

# Proteins: Evolution, and Analysis

## Lecture 7

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### Chapter 4

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Name, Three-letter Symbol, and One-letter Symbol	Structural Formula <sup>a</sup>	Residue Mass (Da) <sup>b</sup>	Average Occurrence in Proteins (%) <sup>c</sup>	pK <sub>a</sub> α-COOH <sup>d</sup>	pK <sub>a</sub> α-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	pK <sub>a</sub> Side Chain <sup>e</sup>
<b>Amino acids with nonpolar side chains</b>						
G Glycine	COO <sup>-</sup>	75.0	7.2	2.35	9.78	
	H-C-H					
A Alanine	COO <sup>-</sup>	73.1	7.8	2.35	9.67	
	H-C-CH <sub>3</sub>					
V Valine	COO <sup>-</sup>	99.1	6.6	2.29	9.74	
	H-C-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					
L Leucine	COO <sup>-</sup>	133.2	9.1	2.33	9.71	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					
I Isoleucine	COO <sup>-</sup>	133.2	5.3	2.32	9.76	
	H-C-CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>					
M Methionine	COO <sup>-</sup>	133.2	2.2	2.13	9.28	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -S-CH <sub>3</sub>					
P Proline	COO <sup>-</sup>	97.1	5.2	1.95	10.64	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					
F Phenylalanine	COO <sup>-</sup>	147.2	3.9	2.20	9.31	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>					
W Tryptophan	COO <sup>-</sup>	186.2	1.4	2.46	9.41	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N					

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<b>Amino acids with uncharged polar side chains</b>						
S Serine	COO <sup>-</sup>	87.1	6.8	2.19	9.21	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -OH					
T Threonine	COO <sup>-</sup>	101.1	5.9	2.69	9.10	
	H-C-CH(OH)-CH <sub>3</sub>					
N Asparagine <sup>f</sup>	COO <sup>-</sup>	114.1	4.3	7.14	8.77	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-NH <sub>2</sub>					
Q Glutamine <sup>g</sup>	COO <sup>-</sup>	128.1	4.3	2.17	9.33	
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-NH <sub>2</sub>					
Y Tyrosine	COO <sup>-</sup>	180.2	3.2	2.20	9.21	10.46 (phenol)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -OH					
C Cysteine	COO <sup>-</sup>	103.1	1.9	1.92	10.70	8.37 (sulfhydryl)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -SH					

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<b>Amino acids with charged polar side chains</b>						
K Lysine	COO <sup>-</sup>	128.2	5.6	2.16	9.66	10.54 (α-NH <sub>2</sub> )
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>					
R Arginine	COO <sup>-</sup>	156.2	5.1	1.82	9.09	12.48 (guanidino)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -NHC(=NH) <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>					
H Histidine <sup>h</sup>	COO <sup>-</sup>	133.1	2.3	1.80	9.33	6.04 (imidazole)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -NH					
D Aspartic acid <sup>i</sup>	COO <sup>-</sup>	113.1	5.3	1.99	9.09	3.90 (β-COOH)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -COO <sup>-</sup>					
E Glutamic acid <sup>j</sup>	COO <sup>-</sup>	129.1	6.3	2.19	9.41	4.07 (γ-COOH)
	H-C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -COO <sup>-</sup>					

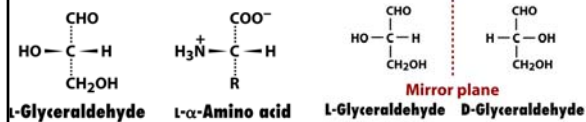
## The Fischer Convention

Absolute configuration about an asymmetric carbon

related to glyceraldehyde

(+) = D-Glyceraldehyde

(-) = L-Glyceraldehyde



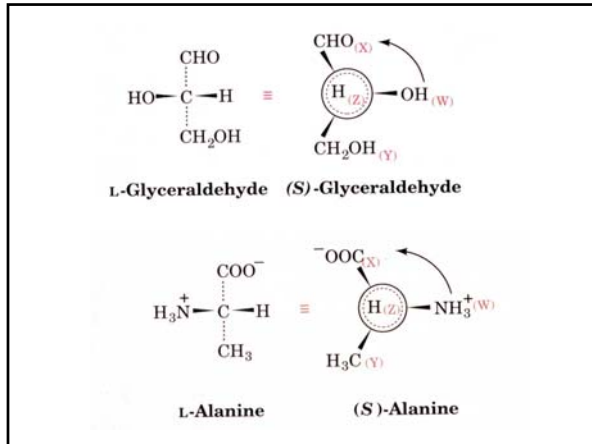
## Cahn - Ingold - Prelog system

Can give absolute configuration nomenclature to multiple chiral centers.

Priority

Atoms of higher atomic number bonded to a chiral center are ranked above those of lower atomic number with lowest priority **away from you** **R** highest to lowest = clockwise, **S** highest to lowest = counterclockwise

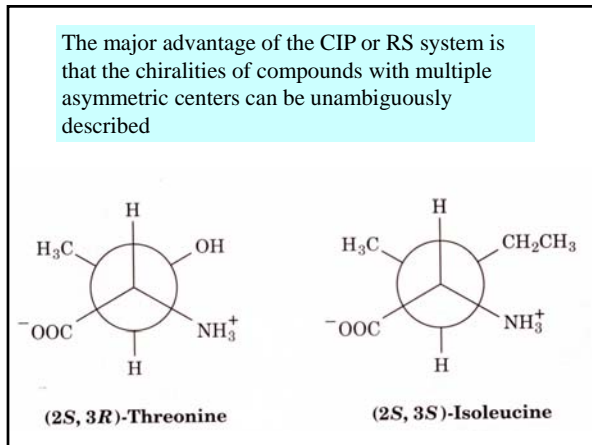




### Newman Projection

- A *projection formula* representing the spatial arrangement of bonds on two adjacent atoms in a molecular entity.

- The structure appears as viewed along the bond between these two atoms, and the bonds from them to other groups are drawn as projections in the plane of the paper.
- The bonds from the atom nearer to the observer are drawn so as to meet at the centre of a circle representing that atom.
- Those from the further atom are drawn as if projecting from behind the circle.



### Structural Hierarchy in proteins

(a) Lys - Ala - His - Gly - Lys - Lys - Val - Leu - Gly - Ala -  
Primary structure (amino acid sequence in a polypeptide chain)

(b) Secondary structure (helix)      (c) Tertiary structure: one complete protein chain (β chain of hemoglobin)      (d) Quaternary structure: the four separate chains of hemoglobin assembled into an oligomeric protein

Figure 6-1 Fundamentals of Biochemistry, 2/e

### Overview of Protein Sequencing

- Purify Protein**  
Protein from different polypeptide chains (linked by disulfide bonds)
- Determine number of PP**  
End group analysis  
Reduce disulfide bonds (Dansyl chloride rxn)  
Separate the chains
- Fragment PP into smaller peptides**  
Enzymes (Trypsin, Chymotrypsin, etc.)  
Chemical (CNBr)  
Use chemical or enzymatic methods to break each polypeptide into smaller peptides
- Determine the sequence**  
Edman Degradation with PITC  
Use different methods to generate a different set of peptide fragments
- Assemble a sequence**  
Use the two sets of overlapping peptide sequences to reconstruct the sequence of each polypeptide
- Elucidate S-S bonds**  
Amino acid composition  
Repeat fragmentation without breaking disulfide bonds to identify the Cys-containing sequences involved in the disulfide linkages

### Long peptides have to be broken to shorter ones to be sequenced

Any amino acid residue but Pro

Enzyme	Source	Specificity	Comments
Trypsin	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = positively charged residues Arg, Lys, R <sub>n</sub> = Pro	Highly specific
Chymotrypsin	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = bulky hydrophobic residues Phe, Trp, Tyr; R <sub>n</sub> = Pro	Cleaves more slowly for R <sub>n</sub> = Am, His, Met, Leu
Elastase	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = small neutral residues Ala, Gly, Ser, Val; R <sub>n</sub> = Pro	
Thrombolytic	Bacillus thuringiensis	R <sub>n</sub> = Bu, Met, Phe, Tyr, Val; R <sub>n-1</sub> = Pro	Occasionally cleaves at R <sub>n</sub> = Ala, Arg, His. The best stable. Also others, quite nonspecific. pH optimum = 2
Peppin	Bovine gastric mucosa	R <sub>n</sub> = Leu, Phe, Tyr, Trp; R <sub>n-1</sub> = Pro	
Endopeptidase VII	Staphylococcus aureus	R <sub>n-1</sub> = Glu	

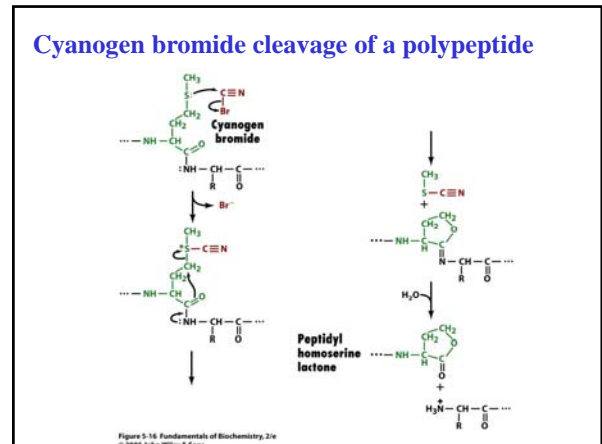
Table 6-3 Fundamentals of Biochemistry, 2/e

**Table 5-3 Specificities of Various Endopeptidases**

Enzyme	Source	Specificity	Comments
Trypsin	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = positively charged residues: Arg, Lys, R <sub>n</sub> ≠ Pro	Highly specific
Chymotrypsin	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = bulky hydrophobic residues: Phe, Trp, Tyr; R <sub>n</sub> ≠ Pro	Cleaves more slowly for R <sub>n</sub> = Asn, His, Met, Leu
Elastase	Bovine pancreas	R <sub>n-1</sub> = small neutral residues: Ala, Gly, Ser, Val; R <sub>n</sub> ≠ Pro	
Thermolysin	<i>Bacillus thermoproteolyticus</i>	R <sub>n</sub> = Ile, Met, Phe, Trp, Tyr, Val; R <sub>n-1</sub> ≠ Pro	Occasionally cleaves at R <sub>n</sub> = Ala, Asp, His, Thr; heat stable
Pepsin	Bovine gastric mucosa	R <sub>n</sub> = Leu, Phe, Trp, Tyr; R <sub>n-1</sub> ≠ Pro	Also others; quite nonspecific; pH optimum = 2
Endopeptidase V8	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	R <sub>n-1</sub> = Glu	

**Q9.** You must cleave the following peptide into smaller fragments. Which of the proteases listed in the table would be likely to yield the most fragments? The fewest?

**NMTQGRCKP~~V~~NTFVHEPLVDVQNVCFKE**



### Reconstructing the protein's sequence

**Specific chemical cleavage reagents**

Cleave the large protein using i.e trypsin, separate fragments and sequence all of them. (We do not know the order of the fragments!!)

Cleave with a different reagent i.e. Cyanogen Bromide, separate the fragments and sequence all of them. Align the fragments with overlapping sequence to get the overall sequence.

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Determining the positions of disulfide bond

### How to assemble a protein sequence

1. Write a blank line for each amino acid in the sequence starting with the N-terminus.
2. Follow logically each clue and fill in the blanks.
3. Identify overlapping fragments and place in sequence blanks accordingly.
4. Make sure logically all your amino acids fit into the logical design of the experiment.
5. Double check your work.

Cyanogen Bromide (CNBr) Cleaves after Met i.e M - X  
**D - I - K - Q - M**  
**A - T**  
**A - K - F - M**  
**Y - R - G - M**

Trypsin cleaves after K or R (positively charged amino acids)  
**Q - M - A - K**  
**G - M - D - I - K**  
**F - M - A - T**  
**Y - R**

**Q11.** Separate cleavage reactions of a polypeptide by CNBr and chymotrypsin yield fragments with the following amino acid sequences. What is the sequence of the intact polypeptide?

- CNBr treatment**
1. Arg-Ala-Tyr-Gly-Asn
  2. Leu-Phe-Met
  3. Asp-Met

- Chymotrypsin**
1. Met-Arg-Ala-Tyr
  2. Asp-Met-Leu-Phe
  3. Gly-Asn

**Q13.** Treatment of a polypeptide with 2-mercaptoethanol yields two PP:

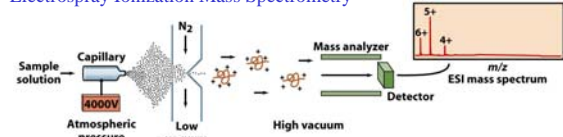
1. Ala-Val-Cys-Arg-Thr-Gly-Cys-Lys-Asn-Phe-Leu
2. Tyr-Lys-Cys-Phe-Arg-His-Thr-Lys-Cys-Ser

Treatment of the intact PP with trypsin yields fragments with the following aa compositions:

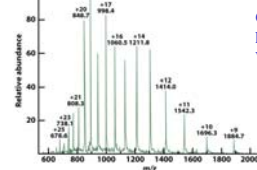
3. (Ala, Arg, Cys2, Ser, Val)
4. (Arg, Cys2, Gly, Lys, Thr, Phe)
5. (Asn, Leu, Phe)
6. (His, Lys, Thr)
7. (Lys, Tyr)

## Sequencing by Mass Spectrometry

### Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry



### ESI-MS spectrum of horse heart apomyoglobin

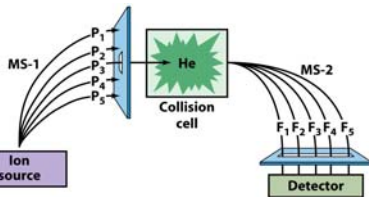


**Q.** Two successive peaks in the mass spectrum have measure  $m/z$  ratios of 1414.0 and 1542.3. What is the original apomyoglobin molecule?

$$p1 = (M+z)/z$$

$$p2 = (M+z-1)/z-1$$

$$M = 16,975D \text{ (16,951 D in table 5-1)}$$



Tandem Mass Spectrometry in amino acid sequencing

Table 5-4 Internet Addresses for the Major Protein and DNA Sequence Data Banks

**Data Banks Containing Protein Sequences**  
 E!PAs Molecular Biology Server (Swiss-Prot): <http://au.expasy.org>  
 Protein Information Resource (PIR): <http://pir.georgetown.edu/>  
 Protein Research Foundation (PRF): <http://www1.prf.or.jp/>  
 UniProt: <http://www.ebi.uniprot.org/>

**Data Banks Containing Gene Sequences**

GenBank: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/GenbankSearch.html>  
 European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI): <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/>  
 DDBJ/Integrated Database Retrieval System: <http://www.genome.ad.jp/dbget/>

General information about the UniProt/Swiss-Prot entry	
Entry name	RN1_HUMAN
Primary accession number	Q5M0P9
Entered in Swiss-Prot	Release 45, 18-OCT-2003
Sequence was last modified	Release 45, 18-OCT-2003
Revisions were last modified	Release 44, 05-JAN-2004
Protein description	
Protein name	Resistin precursor
Synonyms	Cysteine-rich secreted protein F1223 Adipose tissue specific secretory factor RDFP C/EBP- $\beta$ action regulated myeloid-specific secreted cysteine-rich protein Cysteine-rich secreted protein A1.2 alpha-like 2 UNQ407.PRC1189
Origin of the protein	
Name	[Gene name] [Title]
Gene name	RN1, F1223, HNF1P
From	Homo sapiens (Human) [TaxID:9606]
Taxonomy	Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Olfactores; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria; Primates; Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo.

Figure 5-22 Fundamentals of Biochemistry, 2/e

## Protein Evolution

### Species variation in homologous proteins

The primary structures of a given protein from related species closely resemble one another. If one assumes, according to evolutionary theory, that related species have evolved from a common ancestor, it follows that each of their proteins must have likewise evolved from the corresponding ancestor.

A protein that is well adapted to its function, that is, one that is not subject to significant physiological improvement, nevertheless continues to evolve.

**Neutral drift:** changes not effecting function

## Homologous proteins

(evolutionarily related proteins)

Compare protein sequences:

Conserved residues, i.e invariant residues reflect chemical necessities.

Conserved substitutions, substitutions with similar chemical properties (Asp for Glu), (Lys for Arg), (Ile for Val)

Variable regions, no requirement for chemical reactions etc.

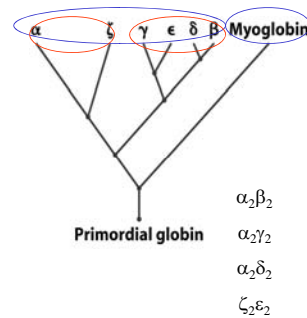


## Evolution through gene duplication

Many proteins within an organism have sequence similarities with other proteins.

- These are called gene or protein families.
- The relatedness among members of a family can vary greatly.
- These families arise by gene duplication.
- Once duplicated, individual genes can mutate into separate genes.
- Duplicated genes may vary in their chemical properties due to mutations.
- These duplicate genes evolve with different properties.
- Example the globin family.

## Genealogy of the globin family



### Hemoglobin:

- is an oxygen transport protein
- it must bind and release oxygen as the cells require oxygen

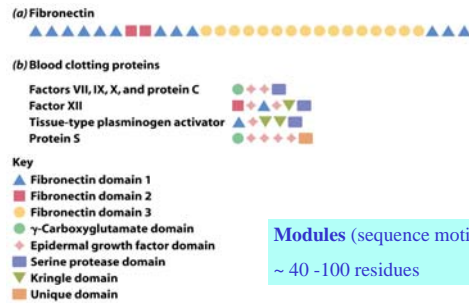
### Myoglobin:

- is an oxygen storage protein
- it binds oxygen tightly and releases it when oxygen concentrations are very low

## The globin family history

1. Primordial globin gene acted as an Oxygen-storage protein.
2. Duplication occurred 1.1 billion years ago.  
lower oxygen-binding affinity, monomeric protein.
3. Developed a tetrameric structure two  $\alpha$  and two  $\beta$  chains increased oxygen transport capabilities. ( $\alpha_2\beta_2$ ).
4. Mammals have fetal hemoglobin with a variant  $\beta$  chain i.e.  $\gamma$  ( $\alpha_2\gamma_2$ ).
5. Human embryos contain another hemoglobin ( $\zeta_2\epsilon_2$ ).
6. Primates also have a  $\delta$  chain with no known unique function. ( $\alpha_2\delta_2$ ).

## Modular Construction of some proteins



### Modules (sequence motifs):

~ 40 -100 residues

## Lecture 8

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Chapter 6 - Proteins: 3-D structure  
6-1. Secondary Structure