

NOTE

Comment on the Applicability of the Plot $M^{1/2}/[\eta]$ vs. $M^{-1/2}$ to Cellulose, Amylose, and Their Derivatives

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Tanner and Berry¹ have derived the following equation for expressing the molecular weight M dependence of the limiting viscosity number $[\eta]$ for polymers having a non-negligible free draining effect in solutions:

$$M^{1/2}/[\eta] = [K'(6\langle S^2 \rangle/M)^{3/2}]^{-1}(1 + A' M^{-1/2}) \quad (1)$$

where K' and A' are parameters depending on the models used and $\langle S^2 \rangle$ is the mean-square radius of gyration. This eq 1, which corresponds to eq 31 in their paper, has been derived by postulating $a_2 \equiv [d \log \langle S^2 \rangle_0 / d \log M] \neq 0$ and $a_\phi \equiv [d \log \Phi / d \log M] \neq 0$. Here $\langle S^2 \rangle_0$ is $\langle S^2 \rangle$ at unperturbed state and Φ is the Flory viscosity parameter. Using eq 1 and appropriate values for the draining parameter X , and assuming that $a_1 \equiv [d \log \alpha_s / d \log M] = 0$ (where α_s is the linear expansion factor), Tanner and Berry estimated $\langle S^2 \rangle_0 / M$ from the intercept of a plot of $M^{1/2}/[\eta]$ vs. $M^{-1/2}$ (Tanner—Berry plot) for some cellulose derivatives. Hereafter this method is briefly designated as method 2H.

Kamide and Miyazaki² have demonstrated that $a_2 \leq 0$, $a_\phi > 0$, and $a_1 \geq 0$ for cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives in solvents. In this note, we examine the applicability of method 2H to the above polymers. Kamide and Miyazaki² have established some methods for estimating the unperturbed chain dimensions $A \equiv [6^{1/2} \langle S^2 \rangle_0 / M]^{1/2}$ in the general case of $a_2 \neq 0$, $a_\phi \neq 0$, and $a_1 \neq 0$, and evaluated the values of A ($A_{(m)}$) for cellulose, amylose and their derivatives with confidence. Here, $A_{(m)}$ is defined as the average of the A values obtained by method 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2G. Since the details of these methods are given in ref 2, they are not described here. Figure 8 in ref 2 shows that the magnitude $a_\phi + 1.5a_2$ in-

fluences the A value, as determined by the viscosity plot (method 2E in ref 2), especially in the vicinity of $a_\phi + 1.5a_2 \simeq 0$. Therefore, it can also be expected that the intercept of the Tanner—Berry plot will be sensitively influenced by $1.5a_2 + a_2$, which is completely neglected in eq 1. When $a_1 \neq 0$, $a_2 \neq 0$, eq 1 should be rearranged into eq 2:

$$M^{a_1 + 1.5a_2 + 0.5} / [\eta] = (K' 6^{3/2} K_0^{3/2} K_\alpha) (1 + A' M^{-1/2}) \quad (2)$$

where

$$K_0 = (\langle S^2 \rangle_0 / M) / M^{a_2} \quad (3)$$

and

$$K_\alpha = \alpha_s^3 / M^{a_1} \quad (4)$$

The plot of $M^{a_1 + 1.5a_2 + 0.5} / [\eta]$ vs. $M^{-1/2}$ should be linear and K_0 can be evaluated from its intercept at $M^{-1/2} = 0$, provided that K_α is given in advance. Unfortunately, the experimental determination of a_1 , a_2 , and K_α (especially of a_1 and K_α) is not accurate enough to employ eq 2 for estimating K_0 .

Figure 1 illustrates the typical Tanner—Berry plots for cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives. The literature data used in ref 2 were also employed in Figure 1. The plots can be reasonably approximated with straight lines, giving $[K'(6\langle S^2 \rangle / M)^{3/2}]^{-1}$ as the intercepts. Since for these polymers $X \leq 2$ has been confirmed extensively by Kamide and Miyazaki,² K' can be taken as $2.87/1.259 \times 10^{23}$, using Table VIII of ref 1. Table I summarizes the A values thus determined, ($A_{(2H)}$), together with $A_{(m)}$. The values $A_{(2H)}$ do not always coincide with $A_{(m)}$. The ratio $A_{(2H)}/A_{(m)}$ increases significantly with increase in $a_1 + 1.5a_2$, as shown in Figure 2, where the full line is a regression curve

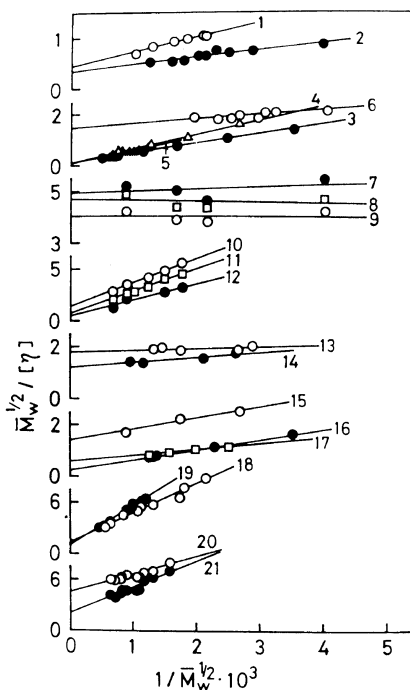


Figure 1. Plot of $M_w^{1/2}/[\eta]$ against $M_w^{-1/2}$: 1, cellulose in cadoxen; 2, cellulose in FeTNa; 3, cellulose trinitrate (CTN) in acetone; 4, cellulose nitrate (CN) (N=12.9%) in acetone; 5, cellulose acetate (CA) in acetone; 6, cellulose tricaproate (CTCp) in 1-chloronaphthalene; 7, CTCp in dioxane—water; 8, CTCp in dimethylformamide (DMF); 9, cellulose tricarbaniolate (CTC) in cyclohexanone; 10, CTC in acetone; 11, CTC in dioxane; 12, methylcellulose (MC) in water; 13, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (NaCMC) in aq. NaCl solution; 14, sodium cellulose xanthate (NaCX) in 1-M NaOH; 15, hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC) in water; 16, ethylhydroxyethyl cellulose (EHEC) in water; 17, amylose in DMF; 18, amylose triacetate (ATA) in nitromethane; 19, amylose tricarbaniolate (ATC) in pyridine—water; 20, ATC in pyridine.

Table I. Unperturbed chain dimensions A estimated by eq 1, as compared with $A_{(m)}$

Polymer ^a	Solvent	$A_{(2H)} \times 10^8$, cm	$A_{(m)} \times 10^8$, cm	$\frac{A_{(2H)}}{A_{(m)}}$
Cellulose	Cadoxen ^b	2.15	1.71	1.26
	FeTNa ^c	2.34	2.39	0.98
CTN (N=13.9%)	Acetone	3.32	2.43	1.37
	Acetone	3.80	2.08	1.83
	Acetone	3.32	1.86	1.78
CA (AC=55.6%)	Acetone	1.44	1.79	0.80
CTCp	DMF	1.03	2.02	0.51
	1-Chloronaphalene	0.96 ²	1.91	0.50
	Dioxane—water	0.97 ⁷	1.90	0.51
CTC	Acetone	1.99	1.37	1.45
	Cyclohexanone	1.50	1.35	1.11
	Dioxane	2.35	1.85	1.27
MC (DS=2)	Water	1.34	2.32	0.58
NaCMC (DS=0.88)	NaCl (I→∞)	1.55	1.46	1.06
HEC (DS=1)	Water	2.63	2.25	1.17
EHEC (DS=2)	Water	2.06	2.30	0.90
NaCX (DS=0.78)	1-M NaOH	1.47	3.79	0.39
Amylose	DMSO	1.52	1.55	0.98
ATA	Nitromethane	1.73	0.99 ⁵	1.74
ATC	Pyridine—water	1.00	1.07	0.93
	Pyridine	1.38	1.08	1.28

^a Meanings of notations are given in the legend of Figure 1.

^b Triethylenediamine zinc hydroxide.

^c Iron-sodium-tartrate.

and the broken lines are the 95-% confidence limits. In this case $a_1+1.5a_2$ was calculated from the sixth and last columns of Table III in ref 2. The correlation coefficient r is estimated to be 0.75 between $A_{(2H)}/A_{(m)}$ and $a_1+1.5a_2$. Considering the large experimental uncertainty in $a_1+1.5a_2$, we can conclude that $A_{(2H)}$ is approximately equal to $A_{(m)}$ only at $a_1+1.5a_2 \simeq 0$, as our theory predicts (see eq 2).

Table II. Average and standard deviation of the difference $A_{(2i)} - A_{(m)}$ for cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives

Analytical method	Average ($A_{(2i)} - A_{(m)})$ $\times 10^8, \text{ cm}$ $i = \text{B, C} \dots \text{H}$	Standard deviation σ
2B eq 3 of ref 2	-0.057	0.18 ₁
2C eq 32 of ref 2 ^a	0.090	0.15 ₉
2D eq 33 of ref 2 ^b	0.033	0.07 ₇
2E eq 40 of ref 2 ^c	-1.001	0.54 ₄
2F eq 43 of ref 2 ^d	-0.982	0.53 ₅
2G eq 46 of ref 2 ^e	-0.042	0.15 ₆
2H eq 1 ^f	0.018	0.91 ₈

^a Baumann plot. ^b BKM plot. ^c Stockmayer—Fixman plot. ^d Kamide, *et al.*, plot. ^e Kamide—Miyazaki plot. ^f Tanner—Berry plot.

Table II compiles the average and standard deviation of the difference $A_{(2H)} - A_{(m)}$ for cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives as given in Table I. Table II contains also the corresponding values obtained by the other methods (2B, ..., 2G) employed in ref 2. As was pointed out by Kamide and Miyazaki,² methods 2E and 2F apparently underestimate the A value and their standard deviations are significantly large, due to the ignoring of the draining effect and the non-

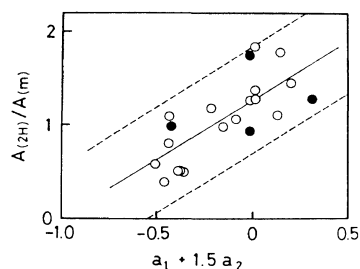


Figure 2. Dependence of the ratio $A_{(2H)}/A_{(m)}$ on $a_1+1.5a_2$: ○, cellulose and its derivatives; ●, amylose and its derivatives.

Gaussian nature. The average A value obtained by method 2H is accidentally in agreement with an averaged $A_{(m)}$, because the values of $a_1+1.5a_2$ for cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives scatter equally around zero (Figure 2). But the standard deviation of $A_{(H)} - A_{(m)}$ is five to ten times larger than those obtained by methods 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2G, indicating that method 2H is less accurate and the conclusions drawn by using eq 1 are seriously questionable.

In conclusion, eq 1 is not applicable to cellulose, amylose, and their derivatives, in which the non-Gaussian nature of a chain ($a_2 \neq 0$) and the excluded volume effect ($a_1 \neq 0$) cannot be completely neglected. In the region $a_1+1.5a_2 > 0$, the Tanner—Berry plot overestimates the A value; in the region of $a_1+1.5a_2 < 0$, the Tanner—Berry plot underestimates the A value.

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