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Review Article

Study of environmental concerns of dyes and recent textile effluents treatment technology: A review

ABSTRACT

Water plays a vital and essential role in our ecosystem and used for various house hold as well as industrial activities. Wastewater effluents contain synthetic dyes which cause a potential hazard to the aquatic ecosystem. Some of these dyes are toxic, carcinogenic and can cause a potential health effects to every forms of life. Therefore, many researchers have been studied the effectiveness of dyes removal from aqueous solution and wastewater effluents by different separation methods. This paper provides the literature information about the environmental concern and their toxicity effects as well as classification of dyes. This review will present the methods for the removal of dyes from aqueous solution and wastewater effluents. The various dye removal techniques are classified into biological, chemical, physical methods, in addition to combination treatments. Biological methods include aerobic and anaerobic degradation bioremediation by bacteria & fungi and algae, while chemical methods comprise coagulation or flocculation combined through floatation and filtration, precipitation, electro floatation, electro kinetic coagulation, conventional oxidation methods by oxidizing agents such as ozone, irradiation or electrochemical processes. Furthermore, physical technologies as adsorption, ion exchange and filtration coagulation methods etc.

6 **Keywords:** Dyes; Hazardous effects; Classification; Biological processes; Chemical processes;
7 Physical processes.

8 **1. INTRODUCTION**

9 Water is a source of energy and life, although millions of people worldwide are suffering from
10 the shortage of clean drinking and fresh water. It is well known that 70 to 80 % of all illnesses in
11 developing countries are related to water contamination, particularly susceptible children and women
12 [1]. The effluent discharged from textile industries is comprised mainly of residual dyes, auxiliary
13 chemicals, surfactants, chlorinated compounds and salts [2]. Textile wastewater is a complex and
14 highly variable mixture of many polluting substances, including dyes, which induce color coupled with
15 organic load leading to disruption of the total ecological balance of the receiving water system [3]. In
16 textile industries 93 % of the intake water comes out as colored wastewater due to dyes containing high
17 concentration of organic compounds and heavy metals [4]. Wastewater treatment is becoming more
18 critical due to diminishing water resources, increasing wastewater disposal costs and stricter discharge
19 regulations that have lowered permissible contaminant levels in waste streams [5]. Therefore, it is
20 necessary to remove these dyes from industrial effluents before discharging aqueous waste into the
21 environment. This study was undertaken in order to provide comprehensive and critical review
22 information on classification of dyes, environmental concern and their hazardous effects in addition to

23 the application of the various removal techniques for the treatment of dye wastewater followed by the
24 results obtained in different researches.

25 **2. Main pollutants in textile discharge**

26 There are three main pollutants found in textile wastewater which comprise color, toxic metals and
27 dissolved solids.

28 **Color:** The existence of color in the effluent is one of the highest problems in textile industry
29 which is easily visible to human eyes even at very low dye concentration. Most of the dyes are stable,
30 not easily degradable and are unaffected by light.

31 **Toxic metals:** The metals may come as impurity with the chemicals (such as caustic soda,
32 sodium carbonate and salts) used during processing or may be present in dye stuffs (like metalized
33 mordant dyes).

34 **Dissolved solids:** The usage of inorganic sodium salts as (NaCl and Na₂SO₄) in the processes
35 directly increase total dissolved solids (TDS) level in the wastewater which forms the main fraction of
36 total solids (TS) and are not removable using conventional treatment.

37 **3. Dyes and their sources**

38 Dyes may be defined as a coloured substance capable of imparting their characteristic colours.
39 Both dyes and pigments appear to be coloured because they absorb some wavelengths of light
40 preferentially. In contrast with a dye, a pigment generally is insoluble, and has no affinity for the
41 substrate. Some dyes can be precipitated with an inert salt to produce a lake pigment and based on the
42 salt used they could be aluminum lake, calcium lake or barium lake pigments [6].

43 The first synthesis dye was discovered by William Henry Perkin in 1856. There are various
44 kinds of dyes used in textile, paper, rubber, food and paint industries for example reactive dyes, azo
45 dyes, basic dyes, vat dyes acid dyes, disperse dyes and direct dyes [7]. Every type of dyes contains
46 traces of metals such as lead, copper, chromium, zinc and cobalt in their aqueous solution except vat
47 and disperse dyes. Dye bearing effluents from these industries are characterized by its high colour,
48 hazardous and organic content also. It is assessed that more than 100,000 commercial dyes are known
49 with an annual production of more than 7×10^5 tonnes per year. The total dye consumption in textile
50 industry worldwide is more than 10,000 tonnes per year and approximately 100 tonnes per year of dyes
51 are discharged into water streams [8].

52 **4. Classification of dyes**

53 Dyes are natural or synthetic organic compounds used in various industries. Natural dyes
54 (without any chemical treatment) are used to colour various materials such as leathers, fibers, papers,
55 foods etc. Natural dyes are produced from animals, insects plants and minerals sources. Natural dyes
56 are such as: Onion and Weld, etc are used in the early textile industry.

57 Synthetic dyes have a high visibility even at very low concentration in water. There is no
58 single dye that can have a complete degree of fixation to fiber during dyeing and finishing processes
59 [9]. There are different ways for classification of dye molecules as shown in Fig (1). It can be classified
60 in terms of colour, structure or application methods [10]. Due to the complexities of the colour
61 nomenclature from the chemical structure system, the classification in terms of application is often
62 favourable. Chromophores and auxochromes components play important roles in the dye's molecules

63 for example chromophores (COOH, NR₂, NH₂, Cl, NHR and OH) are responsible for the production of
64 colours wherever auxochromes as (NO₂, C=C, -C=O, C=N, NO, N=N) enhance the affinity of the dye
65 toward these materials [11]. Other than that, dyes are also usually classified based on their particle
66 charge upon dissolution in aqueous application medium such as the anionic dyes comprise reactive
67 dyes, direct, acid and non-ionic dyes (dispersed dyes) while cationic dyes which are basic dyes [12].

68 **4.1 Classification of synthetic dyes based on their applications as following:**

69 **1-Anionic dyes** have negative ions due to the excess presence of the OH⁻ ions in aqueous solution.
70 Anionic dyes are water soluble and they include acid dyes, azo dyes, direct dyes and reactive dyes.

71 **2-Reactive dyes** attach to their substrates by a chemical reaction (hydrolysis of the reactive groups in
72 the water) that forms a covalent bond between the molecule of dye and that of the fiber [7]. Reactive
73 dyes contain reactive groups such as vinyl sulfone, chlorotriazine, trichloropyrimidine, and di fluoro
74 chloro pyrimidine that covalently bonded with the fiber during the dyeing process [13]. As the reactive
75 dyes are highly soluble in aqueous solution and had greater negative charge density, their tendency of
76 adsorption towards the adsorbent increases accordingly. This may be an indication that the adsorption
77 process was related to electrical attraction between anionic dyes and positively charged surfaces of
78 adsorbent [14].

79 **3-Direct dyes** are used extensively to dye protein fibres can also be used to dye synthetic fibres like
80 nylon and rayon. These dyes are applied under an aqueous bath containing electrolytes and ionic salts.
81 Direct dyes lack the property of getting dried-up fast after they are applied on fabrics [15].

82 **4-Basic dyes** are considered as cationic dyes. They form a coloured cationic salt when dissolved in
83 water. These cationic salts are found to react with the anionic surface of the substrate. These dyes are
84 found to be powerful colouring agents for acrylic fibres [16].

85 **5-Disperse dyes** are water-insoluble non-ionic dyes and mainly used on polyester, nylon, cellulose and
86 acrylic fibres. It contains azo, anthraquinone, styryl, nitro and benzodifuranone groups. Which solvent
87 dyes are used for plastics, oils, gasoline, and waxes. The chemical classes are predominantly azo and
88 anthraquinone.

89 **6-Sulphur dyes** are used for coloring the silk, cotton, rayon, leather, paper and wood.

90 **7-Vat dyes** are water insoluble and mainly used for colouring the cellulosic fibres. The primary
91 chemical classes are anthraquinone and indigoids.

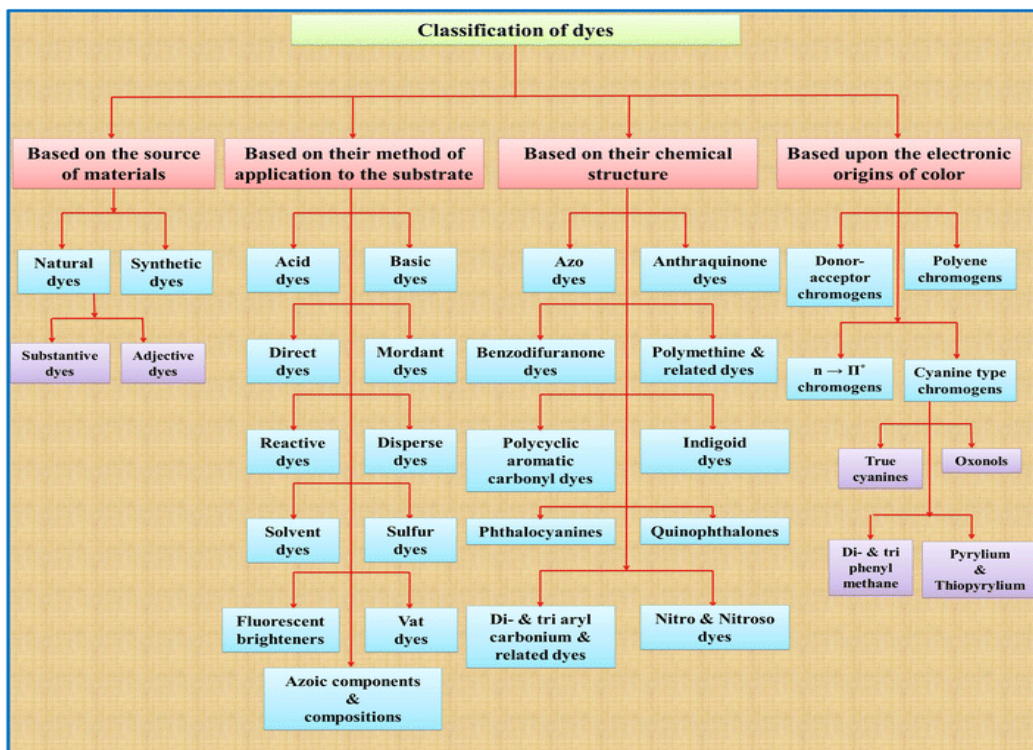


Fig.1. Classification of dyes [17]

5. Environmental concern of dyes and their hazardous effects

Many dyes are visible in water at concentrations as low as 1 mg/L. Textile-processing wastewaters, typically with dye content in the range 10-200 mg/L, are therefore usually highly coloured and discharge in open waters presents an aesthetic problem [18]. As dyes designed to be chemically and photolytically stable, they are highly persistent in natural environments. The majority of dyes pose a potential health hazard to all forms of life. These dyes may cause allergic responses, skin dermatoses, eczema and may affect the liver, the lungs, the vasco-circulatory system, the immune system and the reproductive system of experimental animals as well as human systems [19]. Dyes with azo bonds nitro-or amino-groups are carcinogenic, causing tumors of liver and urinary bladder in experimental animals [20]. However, reduction of azo dyes, i.e. cleavage of the dye's azo linkage (s), leads to formation of aromatic amines and several aromatic amines are known mutagens and carcinogens. In mammals, metabolic activation (reduction) of azo dyes is mainly due to bacterial activity in the anaerobic parts of the lower gastrointestinal tract. Various other organs, especially the liver and the kidneys, can, however, also reduce azo dyes [21]. The toxicity of aromatic amines depends on the nature and location of other substituents. As an example, the substitution with nitro, methyl or methoxy groups or halogen atoms may increase the toxicity; whereas substitution with carboxyl or sulphonate groups generally lower the toxicity [22]. As most soluble commercial dyestuffs contain one or more sulphonate groups, insight in the potentials danger of sulphonated aromatic amines is particularly important. Sulphonated aromatic amines, in contrast to some of their unsulphonated analogues, have generally no or very low genotoxic and tumorigenic potential [23].

6. Experimental methods for dyes removal from wastewater

114 Wastewater containing dyes are hard to treat because the organic molecules are persistent to
 115 aerobic digestion and are designed to have good resistance to light. The methods of dyes removal can
 116 be divided in three classes: biological [24], chemical and physical [25] methods, and are presented in
 117 Table (1).

118 **Table 1.** Methods for dyes removal from wastewater

Biological Methods	Chemical Methods	Physical Methods
* Bleaching in the presence of fungicides; * Adsorption on microbial biomass; * Aerobic and anaerobic degradation; * Bioremediation; * Nitrification, denitrification; * Fermentation reactors; * Activated sludge tanks.	* Oxidative processes * photochemical oxidation (Fenton reactions); * Heterogeneous photo catalysis; * ozonation; * oxidation with NaOCl; * electrochemical oxidation; * Coagulation * Electrocoagulation * Ion exchange	* Irradiation * Membrane processes (microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, reverse osmoses)

119 Owing to the complex nature of dye effluents, there is no single process that is so efficient to
 120 treat the dye wastewater. What is actually practiced is combination of different processes to achieve the
 121 desired water quality in the most economical way [26].

122 **6.1 Biological Methods**

123 Biological treatment is often the maximum economical alternative when compared with other
 124 physical and chemical techniques as showed in Table (2).

125 In latest years a number of studies have focused on some microorganisms that are able to
 126 absorb and degrade dyes from wastewater. A wide variety of microorganisms are able to decolorization
 127 of a wide range of dyes some of them are as bacteria: *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas*
 128 *luteola*, *Aeromonas hydrophila*; fungi: *Aspergillus niger*, *Phanerochaete chrysosporium*,
 129 *Aspergillus terricola*, *P. chrysosporium*; algae: *Spirogyra* species, *Chlorella vulgaris*, *C.*
 130 *sorokiniana*, *Lemna minuscula*, *Scenedesmus obliquus*, *C. pyrenoidosa* and *Closterium lunula*.

131 These microorganisms are responsible for the biodegradation or bioaccumulation of dyes in
 132 wastewater. Based on different oxygen demand, biological treatment processes are classified into
 133 aerobic and anaerobic treatment. Anaerobic biological treatment methods use bacteria (e.g.,
 134 *Bacteroides sp.*, *Eubacterium sp.* and *Clostridium sp.*) to decolourise dye solutions through cleavage of
 135 the dye bond, yielding aromatic amines as products. Aerobic bacteria have been referring to oxidatively
 136 decolourise many dyes from numerous classes [27]. Besides, aerobic biological treatment is
 137 conventional biological treatment because of high efficiency and wide application. The efficiency of
 138 biological treatment systems is greatly influenced by technical constraints such as sensitivity towards
 139 seasonal variation, toxicity of some chemicals, less flexibility in design and operation and the
 140 requirement of large land areas.

141 To get maximum rate of dye removal, optimization of parameters of the system such as the
142 level of aeration, temperature, pH, and redox potential, various carbon source, nitrogen source,
143 temperature and inoculum size, are necessary.

144 Many researchers have investigated the use of algae, fungi and bacteria for the decolourization
145 of dyes as reported by Crini et al. [26]; Abd-El-Rahim, [28]; Corso and Almeida [29]; Phatake et al.
146 [30]; Khouni et al. [31]; Wanyonyi et al. [32] and Cao et al. [33].

147 Lee and Chang [34] investigated the efficiency of marine algae *Chlorella marina*, *Isochrysis*
148 *galbana*, *Tetarselemis* species, *Nanno chloropsis* species and *Dunaliella salina* and fresh water
149 microalgal cells (*Chlorella* species) in dye removal from the textile effluent. Among the algal species
150 tested, the highest colour removal was noticed in *Isochrysis galbana* (55%) followed by freshwater
151 *Chlorella* species (43%).

152 Bayramoglu and Arica [35] study the adsorption of congo red dye (CRD) by native amine and
153 carboxyl modified biomass of *Funalia trogii*, isotherms, kinetics and thermodynamics mechanisms.
154 The maximum adsorption of the CRD on the native, carboxyl and amine groups modified fungal
155 biomasses was obtained at pH 5. The amount of adsorbed dye on the adsorbent samples increased as
156 the initial concentration of CRD in the solution increased to 200 mg/L. The adsorption capacities of
157 native, carboxyl groups and amine modified fungal preparations were 90.4, 153.6 and 193.7 mg/g dry
158 adsorbents, respectively.

159 Azza et al. [36] study the biosorption of acid orange 7, basic red 46 and basic blue 3 dyes
160 using *Spirogyra* species. The algae showed the maximum biosorption of dyes at various biomass
161 concentrations of 13.2, 12.2 and 6.2 mg/g respectively within 60 min.

162 Kumar et al. [37] studied the effect of three independent variables namely biomass dosage,
163 dye concentration and initial solution pH for the biosorption study, of acid black 1 using *Nizamuddin*
164 *zanardini*, *Stoepermum glaucescens* and *Stoecospermum marginatum*. The acid black 1 dye removal of
165 99.27%, 98.12% and 97.62%, respectively.

166 Masoud et al. [38] reported the optimized conditions used for the acid black 1 removal with
167 brown macro algae *Stoehospermum glacescens* and *Stoehospermum arginatum*. The dye removal
168 capacity increased with the decrease in particle size of biosorbents and the agitation speed at 130 rpm
169 controls the dye sorption capacity.

170 Omar et al. [39] removed of malachite green dye from aqueous solution by *Ulva lactuca*,
171 *Sargassum crassifolium*, and *Gracilaria corticata* has been demonstrated in order to examine their
172 potential use as low-cost adsorbents. The optimum pH (8), temperature (25 °C), contact time (150
173 min), and biomass (2g) for removal of dye by algae are reported. The maximum removal percentage of
174 the dye ranged between 95.6% and 98.3% by using *Sargassum crassifolium* at the optimal conditions.
175 Adsorption of the dye by using the biomass was found to fit well with Langmuir and Freundlich
176 isotherms.

177 Parvez and Devi [40] found that *Aspergillus niger* fungi has ability to adsorb colour from
178 solution and dying industry effluent.

179 Al Prol et al. [41] studied bioremediation of Reactive Blue 19 and Reactive Black 5 from
180 aqueous solution by using Fungi *Aspergillus niger*. *Aspergillus niger* showed maximum dye

181 decolorization under optimum condition and found to be more efficient when added in the dye solution
 182 of pH 8 and 10 with agitation at 130 rpm and incubation time for 7 days with 25°C. The results clearly
 183 showed that additional nutrient sources are effective in increasing dye decolorization rate.

184 Dawood and Sen [42] studied the removal of malachite green using *Nostoc* species. The
 185 colour removal efficiency was 80% within 45min when treated with the *Nostoc*.

186 Roy et al. [43] study biodegradation of crystal violet dye by bacteria isolated from textile
 187 industry effluents. The decolorizing activity of the bacteria was measured using a photo electric
 188 colorimeter after aerobic incubation in different time intervals of the isolates. Complete decolorizing
 189 efficiency was observed in a mineral salt medium containing up to 150 mg/L of Crystal Violet dye by
 190 10% (v/v) inoculums of *Enterobacter* sp. CV-S1 tested under 72 h of shaking incubation at temperature
 191 35 °C and pH 6.5.

192 Zuraida et al. [44] removal of synthetic dyes from wastewater by using bacteria, *Lactobacillus*
 193 *delbruckii*. This study used of two commercial synthetic dyes i.e. Reactive orange 16 (RO 16) and
 194 Reactive black 5 (RB 5). The results showed that the bacteria are able to decolorize these two reactive
 195 dyes and the optimum pH, temperature and initial dye concentration were found to be 10 ppm, 6 and
 196 37°C, respectively.

197 **Table 2. The advantages and disadvantages of biological dye removal techniques**

Organism (process)	Advantages	Disadvantages	Ref.
Bacteria (aerobic)	-decolorize both azo and anthraquinone dyes, -production of biogas	-low decolorization rates, -requires specific oxygen catalyzed enzymes, -requires additional carbon and energy sources	[45]
Bacteria (anaerobic)	-suitable for large scale application, -takes place at neutral pH for sludge treatment system, -allows obligate and facultative bacteria to reduce azo dyes	-generation of toxic substance, -requires post-treatment, -immobilization and recovery of redox mediator presents a challenge	[46]
Fungi	decolorize anthraquinone and indigo-based dyes at higher rates	decolorization rate is very low for azo dyes, -requires especial bioreactor and external carbon source, -needs acidic pH (4.5-5), -inhibition by mixture of dyes and chemical in textile effluents	[47]

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202 **6.2 Chemical Methods**

203 Chemical techniques can be used to eliminate dyes, which contain coagulation or flocculation
 204 include floatation and filtration, precipitation, electro floatation, electro kinetic coagulation,
 205 conventional oxidation process by oxidizing agents such as ozone, irradiation and electrochemical
 206 processes. In addition to these chemical techniques are efficient for the treatment of pollutants from

207 wastewater, they are expensive, commercially unattractive, accumulation of concentrated sludge
 208 creates a disposal problem and the possibility that a secondary contamination problem will arise due to
 209 excessive chemical use. The high electrical energy demand and the consumption of chemical reagents
 210 are common problems as presented in Table (3). Recently, other emerging methods, known as
 211 advanced oxidation techniques, which are based on the generation of very powerful oxidizing agents
 212 such as hydroxyl radicals, have been applied with success for degradation of pollutant.

213 **Table 3. The advantages and disadvantages of chemical dyes removal techniques**

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages	Ref.
Fenton's reagent	Effective decolourisation of both soluble and insoluble dyes	Sludge production; Prohibitively expensive.	[46]
Ozonation	* gases are applied * does not increase the volume of wastewater and sludge	*small half-life (20 minutes)	[47]
Oxidation with NaOCl	* initiates and accelerates the breaking of azo bonds	* aromatic amines release	[46]
Photochemical oxidation	* doesn't generate sludge	* by-products formation	[21]
Electrochemical destruction	* Breakdown compound are non-hazardous	* High cost of electricity	[46-47]
Coagulation–floculation	*Simple and economically feasible. *Short detention time and low capital costs. *Good removal efficiencies	*High sludge production. *Handling and disposal problems. *High cost of chemicals for pH adjustment. *Dewatering and sludge handling problems	[48]

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 215 **Chemical oxidation** is very effective, however the efficiency strongly influenced by the kind
 216 of oxidant [49].

217 **Advanced oxidation technologies (AOTs):** Oxidation method is one of the conventional
 218 methods used for the elimination of inorganics/organics pollutants from wastewater. The main
 219 mechanism of AOTs is through generation of extremely reactive free radicals. The role of reactive free
 220 radicals to oxidize the complex organic components to the simpler intermediates besides end products.
 221 There are numerous ways in which degradation of organics components can occur during the oxidation
 222 process: (i) a structural change in the parent compound with same molecular formula, (ii) structural
 223 change in the parent compound to produce other composites which may be fewer or extra toxic, in
 224 addition (iii) mineralization of organic carbon in to CO₂.

225 **AOTs** comprise the use of oxidants such as ozone, chloride, and Fenton reagent in addition
 226 chlorine dioxide. **Fenton's reagent** is known as hydrogen peroxide and it is more effective if applied at
 227 acidic medium. Also, iron ions such as Fe⁺² and Fe⁺³ are the greatest common reagents which used in
 228 Fenton activation.

229 El Haddad et al. [49] studied use of Fenton reagent as advanced oxidative process for
 230 removing textile dyes from aqueous solutions. The optimum amounts of Fenton reagent was 25 mg/L
 231 of Fe and 250 mg/L of H₂O₂ for an initial Reactive Yellow 84 concentration at 60 mg/L. Kinetics

232 decolorization of RY84 followed pseudo second-order reaction. The reaction characteristic of oxidative
233 reaction for decolorization efficiency process was evaluated as thermodynamically spontaneous under
234 natural conditions. The value of activation energy is determined and is equal to 16.78 kJ/mol, this low
235 value may show that the oxidative reaction proceeds with low energy barrier.

236 Lee et al. [50] studied the degradation of Acid Red 114 using the photo-Fenton process. A
237 complete decolourization of the dye was observed by adding the ferric ions (130 mg/L $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$),
238 hydrogen peroxide (100 mg /L H_2O_2) and the photocatalyst titanium dioxide particales (100 mg/L
239 TiO_2) within a period of 60 to 300 minutes. The system was illuminated with the UV radiation and the
240 pH was adjusted at 2.5 and temperature 30 °C.

241 Fernandez el al. [51] investigated the bleaching and mineralization of Orange II in the
242 presence of oxone (a mixture of potassium salts including: potassium sulfate; K_2SO_4 , potassium
243 peroxymonosulfate; KHSO_5 and potassium peroxodi sulfate; KHSO_4 , and copper sulfate;
244 $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and a mixture of ferric nitrate ($\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$) with manganese sulfate ($\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$).

245 **Ozonation** is another type of AOTS oxidation used in the removal of synthesis dyes from
246 wastewater effluents. It is a very effective technology in treating wastewater and is considered to be a
247 good method in the decolourization of textile effluents as ozone (O_3) attacks the nitrogen conjugated
248 double bonds which are often associated with colours [52]. Ozonation reactions can be classified into
249 direct reaction and indirect reaction based on the pH of the solution. The decomposition rate of ozone
250 is affected by solution pH and initial dye concentration. At basic medium, ozone rapidly decomposes to
251 yield the hydroxyl radical but in acidic conditions, ozone can directly react with organic substrates as
252 an electrophile. Ozonation process does not form a sludge because of complete decomposition of dyes
253 thus reduce the toxicity of by-products [53].

254 Photocatalytic oxidation on immobilized TiO_2 in presence of solar irradiation and combined
255 with electrochlorination has been successful in decolourisation and toxicity reduction [54].

256 Borujeni et al. [55] study decomposition of basic blue 9 (BB-9) in aqueous solution using
257 ozonation and catalytic ozonation system (O_3 /granular activated carbon [GAC]) in the bench-scale
258 experiment. The effect of ozone dose, pH, and GAC contents in removal of BB-9 and biodegradability
259 of effluent such as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5); Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), and
260 BOD5/COD were studied. Results showed that pH of solution and ozone concentration are significant
261 factors on removal of BB-9; COD and BOD5. The application of GAC as catalyst, in mass
262 concentration of 2 g/l, caused 48% increase in the degradation rate of BB-9.

263 **Photocatalyst** is a method used in the removal of organics pollutants as dyes from effluents.
264 Photon energy equal or higher than the band gap energy is essential to excite the electrons from the
265 valence band to the conduction band in addition the movement of the electrons leave holes with posi
266 positively charged ions (H^+) in the valence band [56]. The positively charged holes are powerful
267 oxidants and can destroy adsorbed organic pollutants where the electrons at the conduction band react
268 with the oxygen molecules to form strong oxidative radicals which also cause the decomposition of
269 organic and inorganic pollutants in wastewater [57]. Photocatalyst is used in the elimination of dyes
270 from wastewater such as Methyl Orange [58], direct green and reactive red [59]. On the other hand,
271 some photocatalyst are degraded along the process and generate toxic products.

272 **Electrocoagulation:** In latest years, many researchers have been specially focused on the use
 273 of electrocoagulation owing to increase in environmental restrictions on wastewater effluent.
 274 Electrocoagulation is a method consisting of producing metallic hydroxide flocks inside the wastewater
 275 through electro dissolution of soluble anode made of Iron (Fe) or Aluminium (Al).

276 Hussein et al. [60] investigated the colour removal of reactive blue 19 from textile wastewater
 277 by electrocoagulation using iron electrodes. Effects of various factors such as pH on dye removal,
 278 current density, electrolysis time, initial dye concentration, supporting electrolyte concentration,
 279 temperature were scrutinized. The optimum operating conditions for the effective removal was at pH
 280 11.5, applied current density of 50 mA/cm², electrolysis time of 20 minutes, 100 mg/L dye
 281 concentration, supporting electrolyte concentration of 5g/L Nad and room temperature. Under these
 282 conditions, 99.60 % of dye effectively removed.

283 Electrochemical oxidation: This technique is used as an alternative treatment process for the
 284 elimination of colour in dye mixture.

285 El Sayed et al. [61] examined removal of indigo carmine dye from synthetic wastewater by
 286 electrochemical oxidation in a new cell with horizontally oriented electrodes. Electrochemical unit
 287 consists of anode as pb/pbO₂ and cathode as stainless steel screen. Under optimum operating
 288 conditions, complete decolourization with 88.2 % COD reduction was achieved.

289 Hoong and Ismai, [62] study removal of dye in wastewater by adsorption coagulation
 290 combined system with hibiscus sabdariffa as the coagulant. The results showed that the optimised
 291 process parameters for adsorption-coagulation hybrid process with hibiscus sabdariffa seeds as the
 292 coagulant and activated carbon as the adsorbent are pH 2, initial dye concentration of 385 ppm,
 293 coagulant dosage of 209 mg/L and adsorbent dosage of 150 mg/L. The dye removal reaches up to
 294 96.67 % under optimum parameters.

295 Kasperchik et al. [63] study wastewater treatment for removal of dyes by coagulation and
 296 membrane processes. In this study used wastewater from direct and reactive dyeing processes, a
 297 comparative analysis has been performed of the efficiency of wastewater treatment by the following
 298 two processes: reagent coagulation with the use of aluminum hydroxychloride and anionic and cationic
 299 flocculants and ultrafiltration with the use of polyacrylonitrile, polysulfone, aromatic polyamide, and
 300 poly sulfonamide membranes and experimental membrane samples with additionally modified
 301 surfaces.

302 **6.3 Physical Methods**

303 There are different types of physical methods used in the elimination of dyes as part of water
 304 and wastewater treatments. Physical methods used usually are adsorption techniques, ion exchange,
 305 activated carbon, and membrane filtration methods (Electro dialysis, Nano filtration, Reverse osmosis)
 306 as presented in Table (4).

307 **Table 4. Advantages and disadvantages of removal techniques for dyes from wastewater [64]**

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Adsorption	*High adsorption capacity for all dyes.	*High cost of adsorbents. *Need to dispose of adsorbents. *Low surface area for some adsorbents.

Activated carbon	* removes wide varieties of dyes	* very expensive, ineffective against disperse and vat dyes
Non-conventional adsorbents (agricultural and industrial byproducts)	* effective adsorbent, inexpensive, widely available, operation is easy, process design is simple	*transfer of pollutants from liquid phase to solid matrix (adsorbent) not selective
Membrane filtration	* removes all dye types, quick method and requires less space	* concentrated sludge production, membrane fouling, high cost and incapable to treat large volume
Ion exchange	* regeneration possibility * the adsorbent is not lost	* not effective for all types of dyes
Nano-filtration	* separation of low molecular weight organic compounds and of divalent ions	* high operation costs
Reverse osmosis	* removal of mineral salts, dyes and chemical reagents	* high pressure needed

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309 **Adsorption**, which is a well-known equilibrium separation process, is gaining much attention
310 due to its simple design, ease of operation, flexibility and insensitivity to toxic contaminants.
311 Adsorption method will produce great quality treated effluents. It considers an attractive alternative for
312 the removal of contaminated water, provided that the adsorbent is low-cost and does not need much
313 modification before its application [26].

314 Gezer [65], study adsorption of carob powder as the adsorbent to eliminate of organic dye
315 from waste water. In the investigates, six inputs pH (2-8), ultrasound frequency (50-150 hz), particle
316 size (50-150 μm), adsorption temperature (25-40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$), solution concentration (10-30 mg/L) and
317 adsorption time (120-360 min) were examined using the statistical box-behken design with
318 parameters. As a result of the present work, it was finding that carob powder could be a strong
319 alternative adsorbent for methylene blue elimination.

320 **Membrane filtration** is pressing the water by a very fine membrane in dead end and passed
321 through systems. Nowadays wide ranges of various membranes are used, for example nanofiltration,
322 microfiltration, ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis.

323 Rashidi et al. [66] study treatment of synthetic reactive dye wastewater by using nano-
324 membrane filtration. In this study, application of polyamide nano-membrane to remove dyes was
325 evaluated for five different fiber reactive dyes' wastewater, namely reactive blue 15, reactive red 194,
326 reactive yellow 145, reactive black 5, and reactive orange 16. Dyes were tested in low concentration
327 (16 mg/L) during a 60 min filtration process. The efficiency of filtration was calculated based on pre-
328 process and post-process analytical experiments. The flux for all the samples ranged between 7.8 and
329 9.2 ml/cm² s. The permeate pH value of the samples was observed to slightly increase, within a range of
330 6.4–7.1.

331 **Ion exchangers** are solid materials or liquid solutions which are able to absorb negatively or
332 positively charged ions from aqueous electrolyte mixture and at the same time release additional ions

333 of equivalent amount into the aqueous mixture [67]. Ion exchange is a good technique to separate toxic
 334 and soluble dyes from wastewater effluents although the high capital cost associated with this process
 335 limited its use. Furthermore, ion exchange is used to eliminate toxic dyes from wastewater for example
 336 elimination of anionic dye such as orange-G [13] and cationic dye as methyl violet 2B [68].

337 González et al. [69] study the adsorption of textile dyes present in aqueous solution and
 338 wastewater using polyelectrolytes derived from chitosan. The results by optimizing the conditions of
 339 static adsorption, approximately 90 % of the cationic dyes present in an aqueous solution with an initial
 340 concentration of 300 mg dm^{-3} and a basic pH of around 11.5 were removed. Anionic dyes almost reach
 341 100% adsorption on the polyampholytes. The point of zero charge (pHpzc) was determined, and it was
 342 found that both polyampholytes exhibited a basic character on their surface (pHpzc > 8.7).

343 **6.4 Combination of Different Methods**

344 The treatment on wastewater comprising reactive black 5 dyes by via sequencing batch reactor
 345 followed by combined aerobic membrane bioreactor and reverse osmosis was studied by You and
 346 Teng, [70]. Results indicated that in the sequencing batch reactor, reactive black 5 dyes was degraded
 347 to aromatic amine groups which would additional mineralize by aerobic membrane bioreactor/reverse
 348 osmosis to meet the criteria for reuse.

349 The photocatalytic and adsorption treatment of the prepared TiO_2 /adsorbent nanocomposites
 350 (TNC) via a facile wet chemical method were examined by using methylene blue dyes as contaminant
 351 [71]. Synergistic effects among adsorption and photocatalysis were showed with the assistance of
 352 visible-light irradiation and all TNC succeed better methylene blue dyes elimination rates than the
 353 adsorption process alone. The joined effects of both photocatalytic oxidation and reverse osmosis
 354 membrane leads to complete elimination of the synthetic dyes wastewater with 90 % reduction of
 355 original dyes content.

356 The photocatalytic combined with anaerobic-photocatalytic treatment of textiles dyes was
 357 studied by Harrelkas et al. [72]. Results showed that photocatalysis was able to eliminate 90 % of color
 358 from crude in addition to autoxidized chemically reduced dye solution. The combined treatment of
 359 ozonation besides biological degradation by a biofilm to decrease the color from textile wastewater was
 360 examined by De souza et al. [73]. Results showed that ozonation of remazol black B was effective and
 361 the color decolorization could reach to 96%. The subsequent biological process was capable of
 362 decreasing the toxicity of the resulting effluents after ozonation. A number of biological besides
 363 chemical coupled treatments for removal of Cibacron Red FN-R azo dye [74].The non-biodegradable
 364 reactive dyes were removed via the catalytic effects of Fenton's reagent. Fenton's reagent can be used
 365 to combine both oxidation and coagulation techniques [75].

366 A comparison study on the elimination of acid green 50 from industrial wastewater by anodic
 367 oxidation besides electrocoagulation was carried out by El-Ashtoukhy and Amin [76]. Results
 368 indicated that elimination of acid green 50 is more economical through using electrocoagulation as
 369 compared to anodic oxidation owing to lower power consumption during electrocoagulation.

370 **Table 5. Recent report on the method used for the removal of textile dyes**

Type of dye	Adsorbent used	pH & Temp.	Isotherms followed	Ref.
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Methyl Red	Adsorption by Guar gum Powder	pH 4.2 & 34°C	Langmuir model	[77]
Amido black-10 B	Nano photo catalyst	---	-----	[78]
Synthetic dye	Adsorption by sago waste	pH 4 & 34°C	Langmuir model	[79]
Acid blue 92, Direct red 23, & Direct red 81	Polymeric Adsorbent (poly amido primary secondary amine)	pH 12	Langmuir isotherm	[80]
Reactive red 120	Nano filtration poly etherimide membrane			[81]
Acid black 210 & acid red 357	Activated carbon prepared from leather shaving wastes	pH 2	Langmuir and BET models	[82]
residual Reactive blue 49	a coagulant and a flocculant	pH 7 & 60 °C	-----	[83]
Reactive red	Belpatra Bark charcoal adsorbent	50°C & pH 3	Langmuir, Freundlich and Temkin adsorption	[84]

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376 7. Conclusion

377 Wastewater discharged by textile finishing industries has become an great environmental
378 concern for the scientists because of the prevailing hazards in our ecosystem. This review paper
379 provides highlights literature information about sources of dyes, its classification and toxicity.
380 Moreover, define various technologies for removal of different dyes from industrial wastes effluent.
381 These techniques have been discussed by various biological, chemical, physical technologies beside
382 combination treatments. Advantages and disadvantages of different techniques are discussed.

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