# Four Levels of Protein Structure

#### 1. Primary

- Amino acid (AA) sequence
- 20 different AA's
- peptide bonds link AA's







# **Basic Principles of Protein Folding**

- A. Hydrophobic AA buried in interior of protein (hydrophobic interactions)
- B. Hydrophilic AA exposed on surface of protein (hydrogen bonds)
- C. Acidic + Basic AA form salt bridges (ionic bonds).
- D. Cysteines can form <u>disulfide bonds</u>.

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#### Four Levels of Protein Structure (continued)

#### 3. Tertiary 3-D structure -> shape

- Bonding between <u>side chains</u> (R groups) of amino acids
- H bonds, ionic bonds, disulfide bridges, hydrophobic interactions, van der Waals interactions



Four Levels of Protein Structure (continued)
Quaternary moltiple polypeptide chains
2+ polypeptides bond together come fogether



#### amino acids $\rightarrow$ polypeptides $\rightarrow$ protein



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Protein structure and function are sensitive to chemical and physical conditions
Unfolds or denatures if pH and temperature are not optimal



### change in structure = change in function



Technique Diffracted X-ray source X-rays X-ray crystallography used to determine the 3-D X-ray beam structure of proteins Crystal Digital X-ray diffraction detector pattern Results

# Genomics: Analysis of genes and genomes













# III. Carbohydrates

- Fuel and building material
- Include simple sugars (fructose) and polymers (starch)
- Ratio of 1 carbon: 2 hydrogen: 1 oxygen or  $CH_2O$
- monosaccharide  $\rightarrow$  disaccharide  $\rightarrow$  polysaccharid
- <u>Monosaccharides</u> = monomers (eg. glucose, ribose)
- <u>Polysaccharides</u>:
   <u>Storage</u> (plants-starch, animals-glycogen)
   <u>Structure</u> (plant-cellulose, arthropod-chitin)

Differ in position & orientation of glycosidic linkage

 $C_1 H_2 O_1$ 

 $C_1(H_20)$ 



The structure and classification of some monosaccharides



#### Linear and ring forms of glucose



**Carbohydrate synthesis** 

# Cellulose vs. Starch

#### Two Forms of Glucose: $\alpha$ glucose & $\beta$ glucose



# Cellulose vs. Starch

- Starch =  $\alpha$  glucose monomers
- Cellulose =  $\beta$  glucose monomers





#### Storage polysaccharides of plants (starch) and animals (glycogen)





#### Structural polysaccharides: cellulose & chitin (exoskeleton)

# IV. Lipids

#### A. Fats (triglyceride): store energy

- Glycerol + 3 Fatty Acids
- saturated, unsaturated, polyunsaturated

B. Steroids: cholesterol and hormones
C. Phospholipids: lipid bilayer of cell membrane





#### (b) Fat molecule (triacylglycerol)



Solid at room temt

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Eg. butter, lard

Eg. corn oil, olive oil

Liquid at room temp.



# Cholesterol, a steroid



#### The structure of a phospholipid

# Hydrophobic/hydrophilic interactions make a phospholipid bilayer





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Components	Examples	Functions
R H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	<ul> <li>Enzymes</li> <li>Structural proteins</li> <li>Storage proteins</li> <li>Transport proteins</li> <li>Hormones</li> <li>Receptor proteins</li> <li>Motor proteins</li> <li>Defensive proteins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Catalyze chemical reactions</li> <li>Provide structural support</li> <li>Store amino acids</li> <li>Transport substances</li> <li>Coordinate organismal responses</li> <li>Receive signals from outside cell</li> <li>Function in cell movement</li> <li>Protect against disease</li> </ul>

Components	Examples	Functions
Nitrogenous base Phosphate group	DNA: • Sugar = deoxyribose • Nitrogenous bases = C, G, A, T • Usually double-stranded	Stores hereditary information
Nucleotide monomer	RNA: • Sugar = ribose • Nitrogenous bases = C, G, A, U • Usually single-stranded	Various functions in gene expression, including carrying instructions from DNA to ribosomes

Components	Examples	Functions
сн₂он н ⊂ Ч	Monosaccharides: glucose, fructose	Fuel; carbon sources that can be converted to other molecules or combined into polymers
	Disaccharides: lactose, sucrose	
HOHHOH HOHOH HOH HOH HOH HOH	Polysaccharides: • Cellulose (plants) • Starch (plants) • Glycogen (animals) • Chitin (animals and fungi)	<ul> <li>Strengthens plant cell walls</li> <li>Stores glucose for energy</li> <li>Stores glucose for energy</li> <li>Strengthens exoskeletons and fungal cell walls</li> </ul>

Components	Examples	Functions
Glycerol 3 fatty acids	Triacylglycerols (fats or oils): glycerol + three fatty acids	Important energy source
Head with P 2 fatty acids	Phospholipids: glycerol + phosphate group + two fatty acids	Lipid bilayers of membranes Hydrophobic tails Hydrophilic heads
Steroid backbone	Steroids: four fused rings with attached chemical groups	<ul> <li>Component of cell membranes (cholesterol)</li> <li>Signaling molecules that travel through the body (hormones)</li> </ul>