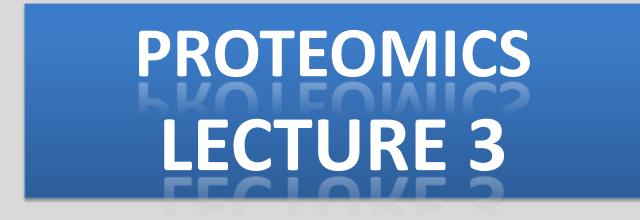
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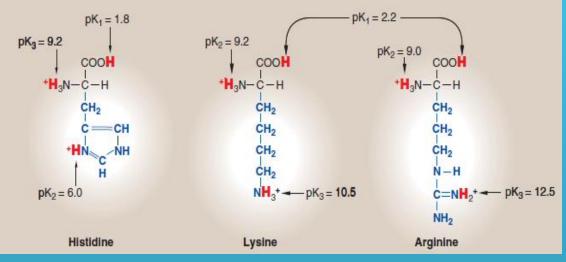


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Chemical classification of amino acids

<u>2. Amino acids with basic side chains:</u>

The side chains of the basic amino acids accept protons.



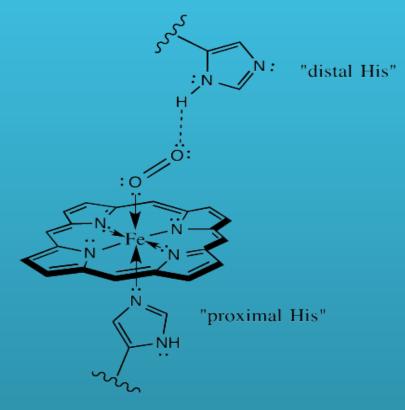
At physiologic pH:

- Lysine and arginine are positively charged.
- Histidine is weakly basic, and the free amino acid is largely uncharged.

Chemical classification of amino acids

Histidine:

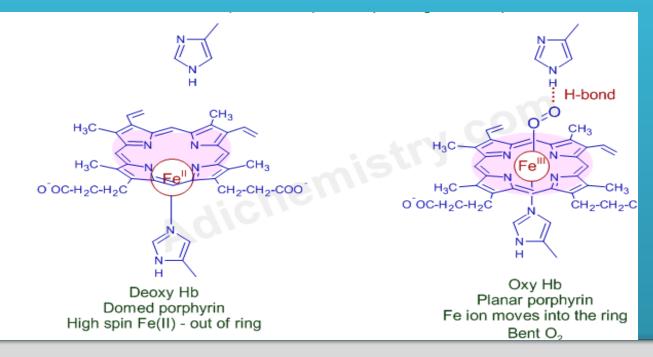
• There are two types of histidine in each heme proximal histidine distal histidine.



Chemical classification of amino acids

Histidine:

- In deoxygenated hemoglobin: the proximal histidine pulls the iron in heme out of the plane of the heme molecule.
- In oxygenated hemoglobin: the distal histidine prevents oxidizing molecules from oxidizing the heme iron.



Nutritional classification of amino acids

Essential amino acids:

These amino acids can't be formed in the body and so, it is essential to be taken in diet. Their deficiency affects growth, health and protein synthesis.

2. Semiessential amino acids:

Semi-essential amino acids are arginine and histidine. These are formed in the body in sufficient amounts for adults, but not in sufficient amounts for body requirements in children.

3. Nonessential amino acids:

These are the rest of the amino acids that are formed in the body in amounts enough for adults and children. They are the remaining 10 amino acids.

Metabolic classification of amino acids

<u>1. Glucogenic amino acids:</u>

They are amino acids that can be converted into glucose via gluconeogenesis. In amino acid catabolism, Glucogenic amino acids form pyruvate or other glucose precursors as an intermediate

2. Ketogenic amino acids:

They are amino acids that form acetyl CoA or acetoacetylCoA. These are precursors for ketone Lysine and Leucine are the only pure ketogenic amino acids.

3. Mixed ketogenic and glucogenic amino acids:

They give both ketone bodies and glucose. They include phenylalanine, isoleucine, threonine, tryptophan, and tyrosine.

Biomedical importance of amino acids:

- **1.** Amino acids enter in the structure of:
- Body peptides and proteins e g plasma proteins, tissue proteins, enzymes.
- Hormones Some hormones are AA derivatives e g thyroxine, catecholamines.
- Amines Some amino acids give amines by decarboxylation e g histidine gives histamine which is vasodilator.
- 2. Some amino acids as glycine and glutamate act as neurotransmitter
- **3.** Some amino acids are used in detoxication reactions as glycine.
- 4. Essential amino acids support growth in infants and maintain health in adults.

A. Solubility:

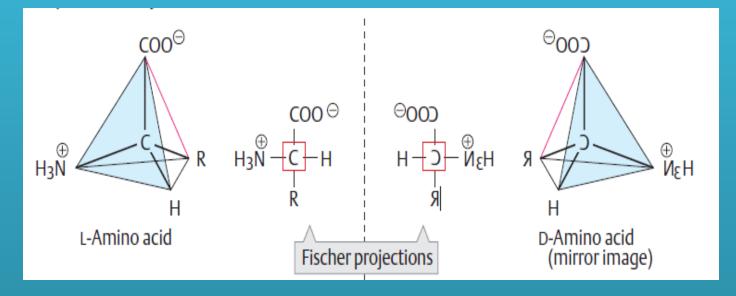
All amino acids soluble in water, dilute acid, dilute alkalies and ethanol.

B. Melting point:

Amino acids have a high melting points above 200 0 C They are very stable molecules.

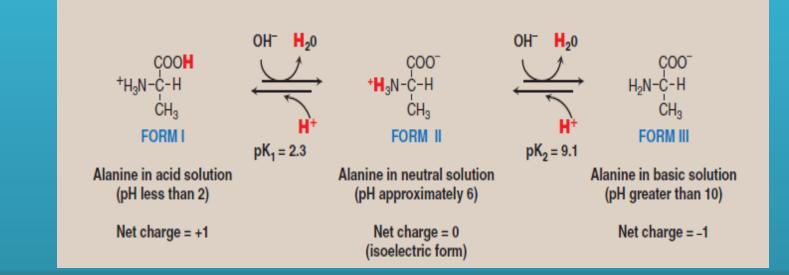
C. Optical activity:

The α-carbon of an amino acid is attached to four different chemical groups and is, therefore, a chiral or optically active carbon atom. Glycine is the exception.



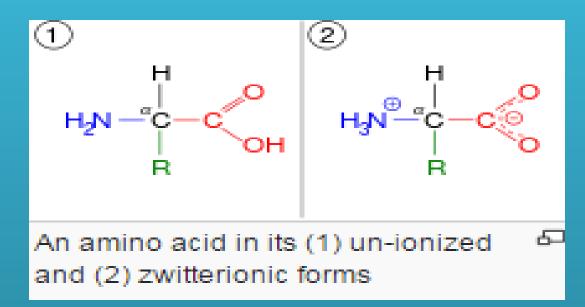
D. Acidic and basic properties:

The presence of both an amino group and a carboxyl group in amino acids lead to:
<u>1. Amino acids have amphoteric properties.</u>



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The presence of both an amino group and a carboxyl group in amino acids lead to:Amino acids can form zwitter ions or dipolar ions



The dipolar nature of amino acids gives them some unusual properties:

- Amino acids have high melting points.
- Amino acids are more soluble in water than they are in ether, dichloromethane, and other common organic solvents.
- Amino acids are less acidic than most carboxylic acids and less basic than most amines.





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