

# Introduction to

# PHYSICAL POLYMER SCIENCE



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### STUDY PROBLEMS

- **1.** What are the chemical structures of isotactic, syndiotactic, and atactic polystyrene?
- **2.** (a) What are the chemical structures of *cis* and *trans*-polybutadiene, and (b) the 1,2- and 3,4-structures of polyisoprene?
- 3. How do head-to-head and head-to-tail structures of poly(methyl methacrylate) differ?

- **4.** Show the structures of statistical and alternating copolymers of vinyl chloride and ethyl acrylate.
- **5.** *Cis*-polyisoprene has been totally hydrogenated. What is the name of the new polymer formed?
- **6.** What are the two possible triblock copolymer structures of polybutadiene and cellulose?
- 7. Using Table 2.6, calculate the run numbers and average sequence lengths for the two poly(ethylene–stat–1-hexene) copolymers. Do they indeed appear to be statistical copolymers?
- **8.** A graft copolymer is formed with polybutadiene as the backbone and polystyrene as the side chains. What is the name of this material?
- 9. Compare and contrast infrared and Raman spectra with NMR techniques for their capability of characterizing (a) tacticity and (b) *cis* and *trans* double bonds in polymers.
- 10. Chemical nomenclature forms the alphabet of polymer science. (a) What is the chemical structure of *it*–poly(vinyl chloride)–*block*–cis-1,4-polyiso-prene? (b) Poly(vinyl acetate) is totally hydrolyzed. What new polymer is formed? What polymer is formed if the hydrolysis is only partial?
- 11. In the accompanying structures,  $P_1$  is poly(vinyl acetate),  $P_2$  is poly(ethyl acrylate), and  $P_3$  is polystyrene. What are the chemical names of these structures?

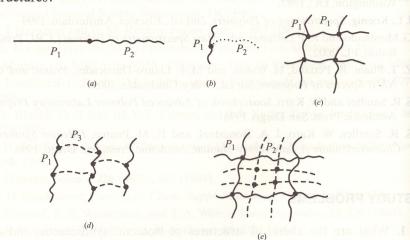


Figure P2.11 Various polymer structures.

**12.** Your new assistant copolymerized styrene and *n*-butyl acrylate, 50/50 mole-%.

"I made it in such a way as to produce an alternating copolymer," he said.
"No," you replied, "I think you really made a statistical copolymer."

At that instant, you boss walk a block copolymer," she volunt (a) Using the concepts of phoguish the three possibilities. I function of composition? (Prep powerful tool. Use a hydrogen I tinguish the three possibilities, tables of resulting data.

Who lived in a lab
He had so many students
He became an old crab.

He gave some an IR
And some an NMR
"Show me a stretch
With an old fashioned kvetch,
And earn an A who you are!"

Saying so, he handed the studen stretched (while hot) ×2, ×4, and now at room temperature, crysta think took place?" He asked. Plo strain.

## APPENDIX 2.1 ASSORTED ISON MACROMOLECULES

In addition to the types of isomeric ar text of the chapter, there are several o be aware.

### **Proteins**

Proteins have the general structure

H I +N-(

and hence are sometimes called nylon acids (A1), each with a specific type of follow very specific sequences, which f of plant or animal. (Note the various k in the broad sense of the term, they are