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## ISOTACHOPHORETIC DETERMINATION OF MOBILITY AND $pK_a$ BY MEANS OF COMPUTER SIMULATION

### V. EVALUATION OF $m_0$ AND $pK_a$ OF TWENTY-EIGHT DIPEPTIDES AND ASSESSMENT OF SEPARABILITY

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#### SUMMARY

Isotachophoretic qualitative indices,  $R_E$ , for twenty-eight dipeptides were measured in the range pH 7.4–9.6. The absolute mobility,  $m_0$ , and  $pK_a$  values were evaluated by the use of the least-squares method, utilizing a simulation of the isotachophoretic steady state. The  $m_0$  values were newly evaluated and the  $pK_a$  values were in good agreement with literature values. By comparison of the evaluated  $m_0$  and  $pK_a$  values of the dipeptides with those of the constituent amino acids, simple relationships were found which may be used to estimate the  $m_0$  and  $pK_a$  values of other dipeptides. The separability of the dipeptides was also evaluated by considering the differences between their simulated effective mobilities. It is concluded that isotachopheresis is very convenient for the separation of dipeptides and their constituent amino acids.

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#### INTRODUCTION

In isotachopheresis (IP) no packings are used and the separability is determined simply by the differences in the effective mobilities of samples under the selected electrolyte conditions. On the contrary, in high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) the complex adsorption-desorption and ion-exchange phenomena occurring between samples and packings combine to increase the separability. Therefore the separability of IP is not as high as that in HPLC. However, the convenient sampling in isotachopheresis is worthy of special mention. In IP the pretreatment of samples is not necessary in many cases and only small amounts are required. Moreover, as has been emphasized in this series of papers, the separation equilibria can

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be simulated exactly, since the separation field of IP can be considered as a free solution contrary to that in LC. Therefore, isotachopheresis can be a powerful method to investigate the ionic characteristics in solution, such as mobilities, acid dissociation constants and complex stability constants.

Similarly to the previous paper which considered twenty-five amino acids<sup>1</sup>, to increase the utility of the SIPS program for determination of the optimum separation conditions in isotachopheresis<sup>2</sup> and to obtain knowledge about how the mobility and  $pK_a$  values of dipeptides differ from those of the constituent amino acids, in this paper the absolute mobilities,  $m_0$ , and  $pK_a$  values of twenty-eight dipeptides were evaluated by our isotachopheretic methods<sup>3,4</sup>.

Since the conventional conductivity method cannot be applied for amphoteric electrolytes such as dipeptides, their  $m_0$  values have scarcely been reported. Together with the  $pK_a$  values these values are necessary for the simulation of the separability. The necessary thermodynamic  $pK_a$  values are not always available.

Using the evaluated constants, the effective mobilities of the twenty-eight dipeptides and the constituent amino acids under several typical electrolyte conditions were simulated to determine the limits of separability, taking into account results obtained for the amino acids<sup>1</sup>. Several practical examples are given of the analysis of the partly decomposed dipeptides forming the constituent amino acids. Due to the difference in the  $pK_a$  values between the amino acids and the dipeptides, an high separability is expected.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The twenty-eight dipeptides were Ala-Ala, Ala-Amin (Amin =  $\alpha$ -amino-*n*-butyric acid), Ala-Asn, Ala-Gly, Ala-Leu, Ala-Met, Ala-Phe, Ala-Ser, Ala-Val,  $\beta$ -Ala-His, Gly-Ala, Gly-Amin, Gly-Asn, Gly-Gly, Gly-Ile, Gly-L-Leu, Gly-Phe, Gly-L-Pro, Gly-Ser, Gly-D-Thr, Gly-Trp, Gly-Tyr, Gly-Val, Leu-Gly, Leu-Leu, Leu-Phe, L-Leu-L-Tyr and Leu-Val, which were obtained from Tokyo Kasei Co. and Sigma Chemical Co. in high purity. Except for  $\beta$ -Ala-His, the dipeptides are alanyl, glycyl and leucyl derivatives of amino acids. Monomer components for which the optical activity is not specified are mixtures, of the D- and L-isomers. Sample solutions (3–10 mM) were prepared by dissolving these dipeptides in distilled water. When the solubility was low, a small amount of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide solution was added.

In the literature, the  $pK_a$  values can be found for fifteen of the dipeptides studied. They are in the range of 1.5–3.6 for cations and 8–10 for anions. The  $pK_a$  values of the cations are larger than those of the constituent amino acids which are in turn greater than the values for the anions. Similarly to the amino acids<sup>1</sup>, the dimer cations are not sufficiently mobile for isotachopheretic analysis; qualitative indices,  $R_E$ , were therefore measured for the anions.

The leading electrolyte systems 1–8 in Table II comprised 10 mM hydrochloric acid solutions and the  $pH_L$  was adjusted by adding imidazole (1), 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol (amediol) (2–5) or, ethanolamine (6–8), respectively. The terminating electrolyte was 10 mM Tau (for 1) or 10 mM  $\beta$ -Ala (2–8), the pH being adjusted to *ca.* 10 by adding barium hydroxide to suppress the disturbance caused by  $HCO_3^-$ . The pH measurements were carried out by using a Horiba expanded pH meter, Model F7ss. All of the leading electrolytes contained 0.02% hydroxypropyl-

TABLE I

## PHYSICO-CHEMICAL CONSTANTS USED IN SIMULATION (25°C)

$m_0$  = Absolute mobility ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )  $\cdot 10^5$ ;  $pK_a$  = thermodynamic acid dissociation constant, assumed values being used for  $\text{Cl}^-$ ; Tris = tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane; amediol = 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol.

Cation	$m_0$	$pK_a$	Anion	$m_0$	$pK_a$
Imidazole	52.0*	7.15	$\text{Cl}^-$	79.08	-3
Tris	29.5*	8.076	Taurine	37.9*	4.756
Amediol	32.0*	8.79	$\beta$ -Alanine	30.8*	10.237
Ethanolamine	44.3*	9.498			

\* Obtained isotachophoretically; other constants were taken from the literature<sup>5-8</sup>.

cellulose to suppress electrode reactions and electroendosmosis. Table I shows the  $m_0$  and  $pK_a$  values of the electrolyte constituents used in simulations of the isotachopheretic steady state. The  $pK_a$  values and some of the  $m_0$  values were taken from the literature<sup>5-8</sup>. Most  $m_0$  values were evaluated by our isotachopheretic method. Table II summarizes the leading electrolyte conditions together with the calculated concentrations and effective mobilities of the constituents.

The isotachopherograms were obtained using a Shimadzu isotachopheretic analyzer, IP-1B, equipped with potential-gradient detection (PGD). The temperature was thermostatted at 25°C. The separating tube used was *ca.* 40 cm  $\times$  0.5 mm I.D. The driving current was 50  $\mu\text{A}$  and a single experiment took *ca.* 35 min. Fig. 1 shows three typical isotachopherograms obtained by the use of electrolyte systems 1 and 2 in Table II.

For the correction of the asymmetric potential of the PGD to obtain precise  $R_E$  values, the terminators, Tau and  $\beta$ -Ala, were used as the internal standard. Their

TABLE II

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE EVALUATION OF ABSOLUTE MOBILITIES AND  $pK_a$  OF DIPEPTIDES, CALCULATED CONCENTRATIONS AND EFFECTIVE MOBILITIES OF BUFFERS

Buffers used for pH adjustment: IM = imidazole; AM = amediol; EA = ethanolamine.  $\text{pH}_L$  = pH of leading electrolyte;  $C_{b,L}^0$  = Total concentration (mM) of buffer ion;  $\bar{m}_{b,L}$  = effective mobility ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) of buffer ion  $\cdot 10^5$ ; Std ( $R_E$ ) = internal standard used for correction of the asymmetric potential, with the  $R_E$  value in parentheses. The leading ion was 10.02 mM chloride and the effective mobility was  $74.69 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ .

System	Buffer	$\text{pH}_L$	$C_{b,L}^0$	$\bar{m}_{b,L}$	Std ( $R_E$ )
1	IM	7.41	26.46	17.65	Tau (12.40)
2	AM	8.30	13.01	20.12	$\beta$ -Ala (12.12)
3	AM	8.37	13.54	19.34	$\beta$ -Ala (11.84)
4	AM	8.59	15.86	16.51	$\beta$ -Ala (10.81)
5	AM	8.77	18.86	13.89	$\beta$ -Ala (9.84)
6	EA	9.06	13.33	30.57	$\beta$ -Ala (6.19)
7	EA	9.33	16.19	25.19	$\beta$ -Ala (5.58)
8	EA	9.52	19.59	20.85	$\beta$ -Ala (5.10)

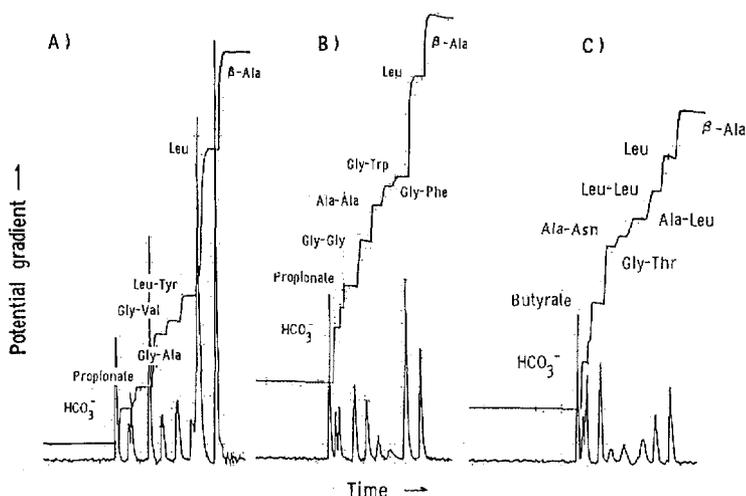


Fig. 1. The observed isotachopherograms of Gly-Ala, Gly-Val, Leu-Tyr (A), Gly-Gly, Ala-Ala, Gly-Phe, Gly-Trp (B) and Gly-Thr, Ala-Asn, Ala-Leu, Leu-Leu (C). The leading electrolytes used were 10.02 mM hydrochloric acid buffered by amediol at  $\text{pH}_L = 8.77$  (A) and by ethanolamine at  $\text{pH}_L = 9.33$  (B) and 9.52 (C). The terminator was 10 mM  $\beta$ -Ala, pH ca. 10 by addition of barium hydroxide. The sample amounts were 10–20 nmol and migration current was 50  $\mu\text{A}$ .

$R_E$  values are shown in Table II. The  $R_E$  values of the dipeptides were measured for several completely separable pairs. The experimental errors were less than 0.05  $R_E$  units. The measurements were repeated three times and the averages were used for the  $m_0$  and  $\text{p}K_a$  evaluation. Table III summarizes the observed  $R_E$  values of the dipeptides and Fig. 2 shows their  $\text{pH}_L$  dependence in the range pH 6–10.5 (buffers: imidazole, Tris, amediol and ethanolamine).

For the data processing and the simulation, SIPS programs on an NEC PC9801E microcomputer were used<sup>2</sup>. For the least-squares method, the SIPS-LSQ program on an NEC MS120 minicomputer was used. For plotting the figures, a Watanabe X-Y plotter WX4671 and a Roland DXY-980 were used.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Using the observed  $R_E$  values listed in Table III, the  $m_0$  and  $\text{p}K_a$  values were evaluated by the least-squares method, and were employed to plot the  $\text{pH}_L$  vs.  $R_E$  curves in Fig. 2. The buffers used were imidazole, Tris, amediol and ethanolamine. Although the  $R_E$  values were not measured in the pH range buffered by Tris, the simulated  $\text{pH}_L$  vs.  $R_E$  curves are shown in connection with a later section. Table IV shows the observed and the best-fitted  $R_E$  values, the effective mobilities and concentrations of the zone constituents of Ala-Ala, Ala-Gly, Ala-Leu, Gly-Ala, Gly-Gly, Gly-Leu, Leu-Gly and Leu-Leu. There is good agreement between the observed and the best-fitted  $R_E$  values. The mean errors were in the range of 0.31 (Ala-Amin)–1.81% (Ala-Phe). The evaluated  $m_0$  and  $\text{p}K_a$  values are listed in Table V together with literature  $\text{p}K_a$  values obtained by conventional methods. Although the number of  $\text{p}K_a$  values reported is half that of those considered, most were smaller than the

TABLE III  
OBSERVED  $R_E$  VALUES OF TWENTY-EIGHT DIPEPTIDES

Electrolyte systems as in Table II.  $R_E$  = Ratio of potential gradients,  $E_S/E_L$ .

Sample	Electrolyte system and $pH_L$							
	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	
	7.41	8.30	8.59	8.77	9.06	9.33	9.52	
Ala-Ala	8.48	4.26	3.87	3.71	3.41	3.22	3.19	
Ala-Amin	8.84	4.37*	—	—	3.50	3.42	3.34	
Ala-Asn	8.73	4.44*	—	—	3.55	3.43	3.34	
Ala-Gly	7.38	3.91	3.49	3.45	3.10	3.01	2.92	
Ala-Leu	9.49	4.76*	—	—	3.83	3.68	3.58	
Ala-Met	9.08	4.63*	—	—	3.78	3.64	3.50	
Ala-Phe	9.47	4.95*	—	—	3.87	3.64	3.56	
Ala-Ser	7.38	4.04*	—	—	3.35	3.28	3.23	
Ala-Val	9.06	4.54*	—	—	3.66	3.50	3.36	
$\beta$ -Ala-His	—	9.23*	—	—	5.53	4.93	4.60	
Gly-Ala	7.66	3.85*	3.59	3.47	3.12	2.97	2.98	
Gly- $\alpha$ -Amin	7.92	4.12*	—	—	3.33	3.18	3.05	
Gly-Asn	7.66	4.03	3.69	3.60	3.24	3.15	3.09	
Gly-Gly	6.85	3.51	3.22	3.12	2.90	2.75	2.72	
Gly-Ile	8.41	4.41	4.02	3.93	3.58	3.46	3.40	
Gly-Leu	8.56	4.53	4.13	3.99	3.61	3.39	3.39	
Gly-Phe	7.85	4.39	4.01	3.94	3.60	3.45	3.44	
Gly-Pro	10.40	4.72	4.24	3.99	3.40	3.22	3.20	
Gly-Ser	7.27	3.92	3.56	3.44	3.19	3.07	2.97	
Gly-Thr	7.60	4.14*	—	—	3.38	3.27	3.20	
Gly-Trp	8.44	4.74	4.31	4.19	3.71	3.57	3.56	
Gly-Tyr	8.62	4.65*	—	—	3.58	3.27	3.00	
Gly-Val	7.96	4.29*	3.92	3.79	3.42	3.27	3.28	
Leu-Gly	7.51	4.28	3.85	3.89	3.49	3.40	3.40	
Leu-Leu	9.43	5.05*	—	—	4.16	4.04	3.97	
Leu-Phe	9.49	5.05*	—	—	4.16	4.02	3.91	
Leu-Tyr	7.19	4.78*	4.51	4.36	3.87	3.61	3.42	
Leu-Val	8.91	4.88*	—	—	3.98	3.90	3.78	

\* Electrolyte system 3,  $pH_L$  = 8.37.

evaluated values. This can be understood since most of the previous values were not corrected to the thermodynamic values and the ionic strengths,  $I$ , were in the range of 0.01–0.15. At  $I = 0.01$  for example, according to the Debye–Hückel equation, the thermodynamic  $pK_a$  of a monovalent anion is 0.135 larger than the observed value. Taking into account this correction, the evaluated  $pK_a$  values are in good agreement with the previously reported values.

For the monovalent ions of the dipeptides, the evaluated  $m_0$  values are in the range of  $21.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$  (Leu-Leu)– $31.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (Gly-Gly). Except for  $\beta$ -Ala-His (9.664), the  $pK_a$  values are in the narrow range of 8.269 (Leu-Gly)–8.746 (Gly-Pro). The  $m_0$  and  $pK_a$  values of the constituent neutral amino acids are in the range of  $26.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  (Leu)– $37.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (Gly) and 9.030 (Asn)–9.857 (Ala). Therefore the separability of the dipeptides may be lower than that of the amino acids.

Of interest is how the mobilities and  $pK_a$  values of the dipeptides correlate with

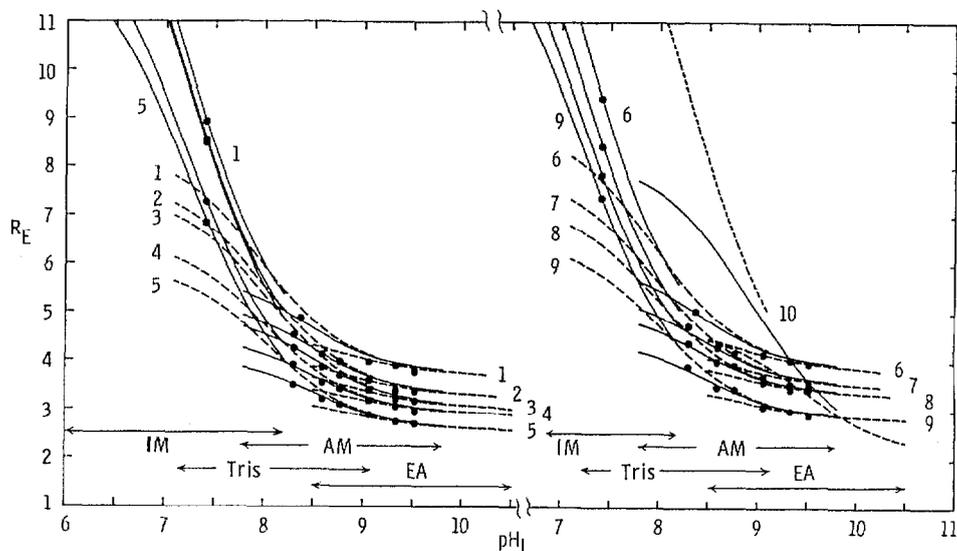


Fig. 2. The observed  $R_E$  values of Leu-Val (1), Gly-Leu (2), Ala-Ala (3), Gly-Ser (4), Gly-Gly (5), Leu-Leu (6), Gly-Trp (7), Gly-Phe (8) and Ala-Gly (9). The leading ion was 10 mM chloride. The curves were plotted using the best-fitted mobility and  $pK_a$ . The simulated curve for Gly (10) is also shown.

the corresponding values of the constituent amino acids. Fig. 3 shows the pH dependence of the effective mobility of Ala-Gly, Gly-Ala, Gly-Gly, Ala-Ala, Ala and Gly at  $I = 0$ . The mobilities of the dipeptides were smaller than those of Ala and Gly because of the increase in the ionic radii, and those of Ala-Gly and Gly-Ala were equal. The  $pK_a$  values of Gly-Gly and Ala-Ala were smaller than those of Gly (9.7796) and Ala (9.857). The shifts are very similar, 1.38 and 1.37 respectively. Such  $pK_a$  shifts for alanyl, glycyl and leucyl derivatives from the  $pK_a$  values of Ala, Gly and Leu (9.728) are summarized in Table VI, and the averages of the shifts are 1.400, 1.380 and 1.474 respectively. For twenty-seven dipeptides ( $\beta$ -Ala-His not included), the average of the shifts was 1.404 and the largest deviation from the average was found for Leu-Tyr (1.900). Thus  $pK_a$  values of monovalent anions of other dipeptides may be estimated conveniently as a first approximation. It should be noted that the dipeptides considered are limited to alanyl, glycyl and leucyl derivatives, and the  $pK_a$  values of the constituent amino acids are similar, in the range of 9.030 (Asn)–9.857 (Ala), except for Pro (10.64) and  $\beta$ -Ala (10.237). For Gly-Pro and  $\beta$ -Ala-His, the  $pK_a$  shifts from Gly and  $\beta$ -Ala were 0.86 and 0.573, deviating significantly from the above trend.

For many ions with relatively large molecular weights, MW, correlations between the mobilities and the molecular weights have been confirmed<sup>9,10</sup>. For the dipeptides considered a good correlation was also found, except for Gly-Tyr and Leu-Tyr

$$m_0 = (306.9/\sqrt{MW} + 3.4) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

TABLE IV

OBSERVED AND SIMULATED  $R_E$  VALUES OF EIGHT DIPEPTIDES, EFFECTIVE MOBILITIES AND CONCENTRATIONS OF ZONE CONSTITUENTS (25°C)

$\bar{m}_s$  = Effective mobility ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) of sample ion  $\cdot 10^5$ ;  $pH_s$  = pH of sample zone;  $C_s^t$  = total concentration (mM) of sample;  $C_{b,s}^t$  = total concentration (mM) of buffer ion;  $\bar{m}_{b,s}$  = effective mobility ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) of buffer ion  $\cdot 10^5$ ;  $I$  = ionic strength  $\cdot 10^3$ .

System	$R_E$		$\bar{m}_s$	$pH_s$	$C_s^t$	$C_{b,s}^t$	$\bar{m}_{b,s}$	$I$
	Obs.	Calc.						
<i>Ala-Ala</i>								
1	8.48	8.48	8.81	8.19	5.53	22.0	4.37	1.91
2	4.26	4.25	17.6	8.85	6.26	9.33	14.2	4.46
4	3.87	3.92	19.1	8.99	6.25	12.2	11.8	4.85
5	3.71	3.72	20.1	9.11	6.24	15.2	9.92	5.12
6	3.41	3.36	22.2	9.43	5.65	9.17	23.3	5.13
7	3.22	3.24	23.0	9.64	5.60	12.1	18.2	5.30
8	3.19	3.18	23.5	9.81	5.54	15.6	14.3	5.37
Mean error = 0.58%								
<i>Ala-Gly</i>								
1	7.38	7.39	10.1	8.14	5.77	22.2	4.85	2.15
2	3.91	3.84	19.4	8.81	6.50	9.55	14.9	4.80
4	3.49	3.56	21.0	8.96	6.49	12.4	12.3	5.19
5	3.45	3.39	22.0	9.08	6.48	15.4	10.4	5.45
6	3.10	3.11	24.0	9.39	5.90	9.39	24.0	5.44
7	3.01	3.01	24.8	9.61	5.86	12.3	18.9	5.60
8	2.91	2.95	25.3	9.78	5.82	15.8	14.9	5.67
Mean error = 1.05%								
<i>Ala-Leu</i>								
1	9.49	9.50	7.86	8.22	5.07	21.6	4.15	1.78
3	4.76	4.73	15.8	8.90	5.81	9.42	13.3	4.23
6	3.83	3.81	19.6	9.46	5.17	8.75	19.6	4.72
7	3.68	3.68	20.3	9.68	5.11	11.7	17.3	4.86
8	3.58	3.61	20.7	9.85	5.03	15.2	13.4	4.90
Mean error = 0.38%								
<i>Gly-Ala</i>								
1	7.66	7.67	9.74	8.16	5.78	22.3	4.67	2.07
3	3.85	3.83	19.5	8.85	6.50	10.1	14.1	4.81
4	3.59	3.61	20.7	8.97	6.50	12.4	12.1	5.12
5	3.47	3.43	21.8	9.08	6.49	15.4	10.3	5.38
6	3.12	3.13	23.9	9.40	5.91	9.40	23.8	5.40
7	2.97	3.02	24.7	9.62	5.87	12.3	18.8	5.57
8	2.98	2.96	25.2	9.79	5.81	15.8	14.8	5.64
Mean error = 0.65%								
<i>Gly-Gly</i>								
1	6.85	6.91	10.8	8.14	6.18	22.6	4.91	2.22
2	3.51	3.53	21.2	8.80	6.83	9.88	14.9	5.00
4	3.22	3.27	22.9	8.95	6.83	12.7	12.5	5.41
5	3.12	3.11	24.0	9.06	6.82	15.7	10.6	5.69
6	2.90	2.85	26.3	9.38	6.27	9.73	24.4	5.74
7	2.75	2.75	27.2	9.59	6.23	12.6	19.4	5.92
8	2.72	2.70	27.7	9.76	6.18	16.1	15.5	6.00
Mean error = 0.73%								

TABLE IV (continued)

System	$R_E$		$\bar{m}_S$	$pH_S$	$C_S^+$	$C_{B,S}^-$	$\bar{m}_{B,S}$	$I$
	Obs.	Calc.						
<i>Gly-Leu</i>								
1	8.56	8.58	8.70	8.18	5.25	21.7	4.49	1.94
2	4.53	4.47	16.7	8.84	5.99	9.06	14.4	4.39
4	4.13	4.13	18.1	8.99	5.97	11.9	11.8	4.76
5	3.99	3.93	19.0	9.11	5.96	14.9	9.89	5.00
6	3.61	3.59	20.8	9.44	5.36	8.90	23.1	4.93
7	3.39	3.48	21.5	9.66	5.30	11.8	17.8	5.07
8	3.39	3.42	21.8	9.83	5.23	15.3	13.9	5.11
Mean error = 0.98%								
<i>Leu-Gly</i>								
1	7.51	7.52	9.93	8.11	5.24	21.7	5.14	2.23
2	4.28	4.22	17.7	8.78	5.98	9.04	15.3	4.67
4	3.85	3.94	19.0	8.95	5.97	11.9	12.4	5.01
5	3.89	3.78	19.8	9.08	5.96	14.9	10.3	5.23
6	3.49	3.52	21.2	9.41	5.36	8.88	23.6	5.05
7	3.40	3.43	21.7	9.64	5.30	11.8	18.1	5.14
8	3.40	3.39	22.0	9.82	5.23	15.3	14.0	5.16
Mean error = 1.26%								
<i>Leu-Leu</i>								
1	9.43	9.43	7.92	8.19	4.70	21.2	4.39	1.85
3	5.05	5.03	14.9	8.88	5.43	9.05	13.7	4.16
6	4.16	4.16	17.9	9.47	4.78	8.39	22.2	4.47
7	4.04	4.04	18.5	9.70	4.71	11.4	16.7	4.55
8	3.97	3.98	18.8	9.89	4.62	14.9	12.8	4.62
Mean error = 0.16%								

where  $m_0$  are the absolute mobilities of the monovalent ions. The correlation coefficient was 0.94 and the standard deviation of  $m_0$  was  $0.79 \cdot 10^{-5}$ . The mean deviation between the estimated and the observed  $m_0$  was 2.5%. For the other dipeptides, this equation can give  $m_0$  to a good approximation. On the contrary, for the amino acids the correlation was not so good. For twenty-two anionic amino acids, DL-Ala,  $\beta$ -Ala, DL- $\alpha$ -Amin, L-Asn, Asp, L-Cys, L-Glu, L-Gln, Gly, L-His, L-Hyp, DL-Ile, L-Leu, DL-Met, L-Phe, L-Pro, DL-Ser, Tau, DL-Thr, DL-Trp, L-Tyr and DL-Val, the correlation coefficient was 0.69 and the standard deviation was  $2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ . When Cys, Tau and Tyr were rejected, the correlation coefficient was 0.82, the standard deviation was  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and the mean deviation was 4.6%.

We also found a simple relationship to express the mobilities of the dipeptides in terms of those of the constituent amino acids. Since the  $m_0$  values of the amino acids had already been evaluated<sup>1</sup>, the corresponding Stokes radii at 25°C for monovalent anions can be calculated as

$$r = Ze/6\pi\eta m_0 = (95.104/m_0 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ \AA}) \quad (2)$$



TABLE V  
ABSOLUTE MOBILITIES AND DISSOCIATION CONSTANTS OF TWENTY-EIGHT DIPEPTIDES\* (25°C)

Dipeptide	Present method		Other methods $pK_a$
	$m_0$	$pK_a$	
Ala-Ala	27.0	8.490	8.420 (6), 8.30 (7), 8.337 (5), 8.14 (7)
Ala- $\alpha$ -Amin	25.8	8.495	—
Ala-Asn	25.5	8.470	—
Ala-Gly	28.8	8.390	8.254 (7), 8.18 (6)
Ala-Leu	23.9	8.505	—
Ala-Met	24.2	8.463	—
Ala-Phe	23.9	8.502	—
Ala-Ser	26.2	8.297	—
Ala-Val	25.2	8.500	—
$\beta$ -Ala-His	24.4	9.664	—
Gly-Ala	28.8	8.435	8.252 (5), 8.23 (6), 8.22 (7)
Gly- $\alpha$ -Amin	27.2	8.421	—
Gly-Asn	27.5	8.388	8.299 (5), 8.44 (8)
Gly-Gly	31.5	8.400	8.253 (6), 8.23 (7), 8.252 (5)
Gly-Ile	25.2	8.412	8.044 (7)
Gly-Leu	25.1	8.432	8.380 (7), 8.292 (5), 8.29 (6)
Gly-Phe	24.8	8.235	8.364 (7)
Gly-Pro	27.8	8.746	8.771(7), 8.66 (6) 8.622 (5)
Gly-Ser	28.1	8.350	8.380 (6), 8.34 (7)
Gly-Thr	26.3	8.334	—
Gly-Trp	23.6	8.359	8.124 (7)
Gly-Tyr	19.7**	8.211	8.25 (6)
	39.4**	9.981	10.03 (6)
Gly-Val	26.0	8.385	8.301 (5), 8.252 (5), 8.25 (6) 8.22 (7)
Leu-Gly	25.0	8.269	8.250 (6), 7.96 (7), 7.824 (5)
Leu-Leu	21.6	8.397	—
Leu-Phe	21.8	8.413	—
L-Leu-L-Tyr	18.2**	7.828	7.84 (7)
	36.4**	10.065	10.59 (7)
Leu-Val	22.3	8.364	—

\* Unless otherwise noted, the dipeptides are DL isomers.

\*\* The value was fixed in the least-squares method.

where  $Z$  is the charge of the ion ( $-1$ ) and  $\eta$  is the viscosity of water. For Ala, Gly and Leu, the calculated Stokes radii were 2.95, 2.54 and 3.60 Å, and the absolute mobilities were  $32.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $37.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $26.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> respectively. On the assumption that the ions are spherical and the ionic volumes of the dipeptides are equal to the sum of the volumes of the constituent amino acids,  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$ , the radii of the dipeptides and the mobilities can be expressed as

$$r_{AB} = [3(V_A + V_B)/4\pi]^{1/3} = (r_A^3 + r_B^3)^{1/3} \quad (3)$$

$$m_{AB} = (m_A^{-3} + m_B^{-3})^{1/3} \quad (4)$$

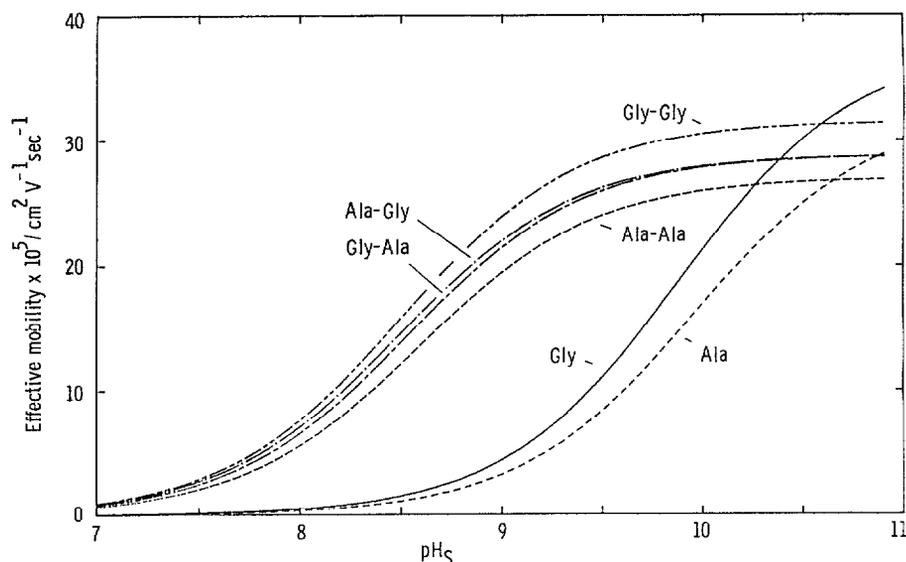


Fig. 3. The pH dependence of the effective mobility of Ala-Gly, Gly-Ala, Gly-Gly, Ala-Ala, Ala and Gly. The ionic strength is zero and the curves are not for the isotachophoretic steady state.  $\text{pH}_S = \text{pH}$  of sample zone.

where  $r_{AB}$  and  $m_{AB}$  are the Stokes radii and the absolute mobilities of the dipeptides. The estimated Stokes radii for Ala-Ala, Gly-Gly and Leu-Leu, for example, were 3.72, 3.20 and 3.60 Å and  $m_{AB}$  were  $25.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $29.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $21.0 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  respectively. By the least-squares method, for twenty-six dipeptides except for Gly-Tyr and Leu-Tyr, the following equation was obtained:

TABLE VI

DIFFERENCES IN  $\text{p}K_a$  VALUES AMONG Ala, Gly, Leu AND THE RELATED DIPEPTIDES (25°C)

$\Delta \text{p}K_a = \text{p}K_a (\text{Ala, Gly, Leu}) - \text{p}K_a (\text{derivatives})$ .

Dipeptide	$\Delta \text{p}K_a$	Dipeptide	$\Delta \text{p}K_a$	Dipeptide	$\Delta \text{p}K_a$
Ala-Ala	1.367	Gly-Ala	1.345		
Ala-Amin	1.362	Gly-Amin	1.359		
Ala-Asn	1.387	Gly-Asn	1.392		
Ala-Gly	1.467	Gly-Gly	1.380	Leu-Gly	1.459
		Gly-Ile	1.368		
Ala-Leu	1.352	Gly-Leu	1.348	Leu-Leu	1.331
Ala-Met	1.394				
Ala-Phe	1.355	Gly-Phe	1.455	Leu-Phe	1.315
		Gly-Pro	1.034		
Ala-Ser	1.560	Gly-Ser	1.430		
		Gly-Thr	1.446		
		Gly-Trp	1.421		
		Gly-Tyr	1.569	Leu-Tyr	1.900
Ala-Val	1.357	Gly-Val	1.395	Leu-Val	1.364
Average	1.400		1.380		1.474

$$m_0 = 1.047m_{AB} - 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \quad (5)$$

The coefficient of  $m_{AB}$  and the intercept of eqn. 5 should be 1 and 0 respectively when the estimated mobilities,  $m_{AB}$ , just fit the observed values,  $m_0$ . Eqn. 5 suggests that the estimated  $m_0$  values were slightly underestimated in comparison with the observed values, due to the assumption that the ions are spherical. However the estimated values correlate well with the observed values. The correlation coefficient between the observed and the estimated  $m_0$  values obtained using eqns. 2–5 was 0.97 and the standard deviation of the estimated  $m_0$  was  $0.59 \cdot 10^{-5}$ . The mean deviation between the estimated and the observed  $m_0$  values was 1.8%.

Table VII summarizes the observed and the estimated mobilities. The deviations are sufficiently small. By the use of this correlation equation, the  $m_0$  values of the other dipeptides may be evaluated to a good approximation. The  $m_0$  estimation from Stokes radii is meaningful in the sense that a good correlation exists between the Stokes radii of dipeptides and of the constituent amino acids.

The  $m_0$  and  $pK_a$  values of dipeptides were evaluated independently except for Gly-Tyr and Leu-Tyr. For the latter, two  $pK_a$  values and two  $m_0$  values for the monovalent and divalent anions should be evaluated; however, because of the  $pH_L$  conditions used, they could not be obtained independently, *i.e.*, reasonable convergence was not obtained in the least-squares method. Therefore the number of the unknown constants were decreased using the following assumptions: the monovalent mobilities,  $m_1$ , were estimated using eqn. 5 and the relationship  $m_2 = 2m_1$  was adopted. In the least-squares method to obtain eqns. 1 and 5, the mobilities of these ions were not included.

TABLE VII

OBSERVED AND ESTIMATED ABSOLUTE MOBILITIES OF TWENTY-EIGHT DIPEPTIDES (25°C)

Dipeptide	$m_0$			Dipeptide	$m_0$		
	Obs.	Est-1	Est-2		Obs.	Est-1	Est-2
Ala-Ala	27.0	27.7	26.5	Gly-Ile	25.2	25.8	24.9
Ala-Amin	25.8	26.7	25.6	Gly-Leu	25.1	25.8	24.7
Ala-Asn	25.5	24.9	26.1	Gly-Phe	24.8	24.0	25.0
Ala-Gly	28.8	28.8	28.2	Gly-Pro	27.8	26.8	26.4
Ala-Leu	23.9	25.0	23.5	Gly-Ser	28.1	27.5	29.0
Ala-Met	24.2	24.1	25.1	Gly-Thr	26.3	26.5	27.5
Ala-Phe	23.9	23.4	23.8	Gly-Trp	23.6	22.4	24.0
Ala-Ser	26.2	26.5	27.0	Gly-Tyr	—	—	19.7
Ala-Val	25.2	25.8	24.7	Gly-Val	26.0	26.7	26.0
$\beta$ -Ala-His	24.4	23.8	24.8	Leu-Gly	25.0	25.8	24.7
Gly-Ala	28.8	28.8	28.2	Leu-Leu	21.6	21.7	21.6
Gly-Amin	27.2	27.7	27.3	Leu-Phe	21.8	21.8	21.8
Gly-Asn	27.5	25.7	27.9	Leu-Tyr	—	—	18.2
Gly-Gly	31.5	30.1	30.8	Leu-Val	22.3	23.6	22.4



good separability is expected for these samples, using Tris as the pH buffer. The optimum  $pH_L$  range may be *ca.* 7.5–8.2.

Fig. 6 shows the simulated and the observed isotachopherograms at pH 8 using Tris as buffer. The terminator was Gly. At  $pH_L$  8, the order of elution agreed with the decreasing order of the simulated effective mobilities, namely  $HCO_3^-$  ( $41.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Asp ( $27.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Glu ( $24.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Gly-Gly ( $17.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Gly-Ser ( $15.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Gly-Amin ( $14.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Gly-Leu ( $13.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Leu-Val ( $12.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Tau ( $11.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Thr ( $9.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), Gln ( $8.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ), His ( $7.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ) and Gly ( $6.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The

G-L	G-T	A-A	A-A	L-V	A-V	A-M	L-L	L-P	A-P	A-L	G-P	Asn	Thr	Ser	Phe	Met	Tyr	Gly
1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.3	4.2	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.7
1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.1	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.5
1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.8	3.7	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.5	6.2
1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.6	3.6	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.1
1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.6	3.6	4.5	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.4	6.0
1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.5	3.5	4.4	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.9
1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.4	3.3	4.3	4.4	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.8
0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.3	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.7
0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.3	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.7
0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.1	3.1	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.5
0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.4
0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.9	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.4
0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.5	3.4	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.0
0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.4	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.9
0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.4	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.9
7.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.4	2.4	3.3	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.8
	7.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.4	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.8
		7.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	2.2	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.7
			7.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	2.1	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.6
				7.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.1	2.1	3.0	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.5
					7.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.4
						7.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.4
							6.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.7	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.1
								6.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.6	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.1
									6.8	0.0	0.6	1.6	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.1
										6.8	0.6	1.6	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.4	4.0
											6.2	1.0	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.4
												5.2	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.5
													4.3	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.6
														4.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.4
															3.6	0.1	0.2	0.9
																3.5	0.1	0.8
																	3.4	0.7
																		2.7

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TABLE VIII (continued)

	G-G	A-G	G-S	G-A	A-S	G-A	G-T	L-G	G-A	G-V	G-P	A-A	G-I	G-L	L-T	A-A	A-A	G-T	A-V	A-M
<i>pH<sub>L</sub> 8.0, Tris buffer</i>																				
1 Gly-Gly	17.1	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.3
2 Ala-Gly		15.8	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.0
3 Gly-Ser			15.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.0
4 Gly-Ala				15.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5
5 Ala-Ser					15.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.4
6 Gly-Asn						15.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.3
7 Gly-Thr							14.9	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.1
8 Leu-Gly								14.7	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9
9 Gly-Amin									14.7	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.9
10 Gly-Val										14.3	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.5
11 Gly-Phe											14.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4
12 Ala-Ala												14.0	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2
13 Gly-Ile													13.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.9
14 Gly-Leu														13.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.7
15 Leu-Tyr															13.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.7
16 Ala-Asn																13.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6
17 Ala-Amin																	13.3	0.1	0.3	0.5
18 Gly-Trp																		13.3	0.3	0.5
19 Ala-Val																			13.0	0.2
20 Ala-Met																				12.8
21 Gly-Tyr																				
22 Leu-Val																				
23 Ala-Phe																				
24 Ala-Leu																				
25 Gly-Pro																				
26 Leu-Leu																				
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37 Val																				
38 Ala																				
39 Amin																				
40 Leu																				
41 $\beta$ -Ala-His																				
42 Ile																				
43 $\beta$ -Ala																				

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Asn	G-T	A-P	A-L	L-V	L-T	L-P	L-L	Ser	Thr	Met	His	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Val	Ala	Trp	Amin	Leu	Ile	A-H	β-Ala
5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.7	9.7	10.0	10.1	10.5	11.0	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.8	14.0	14.0	16.0
3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.8	5.8	7.8	8.1	8.2	8.6	9.1	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.9	12.1	12.1	14.1
3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.9	13.9
3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.5	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.8	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.6	11.8	11.8	13.8
2.9	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.9	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.7	8.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	11.0	1.2	11.2	13.2
2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.6	10.8	10.8	12.8
2.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4	6.5	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.6	10.7	10.8	12.8
2.3	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.3	6.4	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.6	10.7	12.7
1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.8	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.1	10.2	12.2
1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.6	7.1	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.9	10.1	10.1	12.1
1.7	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.7	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	7.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.9	10.0	10.1	12.0
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										13.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.3	6.3
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													12.4	0.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.5	5.5
														12.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.0	5.0
															9.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.9
																9.8	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.9
																	9.7	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.8
																		9.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.7
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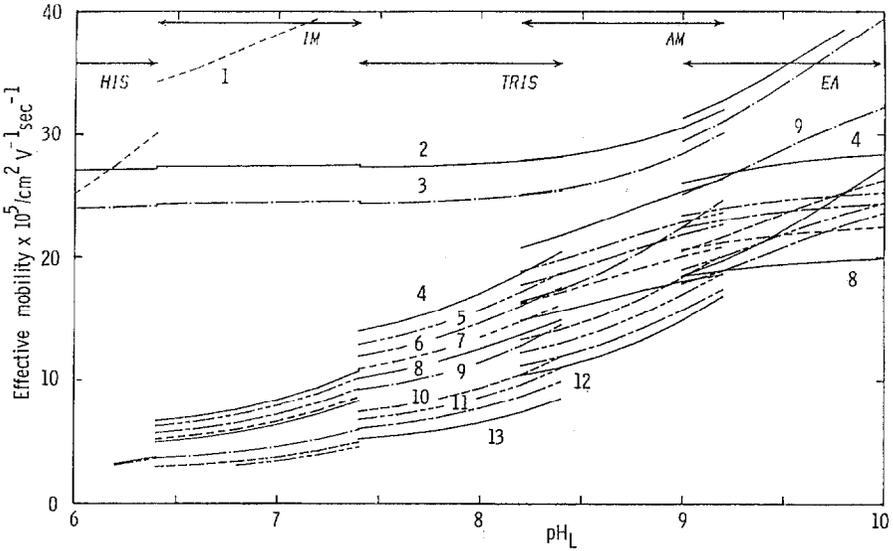


Fig. 4. The pH<sub>L</sub> dependence of the effective mobility of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (1), Asp (2), Glu (3), Gly-Gly (4), Gly-Ser (5), Gly-Amin (6), Gly-Leu (7), Leu-Val (8), Tau (9), Thr (10), Gln (11), His (12) and Gly (13) at the isotachopheric steady state.

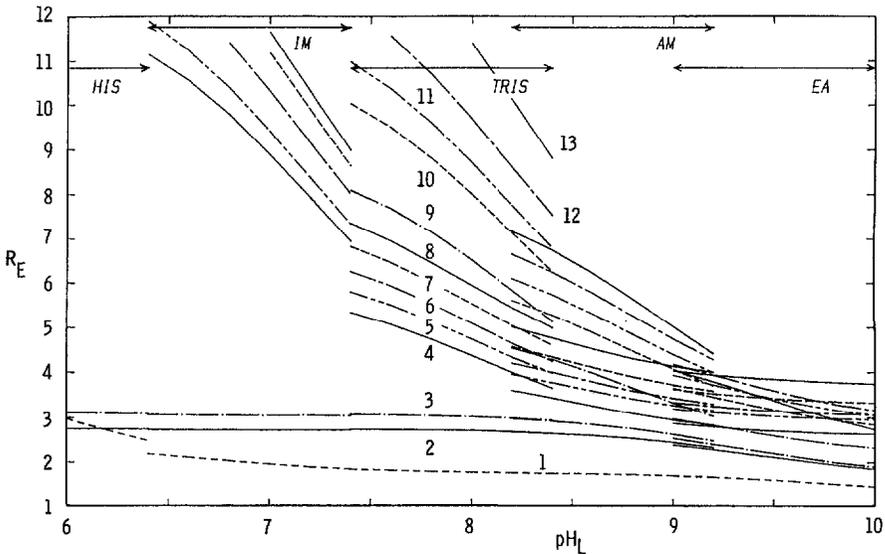


Fig. 5. The pH<sub>L</sub> dependence of the R<sub>E</sub> of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (1), Asp (2), Glu (3), Gly-Gly (4), Gly-Ser (5), Gly-Amin (6), Gly-Leu (7), Leu-Val (8), Tau (9), Thr (10), Gln (11), His (12) and Gly (13) at the isotachopheric steady state.

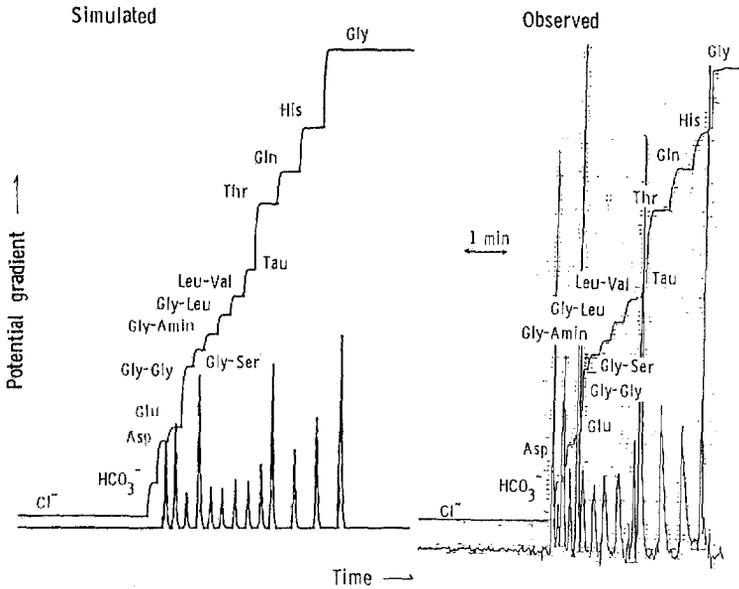


Fig. 6. The simulated and the observed isotachopherograms of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ , Asp, Glu, Gly-Gly, Gly-Ser, Gly-Amin, Gly-Leu, Leu-Val, Tau, Thr, Gln, His and Gly at  $pH_L$  8.00 buffered by Tris. The leading ion was 10.02 mM chloride. The sample amounts were 10–20 nmol and the migration current was  $50 \mu\text{A}$ .

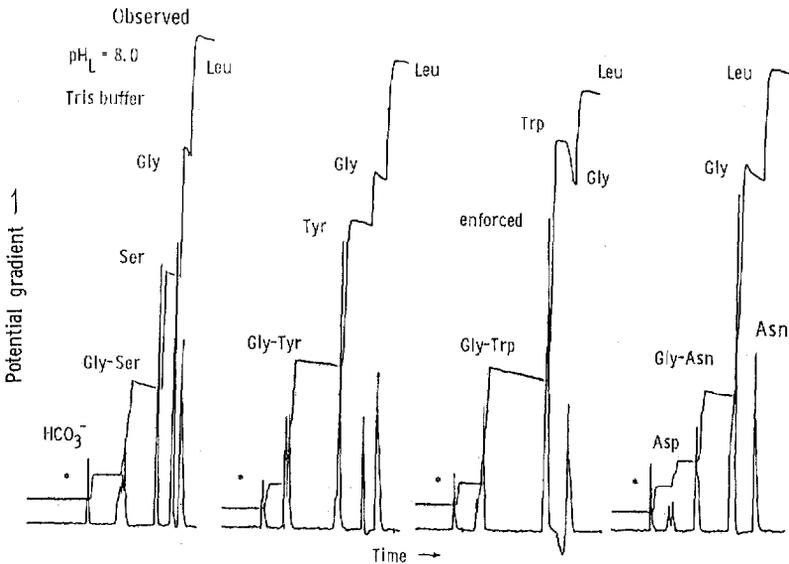


Fig. 7. The observed isotachopherograms of Gly-Ser, Gly-Tyr, Gly-Trp and Gly-Asn partly decomposed to the constituent amino acids at  $pH_L$  8.00 buffered by Tris. Other details as in Fig. 6.

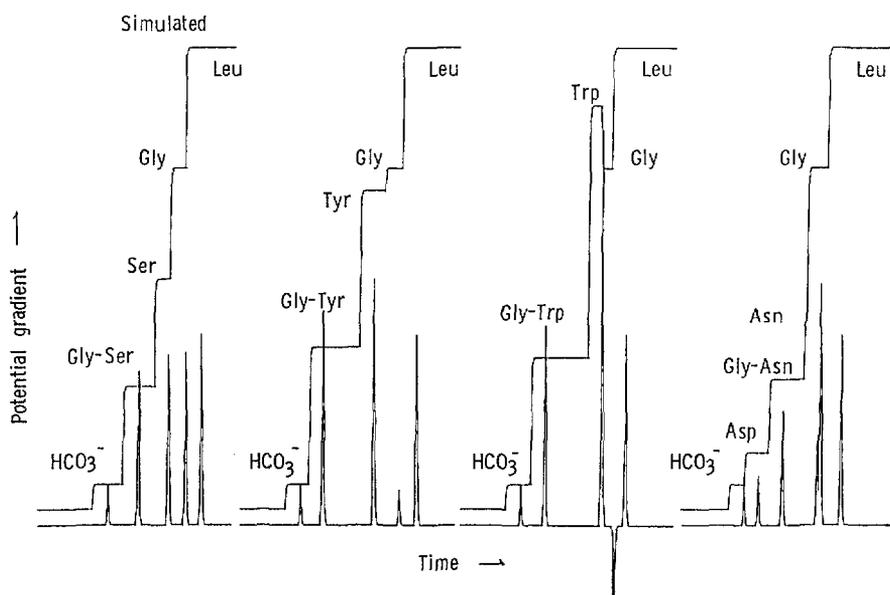


Fig. 8. The simulated isotachopherograms of Gly-Ser, Gly-Tyr, Gly-Trp and Gly-Asn partly decomposed to the constituent amino acids at  $pH_L$  8.00 buffered by Tris. For other conditions, see Fig. 7.

differences in the effective mobilities of the neighbouring samples were  $14.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $2.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $0.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $2.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $0.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $0.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $1.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  respectively. As expected from the simulation, the separation was complete and the simulated and the observed electropherograms were in good agreement.

The differences between the effective mobilities of the neighbouring samples from  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  to terminating  $\beta\text{-Ala}$  in Fig. 1A, B, C were  $9.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $12.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $7.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $2.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for samples A,  $11.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $6.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $4.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $4.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $2.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for samples B and  $16.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $0.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $1.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $2.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $2.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for samples C respectively.

It has been concluded that the differences in the effective mobilities among samples is a good measure of separability to a first approximation<sup>1</sup>. By comparing the observed separation behaviour of amino acids with the difference in the simulated mobilities at the isotachophoretic steady state, it has become apparent that the critical threshold of the difference is *ca.*  $1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , although this value changes with the sample amount and the length of the separating tube. For the dipeptides, such a separability assessment also seems valid.

Table VIII summarizes the simulated effective mobilities (diagonals) and the differences between them (off-diagonals) for the twenty-eight dipeptides considered and the fifteen constituent amino acids at the steady state. Two of the  $pH_L$  values employed 8.6 and 9.4) were the same as those used for the similar simulation for amino acid<sup>1</sup>. At  $pH_L$  7.2, thirty-four dipeptides and amino acids are listed in Table VIII, since the  $R_E$  values of the rest exceeded 30. Under such conditions the isotach-

phoretic separation will be difficult. Apparently, the differences in the effective mobilities of adjacent dipeptides were very small and sometimes zero, suggesting that all of them cannot be separated at once. Considering the threshold of the difference of  $ca. 1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , the number of practically separable samples may be five to six. This is less than that for the amino acids, eight to ten practically, at most fourteen at  $pH_L$  8.64 buffered by amediol<sup>1</sup>. On the other hand, as seen in Table VIII, except at  $pH_L$  9.4, the  $R_E$  values of the listed amino acids were larger than those of the dipeptides, because the  $pK_a$  values of the amino acids and dipeptides are sufficiently different. Therefore a good separability may be expected for a given mixture of them.

In Fig. 7 the observed electropherograms are shown for some partly decomposed dipeptides forming monomers. The sample solutions were stored in a refrigerator for 6 months. The decomposition products of Gly-Asn were Gly, Asn and Asp. The effective mobilities of Asp are not shown in Table VIII. The values were  $27.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $27.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $28.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and  $34.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$  for  $pH_L$  7.2, 8.0, 8.6 and 9.6 respectively. Apparently Asp can be separated from all the other compounds in Table VIII. In Fig. 8, the simulated electropherograms are shown. A good agreement with Fig. 7 was obtained including the enforced phenomena found for Trp and Gly, which were simulated by analyzing the transient mixed zone. The zone lengths used in Fig. 8 were taken from the observed electropherograms. As shown in Figs. 7 and 8, the IP method is very convenient for analysis of the purity of dipeptides and/or their decomposition rate. Similar utility may be expected for other oligopeptides. Whether or not the proposed method for mobility estimation using the Stokes radii of the constituents can be adopted for other oligopeptides is now under investigation.

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