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Chapter 5

The Structure and Function of Large Biological Molecules

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Overview: The Molecules of Life

 All living things are made up of four classes of large biological molecules: carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids

 Macromolecules are large molecules composed of thousands of covalently connected atoms

 Molecular structure and function are inseparable



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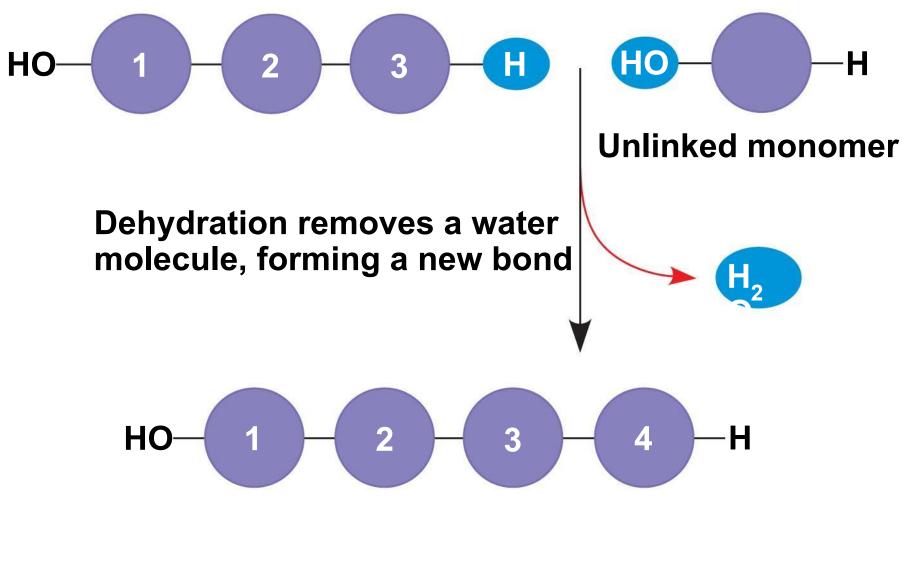
Concept 5.1: Most macromolecules are polymers, built from monomers

- A polymer is a long molecule consisting of many similar building blocks
- These small building-block molecules are called monomers
- Three of the four classes of life's organic molecules are polymers:
 - Carbohydrates
 - Proteins
 - Nucleic acids

The Synthesis and Breakdown of Polymers

- A <u>condensation reaction</u> or more specifically a <u>dehydration reaction</u> occurs when two monomers bond together through the loss of a water molecule
- Enzymes are macromolecules that speed up the dehydration process
- Polymers are disassembled to monomers by <u>hydrolysis</u>

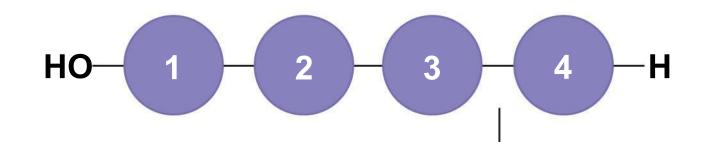
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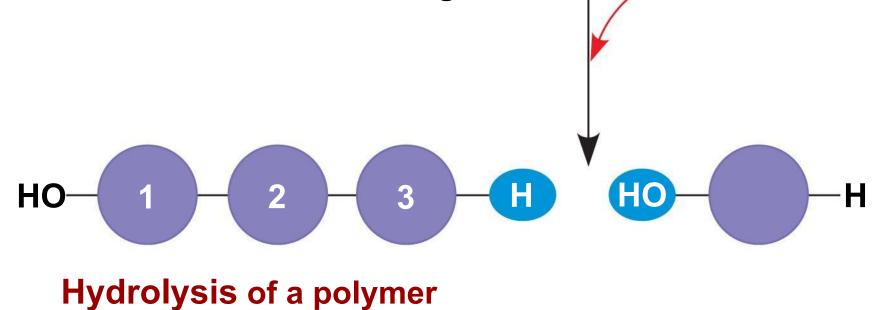
Dehydration reaction in the synthesis of a polymer

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Hydrolysis adds a water molecule, breaking a bond



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The Diversity of Polymers

- Each cell has thousands of different kinds of macromolecules
- What is the basis of this diversity?

 An immense variety of polymers can be built from a small set of monomers

Carbohydrates

Concept 5.2: Carbohydrates serve as fuel and building material

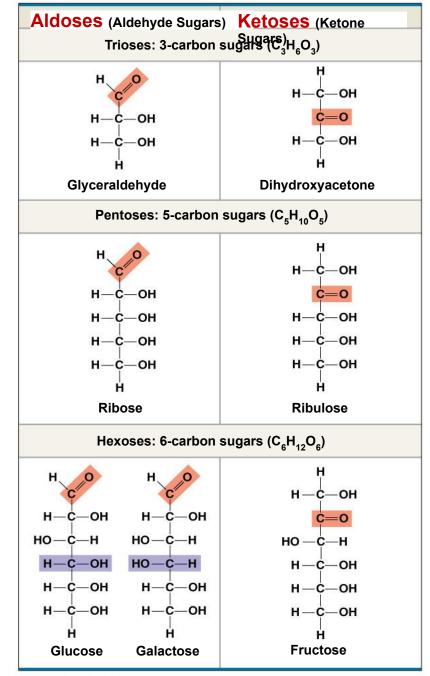
- Carbohydrates include sugars and the polymers of sugars
- The simplest carbohydrates are monosaccharides = single sugars
- Carbohydrate macromolecules are polysaccharides, polymers composed of many sugar building blocks

Sugars

- Monosaccharides have molecular formulas that are usually multiples of (CH₂O)n
- Glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆) is the most common monosaccharide
- Most names of sugars end in -ose
- Monosaccharides are classified by
 - The location of the <u>carbonyl group (as aldose or ketose</u>)
 - The number of carbons in the carbon skeleton

The structure and classification of some monosaccharides

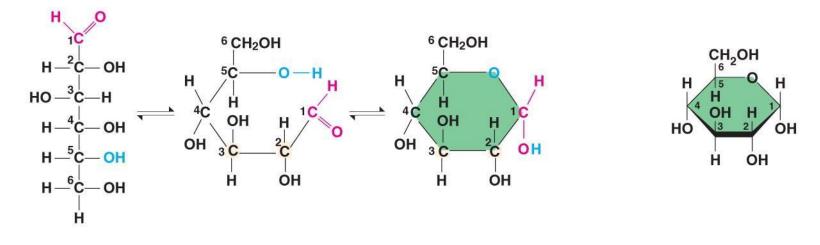
Aldoses vs. Ketoses (aldehyde vs. Ketone sugars)



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Fig. 5-4

Linear and ring forms of glucose



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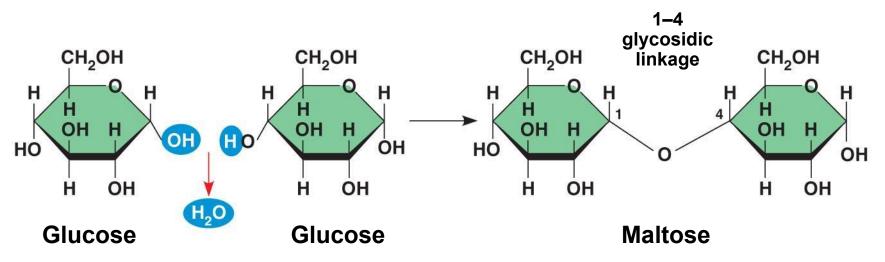
(b) Abbreviated ring structure

(a) Linear and ring forms

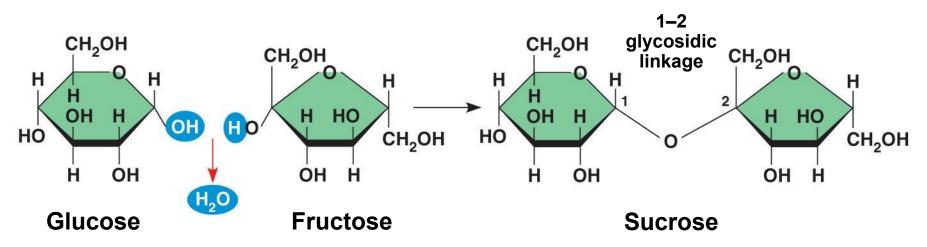
- Though often drawn as linear skeletons, in aqueous solutions many sugars form <u>rings</u>
- Monosaccharides serve as a major fuel for cells and as raw material for building molecules

- A <u>disaccharide</u> is formed when a dehydration reaction joins two monosaccharides
- This covalent bond is called a <u>glycosidic</u> <u>linkage</u>

Examples of disaccharide synthesis



(a) Dehydration reaction in the synthesis of maltose



(b) Dehydration reaction in the synthesis of sucrose

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Polysaccharides

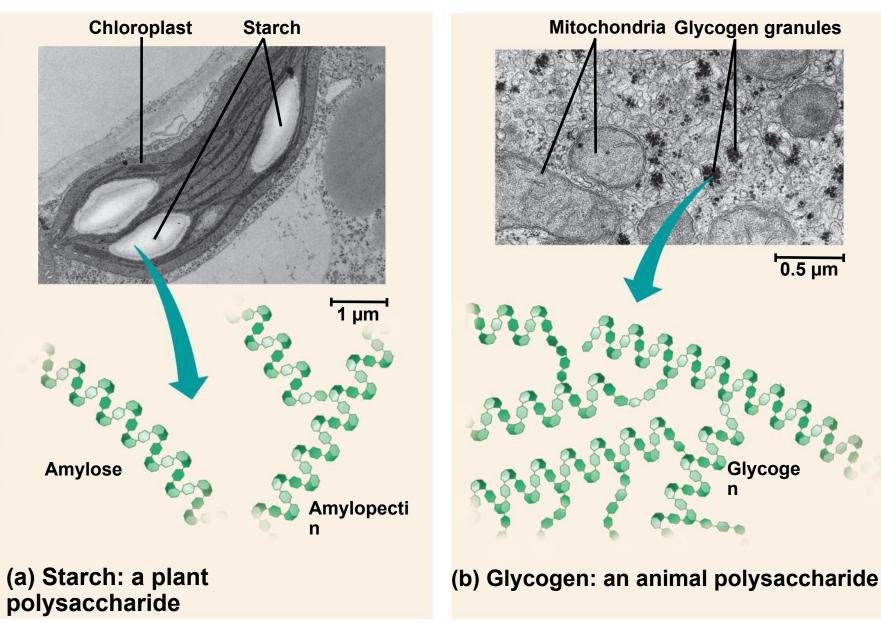
- Polysaccharides = polymers of sugars
 - have storage and structural roles
- The structure and function of a polysaccharide are determined by its sugar monomers and the positions of glycosidic linkages

Storage Polysaccharides

Starch:

•A storage polysaccharide of plants, consists entirely of α-glucose monomers

 Plants store surplus starch as granules within chloroplasts and other plastids Fig. 5-6



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Glycogen:

Is a storage polysaccharide in animals

•Humans and other vertebrates store glycogen mainly in liver and muscle cells

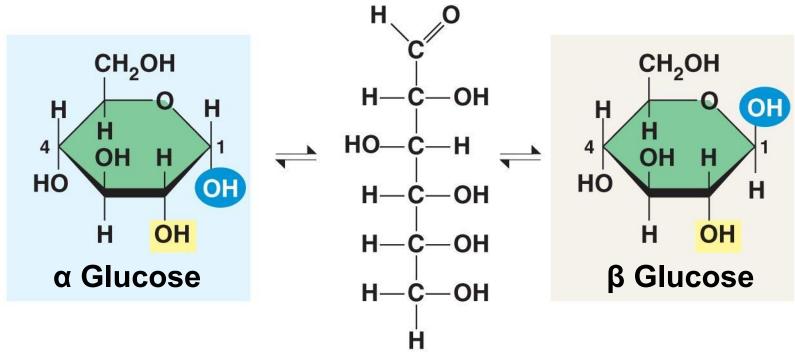
Structural Polysaccharides

Cellulose:

•The polysaccharide <u>cellulose</u> is a major component of the tough wall of plant cells

•Like starch, cellulose is a polymer of glucose, but the glycosidic linkages differ

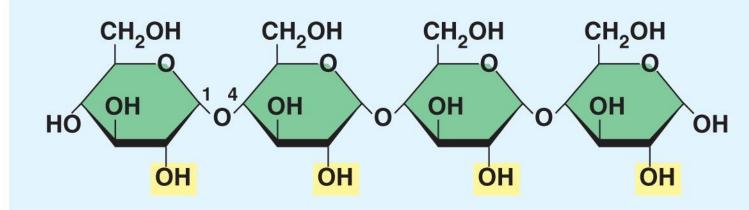
•The difference is based on two ring forms for glucose: alpha (α) and beta (β)



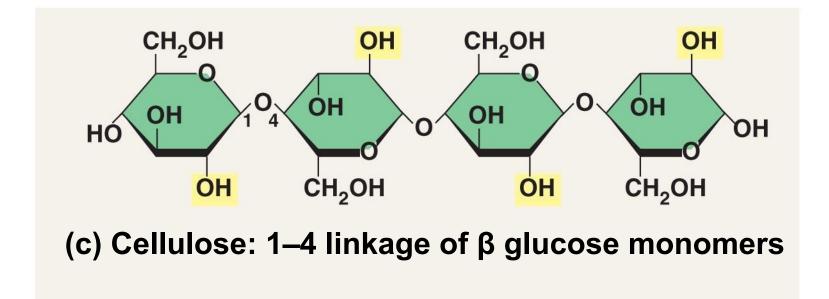
(a) α and β glucose ring structures

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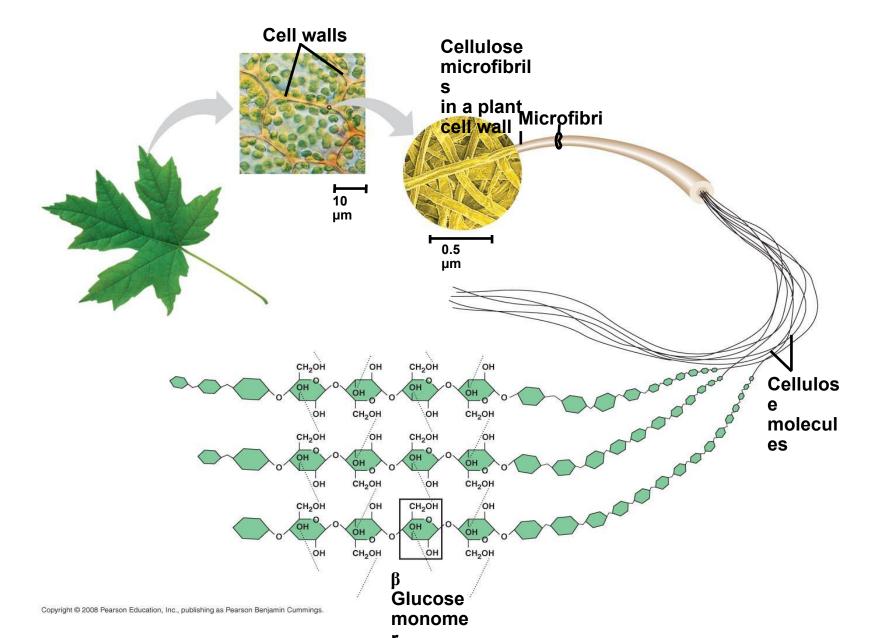
(b) Starch: 1–4 linkage of α glucose monomers



- Polymers with α glucose are helical
- Polymers with β glucose are straight
- In straight structures, <u>H atoms</u> on one strand can bond with OH groups on other strands
- Parallel cellulose molecules held together this way are grouped into <u>microfibrils</u>, which form strong building materials for plants

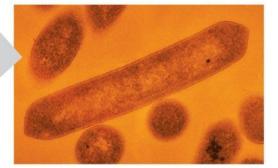
Fig. 5-8

The <u>arrangement of cellulose</u> in plant cell walls



- Enzymes that digest starch by <u>hydrolyzing α</u> <u>linkages</u> <u>can't hydrolyze β linkages in</u> <u>cellulose</u>
- Cellulose in human food passes through the digestive tract as <u>insoluble fiber</u>
- Some microbes secrete enzymes to digest cellulose
- Many herbivores, from cows to termites, have <u>symbiotic relationships</u> with these microbes





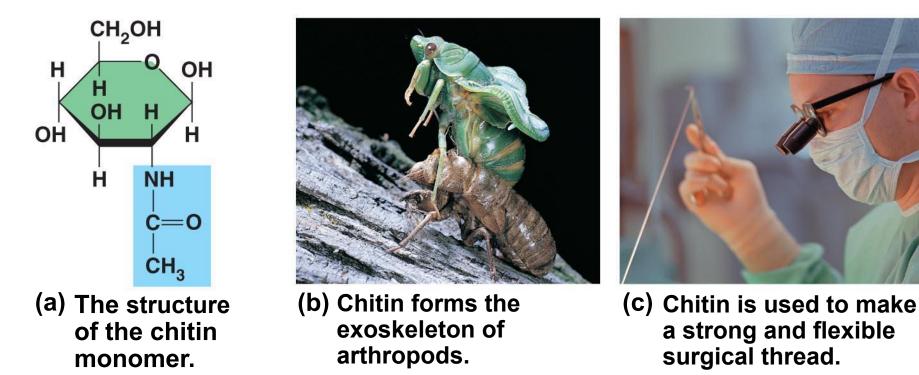
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Chitin

•Another structural polysaccharide, found in the exoskeleton of arthropods

•Chitin also provides structural support for the cell walls of many fungi

Chitin, a structural polysaccharide



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N-acetyl-Glucosamine

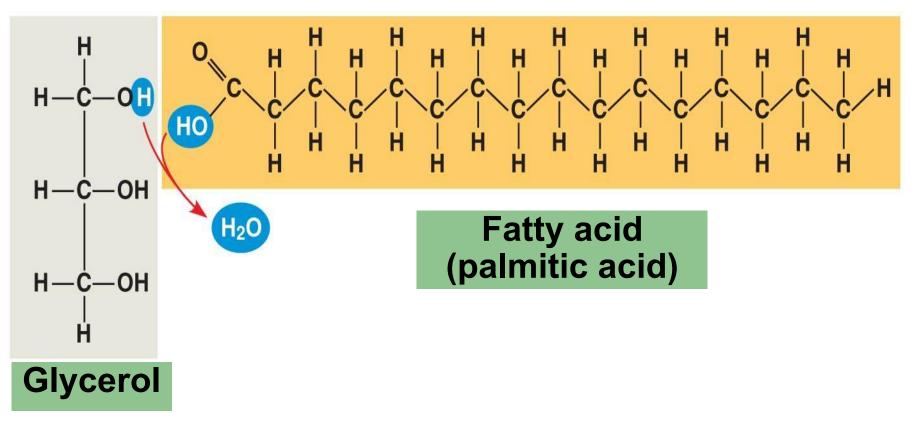
LIPIDS

Concept 5.3: Lipids are a diverse group of hydrophobic molecules

- <u>Lipids</u> are the one class of large biological molecules that <u>do not form polymers</u>
- The unifying feature of lipids is <u>having little</u> or no affinity for water
- Lipids are hydrophobic because they <u>consist mostly of hydrocarbons</u>, which form <u>nonpolar covalent bonds</u>
- The most biologically important lipids are <u>fats</u>, <u>phospholipids</u>, <u>and steroids</u>

Fats

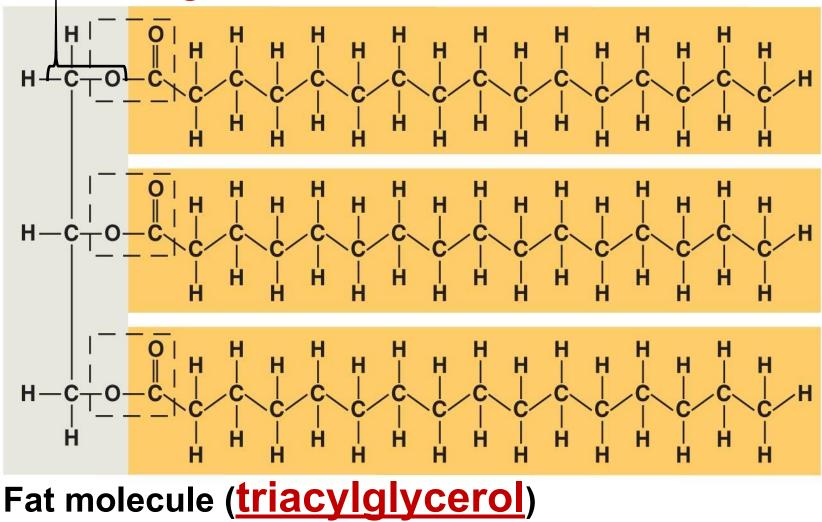
- Fats are constructed from two types of smaller molecules: <u>glycerol and fatty acids</u>
- Glycerol is a three-carbon alcohol with a <u>hydroxyl group</u> attached to each carbon
- A fatty acid consists of a <u>carboxyl group</u> <u>attached to a long carbon skeleton</u>



Dehydration reaction in the synthesis of a fat

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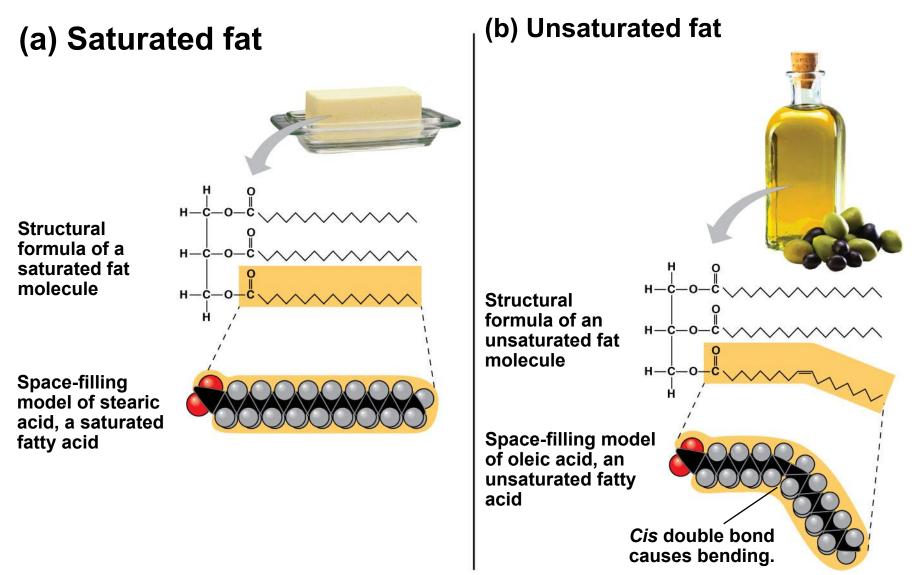
Ester linkage



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<u>Three fatty acids are joined to a glycerol by an ester linkage</u> to from a triacylglycerol (or triglyceride).

- Fatty acids vary in length (number of carbons) and in the <u>number and locations</u> of double bonds
- <u>Saturated fatty acids</u> have the maximum number of hydrogen atoms possible and no double bonds
- <u>Unsaturated fatty acids</u> have one or more double bonds



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- Fats made from saturated fatty acids are called <u>saturated fats</u>, and are <u>solid</u> at room temperature
 - Most animal fats are saturated
- Fats made from unsaturated fatty acids are called <u>unsaturated fats or oils</u>, and are <u>liquid</u> at room temperature

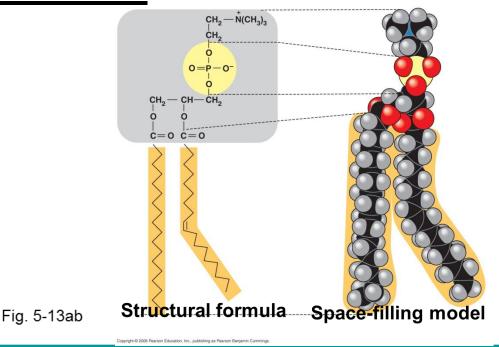
- Plant fats and fish fats are usually unsaturated

 A diet rich in saturated fats may contribute to <u>cardiovascular disease</u> through plaque deposits

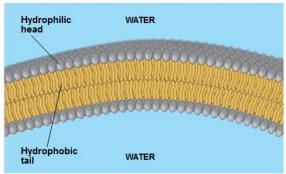
- The major function of fats is <u>energy storage</u>
- Humans and other mammals store their fat in <u>adipose cells</u>
- Adipose tissue also <u>cushions</u> vital organs and <u>insulates</u> the body

Phospholipids

- In a phospholipid, <u>two fatty acids</u> and a <u>phosphate group</u> are attached to <u>glycerol</u>
- The two fatty acid tails are hydrophobic, but the <u>phosphate group</u> and its attachments form a <u>hydrophilic head</u>

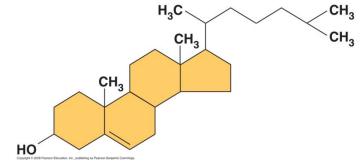


- When phospholipids are added to water, they self-assemble into <u>a bilayer</u>, with the hydrophobic tails pointing toward the interior
- The structure of phospholipids results in a <u>bilayer arrangement found in cell membranes</u>
- Phospholipids are the major component of all cell membranes



Steroids

- <u>Steroids</u> are lipids characterized by a <u>carbon skeleton consisting of four fused</u> <u>rings</u>
- <u>Cholesterol</u>, an important steroid, is a component in <u>animal cell membranes</u>
- Although cholesterol is essential in animals, <u>high levels in the blood may</u> contribute to cardiovascular disease



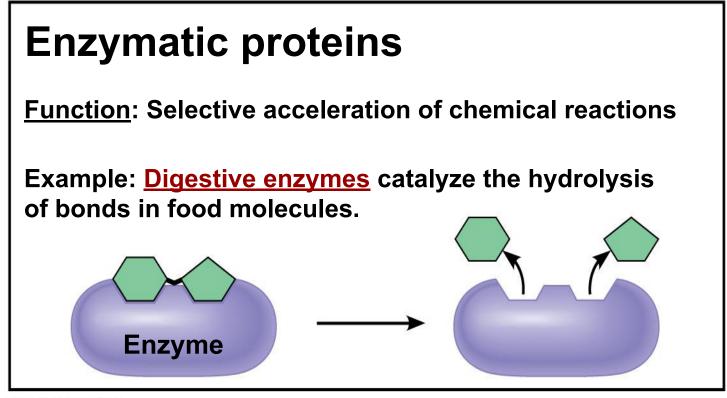
PROTEINS

Concept 5.4: Proteins have many structures, resulting in a wide range of functions

- Proteins account for more than <u>50%</u> of the dry mass of most cells
- Protein functions include:
 - Structural support
 - Storage
 - Transport
 - cellular communications
 - movement, and
 - defense against foreign substances

Table 5.1 An Overview of Protein Functions		
Type of Protein	Function	Examples
Enzymatic proteins	Selective acceleration of chemical reactions	Digestive enzymes
Structural proteins	Support	Silk fibers; collagen and elastin in animal connective tissues; keratin in hair, horns, feathers, and other skin appendages
Storage proteins	Storage of amino acids	Ovalbumin in egg white; casein, the protein of milk; storage proteins in plant seeds
Transport proteins	Transport of other substances	Hemoglobin, transport proteins
Hormonal proteins	Coordination of an organism's activities	Insulin, a hormone secreted by the pancreas
Receptor proteins	Response of cell to chemical stimuli	Receptors in nerve cell membranes
Contractile and motor proteins	Movement	Actin and myosin in muscles, proteins in cilia and flagella
Defensive proteins	Protection against disease	Antibodies combat bacteria and viruses.

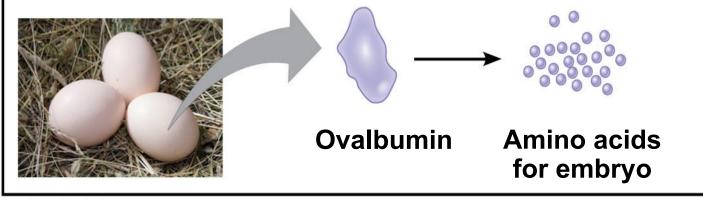
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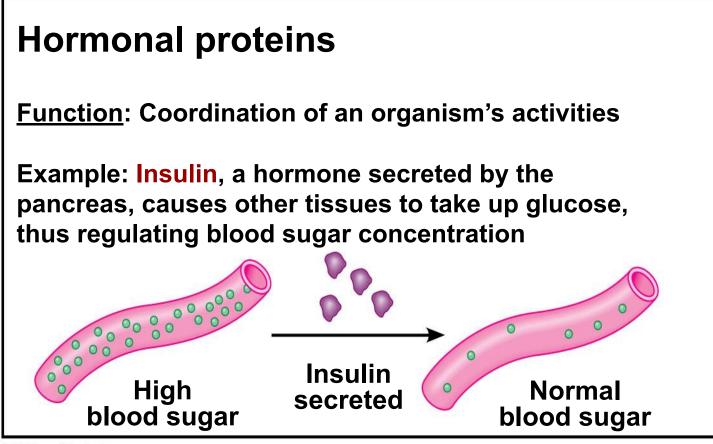


Storage proteins

Function: Storage of amino acids

Examples: **Casein**, the protein of milk, is the major source of amino acids for baby mammals. Plants have storage proteins in their seeds. Ovalbumin is the protein of egg white, used as an amino acid source for the developing embryo.

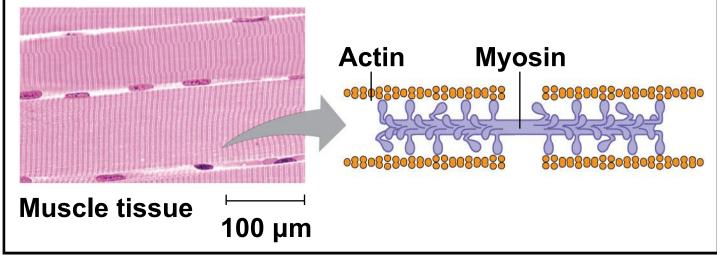


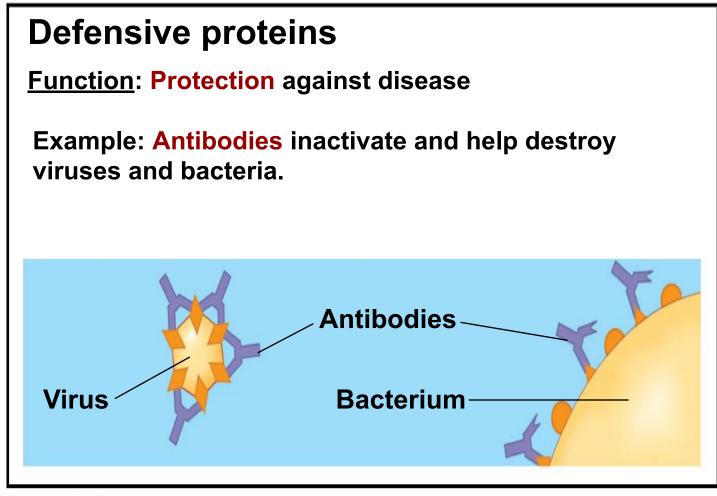


Contractile and motor proteins

Function: Movement

Examples: Motor proteins are responsible for the undulations of cilia and flagella. Actin and myosin proteins are responsible for the contraction of muscles.

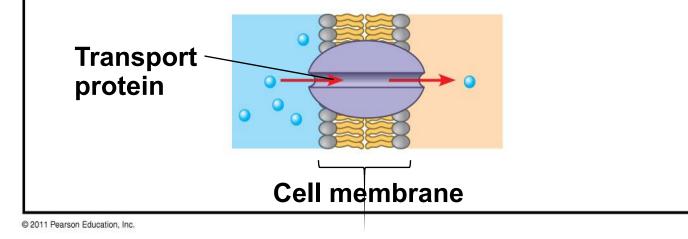




Transport proteins

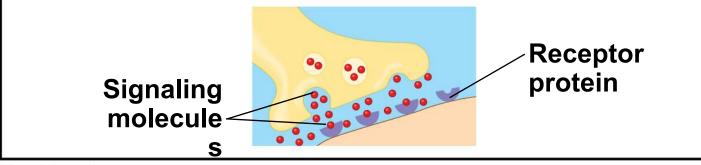
Function: Transport of substances

Examples: Hemoglobin, the iron-containing protein of vertebrate blood, transports oxygen from the lungs to other parts of the body. Other proteins transport molecules across cell membranes.



Receptor proteins

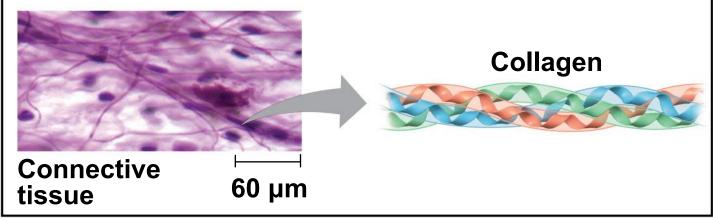
Function: Response of cell to chemical stimuli Example: **Receptors** built into the membrane of a nerve cell detect signaling molecules released by other nerve cells.



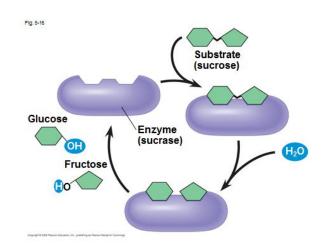
Structural proteins

Function: Support

Examples: Keratin is the protein of hair, horns, feathers, and other skin appendages. Insects and spiders use silk fibers to make their cocoons and webs, respectively. Collagen and elastin proteins provide a fibrous framework in animal connective tissues.



- Enzymes are a type of protein that acts as a <u>catalyst</u> to speed up chemical reactions
- Enzymes can perform their functions repeatedly, functioning as <u>workhorses</u> that carry out the processes of life



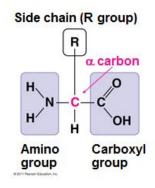
Polypeptides

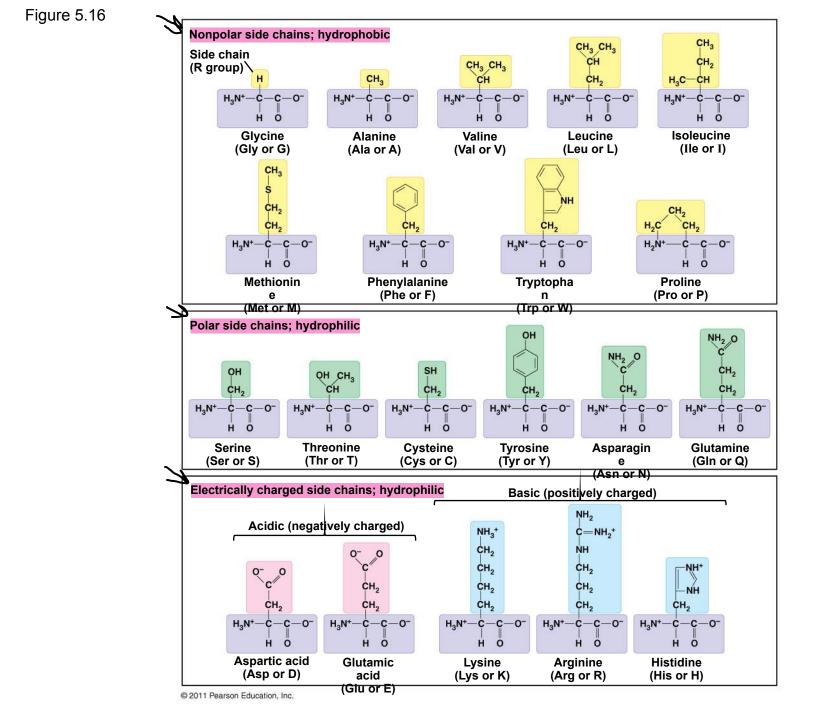
- Polypeptides are polymers built from the same set of 20 amino acids
- A protein consists of one or more polypeptides

Amino Acid Monomers

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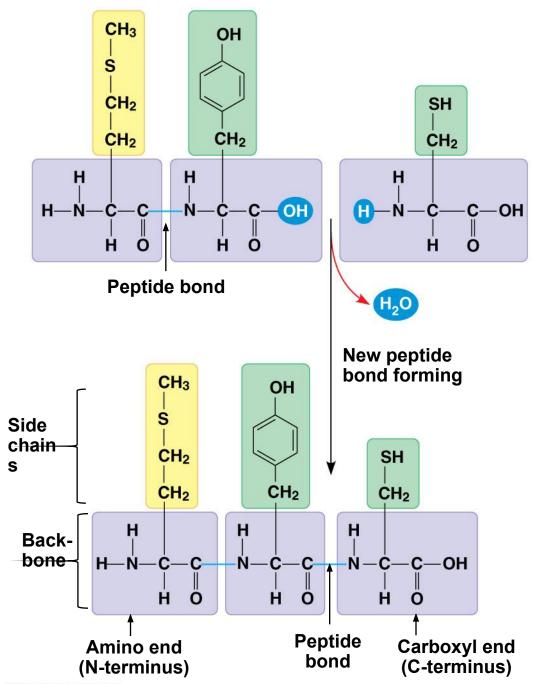
- Amino acids are organic molecules with carboxyl and amino groups
- Amino acids differ in their properties due to differing side chains, called R groups





- Amino acids are <u>linked</u> by peptide bonds
- A polypeptide is a polymer of amino acids
- Polypeptides range in length from a few to more than a thousand monomers
- Each polypeptide has a <u>unique</u> linear sequence of amino acids

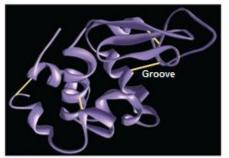
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Protein Structure and Function

 A <u>functional</u> protein consists of one or more polypeptides twisted, folded, and coiled into a <u>unique</u> shape

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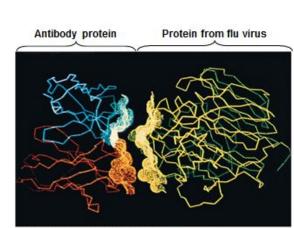
(a) A ribbon model 92011 Parton Education. Inc.

Groove

(b) A space-filling model

- The <u>sequence</u> of amino acids determines a protein's three-dimensional structure
- A protein's structure <u>determines</u> its function

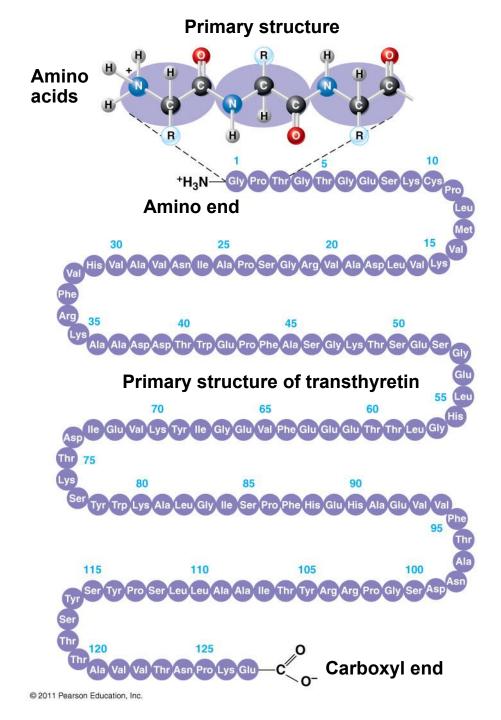
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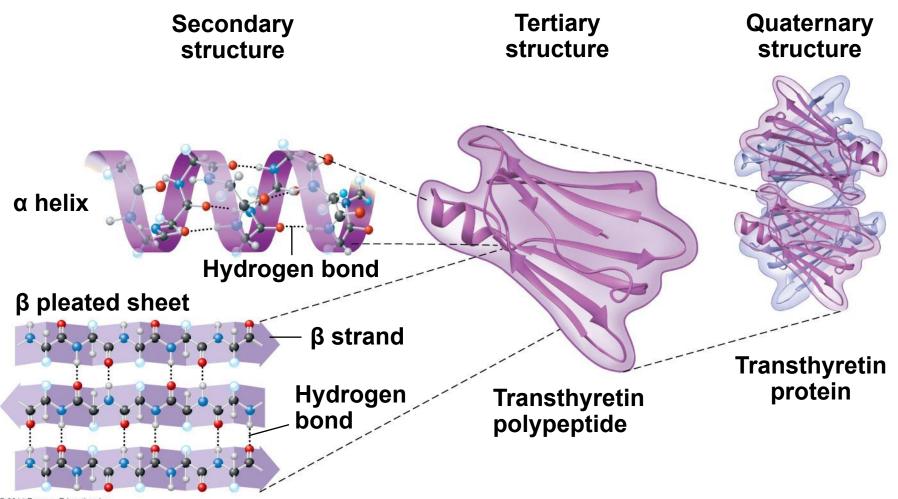


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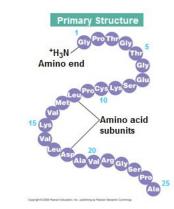
Four Levels of Protein Structure

- The primary structure of a protein is its unique sequence of amino acids
- <u>Secondary structure</u>, found in most proteins, consists of *coils and folds in the polypeptide chain*
- <u>Tertiary structure</u> is determined by interactions among various side chains (<u>R</u> <u>groups</u>)
- <u>Quaternary structure</u> results when a protein consists of *multiple polypeptide chains*



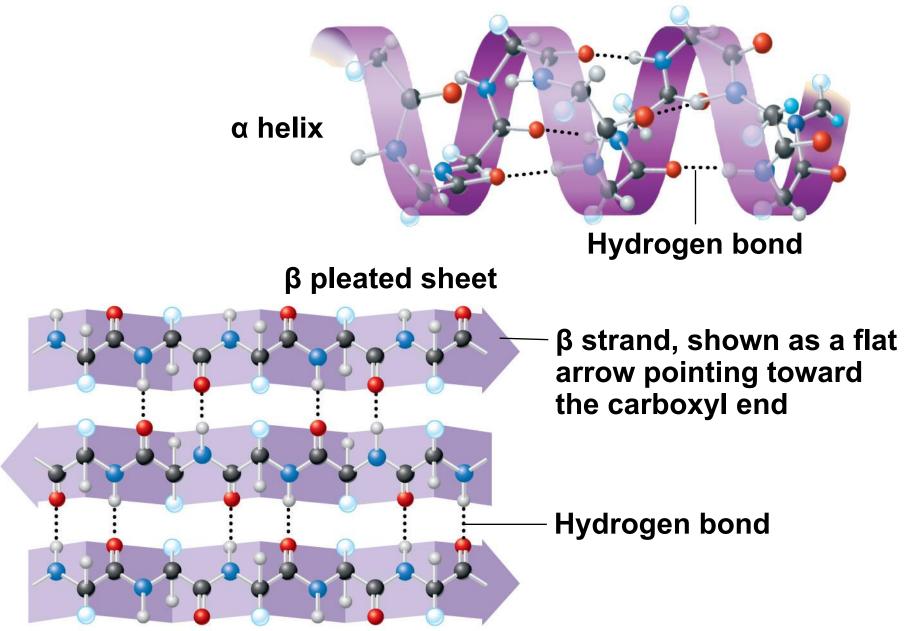


- Primary structure, the sequence of amino acids in a protein, is like the order of letters in a long word
- Primary structure is <u>determined</u> by inherited genetic information

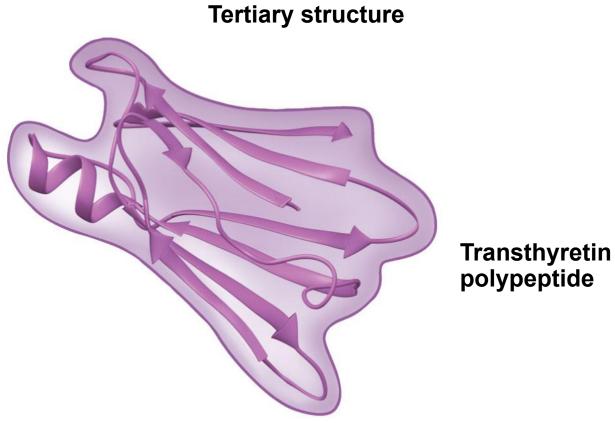


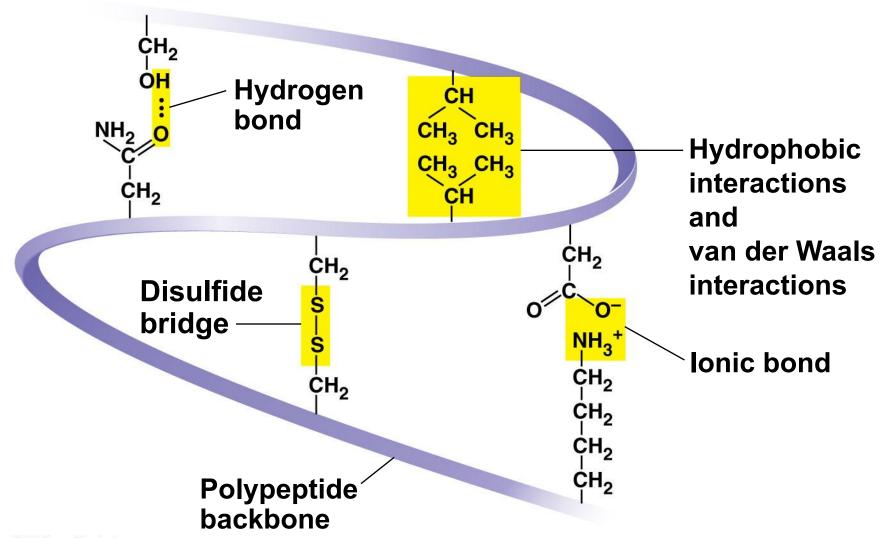
- The coils and folds of <u>secondary structure</u> result from <u>hydrogen bonds</u> between repeating constituents of the polypeptide backbone
- Typical secondary structures are a coil called an α helix and a folded structure called a β pleated sheet

Secondary structure



- Tertiary structure is determined by <u>interactions between R groups</u>, rather than interactions between backbone constituents
- These interactions between R groups include hydrogen bonds, ionic bonds, hydrophobic interactions, and van der Waals interactions
- Strong covalent bonds called
 <u>disulfide bridges</u> may reinforce the protein's structure



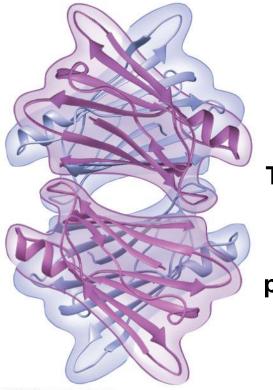


- <u>Quaternary structure</u> results when <u>two or</u> <u>more polypeptide</u> chains form one macromolecule
- Collagen is a <u>fibrous protein</u> consisting of <u>three polypeptides</u> coiled like a rope
- Hemoglobin is a <u>globular protein</u> consisting of four polypeptides: <u>two alpha</u> and <u>two</u> <u>beta chains</u>

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Collagen

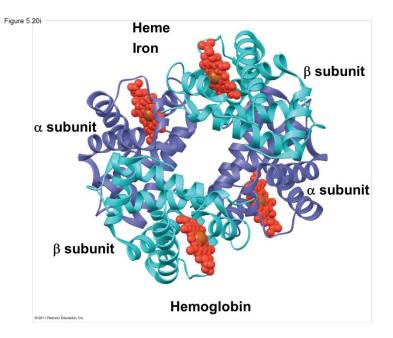
Quaternary structure



Transthyretin protein (four identical polypeptides)

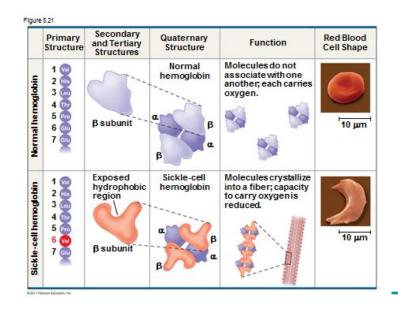


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Sickle-Cell Disease: A Change in Primary Structure

- A slight change in primary structure can affect a protein's structure and ability to function
- <u>Sickle-cell disease</u>, an inherited blood disorder, results from a single amino acid substitution in the protein hemoglobin Fig. 5-22c



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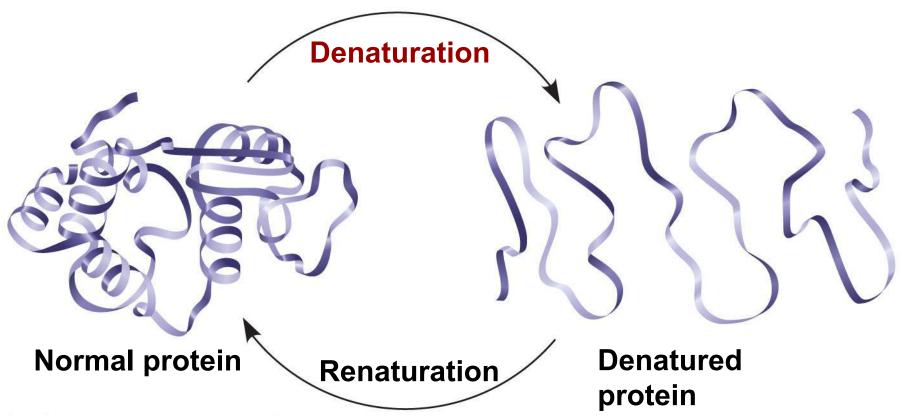
hemoglobin

molecules, each carrying oxygen. Fibers of abnormal hemoglobin deform red blood cell into sickle shape.

What Determines Protein Structure?

- Chemical conditions can affect structure
 - Alterations in pH
 - Salt concentration
 - Temperature
 - Other environmental factors

Loss of a protein's native structure is called denaturation (A denatured protein is biologically inactive)



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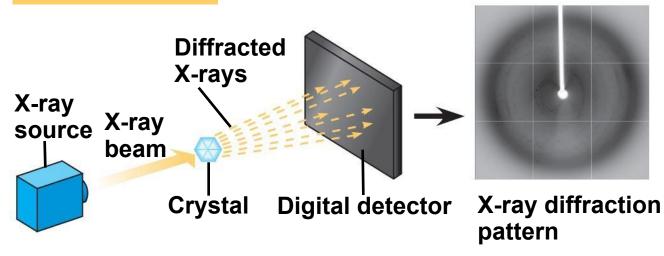
Protein Folding in the Cell

- It is <u>hard to predict</u> a protein's structure from its primary structure
- Most proteins probably go through several states on their way to a <u>stable structure</u>
- <u>Chaperonins</u> are protein molecules that assist the proper folding of other proteins

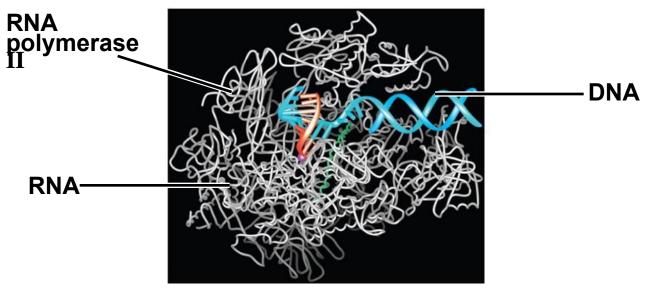
- Scientists use <u>X-ray crystallography</u> to determine a protein's structure
- Another method is <u>nuclear magnetic</u> <u>resonance (NMR) spectroscopy</u>, which does not require protein crystallization
- <u>Bioinformatics</u> uses computer programs to predict protein structure from amino acid sequences

Fig. 5-25

EXPERIMENT



RESULTS



Nucleic acids

Concept 5.5: Nucleic acids store and transmit hereditary information

- The <u>amino acid sequence</u> of a polypeptide is programmed by a unit of inheritance called a gene
- Genes are made of DNA, a nucleic acid

The Roles of Nucleic Acids

- There are <u>two types of nucleic acids</u>:
 - Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)
 - Ribonucleic acid (RNA)
- DNA directs synthesis of messenger RNA (mRNA) and, through mRNA, controls protein synthesis
- Protein synthesis occurs in ribosomes

Fig. 5-26-1

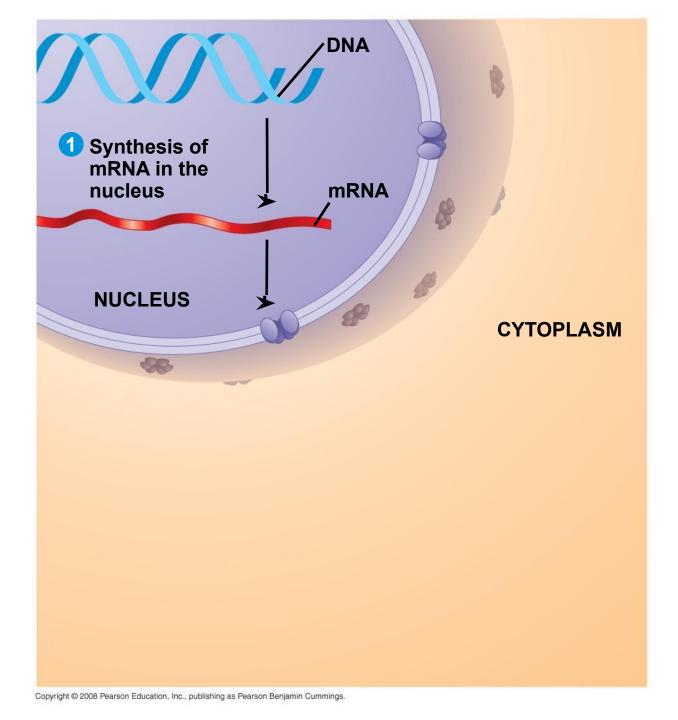


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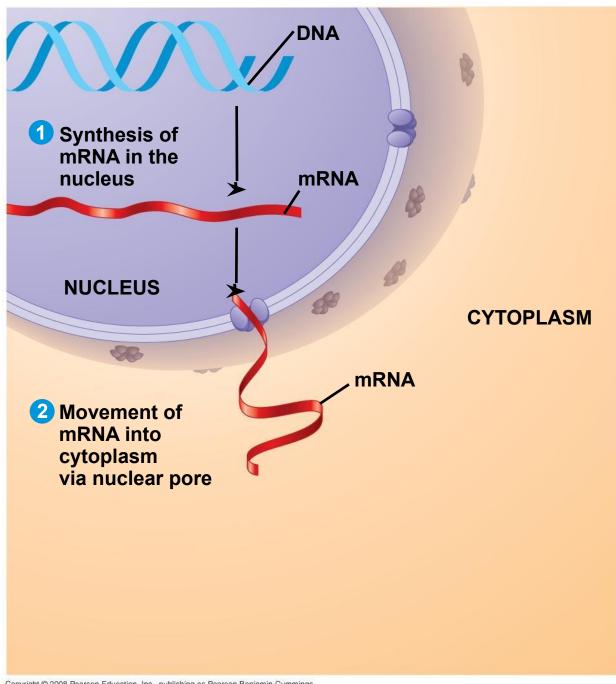
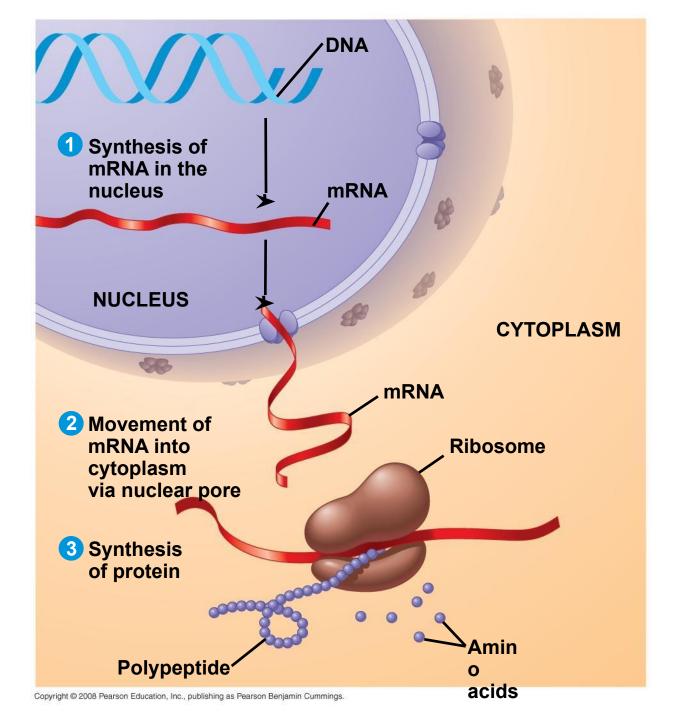


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The Structure of Nucleic Acids

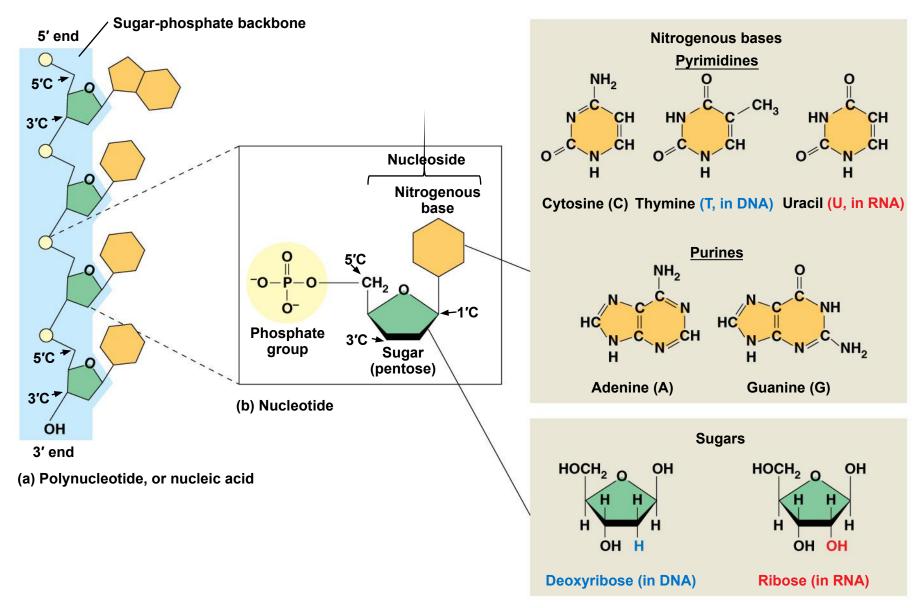
- Nucleic acids are <u>polymers</u> called polynucleotides
- Each polynucleotide is made of monomers called <u>nucleotides</u>
- Each nucleotide consists of: a nitrogenous base, <u>a pentose sugar</u>, and <u>a phosphate</u> group
- The portion of a nucleotide without the phosphate group is called a *nucleoside*

Nucleotide Monomers

- There are two families of nitrogenous bases:
 - <u>Pyrimidines</u> (cytosine, thymine, and uracil) have a <u>single six-membered ring</u>
 - <u>Purines</u> (adenine and guanine) have a <u>six-membered ring fused to a</u> <u>five-membered ring</u>

 In DNA, the sugar is <u>deoxyribose</u>; in RNA, the sugar is <u>ribose</u>

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(c) Nucleoside components

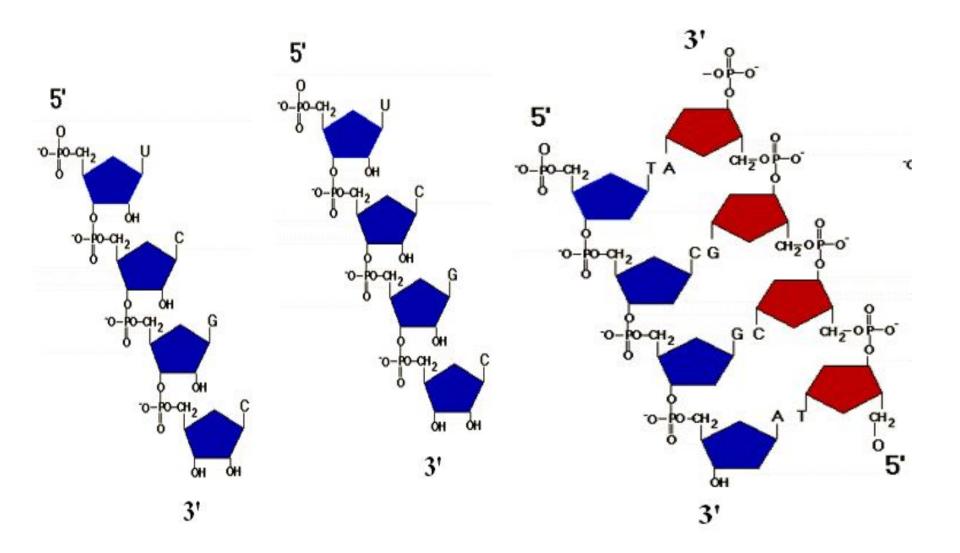
Nucleotide Polymers

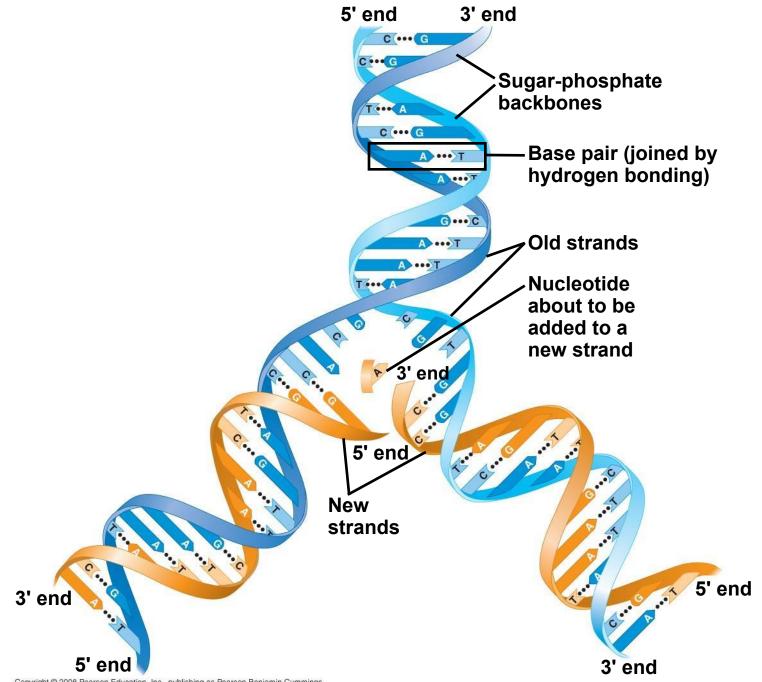
- Nucleotide polymers are linked together to build a polynucleotide
- Adjacent nucleotides are joined by <u>covalent</u> <u>bonds</u> that form between the –OH group on the 3' carbon of one nucleotide and the phosphate on the 5' carbon on the next

 The sequence of bases along a DNA or mRNA polymer is <u>unique</u> for each gene

The DNA Double Helix

- A DNA molecule has two polynucleotides <u>spiraling</u> around an <u>imaginary axis</u>, forming a <u>double helix</u>
- In the DNA double helix, the two backbones run in <u>opposite 5' → 3' directions</u> from each other, an arrangement referred to as <u>antiparallel</u>
- The <u>nitrogenous bases in DNA pair up and</u> form hydrogen bonds: adenine (A) always with thymine (T), and guanine (G) always with cytosine (C)





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DNA and Proteins as Tape Measures of Evolution

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- Molecular biology can be used to <u>assess</u> evolutionary kinship

Summary

Figure 5.UN02

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