Ultraviolet Spectroscopy 4UV"

This chapter includes the following parts:-

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Principles and Electronic transitions. via molecular Orbital theory.
- 3. λ max and factors affecting its value.
- 4. UV Important Terminology.
- 5. calculation of λ max "Woodward-Fieser and Fieser-Kuhn Rules ".
- 6. Color and Conjugation.

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Part (1) Introduction



Electromagnetic spectrum



UV is classified by wavelength into three regions:

UVa:-Ultraviolet radiation in the range **315 nm to 400 nm** is thought to contribute to premature aging and tanning of the skin and has recently been implicated as a cause of skin cancer.

UVb:- Ultraviolet radiation in the range <u>280 nm to 315 nm</u> is more dangerous than UVA and has been implicated as the major cause of skin cancers, sun burning and cataracts.

UVc:- Ultraviolet radiation in the range <u>100 nm to 280 nm</u> is extremely dangerous but does not reach the earth's surface due to absorption in the atmosphere by ozone.



Electronic Spectroscopy Ultraviolet (UV) and visible (Vis) spectroscopy:

- This is the earliest method of molecular spectroscopy by John Ritter 1801).
- It is commonly used because of its simplicity, versatility, speed, accuracy and cost-effectiveness.
- A phenomenon of interaction of molecules with UV and visible lights leads to absorption of <u>photon</u> results in electronic transition of a molecule, and electrons are promoted from ground state to higher electronic states; producing absorption spectra in the range of 200-400 nm



UV follows the Molecular spectroscopy!!!

Molecular and atomic spectroscopy

Atomic Spectra	Molecular Spectra		
1 It occurs from the interaction of atoms and electromagnetic radiation.	It occurs from the interaction of molecules and electromagnetic radiation		
2. It is a line spectra	It is a complicated spectra.		
3.It is a due to electronic transition in an element	It is due to vibrational, rotational and electronic transition in a molecule		

UV Spectroscopy Utility

• First organic spectral method; rarely used as a primary method for structure determination.

• Ultraviolet spectroscopy provides <u>much less</u> information about the structure of molecules than do the spectroscopic techniques studied earlier (infrared spectroscopy and NMR spectroscopy).

• Main contribution is that is can be used to detect the presence of conjugated system like dienes, aromatics, polyenes, and conjugated ketones or aldehydes......etc.

• Can sometimes be used to differentiate double bond isomers.

• In combination with NMR and IR data can use to elucidate unique electronic features not readily apparent from those methods.

• Can be used to monitor reaction kinetics (chemistry, biology, medicine and drug analysis......etc) ATP, DNA.......Metabolic pathway.

What is the difference between UV and Visible EMR?

Both are types of electromagnetic radiation only visible light is at a frequency that the human eye can detect while ultraviolet light is at a frequency that's just beyond what the human eye can detect.

UV Spectroscopy



Molecular Absorption

The energy, E, associated with the molecular bands:

 $E_{total} = E_{electronic} + E_{vibrational} + E_{rotational}$

This is known as Born Oppenheimer Approximation

In general, a molecule may absorb energy in three ways:
By raising an electron (or electrons) to a higher energy level.
By increasing the vibration of the constituent nuclei.
By increasing the rotation of the molecule about the axis.



Absorption

Emission

Characteristics of UV spectra of Organic Molecules

- Absorb mostly in UV unless highly conjugated
- Excellent for quantitative Beer's Law-type analyses
- The most common detector for an HPLC.
- Spectra are broad, usually to broad for qualitative identification purposes.
- UV bands are broad due to overlapping of electronic, rotational and vibrational states

Absorption spectrum





Wavelength in nm (λ)

UV Spectroscopy

Spectrum Features

Why UV bands are broad?

peak broadening





Ultraviolet Spectroscopy " Part (2) Principles through Electronic transitions via Molecular Orbital theory

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Principle of UV spectroscopy

The Spectroscopic Process

- In UV spectroscopy, the sample is irradiated with the broad spectrum the UV radiation
- If a particular electronic transition matches the energy of a certain ba of UV, it will be absorbed
- 3. The remaining UV light passes through the sample and is observed
- From this residual radiation a spectrum is obtained with "gaps" at the discrete energies – this is called an absorption spectrum



Principle of UV spectroscopy

Origin of electronic spectra Absorptions of UV-Vis light photons by molecule results in electronic excitation of molecule with <u>CHROMOPHORE</u>. The electronic transition involves promotion of electron from an electronic ground state (HOMO) to higher energy state (LUMO).

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HOMO and LUMO

They are related to Molecular Orbital Theory ; <u>HOMO:-</u> Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital <u>LUMO:-</u> Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital

CHROMOPHORE:

The term chromophore was previously used to denote a functional group which gives a color to compound. For example- Nitro group is a chromophore because its presence in a compound gives yellow color to the compound.

But these days the term chromophore is used in a much broader sense which may be defined as "any group which exhibit absorption of electromagnetic radiation in a visible or ultra-visible region "It may or may not impart any color to the compound. Some of the important chromophores are: ethylene, acetylene, carbonyls, acids, esters and nitrile groups etc. A carbonyl group is an important chromophore, although the absorption of light by an isolated group does not give rise to any colour in the ultra-violet spectroscopy.

Organic Chromophores 20

Chromophore	Transition	$\Lambda_{max}(nm)$	$log(\varepsilon)$	
Nitrile (-C≡N)	η to π*	160	<1.0	
Alkyne (-C≡C-)	π to π*	170	3.0	
Alkene (-C=C-)	π to π*	175	3.0	
Alcohol (ROH)	η to σ*	180	2.5	
Ether (ROR)	η to σ*	180	3.5	
Ketone (-C(R)=O)	π to π*	180	3.0	
	η to π*	280	1.5	
Aldehyde (-C(H)=O)	π to π*	190	2.0	
	η to π=	290	1.0	
Amine (-NR ₂)	η to σ*	190	3.5	
Acid (-COOH)	η to π*	205	1.5	
Ester (-COOR)	η to π *	205	1.5	
Amide (-C(=O)NH ₂)	η to π*	210	1.5	
Thiol (-SH)	η to σ*	210	3.0	

Chromophore absorptions

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UV Spectroscopy

Origin of the Absorption

- The absorption of UV or visible radiation corresponds to the excitation of valence electrons
- Valence electrons are typically found in:
 - σ bonding orbitals (single bonds)
 - π bonding prbitals (double or triple bonds)
 - non-bonding orbitals (lone pair electrons)



Molecular Orbital Theory

M. O. Theory







HOMO



TYPES OF TRANSITIONS:

In U.V spectroscopy molecule undergo 6 electronic transition involving σ , π and n electrons. > Four types of electronic transition are possible.

> i. $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition ii. $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition iii. $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition iv. $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition

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• $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition

The maximum absorption at (110-125)nm +/-

 σ electron from orbital is excited to corresponding anti-bonding orbital σ*.

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The energy required is large for this transition.

• $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition

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The absorption region (160-210 nm) +/-

- π electron in a bonding orbital is excited to corresponding anti-bonding orbital π*.
- Compounds containing multiple bonds like alkenes, alkynes, carbonyl, nitriles, aromatic compounds, etc undergo π → π* transitions.

• $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition

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The absorption region (150-250nm) +/-

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Saturated compounds containing atoms with lone pair of electrons like O, N, S and halogens are capable of $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition.



The absorption region ~ 300nm +/-

- An electron from non-bonding orbital is promoted to anti-bonding π* orbital.
- Compounds containing double bond involving hetero atoms (C=O, C≡N, N=O) undergo such transitions.



Predict the favorable electronic transitions for each of the following compounds in the UV spectrum (within the allowed four0








Interactions of organic molecules with UV/Visible light



Wavelength absorbed by functional groups

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Wavelength (nm)

Absorbance







UV-visible spectrum



Housecroft and Sharpe, p. 466

Lambda max, or λ **max:**- 45

It identifies which wavelengths achieve maximum absorption



Factors affecting λmax

- **1- Conjugation**
- **2- Solvent**
- **3- pH Effect**

1-Conjugation

A more conjugated system has a lower HOMO-LUMO energy gap, therefore the λ max will be of a longer wavelength.



Conjugated alkenes will cause a shift in A max. As the conjugation increases, the shift will increase



Increasing the conjugation system might lead for colorization

In molecules with extended pi systems, the HOMO-LUMO energy gap becomes so small that absorption occurs in the visible rather then the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Beta-carotene, with its system of 11 conjugated double bonds, absorbs light with wavelengths in the blue region of the visible spectrum while allowing other visible wavelengths – mainly those in the red-yellow region - to be transmitted. This is why carrots are orange.



Which of the following molecules would you expect absorb at a longer wavelength in the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum? Explain





What are the products of these reactions?

Would you expect them to have higher or lower λ_{max} than the starting material?



Any factor retards the conjugation; the λ max will be affected <u>negatively</u>

2-Solvent Effect:-

The excited states of most $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions are more polar than their ground states because a greater charge separation is observed in the excited state. If a polar solvent is used the <u>dipole-dipole interaction</u> reduces the energy of the excited state more than the ground state, hence the absorption in a polar solvent such as ethanol will be at a longer wavelength (lower energy, hence lower frequency) than in a non-polar solvent such as hexane.



the Effect of a Polar Solvent on a Transition



Figure 12b Ultraviolet/visible spectrum of 4-methyl-3-penten-2-one (mesityl oxide) in ethanol



Figure 12a Ultraviolet/visible spectrum of 4-methyl-3-penten-2-one (mesityl oxide) in hexane

Hydrogen bonding with solvents

The reverse is also observed if the excited state reduces the degree of hydrogen bonding. This case is clear in the transitions of $\underline{n \rightarrow \pi^*}$ since carbonyl groups in particular make hydrogen bond with their solvent. For example changing from hexane to water as the solvent for propanone, the absorption maximum moves from 280 to 257nm.



the Effect of a Polar Solvent on an $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ Transition

The ground state is more polar than the excited state.
Hydrogen bonding solvents interact more strongly with unshared electron pairs in the ground state molecule





3- PH Effect





Dependence of tyrosine spectrum on pH





Resonance forms in phenol and its conjugation



Resonance forms in Aniline and its conjugation



pH Effects on Aromatic Absorptio





base

270 nm (ε 1,450)



287 nm (ε 2,600)



Phenoxide i electrostatic potential ma





280 nm (ε 1,430)

254 nm (£ 160)



Anilinium ic electrostati potential m



The red color is formed at acidic media and has an absorption peak at about 500 nm.



The orange form has an absorption peak at about 460 nm in alkaline media



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Part (4) UV Important Terminology

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UV-VISIBLE ABSORPTION CHROMOPHORES

Chromophore	Example	Solvent	$\lambda_{max}(nm)$	emax	Type of Transition
Alkene	C6H13CH=CH2	n-Heptane	177	13,000	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
Alkyne	C5H11C=C-CH3	n-Heptane	178	10,000	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
			196	2,000	
			225	160	-
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Carbonyl	СН3ССН3	n-Hexane	186	1,000	$n \rightarrow \sigma^*$
			280	16	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	o				
	СН3СН	n-Hexane	180	large	$n \rightarrow \sigma^*$
			293	12	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Carboxyl	сн,сон	Ethanol	204	41	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Amido	CH3CNH2	Water	214	60	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Azo	CH ₃ N=NCH ₃	Ethanol	339	5	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Nitro	CH ₃ NO ₂	Isooctane	280	22	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Nitroso	C ₄ H ₉ NO	Ethyl ether	300	100	—
			665	20	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Nitrate	C ₂ H ₅ ONO ₂	Dioxane	270	12	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$

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Auxochrome

 The functional group with non-bonding electrons that does not absorb radiation in near UV region but when attached to a chromophore alters the wavelength & intensity of absorption.

TWO TYPES

- 1. Basic or positive auxochromic groups(NH2,OH)
- 2. Acid or negative auxochromic groups(NO2,CO)







Positive Auxochrome Base + Meffect







Some terms related to UV-Vis spectrophotometer:

<u>1- Bathochromic shifts:</u> Please recall solvent effect on λmax

The shift of absorption to a longer wavelength due to substitution or solvent effect (red shift)

<u>2-Hypsochromic shifts:</u> Please recall solvent effect on λmax

The shift of absorption to a shorter wavelength due to substitution or solvent effect (blue shift)

3- Hyperchromic effect:

It is increase in absorption intensity.

4- Hypochromic effect:

It is simply a decrease in the absorption intensity.

Notes:-

- Conjugation, pH and solvent might cause Hypso or Bathochromic effect.
- Change mainly in concentration and structure can cause the effect (Hypo or Hyperchromic). This is due to outright aggregation of the chromophores.

Ultraviolet Spectroscopy "UV"

Part (5) Calculation of λ max Woodward-Fieser and Fieser-Kuhn Rules

Woodward-Fieser to calculate of λ_{max}

Theoretical and experimental Value of λ_{max}

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- Woodward & Fieser derived a set of empirical rules for the estimation of wavelength for the low energy π → π*electronic transition
- Based on empirical observation of known conjugated structures Base value
- Can be used to reliably predict absorption wavelength in dienes, enone, and to a lesser extent aromatic systems

Part 1:- Diene

		\bigcirc
s-trans	homoannular (cisoid)	heteroannular (transoid)
217 nm	253 nm	214 nm
s:		
each additional con	jugated double bond	+ 30 nm
each exocyclic dou	ble bond	+ 5 nm
For each alkyl group		+ 5 nm
each of the followin	g groups:	
	- OR	+ 6 nm
	- O(C=O)R	+ 0 nm
	- Cl	+ 5 nm
	- Br	+ 5 nm
	- SR	+ 30 nm
	- NR ₂	+ 60 nm
	- Ph	+ 60 nm
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Where both types of cyclic dienes are present, the base with the longer λ max is used.

Homo-annular diene: Cisoid

Conjugated double bonds present in the same ring.



Hetero-annular diene: Transoid

Conjugated double bonds which are not present in same ring





Double bond extending conjugation = Additional conjugated double bond

• The remaining conjugated double bond after starting two double bonds are considered as Double bond extending conjugation.



Exocyclic double bond

4 The Exocyclic double bond consist one of the two carbon of double bond is part of one ring and another carbon of double bond is not part of that ring.

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Woodward Fieser Rules for Dienes

examples



transoid diene	214 nm		
3 alkyl subst	15 nm		
1 OR subst	6 nm		
1 exocyclic db	5 nm		
calculated value	240 nm		
observed	241 nm		

cisoid diene	253 nm
2 conj db	60 nm
5 alkyl subst	25 nm
1 acyl subst	0 nm
3 exocyclic db	15 nm
calculated value	353 nm
observed	355 nm

Woodward Fieser Rules for Dienes

examples



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1 OR subst	6 nm		
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observed	241 nm		

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5 alkyl subst	25 nm
1 acyl subst	0 nm
3 exocyclic db	15 nm
calculated value	353 nm
observed	355 nm

Absorption maximum : 214 + 20 + 5 = 239 nm



heteroannular diene : 214 alkyl substitutents 4 x 5 = 20 exocyclic double bond : 5



homoannular diene : 253 alkyl substituents : 4 x 5 exocyclic double bond : 2 x 5 Absorption maximum : 253 + 20 + 10 = 283 nm

Note:-

In some references you are expected to see alkyl substituent as Ring Residues

Isomers differentiation



heteroannular diene =	214 nm
4 alkyl subs. (4 x 5) 1 exo C=C	+20 nm <u>+ 5 nm</u>

239 nm



homoannular diene =	253 nm
4 alkyl subs. (4 x 5) 1 exo C=C	+20 nm + 5 nm
1 620 6=0	<u>+ 0 mm</u>

278 nm





Isoprene - acyclic butadiene =	217 nm
one alkyl subs.	+ 5 nm
	222 nm
Experimental value	220 nm



Allylidenecyclohexane

- acyclic butadiene = 217 nm one exocyclic C=C + 5 nm
 - 2 alkyl subs. <u>+10 nm</u> 232 nm
 - Experimental value 237 nm



Woodward Fieser Rules for Enones

examples



acyclic enone	215 nm		
1 α alkyl	10		
2βalkyl	24 nm		
calculated value	249 nm		
observed	249 nm		



5-membere enone	202 nm
1 α Br	25 nm
2βalkyl ring residu	e 24 nm
1 exocyclic db	5 nm
calculated value	256 nm
observed	251 nm

Woodward Fieser Rules for Enones

practice



Can you distinguish the two by UV?

Woodward Fieser Rules for Enones

practice



Woodward Fieser Rules for Enones

practice

The correct λ max is

- a) 356
- **b)** 365
- c) 563
- d) 386
- e) None of the above

and its color is :-

- a) violet
- b) Green
- c) Colorless
- d) Blue
- e) None of the above.



absorbance in EtOH?

Note:-In some references you are expected to see alkyl substituent as Ring Residues



Woodward Fieser Rules for Other Conjugated Carbonyls



Six membered cyclic α,β-un	saturated ketor	ne		=	215 nm
Beta Ring residue	02	х	12 nm	= +	24 nm
αOH	01	х	35 nm	= +	35 nm
				=	274 nm







2,4-cholestadien-6-one

Parent chromophore	215 nm
α-ring residue α-Alkyl	10
exocyclic double bond	5
Double bond extending	30
conjugation	
homodiene	39
δ-ring residue δ-Alkyl	18
Total	317 nm
$\lambda_{observed}$	314 nm



Parent chromophore	215 nm
α -ring residue	0
β -ring residue	2 x 12
exocyclic double bond	5
Total	244 nm
$\lambda_{observed}$	241 nm



1-(6,6-Dimethylcyclohex-1-enyl)-ethanone

Parent chromophore	215 nm
α -ring residue	10
β-ring residue	12
Total	237 nm
$\lambda_{observed}$	232 nm 66

4. Calculated the λ max for compound



 	=202 mµ
 I β alkyl substitution 	=12 mµ
 1 Exocylic double bond 	=5 mµ
• double bond with extending conjugation	=30 mµ
 1γ ring residue 	=18 mµ
 1δ ring residue 	=18 mµ
 Calculated value 	=285 mµ
 Observed value 	=285 mµ
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Part 3:- Benzoyl derivatives

	R	Р		OR
	(R = alkyl)	benzaldehydes	benzoic ad	cids
base values:	246 nm	250 nm	230 nm	n
Increments:		ortho	meta	para
For each alkyl	group	+ 3 nm	+ 3 nm	+ 10 nm
For each OH of	r OR (R = alkyl)	+ 7 nm	+ 7 nm	+ 25 nm
For each O [⊖]		+ 11 nm	+ 20 nm	+ 78 nm
For each of the	following groups:			
	- Cl	+ 0 nm	+ 0 nm	+ 10 nm
	- Br	+ 2 nm	+ 2 nm	+ 15 nm
	- NH2	+ 13 nm	+ 13 nm	+ 58 nm
	- NH(C=O)(H ₃ + 20 nm	+ 20 nm	+ 45 nm
	- NHCH ₃			+ 73 nm
	- N(CH ₃) ₂	+ 20 nm	+ 20 nm	+ 85 nm
Calculating the absorption maximum for the following compound

 Basic value 	=246mµ
 OH- substation at para position 	$= 25 m \mu$
 OH - substation at meta positio 	n =7mµ
 Calculated value 	=278 mµ
 Observed value 	$=281 \text{m}\mu$
HO´	O C-CH ₃

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Woodward Fieser Rules for Other Conjugated Carbonyls



Fieser-Kuhn Rules to Calculate Wavelength of λ_{max}_Absorption of Polyenes

$\lambda_{max} = 114 + 5M + n (48.0 - 1.7 n) - 16.5(\#R_{endo}) - 10(\#R_{exo})$

 $\lambda_{max:-}$ is the wavelength of maximum absorption

M:- is the number of alkyl substituents / ring residues in the conjugated system

n:- is the number of conjugated double bonds

R_{endo} :- is the number of rings with endocyclic double bonds in the conjugated system

 \mathbf{R}_{exo} :- is the number of rings with exocyclic double bonds in the conjugated system.





Part (6) Color and Conjugation





Color and Conjugation

- Most simple organic compounds, having few multiple bonds and few functional groups, do not absorb visible light, and thus appear as being colorless or white. More complex molecules, having several multiple bonds that are conjugated appear as being colored. For multiple bonds to be conjugated, they must be in an alternating double bond – single bond –double bond, etc arrangement.
- The degree of conjugation determines the actual energy difference between the ground and excited states. The more highly conjugated the system the lower the energy difference and the lower the required energy of light needed to excite the electrons. In other words molecules having more conjugated multiple bonds absorb lower energies of light and higher λ_{max} than do molecules having fewer conjugated multiple bonds.

How does this affect the actual color of a compound?

- 1. Energy of visible light increases in the following order: red (low energy), orange yellow, green, blue, violet (high energy).
- 2. A highly conjugated system absorbs the lower energy portions of the light and reflect what is not absorbed; It is this reflected portion that the eye will perceive as the color of that object.
- 3. A less highly conjugated system will require the absorption of the higher energy part of the spectrum, allowing the lower energy parts to be reflected to the eye.
- 4. Note that the color that is reflected is the complementary color of the color that is absorbed. For example if the high energy violet portion of the spectrum is absorbed, its complementary color of yellow is what is observed. If the lower energy blue or green colors are absorbed, the colors orange or red would be observed. (color wheel).

Derivatization in pharmaceutical chemistry

- Amines (including α-amino acids) react with Ninhydrin to give a colored product.
- The α-amino acids typically give a blue-purple product.
- Proline, a secondary amine, gives a red product.(λ_{max} =520 nm)
- Blue-purple (λ_{max} =570 nm) and red reaction products positively identify free amino groups on amino acids and proteins. This is due to having different conjugated system leads to different energy and different wave length as a result different color.





- To illustrate this, consider the structure of a few molecules. Retinol, or vitamin A, has five conjugated double bonds and <u>absorbs the</u> <u>violet part</u> of the spectrum, thus <u>appearing as yellow</u>.
- The more highly conjugated <u>B-carotene and lycopene</u>, each having eleven conjugated double bonds <u>absorb in the lower energy blue</u> and green portions of the spectrum and appear as orange and red respetively.



When white light passes through or is reflected by a colored substance, a characteristic portion of the mixed wavelengths is absorbed. The remaining light will then assume the complementary color to the wavelength(s) absorbed. This relationship is demonstrated by the <u>color wheel</u> shown below. Here, complementary colors are diametrically opposite each other. Thus, absorption of 420-430 nm light renders a substance yellow, and absorption of 500-520 nm light makes it red.



Here is the absorbance spectrum of the common food coloring Red #3:

Here, we see that the extended system of conjugated pi bonds causes the molecule to absorb light in the visible range. Because the λ_{max} of 524 nm falls within the green region of the spectrum, the compound <u>appears red to our eyes.</u>



Here, maximum absorbance is at 630 nm, in the orange range of the visible spectrum, and the compound <u>appears blue to our eyes.</u>



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Below is the absorbance spectrum of an important biological molecule called nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, abbreviated NAD⁺ This compound absorbs light in the UV range due to the presence of conjugated pi-bonding systems but still <u>not colored</u>!!!!!



- This is <u>not to say that aLL highly conjugated molecules ARE colored</u> or that <u>all unconjugated molecules are NOT colored.</u>
- There are many other factors that can affect a molecule's color (i.e. many transition metals are colored, NOT due to conjugation).
- When a molecule absorbs a photon of some energy, one electron moves up to a higher energy orbital. Now, there is a gap between that one electron in the higher energy state and the electron in the lower energy state, we call this the HOMO/LUMO gap or ΔE .
- This value, ΔE , may correspond to an energy that is absorbed by a photon in the visible light spectrum (shown below). If this occurs, the molecule will be colored. What color you will see is dependent on what wavelength the HOMO/LUMO gap refers to. If it corresponds to 700 nanometers, you would see a green molecule (see complementary colors).



Haemoglobin

Chlorophyll