

STUDIES ON THE RELATION BETWEEN CHEMICAL CONSTITUTION AND ULTRAVIOLET ABSORPTION SPECTRA OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE AND RACEMIC COMPOUNDS

Part VII. Correlation of Absorption Maxima, λ_{\max} , and Characteristic
Wavelengths, λ_{0s} , of Camphor- β -Sulphonyl-phenyl-, -tolyl (*o*-, *m*- and *p*-)
and Naphthyl (α - and β -)-amides

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ABSTRACT

The ultraviolet absorption spectra of camphor- β -sulphonyl-phenyl, (*o*-, *m*- and *p*-) tolyl, (α - and β -) naphthylamides have been determined in methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, and chloroform. The absorption spectra of all the compounds show two absorption bands: one varying from 267 to 284 m μ , the longer absorption maximum (λ_{\max}) due to selective absorption of the keto group, and the other shorter one, ranging from 226 to 230 m μ , due to general absorption of the saturated molecules. The values of the characteristic wavelengths, λ_{0s} , obtained from Drude's one-term equation, have been compared with the absorption maxima, λ_{\max} , obtained by direct measurements. There are marked discrepancies in the values of λ_0 and λ_{\max} . An explanation of the discrepancies is given.

The nature of racemic modifications of the compounds has also been discussed.

In continuation of Part VI¹ of this series, we describe, in this communication, the ultraviolet absorption spectra of (*d* and *dl*) camphor- β -sulphonyl-phenyl, *o*-tolyl, *m*-tolyl, *p*-tolyl and naphthyl (α - and β -)-amides in methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol and chloroform. The 'characteristic' wavelengths, λ_{0s} , calculated from Drude's rotatory dispersion *one-term* equation² have been compared with the absorption maxima, λ_{\max} , obtained by direct measurements.

The absorption measurements of the dextro and the racemic forms of these compounds have been studied with a view to throw further light on the nature of these racemic modifications investigated by us² earlier by the application of melting point-composition diagram of Roozeboom,

EXPERIMENTAL

The compounds mentioned above were prepared and purified according to methods described previously.² The absorption measurements were carried out in spectroscopically pure solvents with Beckman DU Spectrophotometer. The molecular extinction coefficients, ϵ , were calculated from optical density at different wavelengths, but only their peak values (ϵ_{max}) corresponding to the absorption maxima, λ_{max} , are given in Table I. The absorption spectra curves (Figs. 1-6) were prepared by plotting the molecular extinction coefficients (ϵ) against the corresponding wavelengths (λ).

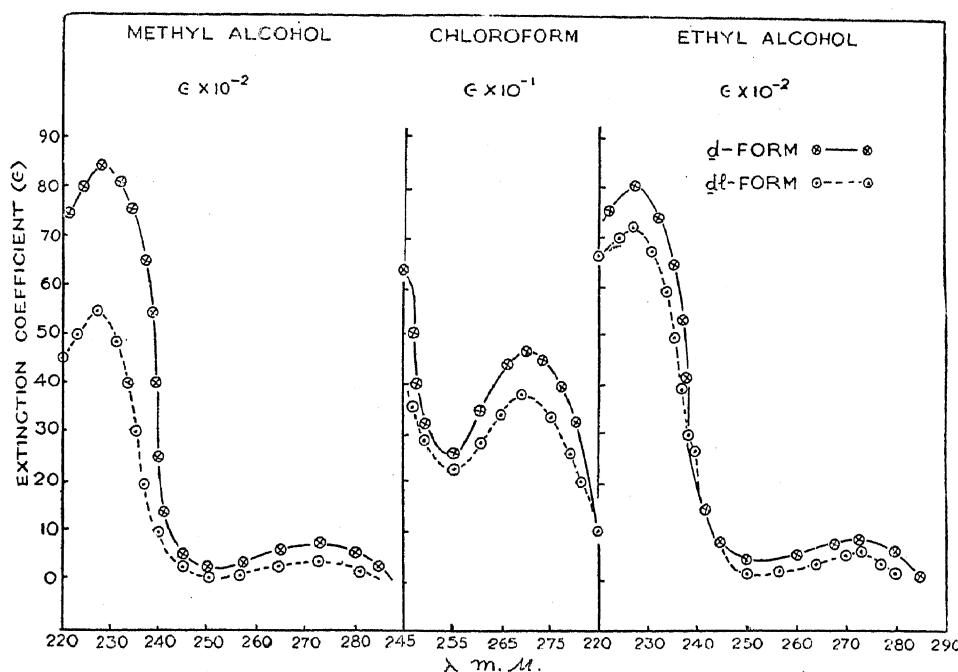


FIG. 1. Camphor- β -sulphonylphenylamides.

The rotatory dispersion of *d*-camphor- β -sulphonyl-*a*-naphthylamide, which was not given in chloroform in the earlier paper,² has been determined and recorded in Table VI.

DISCUSSION

The most frequent representation of rotatory dispersion is given by Drude's equation,

$$[\alpha] = \sum \frac{K}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0^2},$$

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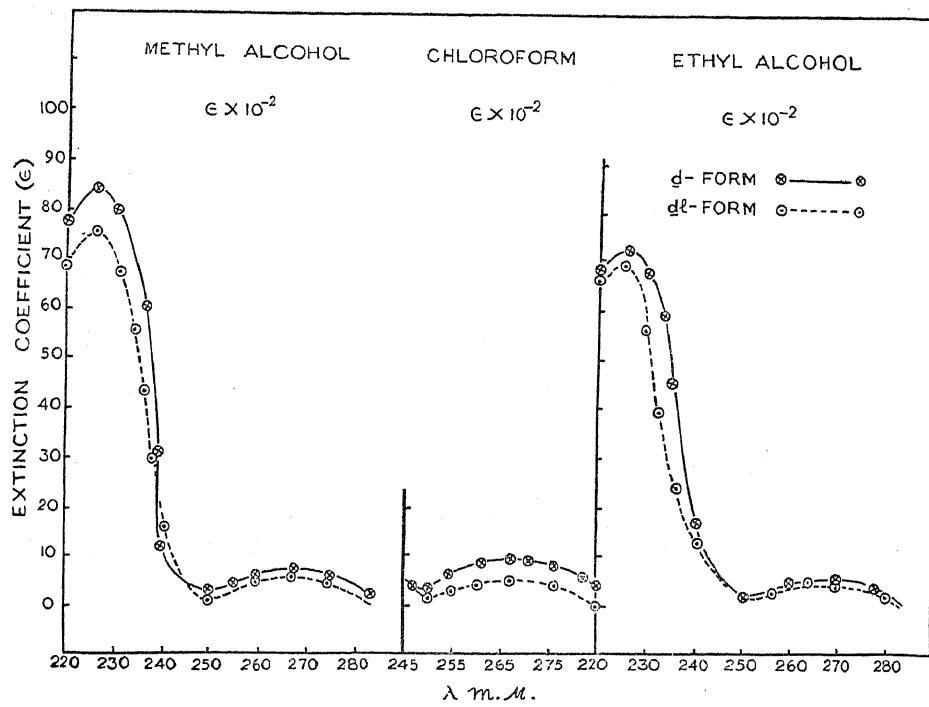
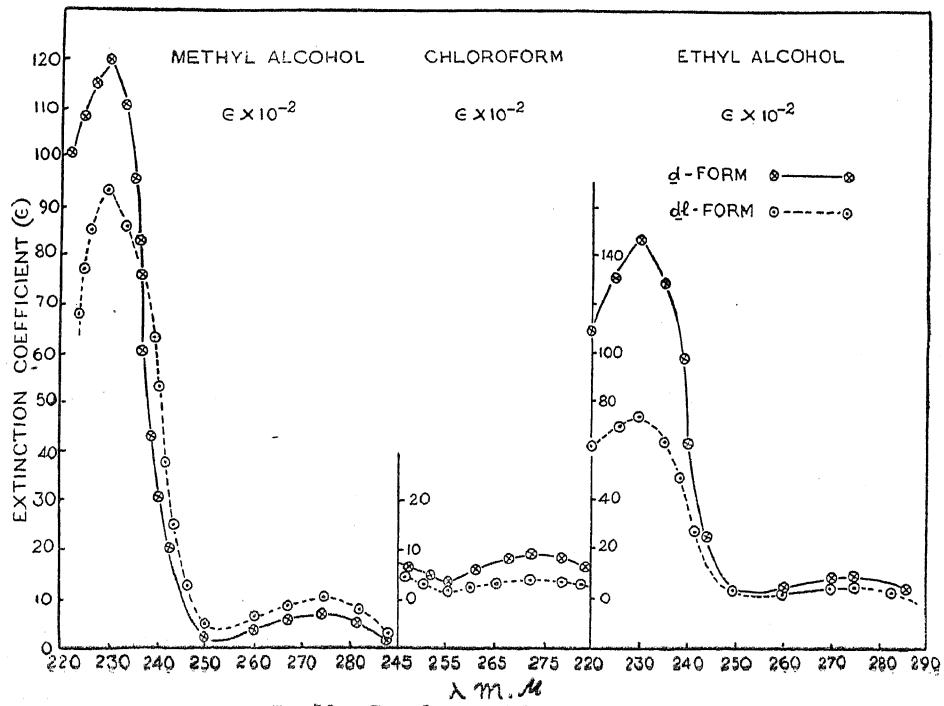
TABLE I

Compound	Solvent	<i>d</i> ₁ -isomer		<i>d</i> ₂ -isomer		λ_0 in m μ * $\lambda_0 - \lambda_{\max.}$
		$\lambda_{\max.}$ m μ	$\epsilon_{\max.}$	$\lambda_{\max.}$ m μ	$\epsilon_{\max.}$	
Camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide	.. Methyl alcohol	273 228	724·5 8442·5	273 227	260·95 5372·5	296·6 +23·6
Camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide	.. Ethyl alcohol	273 227	808·9 8025·0	273 227	540·5 7042·0	295·0 +22·0
Camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide	.. Chloroform	270	460·5	271	375·0	255·0 -16·0
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>o</i> -tolylamide	Methyl alcohol	267 226	680·5 6442·0	267 226	638·8 7608·0	279·3 +12·3
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>o</i> -tolylamide	Ethyl alcohol	267 226	609·9 7254·6	267 226	555·3 7062·0	249·0 -18·0
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>o</i> -tolylamide	Chloroform	267	890·0	267	492·0	264·9 -62·1
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>m</i> -tolylamide	Methyl alcohol	275 230	658·0 12040·0	275 230	1034·0 9469·0	279·3 + 4·3
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>m</i> -tolylamide	Ethyl alcohol	275 230	914·15 14686·0	275 230	590·6 7543·5	286·4 +11·4
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>m</i> -tolylamide	Chloroform	273	882·8	273	327·4	235·9 -37·1

TABLE I—Contd.

Compound	Solvent	<i>d</i> -isomer		<i>dl</i> -isomer		λ_0 in $m\mu^*$	$\lambda_0 - \lambda_{\max.}$
		$\lambda_{\max.}$ $m\mu$	$\epsilon_{\max.}$	$\lambda_{\max.}$ $m\mu$	$\epsilon_{\max.}$		
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>p</i> -tolylamide	.. Methyl alcohol	278 230	706.2 8667.0	278 230	738.3 9148.5	289.8	+11.8
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>p</i> -tolylamide	.. Ethyl alcohol	278 230	741.5 7961.0	278 230	619.5 8506.5	277.5	— .5
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- <i>p</i> -tolylamide	.. Chloroform	276 ..	497.5 ..	276 ..	677.3 ..	242.9	—33.1
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -naphthylamide	.. Methyl alcohol	284 230	6569.0 9925.0	284 228	5348 9353	321.0	+37.0
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -naphthylamide	.. Ethyl alcohol	285 230	6590.0 9710.4	285 230	5536 9462.0	288.0	+ 3.0
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -naphthylamide	.. Chloroform	287 ..	4213 ..	287 ..	6051 ..	233.4	—53.6
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- β -naphthylamide	.. Methyl alcohol	278 235	4891.0 10353.0	278 235	4177 9460	300.2	+22.2
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- β -naphthylamide	.. Ethyl alcohol	278 235	4641.0 9817.5	278 235	4712.4 9817.5	282.3	+ 4.3
Camphor- β -sulphonyl- β -naphthylamide	.. Chloroform	280 ..	3463 ..	280 ..	5783 ..	252.8	—27.2

* λ_0 obtained from Drude's one-term equation.²† *d*-Camphor- β -sulphonyl-*m*-tolylamide was taken in 0.004 per cent. concentration, whereas 0.01 per cent. solutions of all the other compounds were used.

FIG. 2. Camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -tolylamides.FIG. 3. Camphor- β -sulphonyl- m -tolylamides.

In this equation the summation contains several partial rotation terms, such as,

$$\frac{K'}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0'^2}, \frac{K''}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0''^2}, \frac{K'''}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0'''^2} \dots$$

where K' , K'' , K''' , ..., etc., represent the rotation constants and λ_0' , λ_0'' , λ_0''' , etc., the 'characteristic' wavelengths governing the rotation. According to theoretical considerations, the 'characteristic' wavelengths, λ_0 s, are those at which the molecule absorbs radiation strongly and these should correspond to the frequencies of the equivalent classical electronic oscillators in the molecules. In the case of most optically active organic compounds, it is found that the one-term Drude equation,

$$[a] = \frac{K}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0^2},$$

is usually sufficient to fit the observed values of rotations. The value of λ_0 in this equation should be equal to the absorption band in the ultraviolet or visible region of the spectrum.

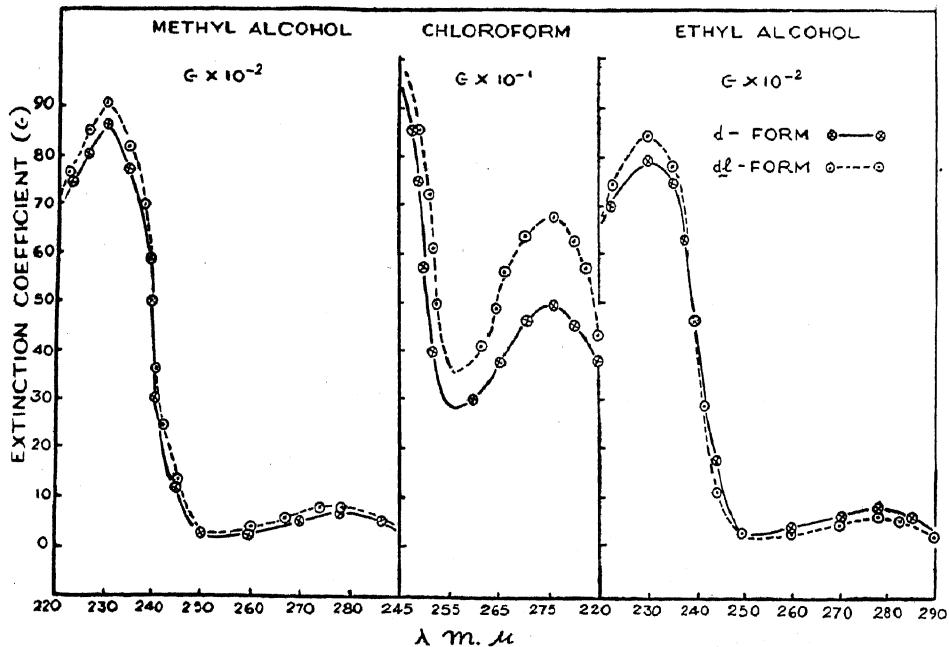


FIG. 4. Camphor- β -sulphonyl- p -tolylamides.

As stated in the previous communications,³⁻⁵ generally the rotatory dispersion is expressed by one- or two-term Drude's formula, whereas the sum-

mation includes several terms of which the one or two terms may be more important than the succeeding ones, which either are too small or may nearly cancel each other and are, therefore, neglected. It is, thus, clear that this mode of representation by one- or two-term formula is far from reality. The terms found necessary in one- or two-term equation of Drude, within the limits of experimental error, thus, approximately represent the main contribution to the optical activity. In this paper we have shown that the one-term (*simple*), as well as the two-term (*complex*) equation of Drude, both equally well represent the observed rotatory dispersion of the compounds

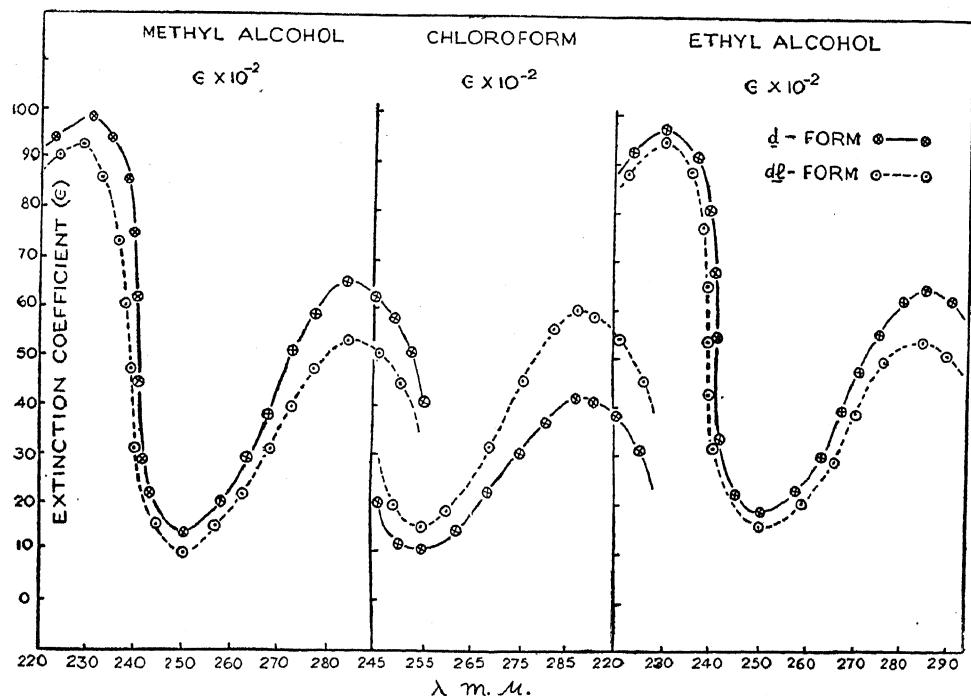


FIG. 5. Camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -naphthylamides.

within the limits of experimental accuracy (Tables II–VI). The rotatory dispersion of the compounds had already been reported '*simple*' as the observed values were in good agreement with those calculated from the *one-term* equation (Tables II–VI) but the characteristic wavelengths derived from the dispersion constants of these equations do not agree with the absorption maxima, $\lambda_{\text{max.}}$, obtained by our present measurements (Table I). In the column of differences, $\lambda_0 - \lambda_{\text{max.}}$ (Table I), these values range from -5 to $-62.1 \text{ m}\mu$, which are, therefore, considerable in several cases. Working in the reverse way, by substituting both the absorption maxima ($\lambda_{1\text{ max.}}$ and

$\lambda_{2 \text{ max.}}$) for the characteristic wavelengths (λ_{0s}), governing the rotation, in the two-term (complex) Drude formula for rotatory dispersion, namely,

$$[\alpha] = \frac{K_1}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_{1 \text{ max.}}^2} + \frac{K_2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_{2 \text{ max.}}^2},$$

we find that the values of the rotatory powers calculated from these two-term (complex) formulae like those from one-term (simple) formulae already reported agree equally well with the observed values of rotatory power (Tables II-VI). The 'characteristic' wavelengths (λ_{0s}) derived from one-term formula, being different from the absorption maxima ($\lambda_{\text{max.}}$) obtained experimentally, are thus hypothetical, which explains the discrepancies between them.

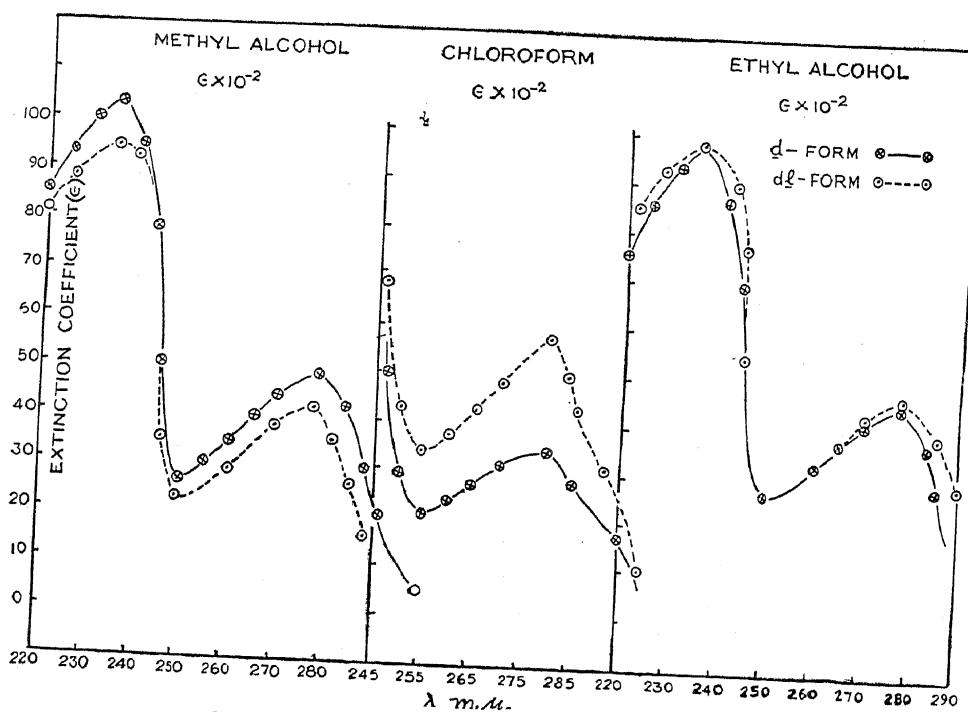


FIG. 6. Camphor- β -sulphonyl- β -naphthylamides.

ABSORPTION SPECTRA CURVES OF CAMPHOR- β -SULPHONYL-PHENYL, *o*-TOLYL, *m*-TOLYL, *p*-TOLYL, α -NAPHTHYL AND β -NAPHTHYLAMIDES

The ultraviolet absorption spectra curves of camphor- β -sulphonyl-phenyl (Fig. 1), *o*-tolyl (Fig. 2), *m*-tolyl (Fig. 3), *p*-tolyl (Fig. 4), α -naphthyl (Fig. 5) and β -naphthyl (Fig. 6) amides (*d* and *dl*) in methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol and chloroform (chloroform not transparent below 245 m μ) are

TABLE II
Rotatory dispersion of d-camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide at 35° C.

Solvent	Observed	Methyl alcohol				Chloroform			
		Calculated		[α] = $\frac{7.292}{\lambda^2 - 0.088}$	[α] = $\frac{17.22}{\lambda^2 - 0.0745} - \frac{10.412}{\lambda^2 - 0.062}$	[α] = $\frac{20.4}{\lambda^2 - 0.065}$	[α] = $\frac{9.866}{\lambda^2 - 0.0745} + \frac{10.637}{\lambda^2 - 0.062}$		
Equation	[α]	c	$o-c$						
Lines (\AA)	o	c	$o-c$	c	$o-c$	o	c	$o-c$	c
6708	..	19.5	20.14	-.64	19.69	-.19	53.0	.52.98	+.02
6438	..	22.0	22.32	-.32	21.94	+.06	58.0	.58.37	-.37
6104	..	25.5	25.63	-.13	25.5	+.0	67.5	.66.34	+.1.16
6893	..	28.0	28.13	-.13	27.87	+.13	73.0	.72.30	+.70
5780	..	29.5	29.64	-.14	29.4	+.10	76.5	.75.82	+.68
5468	..	32.5	34.65	-.05	34.55	-.05	87.0	.87.18	-.18
5461	..	34.5	34.69	-.19	34.68	-.18	87.0	.87.48	-.48
5209	..	40.5	49.77	+.73	40.02	+.48	100.0	.98.88	+.1.12
5066	..	43.0	42.75	+.25	43.10	-.10	105.0	.105.4	-.0.4
4600	..	51.0	51.21	-.21	52.09	-.1.09	120.0	.123.3	-.3.3
4678	..	57.5	55.76	+.1.74	57.01	+.49	131.5	.132.5	-.1.0
4603	..	60.0	58.89	+.1.11	60.26	-.26	138.0	.139.0	-.1.0
4358	..	73.0	71.48	+.1.62	73.64	-.64	162.5	.163.2	-.0.7

TABLE III
Rotatory dispersion of d-camphor- β -sulphonyl-o-tolylamide at 35° C.

Solvent	Methyl alcohol						Chloroform					
	Calculated			Observed			Calculated			Observed		
Equation	[α]	$[\alpha] = \frac{8.835}{\lambda^2 - 0.078}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{15.42}{\lambda^2 - 0.0713}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{6.886}{\lambda^2 - 0.0511}$	[α]	$[\alpha] = \frac{14.506}{\lambda^2 - 0.0506}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{6.651}{\lambda^2 - 0.0713}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{20.155}{\lambda^2 - 0.0511}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{6.651}{\lambda^2 - 0.0713}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{20.155}{\lambda^2 - 0.0511}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{6.651}{\lambda^2 - 0.0713}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{20.155}{\lambda^2 - 0.0511}$
Lines (A)	c	c	$c - c$	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
6708	..	23.5	23.75	- .25	23.45	+ .05	36.0	36.55	+ .45	35.60	+ .4	
6438	..	26.0	26.26	- .26	25.98	+ .02	39.0	38.94	+ .06	39.00	+ .0	
6104	..	30.0	30.00	± .0	29.77	+ .23	45.0	43.89	+ 1.11	43.95	+ 1.05	
5693	..	32.5	32.82	- .32	32.64	- .14	47.5	47.62	- .02	47.98	- .48	
5780	..	34.5	34.61	- .01	34.35	+ .15	60.0	49.92	+ .38	49.73	+ .27	
5468	..	40.0	39.97	+ .03	40.01	- .01	56.5	56.44	+ .06	56.5	± .0	
5461	..	40.0	40.13	- .13	40.09	- .09	57.0	56.62	+ .38	56.66	+ .34	
5209	..	45.5	45.69	- .19	45.83	- .33	63.0	63.26	- .25	63.28	- .28	
5086	..	49.0	48.93	+ .07	49.15	- .15	65.5	66.95	- 1.45	66.96	- 1.46	
4800	..	58.0	57.98	+ .02	58.52	- .62	77.0	76.89	+ .11	76.89	+ 0.11	
4678	..	62.5	62.76	- .26	63.48	+ .02	83.5	82.04	+ 1.46	81.87	+ 1.73	
4603	..	66.5	66.03	+ .47	66.90	- .40	86.5	86.41	+ 1.46	86.2	+ 1.3	
4358	..	80.5	78.89	+ 1.61	80.34	+ .16	97.5	98.06	- .06	97.5	+ 0.0	

TABLE IV
Rotatory dispersion of d-camphor- β -sulphonyl m-tolylamide at 35° C.

Solvent	Methyl alcohol						Chloroform					
	Calculated			Observed			Calculated			Observed		
Equation	[α]	$[\alpha] = \frac{8.028}{\lambda^2 - 0.078}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{8.654}{\lambda^2 - 0.0756}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{0.0037}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$[\alpha] = \frac{19.909}{\lambda^2 - 0.0557}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{1.275}{\lambda^2 - 0.0766}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{18.856}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$[\alpha] = \frac{1.275}{\lambda^2 - 0.0766}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{18.856}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	
Lines (Å)	<i>o</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o-c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o-c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o-c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o-c</i>	<i>c</i>
6708	..	21.5	21.58	-.08	21.5	± .0	51.0	50.51	+.49	50.89	+.11	
6438	..	23.5	23.86	-.36	23.77	-.27	55.5	55.49	+.01	55.91	-.41	
6104	..	27.0	27.27	-.27	27.15	-.15	63.5	62.85	+.65	63.98	+.22	
6893	..	29.5	29.82	-.32	29.70	-.20	68.0	68.31	-.31	68.76	-.76	
5780	..	31.5	31.36	+.14	31.23	+.27	72.0	71.55	+.45	72.0	+.0	
5468	..	36.5	36.33	+.17	36.14	+.36	82.0	81.85	+.15	82.33	-.33	
5461	..	36.5	36.46	+.04	36.30	+.20	82.0	82.12	-.12	82.59	-.59	
6209	..	41.5	41.53	-.03	41.31	+.19	92.0	92.37	-.37	92.85	-.85	
5086	..	44.0	44.45	-.45	44.19	-.19	98.5	98.13	+.37	98.62	-.12	
4800	..	51.5	52.09	-.9	52.32	-.82	114.5	114.0	-.5	114.46	+.04	
4678	..	55.5	57.03	-.1	56.59	-.109	122.5	122.1	+.4	122.56	-.06	
4603	..	60.0	59.99	+.01	59.53	+.47	130.0	127.6	+.2.4	128.02	+1.98	
4358	..	71.0	71.68	-.68	71.0	± .0	149.0	148.3	+.7	148.68	+.32	

TABLE V
Rotatory dispersion of d-camphor- β -sulphonyl-p-tolylamide at 35° C.

Solvent	Methyl alcohol						Chloroform						
	Calculated			Observed			Calculated			Observed			
	[α]	$\frac{7.9296}{\lambda^2 - 0.0841}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{9.225}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} - \frac{1.1956}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$\frac{20.137}{\lambda^2 - 0.059}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{20.137}{\lambda^2 - 0.059}$	[α]	$\frac{4.327}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} + \frac{15.846}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{4.327}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} + \frac{15.846}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - c}$	$\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - c}$	
Equation	[α]	$\frac{7.9296}{\lambda^2 - 0.0841}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{9.225}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} - \frac{1.1956}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$\frac{20.137}{\lambda^2 - 0.059}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{20.137}{\lambda^2 - 0.059}$	[α]	$\frac{4.327}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} + \frac{15.846}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	$[\alpha] = \frac{4.327}{\lambda^2 - 0.0773} + \frac{15.846}{\lambda^2 - 0.0529}$	[α]	$\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - c}$	$\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon - c}$	
Lines (\AA)	σ	c	$c - c$	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	$c - c$	$c - c$
6708	..	22.0	21.67	+ .33	21.74	+ .26	51.48	+ .02	51.5	51.48	+ .02	.0	.0
6438	..	24.0	24.0	\pm .0	24.04	- .04	56.5	- .13	56.65	64.24	- .13	.15	.15
6104	..	27.5	27.49	\pm .01	27.50	\pm .0	64.5	+ .28	64.22	69.85	+ .15	.26	.26
5893	..	30.0	30.13	- .13	30.11	- .11	70.0	+ .15	70.0	73.21	+ .79	.77	.77
5780	..	32.0	31.76	+ .24	31.67	+ .33	74.0	+ .79	73.23	83.89	+ .11	.11	.11
5468	..	37.0	36.90	+ .10	36.76	+ .24	84.0	+ .26	84.0	84.26	- .26	.17	.17
6461	..	37.0	37.03	- .03	36.89	+ .11	84.0	+ .11	84.0	84.17	- .17	.17	.17
5209	..	42.0	42.35	- .35	42.07	- .07	96.0	+ .16	96.0	94.84	+ .16	.80	.80
5086	..	45.0	45.44	- .44	45.06	- .06	101.0	+ 1.0	101.0	100.0	+ 1.0	.89	.89
4800	..	54.0	54.19	- .19	53.61	+ .49	117.5	117.4	117.5	117.5	+ 1	.11	.11
4478	..	59.0	58.86	+ .14	57.98	+ 1.02	128.5	126.0	128.5	126.0	+ 2.5	.05	.05
6003	..	61.5	62.90	- 1.4	61.06	+ .44	133.0	131.8	133.0	131.8	+ 1.2	.08	.08
4358	..	73.0	74.87	- 1.87	73.13	- .13	154.0	153.3	154.0	154.0	+ 1.11	.11	.11

practically identical. The absorption curves of the dextro and the racemic forms of these compounds in different solvents (Figs. 1–6) show two maxima, one a weak band, λ_{\max} , varying from 267–84 m μ which is due to the selective absorption of the free keto group present in the compounds and the other, an intense band, λ_{\max} , ranging from 226–30 m μ —due to general absorption of the saturated molecules. Camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide shows selective absorption at the longer wavelength (λ_{\max} . 273 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 460·5–808·9 in different solvents, Table I) and the substitution of a methyl group in the *ortho* position of the phenyl nucleus shifts the absorption maximum towards the shorter wavelength side (λ_{\max} . 267 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 609·9–680), whereas this group in the *meta* position (λ_{\max} . 275 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 658–914·15) and in the *para* position (λ_{\max} . 278 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 497·5–741·5) shifts them towards the longer wavelength side (bathochromic effect).

TABLE VI
Rotatory dispersion of d-camphor- β -sulphonyl- α -naphthylamide at 35° C.

Equation	Solvent	Chloroform (1 per cent. solution)			
		Observed	Calculated		
			$[a]$	$[a] = \frac{14 \cdot 63}{\lambda^2 - 0 \cdot 0545}$	$[a] = \frac{1 \cdot 55}{\lambda^2 - 0 \cdot 0807} + \frac{13 \cdot 0}{\lambda^2 - 0 \cdot 0529}$
Lines (Å)		<i>o</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>o</i> – <i>c</i>	<i>c</i>
6708		37·0	36·99	+ ·01	36·93
6438		40·0	40·63	– ·63	40·59
6104		46·0	46·0	± 0	45·99
5893		50·0	49·98	+ ·02	50·01
5780		52·0	52·28	– ·28	52·36
5468		60·0	59·83	+ ·17	59·92
5461		60·0	60·03	– ·03	60·11
5209		67·0	67·48	– ·48	67·65
5086		71·0	71·68	– ·68	71·90
4800		82·0	83·17	– ·17	83·58
4678		90·0	89·04	+ ·96	89·58
4603		93·0	93·0	± 0	93·63
4358		109·0	107·97	+ 1·03	109·0
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The bathochromic shift of the ketonic band is also observed when the phenyl group of camphor- β -sulphonyl phenylamide (273 m μ) is replaced by naphthyl groups (α -, λ_{\max} . 284 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 4213–6590 and β -, λ_{\max} . 278 m μ , ϵ_{\max} . 3463–4891). The absorption maxima of the naphthyl (λ_{\max} . = 275 m μ) and

the keto ($\lambda_{\max.} = 278 \text{ m}\mu$) groups are nearly equal but the absorptive power ($\epsilon_{\max.}$) of the naphthyl group is much greater than that of the keto. The weaker absorption band of the keto group is thus submerged in the more intense band of the naphthyl group (Figs. 5 & 6 and Table I).

NATURE OF THE RACEMIC FORMS

The racemic forms of the optically active compounds were found to be racemates (*dl*) in the solid state² by the melting point-composition method of Roozeboom. The ultraviolet absorption spectra of the racemic forms have been now found to be nearly identical with those of the corresponding dextro forms (Figs. 1-6): the slight differences being in the values of molecular extinction coefficients, ϵ , in the two cases, whereas the values of absorption maxima ($\lambda_{\max.}$) are identical (Table I). From the nearly identical absorption spectra curves for the dextro and racemic forms, it may be concluded that the racemic forms have almost completely dissociated in very dilute solutions into the optically active and opposite forms.

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