

Woodward Fieser rule for UV spectroscopy

- * It is used to calculate the position & λ_{max} for a given str. by relating the position and degree of substitution of chromophore.
- * Add type of diene or triene system is having a certain fixed value at which absorption takes place; this constitutes the BASE VALUE or PARENT VALUE.
- * The contribution made by various alkyl substituents or ring residue, double bond extending conjugation and other groups such as -Cl, -Br etc are added to the basic value to obtain λ_{max} for a particular compd.

Rules for conjugated dienes - ① longer the conjugated diene system, greater the wavelength of absorption maximum.

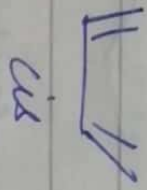
- ② According to Woodward's rules the λ_{max} of the molecule can be calculated using a formulae;

$$\lambda_{max} = \text{Base value} + \sum \text{Substituent contributions} + \sum \text{other contributions}$$

BASE VALUE - ① Each type of diene or diene system is having a certain fixed value at which absorption takes place; this constitutes the Base Value or Parent Value.

② The first step in predicting the λ of max. UV absorption for conjugated dienes is to determine whether it lies in an ~~cis~~ ^{cis} ~~trans~~ ^{trans} formation or trans conformation.

③ If it lies in the trans conformation, its base $\lambda = 217 \text{ nm}$.
If it lies in the cis conformation, its base $\lambda = 253 \text{ nm}$.



④ The base value depends upon whether the diene is a linear or hetero-annular or transoid diene or whether it is a cyclic or homo-annular diene.

⑤ The sum of all substituents contributions are added to the base value to obtain the λ of max absorption of the molecule.

1. Homonuclear Dienes - cyclic diene having conjugated double bonds in same ring.



2. Heteroannular dienes - cyclic diene having conjugated double bonds in different rings.



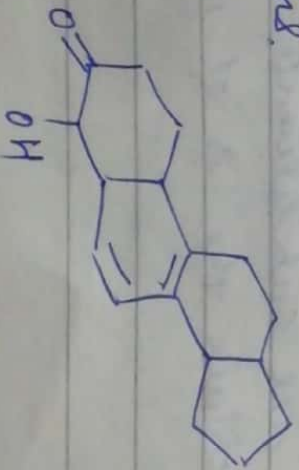
3. Endocyclic double bond - = bond present in the ring.



4. Exocyclic double bond - = bond in which one of the doubly bonded atoms is a part of ring system.



5. Double bond extending - when more double bonds are present other than conjugations.



Parent Values and Increments for diff substituents or Gps.

Parent Value

Arylic conjugated dienes & heteroannular conjugated dienes

Allylic conjugated dienes

Increments

Each alkyl substitute or ring residue

exocyclic double bond

Double bond extending conjugation

Auxochromes

- OR
- SR
- Cl, -Br
- NR₂
- COCH₃

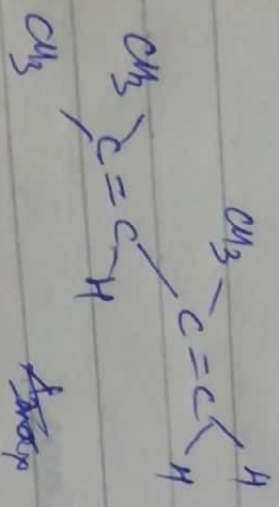
215nm
253nm
245nm

5nm
5nm
30nm

6nm
30nm
5nm
60nm
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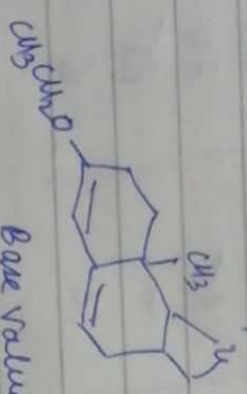
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Base Value = 214nm

Substituents alkyl gps = 3 x 5 = 15nm
229nm

②



Base Value = 214nm

Ring residue = 3 x 5 = 15nm
Exocyclic double bond = 5nm

-OCH₂CH₃ = 6nm
240nm

Parent Values & Increments for diff. Substituents or Grps

Parent Value

α, β -unsaturated cyclic or 6-membered ring ketone

α, β -unsaturated 5-membered ring ketone 215 nm

α, β -unsaturated aldehyde 202 nm

Increments

Alkyl substituents at α -position 207 nm

β -position 104 nm

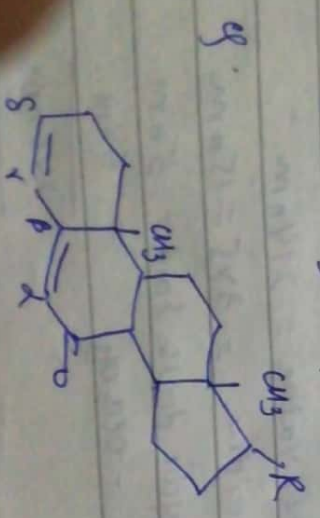
γ -position 124 nm

Each exocyclic bond 18 nm

Double bond extending conjugation 5 nm

Homoannular conjugated diene 30 nm

Auxo chromes	α	β	γ
-OH	35	30	50
-OR	35	30	17
-SR	-	85	-
-COCH ₃	6	6	6



6-membered ring = 215 nm
 β -residue = 12 nm
 γ -residue = 18 nm
 exocyclic bond = 5 nm
 = bond extending conjugation = 30 nm
 $\Delta_{max} = 280 \text{ nm}$