



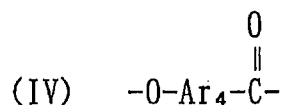
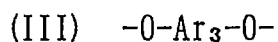
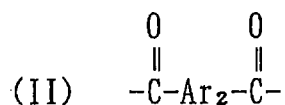
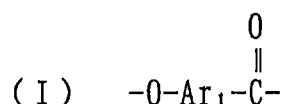
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Abstract



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There is provided a wholly aromatic polyester which has excellent heat resistance and can be produced by an ordinary polymerizer and melt-molded with ease. That is, a wholly aromatic polyester which contains, as essential constituents, the constitutional unit represented by the following general formula (I) in an amount of 40 to 75 mol%, the constitutional unit represented by the following general formula (II) in an amount of 8.5 to 30 mol%, the constitutional unit represented by the following general formula (III) in an amount of 8.5 to 30 mol% and the constitutional unit represented by the following general formula (IV) in an amount of 0.1 to 8 mol% based on the total of all constitutional units and which exhibits optical anisotropy in a molten state.



wherein Ar_1 is 2,6-naphthalene; Ar_2 is at least one selected from 1,2-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene and 1,4-

phenylene; Ar₃ is at least one selected from 1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene and the residue of a compound having at least two phenylene groups connected with each other at the para position; and Ar₄ is 1,4-phenylene.