

## Chapter 4 Nucleic Acids

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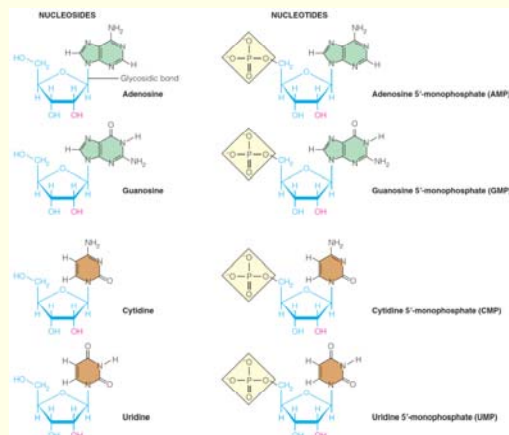
## Functions of Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids

- Nucleotide Functions:
  - Energy for metabolism (ATP, GTP)
  - Enzyme cofactors (NAD<sup>+</sup>, FAD)
  - Signal transduction (cAMP)
- Nucleic Acid Functions:
  - Storage of genetic info (DNA)
  - Transmission of genetic info (mRNA)
  - Processing of genetic information (ribozymes)
  - Protein synthesis (tRNA and rRNA)
  - Regulation (micro-RNA, long non-coding (lnc)RNA)

## The Nature of Nucleic Acids

**Nucleosides** are a nitrogenous base with a ribose.

**Nucleotides** are a nitrogenous base, a ribose and a phosphate.



## Nucleotides and Nucleosides

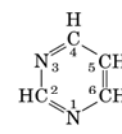
- **Nucleotide =**
  - Nitrogenous base
  - Pentose
  - Phosphate
- **Nucleoside =**
  - Nitrogenous base
  - Pentose
- **Nucleobase =**
  - Nitrogenous base

# $\beta$ -N-Glycosidic Bond

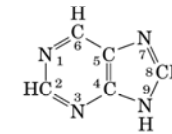
- In nucleotides the pentose ring is attached to the nucleobase via **N-glycosidic bond**.
- The bond is formed
  - to position N1 in pyrimidines
  - to position N9 in purines
- This bond is quite stable toward hydrolysis, esp. in pyrimidines
- Bond cleavage is catalyzed by acid (purine)

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## Structure of nucleotides

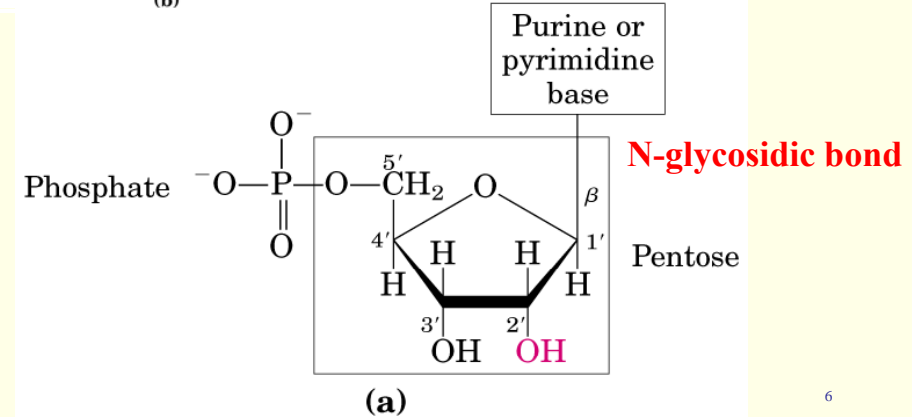


Pyrimidine



Purine

(b)



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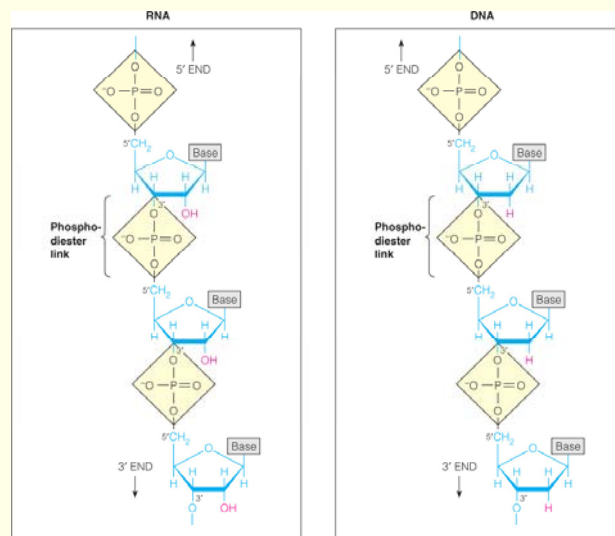


FIGURE 4.1

Chemical structures of ribonucleic acid (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). The ribose-phosphate or deoxyribose-phosphate backbone of each chain is shown in detail. The bases shown schematically here are detailed in Figure 4.2.

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FIGURE 4.2

Purine and pyrimidine bases found in DNA and RNA. DNA always contains the bases A, G, C, T, whereas RNA always contains A, G, C, U. Thymine is simply 5-methyluracil.

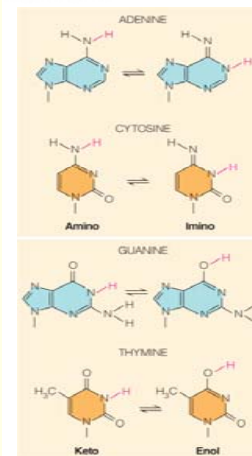
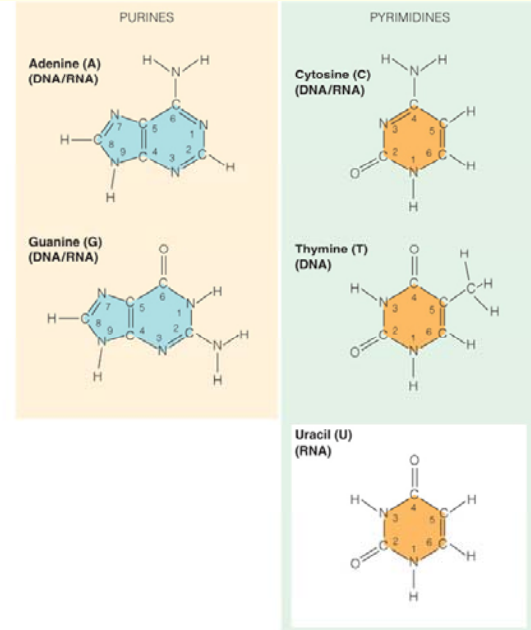


FIGURE 4.4

Tautomerization of the bases. The most stable (and therefore common) forms are shown at the left. The less common imino and enol forms, shown on the right, are found in some special base interactions. Still other tautomers (not shown here) are possible.

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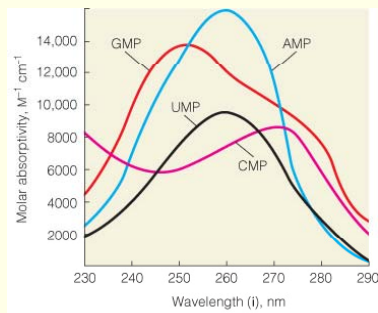


FIGURE 4.5

Ultraviolet absorption spectra of ribonucleotides. The dimensions of the absorption coefficients are  $M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ . Thus a  $10^{-4}$  solution of UMP would have an absorbance of 0.95 at 260 nm in a 1-cm-thick cuvette. (Absorbance = molar absorptivity  $\times$  light path in cm  $\times$  molar concentration; see Tools of Biochemistry 6A).

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FIGURE 4.6 (left)

Formation of a polynucleotide by a hypothetical dehydration reaction. We might imagine that a polynucleotide could be formed directly from nucleoside monophosphates by removal of water, as shown here, but the dehydration reaction is thermodynamically unfavorable. The reverse reaction, hydrolysis, is favored. Note that in this and subsequent figures we adopt a somewhat more compact way of representing the sugar-phosphate backbone.

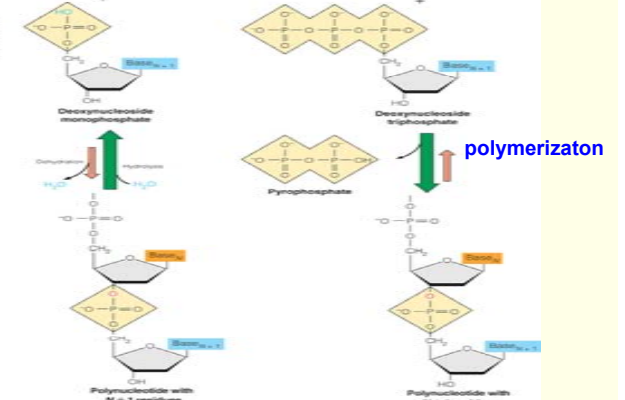


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FIGURE 4.7 (right)

How polynucleotides are actually formed. In this reaction, each monomer is presented as a nucleoside triphosphate to be added to the chain. Cleavage of the nucleoside triphosphate provides the free energy that makes the reaction thermodynamically favorable. The enzymes catalyzing such reactions are called *polymersomes*.

hydrolysis



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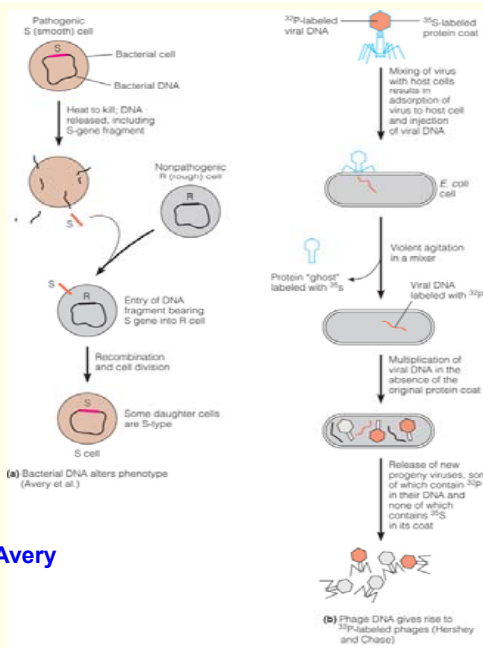


FIGURE 4.8  
Experiments that showed DNA to be the genetic substance. (a) Avery et al. showed that nonpathogenic pneumococci could be made pathogenic by transfer of DNA from a pathogenic strain. (b) Hershey and Chase showed that it is the transfer of just the viral DNA from a virus to a bacterium that gives rise to new viruses.

Genetic material?

Hershey/Chase

Avery

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X-ray diffraction

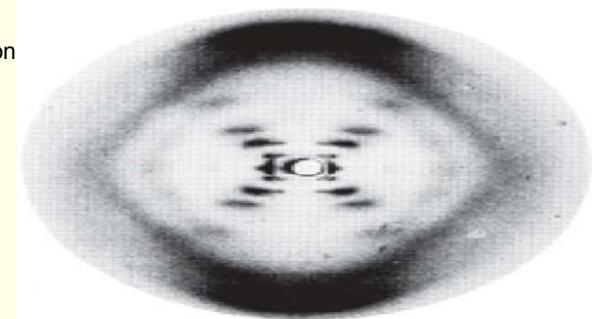


FIGURE 4.9

Evidence for the structure of DNA. This photograph, taken by Rosalind Franklin, shows the X-ray diffraction pattern produced by wet DNA fibers. It played a key role in the elucidation of DNA structure. The cross pattern indicates a helical structure, and the strong spots at top and bottom correspond to a helical rise of 0.34 nm. The layer line spacing is one-tenth of the distance from the center to either of these spots, showing that there are 10 base pairs per repeat.

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**Rosalind Franklin,  
1920–1958**

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**Maurice Wilkins,  
1916–2004**

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## Road to the Double Helix

- Watson and Crick:

- alternating pattern  
(major & minor groove)
- Hydrogen bonding:  
A pairs with T  
G pairs with C

Double helix fits the data!

- Franklin and Wilkins:

- “Cross” means helix
- “Diamonds” mean  
that the phosphate-  
sugar backbone  
is outside

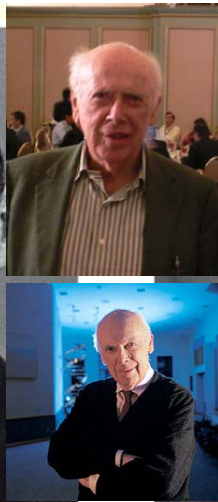
→Chargaff's rules  
 $A+G=T+C$

Watson, Crick, and Wilkins shared  
1962 Nobel Prize  
Franklin died in 1958

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**James D. Watson**



**Francis Crick,  
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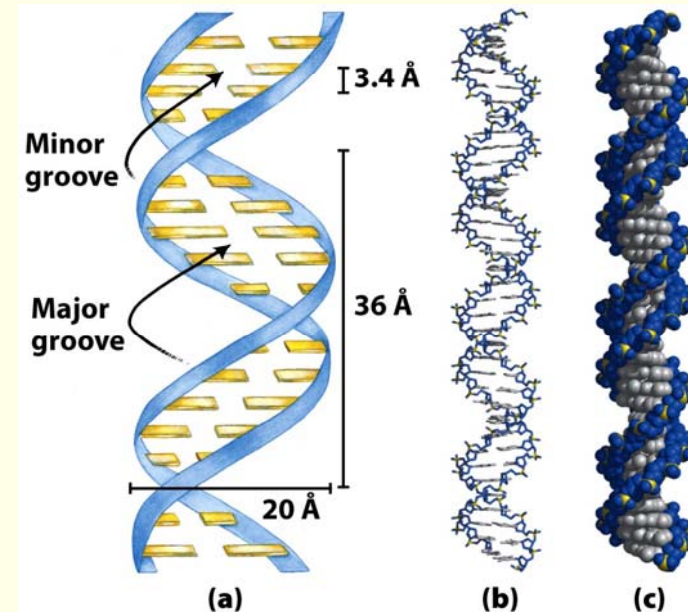


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**TABLE 4.3 Parameters of polynucleotide helices**

	A Form	B Form	Z Form
Direction of helix rotation	Right	Right	Left
Number of residues per turn ( $n$ )	11	10	12 (6 dimers)
Rotation per residue ( $= 360^\circ/n$ )	$33^\circ$	$36^\circ$	$-60^\circ$ per dimer; $\sim -30^\circ$ per residue
Rise <sup>a</sup> in helix per residue ( $h$ )	0.255 nm	0.34 nm	0.37 nm
Pitch <sup>a</sup> of helix ( $= nh$ )	2.8 nm	3.4 nm	4.5 nm

<sup>a</sup>For definitions of *rise* and *pitch* of a helix, see Tools of Biochemistry 4A.

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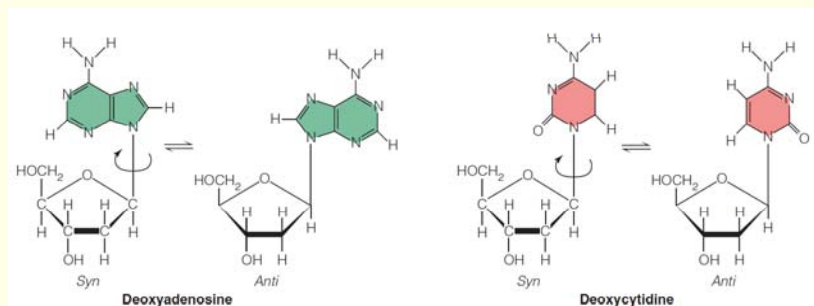
	A form	B form	Z form
Helical sense	Right handed	Right handed	Left handed
Diameter	$\sim 26 \text{ \AA}$	$\sim 20 \text{ \AA}$	$\sim 18 \text{ \AA}$
Base pairs per helical turn	11	10.5	12
Helix rise per base pair	$2.6 \text{ \AA}$	$3.4 \text{ \AA}$	$3.7 \text{ \AA}$
Base tilt normal to the helix axis	$20^\circ$	$6^\circ$	$7^\circ$
Sugar pucker conformation	C-3' endo	C-2' endo	C-2' endo for pyrimidines; C-3' endo for purines
Glycosyl bond conformation	Anti	Anti	Anti for pyrimidines; syn for purines

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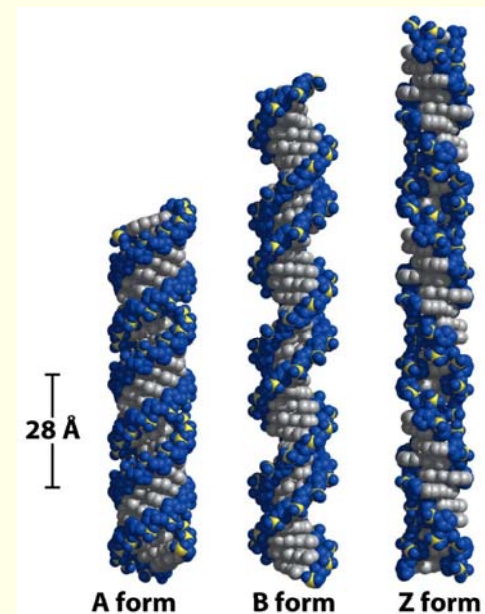
## Plasticity of Secondary and Tertiary DNA Structure

Nucleic acid bases can exist in *syn* or *anti* conformations.



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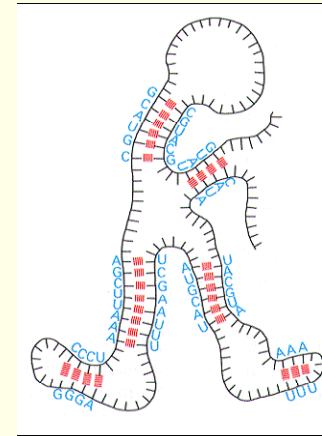
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# What is RNA?

- Ribonucleic acid
  - Ribonucleotides (Ribose, base, & phosphate)
- Types
  - Coding: messenger RNA (mRNA)
  - Non-coding:
    - Ribosomal RNA (rRNA)
    - Transfer RNA (tRNA)
    - Small nuclear RNA (snRNA)
    - Small nucleolar RNA (snoRNA)
    - Interference RNA (RNAi)
    - Short interfering RNA (siRNA)
    - Micro RNA (miRNA)
    - Long non-coding RNA (lncRNA)

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RNA can form :  
secondary structures  
by internal base-pairing



RNA can also be used:

1. to store genetic information (viruses)
2. for catalytic activity (self-splicing, RNaseP)
3. Regulation (miRNA, siRNA, lncRNA)

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## Messenger RNA: Code Carrier for the Sequence of Proteins

- Is synthesized using DNA template
- Contains ribose instead of deoxyribose
- Contains uracil instead of thymine
- One mRNA may code for more than one protein (polycistronic)

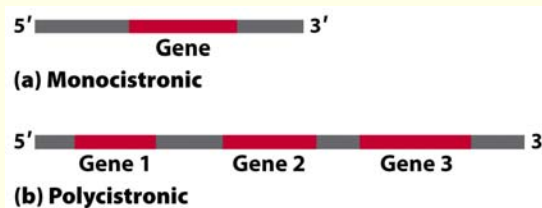


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## DNA vs RNA

### Composition:

- \* T in DNA not U to distinguish from T formed by deamination of C
- \* 2' OH in RNA accounts for instability of RNA

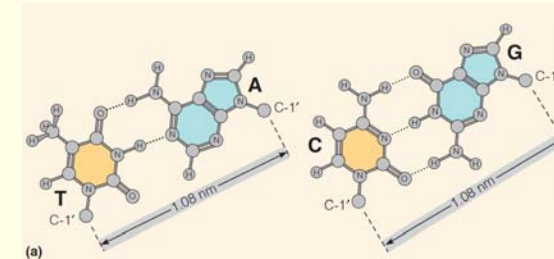
### phosphodiester bond Hydrolysis

- \* RNA: Sensitive to alkaline hydrolysis but resistant to acid hydrolysis
- \* DNA: Resistant to alkaline hydrolysis: Depurinates by acid hydrolysis (apurinic base)

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## Secondary and Tertiary

- A-T and G-C are the base pairs in the Watson–Crick model of DNA.
  - Note the base pairing occurs between the keto tautomers.
  - The AT pair has two hydrogen bonds.
  - The GC pair has three hydrogen bonds.



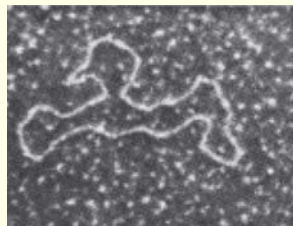
- The complementary, two-strand structure of DNA explains how the genetic material can be replicated.

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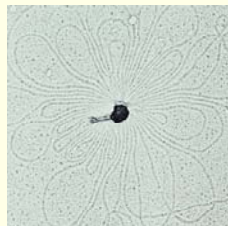
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## Secondary and Tertiary

- DNA in cells can differ in size and shape.
- DNA can be from thousands to millions of base pairs in length.
- DNA can be circular or linear.
- DNA can be relaxed or supercoiled



Viral single-strand DNA (circular)



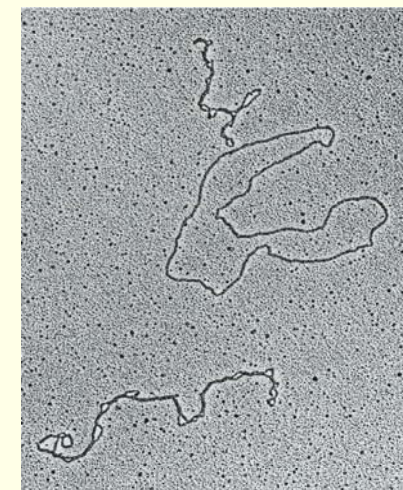
Bacteriophage double-strand DNA (linear)

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## Secondary and Tertiary

- Relaxed and supercoiled DNA molecules.
- Electron micrograph showing three human mitochondrial DNA molecules.
- All three are of identical sequence and contain 16,569 bp each.
- However, the molecule in the center is relaxed, whereas those at top and bottom are tightly **supercoiled**.
- Most DNA molecules found *in vivo* are left-handed supercoils.



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## Secondary and Tertiary

- The DNA or RNA sequence is a **primary structure**, held together by covalent bonds
- The regular folding patterns observed in the A- and B-DNA double helices are referred to as their **secondary structures**, held together by non-covalent hydrogen bonds.
- The high-order folding of DNA's secondary structure is called its **tertiary structure**. These structure are also held together by non-covalent interactions.

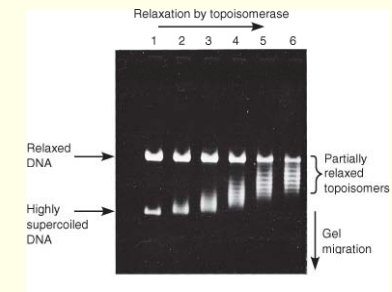
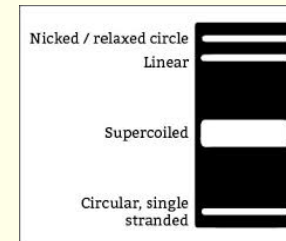
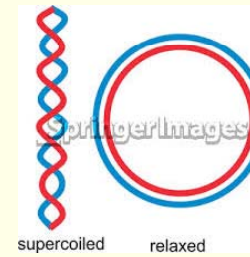
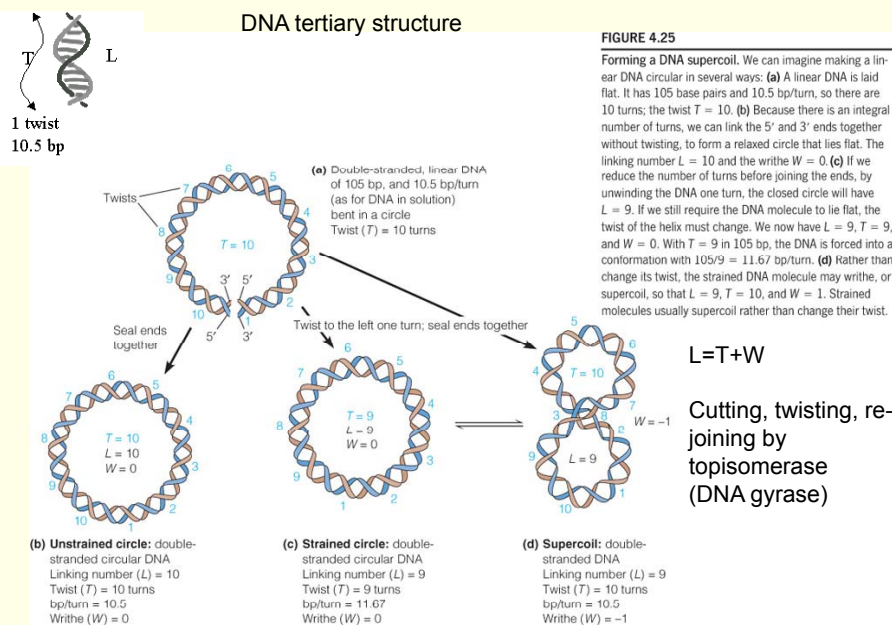


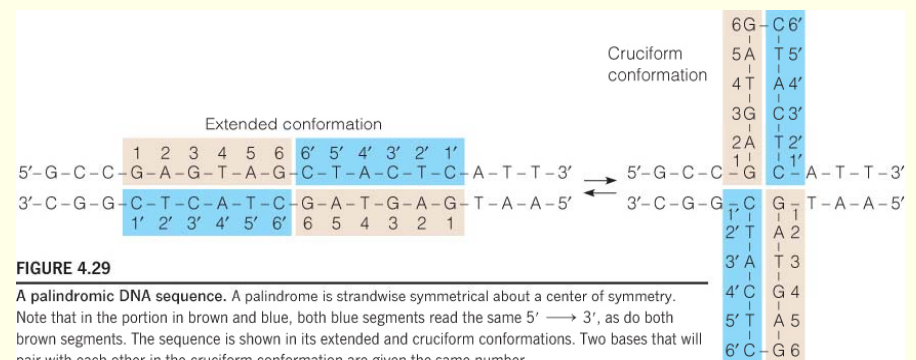
FIGURE 4.26

Gel electrophoresis demonstrating DNA supercoiling. Lane 1: A mixture of relaxed and highly supercoiled DNA. Lanes 2 to 6: The progress of relaxation catalyzed by the enzyme topoisomerase. Samples have been taken at successive times after adding the enzyme. Individual topoisomers are resolved as individual bands on the gel. The highly supercoiled material, which forms a densely packed series of overlapping bands at the bottom, gradually disappears. The DNA species are resolved by electrophoresis in an agarose gel and then visualized by adding the dye ethidium bromide (page 1078) to the gel, a treatment that makes each DNA species fluorescent.

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## Plasticity of Secondary and Tertiary DNA Structure



The critical biological processes of DNA recombination and repair that occur in the cell



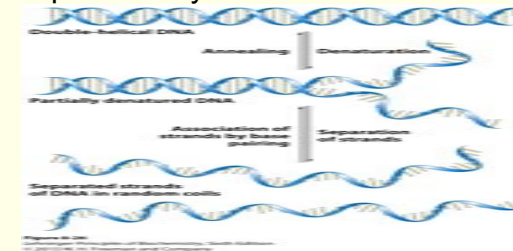
# DNA Denaturation

- Covalent bonds remain intact
  - Genetic code remains intact
- Hydrogen bonds are broken
  - Two strands separate
- Base stacking is lost
  - UV absorbance increases---**Hyperchromic shift of UV absorbance upon denaturation**
- **T<sub>m</sub>**: Midpoint of milting.
- Denaturation can be induced by high temperature, or change in pH , ionic strength
- Denaturation may be reversible:annealing

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# Thermal DNA Denaturation (Melting)

- DNA exists as double helix at normal temperatures
- Two DNA strands dissociate at elevated temperatures
- Two strands re-anneal when temperature is lowered
- The reversible thermal denaturation and annealing form basis for the polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
- DNA denaturation is commonly monitored by UV spectrophotometry at 260 nm



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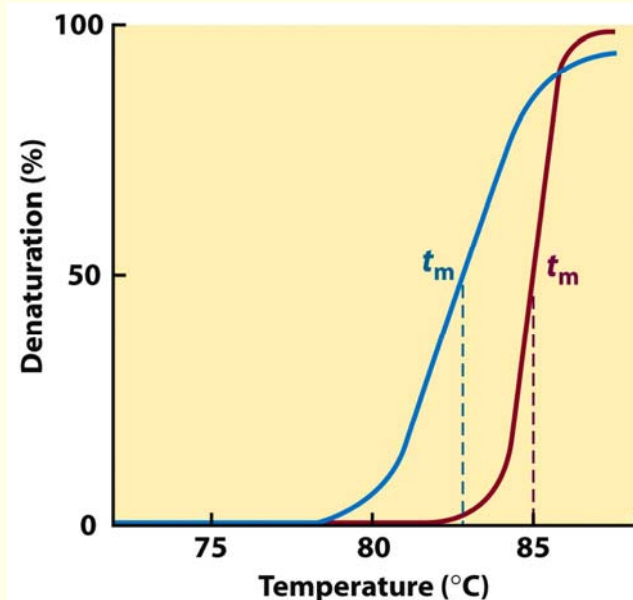


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# Factors Affecting DNA Denaturation

- The midpoint of melting ( $T_m$ ) depends on base composition
  - high CG increases  $T_m$
- $T_m$  depends on DNA length
  - Longer DNA has higher  $T_m$
- $T_m$  depends on pH and ionic strength
  - High salt increases  $T_m$

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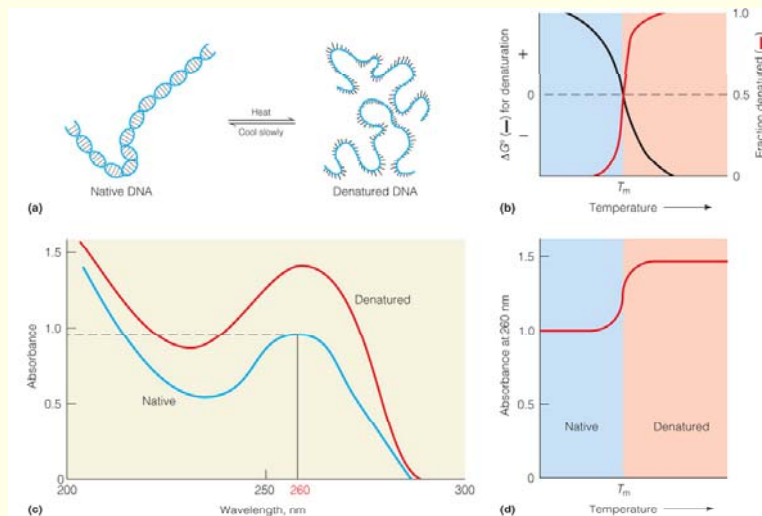


FIGURE 4.34

**Denaturation of DNA.** (a) When native (double-stranded) DNA is heated above its "melting" temperature, it is denatured (separates into single strands). The two random-coil strands have a higher entropy than the double helix. (b) At low  $T$ ,  $\Delta G$  is positive and denaturation of DNA is not favored. As  $T$  increases,  $-T\Delta S$  overcomes  $\Delta H$ , making  $\Delta G$  negative and denaturation favorable. The midpoint of the curve marks the "melting" temperature,  $T_m$ , of DNA. (c) Absorption spectra of native and denatured DNA show that native DNA absorbs less light than denatured DNA, with the maximum difference occurring at a wavelength of 260 nm. This **hypochromicity** of double-stranded DNA can be used to distinguish between native and denatured forms. (d) The change in absorbance can be used to follow the denaturation of DNA as temperature increases. An abrupt increase in absorbance, corresponding to the sudden "melting" of DNA, is seen at  $T_m$ .

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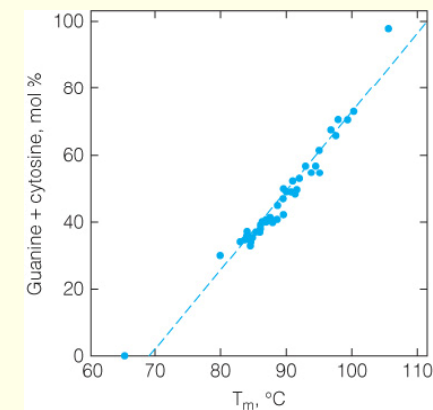


FIGURE 4.35

**Effect of base-pair composition on the denaturation temperature of DNA.** The graph shows the rise in "melting" temperature of DNA as its percent (G + C) increases.

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## Depurination: DNA, pH 3, purine base removed

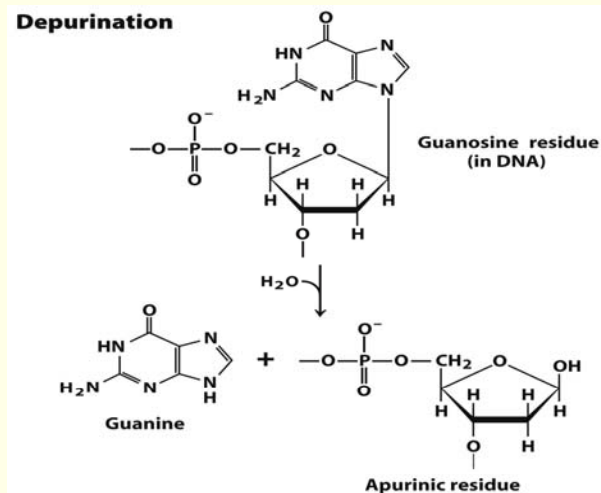


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## DNA sequencing

### \*Chain termination (dideoxynucleotide): Sanger

Enzymatic synthesis of DNA using DNA polymerase

Primer extended using dNTPs but terminated using specific ddNTPs (lack 3' hydroxyl)

Four reactions produce four sets of products

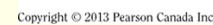
Analyze products by electrophoresis

- \* **Automatic DNA sequencing:** End-label DNA with dideoxynucleotides with fluorescent dyes of different colors

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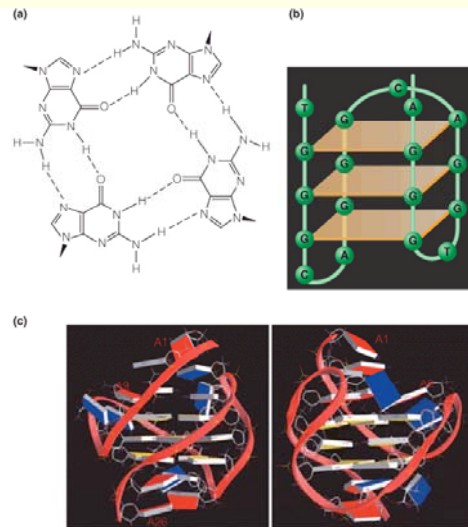


Data from a DNA sequencing gel.



FIGURE 4.30





**FIGURE 4.32**

**G-quartets and quadruplexes.** (a) Arrangement of bases in a G-quartet, with four Hoogsteen-bonded guanines surrounding a central metal ion (not shown); (b) Folding of a single DNA strand to give a G-quadruplex, consisting in this example of three planar G-quartets; (c) Two views of the G-quadruplex formed by the DNA sequence in human telomeres. Yellow, guanine; red, adenine; blue, thymine.

(c) J. Dai, C. Punchedewa, A. Ambrus, D. Chen, R. A. Jones, and D. Yang. Structure of the intramolecular human telomeric G-quadruplex in potassium solution: A novel adenine triple formation. *Nucleic Acids Research* 35:2440–2450, © 2007, by permission of Oxford University Press.

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### Primary structure:

Sequence of nucleotide chains.

### Secondary structure:

It is a double helix structure. It was postulated by Watson and Crick, based on X-ray diffraction that Franklin and Wilkins had been made, and the equivalence of bases Chargaff.

It is a double strand, right-handed or left-handed, depending on the DNA.

There are three models of DNA. The DNA of type B is the most abundant and is discovered by Watson and Crick.

### Tertiary structure:

Refers to how DNA is stored in a confined space to form the chromosomes. Varies depending on whether the organisms prokaryotes and eukaryotes:

**In prokaryotes** the DNA is folded like a super-helix, usually in circular shape and associated with a small amount of protein.

**In eukaryotes** since the amount of DNA from each chromosome is very large, the packing must be more complex and compact, this requires the presence of proteins such as histones and other proteins of non-histone.

## CHAPTER 10 Lipids



# Lipids

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## *Key topics:*

- Biological roles of lipids
- Structure and properties of **storage lipids**
- Structure and properties of **membrane lipids**
- Structure and properties of **signaling lipids**

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# Lipids: Structurally Diverse Class

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- Low solubility in water
- Good solubility in nonpolar solvents

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# Biological Functions of Lipids

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- Storage of energy
  - Reduced compounds: lots of available energy
- Insulation from environment
  - Low thermal conductivity
  - High heat capacity (can “absorb” heat)
  - Mechanical protection (can absorb shocks)
- Water repellant
  - Hydrophobic nature: keeps surface of the organism dry
    - Prevents excessive wetting (birds)
    - Prevents loss of water via evaporation
- Membrane Structure
  - Main structure of cell membranes

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# More Functions

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- Cofactors for enzymes
  - Vitamin K: blood clot formation
  - Coenzyme Q: ATP synthesis in mitochondria
- Signaling molecules
  - Paracrine hormones (act locally)
  - Steroid hormones (act body-wide)
  - Growth factors
  - Vitamins A and D (hormone precursors)
- Pigments
  - Color of tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, some birds
- Antioxidants
  - Vitamin E

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# Classification of Lipids

## Based on the structure and function

- **Lipids that do not contain fatty acids:** cholesterol, terpenes,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2 \dots (\text{C}_5\text{H}_8)$  (Vit A)
  - those that are based on **isoprene**, a five-carbon chain. Terpenes are derived biosynthetically from units of isoprene,
  - Terpenes and terpenoids are the primary constituents of the **essential oils** of many types of plants and flowers.
- **Lipids that contain fatty acids**
  - **Storage lipids** and **membrane lipids**

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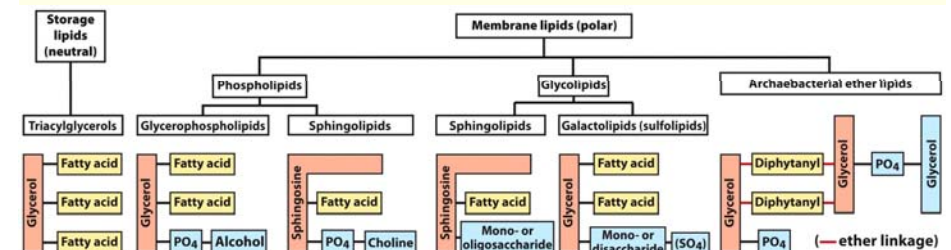


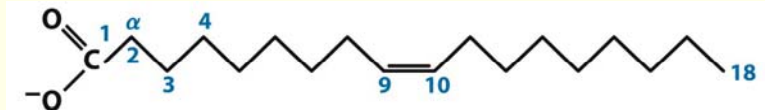
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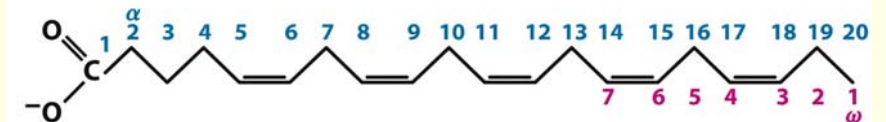
# Fatty Acids

- Carboxylic acids with hydrocarbon chains containing from 4 to 36 carbons
- Almost all natural fatty acids have an even number of carbons
- Most natural fatty acids are unbranched
- **Saturated:** no double bonds between carbons in the chain
- **Monounsaturated:** one double bond between carbons in the alkyl chain
- **Polyunsaturated:** more than one double bond in the alkyl chain

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(a) 18:1(Δ<sup>9</sup>) *cis*-9-Octadecenoic acid



(b) 20:5(Δ<sup>5,8,11,14,17</sup>) Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA),  
an omega-3 fatty acid

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TABLE 10-1 Some Naturally Occurring Fatty Acids: Structure, Properties, and Nomenclature

Carbon skeleton	Structure <sup>a</sup>	Systematic name <sup>a</sup>	Common name (derivation)	Melting point (°C)	Solubility at 30 °C (mg/g solvent)	
					Water	Benzene
12:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Dodecanoic acid	Lauric acid 月桂酸 (Latin <i>laurus</i> , "laurel plant")	44.2	0.063	2,600
14:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>12</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Tetradecanoic acid	Myristic acid 豆蔻酸 (Latin <i>Myristica</i> , nutmeg genus)	53.9	0.024	874
16:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Hexadecanoic acid	Palmitic acid (Latin <i>palma</i> , "palm tree")	63.1	0.0083	348
18:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>16</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Octadecanoic acid	Stearic acid (Greek <i>stear</i> , "hard fat")	69.6	0.0034	124
20:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>18</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Eicosanoic acid	Arachidic acid (Latin <i>Arachis</i> , legume genus)	76.5		花生酸
24:0	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>22</sub> COOH	<i>n</i> -Tetracosanoic acid	Lignoceric acid (Latin <i>lignum</i> , "wood" + <i>cera</i> , "wax")	86.0		
16:1(Δ <sup>5</sup> )	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH=CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>9</sub> COOH	<i>cis</i> -9-Hexadecenoic acid	Palmitoleic acid	1 to -0.5		
18:1(Δ <sup>7</sup> )	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH=CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>9</sub> COOH	<i>cis</i> -9-Octadecenoic acid	Oleic acid (Latin <i>oleum</i> , "oil")	13.4		
18:2(Δ <sup>5,12</sup> )	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> COOH	<i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -9,12-Octadecadienoic acid	Linoleic acid (Greek <i>linon</i> , "flax")	1-5		
18:3(Δ <sup>5,11,13</sup> )	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> COOH	<i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid	α-Linolenic acid	-11		
20:4(Δ <sup>5,8,11,14</sup> )	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> COOH	<i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -, <i>cis</i> -5,8,11,14-Icosatetraenoic acid	Arachidonic acid	-49.5		

<sup>a</sup>All acids are shown in their nonionized form. At pH 7, all free fatty acids have an ionized carboxylate. Note that numbering of carbon atoms begins at the carboxyl carbon.

<sup>b</sup>The prefix *n*- indicates the "normal" unbranched structure. For instance, "dodecanoic" simply indicates 12 carbon atoms, which could be arranged in a variety of branched forms; "n-dodecanoic" specifies the linear, unbranched form. For unsaturated fatty acids, the configuration of each double bond is indicated; in biological fatty acids the configuration is almost always *cis*.

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## Fatty Acid Nomenclature

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## Conformation of Fatty Acids

- The saturated chain tends to adopt extended conformations
- The double bonds in natural unsaturated fatty acids are commonly in *cis* configuration

ω-3系列的脂肪酸:

EPA (Eicosapentaenoic Acid) 20:5

DHA (Docosahexaenoic Acid) 22:6

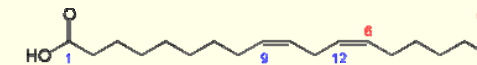
ALA (α-linolenic acid; α-亞麻油酸) 18:3

ω-6系列的脂肪酸:

LA (linoleic acid; 亞麻油酸) 18:2

GLA (Gamma linoleic acid; γ-亞麻油酸) 18:3

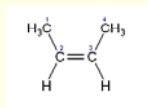
AA 花生烯酸 (Arachidonic acid) 20:4



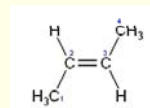
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## Trans Fatty Acids

- Trans fatty acids form by partial dehydrogenation of unsaturated fatty acids
- Trans fatty acids can pack more regularly, and show higher melting points than *cis* forms



*cis*



*trans*

Consuming trans fats increases risk of cardiovascular disease

Avoid deep-frying partially hydrogenated vegetable oils

Current trend: reduce trans fats in foods (fast food)

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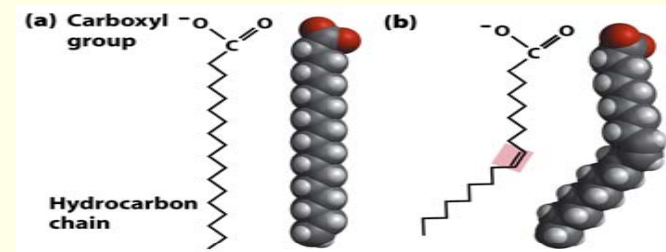


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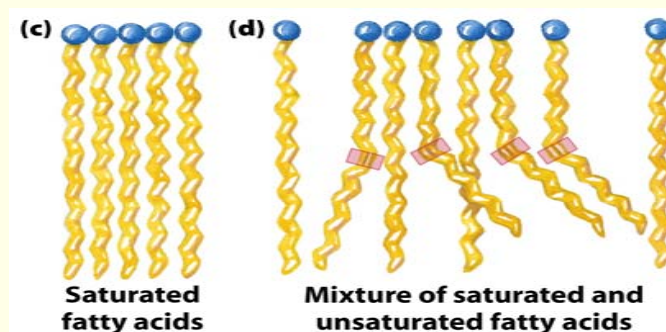


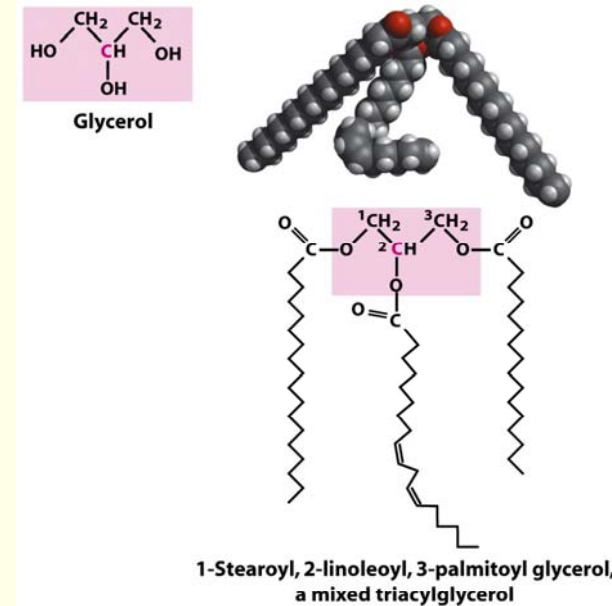
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## Triacylglycerols (fats and oils)

- Majority of fatty acids in biological systems are found in the form of **triacylglycerols**
- Solid ones are called fats**
- Liquid ones are called oils**
- Triacylglycerols are the primary storage form of lipids (**body fat**)
- Triacylglycerols are less soluble in water than fatty acids due to the lack of charged carboxylate group
- Triacylglycerols are less dense than water: **fats and oils float**

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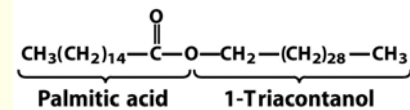
## Fats Provide Efficient Fuel Storage

- The advantage of fats over polysaccharides:
  - Fatty acid carry more energy** per carbon because they are more reduced
  - Fatty acids carry less water** along because they are nonpolar
- Glucose and glycogen are for short-term energy needs**, quick delivery
- Fats are for long term (months) energy needs**, good storage, slow delivery

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## Waxes

- Waxes are **esters** of long-chain saturated and unsaturated **fatty acids with long-chain alcohols**
- Insoluble and have high melting points
- Variety of functions:
  - Storage of metabolic fuel in plankton(浮游生物)
  - Protection and pliability (柔軟) for hair and skin in vertebrates
  - Waterproofing of feathers in birds
  - Protection from evaporation in tropical plants
  - Used by people in lotions, ointments, and polishes



**Biological Wax**

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## Simple Lipid:

Triacylglycerides (Triacylglycerols): provide stored energy and insulation.

Glycerol esterified with three fatty acids.

Such as: Fats, oils and waxes.

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## Complex Lipids:membrane lipid

### ►Phospholipids:

→Glycerophospholipids (Glycerol+2FA+PO<sub>4</sub>)

→ Sphingolipids (Sphingosine+FA+PO<sub>4</sub>)

### ► Glycolipids:

→ Sphingolipids (Sphingosine+FA+sugar)

→ Galactolipids (Glycerol+2FA+sugar)

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## Glycerophospholipids:

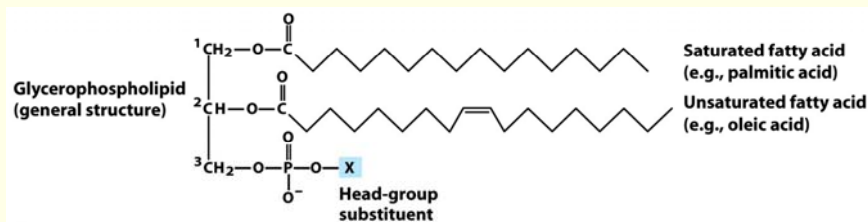


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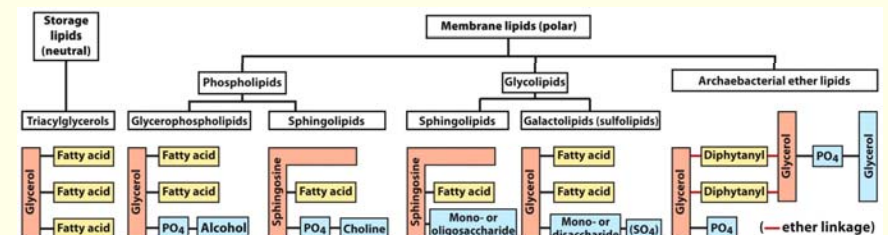


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## Examples of Glycerophospholipids

- The properties of head groups determine the surface properties of cell membranes
- Different organisms have different membrane lipid head group compositions
- Different tissues have different membrane lipid head group compositions

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Name of glycerophospholipid	Name of X—O	Formula of X	Net charge (at pH 7)
Phosphatidic acid	—	—H	-2
Phosphatidylethanolamine	Ethanolamine		0
Phosphatidylcholine	Choline		0
Phosphatidylserine	Serine		-1
Phosphatidylglycerol	Glycerol		-1
Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate	myo-Inositol 4,5-bisphosphate		-4*
Cardiolipin	Phosphatidyl-glycerol		-2

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## Phosphatidylcholine

- Phosphatidylcholine is the major component of most eukaryotic cell membranes
- Many prokaryotes, including *E. coli* cannot synthesize this lipid; their membranes do not contain phosphatidylcholine

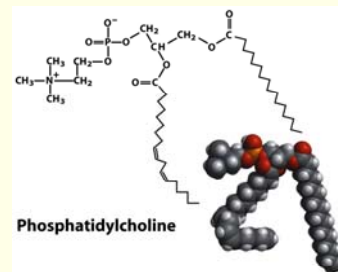


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## Ether Lipids: Plasmalogen

- Common in vertebrate heart tissue
- Also found in some protozoa and anaerobic bacteria
- Function is not well understood

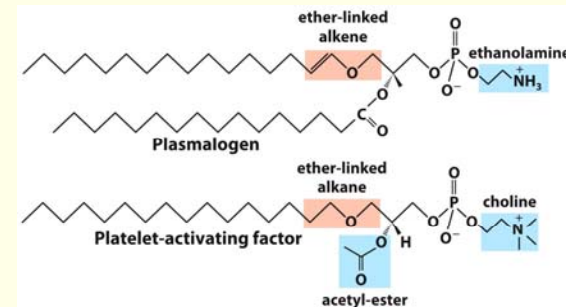


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## Ether Lipids: Platelets-Activating Factor

- Aliphatic (脂肪) ether analog of phosphatidylcholine
- Acetic acid has esterified position C2
- First signaling lipid to be identified
- Stimulates aggregation of blood platelets
- Plays role in mediation of inflammation

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- A. Histamine
- B. Leukotrienes
- C. Prostaglandins
- D. Dopamine
- E. PAF(platelet-activating factor)

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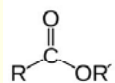
## Sphingolipids:

Backbone of sphingosine: 18-Carbon amino alcohol with C-C trans double bond. Sphingolipids are derivatives of Sphingosine. (Fig 10-13)

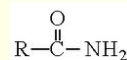
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## Sphingolipids

- The backbone of sphingolipids is NOT glycerol
- The backbone of sphingolipids is a long-chain amino alcohol **sphingosine**
- A fatty acid is joined to sphingosine via an amide linkage rather than an ester linkage as usually seen in lipids
- A polar head group is connected to sphingosine by a glycosidic or phosphodiester linkage
- The sugar-containing glycosphingolipids are found largely in the outer face of plasma membranes



ester linkage



amide linkage

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**cerebroside:**  
ceramide +  
monosaccharide

an important  
constituent of  
brain cell  
membranes.

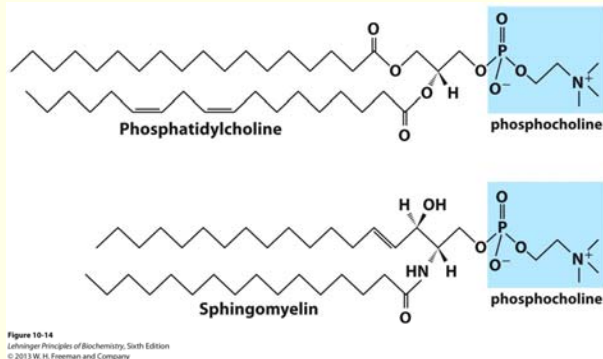
Sphingosine		
Name of sphingolipid	Name of X—O	Formula of X
Ceramide	—	— H
Sphingomyelin	Phosphocholine	$-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{O}^-)-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$
Neutral glycolipids Glucosylcerebroside	Glucose	
Lactosylceramide (a globoside)	Di-, tri-, or tetrasaccharide	
Ganglioside GM2	Complex oligosaccharide	

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## Spingomyelins:

1. In plasma membrane
2. A membranous sheath in some neurons



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## Glycosphingolipids and Blood Groups

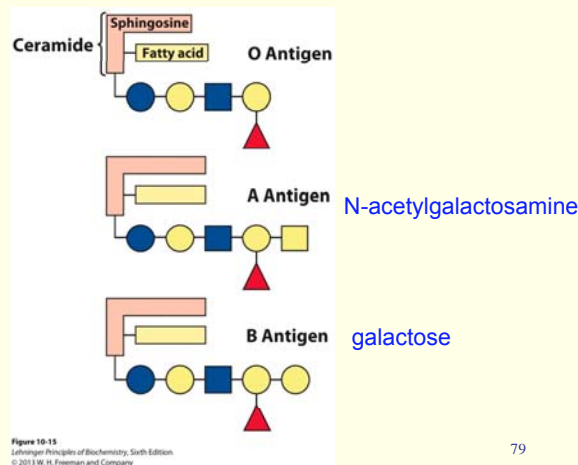
- The blood groups are determined in part by the **type of sugars located on the head groups** in glycosphingolipids.
- The structure of sugar is determined by a expression of specific **glycosyltransferases**
  - Individuals with **no active glycosyltransferase** will have the **O antigen**
  - Individuals with a glycosyltransferase that transfers an **N-acetylgalactosamine** group have **A blood group**
  - Individuals with a glycosyltransferase that transfers a **galactose** group to phosphate will have **B blood group**

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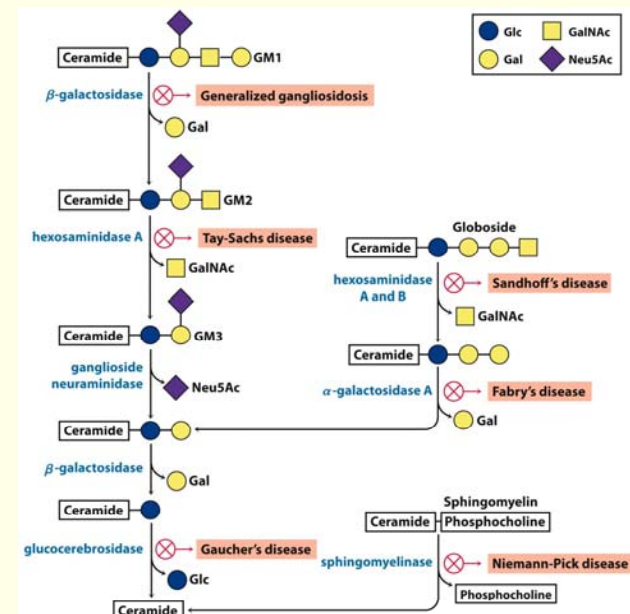
**Glycosphingolipids** at cell surfaces are sites of biological recognition: (Fig 10-15)

**Blood A, B, O.**

glycosyltransferases



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### Niemann-Pick disease

1. Sphingomyelin accumulates in brain, spleen and liver
2. Mental retardation, early death

### Tay-Sachs disease

1. Ganglioside GM2 accumulates in brain, spleen.
2. Progressive retardation in development, paralysis, blindness, death 3, or 4y.

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### Lipids as signals, cofactors, and pigments

Membrane lipid: 5-10% of cells

Storage lipids: >80% of adipocyte.

### Phosphatidylinositols act as intracellular signals

Fig 11-15. 1,4,5-triphosphate (IP3)—Ca<sup>++</sup> release.

Ceramids and sphingomyelin are potent regulators of protein kinases.

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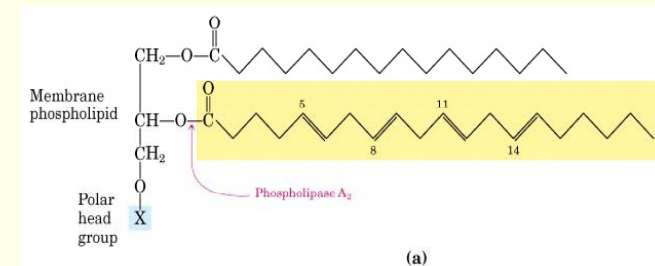
## Signaling Lipids

- Paracrine lipid hormones are present in small amounts but play vital roles as signaling molecules between nearby cells
- Enzymatic oxidation of arachidonic acid yields
  - prostaglandins,
  - thromboxanes, and
  - leukotrienes

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## Arachidonic Acid : Derivatives as Signaling Lipids (20:4 (Δ5,8,11,14) 花生四烯酸) Omega-6 fatty acids

- Variety of functions:
  - Inflammation and fever (prostaglandins)
  - Formation of blood clots (thromboxanes)
  - Smooth muscle contraction in lungs (leukotrienes)
  - Smooth muscle contraction in uterus (prostaglandins)



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**Eicosanoids** carry messages to nearby cells

paracrine hormone involved in:

**reproductive function**

**inflammation function**

formation blood clot, regulation blood pressure derived from 20-carbon polyunsaturated fatty acid arachidonic acids 20:4 ( $\Delta 5,8,11,14$ ).

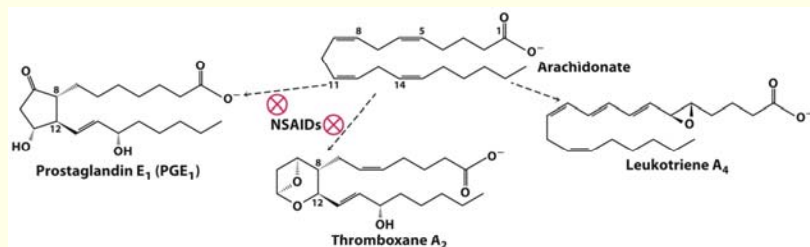


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**Eicosanoids**, 3 classes

**A. Prostaglandins:**

1 regulate cAMP.

2 stimulate contraction of smooth muscle of uterus, pain for MC and Labor.

3 affect blood flow. 4 affect wake-sleep cycle. 5 elevate body temp.

**B. Thromboxanes:**

1. produced by platelets. Act in formation of blood clots, reduction blood flow.

2. **NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs):** aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen.

**C. Leukotrienes:**

Derived from leukocytes. Induces contraction of muscle lining of the lung—asthmatic attacks or anaphylactic shock.

**Prednisone**-anti-asthmatic, anti-rheumatoid arthritis drugs.

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## Lipids Summary

In this chapter, we learned that:

- lipids are a structurally and functionally diverse class of molecules that are poorly soluble in water
- **triacylglycerols** are the main storage lipids
- **phospholipids** are the main constituents of membranes
- **sphingolipids** play roles in cell recognition
- **cholesterol** is both a membrane lipid and the precursor for steroid hormones
- some lipids carry signals from cell to cell and from tissue to tissue

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