



# Carbohydrates

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#### Resource



#### This lecture

#### Campbell and Farrell's Biochemistry, Chapter 16

#### What are they?



- Carbohydrates are polyhydroxy aldehydes or ketones
- Saccharide is another name for a carbohydrate
- Functions:
  - Source of energy
  - Structure (cellulose and chitin)
  - Building blocks
  - Cellular recognition

### **Classification I**



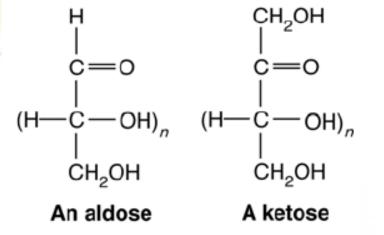
- By the number of sugars that constitute the molecule
- Monosaccharides
- Disaccharides
- Oligosaccharides
- Polysaccharides

#### Carbohydrates – natural forms

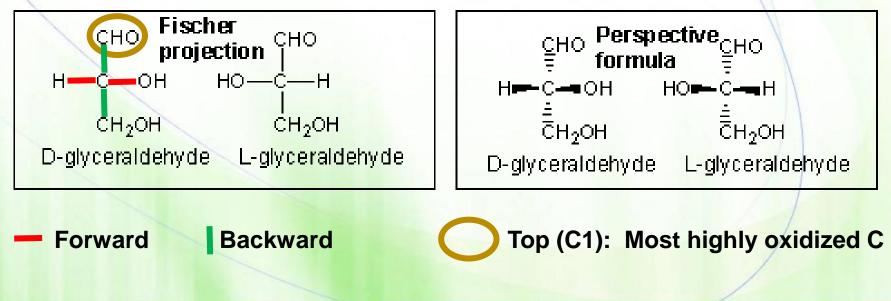
- Most carbohydrates are found naturally in bound form rather than as simple sugars
  - Polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, inulin, gums)
  - Glycoproteins and proteoglycans (hormones, blood group substances, antibodies)
  - Glycolipids (cerebrosides, gangliosides)
  - Glycosides
  - Mucopolysaccharides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

### Monosaccharides

- Basic chemical formula: (CH<sub>2</sub>O)n
- They contain two or more hydroxyl groups

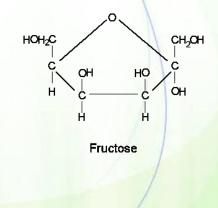


Fisher projections or perspective structural formulas.



#### **Common Monosaccharides**

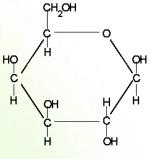
- Glucose:
  - Mild sweet flavor
  - Known as blood sugar
  - Essential energy source
  - Found in every disaccharide and polysaccharide
- Galactose:
  - Hardly tastes sweet & rarely found naturally as a single sugar.
- Fructose:
  - Sweetest sugar, found in fruits and honey
  - Added to soft drinks, cereals, deserts



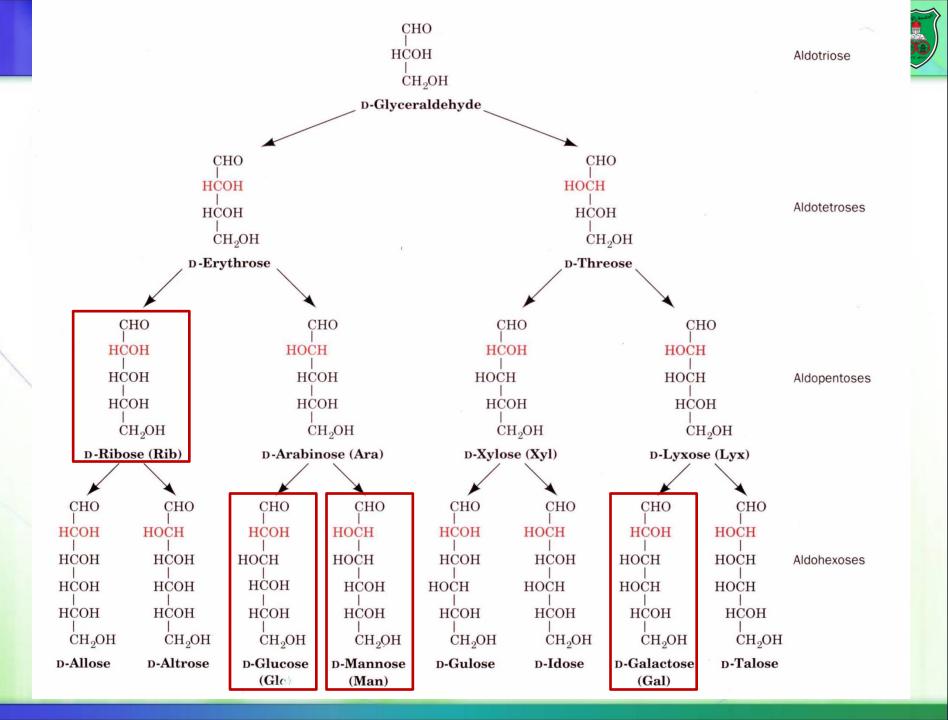
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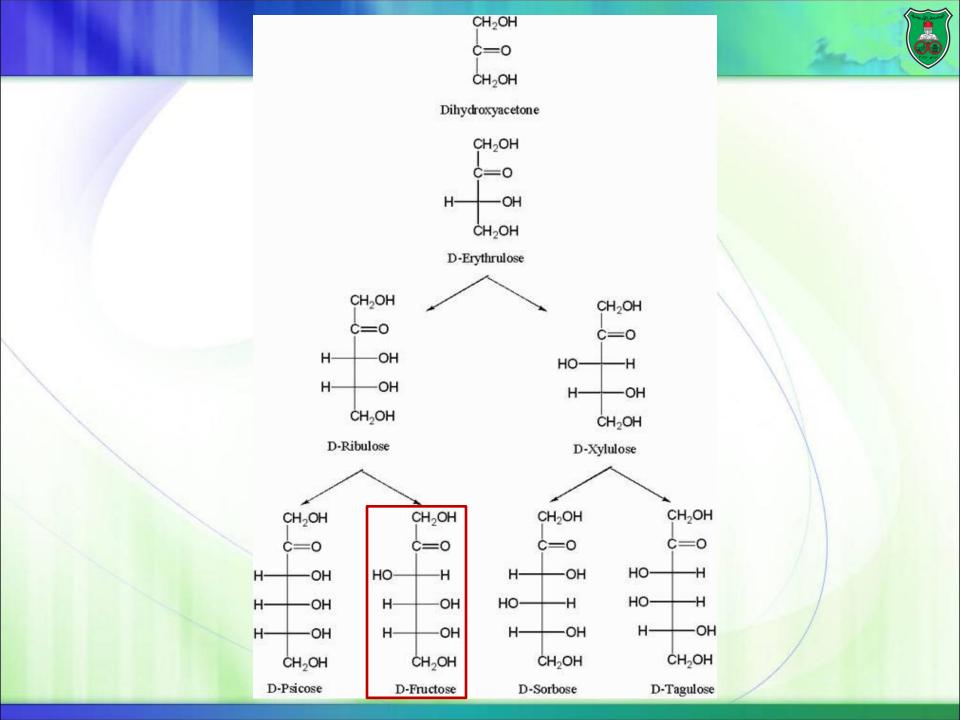
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Glucose









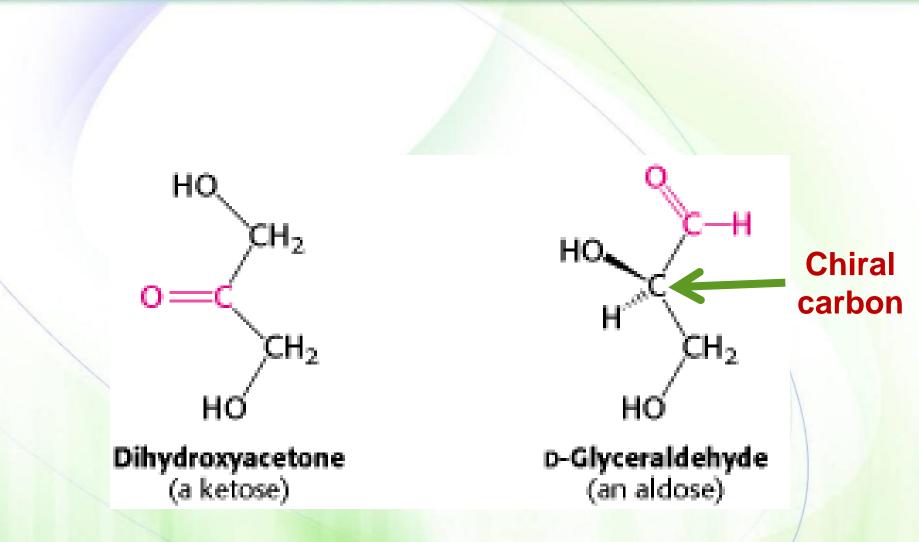
#### **Classification 2**

By the number of carbon atoms they contain

Н CH2OH Triose Tetrose Η ОН 2 2 Pentose HO Н Η HO Hexose 3 Heptose OH Н Η ОН OH ОН H Н 5 5 6CH2OH 6CH2OH

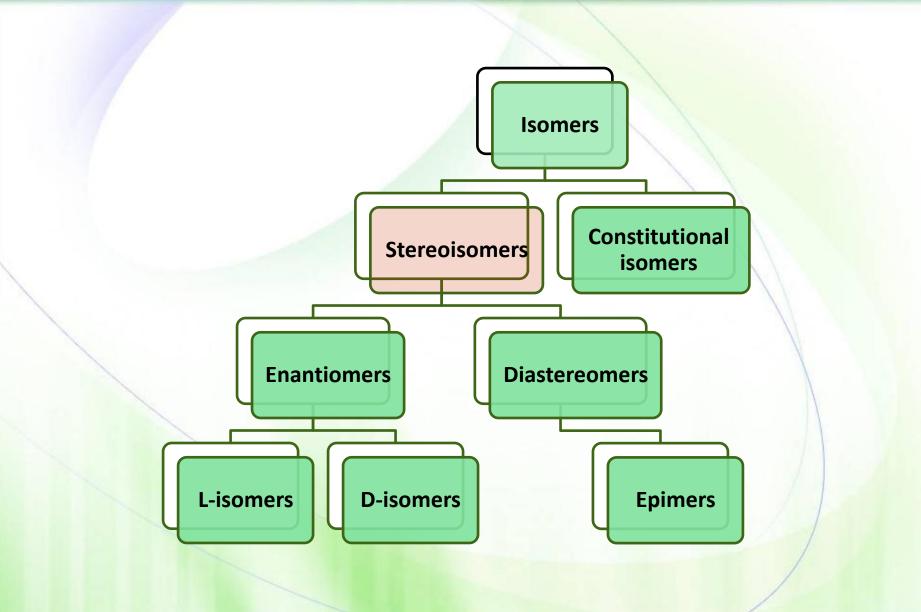
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#### Isomerism

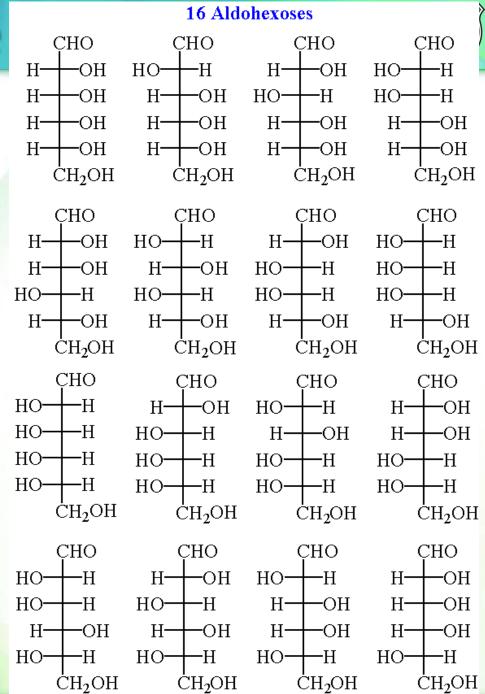




#### **Isomers of glucose**

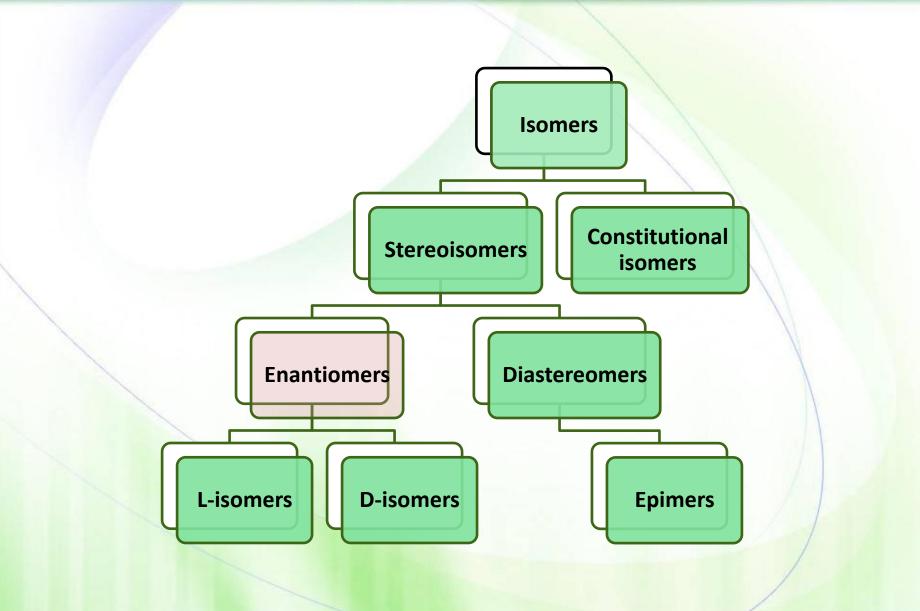
2<sup>n</sup> (n is the number of chiral carbons in a sugar molecule)

Search for: Glucose, Galactose Mannose

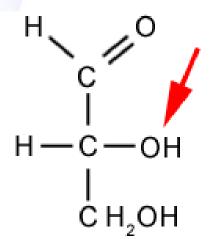


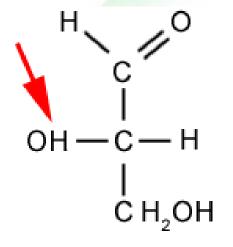
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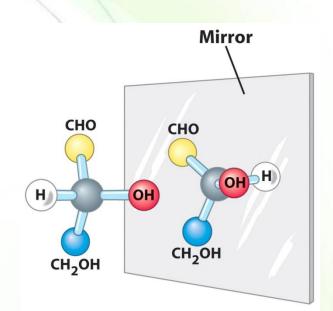




#### Sugar enantiomers (D-vs. L-)



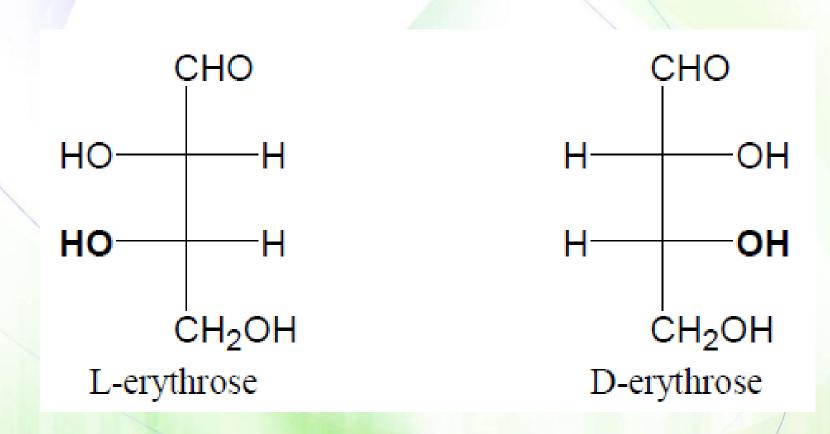




D-Glyceraldehyde L-Glyceraldehyde

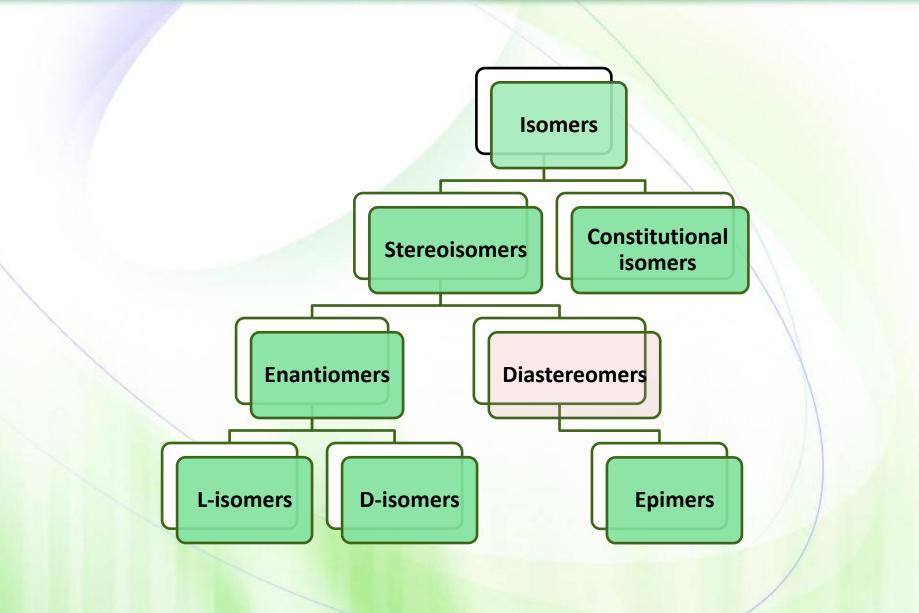
**Ball-and-stick models** 

## Which one(s) is a chiral carbon?

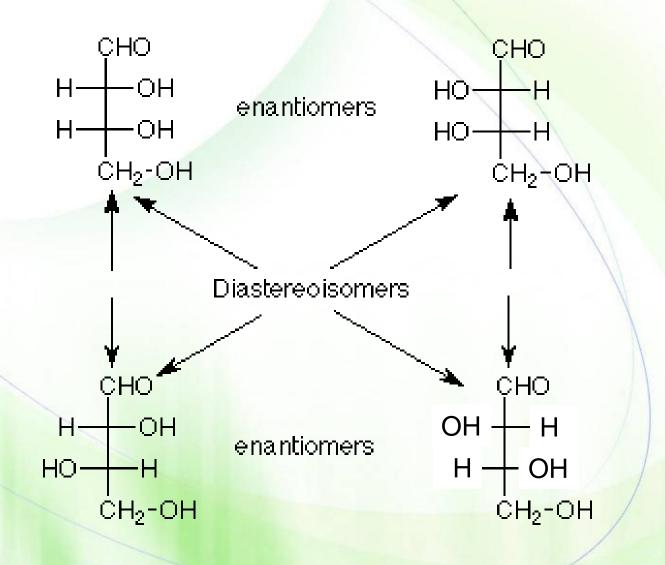


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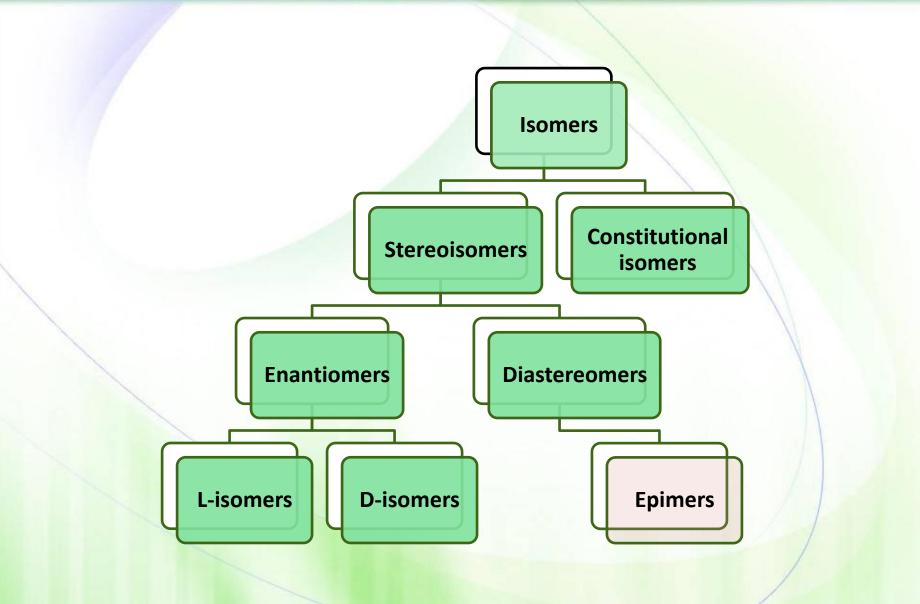


Stereoisomers, but non-mirror images and non-superimposable, then...*diastereomers* 



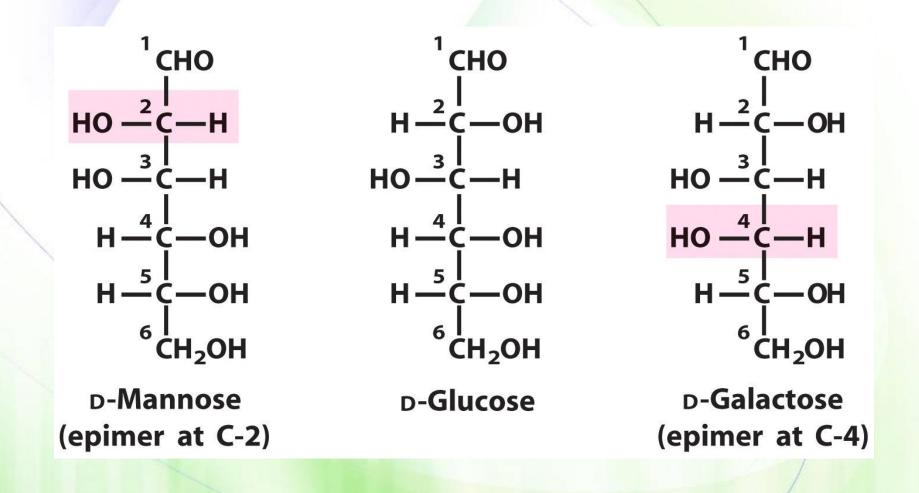
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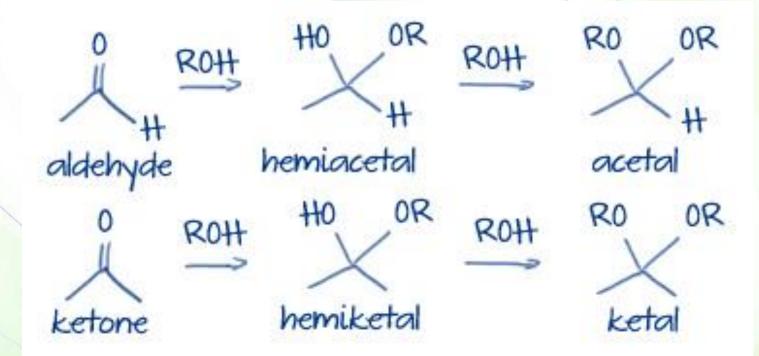


#### Diastereomers that differ in the orientation of

one chiral carbon...epimers

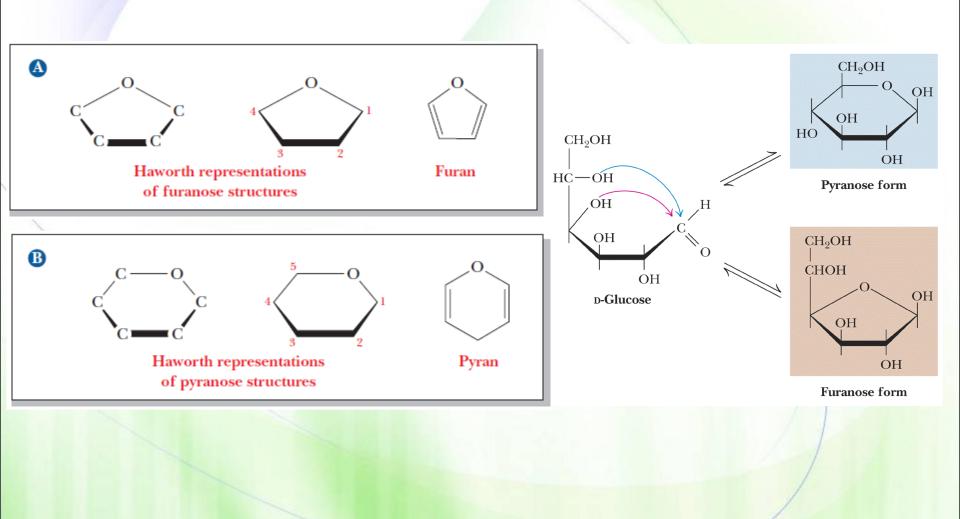


Hemiacetal and hemiketal: ether and alcohol on same carbon Acetal and ketal: two ethers on same carbon



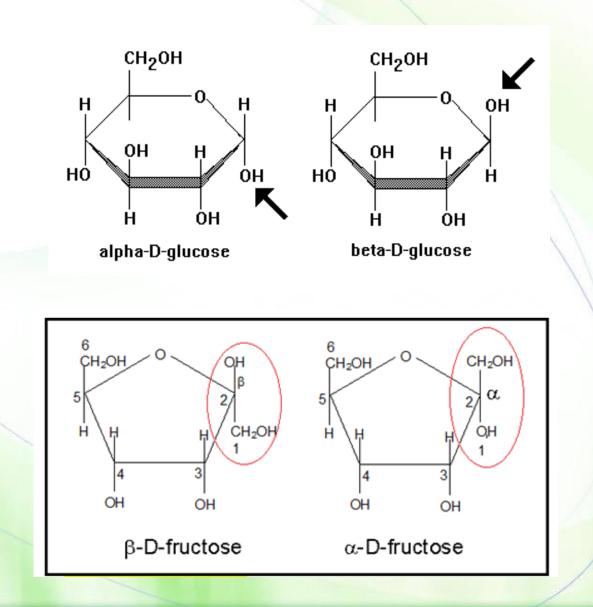
What is the difference between hemiacetal and hemiketal and the difference between acetal and ketal?

#### Formation of a ring structure

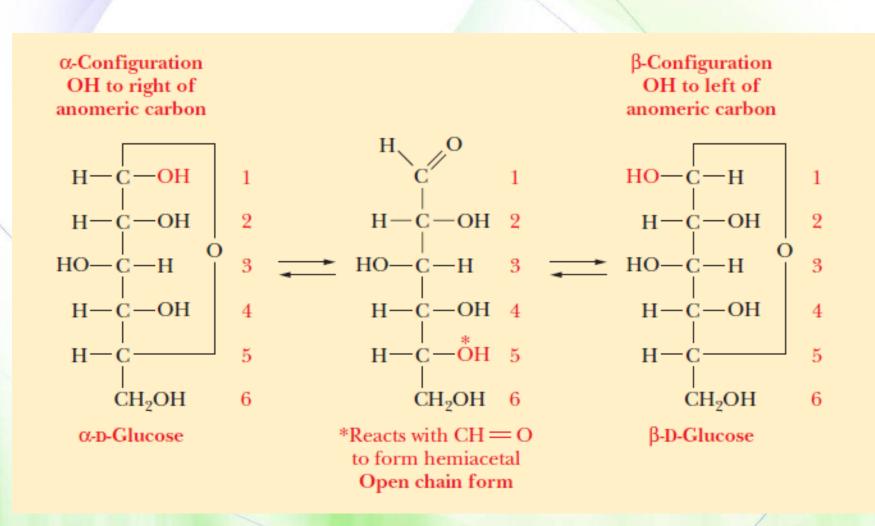


#### Anomers



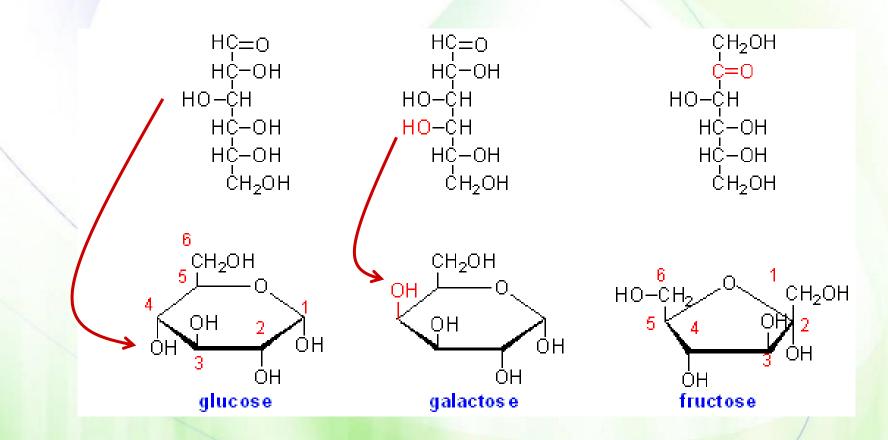


#### **Anomers as Fischer projection**



## Chain to ring Left-right vs. up-down

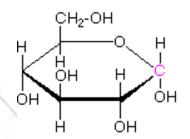




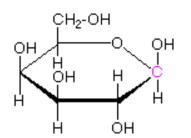
#### Cyclic aldohexoses



#### Examples of Some Pyranose Forms of Hexoses



 $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose



β-D-galactopyranose

α-D-mannopyranose

CH2-OH

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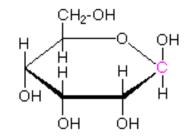
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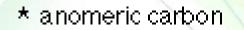
OH

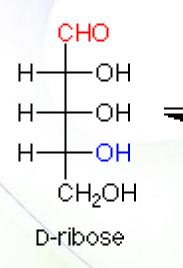


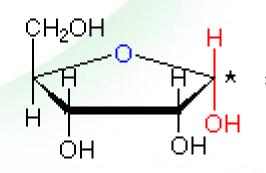
 $\beta$ -D-allopyranose

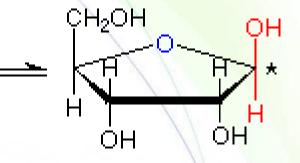
#### Cyclic ribofuranose











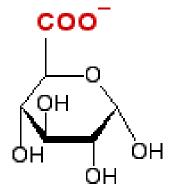
α-D-ribose OH at a nomeric carbon down β-D-ribose OH at a nomeric carbon up



# **Nodified sugars**

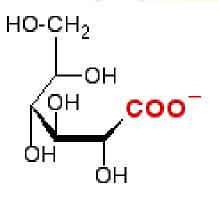
### Sugar acids (oxidation)

Where is it oxidized? What does it form?



#### α-D-gluc<mark>ur</mark>onate

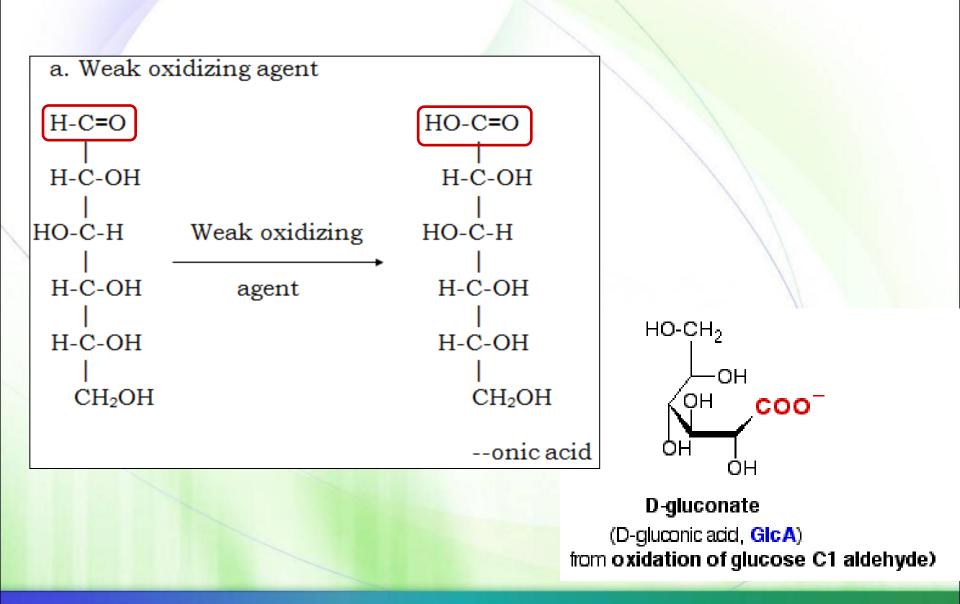
(D-glucuronic acid, GlcUA) from oxidation of glucose C6 OH



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

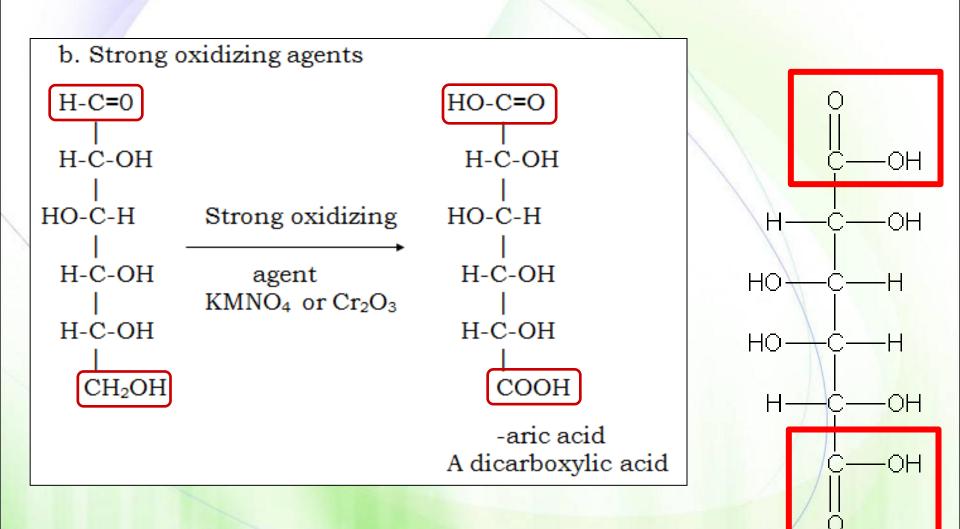
#### Example 1





#### Example 2



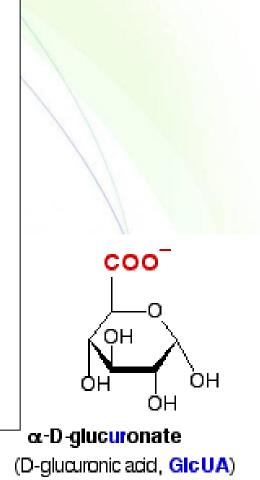


galactaric acid

#### Example 3

c. Oxidation of primary alcohol end in biological systems

H-C=0 CHO H-C-OH H-C-OH HO-C-H Enzymes HO-C-H H-C-OH H-C-OH H-C-OH H-C-OH H0-C=O CH<sub>2</sub>OH -uronic acids

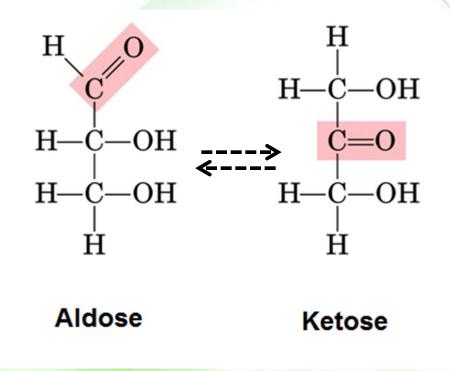


from oxidation of glucose C6 OH

#### Note

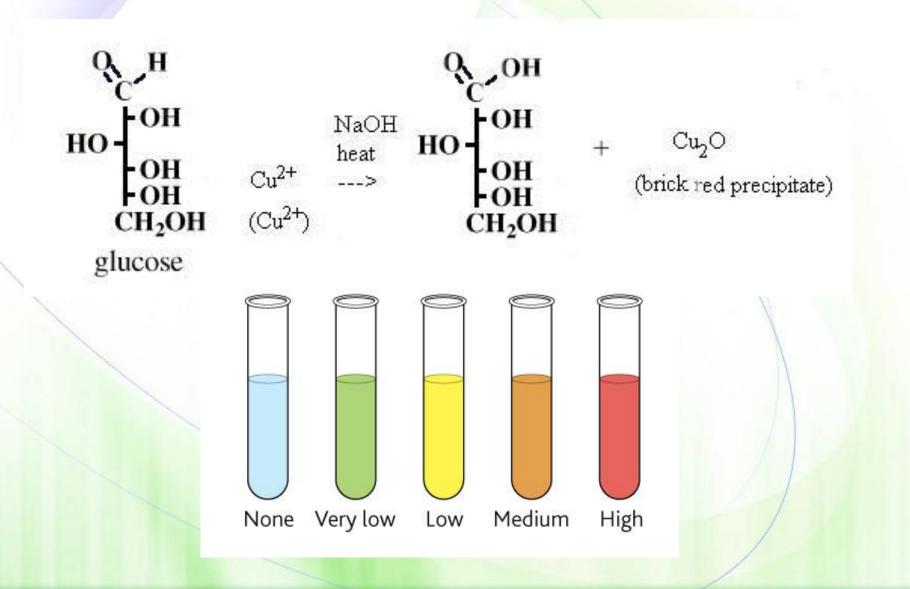


 Oxidation of ketoses to carboxylic acids does not occur, but they can be oxidized because of formation of enediol form

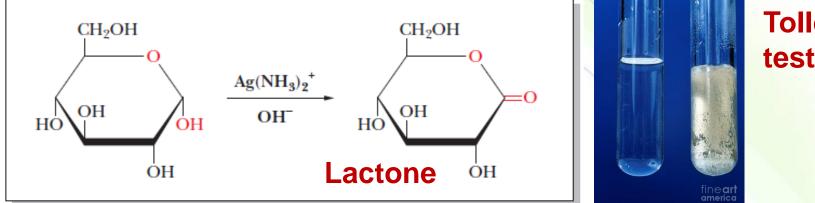


#### **Benedict's test**





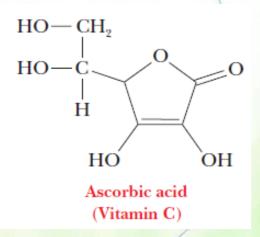
#### **Oxidation of cyclic sugars (lactone)**



Tollen's test

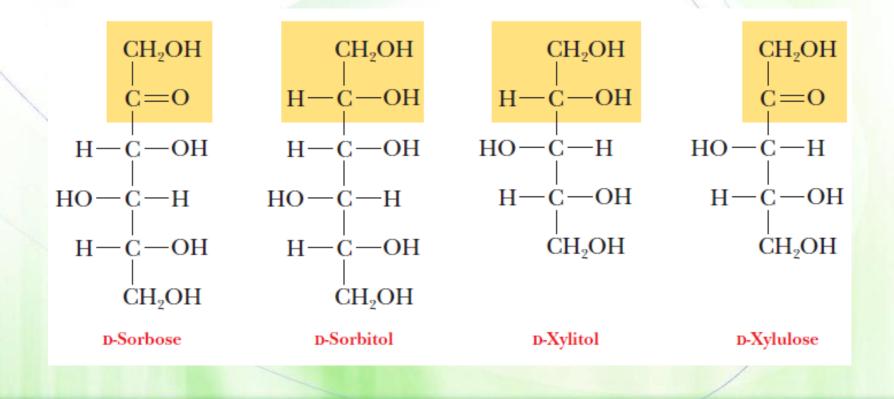
detection of glucose, but not other reducing sugars, is based on the use of the enzyme glucose oxidase

- 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 defi ciencies, which, in turn, can lead to the disease scurvy.



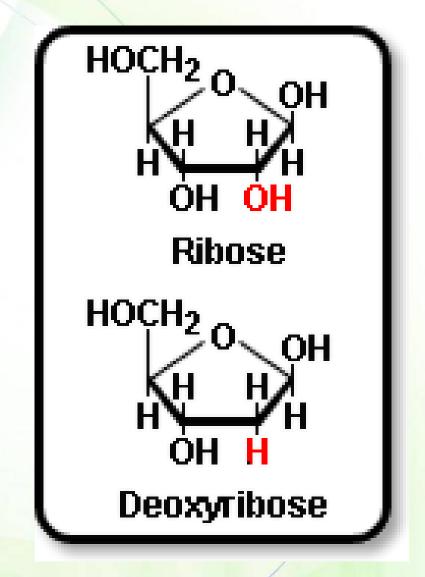
## Sugar alcohols (reduction)

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



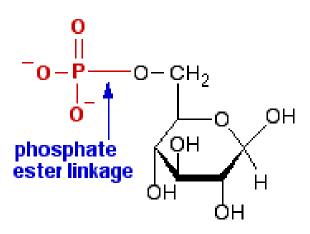
## **Deoxy sugars (reduced sugars)**

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

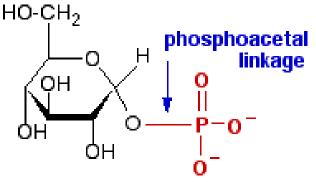


## Sugar esters (esterification)

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**)

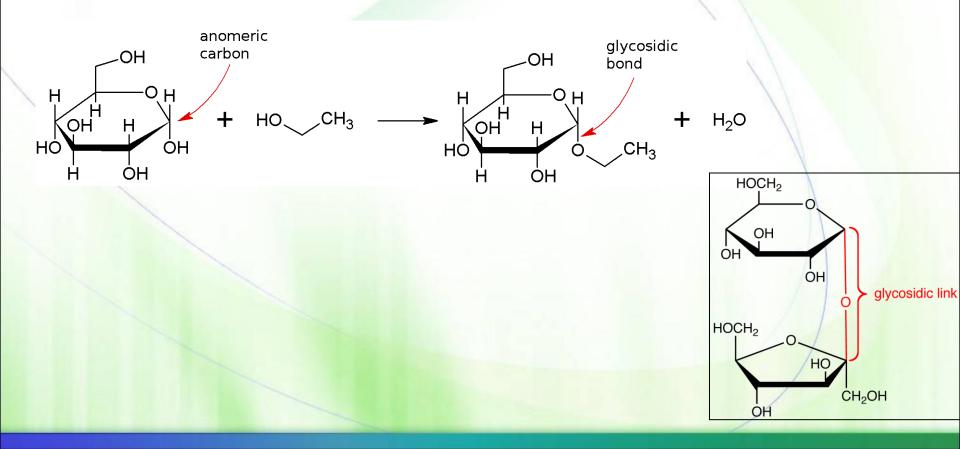


a-D-glucose-1-phosphate (a phosphoacetal)

## **O-Glycosides**



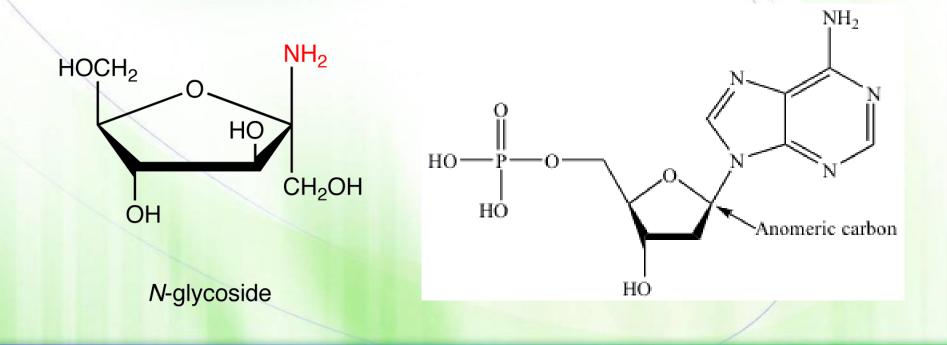
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# N-glycosides



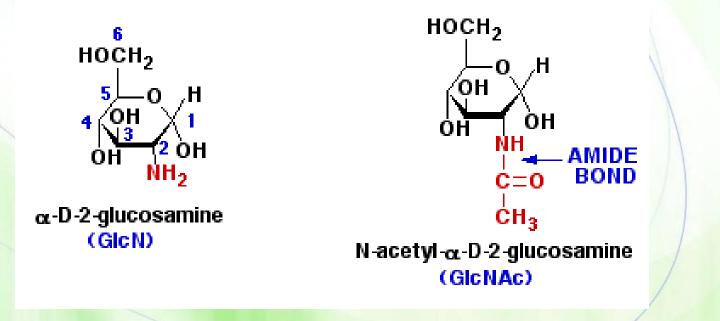
- What is the reacting functional group? Where does it react? What are the end products? Where are they used?
- Examples: nucleotides (DNA and RNA)



## 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?

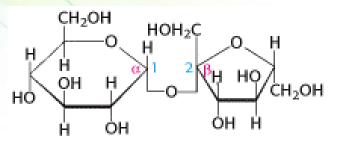
## **Distinctions of disaccharides**

- 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)

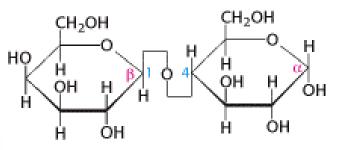
## Abundant disaccharides



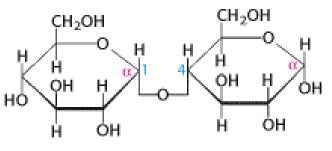
- Configuration
- Designation
- Naming (common vs. systematic)
- Reducing vs. non-reducing



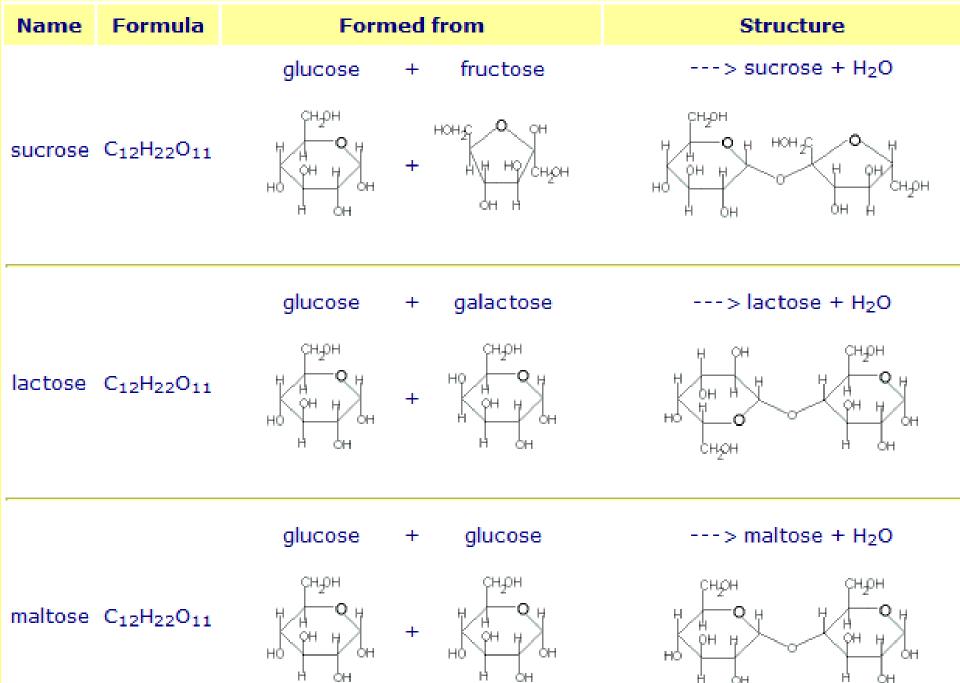
Sucrose ( $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1  $\rightarrow$  2)- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranose



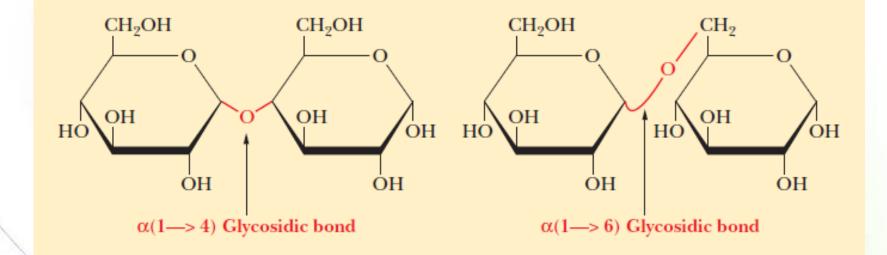
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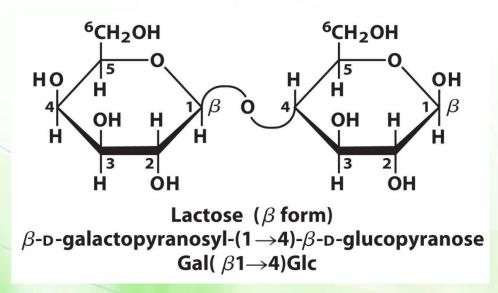


Maitose ( $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose



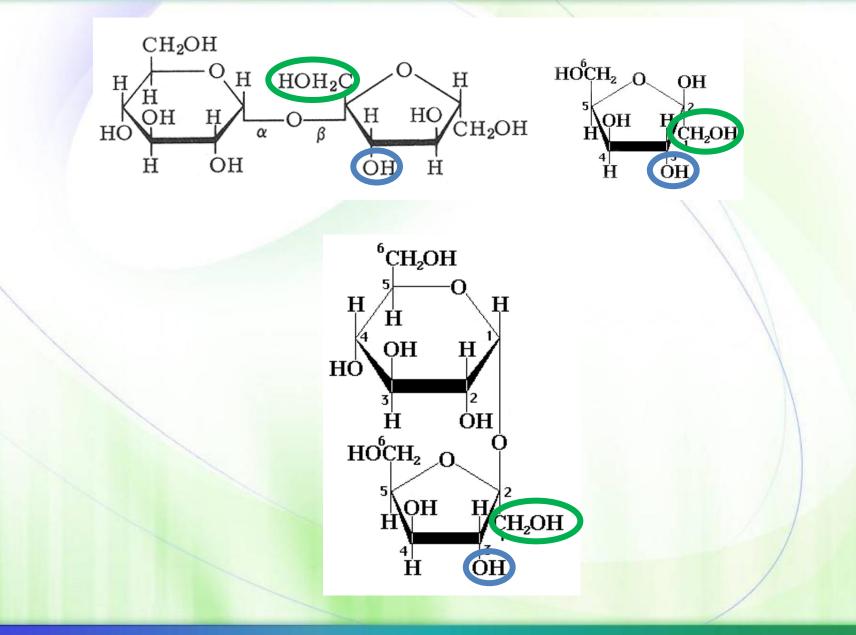
## **Different forms of disaccharides**





### Sucrose





## Raffinose

- What are oligosaccharide?
- Example: raffinose
- It is found in peas and beans



"You want that double-order of our world-famous baked beans for here... or, we sincerely hope... to go?"

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#### Homework

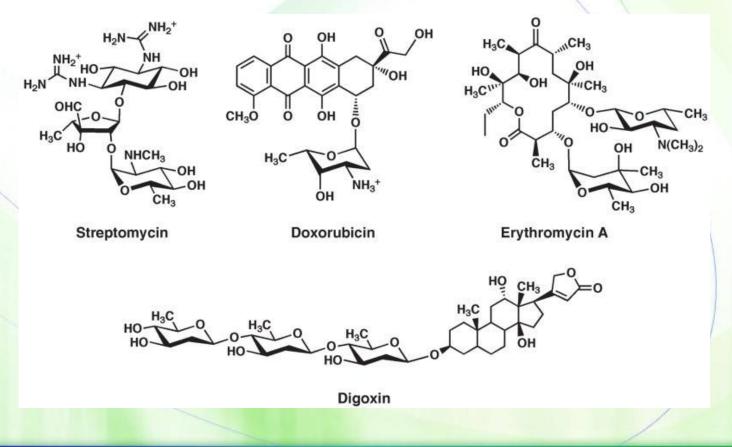
 What are the names of monosaccharides that make up raffinose?

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



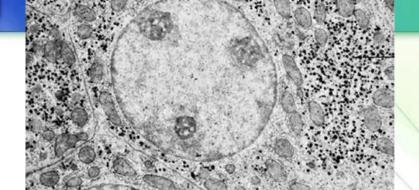
- What are polysaccharides?
- Homopolysaccharide (homoglycan) vs. heteropolysaccharides

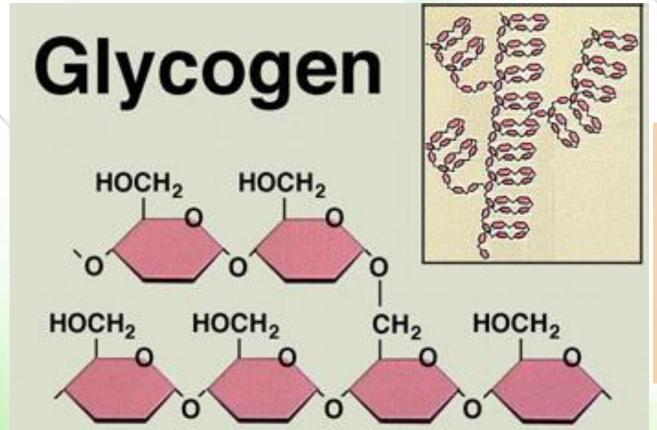
## Features of polysaccharides

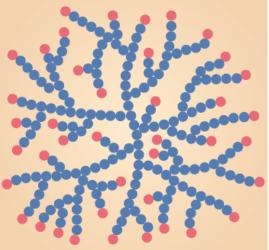
- Monosaccharides
- Length
- Branching
- Purpose:
  - Storage (glycogen, starch, dextran)
  - Structural (cellulose, pectin, chitin)





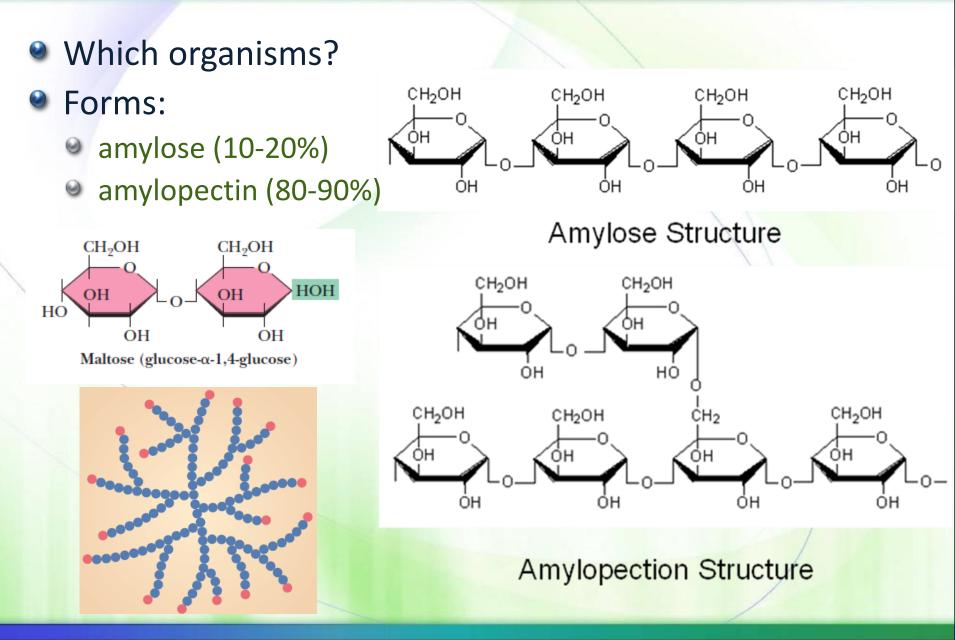






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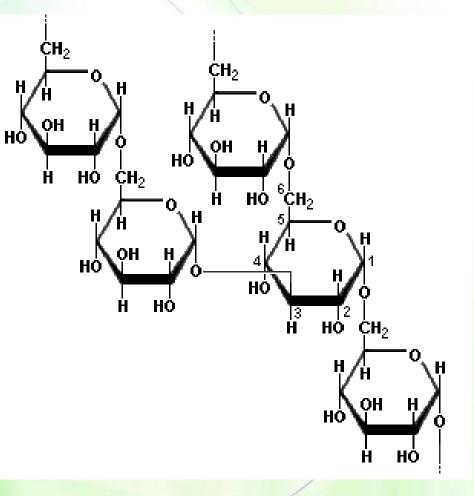


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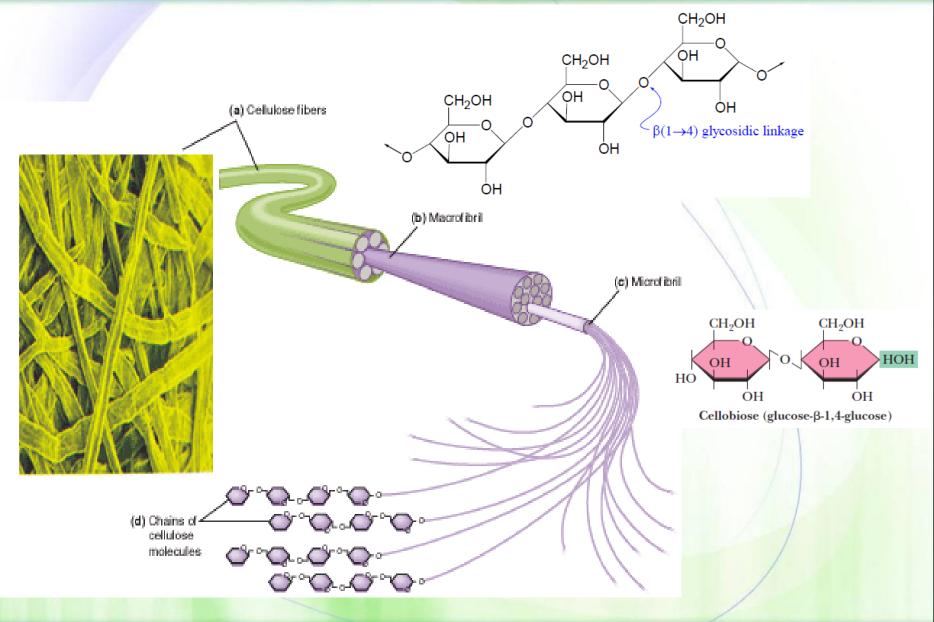
- A storage polysaccharide
- Yeast and bacteria
- α-(1-6)-D-glucose with
  branched chains

Branches: 1-2, 1-3, or 1-4



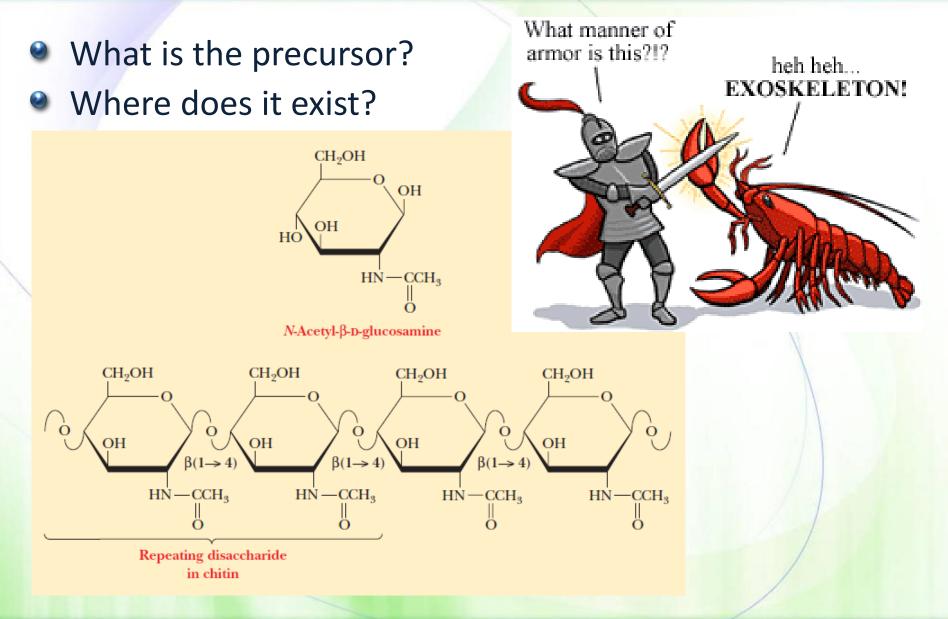
## Cellulose





## Chitin

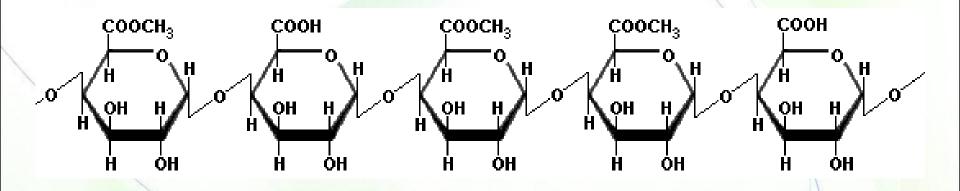




## Pectin



What is the precursor?Where does it exist?

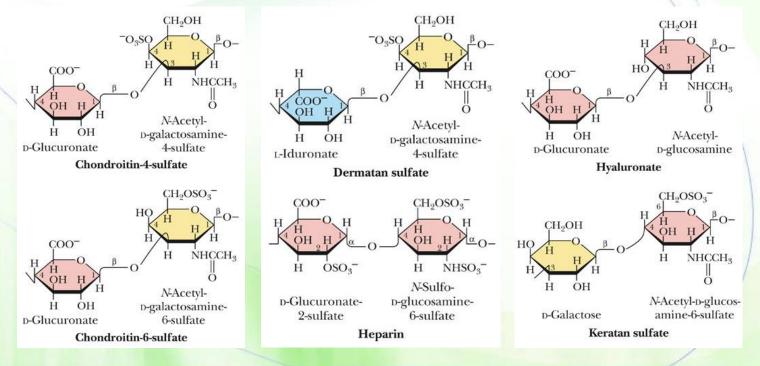


## Are polysaccharides reducing?

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



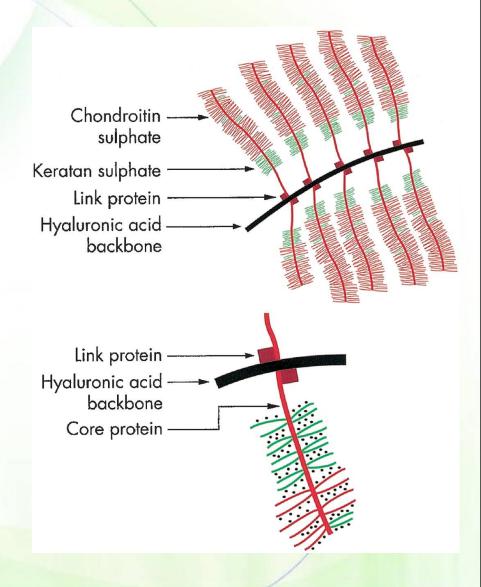
GAG	Localization	Comments
Hyaluronate	synovial fluid, vitreous humor, ECM of loose connective tissue	the lubricant fluid , shock absorbing As many as 25,000 disaccharide units
Chondroitin sulfate	cartilage, bone, heart valves	most abundant GAG
Heparan sulfate	basement membranes, components of cell surfaces	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

## Proteoglycans



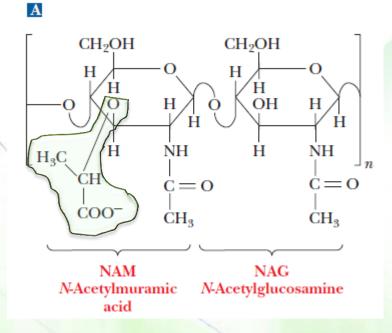
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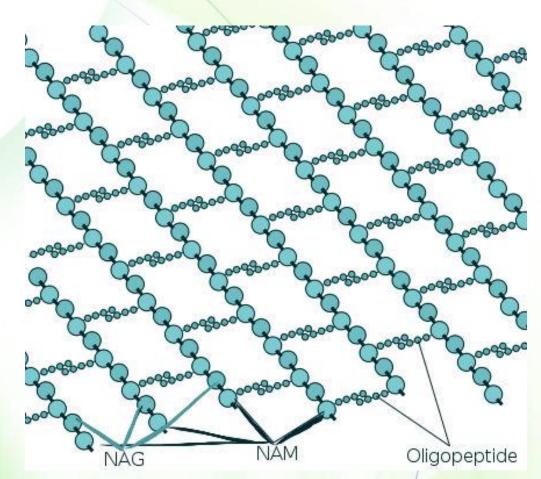
- Structural components in connective tissue
- Mediate adhesion of cells to the extracellular matrix
- Bind factors that stimulate cell proliferation



## **Bacterial cell wall**

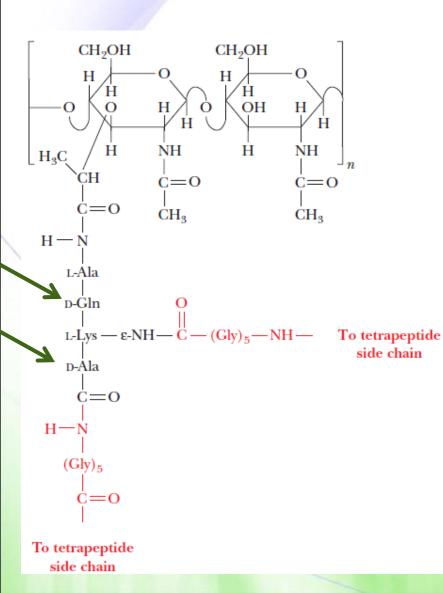


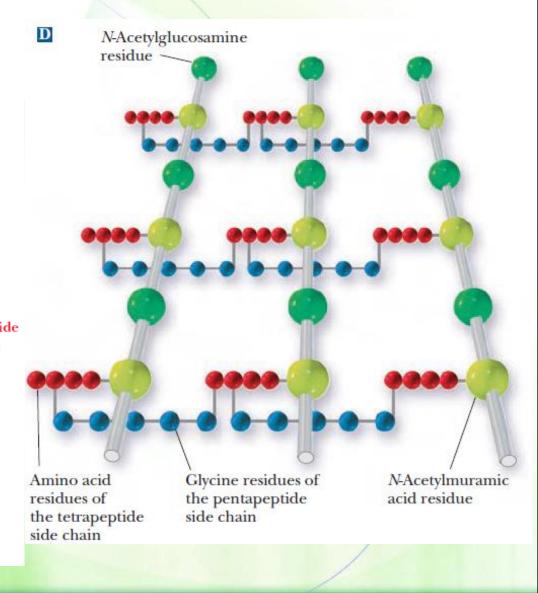




## Peptidoglycan





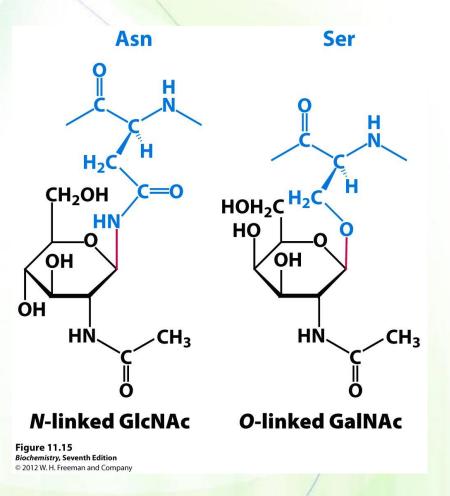


## Glycoproteins



The carbohydrates of glycoproteins are linked to the protein component through either O-glycosidic or Nglycosidic bonds

- The N-glycosidic linkage is through the amide group of asparagine (Asn, N)
- The O-glycosidic linkage is to the hydroxyl of serine (Ser, S), threonine (Thr, T) or hydroxylysine (hLys)



#### 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**

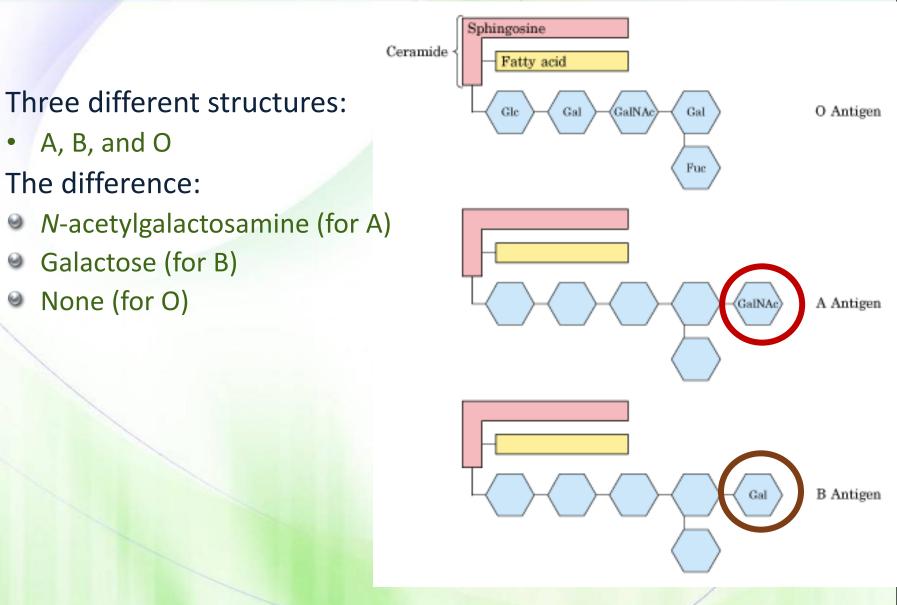
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## Sialic acid



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

