

Carbohydrates, Lipids and Proteins

Organic compounds contain carbon and are found in living organisms.



Some carbon-containing compounds are inorganic.



oxides of carbon

HCO₃ Na₂HCO₃

hydrogen carbonates

Test yourself:

 CO_3^{2} CaCO₃ Na₂CO₃

carbonates



Four Major Organic Macromolecules

- Carbohydrates
- Lipids
- Proteins
- Nucleic Acids

Monomers, Dimers, Polymers

 Monomer: The repeating chemical unit that serves as the building block of larger molecules



- Dimer: A chain of 2 monomer subunits
- Polymer: A long molecule consisting of identical or similar building blocks linked by covalent bonds



How are polymers made?

- Monomers are linked together to become polymers by a condensation or dehydration reaction
- Origen of name: a molecule of water is lost when monomers are chemically linked
- Most of the macromolecules in your body are polymers

How are polymers disassembled?

- When polymers break down to monomers they undergo a reaction called hydrolysis.
- Hydrolysis is essentially the reverse of dehydration (bonds between monomers are broken by water)

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	Monomer	Dimer	Polymer
Carbohydrate	Monosaccharide		
Lipid			
Protein	Amino acid		
Nucleic Acid	Nucleotide		

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Carbohydrate	Monosaccharide	Disaccharide	polysaccharide
Lipid	Glycerol & fatty acid	Χ	Trigylceride, phospholipid etc.
Protein	Amino acid	Dipeptide	Polypeptide (Protein)
Nucleic Acid	Nucleotide	Dinucleotide (ex: Nicotinamide adenine <i>dinucleotide</i> = NAD+)	Polynucleotide

Carbohydrates





Carbohydrates:





http://www.wisc-online.com/objects/index_tj.asp?objID=AP13104

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e.g., ribose.

deoxyribose

- Pentose Sugars vs. Hexose Sug
- Glucose: carried by the blood to transport "energy" to cells throughout the body

 Fructose: "Fruit sugar" - a simple monosaccharide found in many plants.

 Galactose: (from Greek "milk") is a type of sugar that is less sweet than glucose.



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Examples of Monosaccharides Cont'd:

- Ribose: Sugar making up part of the 'backbone' of RNA
- Deoxyribose: Sugar making up part of the 'backbone' of DNA



Chain and Ring Forms

- Many saccharide structures differ only in the orientation of the hydroxyl groups (-OH).
- This slight structural difference makes a big difference in the biochemical properties, taste, and in the physical properties such as melting point and Specific Rotation (how polarized light is distorted).
- Many simple sugars can exist in a chain form or a ring form. The ring form is favored in aqueous solutions,
- The **glucose** ring form is created when the oxygen on carbon number 5 links with the carbon comprising the carbonyl group (carbon number 1) and transfers its hydrogen to the oxygen to create a hydroxyl group.
- The rearrangement produces <u>alpha glucose</u> when the hydroxyl group is on the opposite side of the -CH2OH group, or <u>beta glucose</u> when the hydroxyl group is on the same side as the -CH2OH group.
- Isomers, such as these, differ only in their configuration about their carbonyl carbon atom.
- Glucose is sometimes illustrated as a "chair form" because it is a more accurate representation of the bond angles of the molecule. The "boat" form of glucose is unstable.



- Stereochemistry
 Saccharides with identical functional groups but with different spatial configurations have different chemical and biological properties.
- Stereochemisty is the study of the arrangement of atoms in three-dimensional space.
- Stereoisomers are compounds in which the atoms are linked in the same order but differ in their spatial arrangement.

β-D-Glucose

β-L-Glucose





Artificial Sweeteners? NOT Carbohydrates!

• Ex: Aspartame



- Aspartame, an artificial sweetener, is approx.200 times sweeter than sucrose (table sugar). Thus, even though aspartame produces four kilocalories of energy per gram when metabolized, the quantity of aspartame needed to produce a sweet taste is so small that its caloric contribution is negligible
- Its breakdown products include phenylalanine, thus aspartame must be avoided by people with the genetic condition phenylketonuria (PKU).

Two Monosaccharides Bonded→ Disaccharide





fructose



sucrose

Disaccharides Sucrose has the molecular formula C12H22O11

- Sucrose: Glucose & Fructose

 Table Sugar
- Lactose: Glucose & Galactose

 Milk Sugar (Lactose makes up around 2~8% of milk (by weight).

- Maltose: Glucose & Glucose
 - Malt Sugar (Maltose is the disaccharide produced when amylase breaks down starch. It is found in germinating seeds such as barley as they break down their starch stores to use for food. It is also produced when glucose is caramelized.)



Polysaccharides

Cellulose: Structural material in plant cell walls



• Starch: Energy storage molecule in plant cells



Polysaccharides Continued...

Chitin: Tough/hard polymer found in the exoskeleton of insects and arthropods



Glycogen: Storage compound in animal tissues (liver and muscle)



Some examples of *mono-, di-* and *poly-saccharides*:



plants	mono-	fructose	monosaccharides are small, easily absorbed sugars - fast releases for repiration	
	di-	sucrose	soluble but unreactive, so can be transported around the plant in the phloem.	and the second
	poly-	cellulose starch	large and insoluble - makes the plant cell wall Starch: insoluble plant energy storage molecule	

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Polysaccharides (such as glycogen) are polymers more than two molecules.

They are often very long and may be branched.

Glycosidic bonds can be 1-4 or 1-6 (carbon links)



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1-6 bond bent chains

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CH₂OH

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1-4 bond



http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons /thumb/0/0d/Glycogen.png/468px-Glycogen.png 6

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Lipids

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Double bonds = unsaturated fats



These animal fats are solid at room temperature

These plant oils are liquid at room temperature

Can you deduce the meanings of *mono-unsaturated* and *poly-unsaturated*?

Some more animations on triglycerides:



http://www.tvdsb.on.ca/westmin/Science/sbioac/biochem/triglyc.htm



 <u>http://www.biotopics.co.uk/as/lipidcondensation.</u> <u>html</u>

Energy storage - more efficient than carbohydrates

- oils in plants and fish
- fats in animals

Plasma Membranes

- phospholipid bilayer!

WATCH

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Functions of Lipids

Thermal insulation

subcutaneous fat insulates against heat loss

Buoyancy floating - less dense than water

Protection fat acts as a shock absorber

Hormones

Solvent dissolves some vitamins

Nervous function insulates nerve cells (myelin)

http://www.somers.k12.ct.us/~mporter/images/PolarBearIce.jpeg

- cholesterol

Uses of lipids: buoyancy



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_l-5Indoqw

Uses of lipids: thermal insulation

How and why are these investigations carried out under different experimental conditions?



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vccnaNSwUs4



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-aG4WdqiDU

Proteins (Intro)

Amino acids are the monomer of proteins (polypeptides)



The R group is interchangeable - giving 20 different amino acids:



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Condensation forms a peptide bond:



http://www2.nl.edu/jste/proteins.htm

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Hydrolysis is the reverse of condensation.

Water is split to break bonds apart.



Hydrolysis of dipeptides:



http://www.biotopics.co.uk/as/aminocon.html



Essential Amino Acids?

- The amino acids regarded as essential for humans are phenylalanine, valine, threonine, tryptophan, isoleucine, methionine, leucine, lysine, and histidine.
- Additionally, cysteine (or sulphur-containing amino acids), tyrosine (or aromatic amino acids), and arginine are required by infants and growing children.
- Essential amino acids are "essential" not because they are more important to life than the others, but because the body does not synthesize them, making it essential to include them in one's diet in order to obtain them.
- In addition, the amino acids arginine, cysteine, glycine, glutamine, histidine, proline, serine and tyrosine are considered conditionally essential, meaning they are not normally required in the diet, but must be supplied to specific populations that do not synthesize it in adequate amounts.

PKU

 An example would be with the disease phenylketonuria (PKU). Individuals living with PKU must keep their intake of phenylalanine extremely low to prevent mental retardation and other metabolic complications. However, they cannot synthesize tyrosine from phenylalanine, so tyrosine becomes essential in the diet of PKU patients.

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Summary of condensation and hydrolysis reactions:



How do carbohydrates, fats and proteins compare?



Carbohydrates 17 kJ g⁻¹

quickly digested and used: excess stored as fat Fats 38 kJ g⁻¹

used for storage (most efficient) Proteins 13 kJ g⁻¹

digested quickly used in muscle

fast release of energy

slow release of energy

muscles use energy! (mitochondria)

needs less oxygen to release energy (ideal for oxygen-debt, or high-impact exercise)

needs more oxygen to release energy

muscle is lost when calories are restricted

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food_energy

Review check

For each of carbohydrates, proteins and lipids can you...?

- 1. Identify, draw and name the monomers?
- 2. Outline the reactions to join molecules together?
- 3. Outline the reactions to break polymers down?
- 4. Outline their role in energy storage?
- 5. State their functions?

ChemSketching organic molecules:

Can you draw, 3D render and animate these molecules?





How about making a triglyceride?



Get the sofware here: http://www.acdlabs.com/download/



Which structure represents an amino acid?











Past paper question

Which molecule is: i. ribose ii. generalised fatty acid iii. generalised amino acid

Discuss which two molecules are most similar in structure.