## Amino acid

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# **Objectives**

- What are amino acids?
- Structure
- Types
- Peptide bond: building blocks of proteins
- Non-standard amino acids
- Derivatives of amino acids

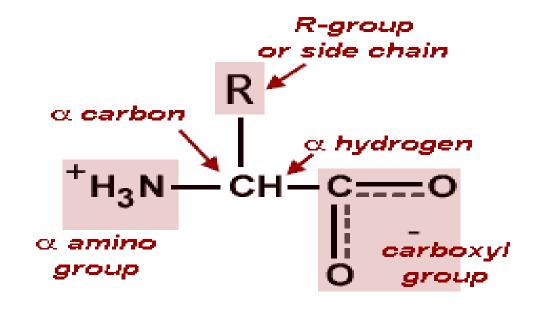
# Amino Acid

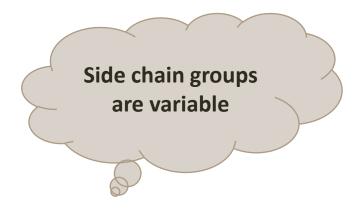
✓ Building blocks of proteins

✓ joined together by peptide bond

✓ There are 20 standard amino acids present in mammalian proteins

# **Structure of amino acids**

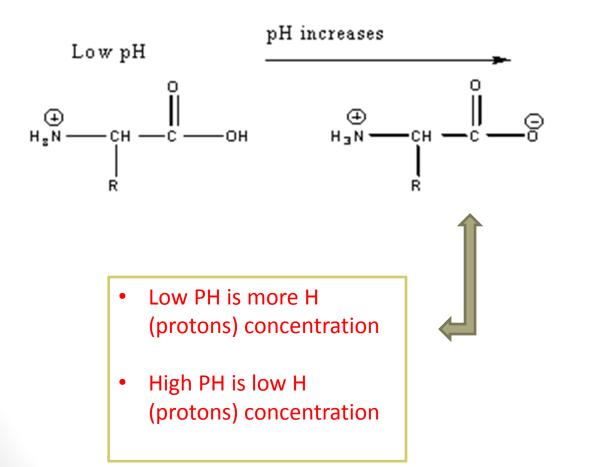


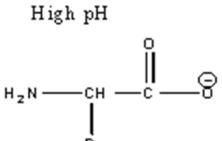


# Examples:-

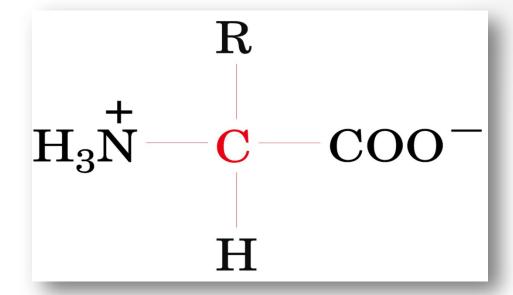


# The amino and carboxylic groups of amino acids can readily ionize





#### **Zwitterions (Dipolar ions)**



- ❖ It is an ion ,with net zero charge that means that the negative and positive charges are equal within the ion itself.
- Net charge is zero on the molecule

#### Isoelectric point (pl)

The pH (of the solution) at which the molecule carries no net charge

In acidic solution-cationic (+)
In alkaline solution- anionic (-)

#### PK Value

Strong acid gives H(proton) easily

It is the ability of an acid to donate a proton (dissociate) Also known as **pKa** or (acid dissociation constant).

Pka measures the strength of the acid (donation of proton)
The higher the Pka the lower the acidity (e.g. CH3+ is less acidic than COOH, because the PK for CH3+ is more ).

- > The pK values of a-carboxylic group is in the range of 2.2
- > The pK values of a-amino group is in the range of 9.4

## Titration curve of glycine

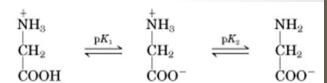
pK1- pH at which 50% of molecules are in cation form and 50% are in zwitterion form

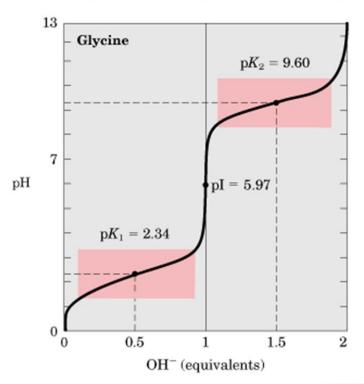
pK2- pH at which 50% of molecules are in anion form and 50% are in zwitterion form

Buffering action is maximum around pK values and minimum at pl

# Video

the video explains this part from 09:40 to 14:58







#### Classification on the basis of side chain



# Non-polar Side chain

- does not bind or give off protons
- √ Hydrophobic

#### examples:-

Glycine Alanine
Valine Leucine
Isoleucin
Methione
Proline
Phenylalanine
Tryptophan

#### **Uncharged Polar**

- ✓ Have zero net charge at neutral pH
- ✓ Hydrophillic

Examples:Serine
Theronine
Asparagine
Glutamine
Tyrosine
Cysteine

#### **Charged Polar**

1) Acidic amino acids(Have a negative charge on the R-group)

Ex: aspartic acid Glutamic acid

2) Basic amino acids(Have a positive charge on the R-group)

Ex: histidine
Lysine
Arginine

## **Proline**

- Imino acid.
- Has a secondary amino group.



**Proline** 

Primary amino group

**Alanine** 

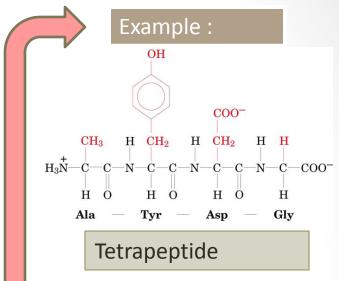
## Peptide bond

- Amino acids can be polymerized to form chains
- Amino acids are joined together in a chain by peptide bond [CO-**NH linkage**] ( $\alpha$ -carboxyl group of one amino acid reacts with αaming group of another aming aci

More than 50

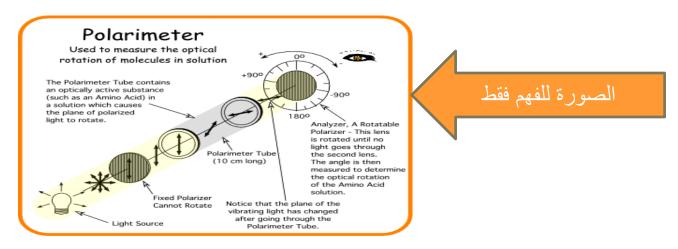
acid).	
No.of amino acid	Name of the bond
2	Dipeptide
3	Tripeptide
4	Tetrapeptide
Up to 10	Oligo peptide
10-50	Polypeptide

Protein

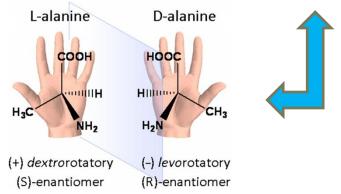


# **Optical activity**

All amino acid are optically active except glycine
They rotate the plane of polarized light in a polarimeter

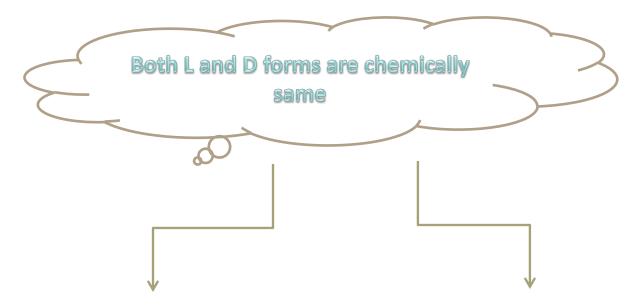


Optically active molecules are asymmetric: (means  $\alpha$ -C is bonded to four different groups) They are not superimposable on their mirror image



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#### D and L amino acid ..!



- ➤ L-Amino acids rotate polarized light to the left
- They are found in natural amino acids

- D-Amino acids rotate polarized light to the right

## Why isn't glycine optically active?



#### because;

- ✓ Glycine contains two hydrogen atoms on  $\alpha$ -C
- ✓ The  $\alpha$ -C of glycine is not asymmetric
- ✓ Therefore glycine is optically inactive

# What is the non-standard amino acid ?!

✓ It is modified from the standard amino acids .

## Amino acid derivatives of importance



 Gamma amino butyric acid (GABA, a derivative of glutamic acid) and dopamine (from tyrosine) are neurotransmitters





Histamine (Histidine) is the mediator of allergic reactions





Thyroxin
(Tyrosine) is
an important
thyroid
hormone

