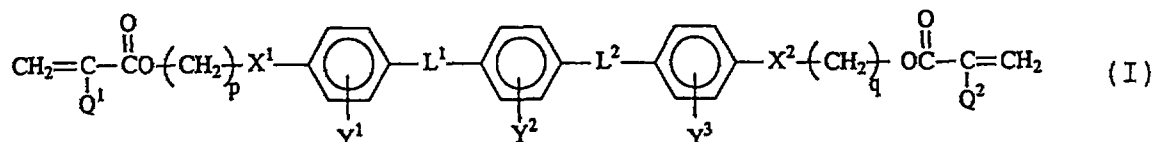


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A polymerizable compound represented by formula

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wherein Q^1 and Q^2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; p and q each independently represent an integer of 2 to 18; X^1 and X^2 each independently represent a single bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{COO}-$ or $-\text{OCO}-$; L^1 represents $-\text{COO}-$ or $-\text{OCO}-$; L^2 represents $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-$; and Y^1 , Y^2 and Y^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an alkanoyl group having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom. Also disclosed are a polymerizable liquid crystal composition containing the compound, and an optically anisotropic medium produced from the composition.