

Review



Structure

Molecular Chain Motion



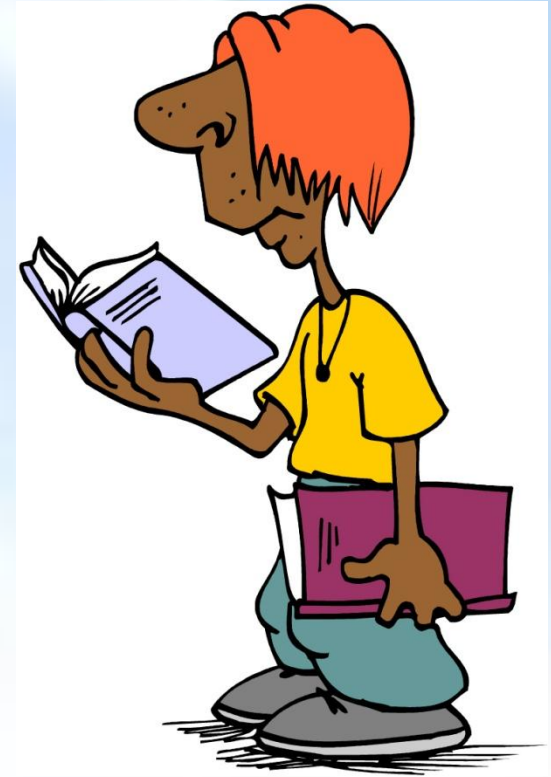
Properties

Polymer Processing



Basic concept

- Segment
- Relaxation and relaxation time
- the free energy of activation
- Free volume
- $T_g/T_f/T_d/T_m/T_b/T_s$
- Cross-link density
- Simple Shear Deformation
- Simple Extensional Deformation
- Viscous deformation
- Elastic deformation
- Segments motion and polymer flow

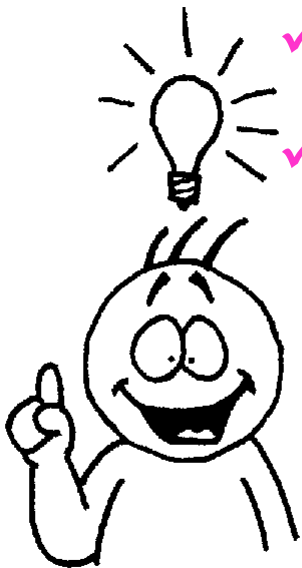


- **Non-Newtonian fluid**
- **pseudoplastic fluid**
- ***Viscosity***
- **non- Newtonian index**
- **Shear thinning**
- **Shear viscosity**
- **Elongation viscosity**
- **apparent viscosity η_a**
- **zero-shear-rate viscosity η_0**
- **Melt Index**
- **Weissenberg effect**
- **Unsteady flow**
- **Melt fracture**
- **Die swell**



Relationship

- ✓ Characteristics of molecular chain motion
- ✓ $T-\varepsilon$ curves (thermo-mechanical curve)
- ✓ Dependences of T_g on various parameters
- ✓ Effect factors on flow temperatures of polymers
- ✓ Effect factors on shear viscosities of polymer melts



Equations

Temperature Dependence

$$\tau = \tau_0 e^{\Delta E/RT}$$

The specific free volume

$$v_f = K + (\alpha_R + \alpha_G)T$$

$$f_r = f_g + \alpha_f (T - T_g)$$

0.025



WLF equation

$$\log a_T = \frac{C_1(T - T_r)}{C_2 + T - T_r}$$

if we set $T_r = T_g$, commonly $C_1 = -17.44$ and $C_2 = 51.6\text{K}$, then

$$T'_g = T_g + \frac{51.6 \log \alpha_t}{17.44 - \log \alpha_t}$$

$$\log \frac{\eta(T)}{\eta(T_g)} = -\frac{17.44(T - T_g)}{51.6 + (T - T_g)}$$

$$T'_g \sim T_g + 100^\circ\text{C}$$



Gordon —Taylor equation

$$T_g = \frac{W_1 \Delta \alpha_1 T_{g1} + W_2 \Delta \alpha_2 T_{g2}}{W_1 \Delta \alpha_1 + W_2 \Delta \alpha_2}$$

Fox equation:


$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \frac{w_A}{T_{gA}} + \frac{w_B}{T_{gB}}$$

$$T_g = \chi_A T_{gA} + \chi_B T_{gB}$$



Fox-Flory equation

$$T_g = T_g(\infty) - \frac{K}{M_n}$$

$$T_g = T_{g,\infty} - \frac{y\rho N_{Av}\theta}{\alpha_f M_n}$$


Time Dependent Effect of T_g

$$\log v = a - b/T_g$$



Arrhenius equation

$$\eta = Ae^{\frac{\Delta E_{\eta}}{RT}}$$

Power Law

$$\sigma_s = k \dot{\gamma}^n$$

$$\eta_a = \frac{\sigma(\dot{\gamma}_s)}{\dot{\gamma}} = K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$$



Fox-Flory

$$\overline{M}_w > M_c \quad \eta_0 = k_1 \overline{M}_w^{3.4}$$

$$\overline{M}_w < M_c \quad \eta_0 = k_2 \overline{M}_w^{1.0-1.5}$$

$$\log(MI) = A - B \log \overline{M}$$



Lee, White

$$\ln \eta = \varphi_1 \ln \eta_1 + \varphi_2 \ln \eta_2$$

Alle

$$\frac{1}{\eta} = \varphi_1 / \eta_1 + \varphi_2 / \eta_2$$



First normal-stress difference

$$N_1 = \sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22} = \psi_1(\dot{\gamma}) \dot{\gamma}^2$$

Die swell ratio

$$B = D / D_0$$



Measurements

- T_g
- T_m
- T_f
- Shear viscosity



Questions?



1 A polymer sample with the viscosity of 1.0×10^4 poises at 0°C is considered the temperature-viscosity relation is according with WLF equation, what is the viscosity of the polymer at 25°C if the viscosity at T_g is about 1.0×10^{13} poises.

A new linear amorphous polymer has a T_g of 10°C , at 27°C it has a melt viscosity of 4×10^8 poises. Estimate its viscosity at 50°C .

$$\log \frac{\eta(T)}{\eta(T_g)} = - \frac{17.44(T - T_g)}{51.6 + (T - T_g)}$$



2 A new polymer is reported to soften at 60°C. Describe a very simple experiment to determine whether this softening is a glass transition or a melting point.

Show schematically the results that would be expected from the following experiments with the new polymer of above mentioned if the reported softening temperature is indeed a T_g/T_m .

- 1) Specific volume as a function of temperature**
- 2) Differential scanning calorimeter**
- 3) Young's modulus as a function of temperature**



3 Account for the differences in glass transition temperatures for the following pairs of isometric polymers:

- (a) Poly(but-1-ene) and poly(but-2-ene)**
- (b) Poly(ethylene oxide) and poly(vinyl alcohol)**
- (c) Poly(methyl acrylate) and poly(vinyl acetate)**
- (d) poly(ethyl acrylate) and poly(methyl methacrylate)**



4 The T_g of a linear polymer with $M_n=2500$ is 120°C , while for a sample of the same linear polymer with $M_n=10,000$, T_g is 150°C . On the other hand, a branched product of the same polymer with $M_n=6000$ has a T_g of 114°C . Determine the average number of branches per chain of the branched polymer.



5 Please give the repeat units of the following materials and arrange them in the probable order of their increasing crystalline melting points or glass transition temperature and justify your answer.

 T_g

- Polypropylene
- Poly(vinyl chloride)
- Poly(vinylidene chloride)
- Polyisobutylene

 T_g

- Polycarbonate
- Polyethylene
- Poly(2,6-dimethyl -1,4-phenylene oxide)
- Polydimethylsiloxane

 T_g

- Polyethylene
- Polystyrene
- Polypropylene
- Poly(α -methylstyrene)
- Poly(m-methylstyrene)
- Poly(o-methylstyrene)
- Poly(α -vinyl naphthalene)

 T_m

- polycaprolactone
- Nylon 6
- Nylon 66
- Nylon 12



6 What is the T_g of butadiene-styrene copolymer containing 10 vol % styrene?

(T_g Polybutadiene=-80°C, T_g Polystyrene=100°C)



7 Toluene behaves as a plasticizer for polystyrene. Estimate T_g of a polystyrene ample containing 20 vol% toluene.

(T_g Polystyrene= 100°C , melting point of toluene= -50°C)



**8 What is the T_g of polystyrene of $M_n=3000$?
($K=2 \times 10^5$ T_g Polystyrene= 100°C)**



9 Monomers A and B are copolymerized with the following results:

Wt. Fraction A in polymer	$T_g / ^\circ\text{C}$
1.000	108.0
0.850	75.0
0.260	28.0

If B forms a copolymer with equal weights of B and C, and the same K applied, that T_g can be expected? (The T_g of C is $-37.0\ ^\circ\text{C}$)



10 Please draw out the T –Deformation curves of PS with different molecular weights.

- 1 $M_n=360$ g/mol**
- 2 $M_n=400$ g/mol**
- 3 $M_n= 500$ g/mol**
- 4 $M_n= 1140$ g/mol**
- 5 $M_n= 3000$ g/mol**
- 6 $M_n= 1.2 \times 10^4$ g/mol**
- 7 $M_n= 5.5 \times 10^4$ g/mol**
- 8 $M_n= 6.3 \times 10^5$ g/mol**



11 As we all known, the activation energy for viscous flow of PE and PIB is 23.3kJ/mol and 36.9 kJ/mol respectively, then at which temperature their viscosities will be the half of their values at 166.7 °C.



12 What is the melting point of a copolymer of ethylene and propylene with 90 mol% ethylene?

$$\Delta H_m (\text{PE}) = 7.8 \times 10^3 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$\frac{1}{T_m} = \frac{1}{T_m^o} - \frac{R}{\Delta H_m} \ln x$$



13 The polyester, polycaprolatone and poly(ethylene terephthalate), have T_g value of -60°C and $+60^\circ\text{C}$ and T_m value of 60°C and 250°C , respectively. Which of the two polymers would be more suitable for a study of the effect of the degree crystallinity on biodegradability at 30°C ?



14 A new atactic polymer of the type $(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_X)_n$ has a T_m of 80°C , what is its T_g likely to be?



Di-n-ethylhexyl phthalate(DEHP) and related compounds are commonly used to plasticize poly(vinyl chloride)(PVC) to produce the pliable material genercally referred to as “vinyl.” a good plasticizer is miscible with the polymer in question, does not crystallize itself, ad has a very low vapor pressure. What fraction of DEHP should be added to PVC to bring T_g down below room temperature(300K), given that T_g for DEHP is about -86°C .

(T_g PVC: 360K)

(0.22)

