General structure [edit]

In the structure shown at the top of the page, **R** represents a side chain specific to each amino acid. The carbon atom next to the carboxyl group (which is therefore numbered 2 in the carbon chain starting from that functional group) is called the α -carbon. Amino acids containing an amino group bonded directly to the alpha carbon are referred to as *alpha amino acids*.^[34] These include amino acids such as proline which contain secondary amines, which used to be often referred to as "imino acids".^{[35][36][37]}

Isomerism [edit]

The alpha amino acids are the most common form found in nature, but only when occurring in the L-isomer. The alpha carbon is a chiral carbon atom, with the exception of glycine which has two indistinguishable hydrogen atoms on the alpha carbon.^[38] Therefore, all alpha amino acids but glycine can exist in either of two enantiomers, called L or D amino acids, which are mirror images of each other (*see also Chirality*). While Lamino acids represent all of the amino acids found in proteins during translation in the ribosome, D-amino acids are found in some proteins produced by enzyme posttranslational modifications after translation and translocation to the endoplasmic reticulum, as in exotic sea-dwelling organisms such as cone snails.^[39] They are also abundant components of the peptidoglycan cell walls of bacteria,^[40] and D-serine may act as a neurotransmitter in the brain.^[41] D-amino acids are used in racemic crystallography to create centrosymmetric crystals, which (depending on the protein) may allow for easier and more robust protein structure determination.^[42]





(L)-(-)-Glyceraldehyde

(D)-(+)-Glyceraldehyde



At equilibrium:
$$K_{\text{equilibrium}} = \frac{[\text{Products}]}{[\text{Reactants}]} = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^{\bigcirc}][\text{H}_3\text{O}^{\bigcirc}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$$

Assume: $[H_2O] = 55$ M and does not change

$$K_{\rm a} = K_{\rm equilibrium} [H_2O] = K_{\rm equilibrium} [55 M]$$

$$K_{a} = \frac{[CH_{3}CO_{2}^{\bigcirc}][H_{3}O^{\textcircled{\oplus}}]}{[CH_{3}CO_{2}H]} \qquad pK_{a} = -\log K_{a}$$

A stronger acid has a _____ value of
$$pK_a$$

A weaker acid has a ______ value of pK_a



Reaction Coordinate

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$$K_{eq} = 10^{(pK_a H-B - pK_a H-A)}$$

Example $CH_{3}S-H + HO^{\bigcirc} \implies CH_{3}S^{\bigcirc} + H_{2}O$ ${}_{pK_{a}=7} \qquad {}_{pK_{a}=15.7}$ $K_{eq} = 10^{(-)} = 10^{()}$



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Amino acid

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Amino acids are organic

compounds containing amine (-NH₂) and carboxyl (-COOH) functional groups, along with a side chain (R group) specific to each amino acid.^{[1][2][3]} The key elements of an amino acid are carbon (C), hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), and nitrogen (N), although other elements are







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Naming Alkenes

General Directions:

- 1. Locate longest continuous chain.
- 2. Number the chain so the double bond gets the lowest possible number.
- 3. For the parent chain name, use "-ene" not "-ane" as suffix and place a number to indicate the location of the double bond before the main chain name.
- 4. Make the suffix "-adiene", "-atriene", etc. if multiple double bonds are present.

<u>cis/trans nomenclature</u> – older chemical nomenclature, but still used commonly in biochemistry – most useful when each sp^2 atom of the double bond has an H atom.

- 1. Track the longest chain through the double bond
 - a. *cis* if whole main chain is on the same side of the double bond.
 - b. *trans* if chain emerges on opposite sides of the double bond.

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E,Z **nomenclature** - A general IUPAC nomenclature to names alkenes.



Z (zusammen) = zame zide, zame zide, zame zide

E (entgegen) = opposite side

- 5. On each carbon of the double bond rank the two groups according to the Cahn, Ingold, Prelog priority rules (*R* vs. S rules).
- 6. If both of the highest-ranking groups are on the zame zide of the double bond it is **Z**.
- 7. If both of the highest-ranking groups are on opposite sides of the double bond it is *E*.







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Potential Energy



