

Organic Molecules

Functional Groups

Amino Acids - Proteins

Dr. Ron Rusay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJtAw61bzsM>

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Small Organic Molecules



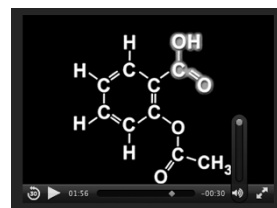
Water, Ammonia, Methane
molecular building blocks

Elemental building blocks for all organic molecules

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Periodic Table of the Elements

Representing Organic Molecules

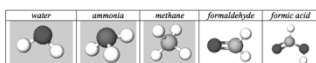


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Small Organic Molecules

Common Functional Groups

Name	General Formula
Alcohols	$R-OH$
Ethers	$R-O-R'$
Amines	$R-NH_2$
Carboxylic Acids	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-OH$



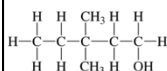
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Common Functional Groups

Name	General Formula
Aldehydes	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-H$
Ketones	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-R'$
Carboxylic Acids	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-OH$
Esters	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-OR'$
Amides	$R-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-N(R')_2$

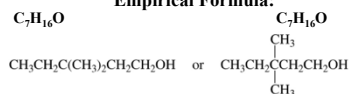
**Organic Formulas:
Kekulé / Condensed / Bond-Line
Structures / Drawings**

Molecular formula:

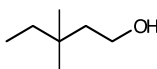


$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$

Empirical Formula:



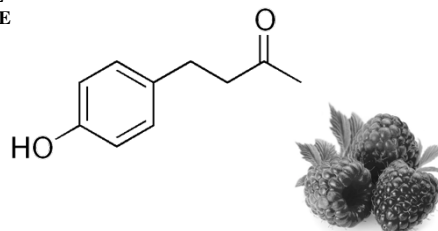
Bond-Line Structure:



QUESTION

A compound that smells like fresh raspberries, the following structure, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$, matches its calculated molar mass which is 164 g/mol.

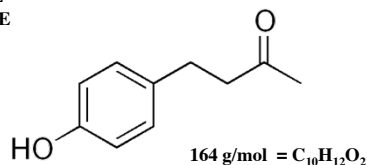
- A) TRUE
B) FALSE



ANSWER

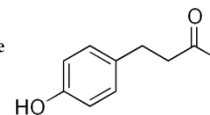
Based on your answers for the compound, which smells like fresh raspberries, in the previous two questions, the following structure matches its molecular formula.

- A) TRUE
B) FALSE



QUESTION

Select the function(s) in the molecule

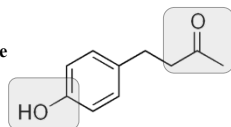


	Alcohol	R-OH
	Ether	R-O-R'
	Amine	R-NH ₂
	Aldehyde	R-C(=O)-H
	Ketone	R-C(=O)-R'
	Carboxylic Acid	R-C(=O)-OH
	Ester	R-C(=O)-OR'
	Amide	R-C(=O)-N(R')R''



Answer

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Large Organic Macromolecules

Genetics & Biological Polymers

RNA/DNA

Proteins/ Enzymes

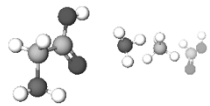
How are proteins & RNA/DNA related?
Amino Acids

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Amino Acids

Legos of Chemical Biology

Amino acids contain carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen, which resemble the following shapes & structural components



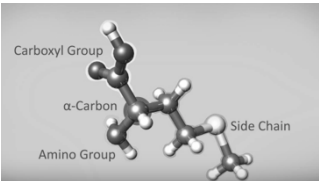
- 20 different amino acids are encoded by the genetic code, which is archived in DNA.
- Hundreds of amino acids link together with amide (peptide) bonds to form proteins, which are the machinery for the chemistry of life.
- There are less than 20,000 total proteins produced from humans' entire genome, each coded by a specific gene in DNA's ~3 billion genetic bases.

http://chem.libretexts.org/LibreTexts/Diablo_Valley_College/DVC_Chem_106%3A_Rusay/Amino_Acids

Amino Acids

Legos of Chemical Biology

Amino acid structural components can be divided into four parts that are illustrated below. Only the side chain varies among the alpha (α -) amino acids.

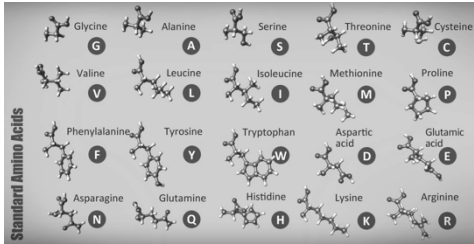


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Amino Acids

Legos of Chemical Biology

All amino acids contain C, H, O, and N; two, C & M, also have sulfur.

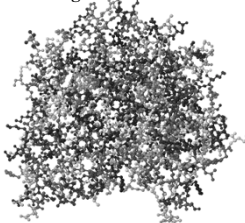


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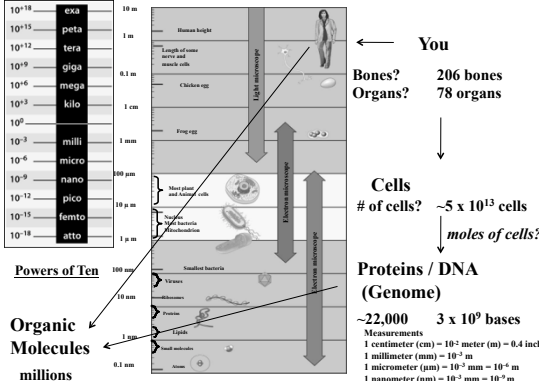
Proteins: Macromolecular Biopolymers

Acetylcholinesterase (ACE)

ACE, an enzyme, which catalyzes a key reaction in a repetitive biochemical cycle that is crucial to neurological and physiological functions in humans... and insects among others.



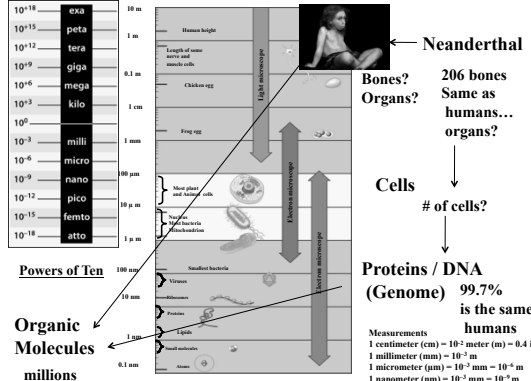
4,496 atoms;
4,404 bonds
574 amino acid residues



Organic Molecules
millions

Proteins / DNA (Genome)
~22,000 3 x 10⁹ bases

Measurements
1 centimeter (cm) = 10⁻² meter (m) = 0.4 inch
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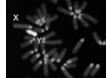
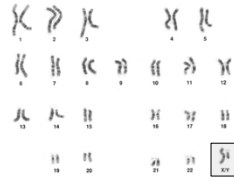
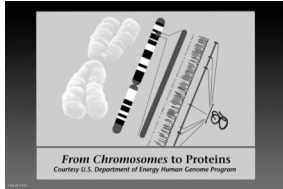
Organic Molecules
millions

Proteins / DNA (Genome)
99.7% is the same as humans

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Genetic Controls Chromosomes (DNA/RNA)

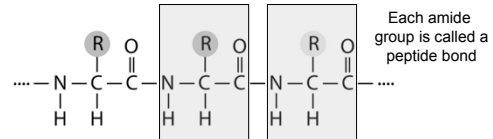
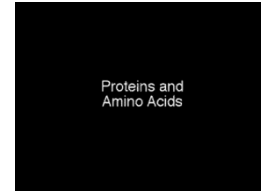
<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/primer/basics/howmanychromosomes>



Male or female?

Amino Acids & Proteins

<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/Proteins-amino-acids.mov>



Proteins (bio-polymers):

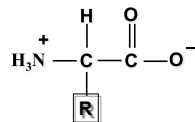
Polypeptides, Amides and Proteins

- Proteins are polyamides, each amide group is called a peptide bond.
- Peptides are formed by condensation of the $-\text{COOH}$ group of one amino acid and the $-\text{NH}_2$ group of another amino acid.

The 20 Key Amino Acids (22 with Archaea)

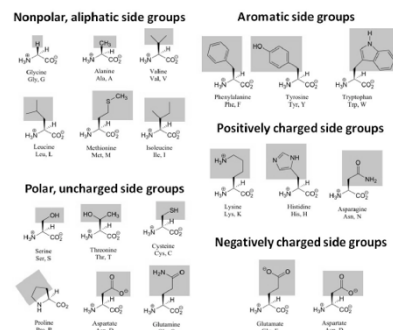
- Amino acids are compounds that contain a basic $-\text{NH}_2$ amine group and an acidic $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ carboxylic acid group.
- More than 700 amino acids occur naturally, but 20 (22?) of them are especially important.
- These 22 amino acids are the building blocks of proteins. All are α -amino acids.
- They differ in respect to the group attached to the α carbon.

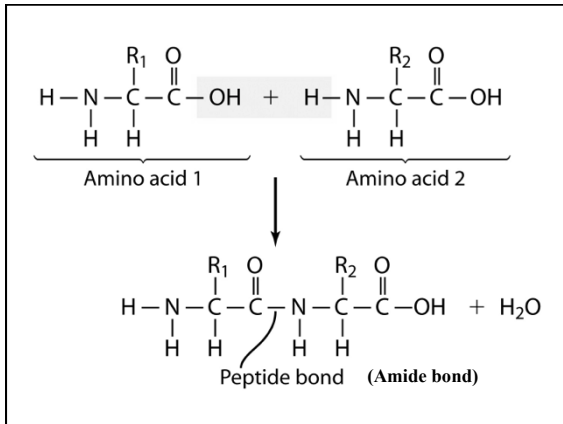
Amino Acids: The basic amino group and acidic carboxylic acid group are actually present as $-\text{NH}_3^+$ and $-\text{CO}_2^-$ respectively.



- The amino acids in proteins differ in respect to R ("the side chain").
- The physical & chemical properties of the amino acid vary as the structure of R varies.

The 20 Amino Acids in Animals/Humans





Proteins (Polypeptides)

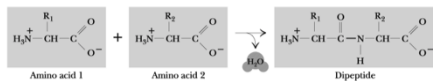
Polypeptides

- Polypeptides are formed with a large number of amino acids (usually result in proteins with molecular weights between 6000 and 50 million amu).

Protein Structure

- Primary structure is the sequence of the amino acids in the protein.
- A change in one amino acid can alter the biochemical behavior of the protein. *Eg. Sickle Cell Anemia*

Proteins are Polymers of Amino Acids

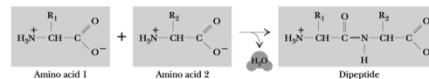


- Peptides have various numbers of amino acids.
- Peptides are always written with the $-\text{NH}_2$ terminus on the left, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ on the right.
- Each amino acid unit is called a residue.
- 2 residues = dipeptide,
- 3 residues = tripeptide,
- 12-20 residues = oligopeptide,
- Many residues = polypeptide.

QUESTION

Proteins are made when amino acids form peptide bonds to link together. Which of the following contains the correct number and type of atoms that are necessary to define a peptide bond?

- One carbon, two oxygen, one nitrogen
- Two carbons, one oxygen, one nitrogen, one hydrogen
- One carbon, two oxygen, one nitrogen, two hydrogen
- One carbon, one oxygen, one nitrogen, one hydrogen



ANSWER

D

The carbon will contain a double bond to oxygen, a single bond to nitrogen that will also have a single bond to a hydrogen atom. Although not directly part of the peptide linkage, the carbon will have a single bond to some other atom as will the nitrogen atom.

Four Levels of Protein Structure

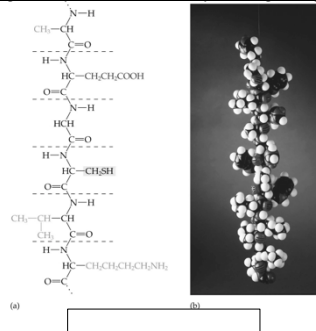
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- 3° : (Tertiary)** 3-D arrangement of all atoms in a single polypeptide chain. *eg. collagen*
- 4° : (Quaternary)** Arrangement of polypeptide chains into a functional protein. *eg. hemoglobin.*

Different Protein Types -

- Enzymes: *Glutamine synthetase* - 12 subunits of 468 residues each; total mol. wt. = 600,000 daltons
- Regulatory proteins: *Insulin* - α - alpha chain of 21 residues, β - beta chain of 30 residues; total mol. wt. of 5,733 amu
- Structural proteins: *Collagen*
Connectin proteins, β - MW of 2.1 million g/mol; length = 1000 nm; can stretch to 3000 nm.
- Transport proteins: *Hemoglobin*
- Contractile proteins: *Actin*, *Myosin*
- Specialized proteins: *Antifreeze in fish*

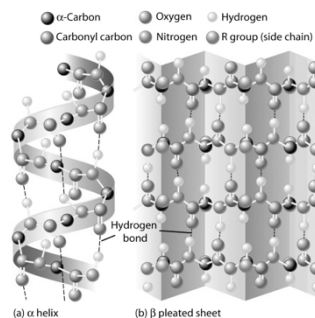
(A gene was first defined as: one piece of DNA that codes for one protein. The definition is being expanded beyond proteins to include certain types of RNA.)

Proteins: Size, Shape & Self Assembly
<http://www.stark.kent.edu/~cearley/PChem/protein/protein.htm>

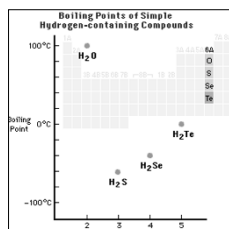


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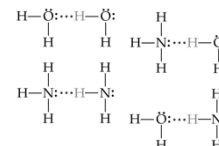


Boiling Points & Hydrogen Bonding



Hydrogen Bonding

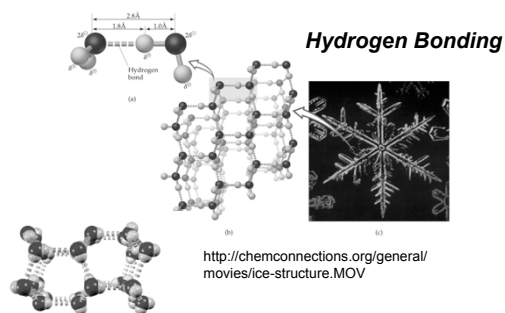
- Hydrogen bonds, a unique dipole-dipole attraction (10-40 kJ/mol).



Hydrogen Bonding

<http://chemconnections.org/general/movies/HydrogenBonding.MOV>

Intermolecular Forces



QUESTION

Which pure substances will not form hydrogen bonds?

- I) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ II) CH_3OCH_3
 III) $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_3$ IV) CH_3F

- A) I and II B) I and III C) II and III D) II and IV

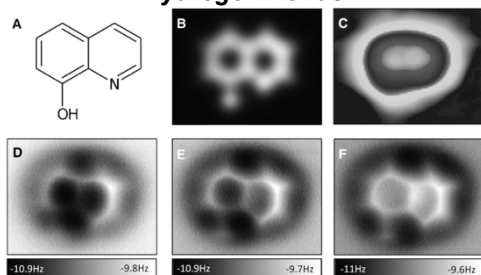
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Visualizing Intermolecular Hydrogen Bonds



J Zhang et al. Science 2013;342:611-614

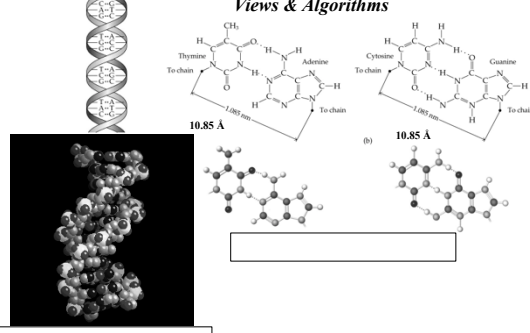
Fig. 1 STM and AFM measurements

Science
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DNA: Size, Shape & Self Assembly

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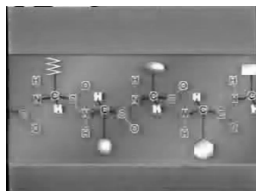
Views & Algorithms



Hair: α -Helix

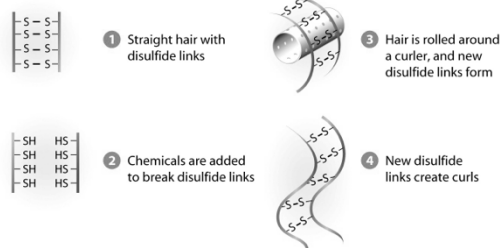
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#23 Proteins : <http://www.learner.org/resources/series61.html>



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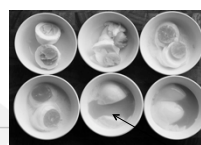
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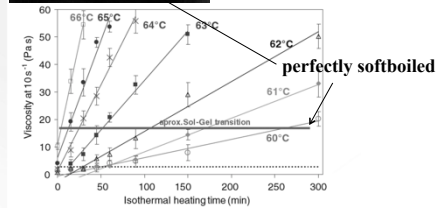
Silk: β -Sheets



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Cooking the perfect egg: denaturing albumin

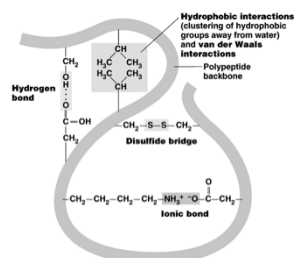


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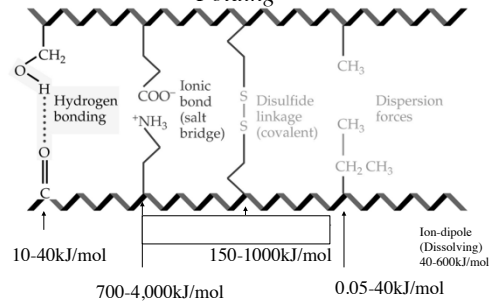
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- Tertiary structure is determined by the interactions among and between R groups and the polypeptide backbone.



- While these three interactions are relatively weak, disulfide bridges, strong covalent bonds between the sulfhydryl groups (SH) of cysteine monomers, stabilize the structure.

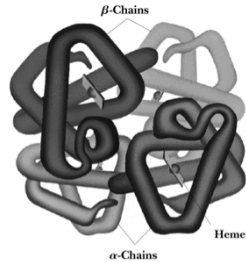
Protein Shape: Forces, Bonds, Self Assembly, Folding



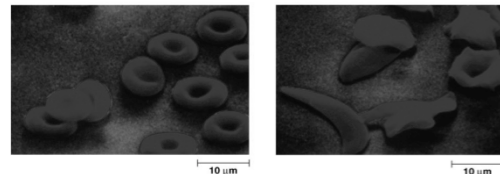
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The quaternary structure of hemoglobin, Hb (A tetramer)

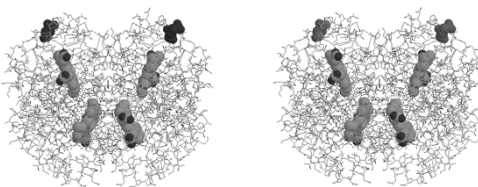


Hb: two alpha units of 141 residues, 2 beta units of 146



(a) Normal red blood cells and the primary structure of normal hemoglobin
(b) Sickled red blood cells and the primary structure of sickle-cell hemoglobin

Normal hemoglobin vs sickle cell hemoglobin



Valine replaces Glutamate

<http://chemconnections.org/Presentations/Columbia/slide8-3.html>

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Summary

