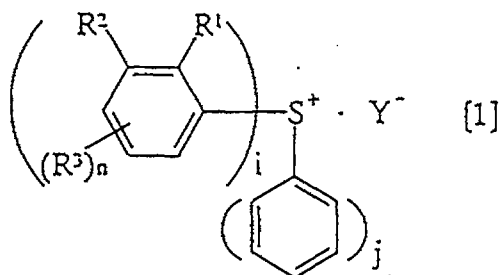


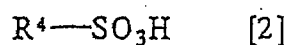
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

SULFONIUM SALT COMPOUNDS

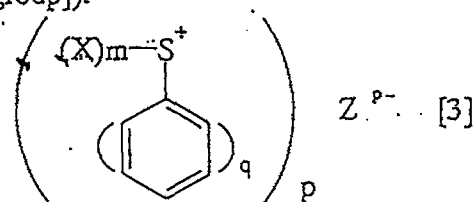
A triphenyl sulfonium salt compound shown by the general formula [1] or [3].



(wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 are a lower alkyl group, R^3 's are each independently an alkyl group, n is an integer of 0 to 3, i is an integer of 1 to 3, j is an integer of 0 to 2, provided that $i+j=3$, Y^- is an anion derived from a sulfonic acid shown by the general formula [2])



[wherein R^4 is an alkyl group or an aryl group which may have as a substituent an alkyl group]].



(wherein X is a phenyl group which has a substituent at an ortho- and/or a meta-position, m is an integer of 1 to 3, q is an integer of 0 to 2, provided that $m+q=3$, p is 1 or 2 and Z^{p-} is an anion derived from a carboxylic acid).