- Most fatty acids contain even number of Carbons (\_\_\_\_\_\_) with a general formula CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)\_\_\_\_COOH.

  Fatty Acids are amphipathic molecules, having \_\_\_\_\_ nonpolar and polar parts.

  Hydrophobic tail

  Hydrophobic tail

  Carboxylic acid head is \_\_\_\_\_ and hydrophilic.

  Hydrophilic head

  OH
- The \_\_\_\_\_ the hydrocarbon tail, the \_\_\_\_ nonpolar the fatty acid.
  - □ Overall fatty acids are \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** Which of the following statements about fatty acid structure is correct?

a) Carboxylic acid group of the fatty acid is polar and does not interact with aqueous environments.

Lauric acid

- b) Fatty acids contain a nonpolar head with a polar tail.
- c) Fatty acids are amphoteric.
- d) Fatty acids consist of a hydrophilic head and a hydrophobic tail.

PRACTICE: Which of the following fatty acids would you expect to be more soluble in cyclohexane?

- a) Palmitic acid (16 Cs)
- b) Stearic acid (18 Cs)
- c) Lauric acid (12 Cs)
- d) none of the above

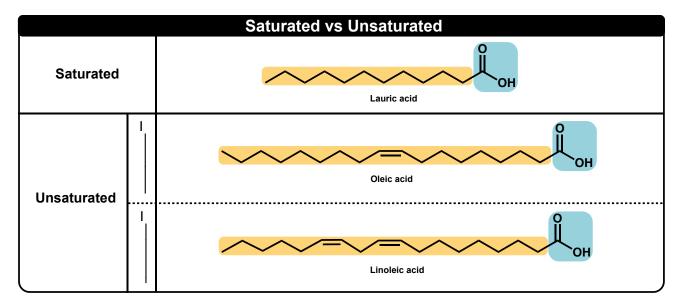
### **Saturated vs Unsaturated Fatty Acids**

• Saturated: fatty acids contain only \_\_\_\_\_ bonds.

• **Unsaturated**: fatty acids contain at least one \_\_\_\_\_ bond.

□ Mono- and poly- prefixes indicate one and multiple \_\_\_\_\_ bonds respectively.

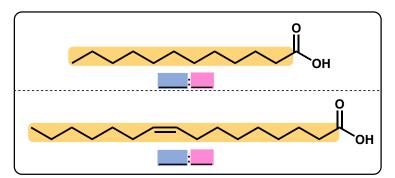
□ Naturally occurring fatty acids contain cis ( \_\_\_\_ configuration) double bonds.



**EXAMPLE:** Classify each fatty acid as saturated (S), monounsaturated (mono), or polyunsaturated (poly).

# **Fatty Acid Shorthand Notations**

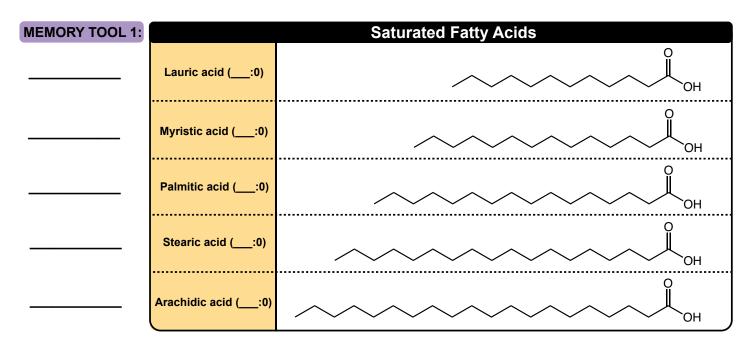
- Fatty acids are assigned shorthand \_\_\_\_\_ for easy naming.
  - □ Number of \_\_\_\_\_ followed by a \_\_\_\_\_ of double bonds, separated by a colon.



**EXAMPLE:** Provide a shorthand notation for the following fatty acid below.

### **Remembering Fatty Acids**

• To be able to draw more complex lipids, we first need to memorize structures of the \_\_\_\_\_ fatty acids.



<b>EXAMPLE:</b> Without looking at the table above, identify number of carbons present in each saturated fatty acid.
a) Myristic
b) Arachidic
c) Palmitic
d) Lauric
e) Stearic

**PRACTICE:** Provide a condensed structural formula for a fatty acid with 18 carbons (18:0) and give its common name.

<b>MEMORY TOOL 2:</b>		Unsaturated Fatty Acids
	Palmitoleic acid	OH OH
	Oleic acid (:)	
	Linoleic acid (:)	
	Linolenic acid (:)	ОН
	Arachidonic acid	OH OH
	Double bonds sta	art at C9 from carbonyl C. 5th acid, double bonds start at C5 from carbonyl C.

<b>EXAMPLE</b> : Provide shorthand notations for each fatty acid.		
a) Linoleic		
b) Oleic		
c) Arachidonic		
d) Linolenic		
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**PRACTICE:** Provide a skeletal structure for Linolenic acid.