

The purpose of this study was to extract pectin from albedo of five varieties of pomelo peel. (Koawpan, Koawpoung, Koawjeeb, Thongdi and Khunnor). It was found that the albedo of Koawpan pomelo peel gave the highest yield in term of pectin (dry weight) and Anhydrouronic acid (A.U.A.). The amount of ash, Methoxyl content (MeO.), Equivalent weight (Eq.Wt.) of pectin among the five varieties of pomelo peel were not significantly difference ($p=0.05$). The Koawpan variety was selected for further study on the effect of using sodium hexametraphosphate (SHMP) and ethylendiaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) as additive to increase the efficiency of pectin extraction.

The result showed that without SHMP or EDTA when pH was increased from 2.00 to 5.00 the yield of pectin decreased. pH and SHMP or EDTA concentration had interaction effect on extraction. When pH and SHMP or EDTA concentration was increased, yield of pectin also increased. From pH 2.00 to 4.00 the result indicated that deesterification (hydrogen ion catalysed) and depolymerization reactions decreased, thus Eq.Wt., MeO. as well as Jelly grade of pectin were increased. But at pH=5.00, Eq.Wt., MeO. were significantly decreased ($p=0.05$). It was anticipated that this effect was due to deesterification reaction but catalysed by hydroxy ion. pH had effect on ash content of pectin. Increased pH would increase the ash content. SHMP concentration had effect on the ash content where as EDTA concentration showed no effect.

The optimum extracting condition of pectin with 3.0% SHMP at pH=4.00 was chosen to study the effect of albedo weight and acid solution (by volume ratio). It was showed that the ratios had effect on the amount of pectin and Jelly grade. Maximum yield of pectin was obtained at ratio 1:4. The ratios chosen had no effect on the ash content, A.U.A., MeO. and Eq.Wt. of pectin.

The effect of temperature and time on pectin extraction denoted that increasing time from 30 to 90 min. at room temperature increased the yield of pectin, but had no effect on Jelly grade, Eq.Wt. and MeO. At higher temperature (80 °C), increasing time gave no effect on yield of pectin but decreased Jelly grade, Eq.Wt. and MeO. Time and temperature had effect on A.U.A. but gave no effect on ash content.