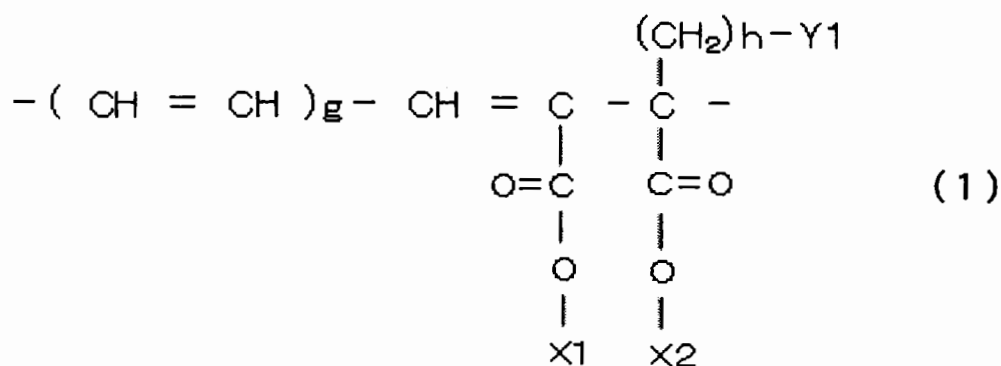


ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides modified PVA having unsaturated double bonds derived from a specific monomer in the main chain of the molecule.

- 5 A modified polyvinyl alcohol containing bond units of the formula (1) having double bonds in its molecular main chain:



- wherein each of X1 and X2 is a C₁₋₁₂ lower alkyl group, a
 10 hydrogen atom or a metal atom, g is an integer of from 0 to 3, h is an integer of from 0 to 12, Y1 is a hydrogen atom or -COOM, and M is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or a metal atom.