

UNIT-II

POLYMERS

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Polymer → "A polymer is a long molecule formed by joining together of thousands of small molecular units by chemical bonds." Due to their large size they are also sometimes called as macromolecules.

The chemical process leading to the formation of polymer is known as polymerisation and the number of monomeric units contained in a molecule is known as degree of polymerisation.

Polymer

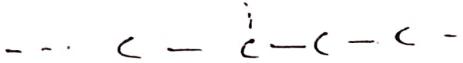
Homo polymer

Co-polymer

The monomeric unit may combine with each other into macromolecule to form polymer of linear, branched or cross linked structure.

- (i) Linear polymer - e.g. Polythene - ... $\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$...
- (ii) Branched Polymer - ... $\begin{array}{c} \text{C} \\ | \\ \text{--- C --- C --- C --- C ---} \\ | \\ \text{C} \end{array}$...
- (iii) Cross linked polymer:- ... $\begin{array}{c} \text{C} \\ | \\ \text{--- C --- C --- C --- C ---} \\ | \\ \text{C} \end{array}$...

Classification of polymers :-



(A) (i) Natural Polymer (ii) Synthetic polymer

(B) On the basis of chemical composition:- They are classified into three types

- (i) organic polymer (PVC, Polythene etc)
- (ii) Hetero organic polymer (Polysiloxanes, Polytitoxanes etc)
- (iii) Inorganic Polymer - (Glass, Silicon rubber etc.)

(C) Depending upon mode of synthesis:— Two types

(i) Addition polymer (ii) condensation polymer

(D) Depending upon force in b/w polymer chain

(i) Elastomer or Rubber (ii) Fibre

(iii) Thermoplastic (PVC, Polystyrene etc) (iv) Thermosetting

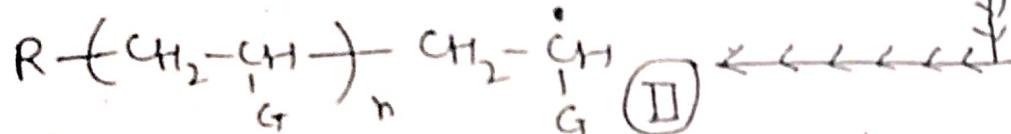
(iv) Thermosetting - Bakelite, alkyl resins, urea-formaldehyde.

Mechanism of addition polymerisation:-

① Free radical mechanism:— It takes place in 3 steps

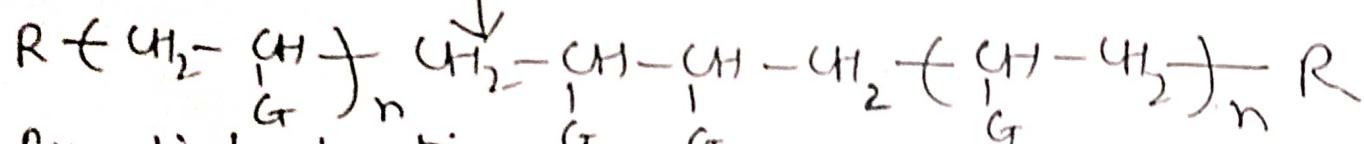
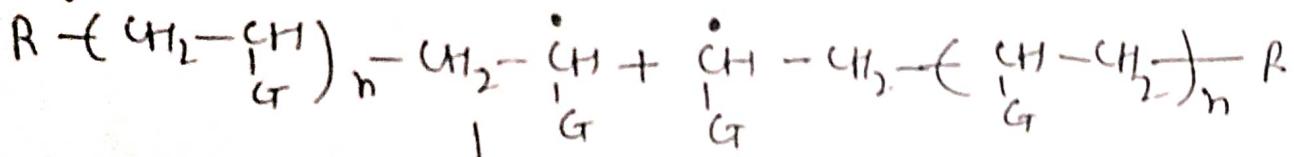
i) Initiation step:— $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}-\text{O}\cdot \text{O}\cdot \text{O}\cdot \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5 \rightarrow 2 \text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}-\text{O}\cdot$
 $\text{(Benzoyl Peroxide)} \text{Benzoyl Peroxide} \text{ or Peroxide} \rightarrow 2 \text{R}^\bullet$

ii) Propagation step:— $\text{R}^\bullet + \text{M} \text{ (Monomer)} \rightarrow \text{R}-\dot{\text{M}}$ {or $\text{R}^\bullet + \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} \rightarrow \text{R}-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{G}}{\text{CH}}}$ }

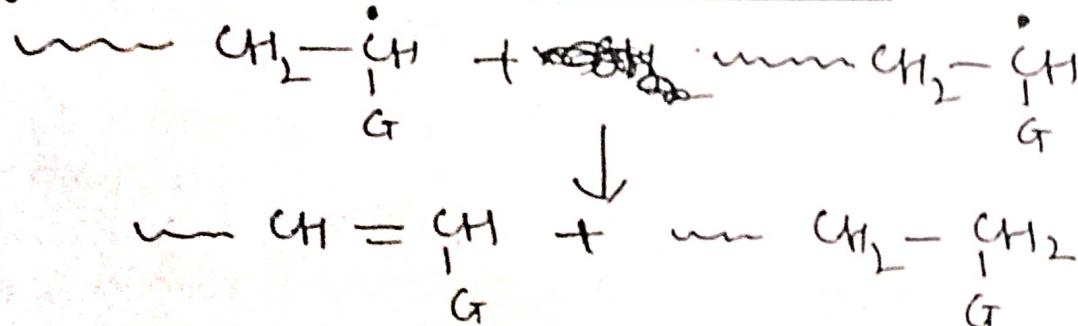


iii) Chain Termination step:— The above free radical (II) may be changed into an inactive polymer molecule by two modes.

A) By the combination of above two free radicals.



B) By disproportionation reaction:—



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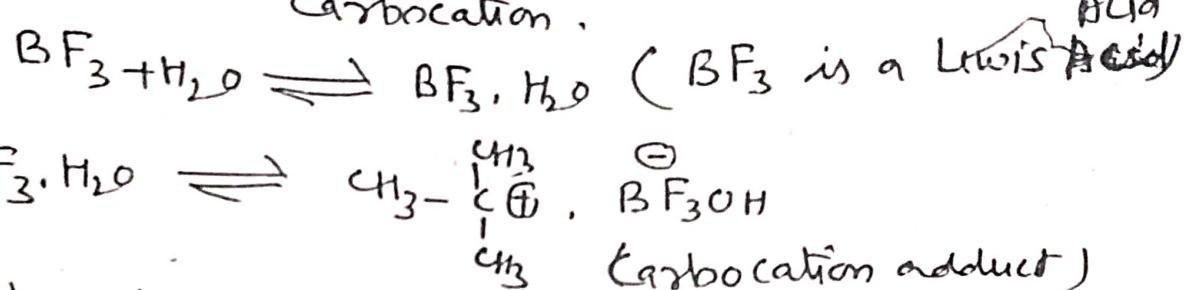
Mechanism of Ionic Polymerisation :- It is of two types

(A) Cationic Polymerisation - (Polymerisation of isobutylene) (3)

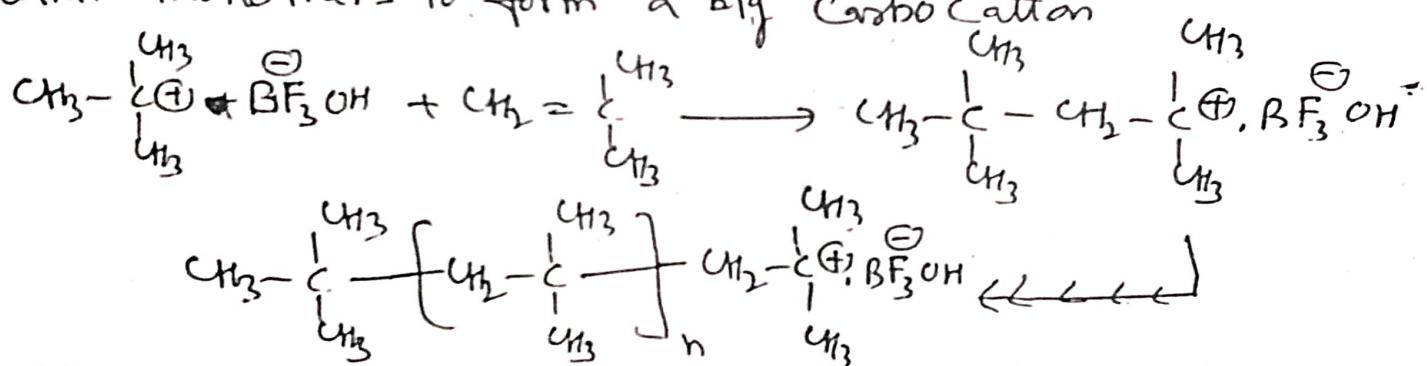
(B) Anionic Polymerisation -

Cationic Polymerisation

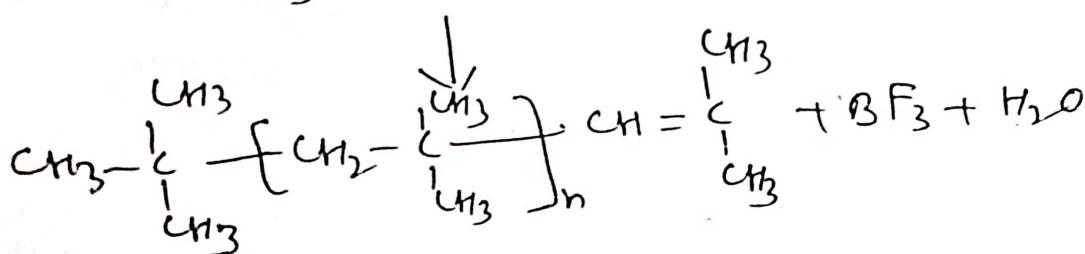
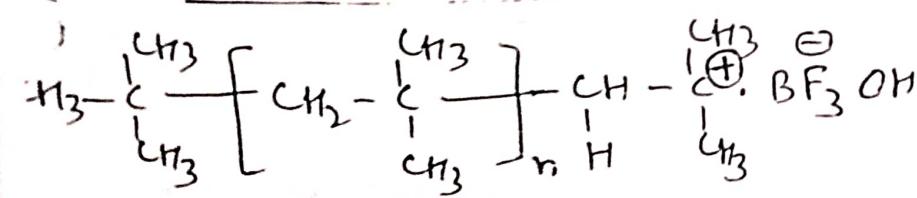
(i) Chain Initiation :- Protonation of alkene to form carbocation.



(ii) Chain Propagation :- Addition of Carbocation with other monomers to form a big Carbocation



(iii) Chain Termination → It takes place via proton transfer



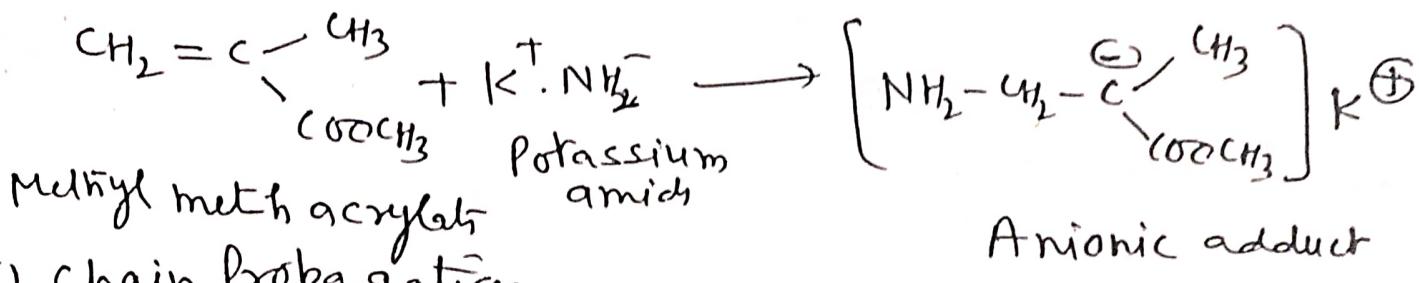
Note → The Cationic Polymerisation may take place in presence of H_2SO_4 , AlCl_3 or $\text{BF}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ etc

Mechanism of Anionic Polymerisation:

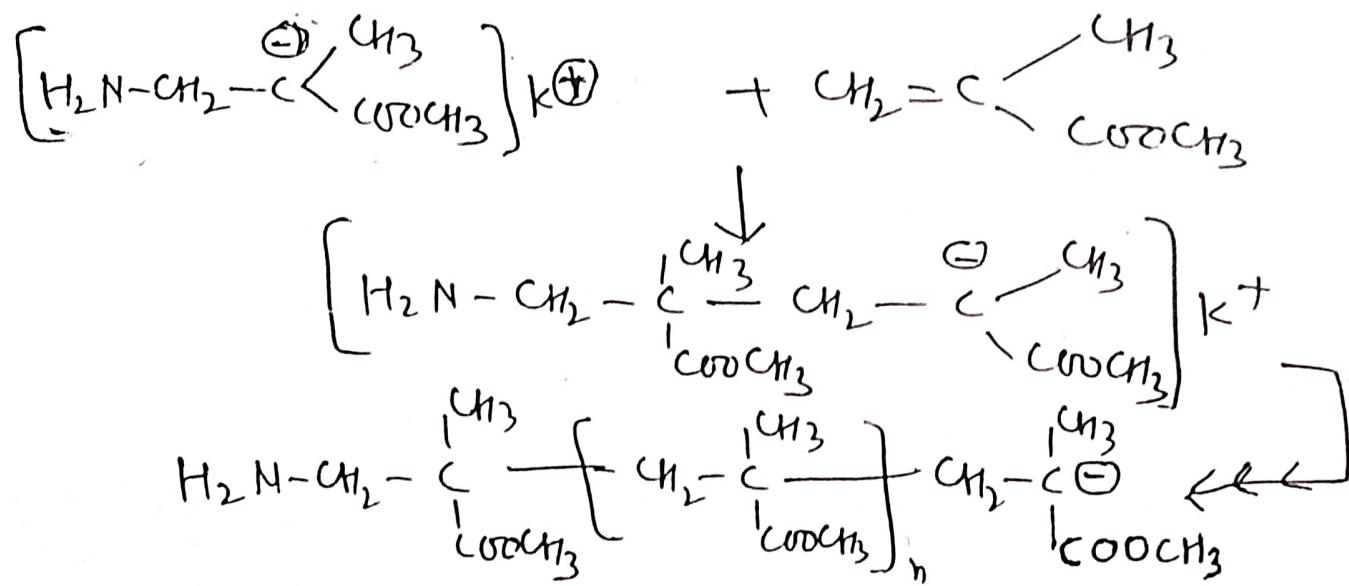
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Monomers with electron-attracting substituents (such as $-CN$, $-COOCH_3$, NO_2 etc.) undergo anionic polymerisation in the presence of Na or KNa or K .

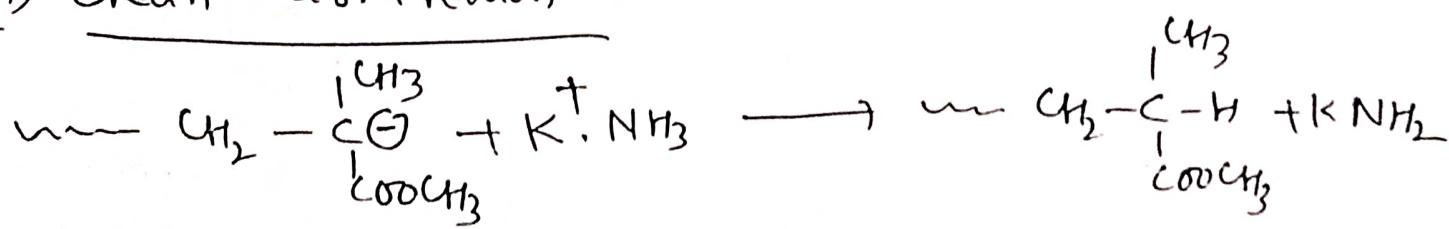
(1) Chain Initiation - $n\text{-Butyl lithium}$, ethyl sodium etc.



ii) Chain Propagation



(iii) Chain Termination



Mechanism of condensation Polymerisation

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Consider the esterification reactions as follows:-

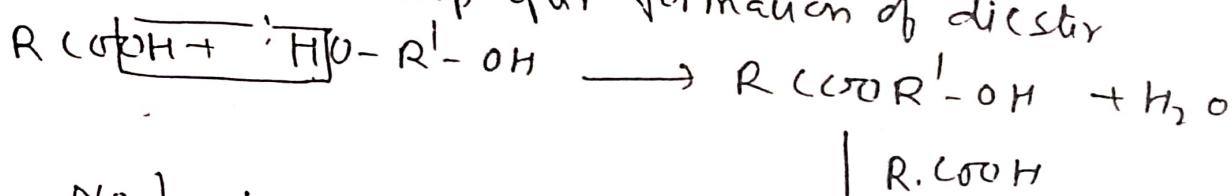
(i) When both the monomers contain monofunctional group:-

Then reaction will stop after formation of monoester



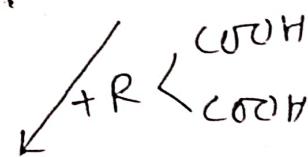
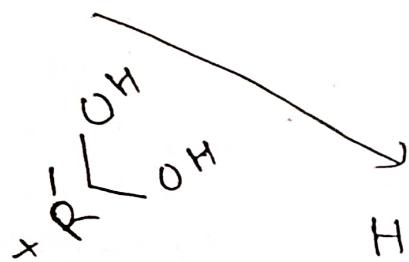
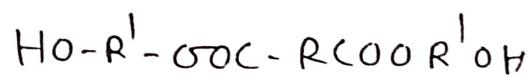
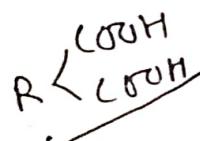
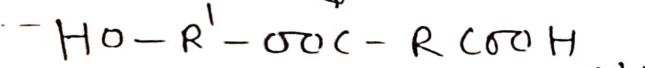
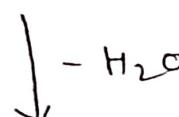
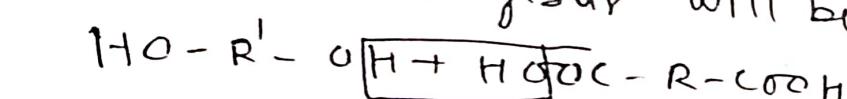
(ii) When one monomer is bifunctional and other monofunctional:-

Then reaction will stop after formation of diester



(iii) When both the monomers contain bifunctional group:-

Then polyester will be formed as shown below



and so on till

For $\text{R}'-\text{COOR}'$ Polyestir is formed

Q.1 In a particular sample of a polymer, 100 molecules have molecular mass 10^3 each, 200 molecules have mol. wr. 10^4 each and 200 molecules have mol.wt. 10^5 each. Calculate the number average and mass average molecular mass.

Ans We know that number average molecular mass (\bar{M}_n) is calculated by the formula

$$\bar{M}_n = \frac{\sum n_i M_i}{\sum n_i} = \frac{100 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 10^4 + 200 \times 10^5}{100 + 200 + 200}$$

$$= 44200 \text{ gm/mol Ans}$$

We also know that mass average molecular mass (\bar{M}_w) is calculated by the eqn.

$$\bar{M}_w = \frac{\sum n_i M_i^2}{\sum n_i M_i}$$

$$= \frac{100 \times (10^3)^2 + 200 \times (10^4)^2 + 200 \times (10^5)^2}{100 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 10^4 + 200 \times 10^5}$$

$$= 91407 \text{ gm/mol Ans}$$

Q2 Equal weights of polymer molecules with

$M_1 = 10,000 \text{ gm mol}^{-1}$ and $M_2 = 100,000 \text{ gm mol}^{-1}$ are mixed. Calculate \bar{M}_n and \bar{M}_w . 2

Ans Suppose that w gms of each polymers are mixed. Then

$$\text{and } n_1 = \frac{w}{M_1} = \frac{w}{10,000}$$
$$n_2 = \frac{w}{M_2} = \frac{w}{100,000}$$

We know that

$$\bar{M}_n = \frac{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{w}{10,000} \times 10,000 + \frac{w}{100,000} \times 100,000}{\frac{w}{10,000} + \frac{w}{100,000}}$$

$$\bar{M}_w = \frac{n_1 M_1^2 + n_2 M_2^2}{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{w}{10,000} (10000)^2 + \frac{w}{100,000} (100,000)^2}{\frac{w}{10,000} \times 10,000 + \frac{w}{100,000} \times 100,000}$$
$$= 55000 \text{ gm mol}^{-1}$$

Ans

Q3 28 gms of ethylene was polymerised by free radical process and average degree of polymerization was found to be 1000. Calculate

- (i) The no. of molecules of ethene in original sample
(ii) The no. of molecules of polyethylene produced

Ans (i) Mol. wt. of ethylene (C_2H_4) = $2 \times 12 + 4 = 28$

28 gm ethylene = 1 Mole ethylene = 6.023×10^{23} molecules Ans

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$$\text{No. of Polythene molecules} = \frac{\text{No. of ethylene molecules}}{\text{Degree of polymerization}}$$

$$= \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23}}{1000}$$

$$= 6.023 \times 10^{20} \text{ Molecules } \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

~~Ques~~ In a polymer sample, 30 %, molecules have

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molecular weight 20,000 40% have molecular mass
30,000 and rest 30% have 60,000. Calculate
 \overline{M}_w and \overline{M}_n .

Ans We know that

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{M}_w &= \frac{n_1 M_1^2 + n_2 M_2^2 + n_3 M_3^2}{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2 + n_3 M_3} \\ &= \frac{30(20,000)^2 + 40(30,000)^2 + 30(60,000)^2}{30 \times 20,000 + 40 \times 30,000 + 30 \times 60,000} \\ &= 41.33 \times 10^4 \text{ gm mol}^{-1} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}\end{aligned}$$

We also know that

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{M}_n &= \frac{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2 + n_3 M_3}{n_1 + n_2 + n_3} \\ &= \frac{30 \times 20,000 + 40 \times 30,000 + 30 \times 60,000}{30 + 40 + 30} \\ &= 36,000 \text{ gm mol}^{-1} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}\end{aligned}$$

(Q5) 216 gms of 1,3-butadiene is copolymerized with 104 gms of Styrene. Determine the formula of copolymer.

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Ans -

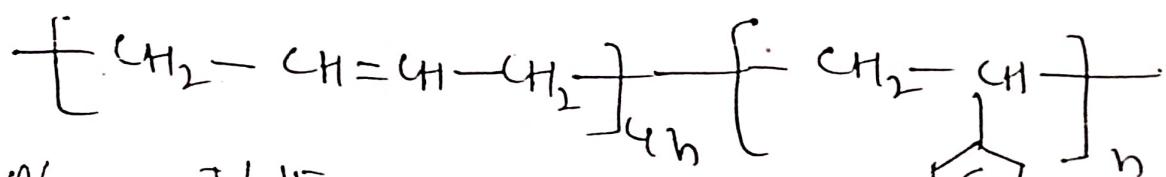
Mol. wt. of 1,3-butadiene ($\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} - \text{CH} = \text{CH}_2$) = 54

$$\therefore \text{Moles of butadiene in copolymer} = \frac{216}{54} = 4$$

Mol. wt. of Styrene ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$) = $96 + 8 = 104$

$$\therefore \text{Moles of Styrene in copolymer} = \frac{104}{104} = 1$$

Hence the molecular formula of copolymer will be



If 10^5 average degree of Polymerisation of polystyrene is 10^5 , calculate its average molecular weight

Ans Mol. wt. of Styrene $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$ or $(6\text{H}_5 - \text{CH}_3) = 104$

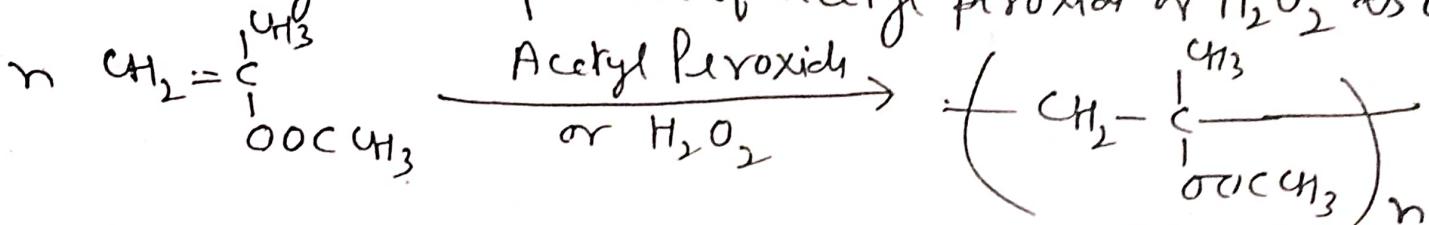
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average mol. wr.} &= \text{degree of Polymerisation} \times \text{Mol. wr} \\ &= 10^5 \times 104 = 10.4 \times 10^6 \text{ Ans}\end{aligned}$$

Prepn., Properties and Uses of Polymers

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① PMMA (Poly methyl meth acrylate) or Lucite or Plexiglass or acrylic Perspex

Prepn. → It is prepared by the polymerisation of Methyl meth acrylate in presence of acetyl peroxide or H_2O_2 as catalyst.

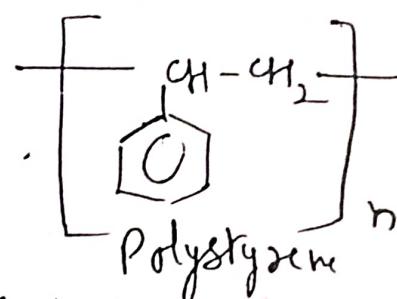
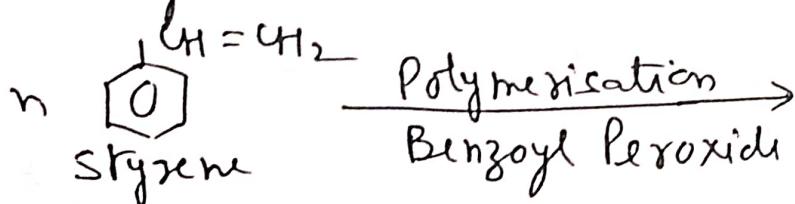


Properties — It is hard, transparent, thermoplastic, colourless with high optical transparency.

Uses — It is used in making lenses, domes, skylight, aircraft window, plastic jewellery, protective coatings and dome shape covers of solar collectors (i.e. Solar heater).

② Polystyrene :-

Prepn. :— It is prepared by the free radical polymerisation of styrene in presence of Benzoyl peroxide as catalyst.

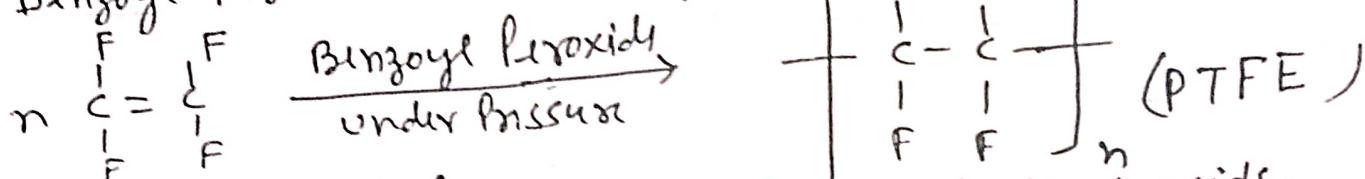


Properties → It has good optical property. It is transparent polymer and allow high transmission of all wavelength.

Uses :— It is used for making toys, combs, ceiling tiles, lining material for refrigerators, TV cabinets, audio — casette, containers of talcum powder etc.

(3) Teflon or Poly tetra fluoro Ethylene

Prepn. :- It is prepared by the polymerisation of Tetra fluoro ethylene under pressure in presence of Benzoyl Peroxide as catalyst.



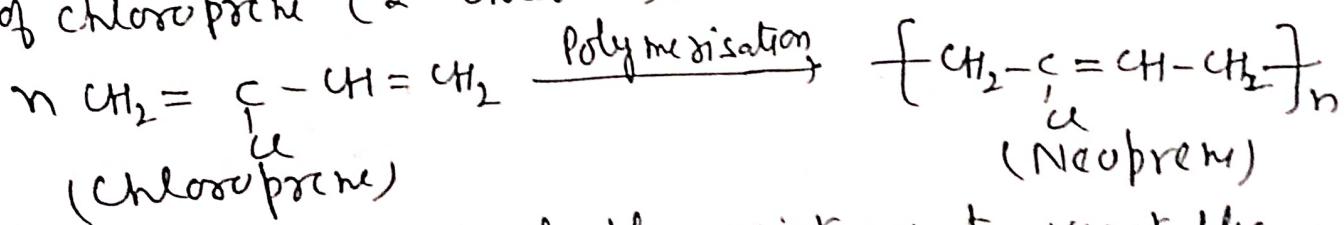
Tetra fluoro Ethylene It is not affected by heat and acids.

Props — Due to ^{key} presence of highly electronegative fluorine atoms, there are very strong attractive forces between different chains. These strong forces are responsible for its

- (i) High density (2.1 to 2.3 gm/l.c.c.)
- (ii) Electrical Insulation property
- (iii) Excellent toughness and heat resistance
- (iv) It has non-adhesive characteristics

Uses — It is used for making non-stick utensils, wire and cable insulation, its fibres are used to form belts, filter cloths etc., for making gaskets, for carrying chemical carrying pipes, for making non-lubricating bearings etc.

(4) Neoprene :- It is prepared by the polymerisation of chloroprene (2-Chloro-1,3-Butadiene)



Properties → It is highly resistant to vegetables and mineral oils & is soluble in organic solvents

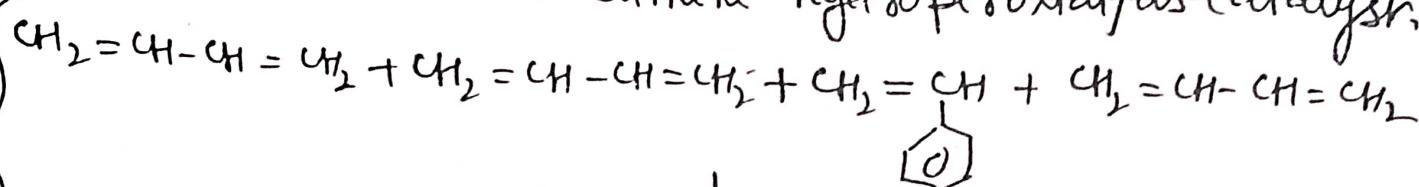
Uses → It is used for making Hoses, gaskets, tubes for carrying corrosive gases and oils, sponges etc.

Buna-S → or SBR or GR-S or Styrene Rubber

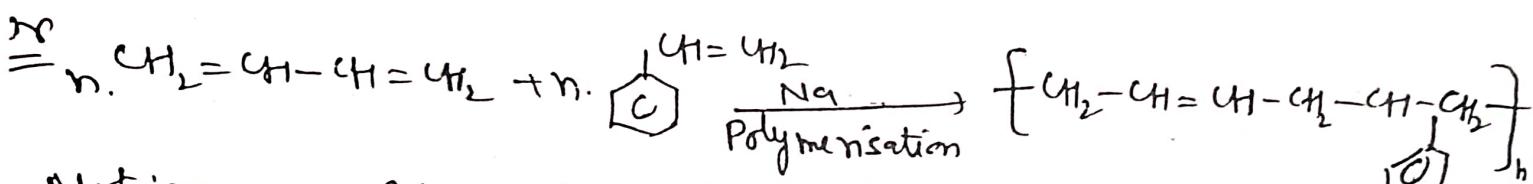
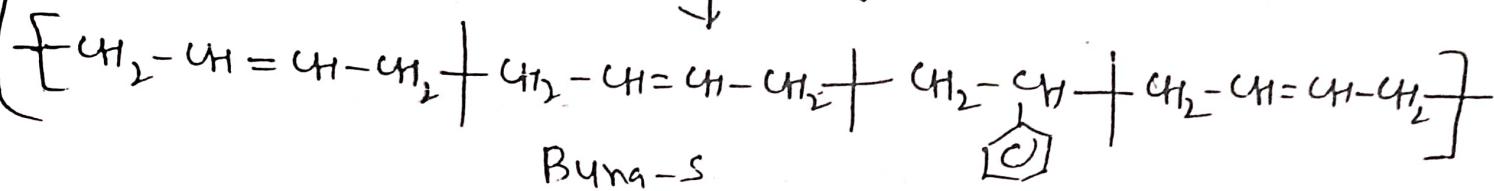
Prepn →

It is prepared by the polymerisation of

Butadiene (75%) and Styrene (25%) in an emulsion system at 50°C in presence of Cumene hydroperoxide/^{Na}Catalyst.



↓ copolymerisation



Note: —

Since it is prepared by Butadiene and Styrene in presence of ^{Sodium (Na)}, so it is called as Buna-S.

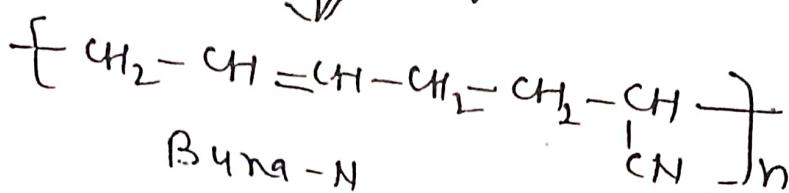
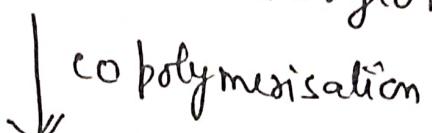
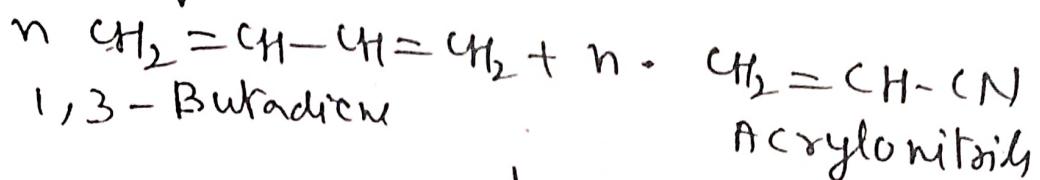
- Properties — (i) It possesses high abrasion, loses resistance and high load bearing capacity.
(ii) The weatherability of SBR is better than natural rubber
(iii) It swells in oils and solvents
(iv) It gets easily oxidized in presence of traces of Ozone present in the atmosphere.

Uses! — (i) It is used for making automobile tyres, hoses, belt, rubber soles, floor tiles, carpets, tank linings etc.
It is also widely used for electrical insulation of wires and cables etc.

NOTE — G R-S means Government Rubber Styrene

⑥ Buna-N or Nitrik Rubber or NBR or G.R.A

Pactn.! - It is prepared by the copolymerisation butadiene and acrylonitrile (Vinyl cyanide) in an emulsion system



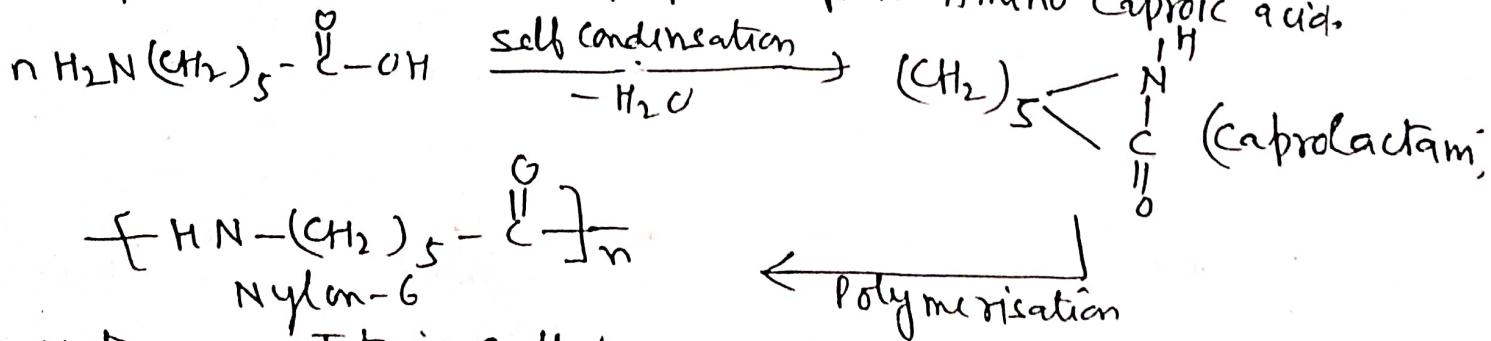
Properties -

- ① Due to the presence of cyano group, the nitrile rubber is less resistant to alkali than natural rubber.
 - ② It possesses excellent resistance to heat, sunlight, acids and salts.
 - ③ It has good tensile strength and abrasion resistance.

USES! — ① It is used for making fuel tanks, creaming equipments, gasoline hoses, Gaskets, insulation of wires and cables, high altitude aircraft components etc
② It can also be used as blend component in tyre manufacture.

⑦ Nylon-6 or PERLON !—

Prepn:- It is prepared by the polymerisation of caprolactam which is prepared from Amino caproic acid.



Note → It is called as Nylon-6 because it contains 6 carbon atoms.

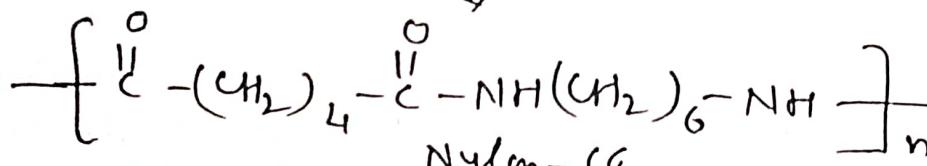
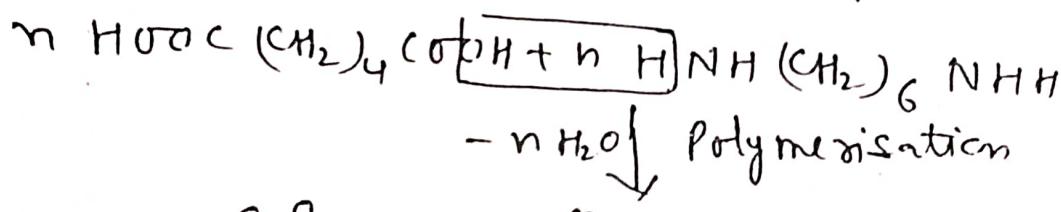
- Props of Nylons:-
- ① Nylons are characterized by a combination of high strength, elasticity, toughness, and abrasion resistance.
 - ② They have very good moisture resistance.
 - ③ The molecular chains of nylons are held together to each other by hydrogen bonds having linear structure,
 - ④ Hence permits side-by-side alignment.
- (4) They are very flexible and retain their original shape after use.

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Uses:- It is used for the manufacture of Tyre cords, fabrics, ropes etc.

(8) Nylon - 66

Prepn. → It is prepared by the condensation polymerisation between adipic acid ($C = 6$) and hexamethylenediamine ($C = 6$) as follows -



Props → See above as in Nylon - 6

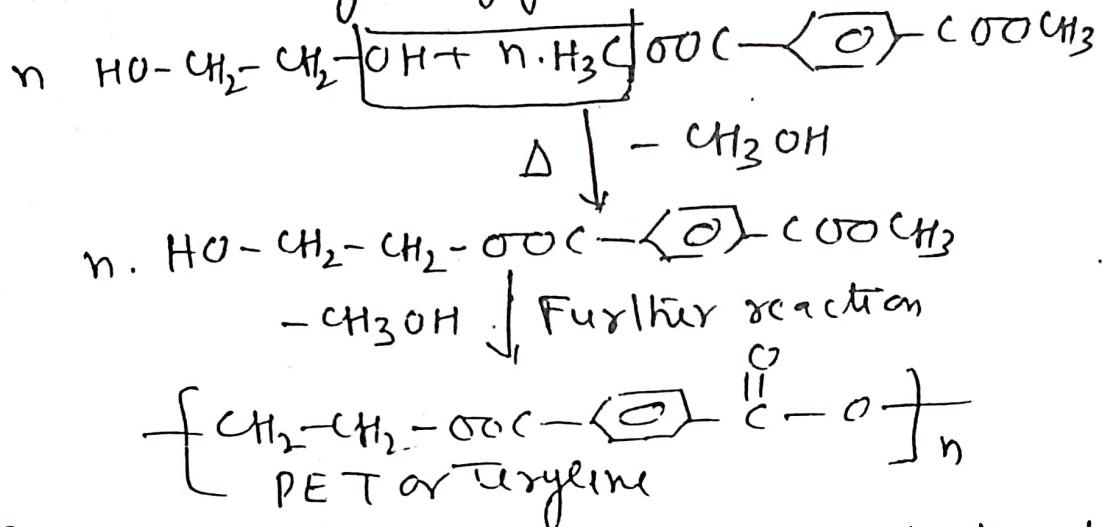
Since both the monomers contain 6 carbon atoms each, ∴ it is called as Nylon - 66

- Uses—
- ① It is used for making brushes, fibre, bristles, carpets, elastic hosiery etc
 - ② It is used in automobile type cords, ropes, threads, cords having high tenacity and good elasticity.
 - ③ It is used for making nylon bearings, and gears whose performance is good and need little or no lubrication
 - ④ It is also used for making rollers, slides and door latches.

Ques. No. 9 Terylene or Decron or Polystir or
or Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) : —

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Prsn. → It is prepared by heating dimethyl-
terephthalate and ethylene glycol (or by heating terephthalic
acid and ethylene glycol) in basic medium



- Props.: —
- ① It is resistant to heat and moisture
 - ② It has good mechanical strength upto 175°C
 - ③ It is resistant to almost all kinds of insect attacks
 - ④ It can be dyed at 10°C or in presence of carrier.
 - ⑤ The nylon fibres has good wrinkle resistance due to good elasticity.

Uses: —

- ① It is mostly used for making synthetic fibres, seat belts, film etc

- ② It is mixed with cotton cloth to prepare Terycotton.

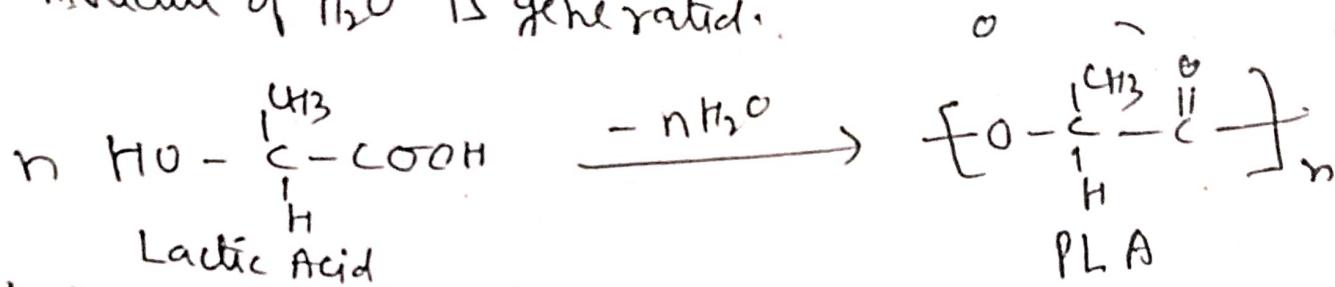
- ③ Due to its high dielectric strength, they are used for electrical insulation.

- ④ It is used for making magnetic recording tapes.

Note → In England it is called as Terylene
while in USA it is called as Decron.

Poly lactic acid → or PLA →

It is prepared by the polymerisation of lactic acid although lactic acid can not be polymerised to useful product since in each polymerisation reaction one molecule of H_2O is generated.



Properties →

Due to chiral nature of lactic acid,

several distinct forms of poly lactic acid are found e.g.

i) Poly-L-lactide (PLLA) :- The melting temp. of PLLA can be increased to 40°C - 50°C and its heat deflection temp. can be increased approx. from 60°C to 170°C by physically blending the polymer with PDLA.

ii) Poly-D-lactide (PDLA):- It acts as a nucleating agent.

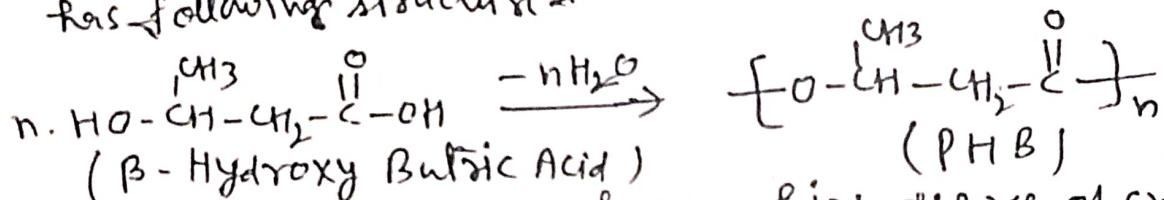
Biodegradation of PDLA is slower than PLLA due to higher crystallinity of PDLA. PDLA has the useful property of being optically transparent.

USES of PLA :— ① It is used in number of biodegradable applications such as sutures, stents, dialysis media and drug delivery devices.

② Due to its biodegradable nature, it is used in the preparation of bioplastics (which is useful for food packaging and disposable table ware).

(11) Polyhydroxy Butyrate (PHB) :-

Prepn. → It is prepared by fermentation of sugars (sucrose, glucose and lactose) by micro-organisms (like Alcaligenes entrophus or Bacillus megaterium) in response to conditions of physiological stress. It has following structure -



Properties — ① It shows high degree of crystallinity,

high m.pt., 180°C and is rapidly biodegradable.

② It possesses good oxygen permeability.

③ It is good resistant to UV light but poor resistance to acid and base.

④ It is insoluble in water but soluble in chloroform and other chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Uses — ① In the manufacture of bottles, bags, wrapping film and disposable nappies etc

② It is used for packing of food

③ It is used for preparing controlled drug-release carriers due to its biodegradable and optical activity prop.

No | Monomer + Prepn.

	Polymer	Properties
1.	$n \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} - \xrightarrow{\text{Acetyl - Peroxid or H}_2\text{O}_2} \left[\text{CH}_2 - \begin{matrix} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{COCCH}_3 \end{matrix} \right]_n$	PMMA (Poly methyl methacrylate) Amorphous, transparent, high optical clarity Plasticity Making lenses, domes, signs, air (plastics)
2.	$n \text{CH} = \text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Benzoyl Peroxide}} \left[\begin{matrix} \text{CH} & \text{CH}_2 \\ & \\ \text{O} & \text{C} \end{matrix} \right]_n$	Poly styrene Transparent Polymer with good optical property
3.	$n \text{C}_2 = \text{C} \begin{matrix} \text{F} \\ \\ \text{F} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Benzoyl - Peroxid}} \left[\begin{matrix} \text{F} & \text{C} \\ & \\ \text{F} & \text{F} \end{matrix} \right]_n$	Teflon or Poly tetra-fluoroethylene (PTFE) High density, Electrical Insulation prop., Excellent toughness, Heat resistance used to form seals etc
4.	$n \text{CH}_2 = \text{CH} = \text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Chloroprene}}$ or $2-\text{Chloro-1,3-\text{Butadiene}}$	Neoprene (GR - m) Highly resistant to vegetable and mineral oils, soluble in organic solvents Making hoses, gaskets, sponge, tube for carrying corrosive gases and oils etc

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Sno	Monomer + Tech.	Polymer		Props.	Uses
		Monomer	Prop.		
5.	$n \cdot CH_2 = CH - CH = CH_2 + n$.  (Styrene)	Buna-S or SBR or CR-S or styrene butadiene Rubber	Posses high abrasion, load bearing, capacity, swells in oils and solvents, oxidised in presence of traces of ozone	For making automobile tyres, hoses, Belts, rubber soles, Floor tiles, carpets, electrical insulations of wires and cables etc.	
6.	$n \cdot CH_2 - CH = CH_2 - CH_2 - CH - CH_2 - \left(\begin{array}{c} CH \\ \\ CH_2 \end{array} \right)_n$	Government Rubber Styrene	Formaldehyde or NBR or $GR A$	Less resistance to alkali than natural rubber, resistant to heat, sunlight, acids & salts.	Fuel tanks, gasoline hoses, Gaskets, insulator of wires & cables, Blend component in Tyre manufacture
7.	$n \cdot CH_2 = CH - CH = CH_2 + n$. $CH_2 = CH$ 1,3-Butadiene \downarrow Acrylic nitrate $\left(\begin{array}{c} CH_2 - CH = CH_2 - CH_2 - CH \\ \\ CH_2 \end{array} \right)_n$	Buna-N or Nitroil Rubber or NBR or $GR A$	Less resistance to alkali than natural rubber, resistant to heat, sunlight, acids & salts.	For Manufacturing Tyre cords, Fabrics, ropes, etc	(20)
8.	$n \cdot H_2N - CH_2 - CO - OH$ (From caprolactam) $\left(\begin{array}{c} CH_2 \\ \\ NH \\ \\ CO \\ \\ OH \end{array} \right)_n$	Nylon-6 or Perlon	High Strength, elasticity, toughness, very flexible & retain their original shape after use	For Manufacture of Tyre cords, Fabrics, ropes, etc	

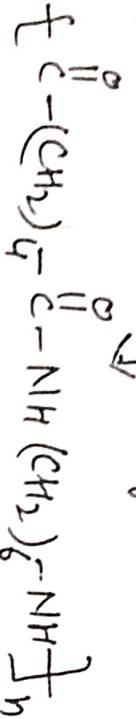
Monomer + Prepn.

Polymer + Prop.

Uses

n HOOC(CH₂)₄COOH + n. H₂N(CH₂)₆NH₂

Adipic Acid



Polymerisation

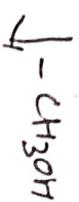
Nylon - 66

Same as of
Nylon - 6

n HO-CH₂CH₂ $\boxed{\text{O}}\text{H} + n\text{H}_3\text{N}$

Terephene or Decaron
or PET

(In USA)



n HO-CH₂CH₂-OOC-COOCH₃

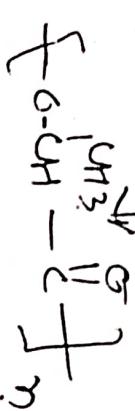


f CH₂-CH₂-OOC-COO-

PLA
Polylactic acid

It is optically
transparent

n HO-C^{CH₃}H-COOH
(Lactic Acid)
polymerisation - H₂O



PLA

Stitches) \rightarrow

resistant to heat and
moisture, good
wrinkle resistance,
good mechanical
strength upto 175°C
can be dyed at low °C

Fabric making Fibre,
Seat belts, bags,
Hats, film,

Very soft, electric
insulation for
wires, cables

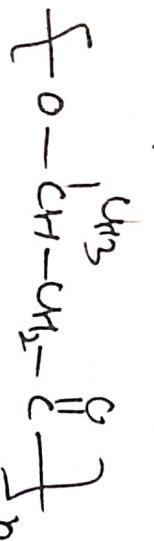
For making brushes,
bristles, fiber,
carpets, elastic -
hosiery, tyre cor-
rosives, threads,
Nylon bearing and
gears, door patch



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mono mer + Borpn.

Prepared by fermentation of sugars by micro-organisms like *Mycobacterium* or *Bacillus megaterium*



(β -Hydroxy Butyric Acid)

Polymer
Polyhydroxy-
Butyrate
(PHB)

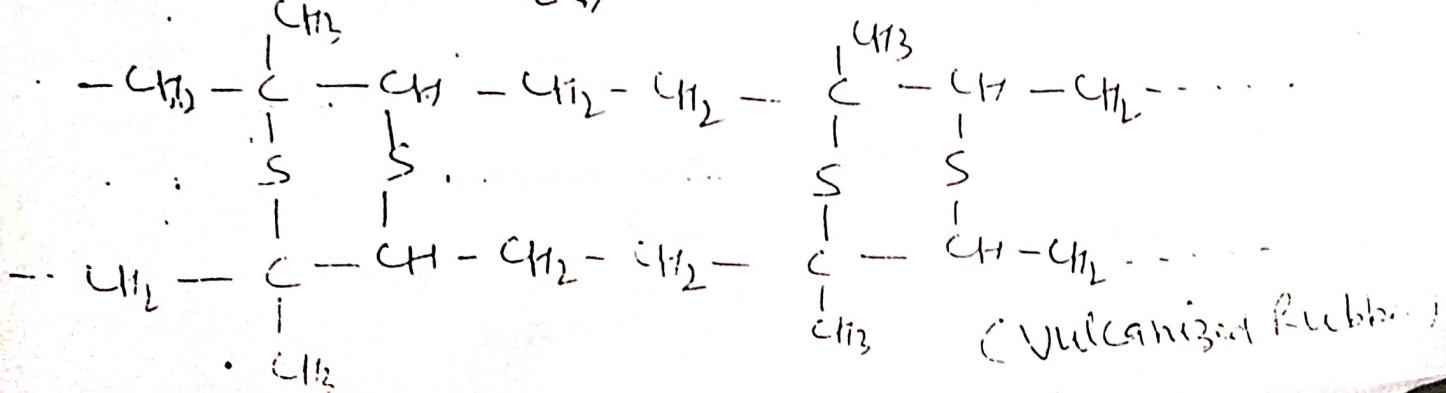
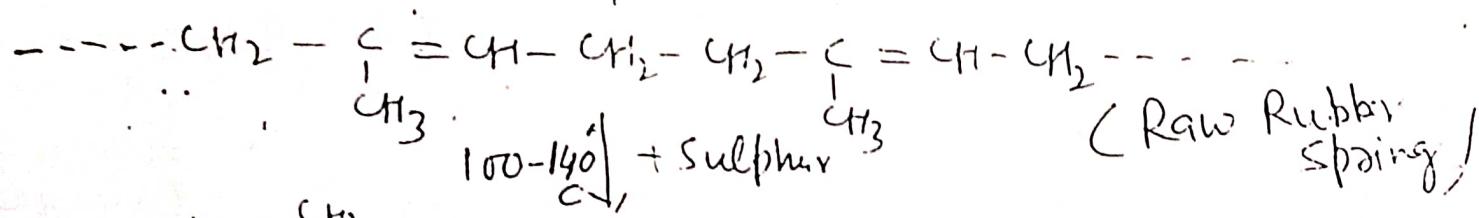
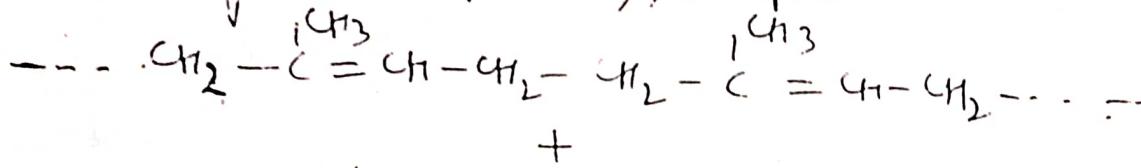
Polymer	Props.	Uses
Polyhydroxy- Butyrate (PHB)	High m. pt., rapidly biodegradable, good resistance to UV light, acid and base. Insoluble in water and soluble in chloroform and other chlorinated hydrocarbons	For packing of food, manufacture of bottles, bags, wrapping film, disposable napkins For controlled drug release carriers

Vulcanization of Rubber: — Charles Goodyear in 1839

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The raw rubber is of little use as such because it has low tensile strength, poor resistance to abrasion, possesses elasticity only over a limited range of temp. does not resume its original shape after being extended and becomes soft, more plastic and sticky on heating and brittle on cooling.

All the above undesirable properties of raw rubber may be removed by Vulcanization process. The heating of raw rubber with Sulphur at 100-140°C is called as vulcanization. The added Sulphur combines chemically at the double bonds of different rubber springs. Thus we can say that Vulcanization serves to stiffen the material by a sort of anchoring and consequently, preventing intermolecular movement of rubber springs. The extent of stiffness of vulcanized rubber depends on the amount of sulphur added e.g. Tyre rubber contains 3-5% Sulphur while battery e.g. rubber may contain upto 30% Sulphur.



Difference b/w Thermoplastic and Thermo setting

No.	Thermoplastic	Thermosetting
①	Formed by addition polymerization only	① Formed by condensation polymerisation
②	It consists of long chain linear polymers with negligible cross links	② It has three dimensional network structure.
③	They are usually soft, weak and less brittle	③ They are usually hard, strong and more brittle.
④	They can be reused (re-moulded) in the desired shape	④ They can not be remoulded.
⑤	They can be reclaimed from wastes	⑤ They can not be reclaimed from wastes
⑥	They are usually soluble in organic solvents	⑥ They are insoluble in organic solvents

Difference b/w Addition and Condensation polymerisation

Addition Polymerisation

They are formed by addition of repeated units of monomer

The mol. wt. of polymer is multiple mol. wt. of monomer

Higher molecular mass polymer is formed

Longer reaction times have a little effect on mol. wt. but gives higher yields

Condensation Polymerisation

① They are formed by the elimination of simple molecules like H_2O , NH_3 etc

② The mol. wt. of polymer is not multiple mol. wt. of monomer

③ Polymer molecular mass rises steadily throughout the reaction

④ Longer reaction times gives high mol. wt. polymer

Take a note on Tacticity
Syndiotactic polymers, Isostatic, atactic and

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Tacticity :- The orientation of monomeric units in polymer molecule can take place in an orderly or disorderly fashion with respect to the main chain is called as Tacticity. The difference in tacticity (configuration) affect their physical properties.

- 1) Isostatic :- If the substituent group (R) is on same side of carbon backbone then the polymer is called as Isostatic as shown in figure (1).
- 2) Atactic :- If the substituent group (R) is at random around the carbon backbone then the polymer is called as Atactic polymer as shown in Fig (2).
- 3) Syndiotactic → If the substituent group (R) is arranged alternately around the carbon backbone then it is called as syndiotactic polymer as shown in fig (3).

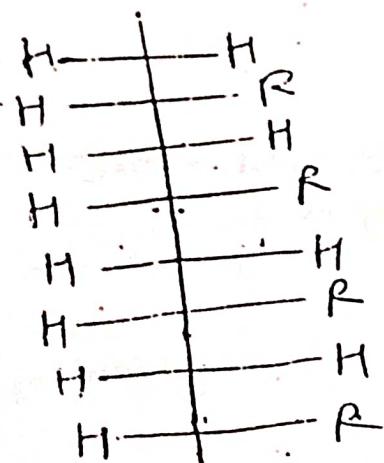


Fig - (1)
(Isostatic)

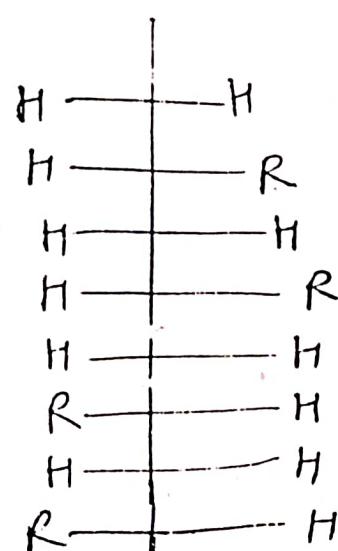


Fig - (2)
(Atactic)

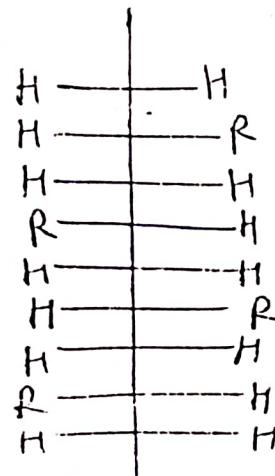


Fig - (3)
(Syndiotactic)