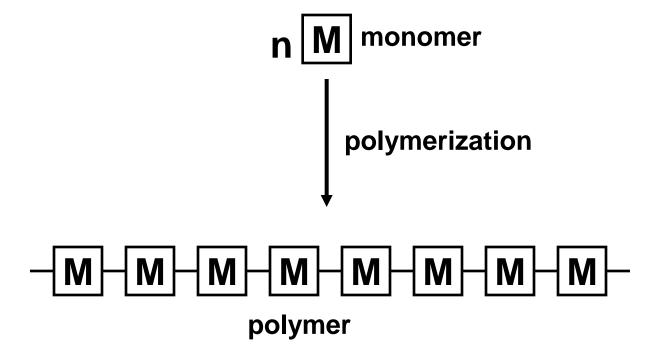
CHAPTER 13: POLYMERS

POLYMER

 A large molecule made up of many repeating unit.



MONOMER

 The simple starting compound from which a polymer is made.

monomer = ethylene
$$CH_2 = CH_2$$

$$polymerization$$

$$-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-$$

$$polymer = polyethylene$$

Polymerization – The process of joining monomers together

HOMOPOLYMERS

 A polymer made up of identical (same) monomers.

EXAMPLE:

-CH₂

COPOLYMER

 A polymer made up of two or more different monomers.

EXAMPLE:

1,1-dichloroethene 1-chloroethene

Saran®

REPEATING UNIT

 The smallest molecular fragment that contains all non repeating structural features of the chain.

EXAMPLE:

$$\begin{cases}
CN \\
-CH_2-CH
\end{cases}
\qquad
\left\{CH_2-CH\right\}$$

Keep in mind!

LINEAR POLYMER

- consist of monomers that are linked in straight and long chain
 - can be folded back upon themselves in a random fashion
 - is recycleable because it is soft and can be reformed when heated

-(A-A-A-A-A-A)-n

Monomers link together in a straight chain

Folded linear polymer in a random fashion

EXAMPLE:

- Polyethylene
- Polyester

CROSS-LINKED POLYMERS

- contain branches that connect linear polymer chain
 - is harder (rigid) and more elastic polymer compared to linear polymer
 - can not be remelted or remolded again

Long polymer chain cross-linked by branched

TYPES OF POLYMERS

- Can be divided into two types:
 - natural polymers
 - synthetic polymers

NATURAL POLYMERS

 are an extremely large molecules occurred naturally.

EXAMPLE:

- Protein: built from amino acids
- Carbohydrate such as starch is also a polymer
- Rubber. Monomers for rubber is 2-methyl-1,3butadiene also known as isoprene

n CH₂=C-CH=CH₂
$$\longrightarrow$$
 $-CH2-C=CHCH2-CH3 CH3$

isoprene

cis-polyisoprene

SYNTHETIC POLYMERS

 Polymers that are prepared in industries from monomers that have gone through polymerisation process

EXAMPLE:

Toys, drinking bottles, styrofoams and fabrics

- Synthetics polymers can be classified base on:
 - cross-linked polymer
 - linear polymer

TYPE OF POLYMERIZATION

- 2 types of chemical reaction that are use to form polymer are
 - Addition polymerization
 - Reaction to produce polyethene
 - Reaction to produce polyvinyl chloride
 - Reaction to produce polystrene
 - Condensation polymerization
 - Polyamides
 - Formation of Nylon 6,6
 - Formation of Nylon 6
 - Formation of Kevlar
 - Polyester
 - Formation of Dacron
 - Formation of Terylene

ADDITION POLYMERIZATION

- Involved the addition reaction of unsaturated monomers without elimination of any small molecule
- Always involves the polymerization of monomers which have double bond within the monomers
- Peroxide is used as initiator in addition polymerization

- Vinyl monomers are commonly used:
 - Ethylene (ethene) CH₂=CH₂
 - Substituted ethylene CH₂=CHR

R can be H, alkyl, aryl, halogens, CN, OH, COOR, etc.

FORMATION OF POLYETHENE

$$H_2C = CH_2$$
 $H_2C = CH_2$

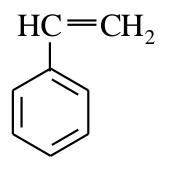
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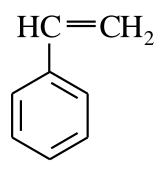
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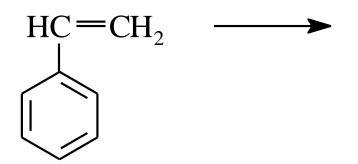
FORMATION OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE

$$HC = CH_2$$
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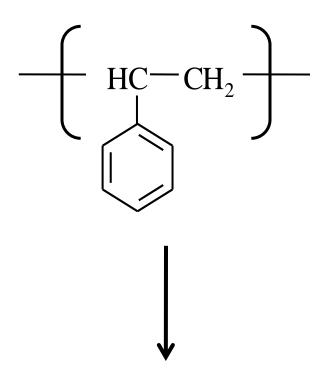
FORMATION OF POLYSTYRENE







Formation of monomer



CONDENSATION POLYMERIZATION

- Condensation polymers are formed when two different monomers combine together with elimination of a small molecule such as water, or methanol to form a polymer
- The monomers involves in this polymerization must have at least two identical or different functional group in the molecule.
- When a carboxylic acid with two –COOH group reacts with an amine with two –NH₂ groups, a polyamide is formed.
- When a carboxylic acid with two –COOH group reacts with an alcohol with two –OH groups, a polyester is formed

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FORMATION OF POLYAMIDES

NYLON 6,6

O O II II n HO-C-(
$$CH_2$$
)₄-C-OH

NYLON 6

KEVLAR

FORMATION OF POLYESTER

TERYLENE

DACRON

USES OF SYNTHETIC POLYMER

	Type of polymer	Example
1	Polyetyhane	Drinking bottle
2	Polyvinyl chloride	Wire covering
3	Polystyrene	Toys, food container
4	Nylon 6	Textile
5	Nylon 6,6	Sweater
6	Kevlar	Bullet proof vest
7	Dacron	Fabric
8	Terylene	Fiber-optic material

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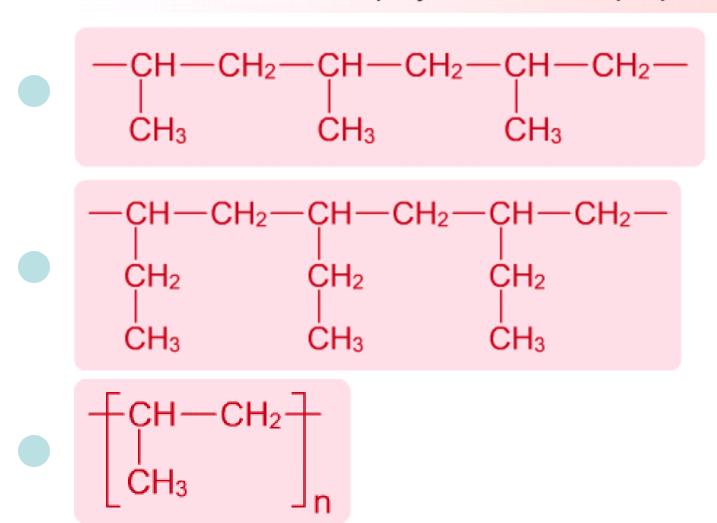
Answer:

Exercise 2: Identify the repeating units in the following polymers and classify them as homopolymers or copolymers.

Answer:

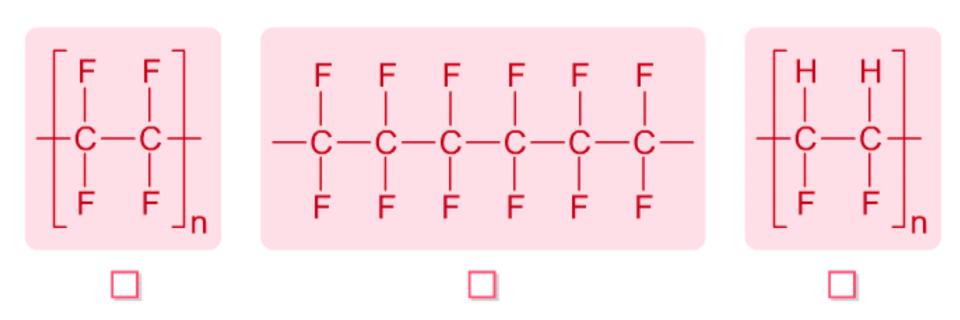
Exercise 3:

Choose the structure of polypropylene (or polypropene), a polymer obtained from the addition polymerisation of propene.



Exercise 4:

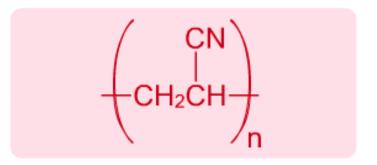
Choose the structure of teflon, a polymer obtained from the addition polymerisation of tetrafluoroethene.



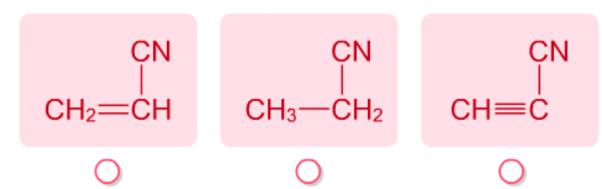
Exercise 5:

Orlon has the following formula:





What is the structure of its monomer? Choose the correct answer.



Exercise 6:

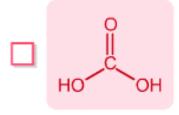


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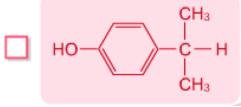


Classify the polymer:

and determine the substrates.







The End....

Keep in mind!

General structural formula:

