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Twelve novel intrinsically colored wholly aromatic polyamide-hydrazides containing various proportions of para-phenylene and meta-phenylene units and azo linkages into their main chains were successfully synthesized by a low temperature solution polycondensation reaction of either 4-amino-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide (4A3HBH) or 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide (3A4HBH) with an equimolar amount of either 4,4'-azodibenzoyl chloride (4,4'ADBC), 3,3'-azodibenzoyl chloride (3,3'ADBC), or mixtures of various molar ratios of 4,4'ADBC and 3,3'ADBC in anhydrous DMAc containing 3% (wt / v) LiCl as a solvent at -10 °C. The structures of the polymers were proven by elemental analyses, fourier transform infrared spectra, ultraviolet-visible spectra, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Polymers properties were strongly affected by their structural variations. The solubility and the hydrophilic character of the polymers increased as a function of meta-oriented phenylene rings content incorporated into the polymer chains. On the other hand, the intrinsic viscosity, tensile strength, crystallinity, thermal and thermo-oxidative stability of the polymers increased as a function of para-phenylene units content in the polymer. The dye of the self-dyed prepared azopolymers showed a much better thermal, light and solvent migration properties than those exhibited by the monomeric dyes (4,4'ADBC and 3,3'ADBC). The dye migration properties of the azopolymers improved as a function of their para-phenylene units content. Further, the azopolymers showed a great affinity for complexation with various heavy metal salts. This affinity is not only dependant on the type and amount of metal salt used, but also on the polymer structural differences.

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