# **2.2 Cell Construction**

- Elemental composition of typical bacterial cell
  - C 50%, O 20%, N 14%, H 8%, P 3%, S 1%, and others (K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg <sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, vitamin)

#### Molecular building blocks

- Lipids
- Carbohydrates
- Proteins
- Nucleic acid
  - DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
  - RNA (ribonucleic acid)

## **Molecular Components of Cells**



# **Subunits of Biological Molecules**

Class of Molecule	Examples	Smallest Repeating Unit
Lipid	Fats, oils	Glycerol, fatty acid
Carbohydrate	Sugars, starch, cellulose	Simple sugars
Nucleic acid	DNA, RNA	Nucleotide
Proteins	Enzymes	Amino acids

# **Amino Acids and Primary Structure**

- Amino acids
  - Amino group
  - Carboxyl group
  - R group; 20 Side chains
- Peptide bond
  - Between NH<sub>2</sub> and COOH
- Polypeptide
  - A chain of amino acids
  - N terminus and C terminus



# **Proteins**

- Amino acids
  - Building blocks of proteins
  - Hydrophilic backbone
    + 20 side chains
- Polypeptide
  - Amino acid chains linked by peptide bond
- Three-dimensional structure
  - Determines protein function
  - Determined by amino acid sequence





#### **Amino Acids**



# **Biological Function of Proteins**

- Structural proteins
- Catalytic proteins
- Transport proteins
- Regulatory proteins
- Protective proteins

# **Primary and Secondary Structure**

- Primary structure
  - Linear arrangement (sequence) of amino acids
- Secondary structure
  - Core elements of protein architecture
  - Local folding of polypeptide chain
    - $\alpha$  helix,  $\beta$  sheet : 60% of the polypeptide chain
    - Random coils and U-shaped turn

### **Three Dimensional Structure of Protein**

- Primary structure
- Secondary structure
- Tertiary structure
- Quaternary structure
  - only proteins with multiple polypeptides

# Common Hydrogen Bonds in Biological Systems



# $\alpha$ -Helix

- Hydrogen bond between O (C=O, n) and H (NH, n+4)
- Directionality on the helix : The same orientation of H bond donor
- Side chains point outward : Determine hydrophobic or hydrophilic quality



# $\beta$ -Sheet

- Hydrogen bonding between β strands
   → β sheet, pleated sheet
- Usually not flat, but twisted



# **Tertiary Structure**

- Overall folding of a polypeptide chain
- Stabilization
  - weak interaction
    - Hydrophobic interaction between nonpolar side chains
    - Hydrogen bond between polar side chains and peptide bonds
  - Disulfide bond formation



#### **Quaternary Structure**

- Association of multiple polypeptide chains
  - Lambda repressor : dimer
  - *E. coli* RNA polymerase : Five polypeptide chains



# 2.2.3 Carbohydrates: Mono- and Polysaccharides

- C: H: O = 1:2:1
- Simple sugars (monosaccharide)
- Disaccharide
  - sucrose (glucose + fructose)
  - lactose (galactose + glucose)
- Polysaccharide
  - pectin, starch, cellulose --- from glucose
  - agar, carrageenan (thickener for ice cream)

#### **Linear and Ring Structure**

- p 34 (glucose structure)
- Monosaccharide may be present in the form of a linear or ring structure.
- In solution, it is in the form of a ring structure.



#### **Mono- and Disaccharides**

A. Simple sugars



### **Polysaccharides**

Amylose (α-1,4-Glycosidic linkage)



Cellulose (β-1,4-Glycosidic linkage)



# **Polysaccharides**

Amylopectin (branched chain, α-1,6-Glycosidic linkage)



### **Roles of Carbohydrates**

- Carbohydrates in molecular recognition
  - Often found connected to other molecules on the outsides of cells --- cellular recognition, cell signaling, cell adhesion
  - e.g. blood typing : sugar chains in the membrane of RBC



# **Blood Type**









# **Adopted? Type-B Boyfriend?**



# **Blood Type**







# Happy again!



#### 2.2.4. Lipids, Fats, and Steroids

- Hydrophobic fats, oils, and cholesterol etc.
- High energy C-H, C-C bonds → good energy storage
- Fats : glycerol + fatty acids (Table 2.6 example of fatty acid)



C. A fat



# Lipid

#### Fatty acid

- Saturated: tight packing → solid at room temperature
- Unsaturated: more double bonds  $\rightarrow$  liquid



- Glycerol backbone
- two fatty acids (hydrophobic)+ phosphate (hydrophilic)



# **Steroids**

CH<sub>2</sub>

CH<sub>2</sub>

CH<sub>2</sub>

CH

- Cyclic hydrocarbon compounds
- Cholesterol (well-known steroid)
  - Component of animal cell membranes
    - Increase membrane fluidity





## 2.2.5. Nucleic Acids, RNA, and DNA

#### Nucleotides

- Building blocks of nucleic acids
- (deoxy)ribose + phosphate group
  + base
- Bases: adenine (A), guanine (G), cytosine (C), thymine (T)

#### Terminology

- Base
- Nucleoside : sugar + base
- Nucleotide : sugar + base + phosphate



#### **Nucleotides**



### AMP, ADP, ATP

A. Adenosine monophosphate (AMP)



#### **Nucleotide Chains**

Linkage of 5' carbon to 3' carbon through phosphodiester bond



### **Nucleotide Chains**

- Fig. 2.15 Structure of Bases
- Base pairing
  - C=G, T=A : hydrogen bonding
  - Complementary base pairs
  - Antipararallel strand in DNA molecule







#### Chromosome

Tightly packed complex of DNA and histone proteins



# **DNA Replication**

- Synthesis of a complementary strand using the other strand as a template
- DNA polymerase



