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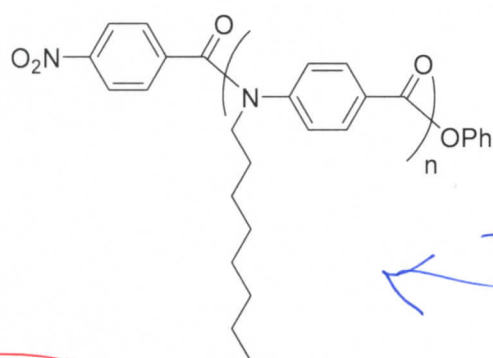
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Quiz #6, February 27, 2014, 10 pts
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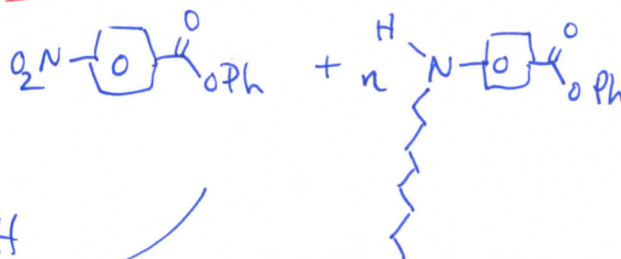
Provide retrosyntheses for the following two polymers. You should begin by recognizing that one of the polyamides is likely to be produced by a chain-growth polycondensation approach, whereas the other could be derived by a step-growth condensation polymerization strategy. [5 points per each]

chain-growth polycondensation

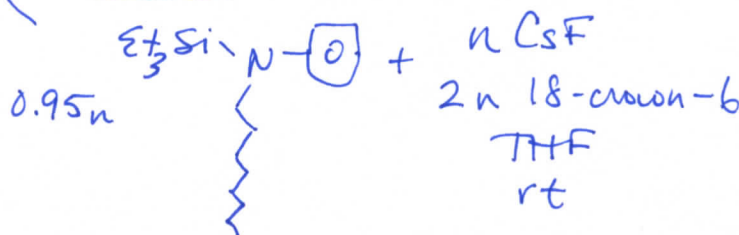


Initiator

monomer



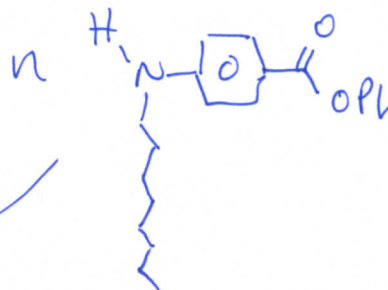
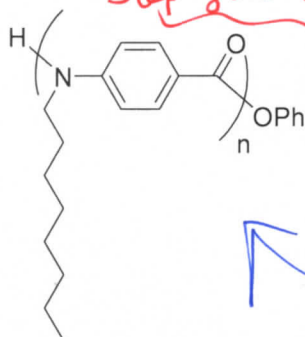
$-n \text{ PhOH}$



Strong base

chain ends are indicative of starting materials + polym mechanism

step-growth condensation polym.



$-n-1 \text{ PhOH}$