

# BIOMOLECULES

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## 3. CHEMICAL NATURE & BIOLOGICAL ROLE OF

CARBOHYDRATES

LIPIDS

NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMINO ACIDS

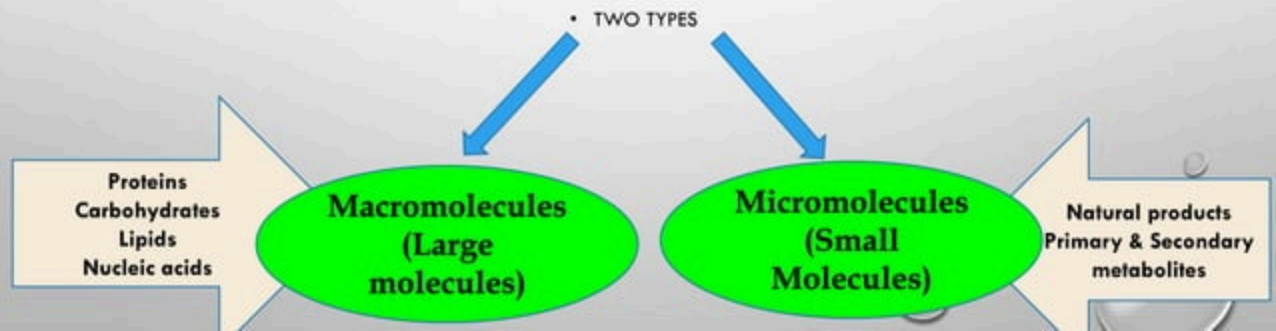
PROTEINS



# BIOMOLECULES

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- ARE THE **MOLECULES** OCCURRING IN **LIVING ORGANISMS**
- USED FOR **MAINTENANCE & METABOLIC PROCESSES** OF LIVING ORGANISMS
- TWO TYPES



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graph TD; A[TWO TYPES] --> B[Macromolecules (Large molecules)]; A --> C[Micromolecules (Small Molecules)]; B --- D[Proteins<br/>Carbohydrates<br/>Lipids<br/>Nucleic acids]; C --- E[Natural products<br/>Primary & Secondary metabolites];
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Proteins  
Carbohydrates  
Lipids  
Nucleic acids

**Macromolecules**  
(Large  
molecules)

**Micromolecules**  
(Small  
Molecules)

Natural products  
Primary & Secondary  
metabolites



# IMPORTANT BIOMOLECULES

Elements constitute about 90% of Human Body.

Biomolecules are endogenous but rarely exogenous like Pharmaceutical drugs from natural / synthetic

| SMALL MOLECULES     | DERIVED MACROMOLECULE | ATOMIC CONSTITUENTS |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Amino acids         | Proteins              | C,H,O,N             |
| Sugars              | Starch                | C,H,O               |
| Fatty acids         | Fats, oils            | C,H,O               |
| Purine & Pyrimidine | Nucleic acids         | C,H,O,N             |
| Nucleotide          | DNA & RNA             | C,H,O,N,P           |



## **Biomolecules characteristics**

- Organic compounds**
- Mostly asymmetric**
- Specific shapes & dimensions**
- Determination of structure and function of the cell**
- Chemical properties based on functional groups of molecules**
- Involved in exchange of energy**



## Chemical Nature Of Biomolecules

- Are organic compounds mainly contain carbon
- Linked with each other by **covalent bond**
- Proteins, lipids, polysaccharides and nucleic acids → **complex biomolecules**
- Ribosomes, lipoproteins → **supra macromolecules**
- Micromolecules → linked together → **form macromolecules**

Eg:

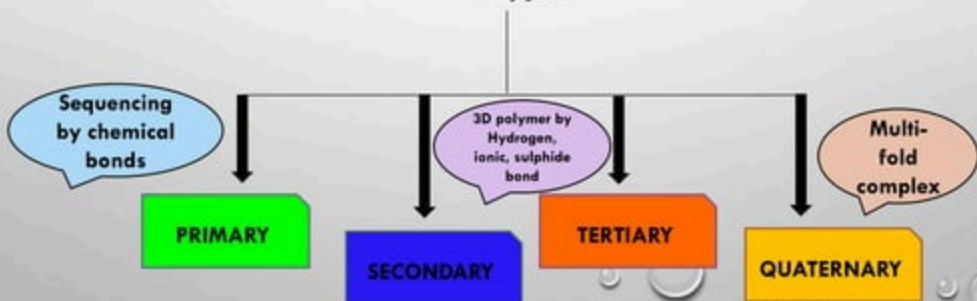
Glucose → glycogen

Amino acid → protein



# Biomolecules structure

- Intricately Folded Three Dimensional Structure
  - Formed By Proteins, RNA & DNA
  - 4 Types





## Biomolecules functions

Human body → 60% water, 15% proteins & lipids, 2% carbohydrates & 8% minerals

| Biomolecules  | Monomers               | Examples                                                        | Functions                                                             |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carbohydrates | Monosaccharides        | Glucose, Fructose, Lactose<br>cellulose                         | Provides cell energy & constitution of cell membrane                  |
| Proteins      | Amino acids            | Hemoglobin, Insulin,<br>Enzymes, Antibodies                     | Provide structure of the body, energy, improve rate of rxn & immunity |
| Lipids        | Glycerol & fatty acids | Fats, oils, waxes                                               | Stores energy as insulator & protector                                |
| Nucleic acids | Nucleotides            | DNA, RNA                                                        | Genetic information for growth & development                          |
| Enzymes       | Amino acids            | Citric acid synthetase,<br>topoisomerase, Estrases,<br>Fumarase | Biocatalyst                                                           |





**CARBOHYDRATES: THE POWER NUTRIENT**



## CARBOHYDRATES

$$C_n(H_2O)_n$$

- **Carbohydrates** → **Polyhydroxyaldehydes Or Ketones** Or Compounds Which Produce Them On Hydrolysis
- Also Known As Saccharides → Sakcharon - sugar.
- 3 types → Mono & Oligo saccharides → Sweet in taste ( called sugars)
- Poly → tasteless (Non- sugars)
- **Glycome** → entire **spectrum of carbohydrates** of an organism
- **Glycomics** → study of glycomes that includes physiological, pathological, genetics & various aspects
- **Glycobiology** → study of carbohydrates in health & diseases.



# CARBOHYDRATES

$C_n(H_2O)_n$

Bonds shared between two monosaccharides are the glycosidic bonds

**Monosaccharide**

Eg: Glucose, Fructose

**SIMPLE**

**Disaccharides**  
Eg: Sucrose, Maltose

- Sweet simple sugars
- Composed of 3-7 C- atoms
  - Easily soluble
- LMW compounds
- Reducing Sugars

**COMPLEX**

**Polysaccharide**

Eg: starch, dextrin

- Polymer / complex sugars
  - Tasteless
  - Insoluble
- HMW compounds
- Reducing Sugars

## 2. CLASSIFICATION

### CARBOHYDRATES

#### Monosaccharides

Trioses (3C)  
to Decoses  
(10C)

Monosaccharide  
Eg: Glucose, Fructose

Oligosaccharide

2 - 10  
Monosaccharides

Polysaccharide  
Eg: starch, dextrin,  
amylopectin, glycoprotein

Derived  
Monosaccharides

- Uric acid
- Aroic acid
- Aminosaccharides
- Phosphosaccharides
- Glycosides

Homo Polysaccharides

Hetero Polysaccharides

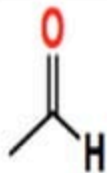
Disaccharides  
Eg: Sucrose,  
Maltose

Trisaccharides  
Eg: Raffinose

Tetrasaccharides  
Eg: Stachylose



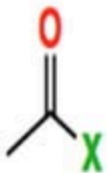
# COMMON FUNCTIONAL GROUP



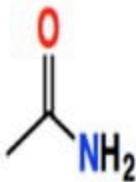
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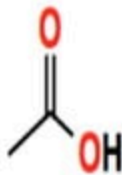
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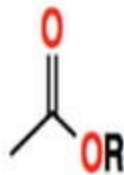
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amide

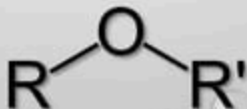


carboxylic acid



ester

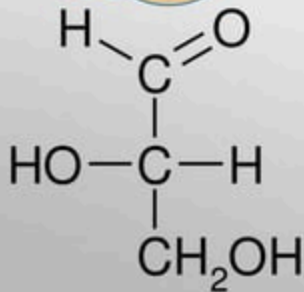
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## ALDOSES

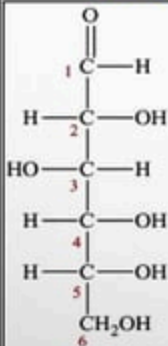
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Glucose  
Glyceraldehyde

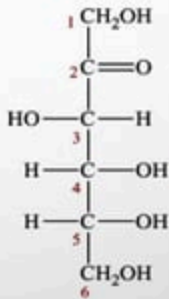


## Monosaccharide

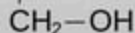
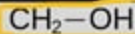
Eg: Glucose, Fructose



D-Glucose



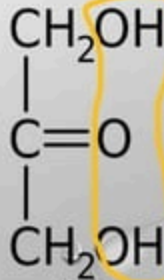
D-Fructose



## KETOSES

(Functional group in Monosaccharides is Ketones)

Fructose  
Dihydroxyacetone





## DIFF B/W MONO, OLIGO & POLYSACCHARIDES

| Character        | Monosaccharides       | Oligosaccharides  | Polysaccharides            |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Glycoside bond   | Absent                | Present           | Present                    |
| Reducing sugar   | Always reducing sugar | May or may not be | Always non reducing sugar  |
| Molecular Weight | Low                   | Moderate          | High                       |
| Taste            | Sweet taste           | Minimally sweet   | No taste                   |
| Solubility       | Soluble               | Soluble           | Insoluble Nature           |
| Examples         | Glucose, fructose     | Sucrose, Maltose  | Starch, dextrin, cellulose |



## Properties of carbohydrates

- Act as **energy reserves**, also stores fuels, and metabolic intermediates.
- Ribose and deoxyribose sugars forms the structural frame of the **genetic material, RNA and DNA.**
- Polysaccharides like **cellulose** are the structural elements in the cell walls of bacteria and plants.
- Carbohydrates → linked to proteins and lipids - play important roles in **cell interactions.**
- Carbohydrates are organic compounds → aldehydes or ketones with many hydroxyl groups.





## CHEMICAL NATURE OF CARBOHYDRATES

- Optically Active Polyhydroxy Aldehydes Or Ketones On Hydrolysis
- Based On Hydrolysis → Classified As Mono Di & Polysaccharides
- Glucose Is Monosaccharides → Procured From Hydrolysis Of Starch
- Monosaccharides Are **Optically Active**
- **2 Monosaccharides** Joined Together With **Glycosidic Linkage** → Form **Disaccharides**
- **Long Chain Monosaccharides** Joined Together With Glycosidic Linkage → Form **Polysaccharides**

Hydrolysis Form Sugar Alcohol → Monosaccharides ← Oxidation Form Sugar Acids

# Monosaccharides

- Also known as simple sugars
- Classified either by the number of carbon atoms or by the nature of functional group-aldoses or ketoses
- Most of the carbohydrates (99%) are straight chain compounds
- D-glyceraldehyde is the simplest of the aldoses (aldotriose)
- All other sugars have the ending ose  
(glucose, galactose, ribose, lactose, etc...)

# Classification of Monosaccharides

| No. of Carbon | Type of sugar   | Aldoses               | Ketoses               |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3             | <b>TRIOSES</b>  | Glyceraldehydes       | Dihydroxyacetone      |
| 4             | <b>TETROSES</b> | Erythrose             | Erythrulose           |
| 5             | <b>PENTOSES</b> | Ribose, Xylose        | Ribulose,<br>xylulose |
| 6             | <b>HEXOSEs</b>  | Glucose,<br>Galactose | Fructose              |
| 7             | <b>HEPTOSEs</b> | Glucoheptose          | Sedoheptulose         |



## Chemistry Of Carbohydrates

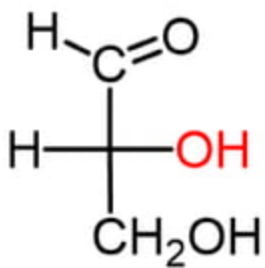
- **Stereoisomerism** - Compound having Same Structural Formula But They Differ In Spatial Configuration.
- Eg: They Are **D-glucose And L-glucose**.
- Carbon is asymmetric – attached with 4 different Atoms
- Glucose- 4 asymmetric carbons & 16 isomers
- Glyceraldehyde – one asymmetric carbons & 2 stereoisomers → reference carbohydrates



D-Glucose

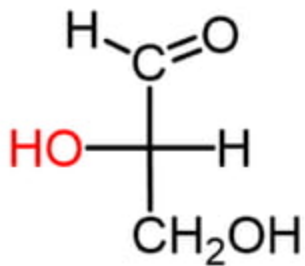


L-Glucose



enantiomers

**D**-glyceraldehyde



**L**-glyceraldehyde



## D & L ISOMERS

- **Mirror Images** Of Each Other
- **Spatial Configuration / Orientation Of -H & -OH Groups On C-atoms Adjacent To Primary Alcohol Determines Whether The Sugar Is D Or L Isomers**



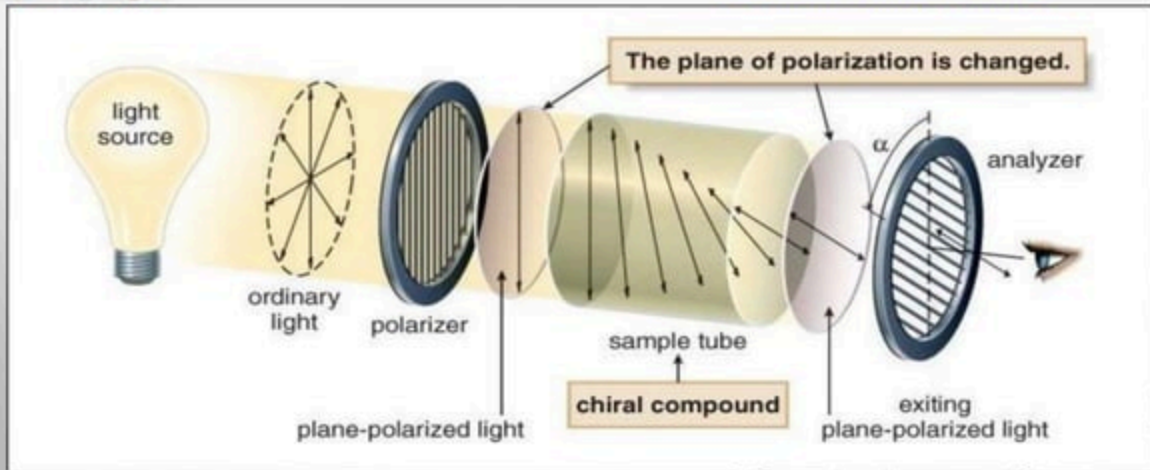
D-Glucose



L-Glucose

# Optical Activity

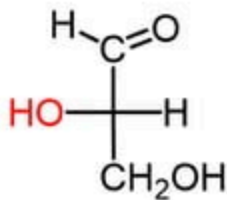
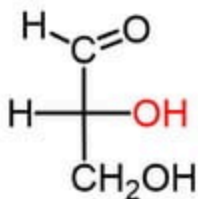
- The Rotation Of Plane Polarized Light Forming (+) Glucose And (-) Glucose.





## ENANTIOMERS

- SPECIAL TYPE OF STEREO ISOMERS → MIRROR IMAGES TO EACH OTHER



enantiomers

**D**-glyceraldehyde

**L**-glyceraldehyde





## EPIMERS

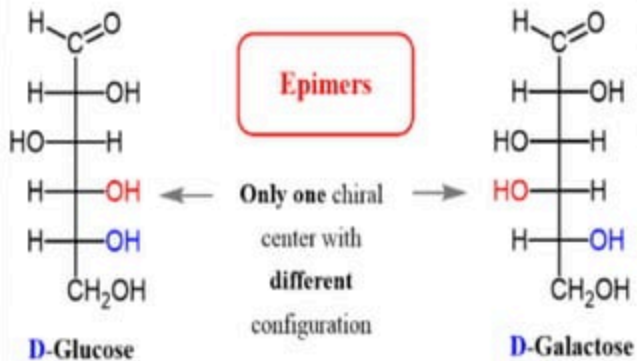
Monosaccharides differ from each other in a configuration around a single C-atom

Interconversion of epimers



EPIMERIZATION

D-glucose and D-galactose are epimeric at carbon-4





## CONFIGURATION



### D-Aldoses

- Using killiani fischer synthesis – glyceraldehyde as aldotriose to aldohexose by increase chain length of C-1 at a time

### D-Ketoses

- Starts from DHA → Form 5 keto sugars

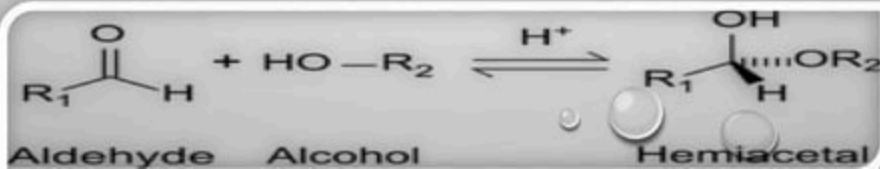
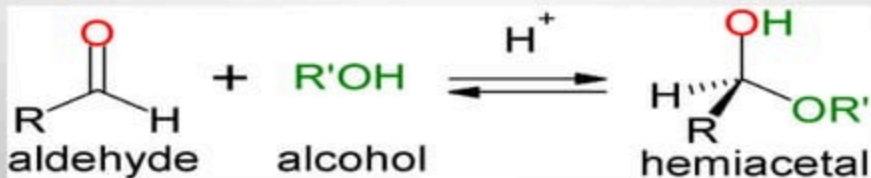
# STRUCTURE OF GLUCOSE



Fischer  
projection

Haworth  
projection

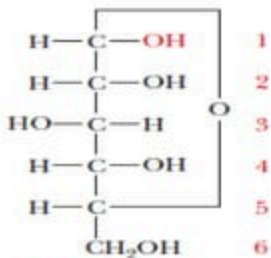
## FORMATION OF HEMIACETALS / HEMIKETALS



# FISCHER PROJECTION

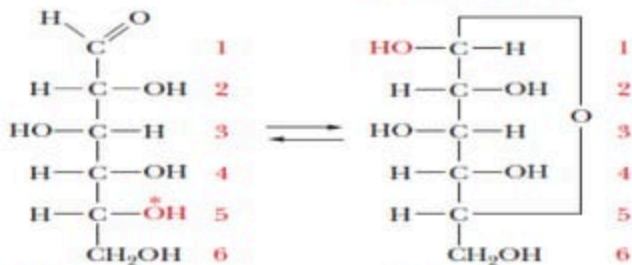
Aldehyde group of glucose at C-1 reacts with alcohol group of C-5 to form  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  glucose forms

$\alpha$ -Configuration  
OH to right of  
anomeric carbon



$\alpha$ -D-Glucose

$\beta$ -Configuration  
OH to left of  
anomeric carbon



\*Reacts with  $\text{CH}=\text{O}$   
to form hemiacetal  
Open chain form

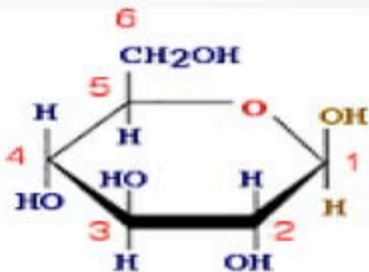
$\beta$ -D-Glucose



## CYCLIC FORMS



$\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose  
( $\alpha$ -D-glucose)



$\beta$ -D-glucopyranose  
( $\beta$ -D-glucose)

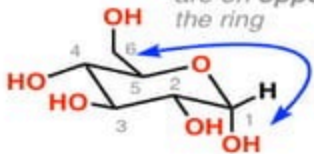
# ANOMERS & MUTAROTATION

Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) and beta ( $\beta$ ) isomers ("anomers") differ in the orientation of the OH at the C-1 hemiacetal carbon

Example: D-glucose

"alpha" ( $\alpha$ ) isomer:

*C<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH (up) and C<sub>1</sub>-OH (down) are on opposite faces of the ring*



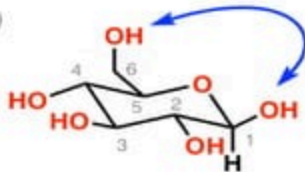
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose

drawn as "chair"

Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 112^\circ$

"beta" ( $\beta$ ) isomer:

*C<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH (up) and C<sub>1</sub>-OH (up) are on the same face of the ring*



$\beta$ -D-Glucose

drawn as "chair"

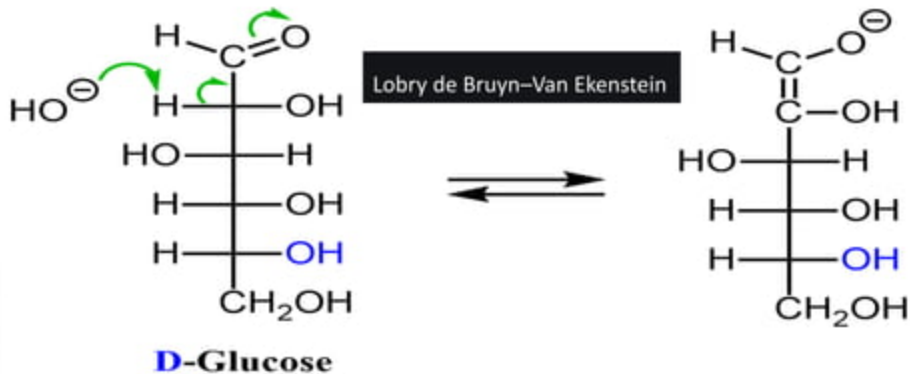
Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 18.7^\circ$

Note different specific rotations!

# REACTIONS OF CARBOHYDRATES

## TAUTOMERISATION

SHIFTING OF HYDROGEN ATOM FROM ONE CARBON TO ANOTHER → FORM ENEDIOLS

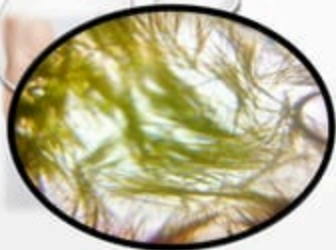


## Reducing Properties of Monosaccharides

Hexose sugars with a free or potentially free **aldehyde or ketone group** have reducing properties in alkaline solutions. These reducing sugars can reduce cupric ions ( $\text{Cu}_{+2}$ ) into cuprous ions ( $\text{Cu}_{+1}$ ).

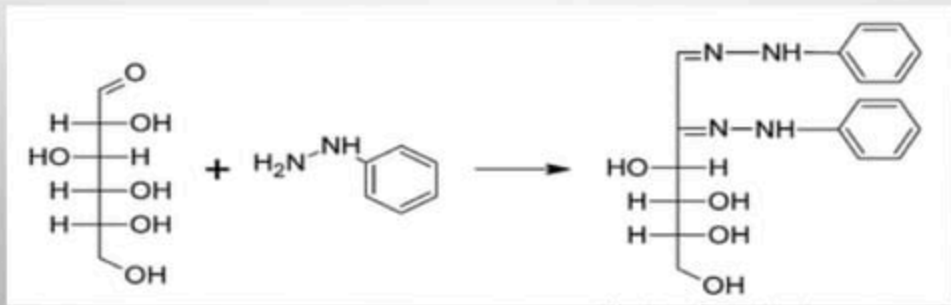






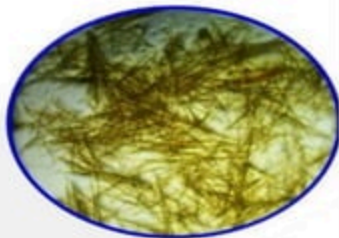
## OSAZONE FORMATION WITH PHENYLHYDRAZINE & GLUCOSE

When Reducing Sugars Are Reacted With Excess Of Phenylhydrazine At Boiling Temperatures → forms **Osazones**

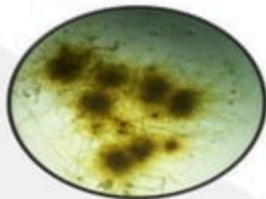


### Fructosazone

- Needle/broom stick shaped crystals



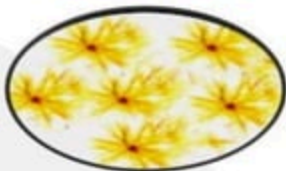
### Lactosazone



Powderpuff or hedgehog shaped crystals

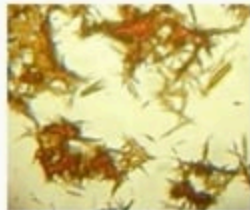
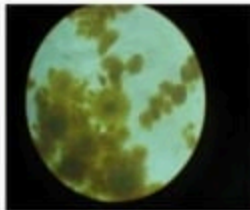
- Viewed under the microscope: Galactosazone

### Maltosazone



Sunflower shaped crystals

Rhombic plates like crystals



# BENEDICTS TEST

## BENEDICT'S TEST



Add an equal amount of Benedict's solution



Heat in water bath

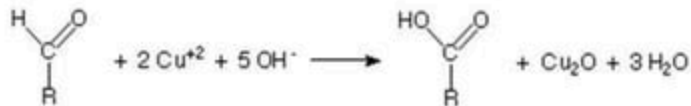


Brick-red precipitate

About  $2\text{cm}^3$  of test solution (e.g. glucose)



| Precipitate Colour | % of Reducing Sugar |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Green              | 0.5%                |
| Yellow             | 1.0%                |
| Orange             | 1.5%                |
| Red                | 2%                  |



Aldehyde

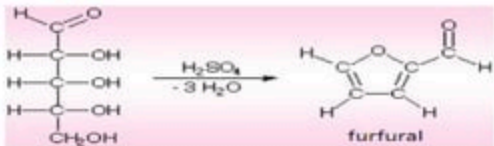
Cupric ions

Carboxylic acid

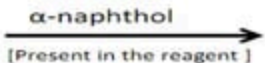
Cuprous oxide

# Benedict's Test

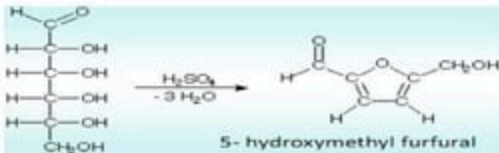
# MOLISH TEST



**Pentose**



Purple ring

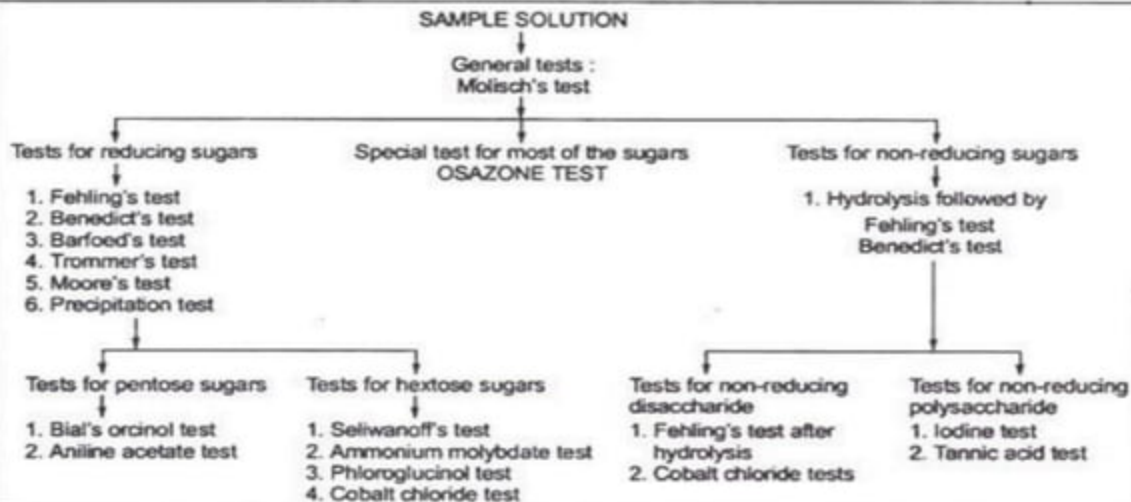


**Hexose**



Purple ring

# TEST FOR CARBOHYDRATES



# DISACCHARIDES

Carbohydrates that are made up of **2** monosaccharide units

- These are also of **low molecular weight** and **soluble in water**
- Sweet to taste.
- **Example** – Lactose, Sucrose, maltose (Digestible disaccharides in food)

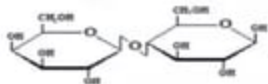
## Sucrose

(Glucose-fructose)



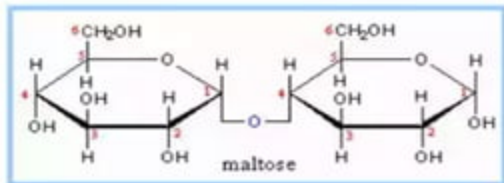
## Lactose

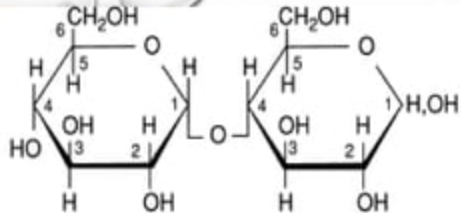
(Galactose-glucose)



## Maltose

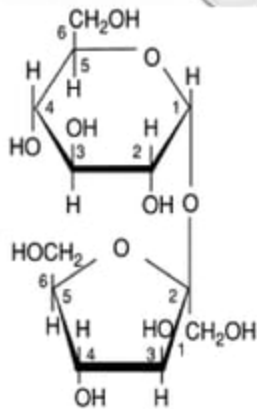
(Glucose-glucose)





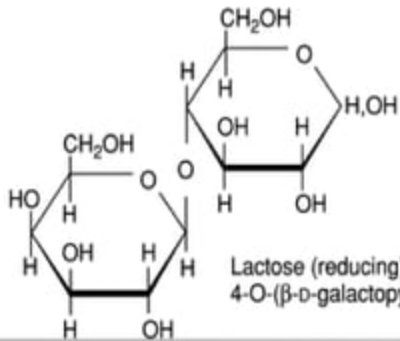
Maltose (reducing)

4-O-( $\alpha$ -D-glucopyransyl)-D-glucopyranose  
 or O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside



Sucrose (non-reducing)

$\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranoside  
 or ( $\beta$ -D-fructopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside  
 or O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-fructopyranoside



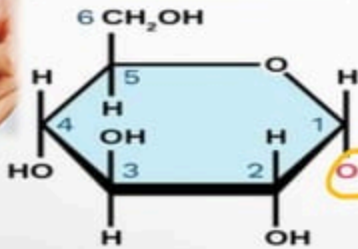
Lactose (reducing)

4-O-( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose

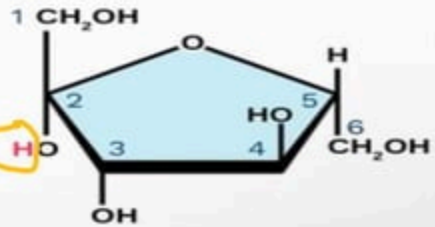




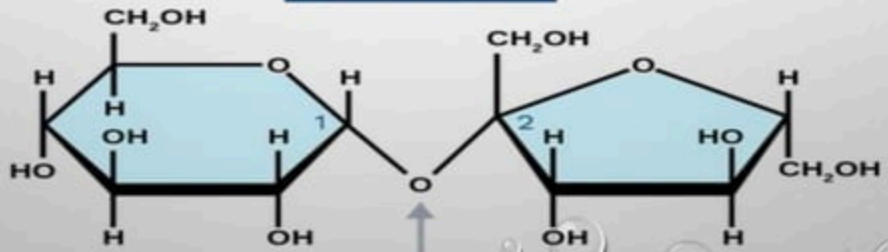
## Glucose



## Fructose



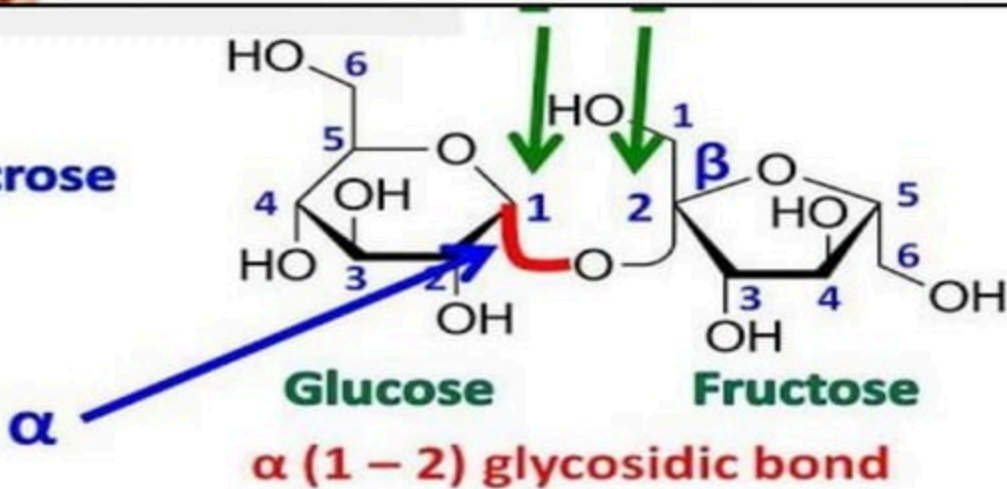
## Sucrose



Glycosidic Bond

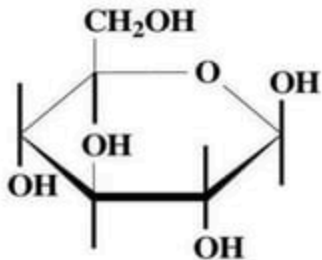
## SUCROSE GLYCOSIDAL LINKAGE

**Sucrose**



## POLYSACCHARIDES

- Polysaccharides are polymers of D-glucose
- Important polysaccharides are:
  - Starch (Amylose and Amylopectin)
  - Glycogen
  - Cellulose
  - Chitin



**D-Glucose**

## Polysaccharide classification

### Homopolysaccharide

#### Storage

- Starch: potato, rice, wheat, maize, legumes and other vegetables.
- Glycogen: Intracellular animal cells such as liver and muscles.
- Inulin: Roots and rhizomes.
- Dextran: Bacteria and yeast.

#### Structural

- Cellulose: Plant cell walls.
- Lignin: Wood and plants.
- Chitin: Insects and crustaceans exoskeleton.

### Heteropolysaccharide

#### Non nitrogen molecules

- Agar: seaweeds, microalgae and coral reefs.
- Gums: microorganisms, plant exudates and seeds.
- Hemicellulose: Plant cell walls.
- Pectins: Plant cell walls, citric fruits, apple, carrot and beet.

#### Nitrogen molecules

- Glycosaminoglycans: tissues and intracellular cells (liver, lungs and skin).

# HETEROPOLYSACCHARIDES

Having uronic acid & amino sugars.

|    |                      |                    |                 |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| H  | Heparan Sulphate     | Glucosamine        | Glucuronic acid |
| H  | Heparin              | Glucosamine        | Iduronic acid   |
| Hy | Hyaluronic acid      | N Ac Glucosamine   | Glucuronic acid |
| K  | Keratan sulphate     | N Ac Glucosamine   | Galactose       |
| C  | Chondroitin sulphate | N Ac Galactosamine | Glucuronic Acid |
| D  | Dermatan sulphate    | N Ac Galactosamine | Iduronic acid   |



**SOURCE OF ENERGY**

**STORED AS  
GLYCOGEN**

**MAINTAIN  
GLUCOSE LEVEL  
OF PLASMA**

**CONTROL BODY  
TEMPERATURE**

***Functions of  
carbohydrates***

**METABOLISM OF  
AMINO & FATTY  
ACIDS**

**EXCESS OF  
CARBOHYDRATES  
CONVERTS TO FATS**

**INCREASE  
PERISTALTIC  
MOVEMENT OF  
FOOD**



## BIOLOGICAL ROLE OF CARBOHYDRATES

- Biologically active monosaccharides are D- sugars
  - Provide mechanical support to the plants
- Supply carbon for synthesis of cell
  - Provide energy through oxidation
- Provide Nucleic acids
  - DNA & RNA provides genetic information
- Store chemical energy
  - Part of antibiotic drugs streptomycin / aminoglycosides
- Participate in biological transport
  - cell-cell communication and activation of growth factors
- Chief energy source
  - Glucose is broken down by glycolysis/ kreb's cycle to yield ATP.



## FOODS RICH IN CARBOHYDRATES

- **Starchy Foods**
- **Legumes, Starchy Vegetables, Whole-grain Breads And Cereals.**
- Occur Naturally With **Vitamins And Minerals In Foods Like Milk, Fruits, And Milk Products.**
- Found In Refined And Processed Products Like **Candy, Carbonated Beverages, And Table Sugar**



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