

# Package ‘cleaver’

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**Title** Cleavage of polypeptide sequences

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**Imports** IRanges

**Suggests** testthat, knitr, BiocStyle (>= 0.0.14), BRAIN, UniProt.ws (>= 2.1.4)

**Description** In-silico cleavage of polypeptide sequences. The cleavage rules are taken from:  
[http://web.expasy.org/peptide\\_cutter/peptidecutter\\_enzymes.html](http://web.expasy.org/peptide_cutter/peptidecutter_enzymes.html)

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**URL** <https://github.com/sgibb/cleaver/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/sgibb/cleaver/issues/>

**LazyLoad** yes

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**biocViews** Bioinformatics, Proteomics

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cleaver-package      *Cleavage of polypeptide sequences*

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### Description

This package cleaves polypeptide sequences. It provides only one function: [cleave](#)

### Details

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### References

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[http://web.expasy.org/peptide\\_cutter/peptidecutter\\_enzymes.html](http://web.expasy.org/peptide_cutter/peptidecutter_enzymes.html)

### See Also

[cleave](#)

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cleave      *Cleavage of polypeptide sequences*

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### Description

This function cleaves polypeptide sequences.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature character
cleave(x, enzym = "trypsin", missedCleavages = 0)
```

```
## S4 method for signature AAString
cleave(x, enzym = "trypsin", missedCleavages = 0)
```

```
## S4 method for signature AAStringSet
cleave(x, enzym = "trypsin", missedCleavages = 0)
```

**Arguments**

x                    polypeptide sequences.  
enzym                character, cleavage rule.  
missedCleavages    numeric, number of missed cleavages.

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Cleavage rules (cleavage between P1 and P1'):

Rule name	P4	P3	P2	P1	P1'
arg-c proteinase	-	-	-	R	-
asp-n endopeptidase	-	-	-	-	D
bnps-skatole-c	-	-	-	W	-
caspase1	F,W,Y,L	-	H,A,T	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase2	D	V	A	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase3	D	M	Q	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase4	L	E	V	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase5	L,W	E	H	D	-
caspase6	V	E	H,I	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase7	D	E	V	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase8	I,L	E	T	D	not P,E,D,Q,K,R
caspase9	L	E	H	D	-
caspase10	I	E	A	D	-
chymotrypsin-high	-	-	-	F,Y	not P
	-	-	-	W	not M,P
chymotrypsin-low	-	-	-	F,L,Y	not P
	-	-	-	W	not M,P
	-	-	-	M	not P,Y
	-	-	-	H	not D,M,P,W
clostripain	-	-	-	R	-
cnbr	-	-	-	M	-
enterokinase	D,E	D,E	D,E	K	-
factor xa	A,F,G,I,L,T,V,M	D,E	G	R	-
formic acid	-	-	-	D	-

glutamyl endopeptidase	-	-	-	D	-
granzyme-b	I	E	P	D	-
hydroxylamine	-	-	-	N	G
iodosobenzoic acid	-	-	-	W	-
lysc	-	-	-	K	-
lysn	-	-	-	-	K
neutrophil elastase	-	-	-	A,V	-
ntcb	-	-	-	-	C
pepsin1.3	-	not H,K,R	not P	not R	F,L,W,Y
	-	not H,K,R	not P	F,L,W,Y	-
pepsin	-	not H,K,R	not P	not R	F,L
	-	not H,K,R	not P	F,L	-
proline endopeptidase	-	-	not H,K,R	P	not P
proteinase k	-	-	-	A,E,F,I,L,T,V,W,Y	-
staphylococcal peptidase i	-	-	not E	E	-
thermolysin	-	-	-	not D,E	A,F,I,L,M,V
thrombin	-	-	G	R	G
	A,F,G,I,L,T,V,M	A,F,G,I,L,T,V,W	P	R	not D,E
trypsin	-	-	-	K,R	not P
	-	-	W	K	P
	-	-	M	R	P

## Exceptions:

Rule name	Enzyme name	P4	P3	P2	P1	P1'	P2'
trypsin	-	-	C,D	K	D	-	-
		-	-	C	K	H,Y	-
		-	-	C	R	K	-
		-	-	R	R	H,R	-

Rule name	Enzyme name
arg-c proteinase	Arg-C proteinase
asp-n endopeptidase	Asp-N endopeptidase
bnps-skatole-c	BNPS-Skatole
caspase1	Caspase 1
caspase2	Caspase 2
caspase3	Caspase 3
caspase4	Caspase 4
caspase5	Caspase 5
caspase6	Caspase 6
caspase7	Caspase 7
caspase8	Caspase 8
caspase9	Caspase 9
caspase10	Caspase 10
chymotrypsin-high	Chymotrypsin-high specificity (C-term to [FYW], not before P)
chymotrypsin-low	Chymotrypsin-low specificity (C-term to [FYWML], not before P)

clostripain	Clostripain (Clostridiopeptidase B)
cnbr	CNBr
enterokinase	Enterokinase
factor xa	Factor Xa
formic acid	Formic acid
glutamyl endopeptidase	Glutamyl endopeptidase
granzyme-b	Granzyme B
hydroxylamine	Hydroxylamine
iodosobenzoic acid	Iodosobenzoic acid
lysc	LysC
lysn	LysN
neutrophil elastase	Neutrophil elastase
ntcb	NTCB (2-nitro-5-thiocyanobenzoic acid)
pepsin1.3	Pepsin (pH == 1.3)
pepsin	Pepsin (pH > 2)
proline endopeptidase	Proline-endopeptidase
proteinase k	Proteinase K
staphylococcal peptidase i	Staphylococcal Peptidase I
thermolysin	Thermolysin
thrombin	Thrombin
trypsin	Trypsin

**Value**

a list of splitted polypeptides if input x was a character or a [AAStringSetList](#) if input x was an [AAStringSet](#)).

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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**See Also**

[AAString](#), [AAStringSet](#), [AAStringSetList](#)

**Examples**

```
library("cleaver")

## Gastic juice peptide 1 (UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot: GAJU_HUMAN/P01358)
gaju <- "LAAGKVEDSD"
```

```
cleave(gaju, "trypsin")
# $LAAGKVEDSD
# [1] "LAAGK" "VEDSD"

cleave(gaju, "trypsin", missedCleavages=1)
# $LAAGKVEDSD
# [1] "LAAGKVEDSD"

cleave(gaju, "trypsin", missedCleavages=0:1)
# $LAAGKVEDSD
# [1] "LAAGK" "VEDSD" "LAAGKVEDSD"

cleave(gaju, "pepsin")
# $LAAGKVEDSD
# [1] "LAAGKVEDSD"
# (no cleavage)

## use AAStringSet
gaju <- AAStringSet("LAAGKVEDSD")

cleave(gaju)
# AAStringSetList of length 1
# [["LAAGKVEDSD"]] LAAGK VEDSD LAAGKVEDSD
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