

## Lecture 23 (11/9/20)

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Ch9; 319-325, 346
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Ch8 (study-guide: facts); 10,11  
Ch9 (text); 1,2,3,4  
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Ch24 (study-guide: facts); 3,5,6  
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Ch26 (study-guide: facts); 7  
Ch27 (text); 1,2,3,4

### NEXT

- Reading: Ch9; 328-332  
Ch25; 990-995, 1005-1012
- Problems: Ch9 (study-guide: applying); 1,2  
Ch9 (study-guide: facts); 7,8  
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## Nucleic Acids

### A. The 4 S's

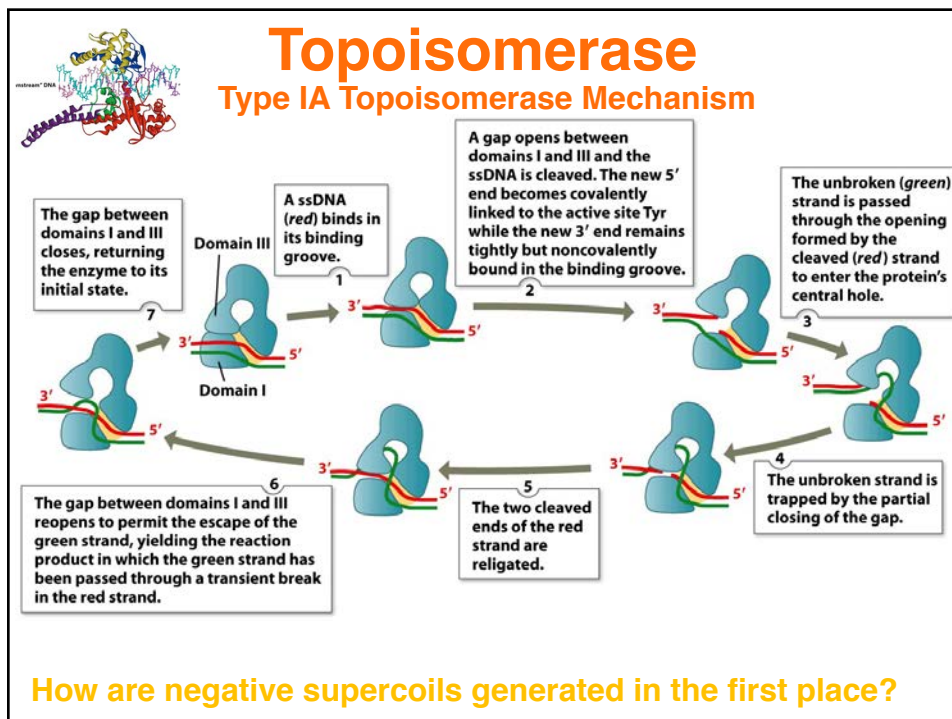
1. Size
2. Solubility
3. Shape
  - a. A-DNA
  - b. Z-DNA
  - c. Topology
    - i. Packaging
    - ii. Supercoiling
    - iii. Topoisomerases
4. Stability
  - a. Nucleotides
    - i. Tautomers
    - ii. Acid/base
  - b. Nucleic Acids
    - i. Chemistry
    - ii. Denaturation
    - iii. Stability
    - iv. Nucleases

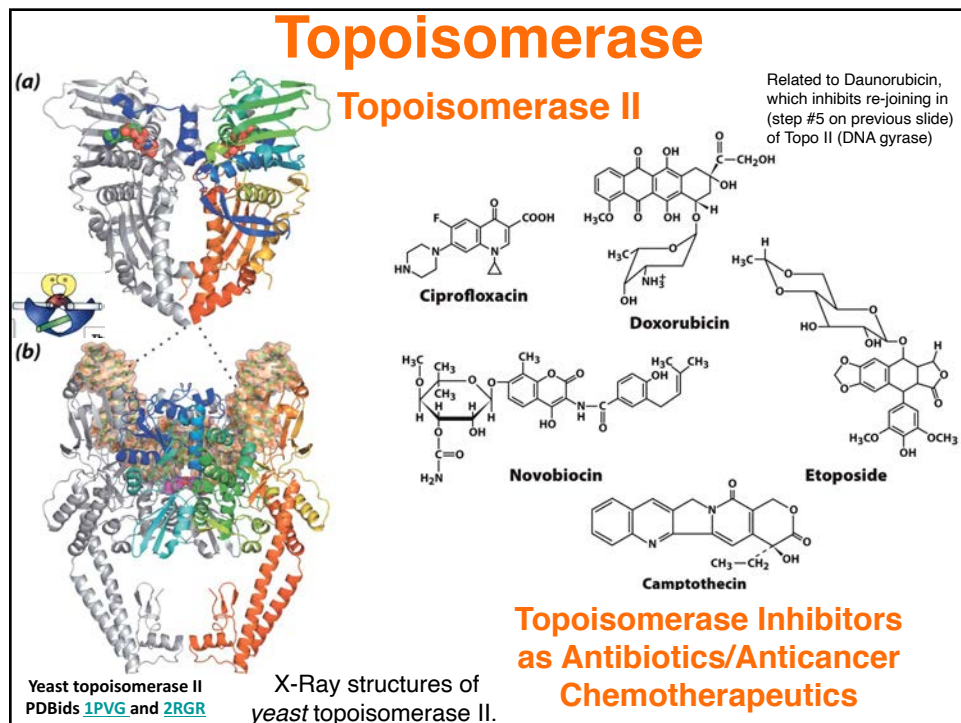
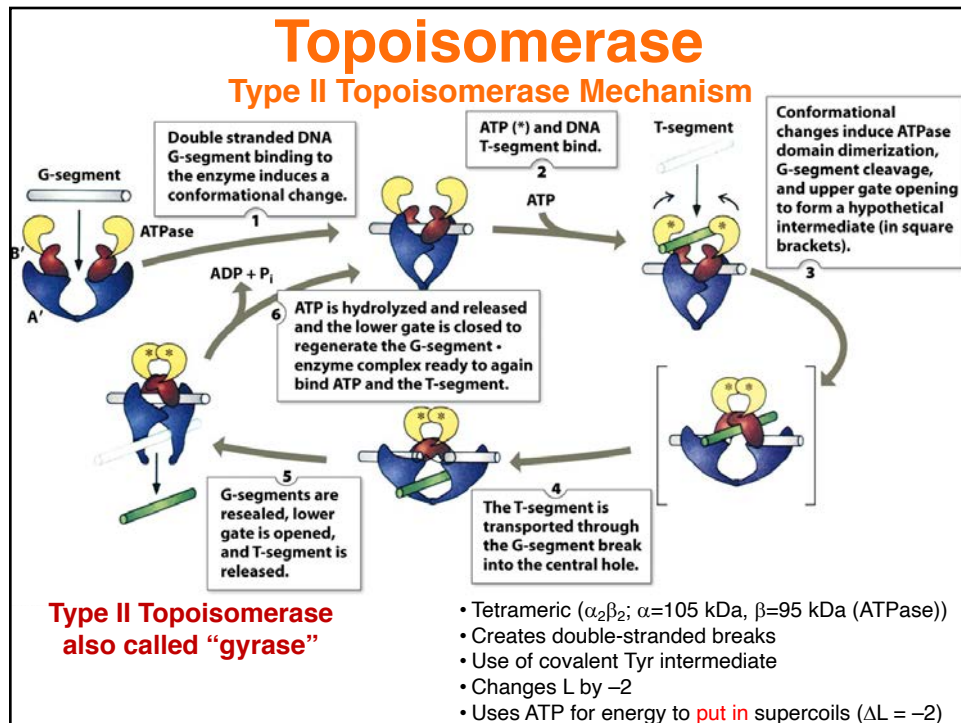
### B. Structure of the Information

1. Exceptions to flow
2. Structure
3. Levels of Control

### C. Recombinant DNA: Biochemical Basis of Biotechnology

1. Restriction enzymes, DNA ligase
2. Vectors and Inserts to make recombinant DNA (rDNA)
3. Transformation of hosts
4. Selection of transformants
5. Expression
6. Site-directed mutagenesis

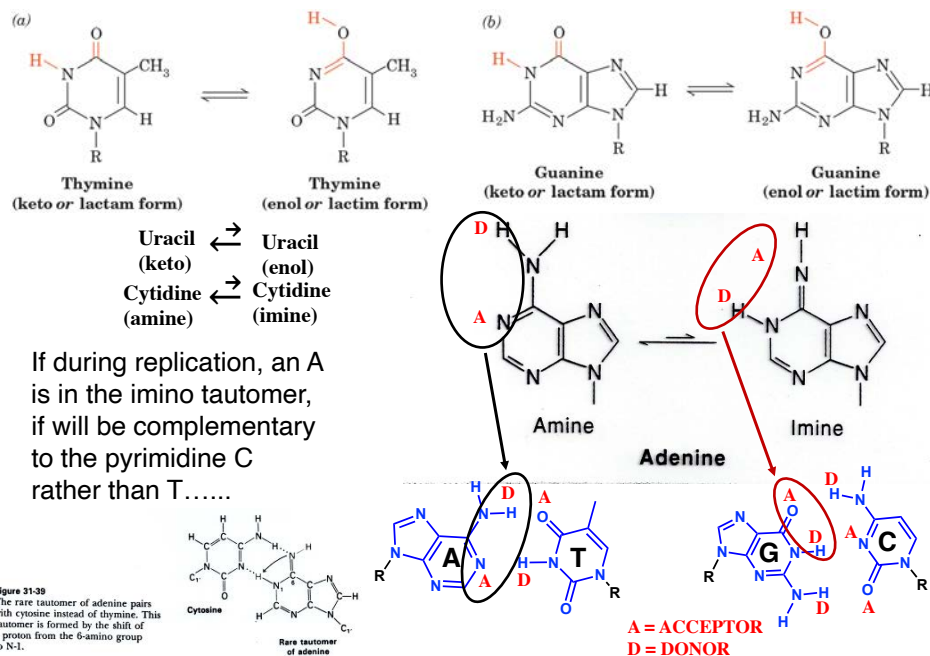


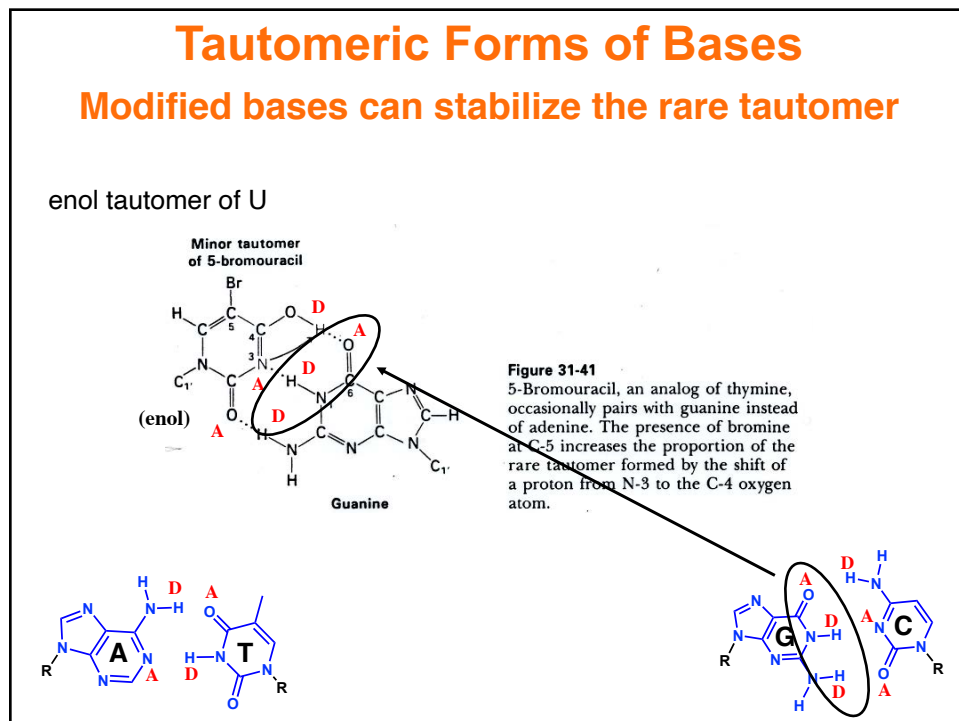
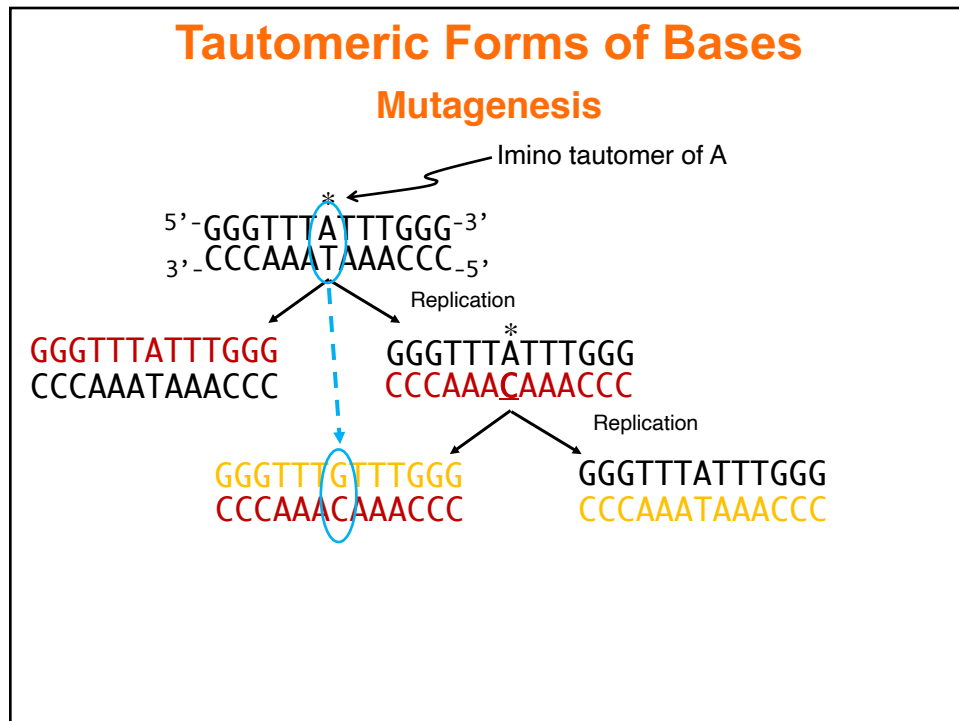


# The 4 S's

Size  
Solubility  
Shape  
Stability

## Tautomeric Forms of Bases





## Acid/base Properties of Bases

At pH 7, all bases are neutral. They can fit into middle of B-DNA without repulsions

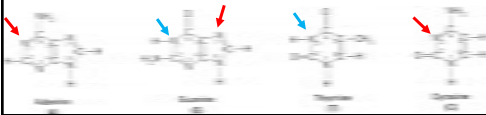
But, acidic or basic treatment will protonate or deprotonate these bases.

At low pH, N7 of guanine, N1 of adenine, and N3 of cytosine become protonated.

At high pH, N1 of Guanine and N3 of Uracil (Thymine) become deprotonated.

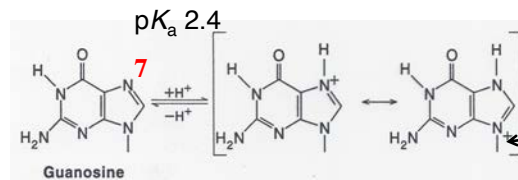
**Table 26.2**  
Ionization Constants of the Ribonucleotides  
(Presented as pK<sup>\*</sup> Values)

|                              | Base     | Secondary Phosphate | Primary Phosphate |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Adenosine-5'-phosphate (AMP) | 3.8      | 6.1                 | 0.9               |
| Uridine-5'-phosphate (UMP)   | 9.4      | 6.4                 | 1.0               |
| Cytidine-5'-phosphate (CMP)  | 4.5      | 6.3                 | 0.8               |
| Guanosine-5'-phosphate (GMP) | 2.4, 9.4 | 6.1                 | 0.7               |

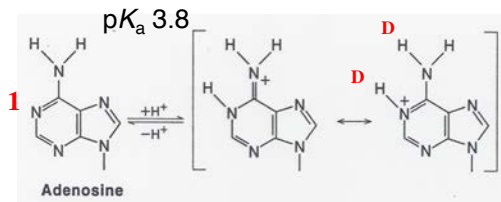


## Acid/base Properties of Bases

**Charged bases can de-stabilize the glycosidic bond and mutagenesis**



Destabilizes glycosidic bond, leads to "AP-site" \*



Leads to A → G mutations

\* "AP-site" refers to a-purinic or a-pyridinic site

## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

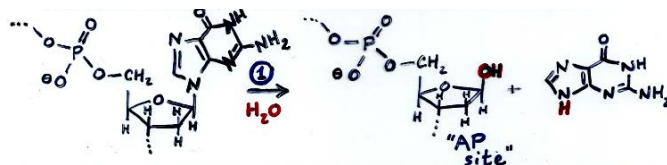
### DNA Damage:

- oxidation
- alkylation
- degradation

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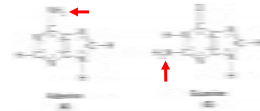
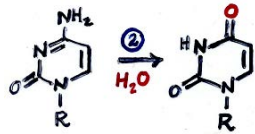


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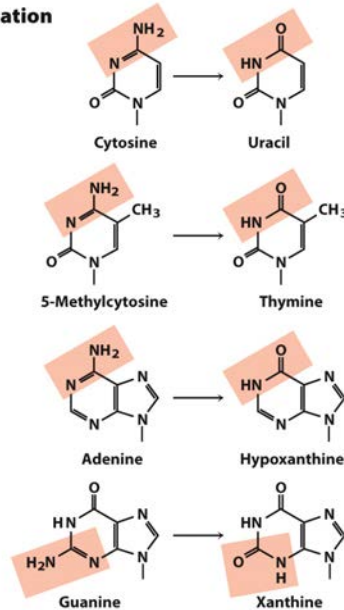
Deamination of C  
yields U, which leads to  
C → T mutations



## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

### Deamination

Frequency



50

50

2

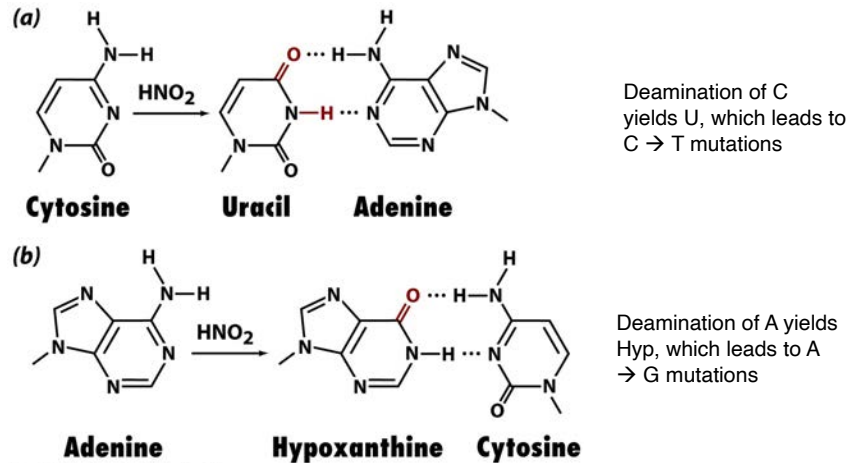
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Figure 8-29a



## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

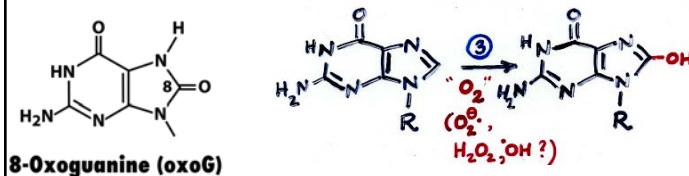
### Point-mutation by Oxidation: Nitrous Acid



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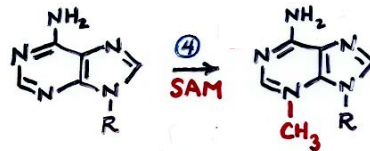
8-Oxoguanine favors the *syn* conformation, which leads to O<sup>8</sup>-G:A bp (G → T mutations)



## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

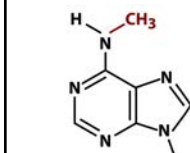
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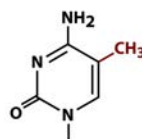


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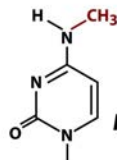
### DNA Methylation



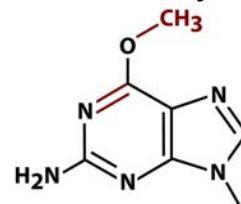
**N<sup>6</sup>-Methyladenine (m<sup>6</sup>A) residue**



**5-Methylcytosine (m<sup>5</sup>C) residue**



**N<sup>4</sup>-Methylcytosine (m<sup>4</sup>C) residue**



**O<sup>6</sup>-Methylguanine residue**

Some methylations are damaging.

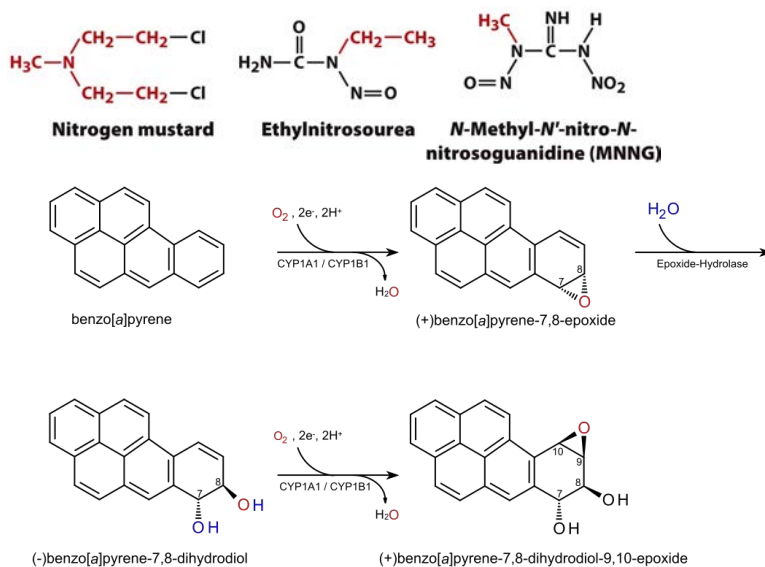
- Methylation of G at O6 can base-pair with C or T, which causes G → A mutations

Some methylations are important.

- Methylation for endonuclease restriction recognition or protect DNA from digestion by endonuclease.
- Methyl group lie in the major groove and can be used in the interaction with DNA interaction proteins.
- Importance of DNA methylation in replication: it is used to differentiate between the new and old strand. If there is a mutation, the repairing system will use the methylated strand as the template.
- In mammalian system, the promoter region has regular CpG content. Methylation at these sites can switch off eukaryotic gene expression.

## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

### Alkylating Agents



## Other Chemical Changes of Bases

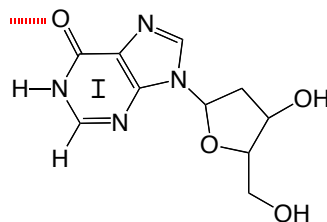
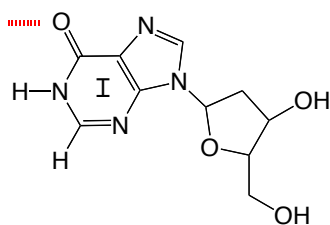
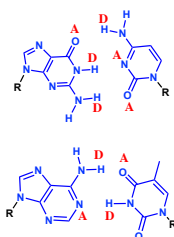
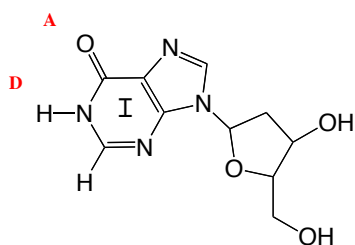
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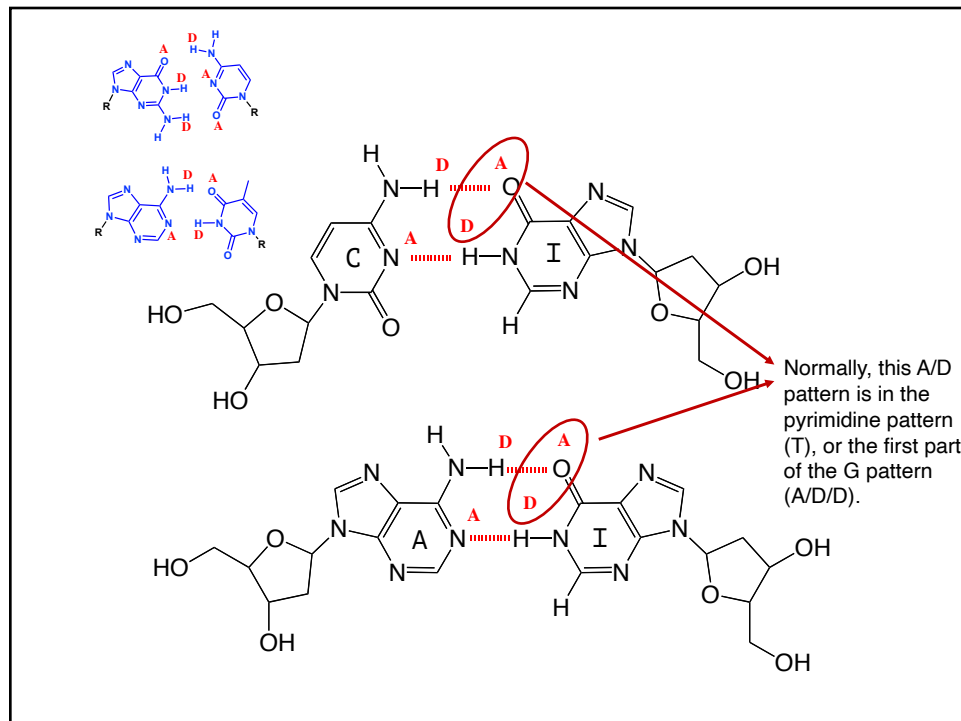
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## Problem

- Hypoxanthine (Hyp) is an oxidized (deaminated) derivative of adenine. As the nucleoside inosine, it can base-pair with both cytidine and adenosine. Draw the structures of these base-pairs.





## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### Acid/base treatment of DNA

In Base: deprotonation at G (N1) & U (N3) destabilizes the glycosidic bond, which leads to AP-sites.

In Acid: protonates at A (N1), C (N3), & G (N7). For C & G, this also destabilizes the glycosidic bond, which leads to AP-sites

AP-sites can lead to cleavage of the phosphodiester bond

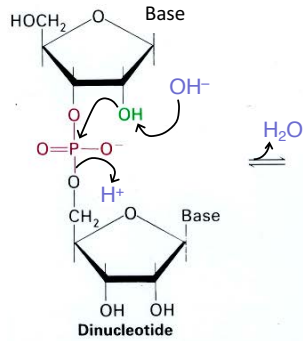
**BOTH acid or base lead to ssDNA**

### Acid/base treatment of RNA

Similar generation of AP sites, except importantly in Base:  
complete cleavage of the phosphodiester bonds!

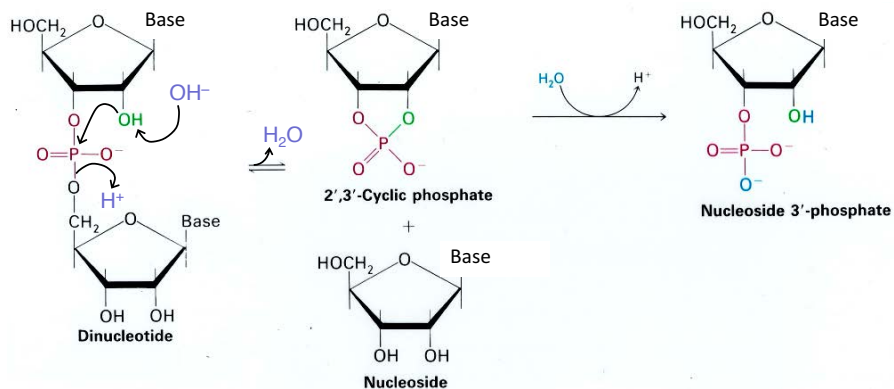
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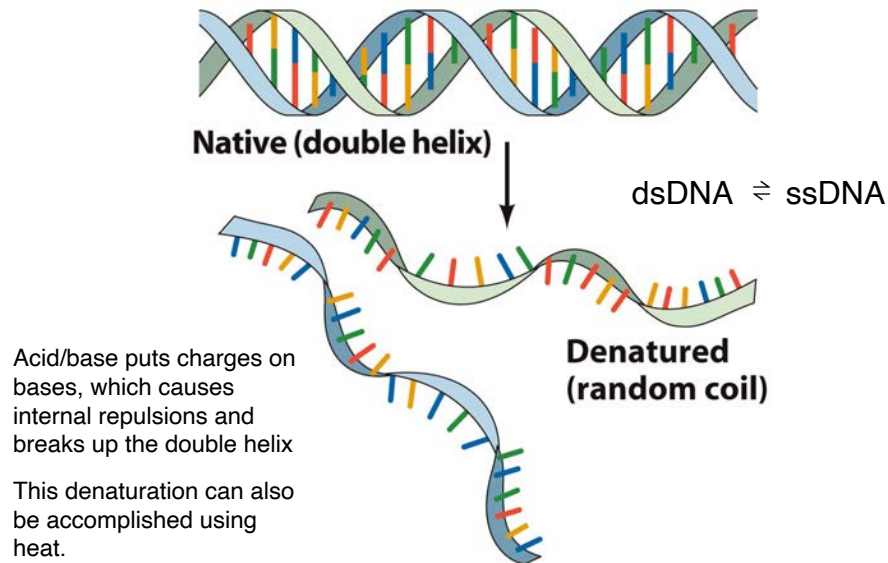
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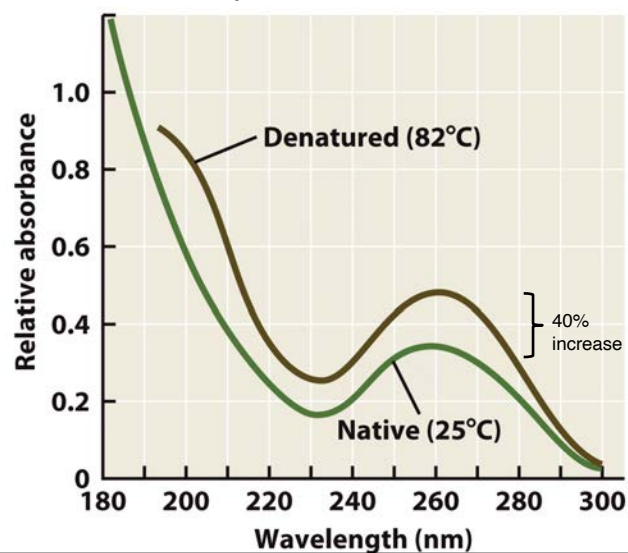
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## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Denaturation

UV Spectrum: Native vs. Denatured DNA



This denaturation causes a hyperchromic shift.

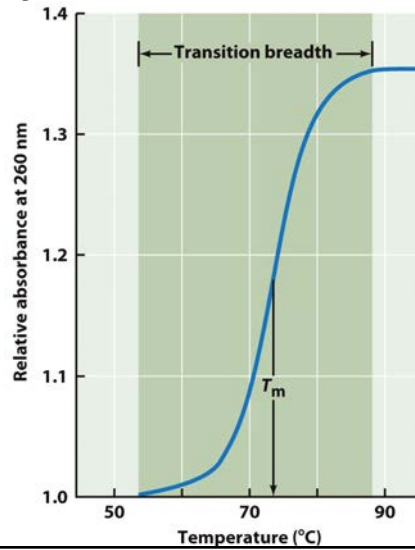
This makes a nice "observable" ( $A_{260}$ ) and "perturbable" (heat).

What will such a plot of  $A_{260}$  vs. Temp. look like?

## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Denaturation

#### DNA Melting Curve



Like protein denaturation, this is a cooperative process.

This  $T_m$  value is dependent on a number of parameters.  
The shape is dependent on the sequence and size.

## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Denaturation

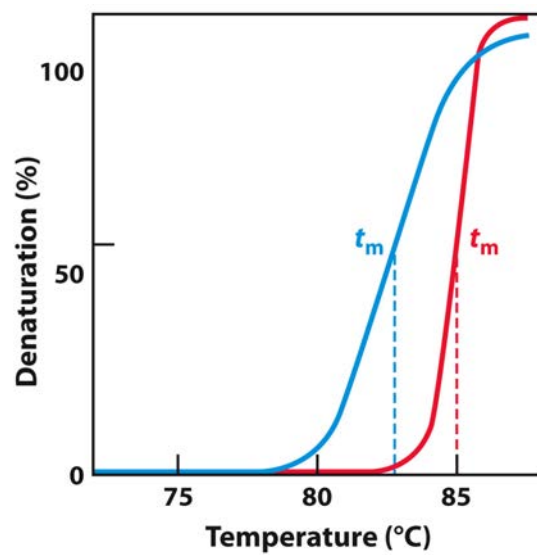


Figure 8-27a



## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Denaturation

This  $T_m$  value is dependent on:

- [salt]
- solvents (urea, formamide, guanidine salts)
- G:C content of sequence

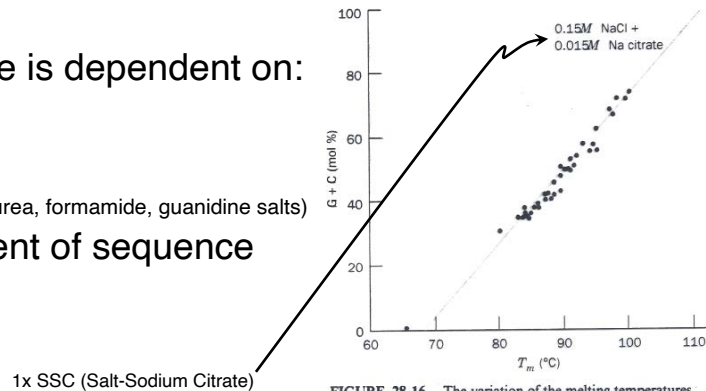


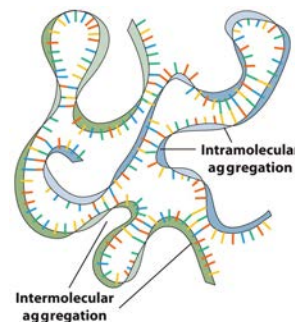
FIGURE 28-16. The variation of the melting temperatures,  $T_m$ , of various DNAs with their G + C content. The DNAs were dissolved in a solution containing 0.15M NaCl and 0.015M Na citrate. [After Marmur, J. and Doty, P., *J. Mol. Biol.* 5, 113 (1962).]

## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Renaturation

ssDNA  $\rightleftharpoons$  dsDNA

- Also called re-annealing or hybridization
- Depends on conditions (temp, [salt], solvent) that are maintained BELOW the  $T_m$  value.
- In addition, the proper formation of the complete, pristine, double helix (completely double-stranded) requires the proper amount of TIME and CONCENTRATION of nucleic acid.
- Plots of this are called  $C_0t$  curves, which are much like  $T_m$  curves.
- $C_0t$  values are dependent on the complexity of the sequence.
- Not enough time, you get scrambled structures
- Given enough time, very specific annealing occurs....



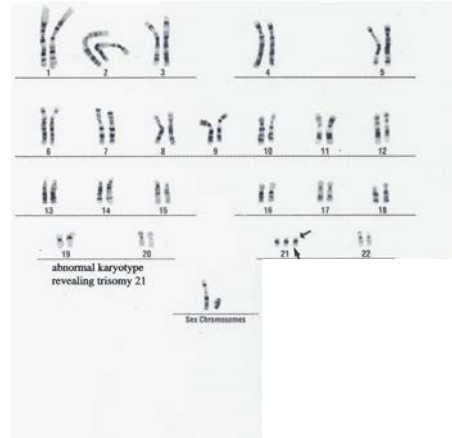
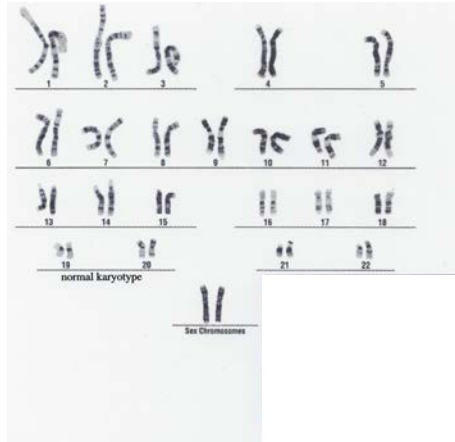
Partially Renatured DNA



## Stability of the Polymers: Nucleic Acids

### DNA Renaturation

EXAMPLE: Karyotyping



Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)

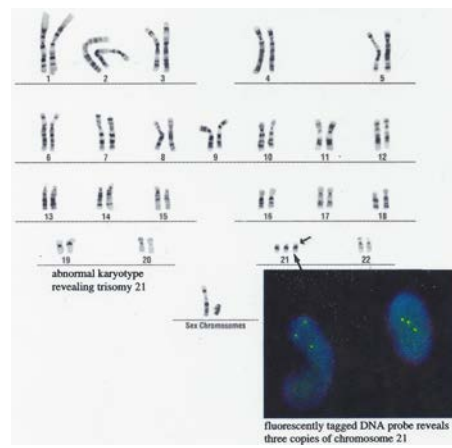
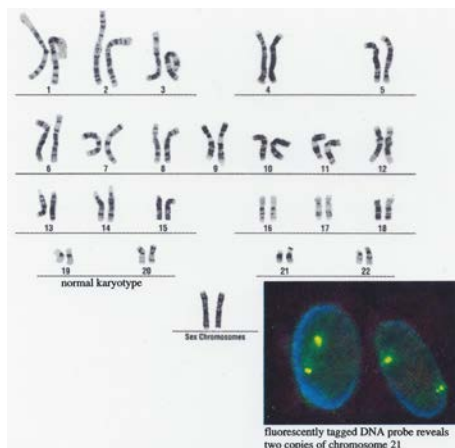
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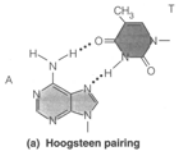
| Base Pair                      | $K(M^{-1})^a$ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Self-Association</b>        |               |
| A · A                          | 3.1           |
| U · U                          | 6.1           |
| C · C                          | 28            |
| G · G                          | $10^3 - 10^4$ |
| <b>Watson-Crick Base Pairs</b> |               |
| A · U                          | 100           |
| G · C                          | $10^4 - 10^5$ |

<sup>a</sup> Data measured in deuteriochloroform at 25°C.  
Source: Kyogoku, Y., Lord, R. C., and Rich, A., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **179**, 10 (1969).

Hoogsteen bp is very stable

C:C nearly as stable as A:U

G:G more stable than A:U and as much as G:C



## Stability of the Polymers: What is responsible for STABILITY of dsDNA

What forces operate? If it's not the H-bonds, then what is it?

- Ionic/electrostatics (salt-bridges)?

It's a poly-anion; so charges actually de-stabilize

- Hydrophobic?

Unlike proteins, where this is the driving force, experiments show that the ssDNA ⇌ dsDNA reaction is enthalpy driven process; ∴ bonds

- van der Waals?

**Yes!** This is the most important. As uniform bp come together due to **complementarity**, the planer bases "stack" on each other and are close enough ( $< 2 \text{ \AA}$ ) to generate induced dipoles.

Once started, it "zips" together as long as there are **complementary** bp being formed.

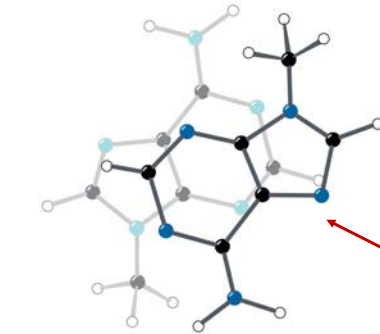
**Stacking energy = stability**

**H-bonds in **complementary** bp = specificity**

## Stability of the Polymers: What is responsible for STABILITY of dsDNA

So, if its stacking energy, why are G:C rich sequences more stable than A:T rich sequences?

### Stacking Energies in B-DNA



Adenine ring stacking

TABLE 24-2 Stacking Energies for the Ten Possible Dimers in B-DNA

| Stacked Dimer | Stacking Energy (kJ · mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---------------|---|
| C · G         | -61.0                                     |
| G · C         | -61.0                                     |
| C · G         | -44.0                                     |
| A · T         | -44.0                                     |
| C · G         | -41.0                                     |
| T · A         | -41.0                                     |
| G · C         | -40.5                                     |
| C · G         | -40.5                                     |
| G · C         | -34.6                                     |
| G · C         | -34.6                                     |
| G · C         | -28.4                                     |
| A · T         | -28.4                                     |
| T · A         | -27.5                                     |
| A · T         | -27.5                                     |
| G · C         | -27.5                                     |
| T · A         | -27.5                                     |
| A · T         | -22.5                                     |
| A · T         | -22.5                                     |
| A · T         | -16.0                                     |
| T · A         | -16.0                                     |

Source: Ornstein, R.L., Rein, R., Breen, D.L., and MacElroy, R.D., *Biopolymers* 17, 2356 (1978).

## Stability of the Polymers: Biochemical

- Enzymes that catalyze the hydrolysis of the phosphodiester bonds:
- These enzymes are called “Nucleases”
  - Like proteases, if they cleave in the middle, they are called **endonucleases** (e.g., restriction endonucleases)
  - If they cleave at the ends, they are called **exonucleases**

Exonucleases can be specific for either 5'-ends or 3'-ends, or either double-stranded or single-stranded nucleic acids (e.g., S1 nuclease)
- Also specificity for either DNA (DNases) or RNA (RNases)
  - RNAases are very stable, DNAases require Mg<sup>+2</sup> cofactor
  - Can be inhibited by DEPC or EDTA, respectively