

Quiz 9
Polymer Properties
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- 1) Through modification of the Arrhenius equation $\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left(\frac{-E_a}{kT}\right)$ using the Vogel temperature, T_v and the idea that E_a is a free energy rather than an enthalpy, $E_a = \Delta H - T\Delta S$, show that it is possible to obtain the WLF expression,

$$\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left(\frac{-C_1(T - T_0)}{C_2 + (T - T_0)}\right)$$
Do this by finding expressions for ΔH , ΔS and T_v in terms of C_1 , C_2 and T_0 .
- 2) Explain what the Vogel temperature is and, using a cartoon of circles in flow, explain to what ΔH and ΔS correspond.
- 3) The hydrodynamic radius corresponds to something like a harmonic mean while the radius of gyration corresponds to a second order moment, a type of arithmetic mean. Explain why this might be the case. Where is the harmonic mean usually used? Which size is larger for an expanded coil, R_H or R_g ? What about for a sphere?
- 4) Starting with the power series expression for intrinsic viscosity,

$$\eta = \eta_0 \left(1 + c[\eta] + k_1 c^2 [\eta]^2 + k_2 c^3 [\eta]^3 + \dots + k_{n-1} c^n [\eta]^n\right)$$
Explain the origin of the Kraemer equation,

$$\frac{\ln(\eta_r)}{c} = [\eta] + k_1' [\eta]^2 c$$