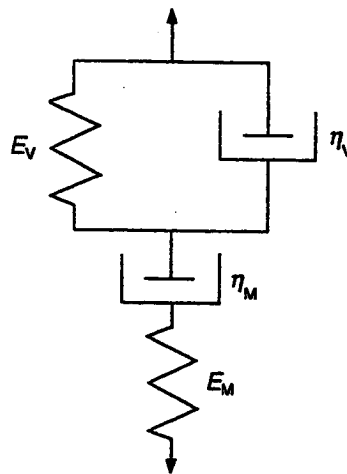


Polymer Science and Engineering

高分子科学与工程

1. Define the Flory temperature θ and describe two ways of determining it from thermodynamic considerations. (10%)
2. Contrast the fringed micelle and lamellar models of the structure of crystalline polymers with respect to (a) description and sketch of the basic units, (b) observation basis, (c) interpretation of x-ray evidence, (d) spherulite structure, (e) correlation between density and crystallinity, and (f) changes on cold drawing. (25%)
3. State the equations relating the melt viscosity of a polymer to (a) molecular weight and (b) temperature (5%)
4. Describe briefly (a) creep and (b) stress relaxation. (10%)
5. Predict and explain the effect, if any, of varying molecular weight and degree of short-chain branching on each of the following properties of polyethylene: ultimate tensile strength, stiffness, T_m , sorption of organic liquids. (10%)
6. Given that the molecular weight of a polystyrene(PS) repeating unit is 104 and that the carbon-carbon distance is 1.54 \AA , calculate the following: (a) The mean-square end-to-end distance for a PS molecule of 1 million molecular weight assuming that the molecular behaves as a freely rotating, freely jointed, volumeless chain. Assume that each link is equivalent to a single repeating unit of PS. (b) The unperturbed root-mean-square end-to-end distance. (10%)
7. Give your best estimate for the weight fraction of plasticizer required to lower the T_g of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) to 30°C . Assume that the T_g of PVC is 356 K and that of the plasticizer is 188 K. (10%)
8. Given the four-element model illustrated, derive an analytical solution for the strain behavior and sketch $\epsilon(t)$ versus time under the following stress conditions: ϵ (strain), σ (stress) (20%)

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| $t < 0$ | $\sigma = 0$ |
| $0 \leq t < t_1$ | $\sigma = \sigma_0$ (creep) |
| $t_1 \leq t < t_2$ | $\sigma = 0$ (creep recovery) |



$$\langle r^2 \rangle = n l^2$$