



Classification I



- By the number of sugars that constitute the molecule
 - **Monosaccharides, Disaccharides, Oligosaccharides, Polysaccharides**



monosaccharide



disaccharide



oligosaccharide

(chain containing
3–10 units)



polysaccharide

(long chain with possibly hundreds
or thousands of units)

Carbohydrates – natural forms

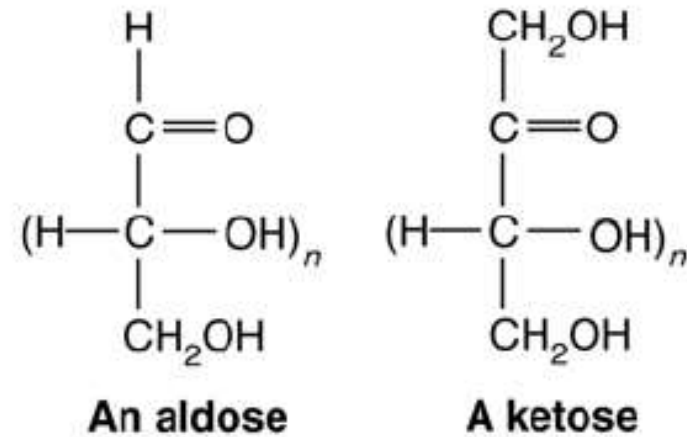


- Most carbohydrates are found naturally in bound form rather than as simple sugars.
 - Polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, inulin, gums)
 - Glycoproteins and proteoglycans (hormones, blood group substances, antibodies)
 - Glycolipids (cerebrosides, gangliosides)
 - Glycosides
 - Mucopolysaccharides (hyaluronic acid)
 - Nucleic acids (DNA, RNA)

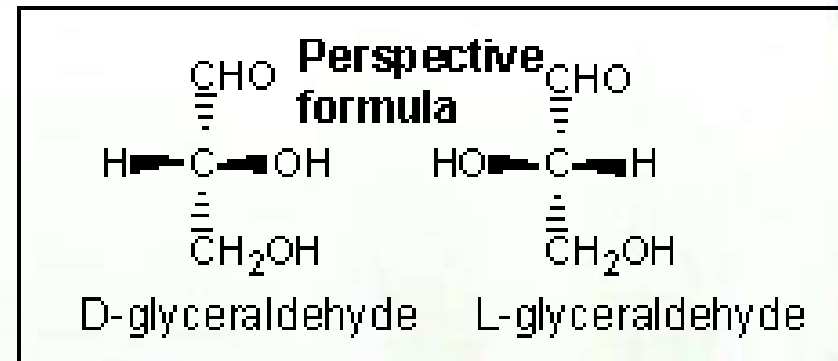
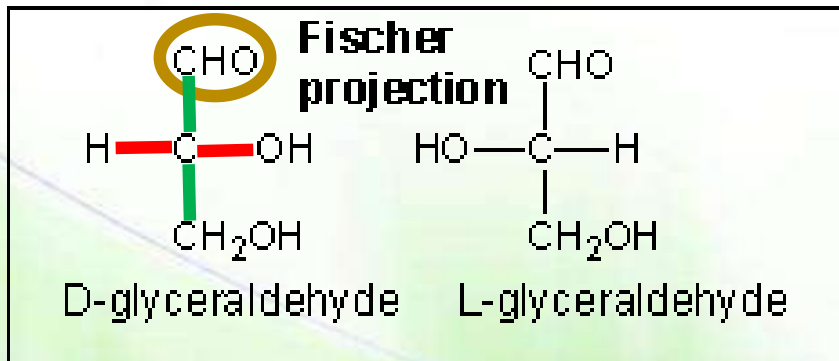
Monosaccharides



- Basic chemical formula: $(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n$
- They contain two or more hydroxyl groups.



Fisher projections or perspective structural formulas.



— Forward

| Backward

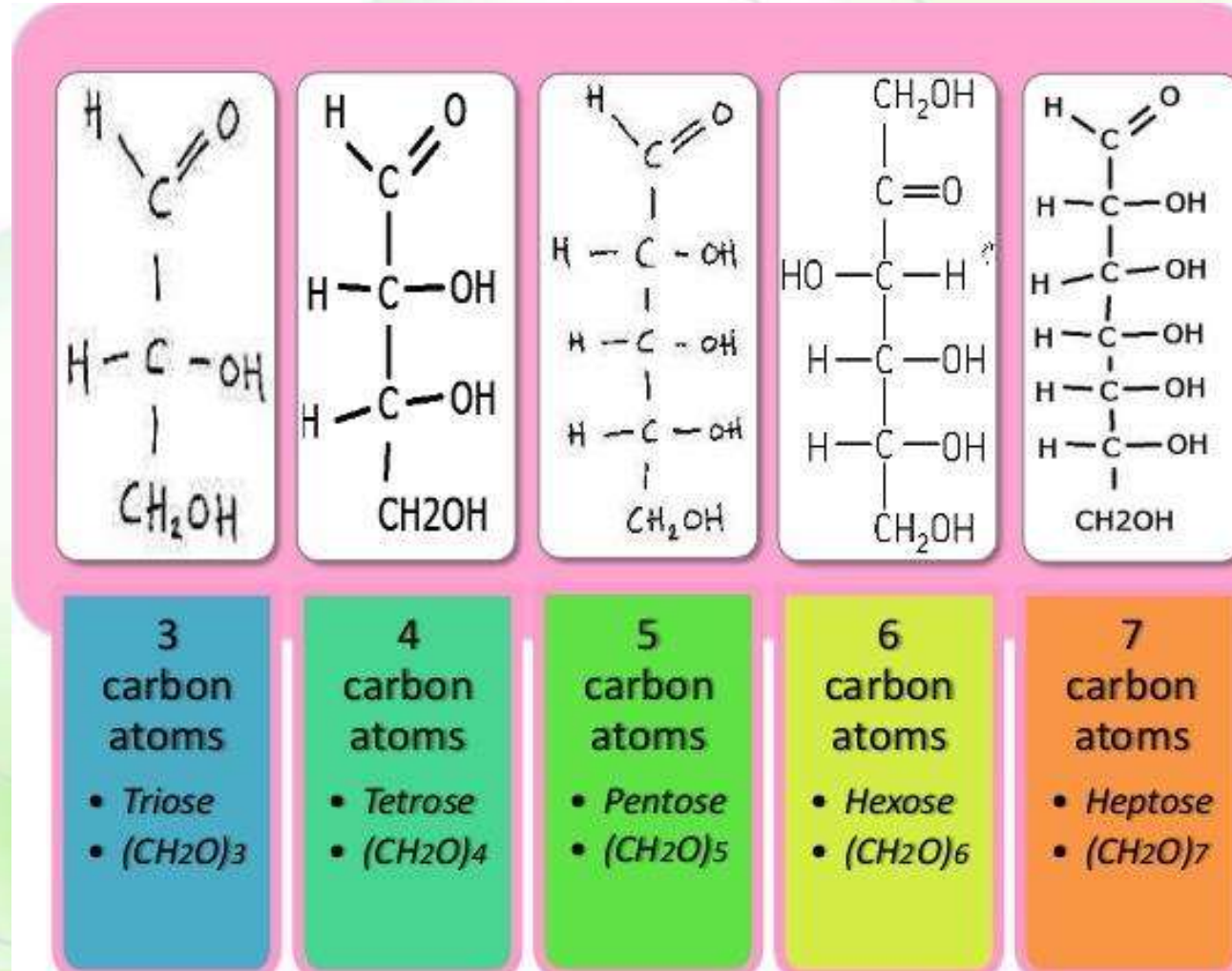
○ Top (C1): Most highly oxidized C

Classification 2

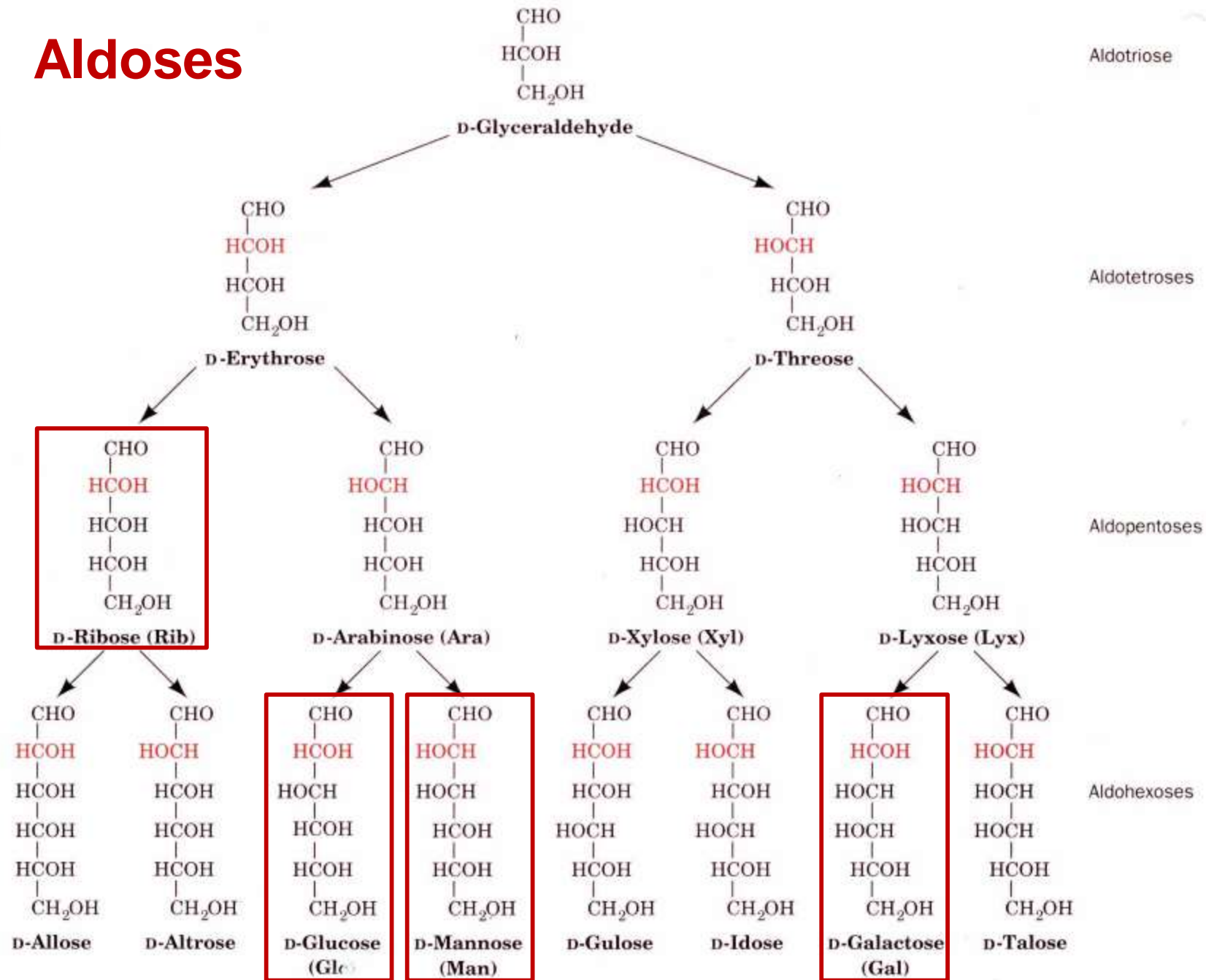


- By the number of carbon atoms they contain.

- **Triose**
- **Tetrose**
- **Pentose**
- **Hexose**
- **Heptose**
- ...

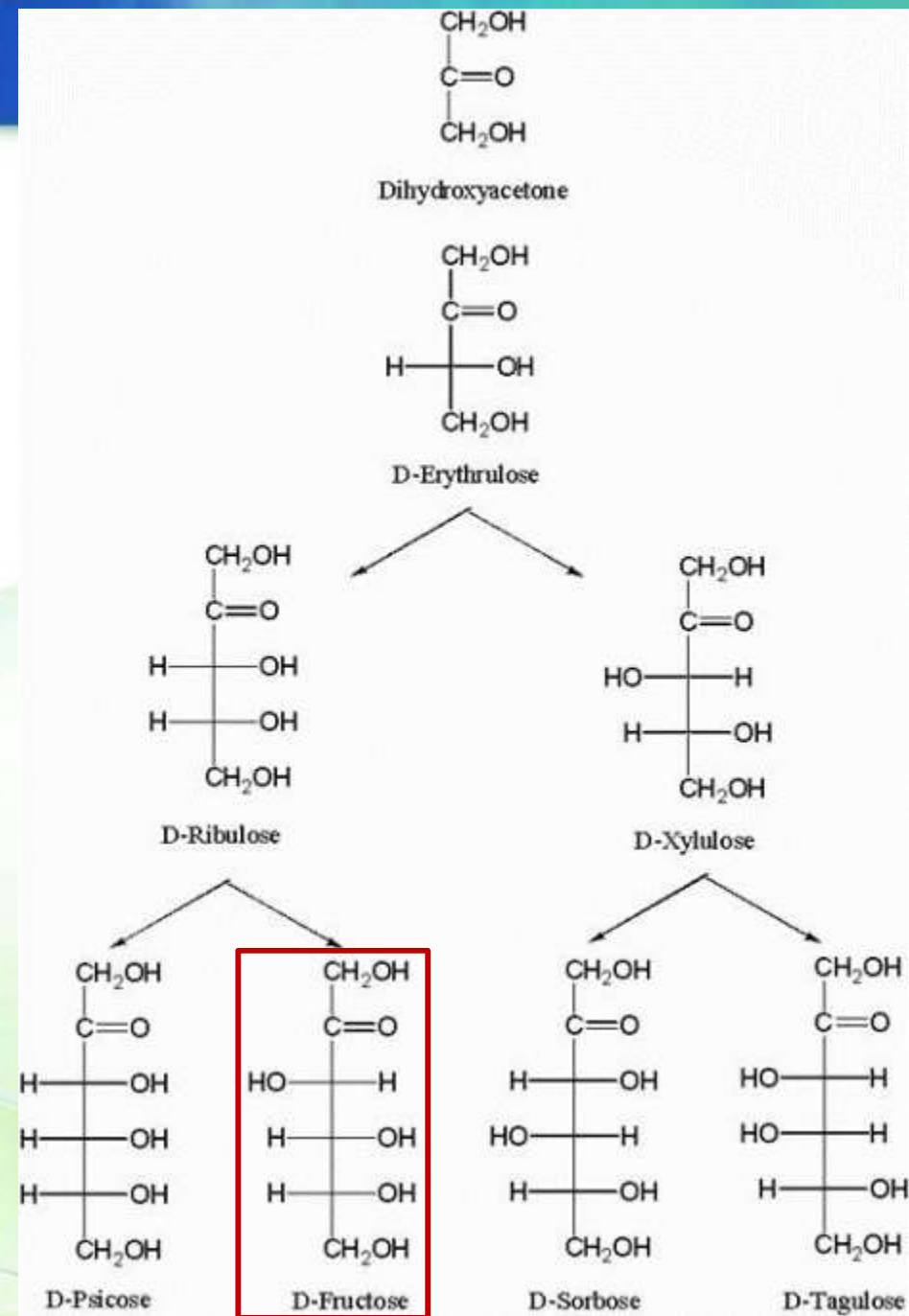


Aldoses





Ketoses

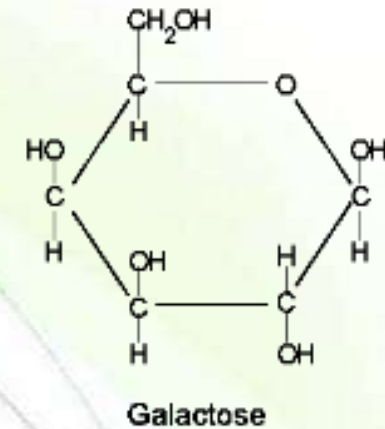
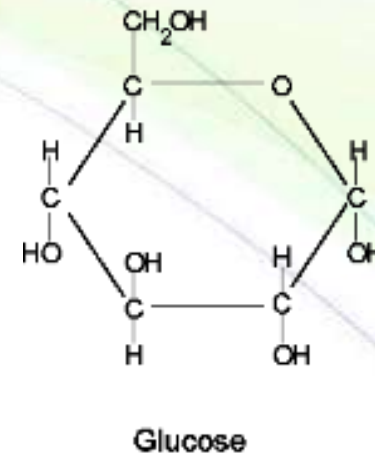


Common Monosaccharides



- **Glucose:**

- Mild sweet flavor
- Known as blood sugar
- Essential energy source
- Found in every disaccharide and polysaccharide

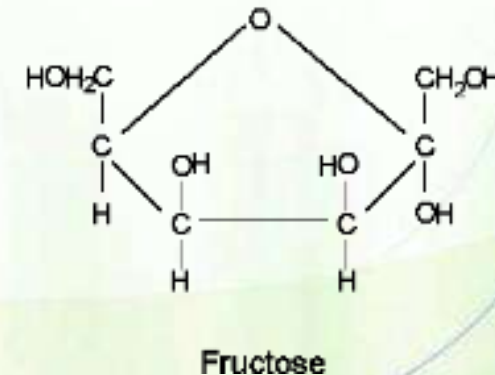


- **Galactose:**

- Hardly tastes sweet & rarely found naturally as a single sugar

- **Fructose:**

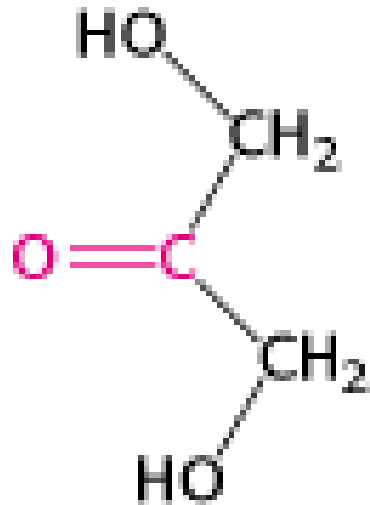
- Sweetest sugar, found in fruits and honey
- Added to soft drinks, cereals, desserts



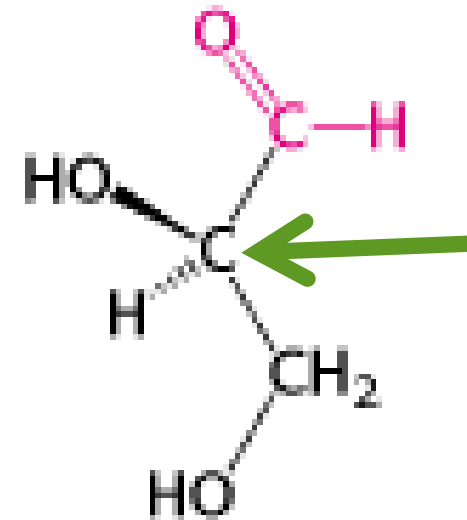
Trioses



What is a chiral carbon?



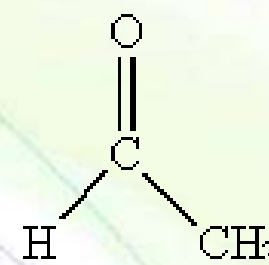
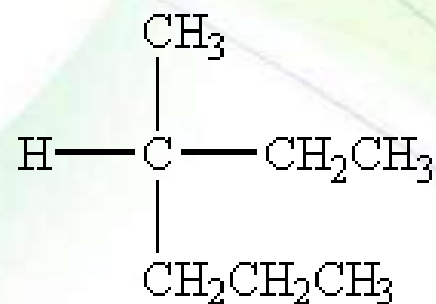
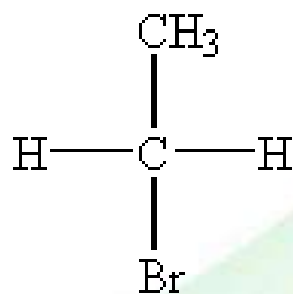
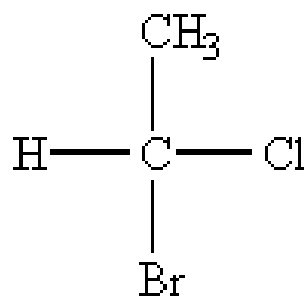
Dihydroxyacetone
(a ketose)



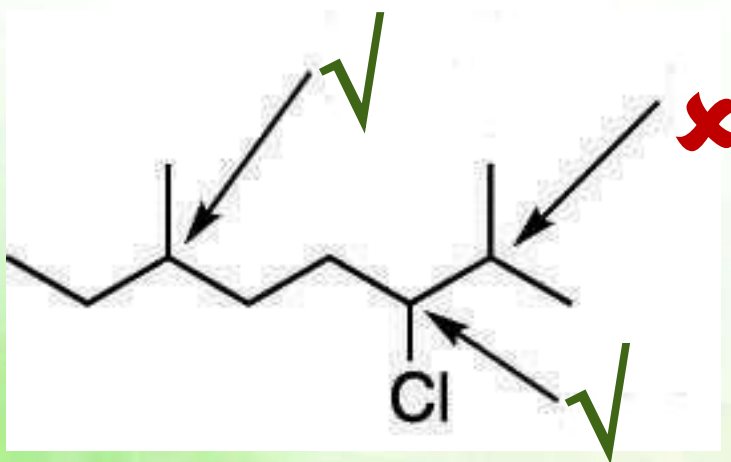
**Chiral
carbon**

D-Glyceraldehyde
(an aldose)

Note what a chiral carbon is...



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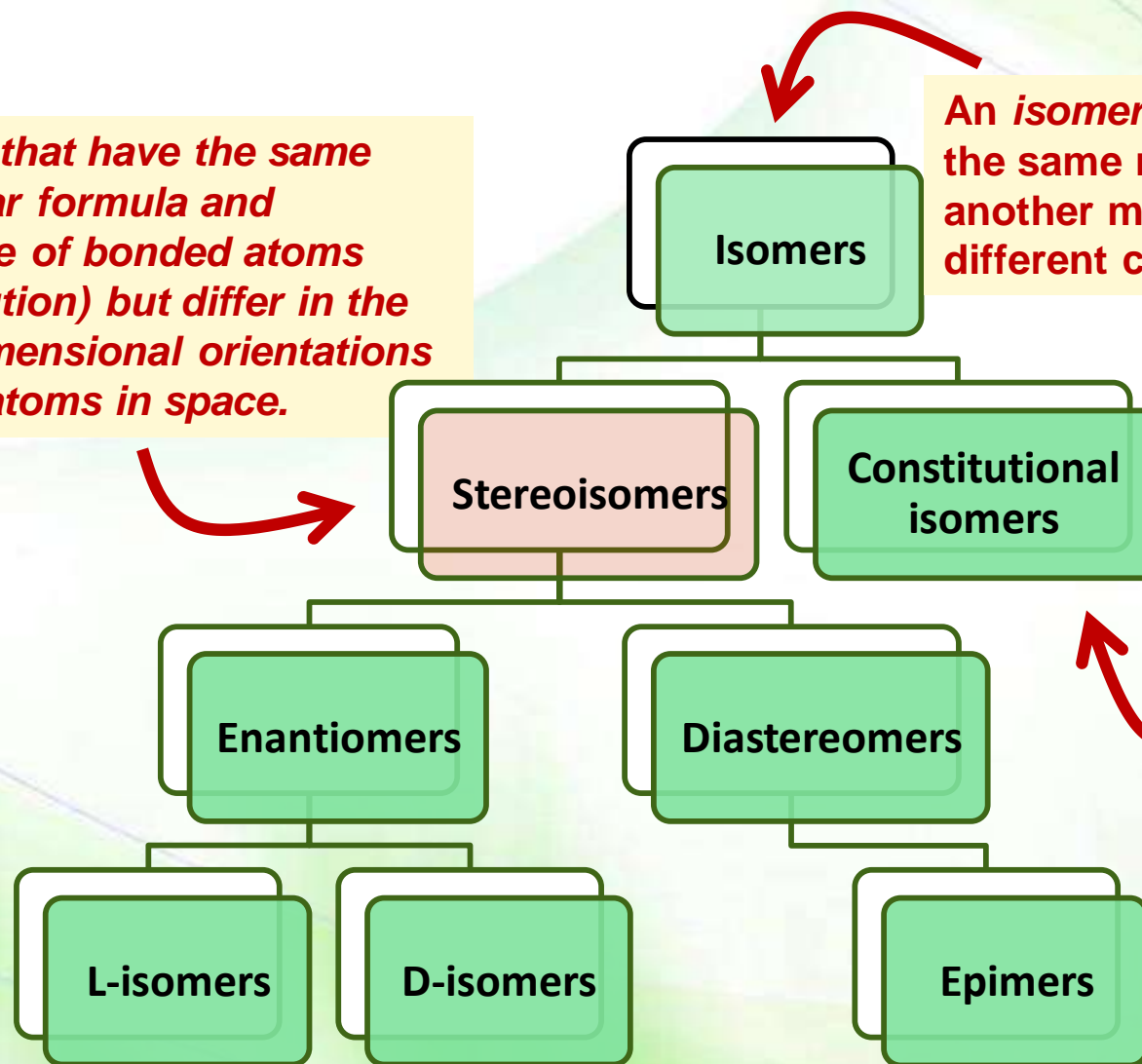
Isomerism



Isomers that have the same molecular formula and sequence of bonded atoms (constitution) but differ in the three-dimensional orientations of their atoms in space.

An isomer is a molecule with the same molecular formula as another molecule, but with a different chemical structure.

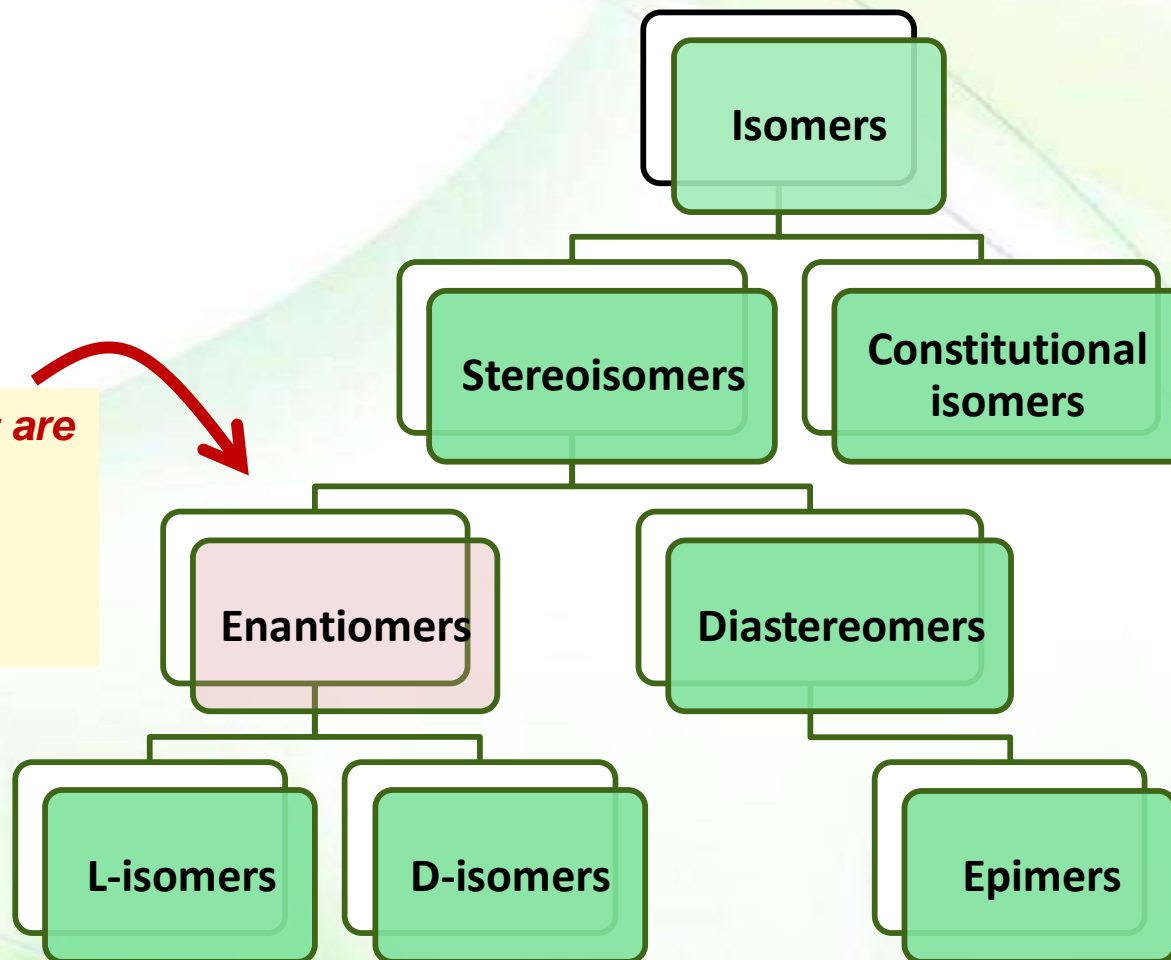
Molecules with the same molecular formula but have different bonding patterns and atomic organization.



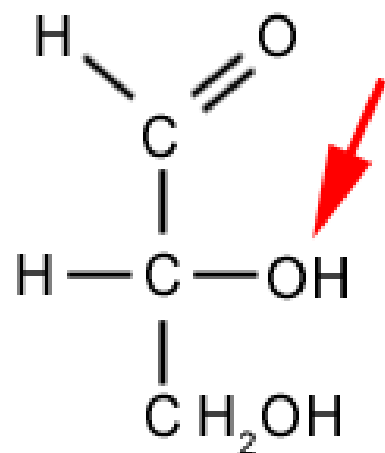
Enantiomers



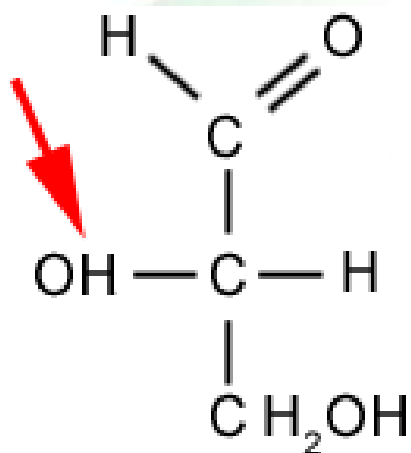
Two stereoisomers that are mirror images of each other and are non-superimposable (not identical)



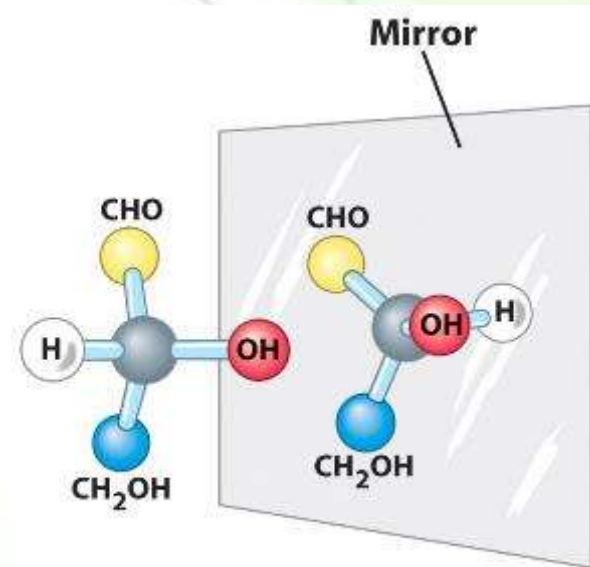
Sugar enantiomers (D- vs. L-)



D-Glyceraldehyde

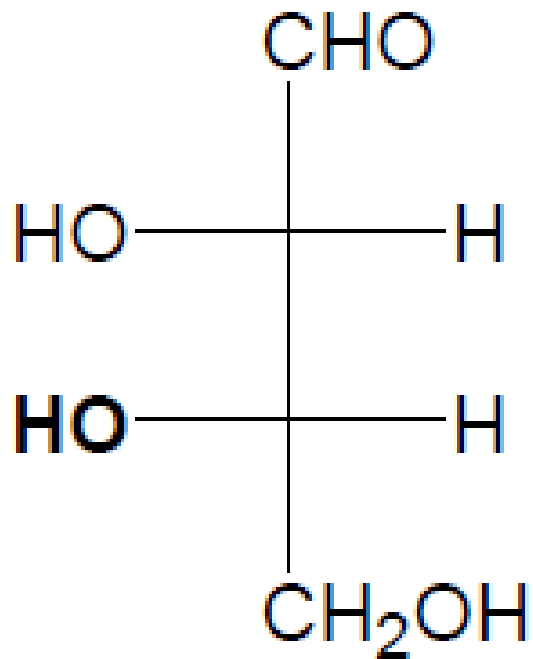


L -Glyceraldehyde

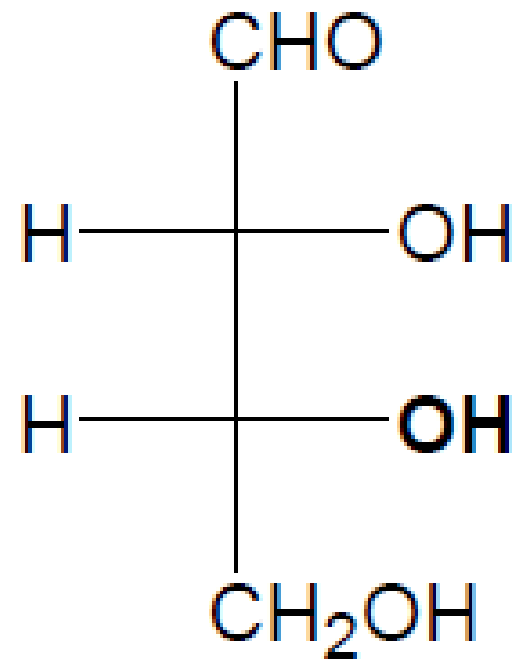


Ball-and-stick models

Which one(s) is a chiral carbon?

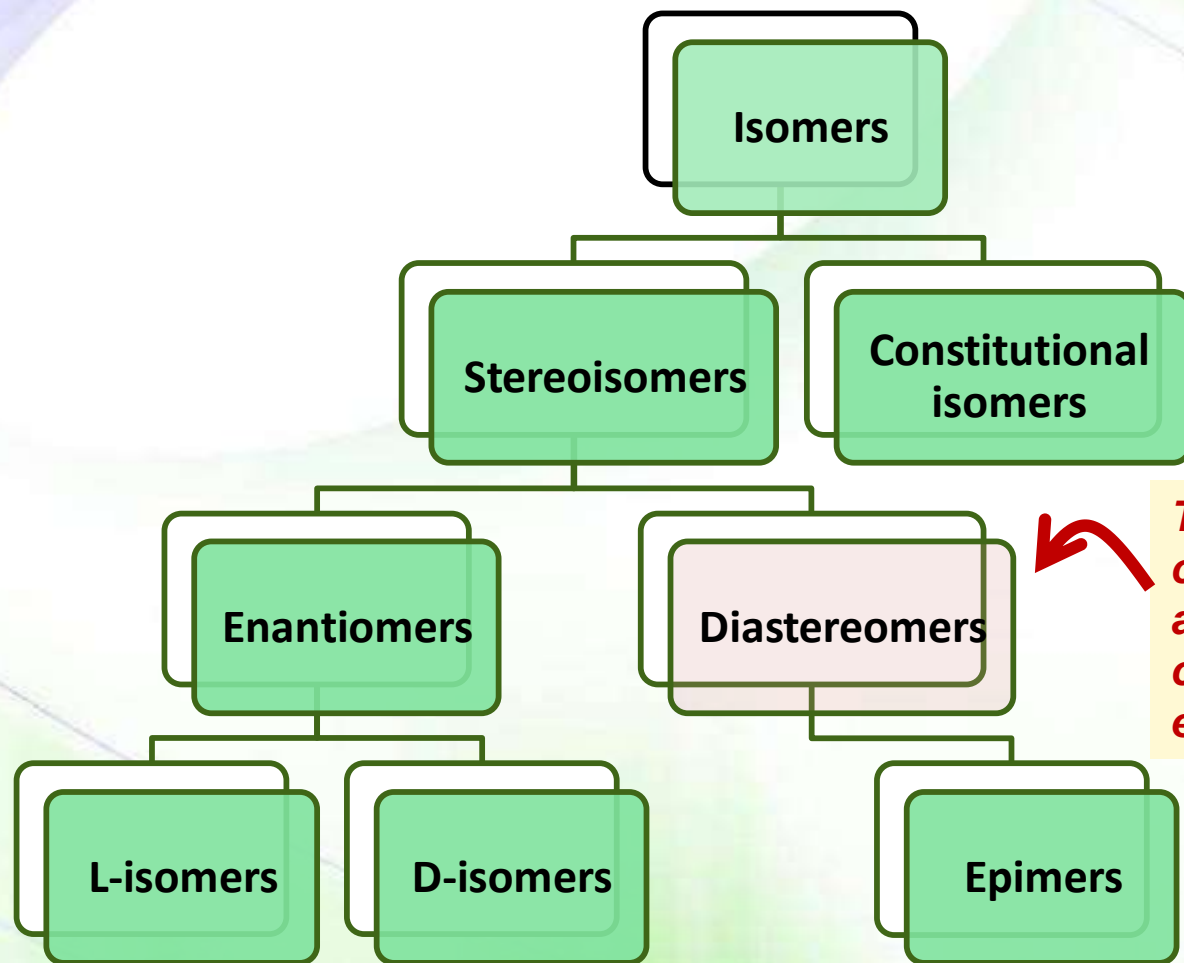


L-erythrose



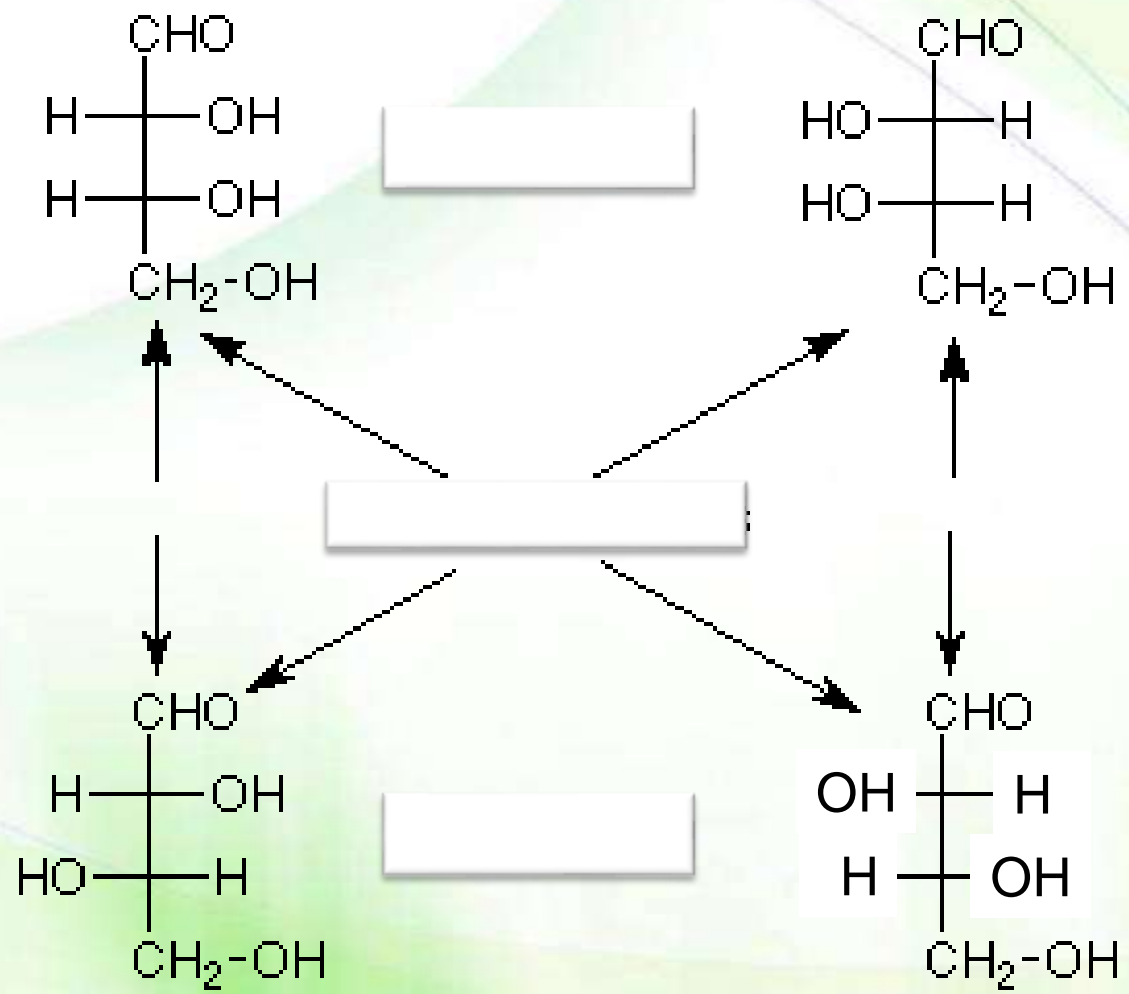
D-erythrose

Isomerism

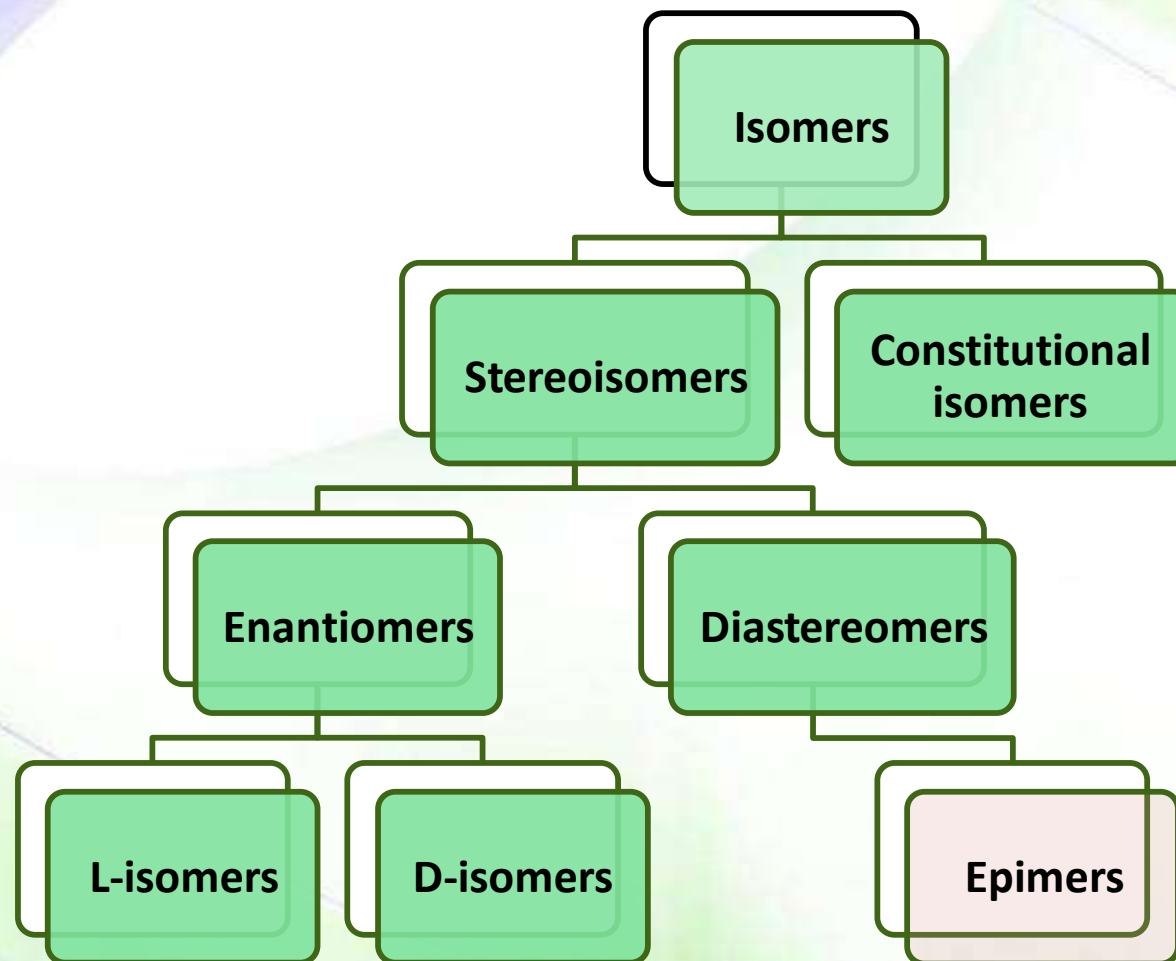


Two or more stereoisomers of a compound having different configurations at one or more (but not all) of the chiral carbons and are not mirror images of each other.

Stereoisomers, but non-mirror images and non-superimposable,
then...*diastereomers*



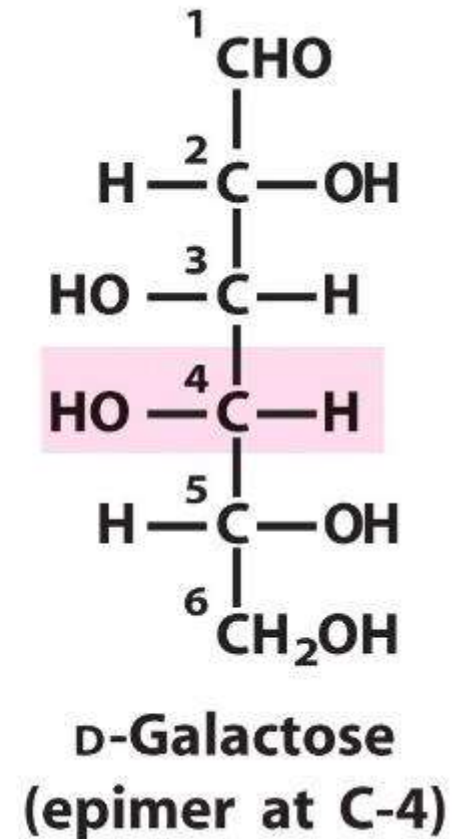
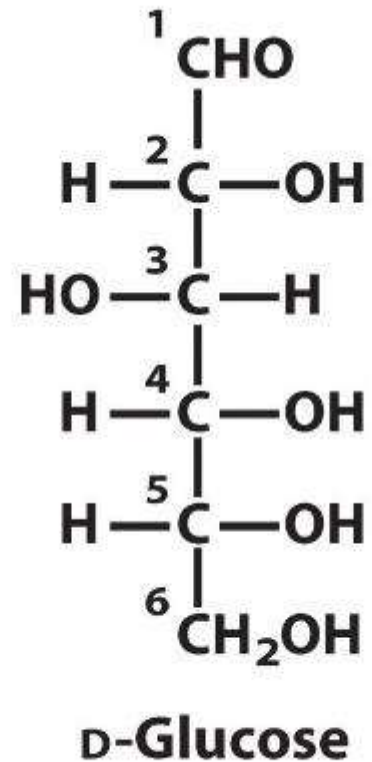
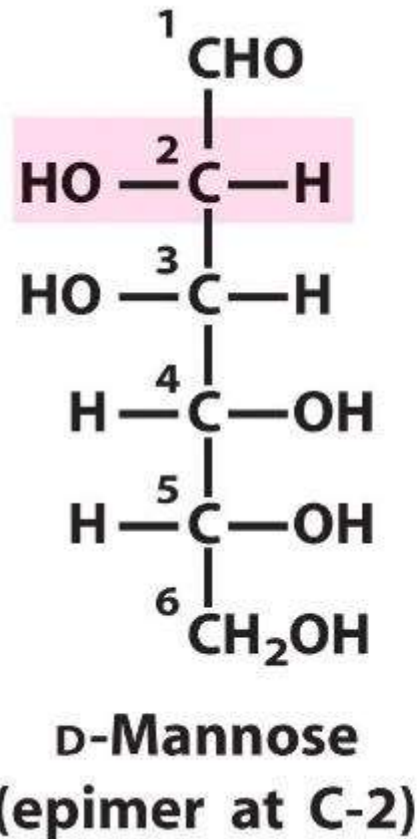
Isomerism



Epimer refers to one of a pair of stereoisomers whereby two isomers differ in configuration at only one chiral carbons.



Diastereomers with different orientation of one chiral carbon then... *epimers*

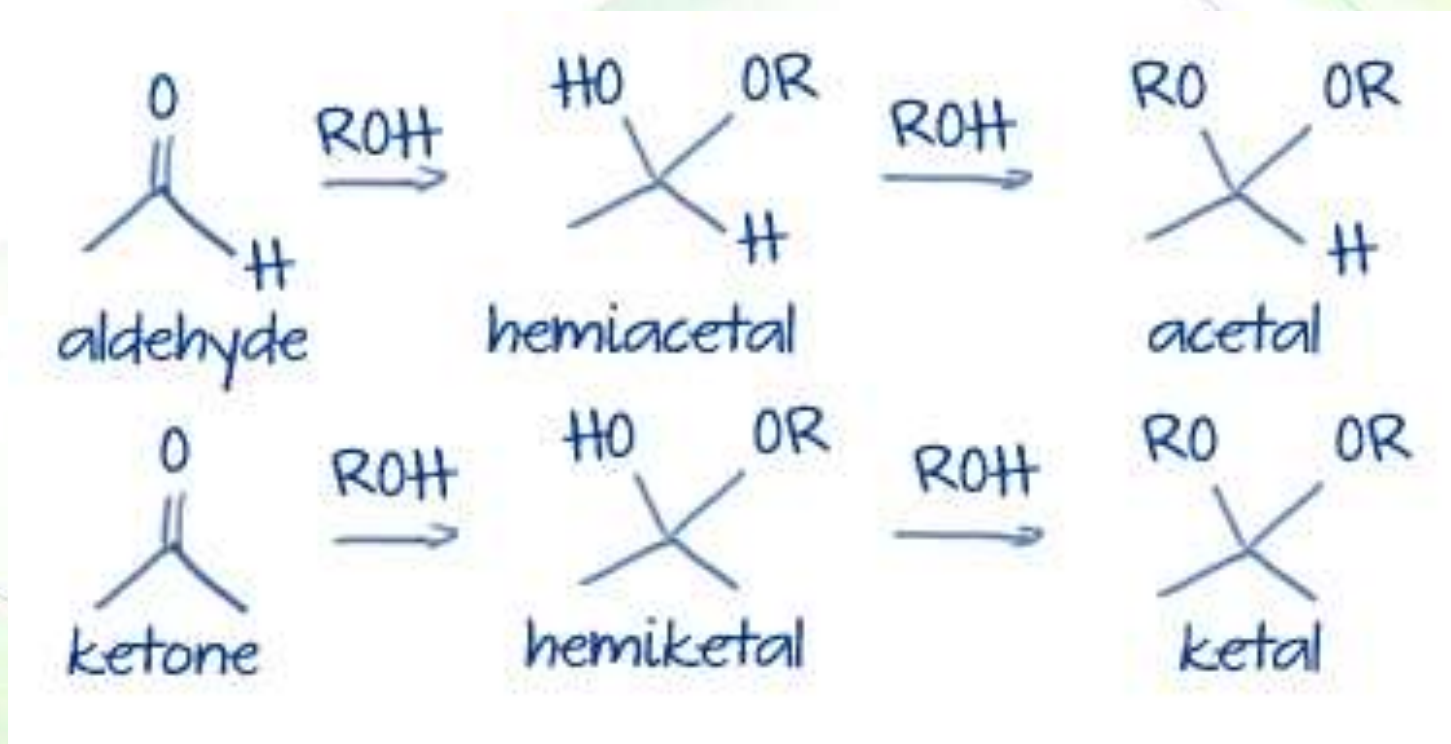


Is L-glucose an epimer with D-mannose and D-galactose?

Acetal/ketal vs. hemiacetal/hemiketal

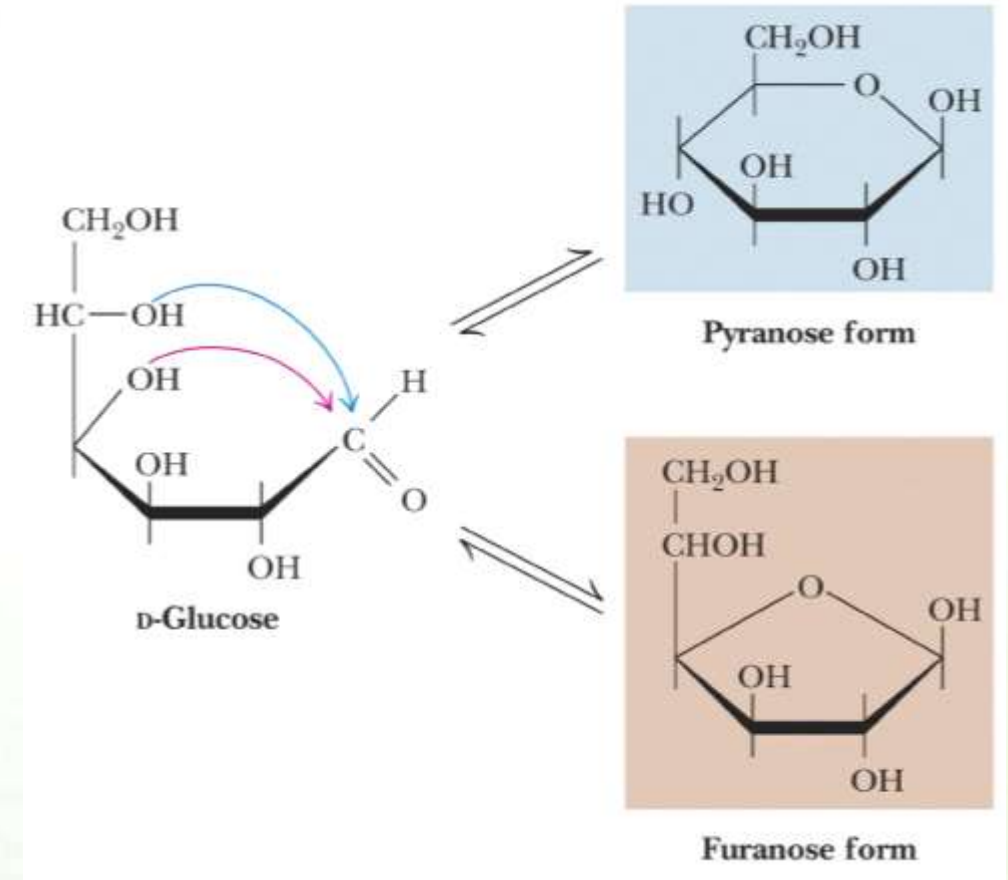
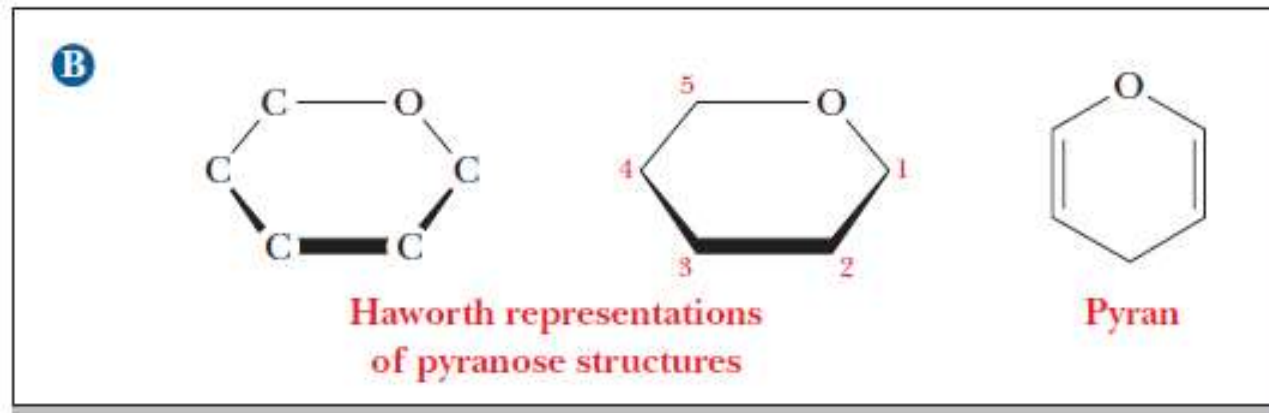
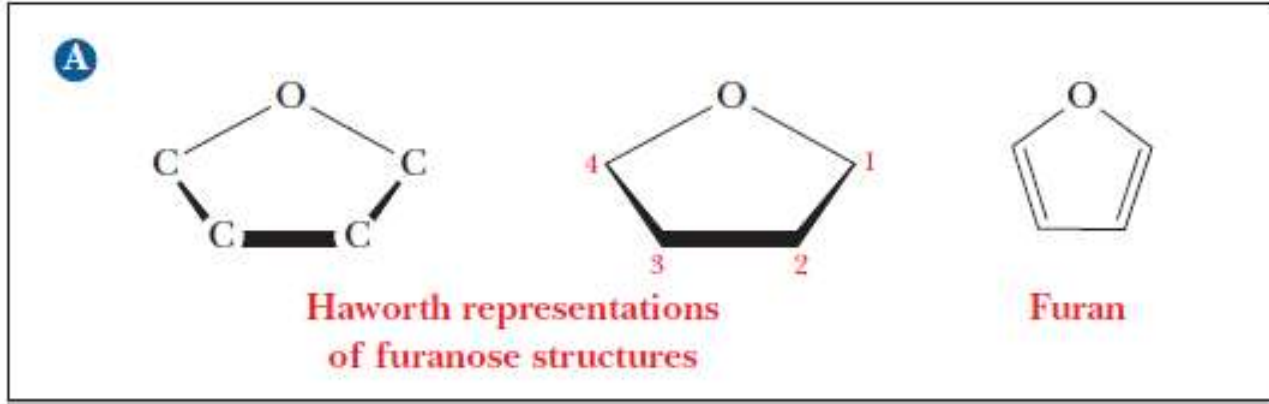


Hemiacetal and hemiketal: ether and alcohol on same carbon
Acetal and ketal: two ethers on same carbon

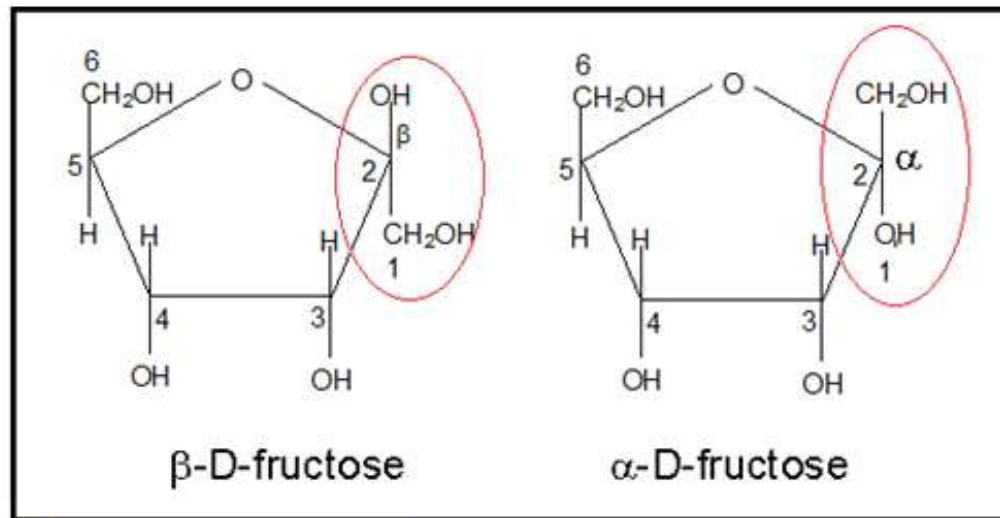
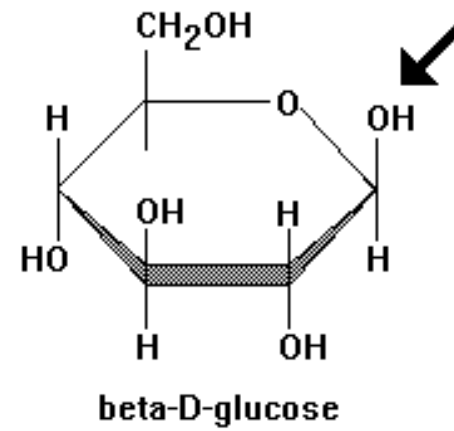
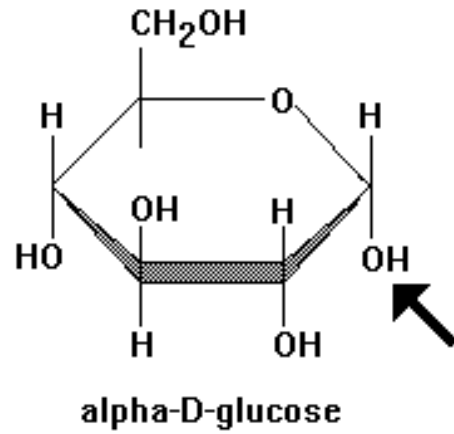


What is the difference between hemiacetal and hemiketal and the difference between acetal and ketal?

Formation of a ring structure



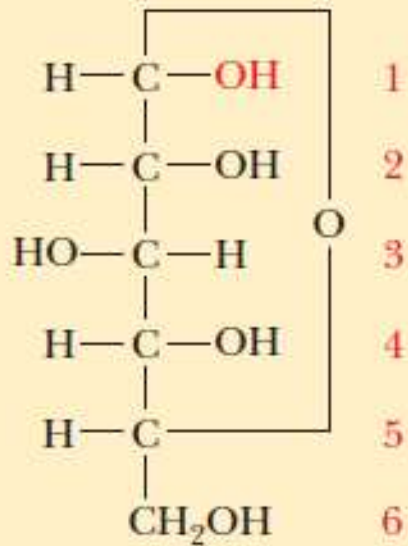
Anomers



Anomers as Fischer projection

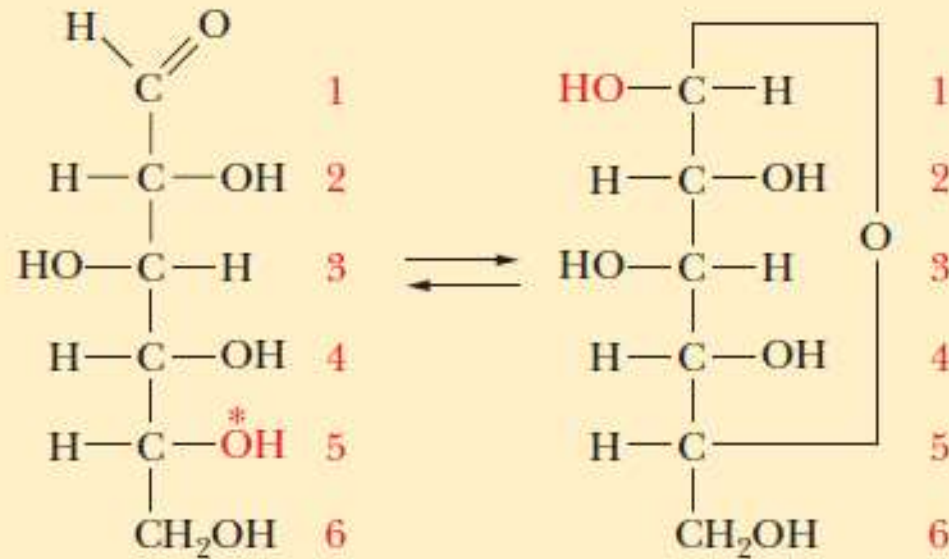


α -Configuration
OH to right of
anomeric carbon



α -D-Glucose

β -Configuration
OH to left of
anomeric carbon



β -D-Glucose

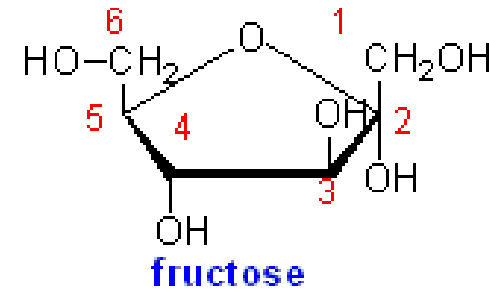
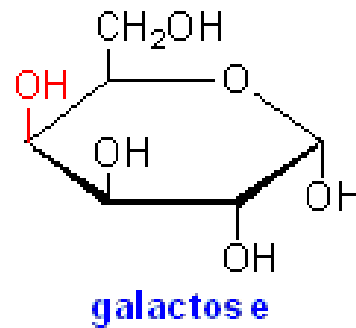
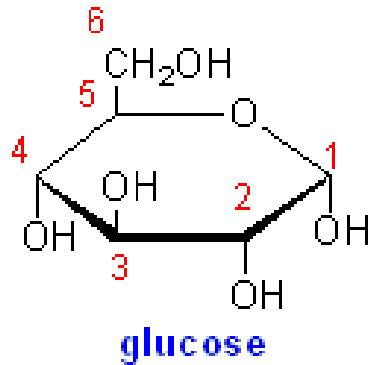
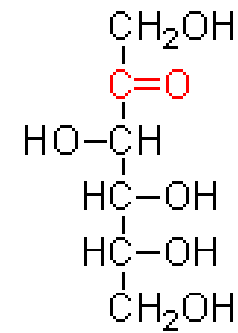
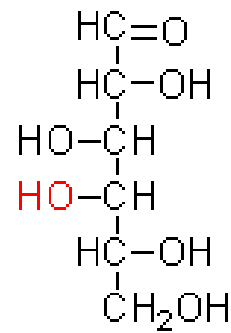
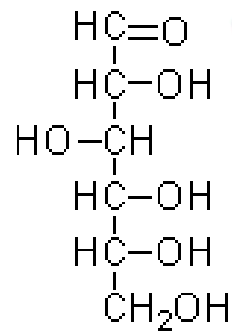
*Reacts with CH=O
to form hemiacetal
Open chain form

Chain to ring

Left-up, right-down



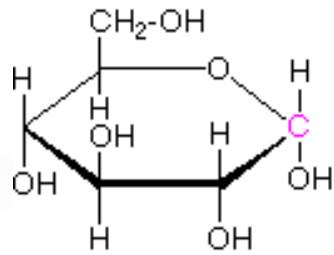
Going down
to YOUR
right



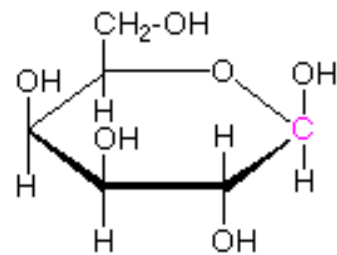
Cyclic aldohexoses



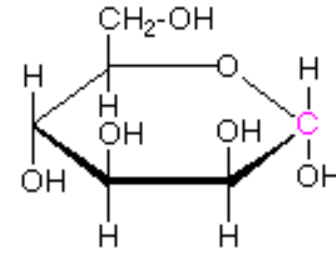
Examples of Some Pyranose Forms of Hexoses



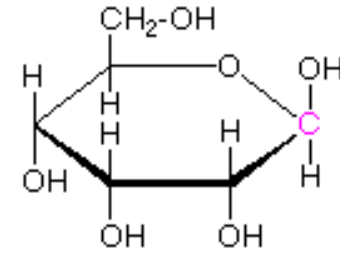
α -D-glucopyranose



β -D-galactopyranose

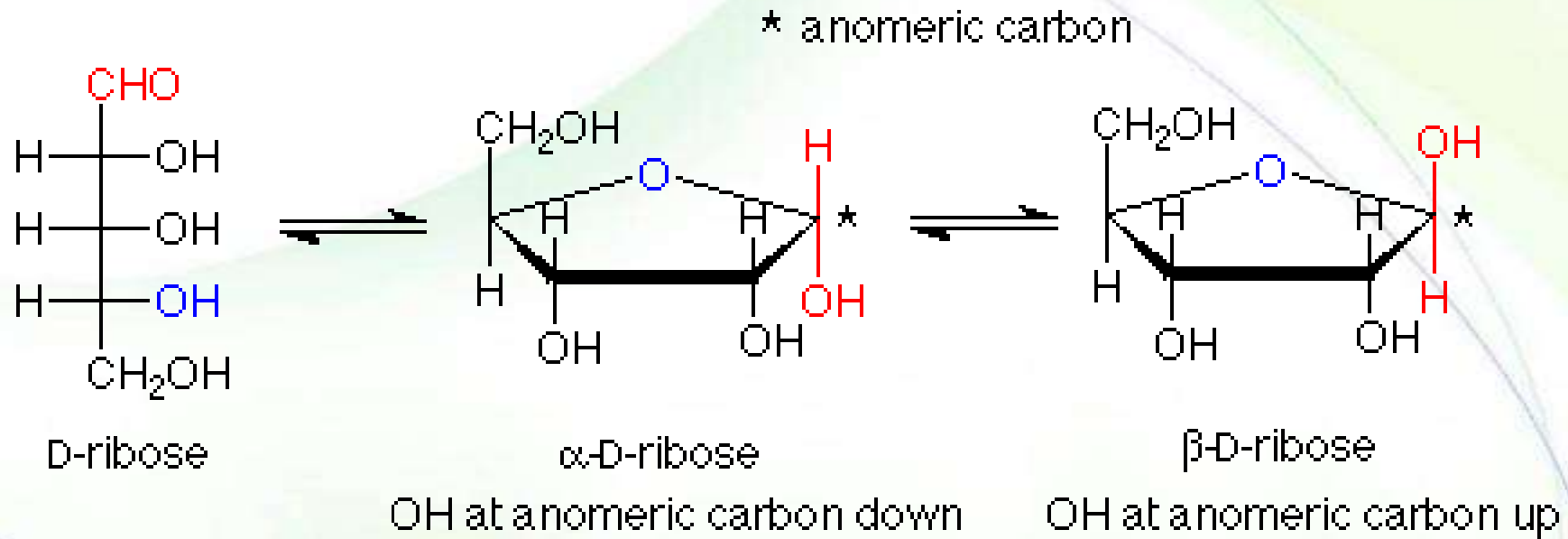


α -D-mannopyranose



β -D-allopyranose

Cyclic ribofurananose



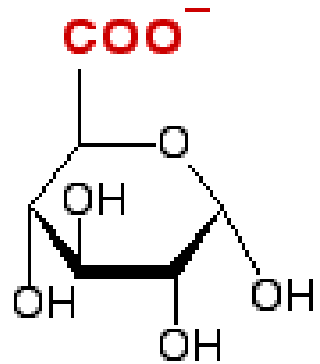


Modified sugars

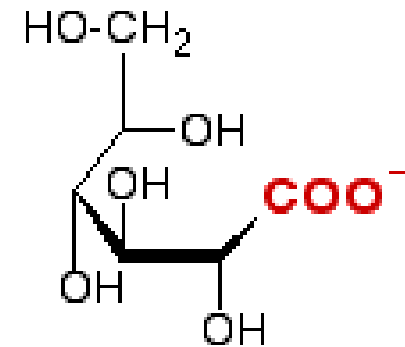
Sugar acids (oxidation)



- Where is it oxidized? What does it form?



α -D-glucuronate
(D-glucuronic acid, **GlcUA**)
from **oxidation of glucose C6 OH**

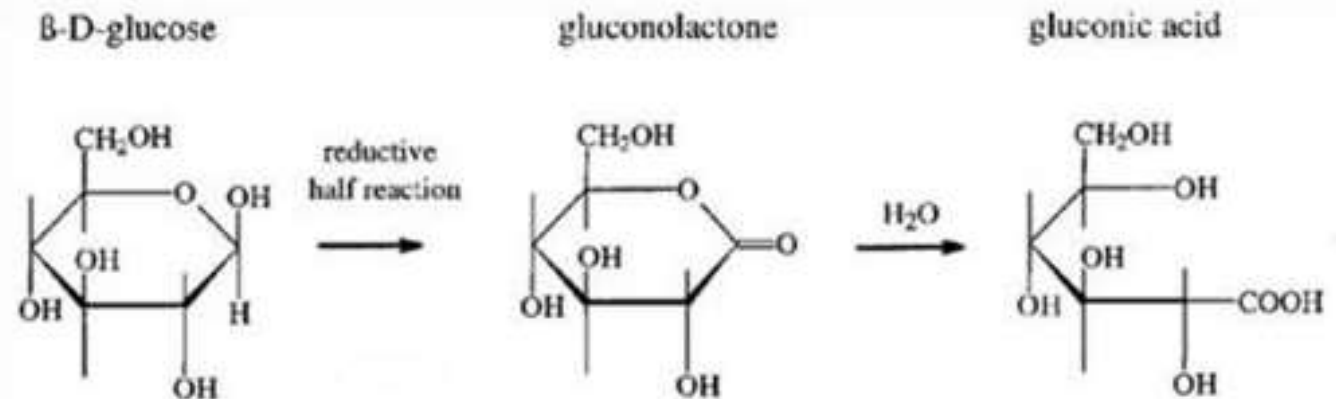
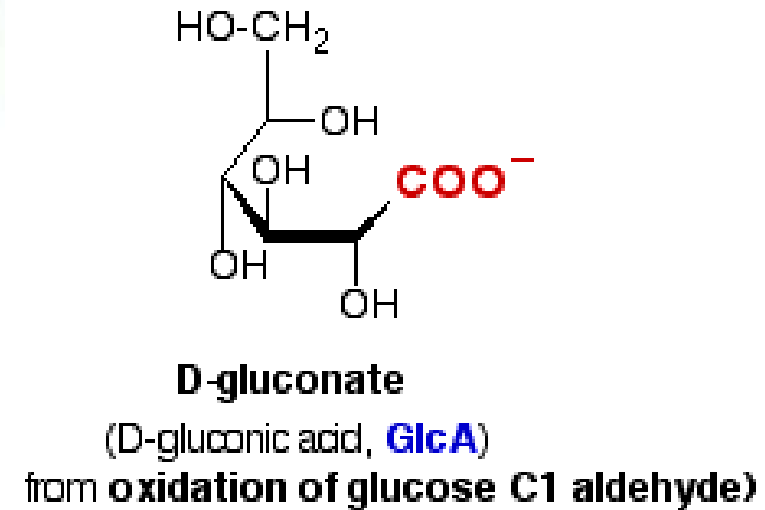
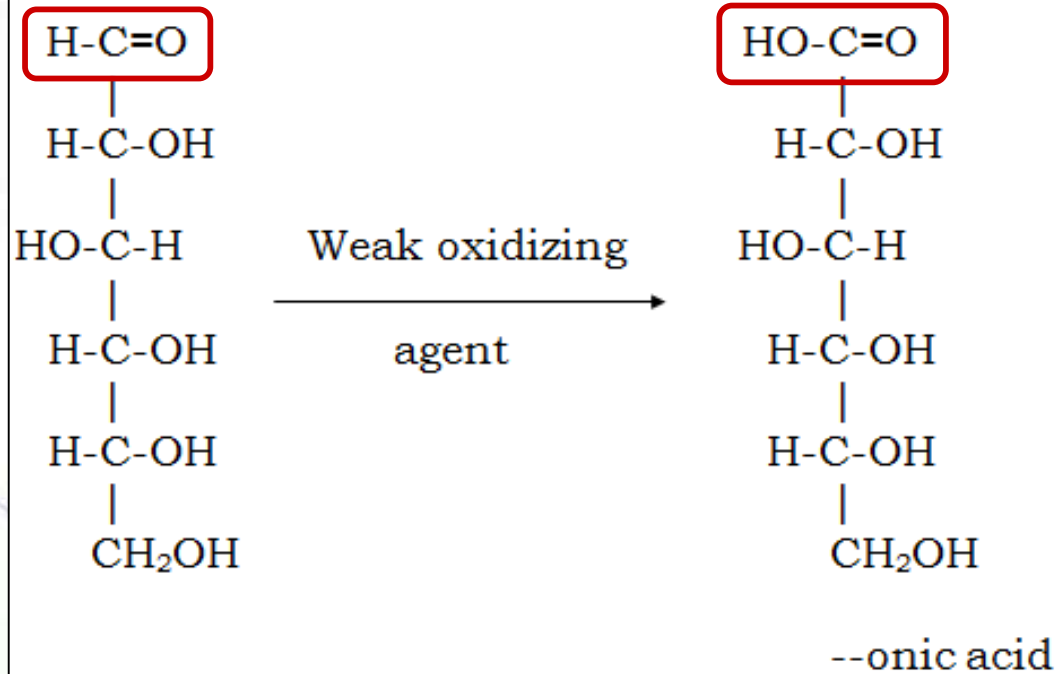


D-gluconate
(D-gluconic acid, **GlcA**)
from **oxidation of glucose C1 aldehyde**

Example 1



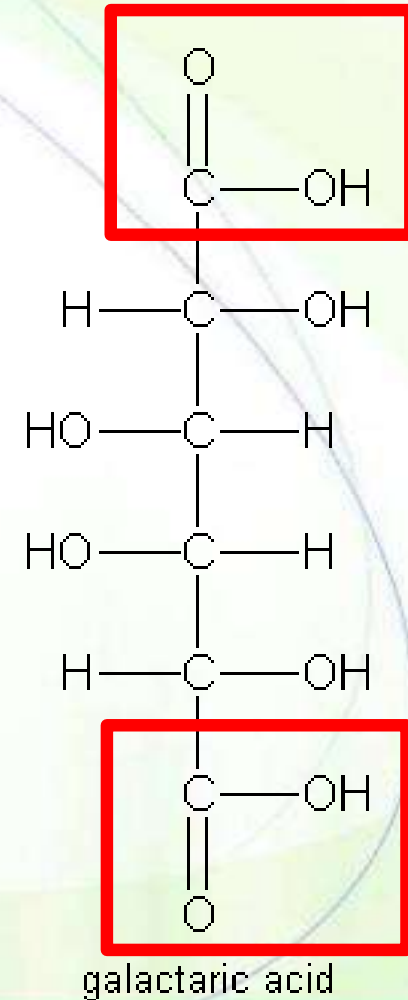
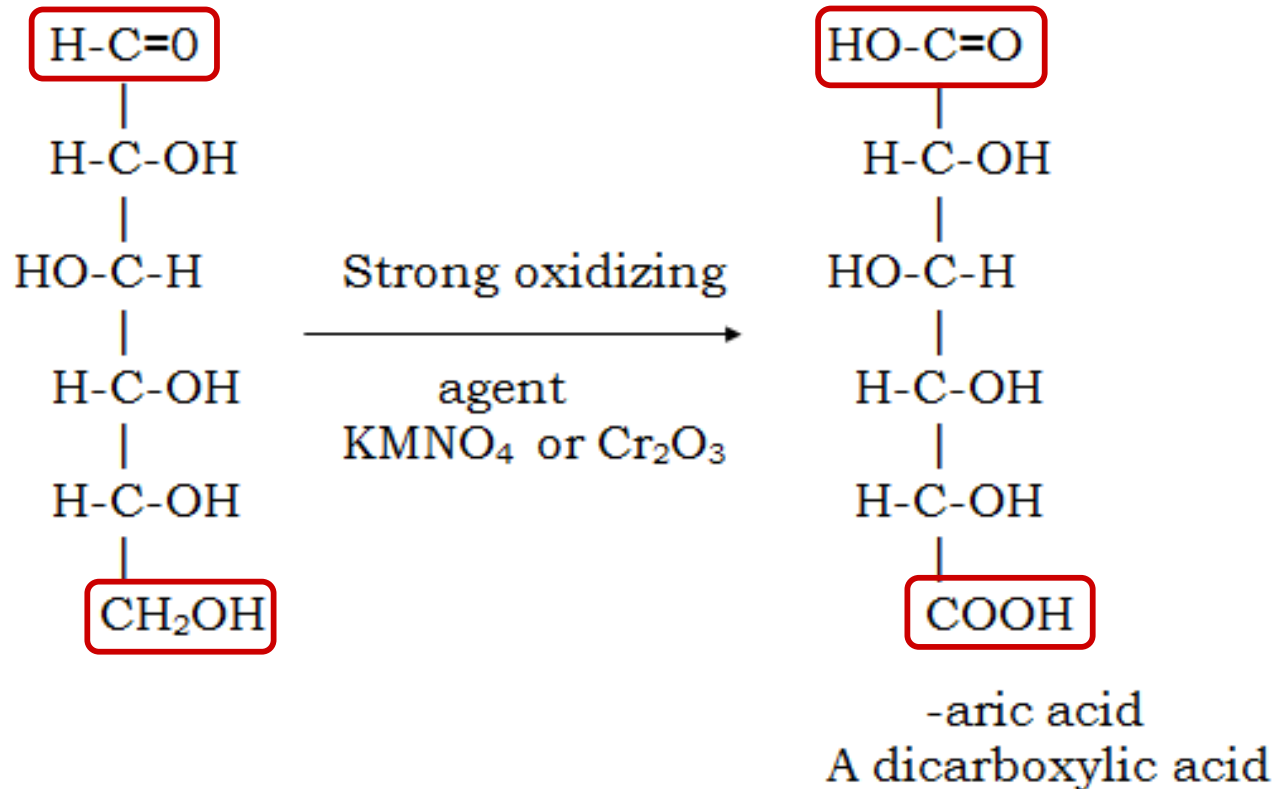
a. Weak oxidizing agent



Example 2



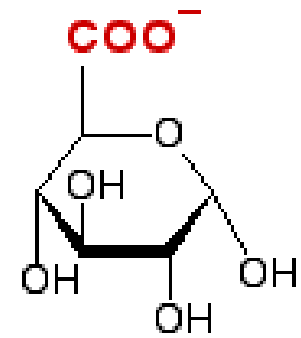
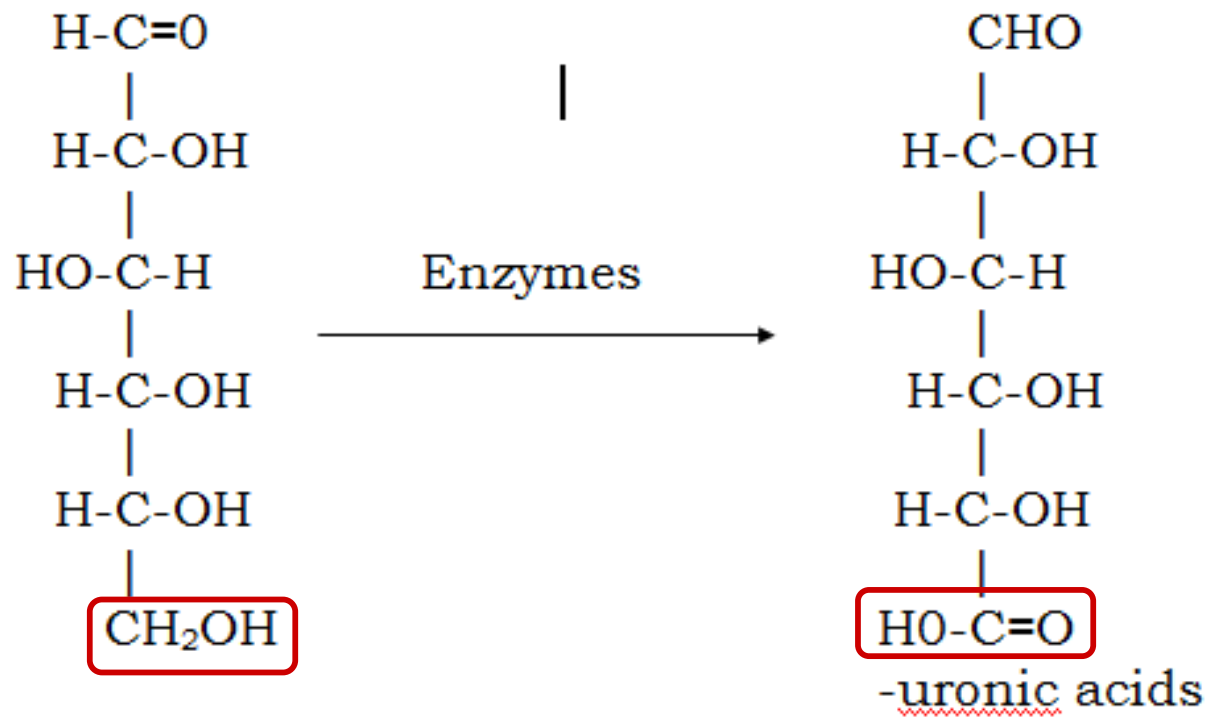
b. Strong oxidizing agents



Example 3



c. Oxidation of primary alcohol end in biological systems

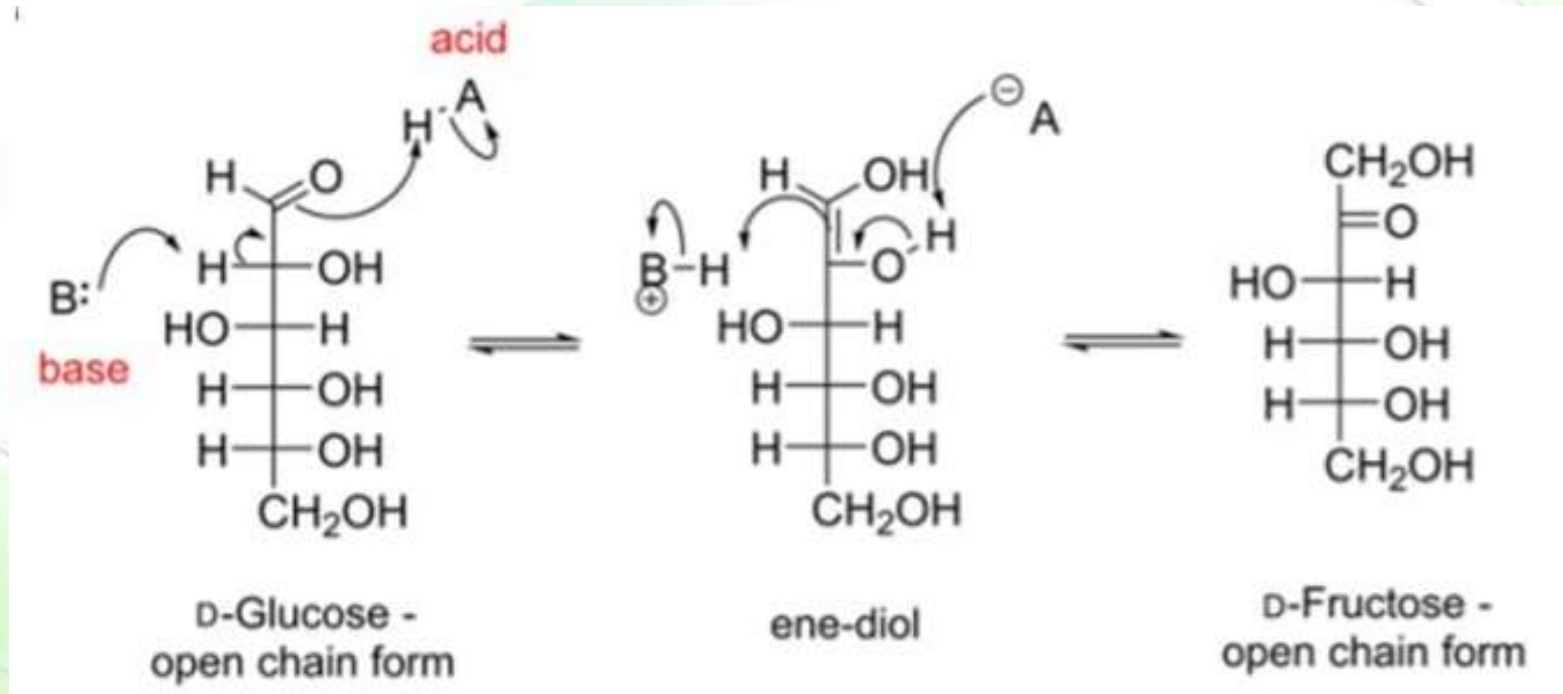


α -D-glucuronate
(D-glucuronic acid, **GlcUA**)
from **oxidation of glucose C6 OH**

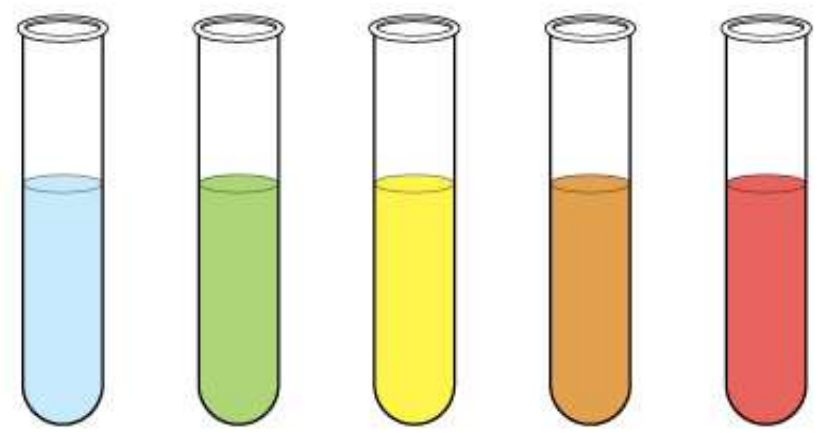
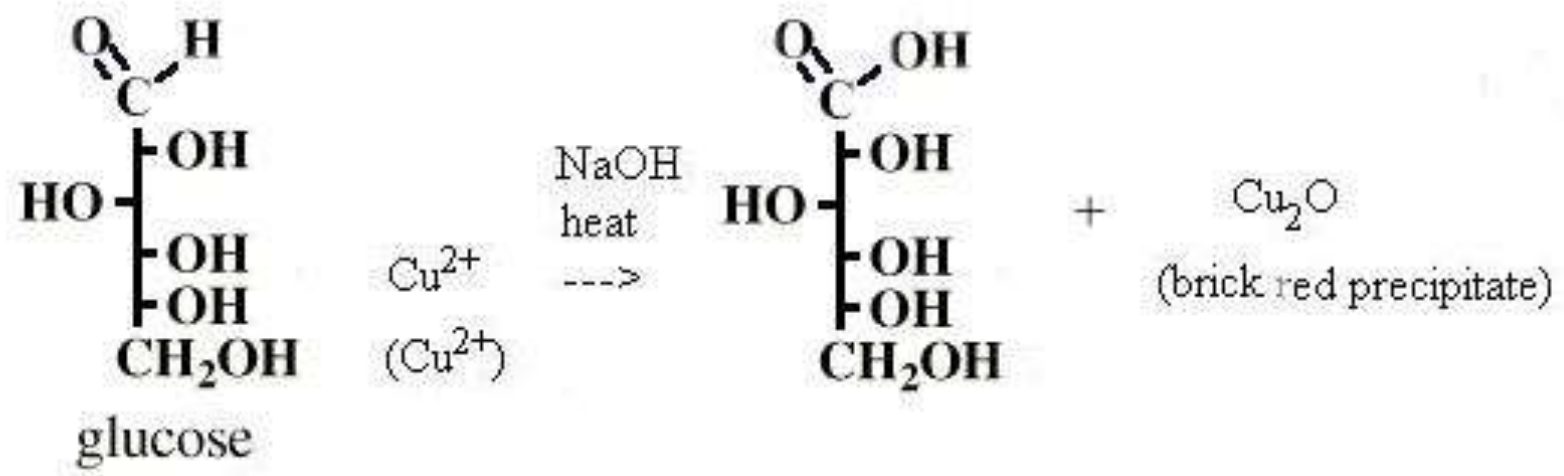
Note



- Oxidation of ketoses to carboxylic acids does not occur, but they can be oxidized because of formation of enediol form.

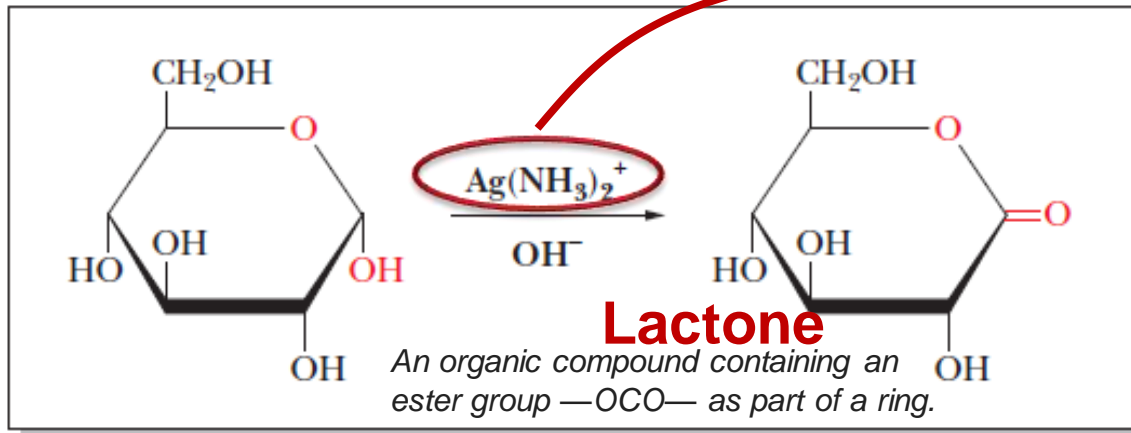


Benedict's test



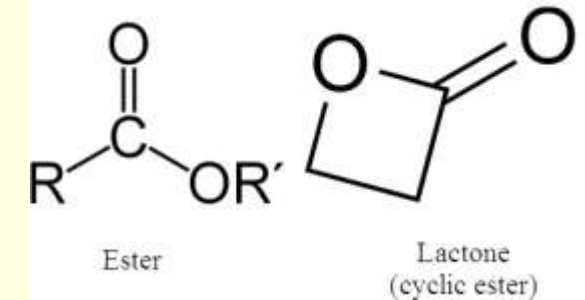
None Very low Low Medium High

Oxidation of cyclic sugars (lactone)



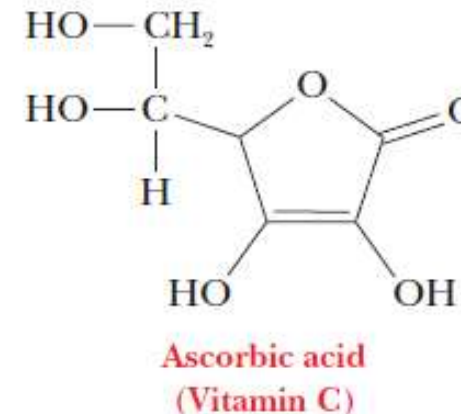
Tollen's test

Lactones are cyclic esters of organic



A more recent method for the detection of glucose, but not other reducing sugars, is based on the use of the enzyme glucose oxidase.

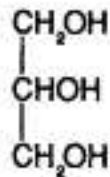
- **Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) is an unsaturated lactone.**
- **Air oxidation of ascorbic acid, followed by hydrolysis of the ester bond, leads to loss of activity as a vitamin.**
- **A lack of fresh food can cause vitamin C deficiencies, which, in turn, can lead to scurvy.**



Sugar alcohols (reduction)

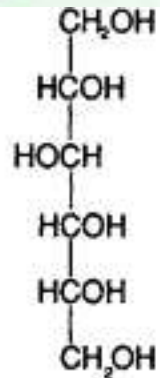


- What does it form?
- Examples include sorbitol, mannitol, and xylitol, which are used to sweeten food products



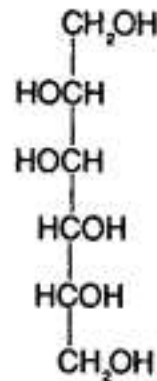
Glycerol

Obtained from the reduction of either D-glyceraldehyde or dihydroxyacetone.



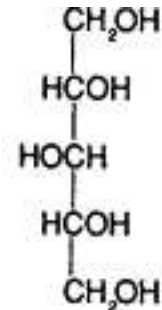
D-Sorbitol

Obtained from the reduction of either the C₁ carbonyl group of glucose or the C₂ carbonyl group of fructose.



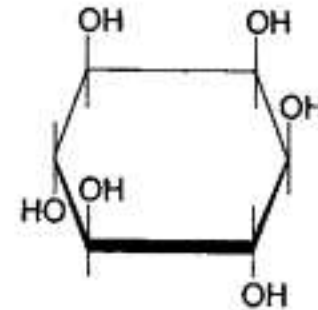
D-Mannitol

Obtained from the reduction of either the C₂ carbonyl group of D-fructose or the C₁ carbonyl group of D-mannose.



Xylitol

Obtained from the reduction of either the C₁ carbonyl group of D-xylose or the C₂ carbonyl group of D-xylulose.

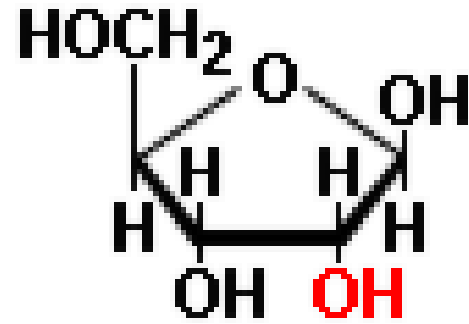


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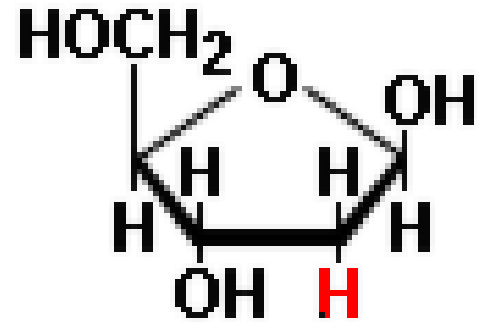
Deoxy sugars (reduced sugars)



- One or more hydroxyl groups are replaced by hydrogens.
- An example is 2-deoxyribose, which is a constituent of DNA.



Ribose

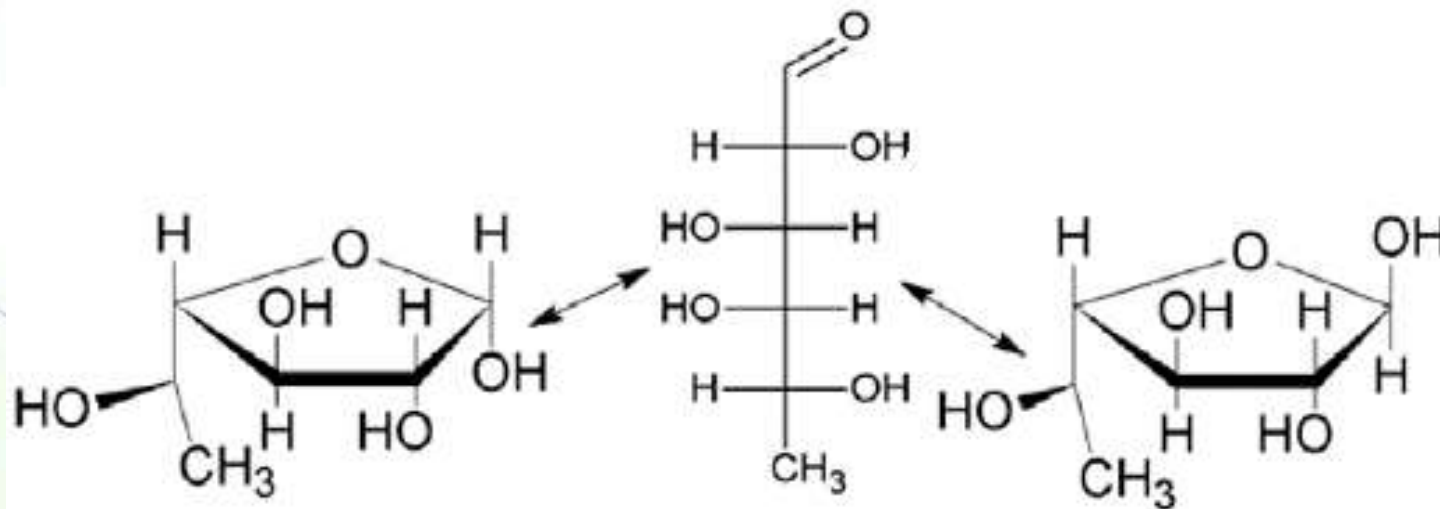


Deoxyribose

Another one



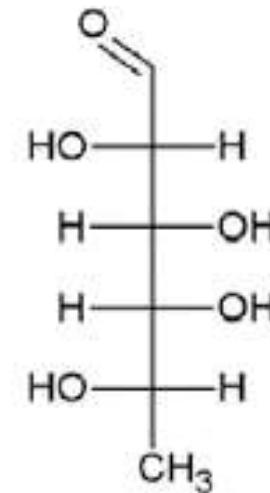
- L-fucose (L-6-deoxygalactose)
- found in the carbohydrate portions of some glycoproteins



6-deoxy- α -D-galactofuranose

6-deoxy- β -D-galactofuranose

D-fucose (6-deoxy-D-galactose)

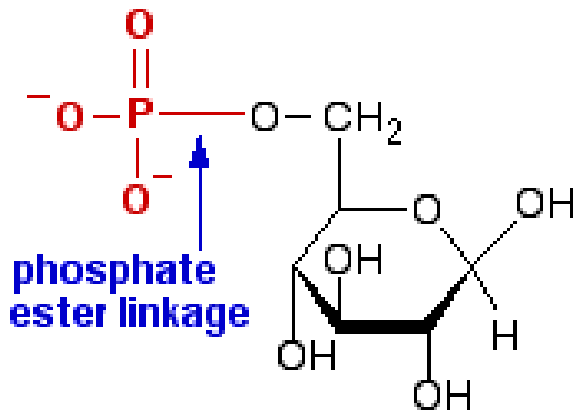


L-fucose
(6-deoxy-L-galactose)

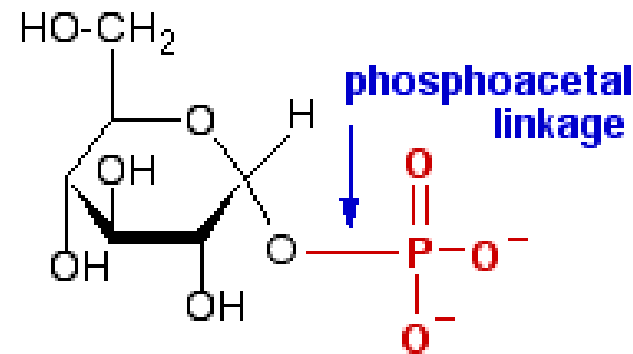
Sugar esters (esterification)



- What is the reacting functional group? Where does it react? What are the end products? Where are they used?



β-D-glucose-6-phosphate
(an ordinary **phosphate ester**)

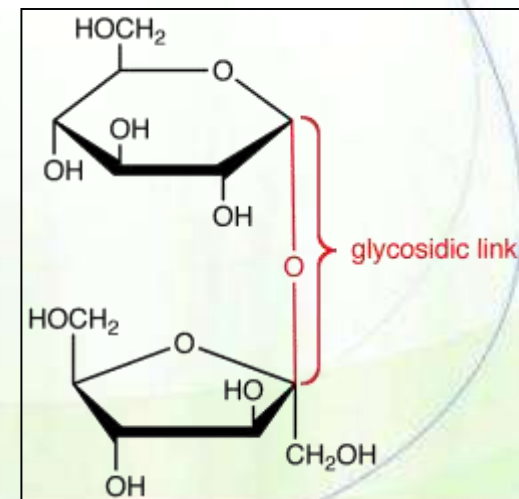
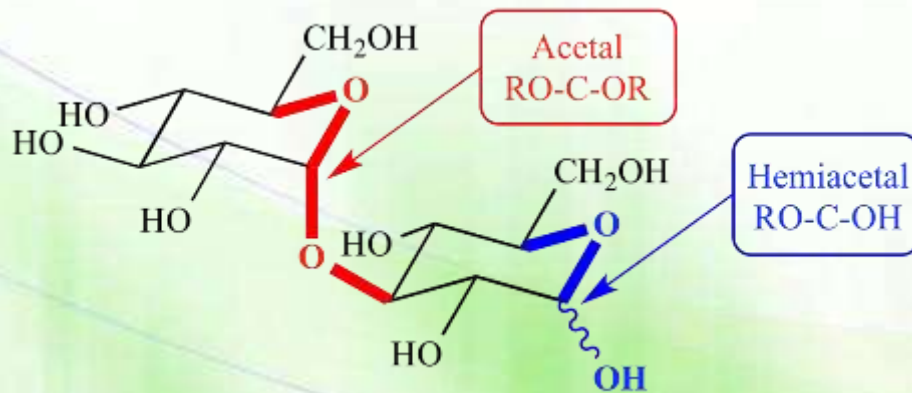
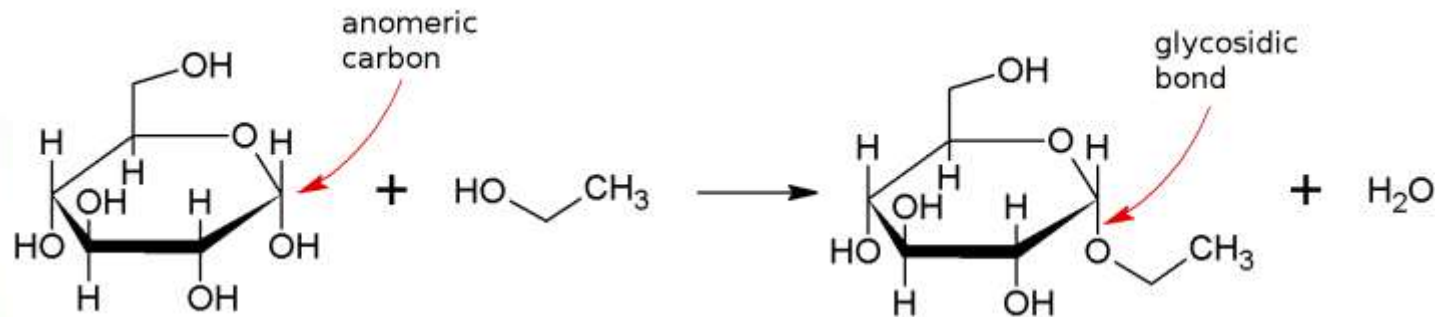


α-D-glucose-1-phosphate
(a **phosphoacetal**)

O-Glycosides



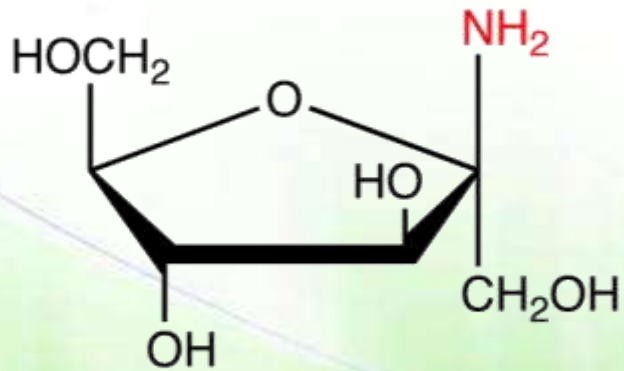
- What is the reacting functional group? Where does it react? What are the end products? Where are they used?



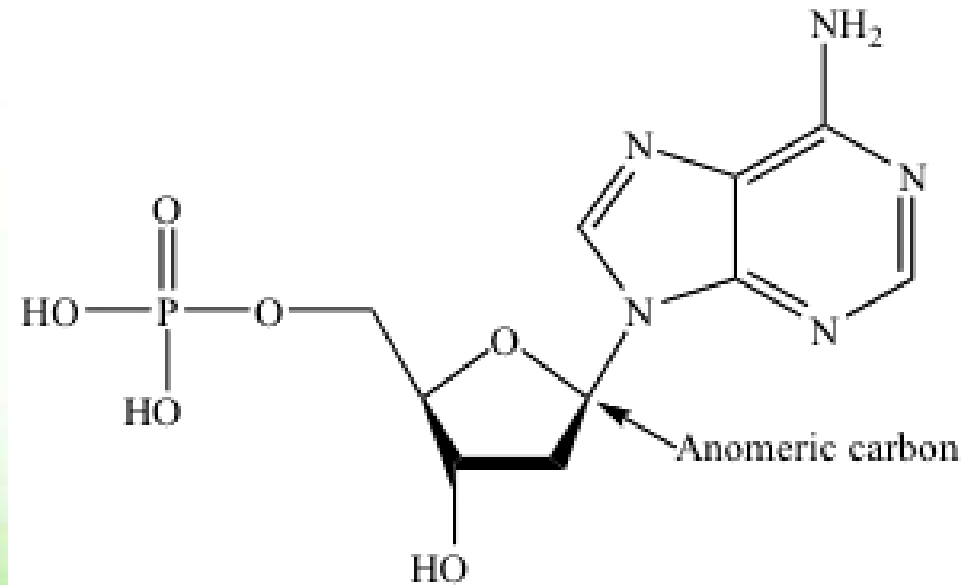
N-glycosides



- What is the reacting functional group? Where does it react? What are the end products? Where are they used?
- Examples: nucleotides (DNA and RNA)



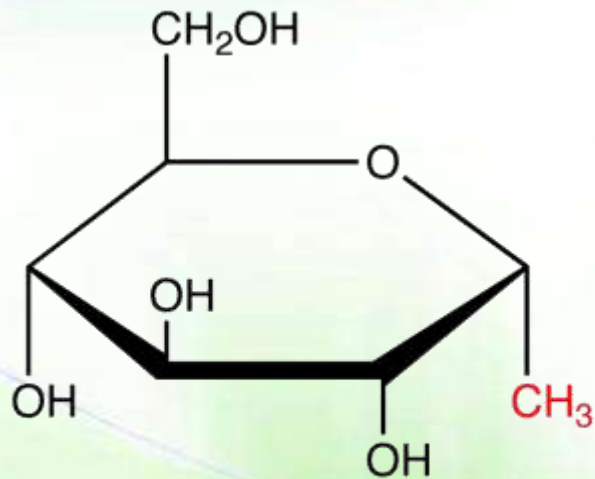
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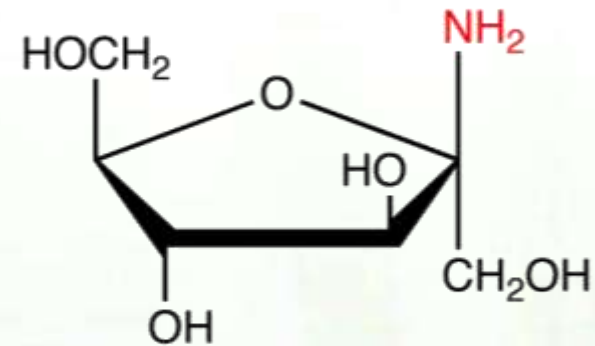
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- Glycosides derived from furanoses are called furanosides, and those derived from pyranoses are called pyranosides, regardless if they are N- or O-linked.



C-glycoside

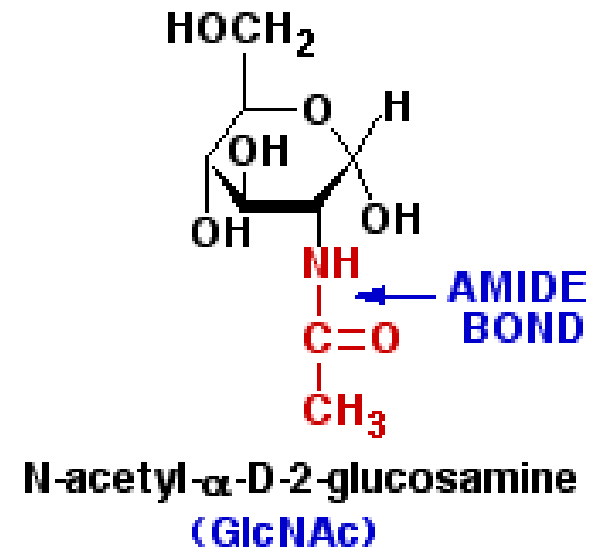
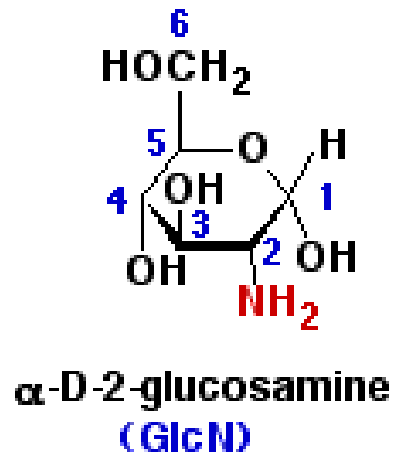


N-glycoside

Amino sugars



- What is the reacting functional group? Where does it react? What are the end products? Where are they used?
- Further modification by acetylation



Disaccharides



- What are disaccharide? Oligosaccharides? Hetero- vs. homo-?
- What is the type of reaction?
- What is a residue?
- Synthesizing enzymes are glycosyltransferases
- Do they undergo mutarotation?
- Are products stable?

Distinctions of disaccharides

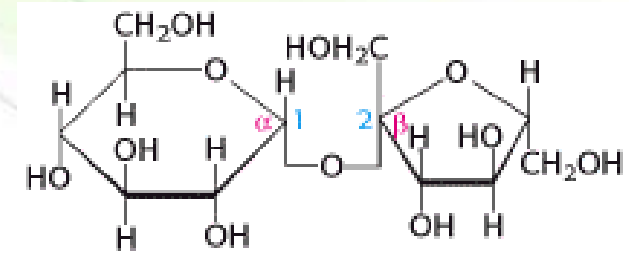


- The 2 specific sugar monomers involved and their stereoconfigurations (D- or L-)
- The carbons involved in the linkage (C-1, C-2, C-4, or C-6)
- The order of the two monomer units, if different (example: galactose followed by glucose)
- The anomeric configuration of the OH group on carbon 1 of each residue (α or β)

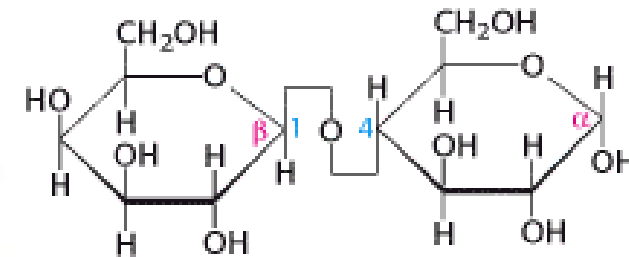
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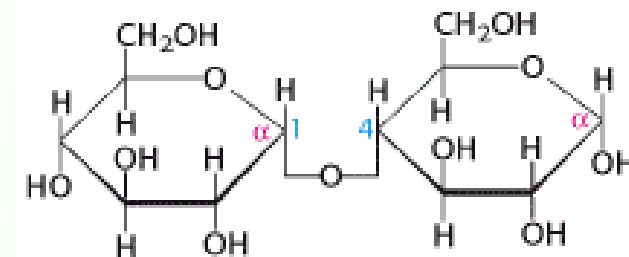
- Configuration
- Designation
- Naming (common vs. systematic)
- Reducing vs. non-reducing



Sucrose
(α -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-fructofuranose)



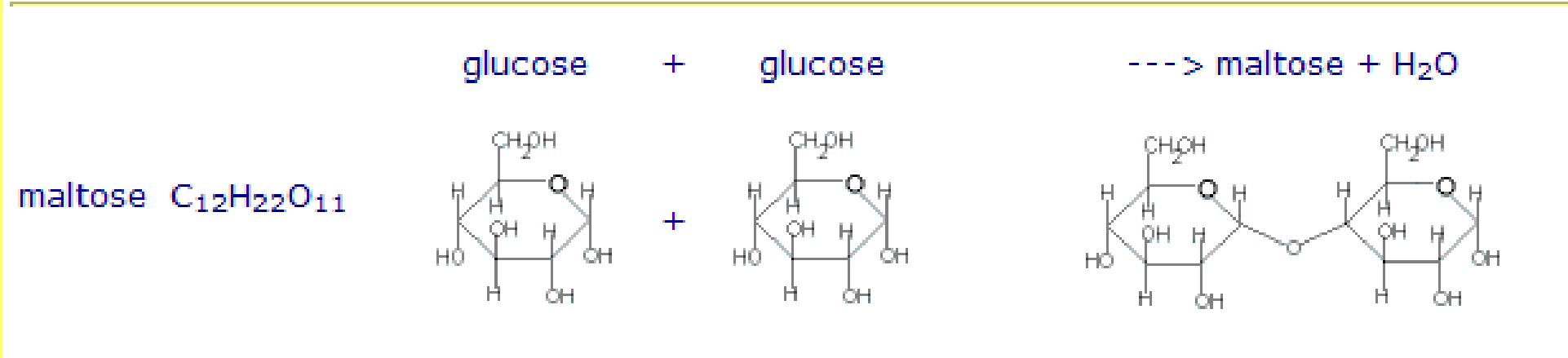
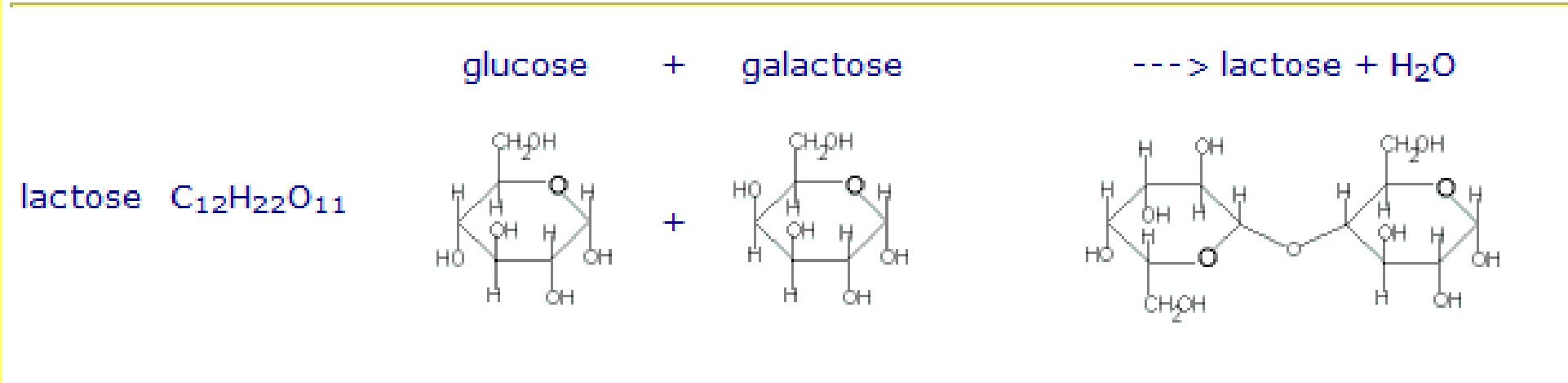
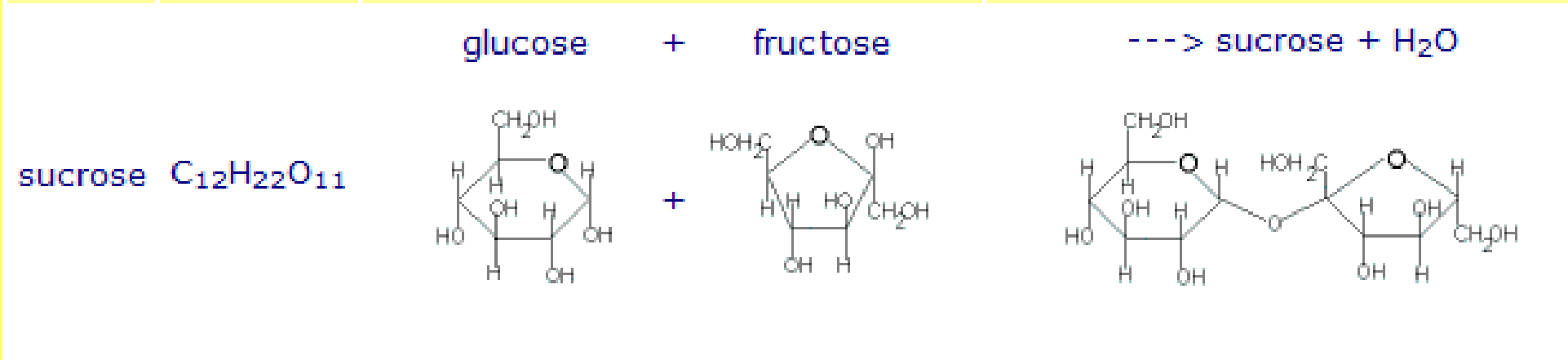
Lactose
(β -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-glucopyranose)



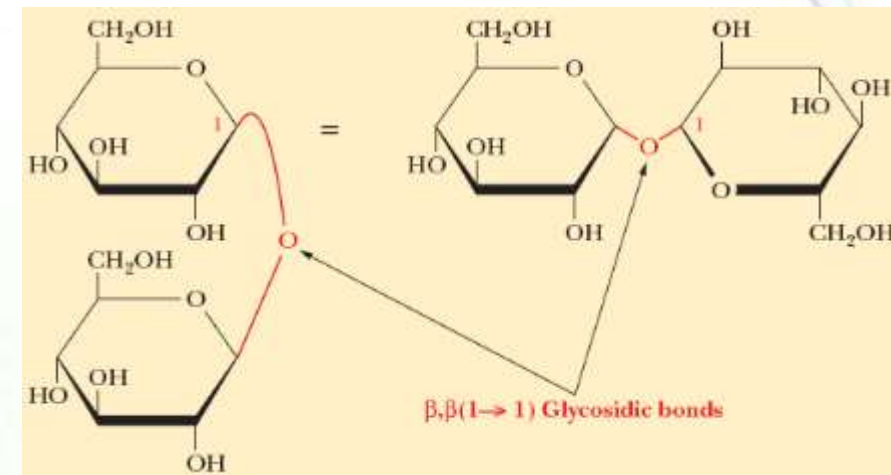
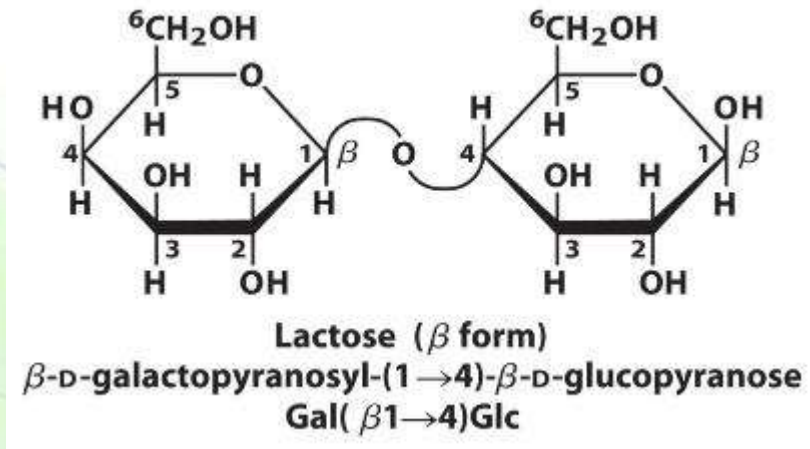
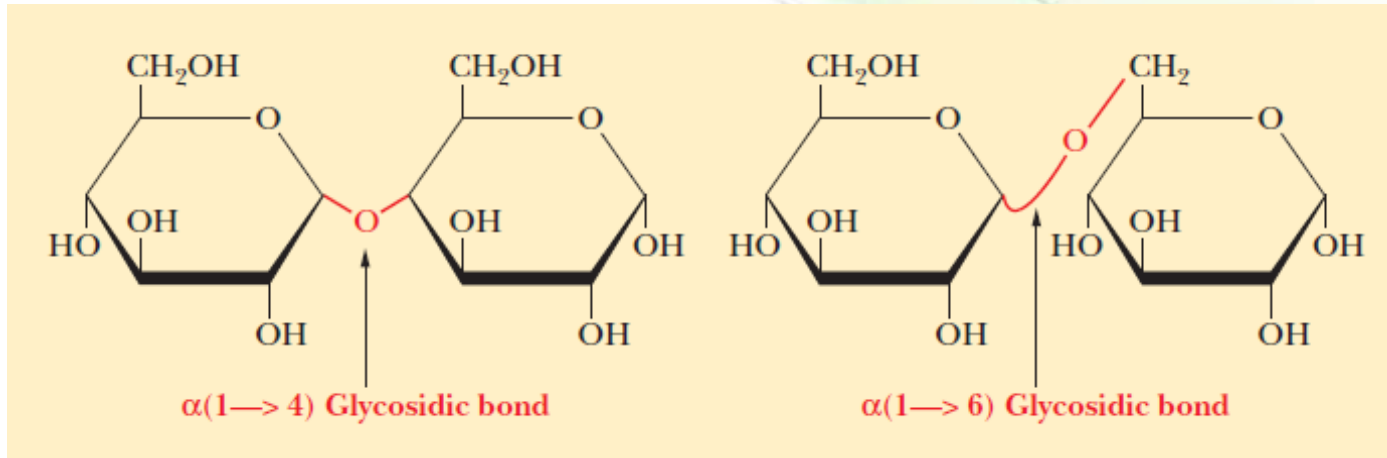
Maltose
(α -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-glucopyranose)



Name	Formula	Formed from	Structure
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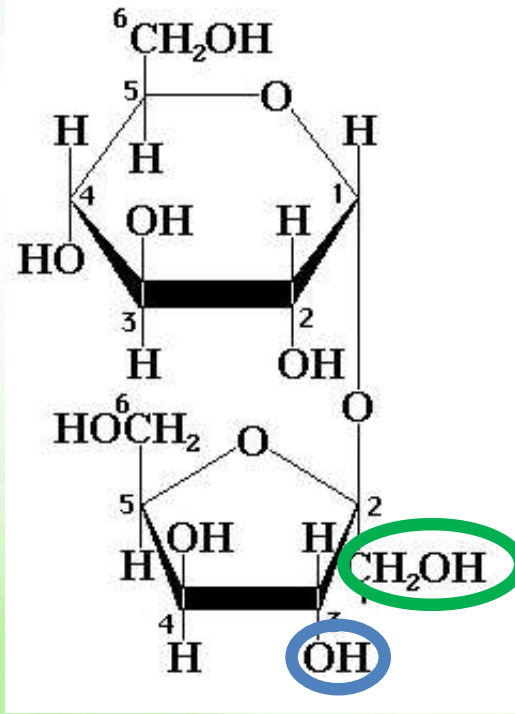
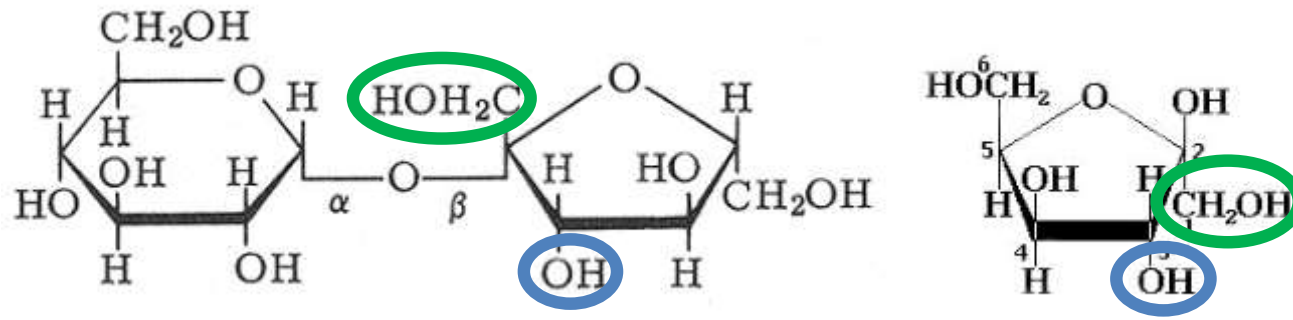


Different forms of disaccharides



A disaccharide of β -D-glucose.

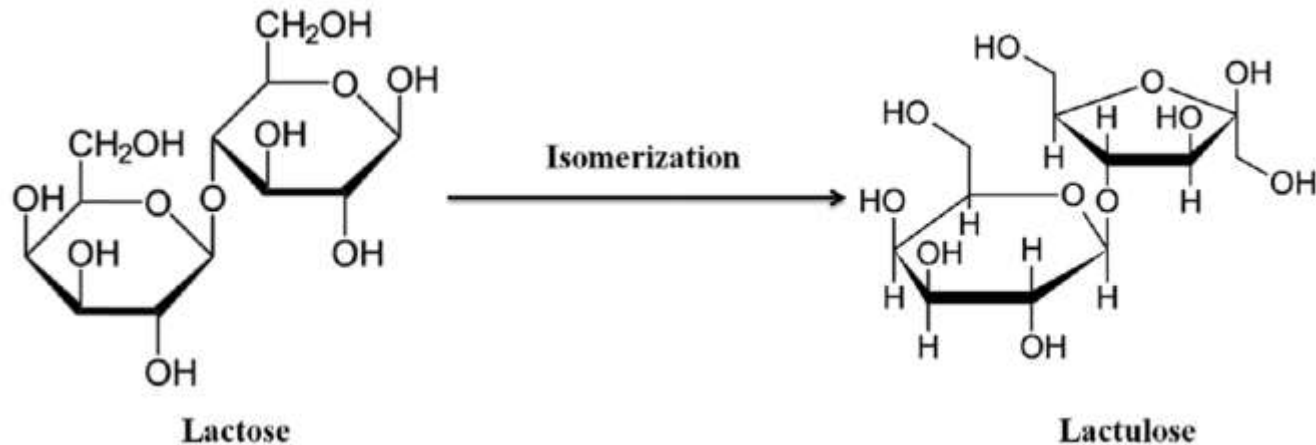
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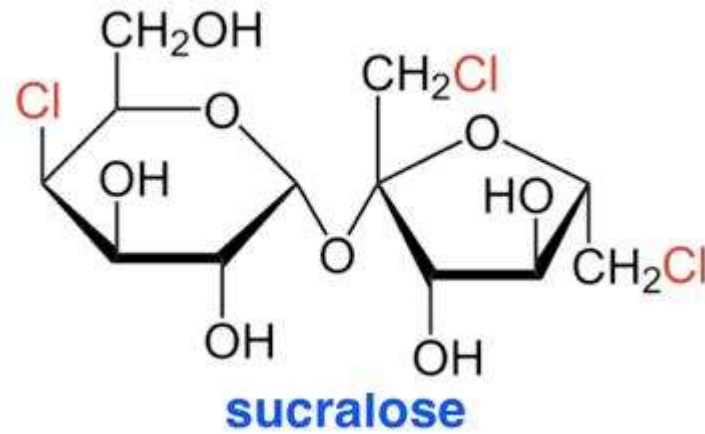
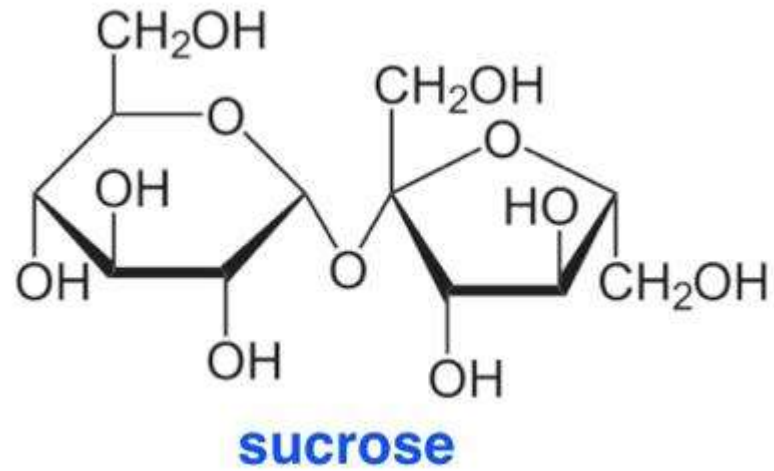
Lactulose



- It is formed by the isomerization of lactose either chemically or enzymatically.
- What is it made of?
- It has health benefits:
 - It is used in treating constipation by increasing water absorption in the colon.
 - It promotes the growth of health-promoting gut bacteria.
 - It increases the production of small-chain fatty acids and the removal of toxic ammonia.
 - It modulates the immune system.



Sucralose (artificial sweetener)



News > WebMD Health News

Sucralose Damages DNA, Linked to Leaky Gut: Study

Lisa O'Mary
June 01, 2023

Sucralose, a Common Artificial Sweetener, May Increase Cancer Risk

WebMD

Milk problems



- **Lactose Intolerance:** A deficiency of the enzyme lactase in the intestinal villi allows lactase of intestinal bacteria to digest it producing hydrogen gas, carbon dioxide, and organic acids and leading to digestive problems (bloating and diarrhea).
- **Galactosemia:** Missing a galactose-metabolizing enzyme can result in galactosemia where nonmetabolized galactose accumulates within cells and is converted to the hydroxy-sugar galactitol, which cannot escape cells. Water is drawn into cells and the swelling causes cell damage, particularly in the brain, resulting in severe and irreversible retardation. It also causes cataract.

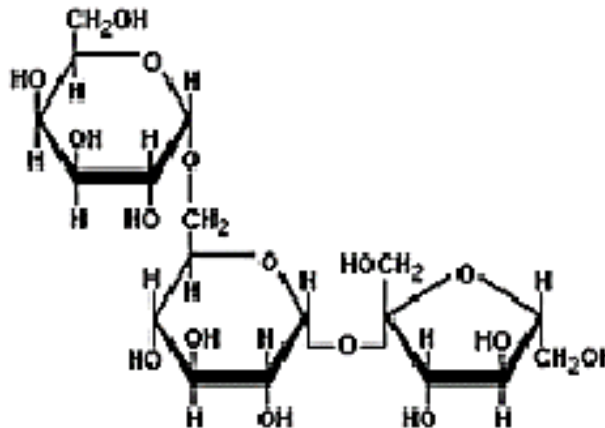


Raffinose

- What are oligosaccharides?
- Example: raffinose
- It is found in beans and vegetables like cabbage, brussels, sprouts, broccoli, and asparagus.



Humans lack the alpha-galactosidase enzyme that is needed to break down raffinose, but intestinal bacteria can ferment it into hydrogen, methane, and other gases.



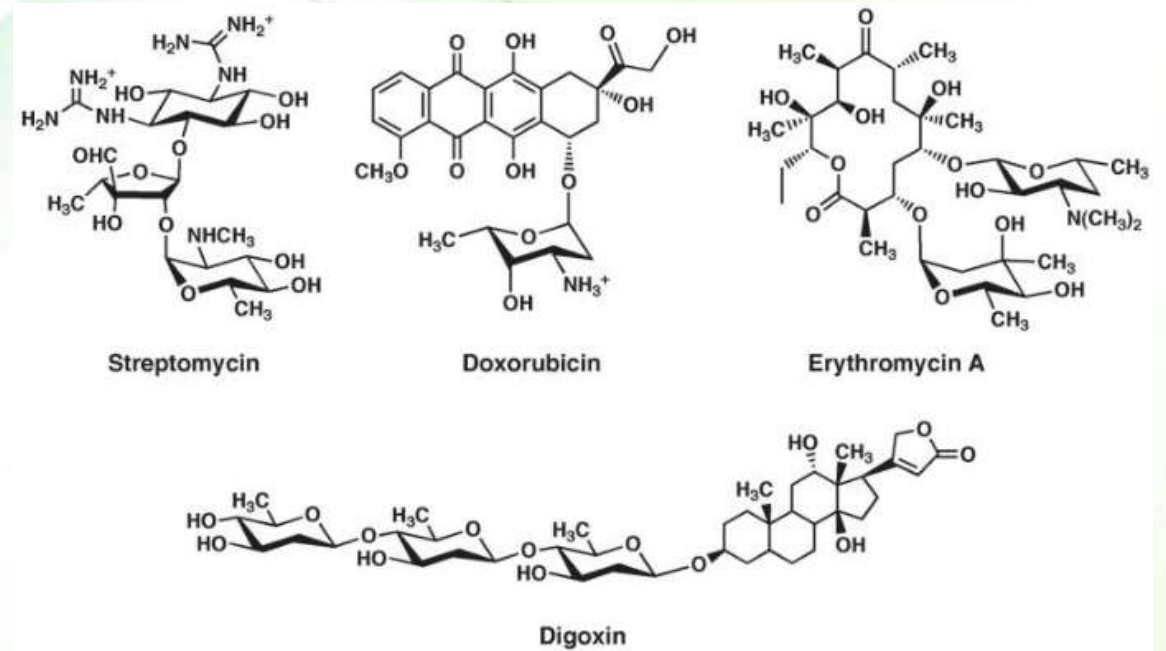
Homework

1. Recognize the monosaccharides that make up raffinose.
2. What is the monosaccharide that is attached to *what* disaccharide?

Oligosaccharides as drugs



- Streptomycin and erythromycin (antibiotics)
- Doxorubicin (cancer chemotherapy)
- Digoxin (cardiovascular disease)

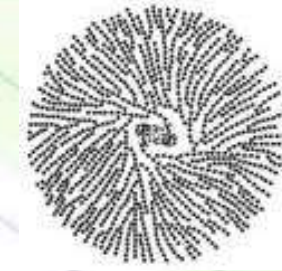
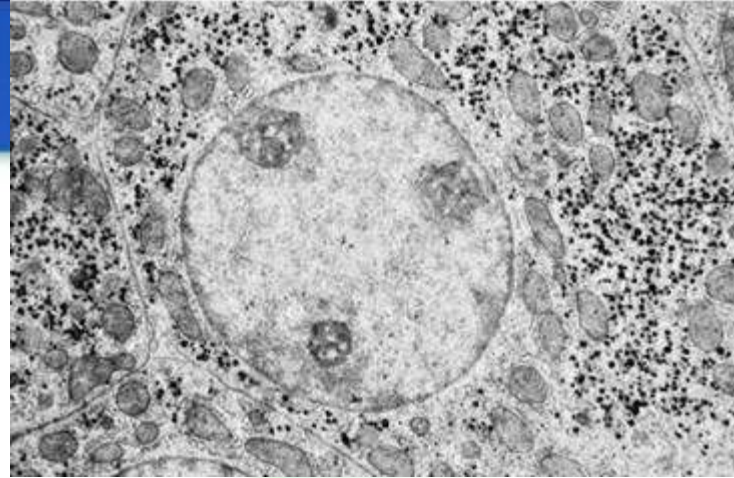


Polysaccharides

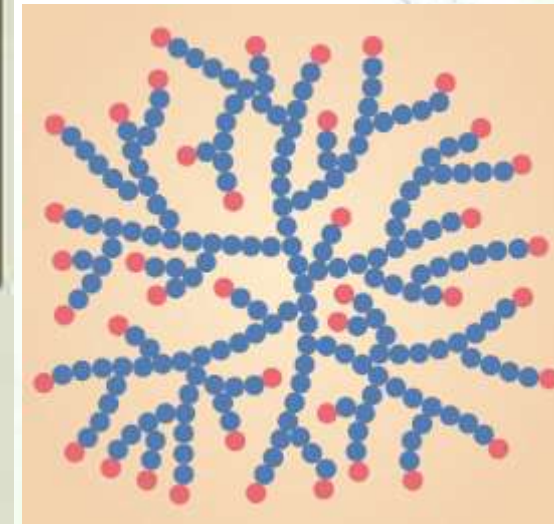
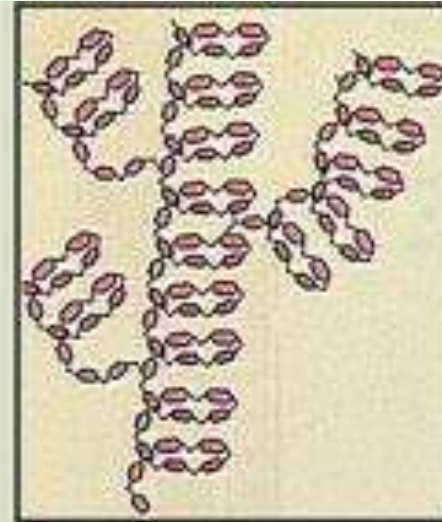
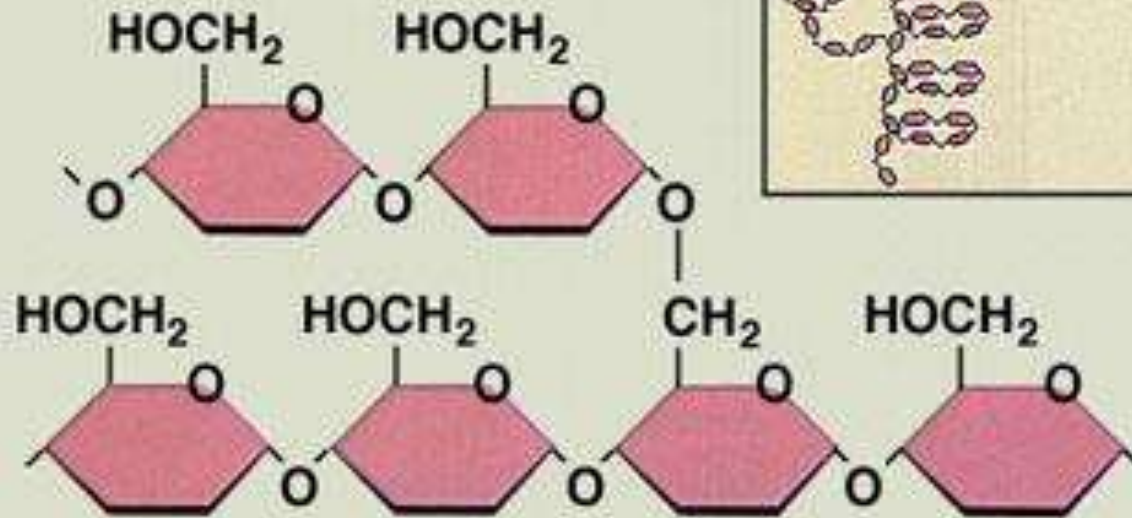


- What are polysaccharides?
- Homopolysaccharide (homoglycan) vs. heteropolysaccharides
- Features of polysaccharides:
 - **Monosaccharides**
 - **Length**
 - **Branching**
 - **Purpose:**
 - Storage (glycogen, starch, dextran)
 - Structural (cellulose, pectin, chitin)

Glycogen



Glycogen



Starch

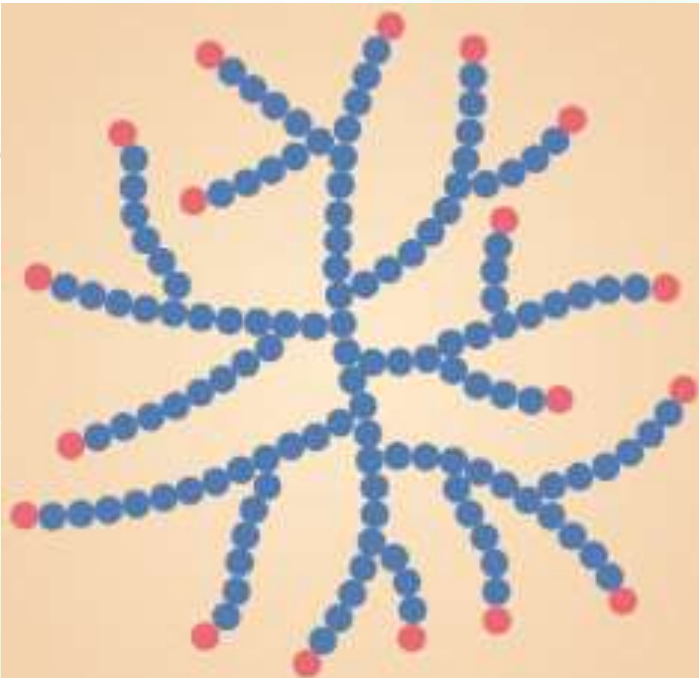
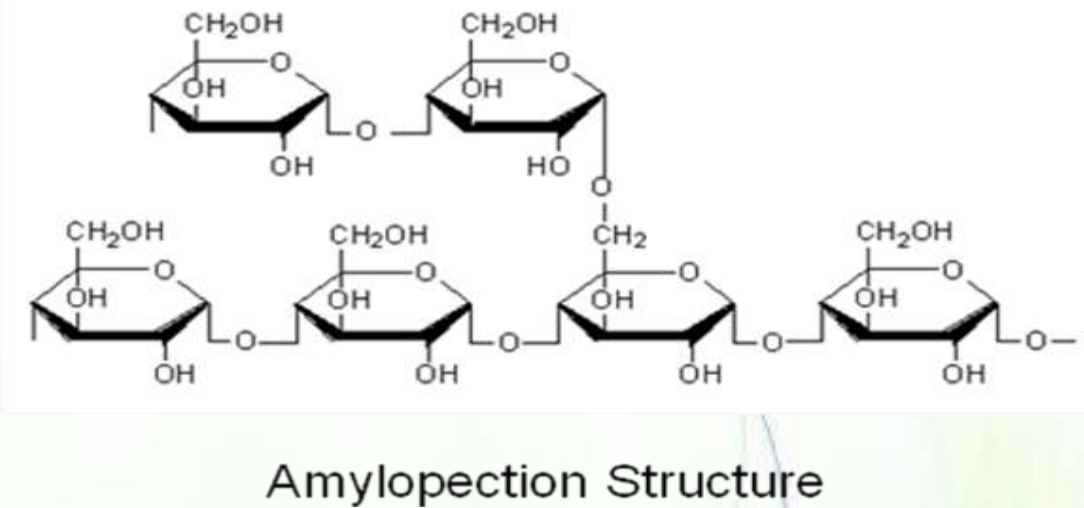
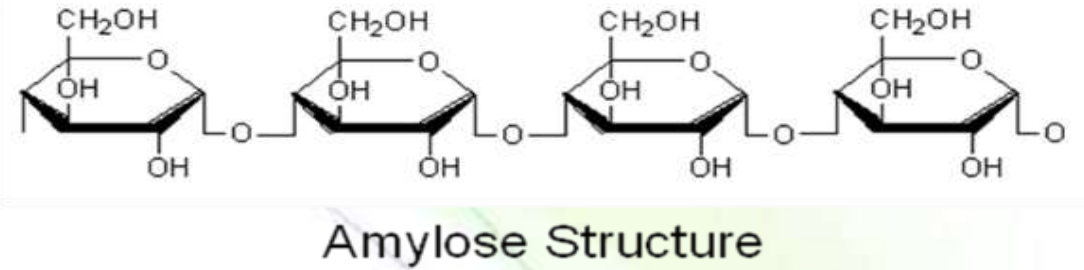
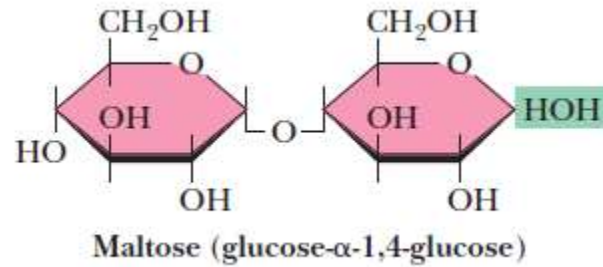


- Which organisms?

- Forms:

- amylose (10-20%)

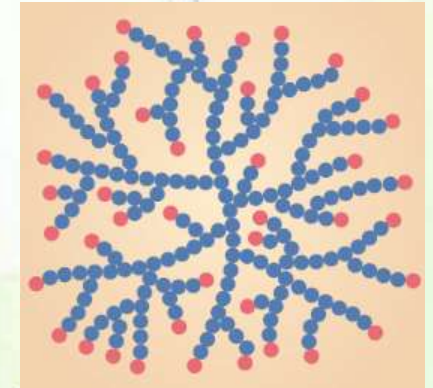
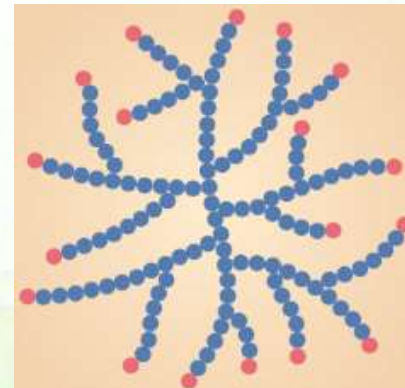
- amylopectin (80-90%)



Glycogen vs. amylopectin



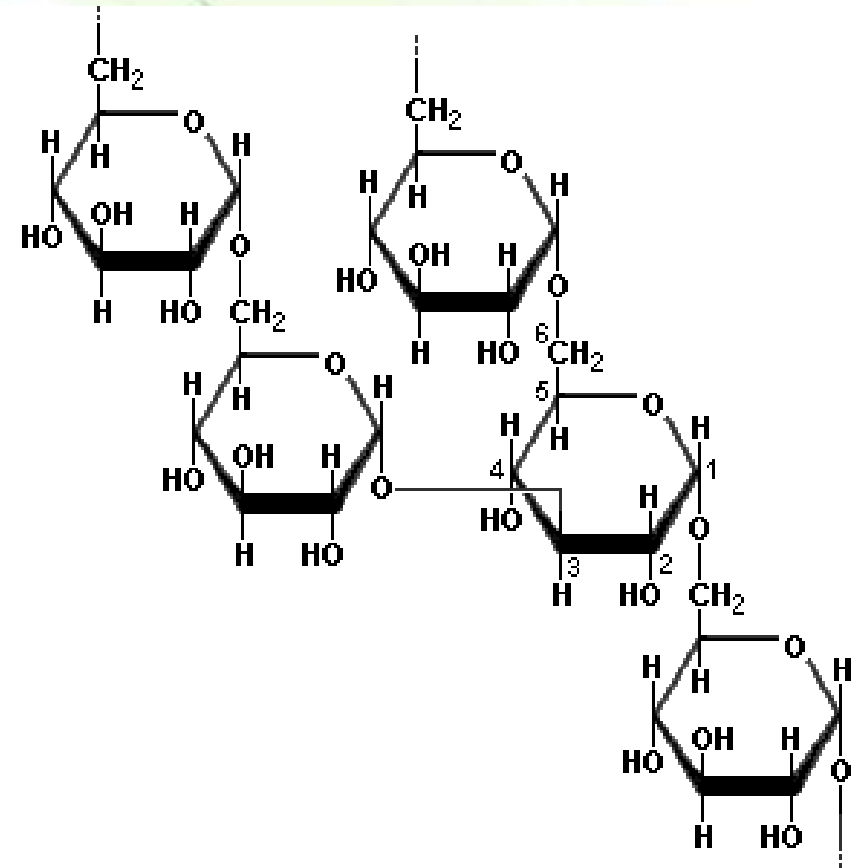
- Both are made from the same monomer and both are branched.
- Glycogen exists in animals and amylopectin in plants.
- Glycogen is more highly branched.
 - Branch points occur about every 10 residues in glycogen and about every 25 residues in amylopectin.
- Why is branching important?
 - It makes it more water-soluble and does not crystallize.
 - Easy access to glucose residues.



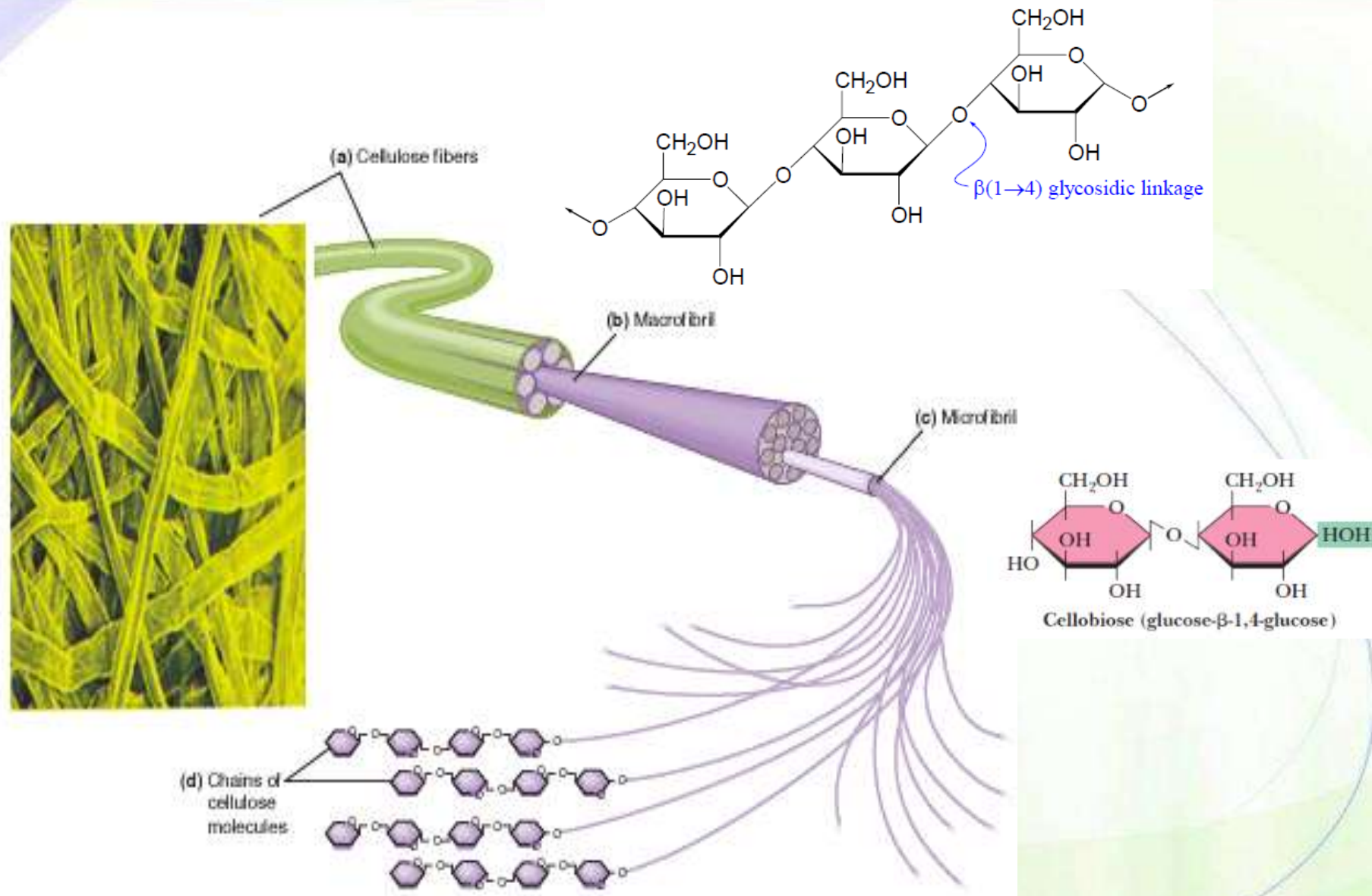
Dextran



- A storage polysaccharide
- Yeast and bacteria
- α -(1-6)-D-glucose with branched chains
- Branches: 1-2, 1-3, or 1-4



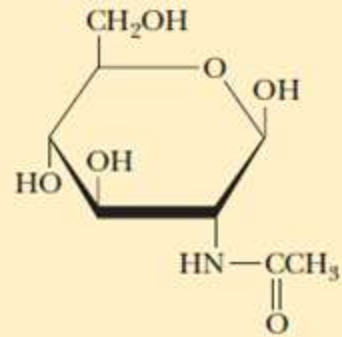
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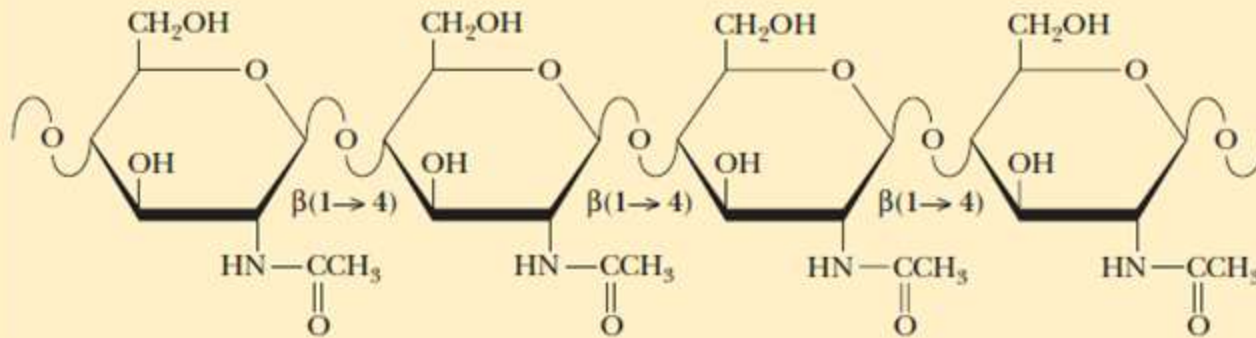
Chitin



- What is the precursor?
- Where does it exist?



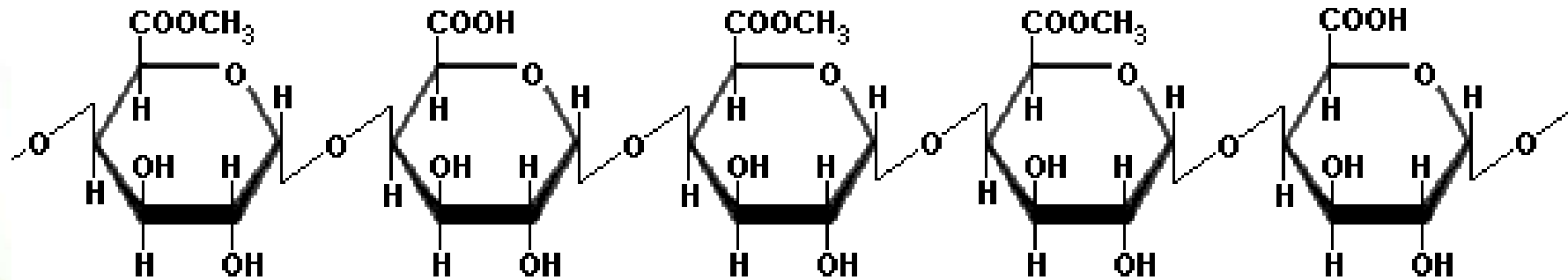
N-Acetyl- β -D-glucosamine



Pectin



- What is the precursor?
- Where does it exist?



Are polysaccharides reducing?

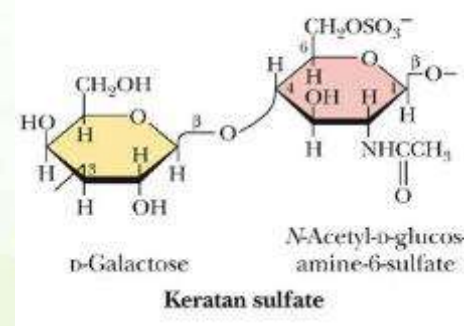
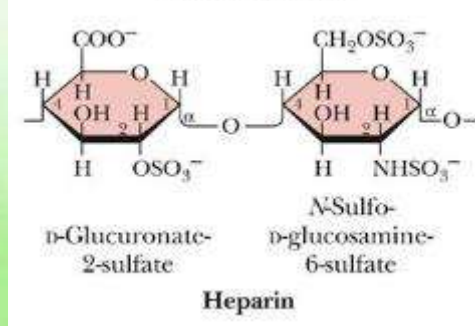
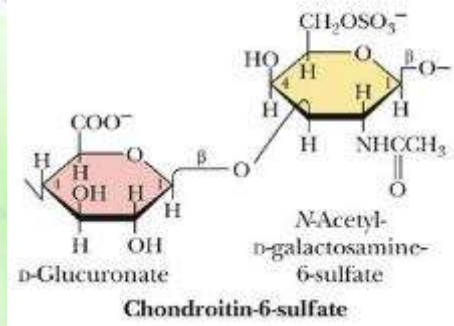
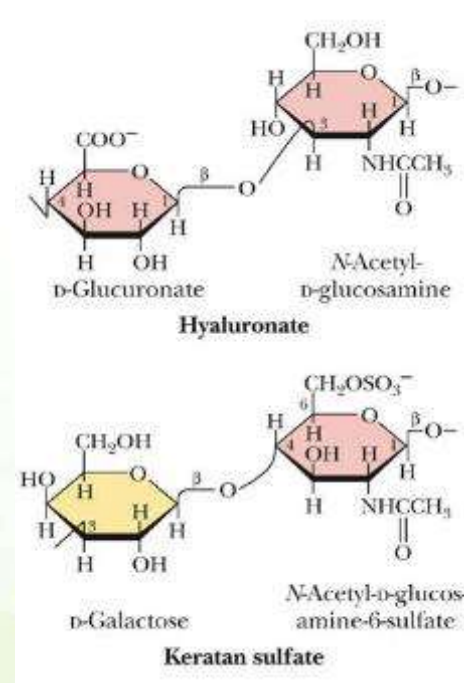
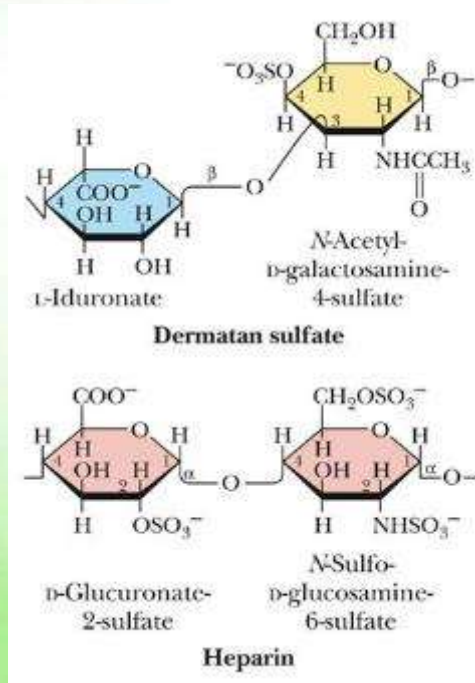
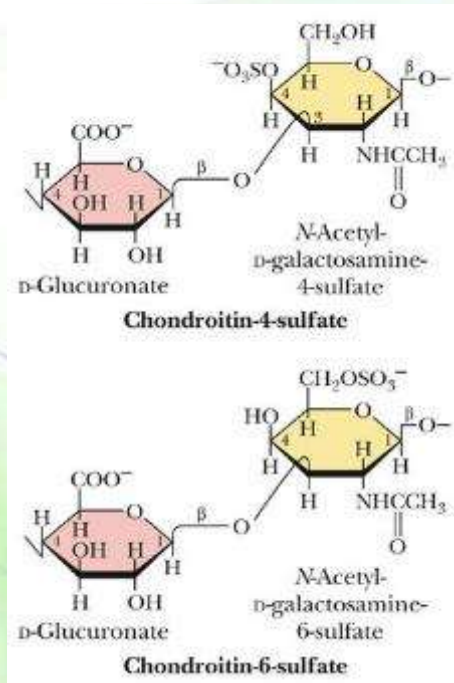


- A sample that contains only a few molecules of a large polysaccharide, each molecule with a single reducing end, might well produce a negative test because there are not enough reducing ends to detect.

Glycosaminoglycans



- What are they? Where are they located?
- Derivatives of an amino sugar, either glucosamine or galactosamine
- At least one of the sugars in the repeating unit has a negatively charged carboxylate or sulfate group



Localization and function of GAG

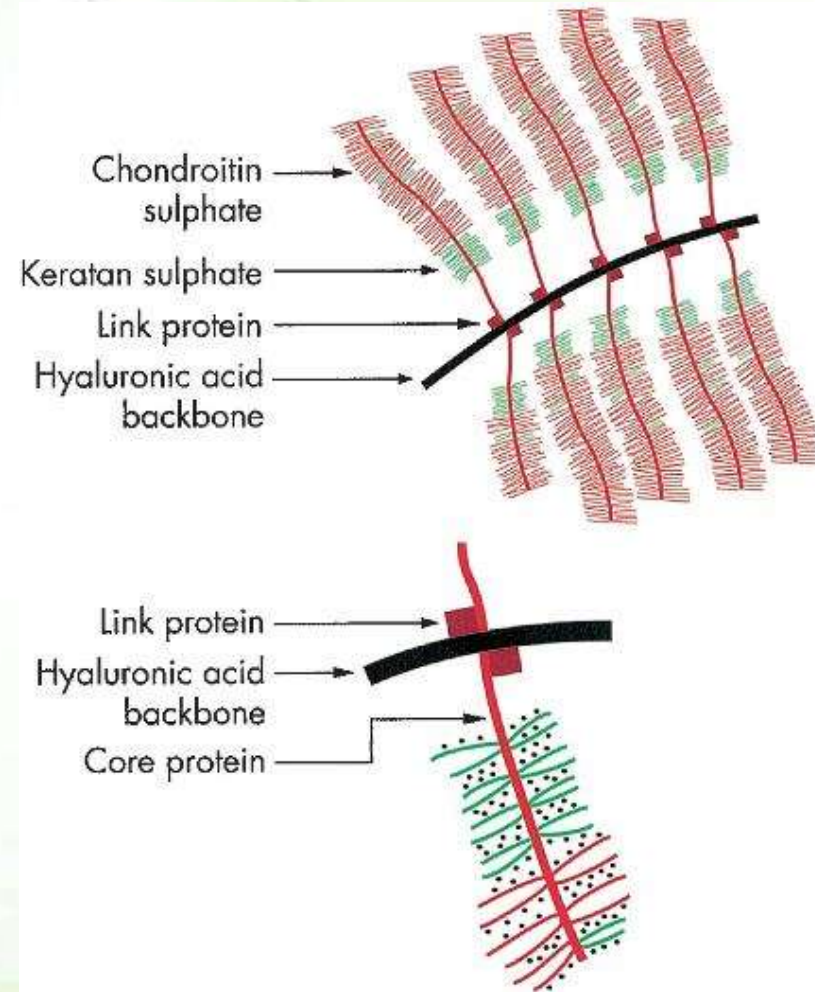


GAG	Localization	Comments
Hyaluronate	synovial fluid, vitreous humor , ECM of loose connective tissue	the lubricant fluid , shock absorbing As many as 25,000 disaccharide units
Chondroitin sulfate	cartilage , bone, heart valves	most abundant GAG
Heparan sulfate	basement membranes, components of cell surfaces	contains higher acetylated glucosamine than heparin
Heparin	component of intracellular granules of mast cells lining the arteries of the lungs, liver and skin	A natural anticoagulant
Dermatan sulfate	skin, blood vessels, heart valves	
Keratan sulfate	cornea, bone, cartilage aggregated with chondroitin sulfates	Only one not having uronic acid

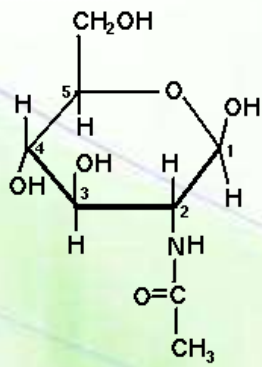
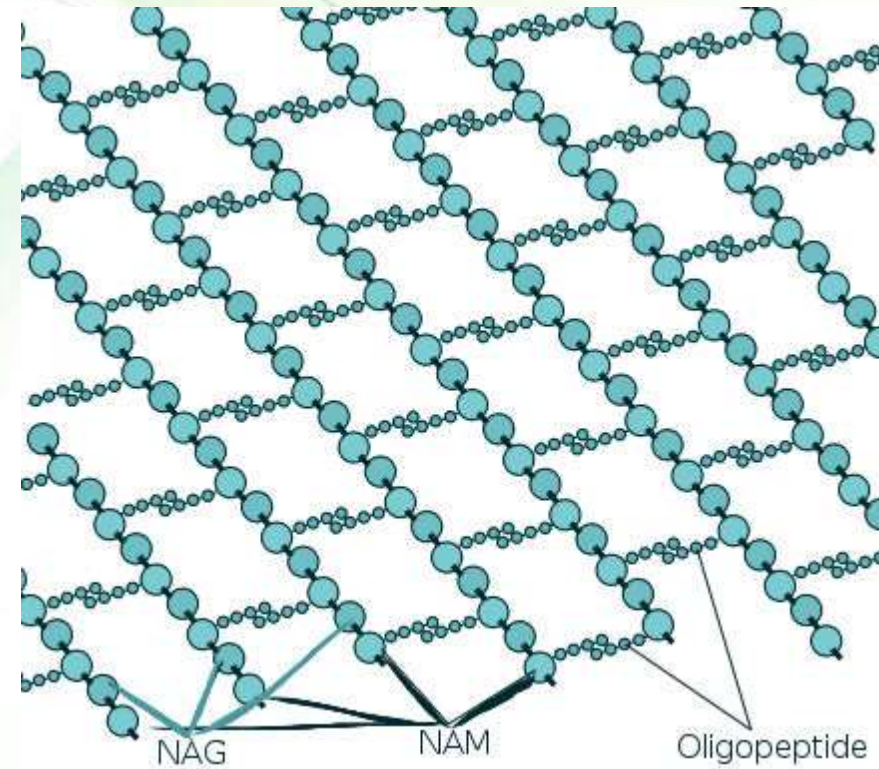
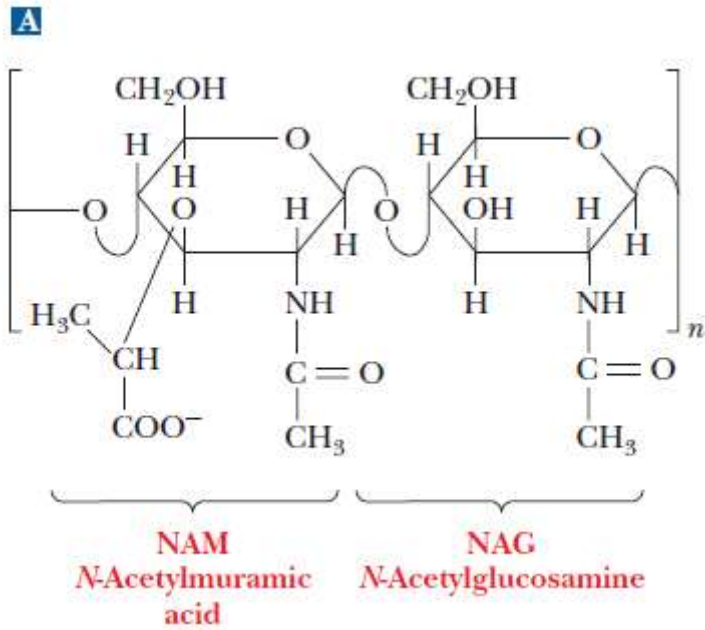
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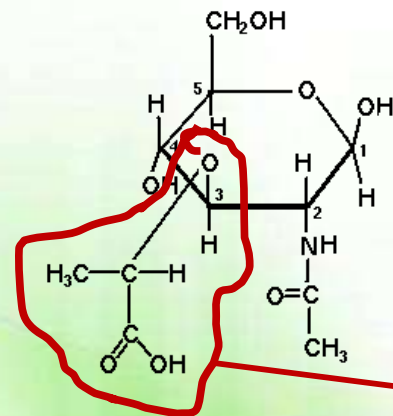
- Lubricants
- Structural components in connective tissue
- Mediate adhesion of cells to the extracellular matrix
- Bind factors that stimulate cell proliferation



Bacterial cell wall



N-acetylglucosamine (NAG)



N-acetylmuramic acid (NAM)

→ **Lactic acid**

Glycoproteins



- The carbohydrates of glycoproteins are linked to the protein component through either O-glycosidic or N-glycosidic bonds
 - The N-glycosidic linkage is through the amide group of asparagine (Asn, N)
 - The O-glycosidic linkage is to the hydroxyl group of serine (Ser, S), threonine (Thr, T) or hydroxylysine (hLys)

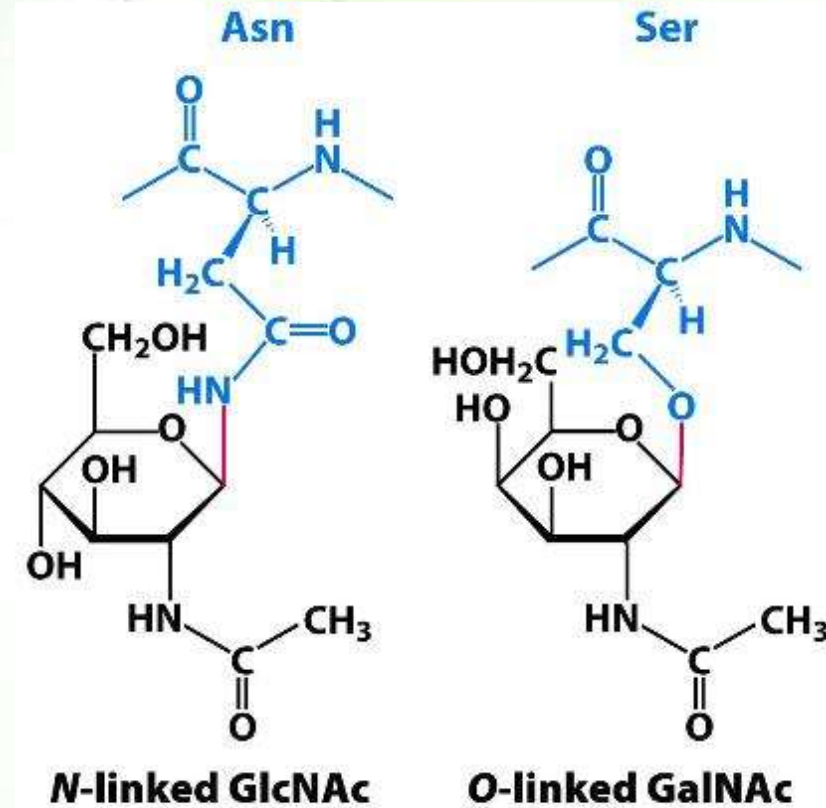


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Significance of protein-linked sugars



- Soluble proteins as well as membrane proteins
- Purpose:
 - Protein folding
 - Protein targeting
 - prolonging protein half-life
 - Cell-cell communication
 - Signaling

Blood typing and glycoproteins



- Three different structures:

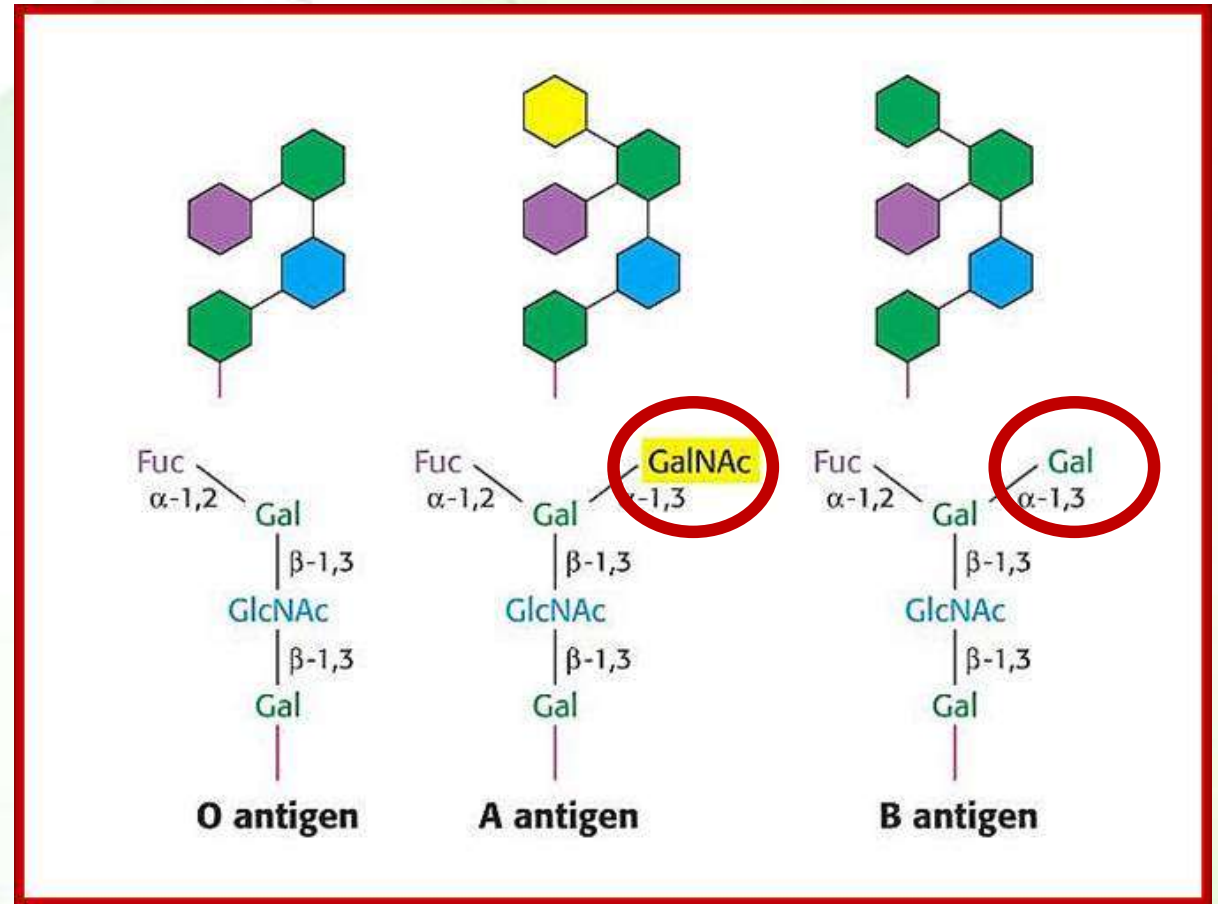
- A, B, and O

- The difference:

- N-acetylgalactosamine (for A)

- Galactose (for B)

- None (for O)



Sialic acid



- N-acetylneuraminic acid
- Precursor: the amino sugar, neuraminic acid
- Location: a terminal residue of oligosaccharide chains of glycoproteins and glycolipids.

