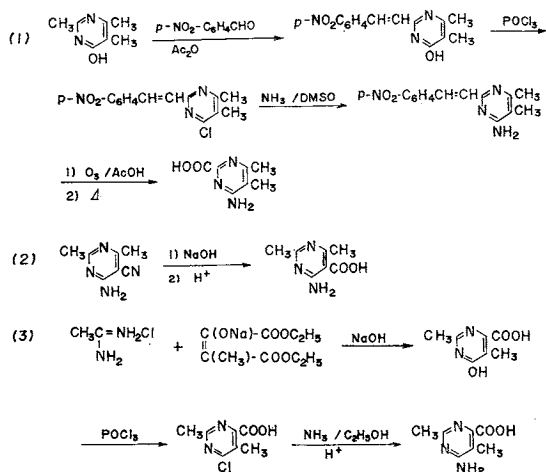


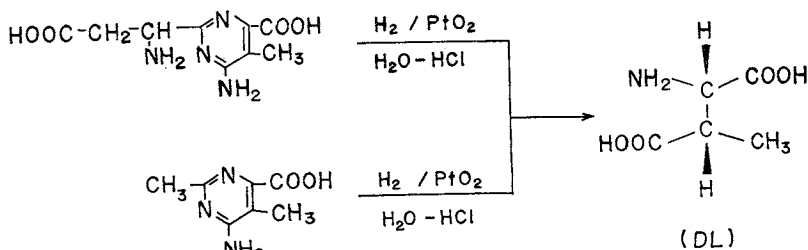


served as model compounds for UV absorption. The scheme of the synthesis is as follows:



Details of the synthesis will be published in a separate paper. Ultraviolet absorption spectra of II and model compounds are shown in Fig. 2. The UV spectrum of II was similar to 4-amino-6-carboxy-2,5-dimethylpyrimidine in dilute alkaline solution.

Compound II and 4-amino-6-carboxy-2,5-dimethylpyrimidine were hydrogenated with platinum catalyst in dilute hydrochloric acid solution. The hydrogenated products were



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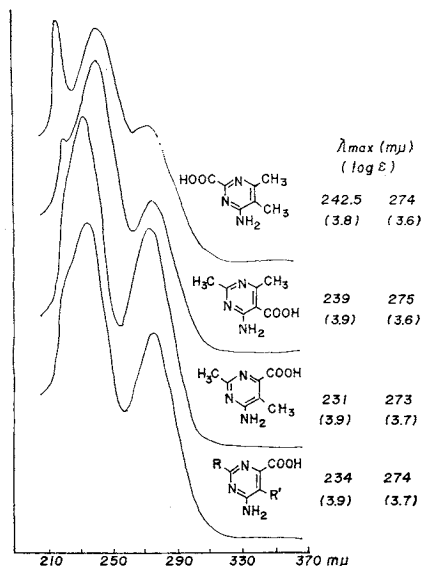
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Fig. 2. UV spectra of 4-amino-pyrimidines (in 0.1 N NaOH)



immediately hydrolyzed with 6 N hydrochloric acid. From both hydrolyzates, DL-threo-methylaspartic acid was isolated as crystals, which was identified by direct comparison of IR spectra with the synthetic material<sup>6</sup>).

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