the change from plastic to rigid is reversible, these polymers are called thermoplastics - they soften with heating, become plastic and can be repeatedly shaped (e.g. polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride). Linear polymers are soft at higher temperatures and soluble in most organic solvents.

If the change is irreversible (non-repeatable, permanent), because it results in a chemical reaction between molecules, usually at elevated temperatures, we speak of reactive plastics (thermosets, resins). Branched and spatially cross-linked polymers change chemically on heating and only swell in solvents.



is a highly elastic polymer that can be deformed considerably under normal conditions with little force without breaking. This deformation is mostly reversible. The dominant group of eleastomers are rubbers, from which rubbers ('rubber') are made.

Elastomers - elastic, deform under the action of an external force and then resume their original shape, softening on heating; they have long and very weakly linked chains (e.g. synthetic rubber).







thermoplastic elastomer

Thermosets/reacto plastics





Branched polymers X crosslinked polymers

Branched polymers

Branched polymers - during production, impact on flow properties, spatial arrangement of the molecule, solubility

crosslinked polymers - subsequently impact on flow properties, spatial arrangement of the molecule, solubility

crosslinked polymers



<u>The properties of polymers are determined by: chem. composition, shape</u> of molecular units, length of macromolecule and mobility of <u>macromolecular chains</u>

Typical deformation diagram of macromolecular substances



...the strength of polymer fibres is also important to us textiles...