

Bio-Chemistry

Lecture 3

L3: Bio-Chemistry of
Carbohydrates

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★ BioChemistry : ↳ - Biochemistry of Carbohydrates

- There are 4 Major types of Macromolecules

↳ Big / Large molecules

- Considered to be Polymers that consist of small units / building blocks called Monomers

① Proteins

② Nucleic acids

③ Lipids } not a polymeric molecule

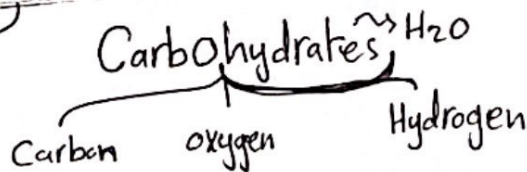
④ Carbohydrates } most abundant
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- Classification of Carbohydrates -

★ They are [sugars] or [Saccharides]

★ Its Empirical formula is $(CH_2O)_n$, where $n \geq 3$

before choosing or specifying what n is equal to



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after deciding what n is equal to then its named a molecular formula

- [Hydrogen : oxygen] ratio
2 : 1

Empirical formula, Molecular formula, structural formula

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simplest ratio

(Empirical form) $_n$
specify how many atom exactly are there

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- atomic connectivity
- type of bonds
- types of functional groups

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- Classification of Carbohydrates -

* Monosaccharides : السكران الأتاني

- Basic units of CHO
- Simplest type of sugars
- cannot be hydrolyzed into smaller sugars
- They are the building blocks of carbohydrates

Ex: Glucose, Galactose & Fructose

* Disaccharides : سكران ثنائي

- Contain two monosaccharides that are Covalently ~~linked~~ by Glycosidic Bond

Ex: Sucrose, it consists of :

└ Glucose
└ Fructose

* Polysaccharides : سكران متعدد

- Are Polymeric molecules
- Composed of long chains of monomers (monosaccharides) that are linked together via Glycosidic Bonds

Ex: Starch, Cellulose & Glycogen

- Monosaccharides :

* They are classified according to the [number of Carbon atoms]

Trioses, tetroses, Pentoses, hexoses ... etc

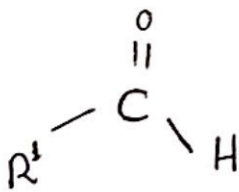
* They are also classified according to :

[The nature of the Carbonyl group] C=O

Aldoses

The Carbonyl group is an Aldehyde

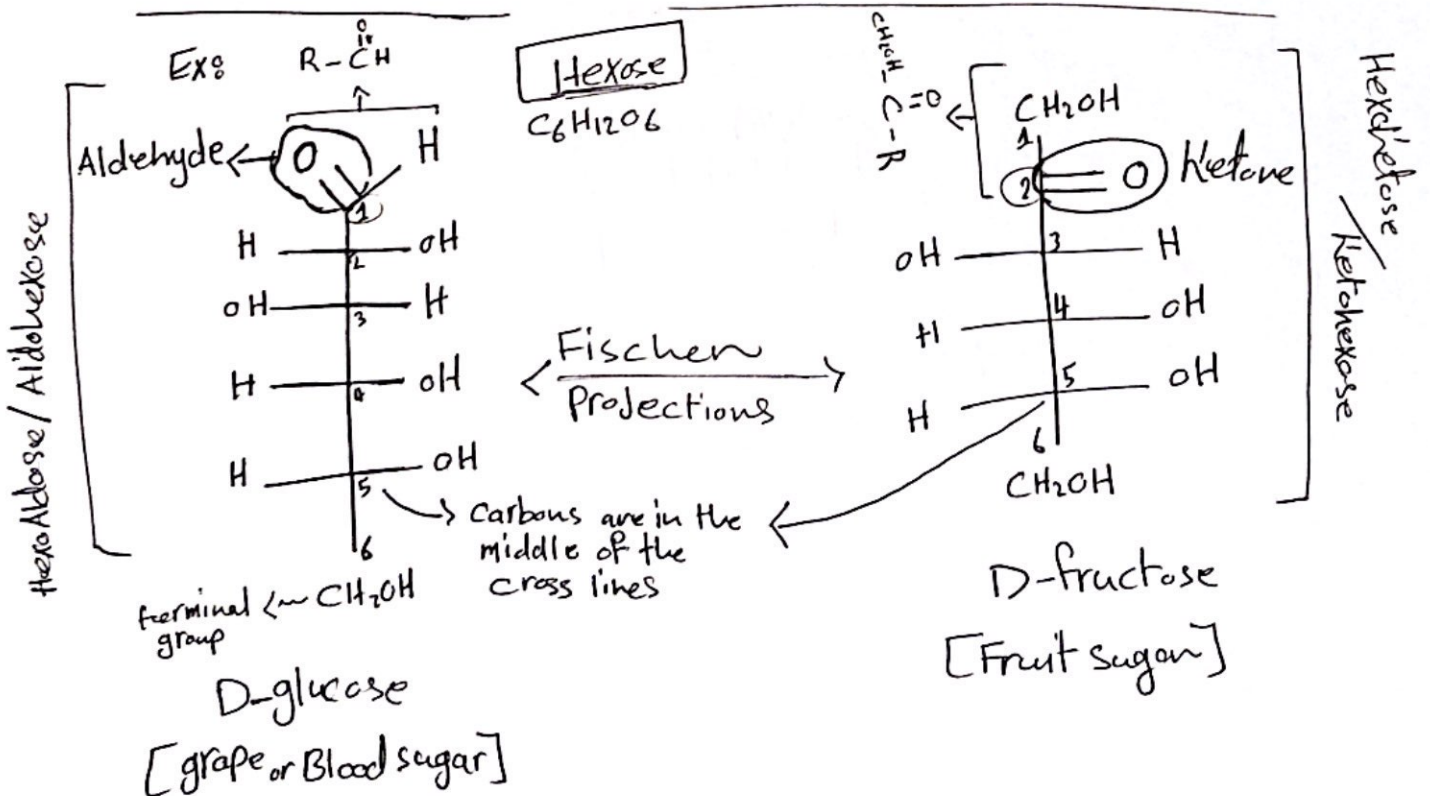
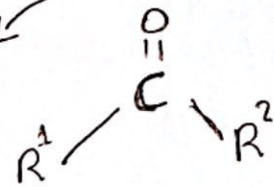
$R^1 = H, \text{alkyl}$
or aryl



Ketoses

the Carbonyl group is ~~an~~ a ketone

$R_1 \& R_2$
= aryl or alkyl



★ Isomers & Isomeration ★

- Isomers are molecules with the same molecular formula ^{صيغة جزيئية} but different chemical structures

① (structural) Constitutional Isomers :

- Atoms & functional groups bind together in different ways. Ex: glucose & fructose
- The past example -

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we have seen how the aldehyde & ketone groups bind to the atoms

② Stereo Isomers (spatial isomers) ^{الستيريو ايزومرات} :

- Differ in the configuration of atoms in space rather than the order of atomic connectivity (Just a minor difference)

- ↳ they still have the same :
 - Molecular formula
 - Same atomic connectivity
 - types of functional groups
 - types of bonds

It's just different in :

All are the same thing { Arrangement of atoms in space or in other words (the orientation of the atom)
or also (the configuration of the atom)

Chiral Carbon: ^{carbonic} asymmetric carbon atom attached to 4 different groups of atoms

- The number of stereoisomers for any given molecules = 2^n
 where n is the number of chiral centers

- Ex: $\text{CH}_3 - \overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}} - \text{H}$ } Not chiral
 (its bound only to 3 different types/groups of atoms)

$\text{CH}_3 - \overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{H}}{\text{C}}} - \text{OH}$ } Chiral
 [bound to 4 different groups of atoms]

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{H} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{C}_1 \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C}_2 - \text{OH} \\ | \\ \text{HO} - \text{C}_3 - \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C}_4 - \text{OH} \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C}_5 - \text{OH} \end{array}$ } The carbons are chiral → so 4 chiral carbons

* Number of stereoisomers:
 $2^n = 2^4 = 16$ stereoisomers

CH_2OH as Not chiral
 D-glucose $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ | \\ \text{H} - \text{C} - \text{OH} \\ | \\ \text{R} \end{array} \right]$

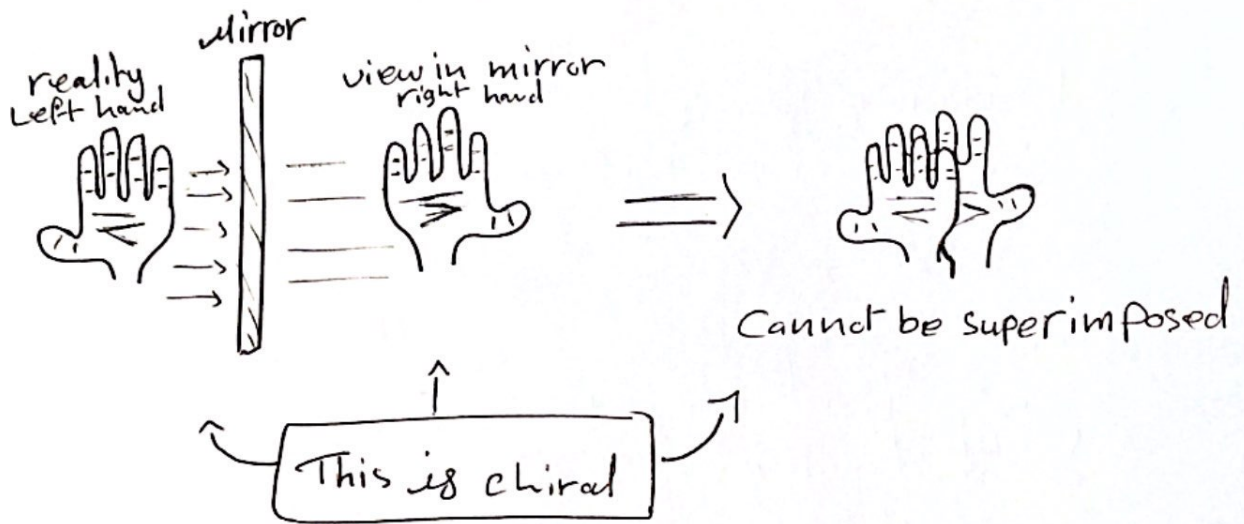
* Chiral molecules should contain at least one chiral center *

So glucose is a chiral molecule

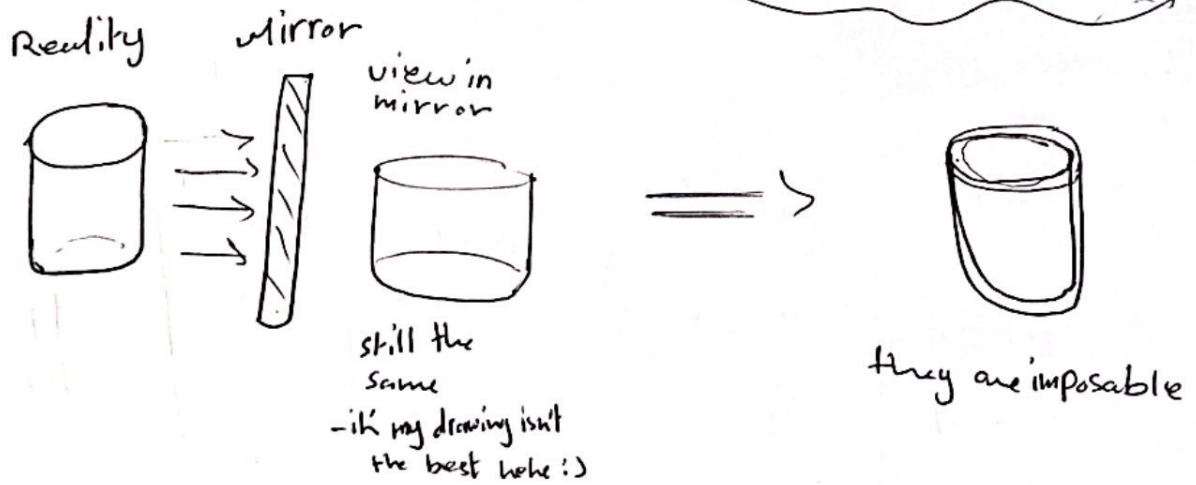
(usually a carbon atom) (Most common)

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★ Chirality & Chiral objects ★



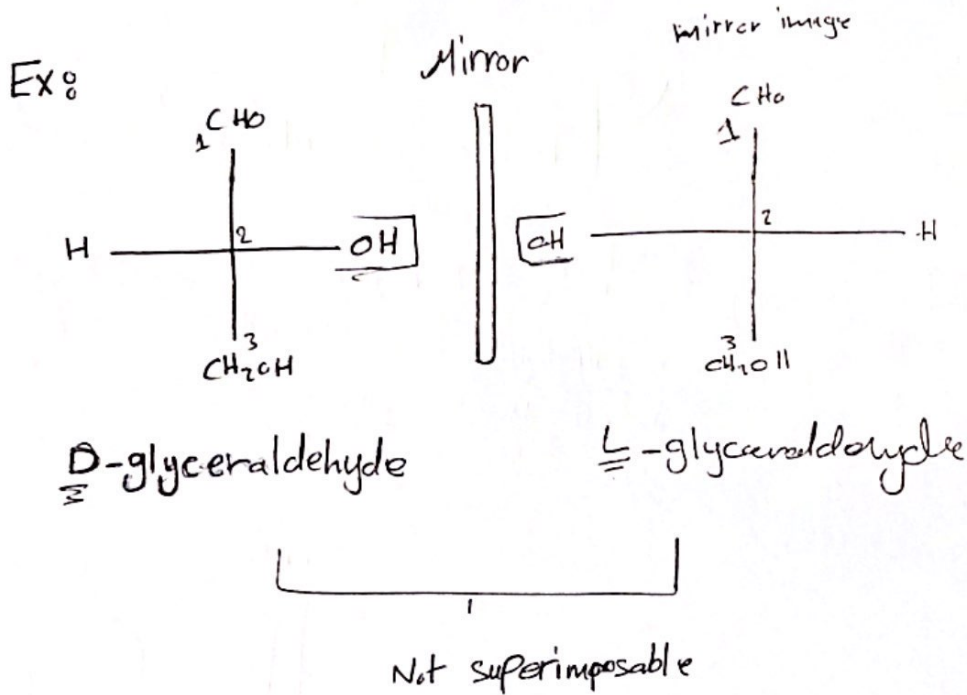
Then: ~~Chiral~~ Chiral object is: a pair of objects that are mirror images of each other but they aren't superimposable



This is NOT chiral so we call it a achiral

* Types of stereoisomers

□ Enantiomers : they are two stereoisomers that are mirror images to each other but NOT superimposable (same as the definition of chiral objects)



they are called Enantiomers

* The D in [D-glyceraldehyde] comes from the latin word "Dexter" means (on the right)

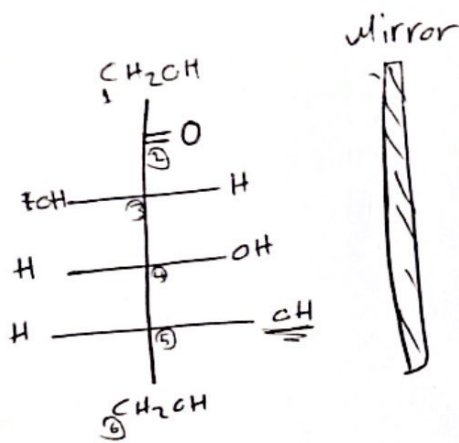
* The L in [L-glyceraldehyde] comes from the latin word "Laevo" means (on the left)

and its referring to the [OH] group that is on the chiral center

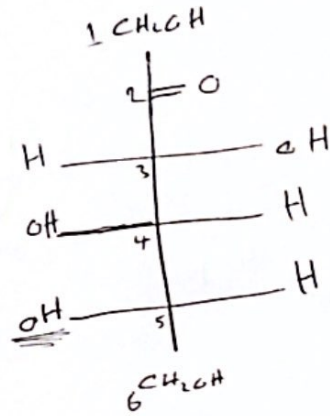
if its on the left we put [L]

if its on the right we put [D]

Ex 2: Fructose



D-fructose



L-fructose

to name and choose which (OH) group to take here because there is multiple of them

We take the farthest chiral ~~center~~ ^{center} from the highest oxidised carbon in the molecule

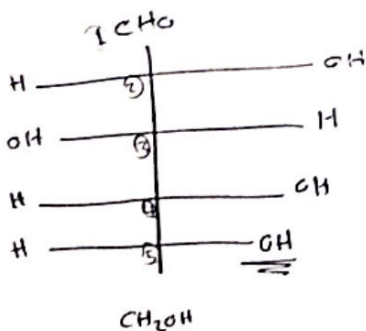
- in this case: the highest oxidized carbon is the one with the functional group $\begin{matrix} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} \end{matrix}$ which is carbon # 2

so we take the farthest chiral center from it which happens to be the 5th carbon

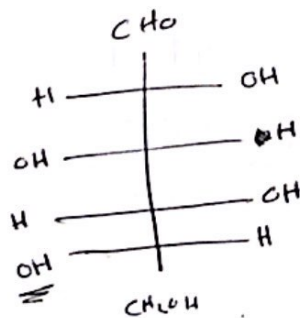
Notes: in Fischer projections the most oxidized carbon is on the top

so we take the bottom-most chiral center

Ex 3:



D-glucose



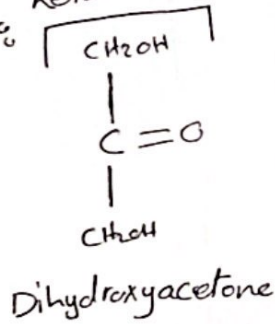
L-glucose

* The most naturally occurring sugars are D-isomers and they are (the biologically active form) *

* our Enzymes are smart, they can distinguish between
 (they are stereospecific) the D & L isomeric/Enantiomeric Pairs
 - the D is biologically active in sugars

- There is NO L-glucose in the body - only D-glucose

Ex: Ketotriose or triketose

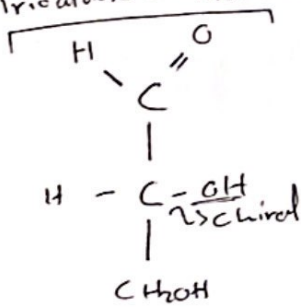


↳ This is not chiral

So: number of stereoisomers = $2^0 = 1$

So not other forms of it such as L or D or anything, just this form

Trialdose or aldotriose



↳ There is only ONE chiral center

So: n of stereoisomers = $2^1 = 2$

D-glyceraldehyde & L-glyceraldehyde

What is the relationship between the two ~~substances~~ substances in the example (the Dihydroxyacetone & the glyceraldehyde)?

They are structural/constitutional isomers to each other because they differ in the functional group connected to

* Enantiomers are optically active & can rotate the Polarized light plane either clock or counter clockwise

we Detect this using a Device called a Polarimeter

↳ It has a source of ~~light~~ Polarized light that goes through the sample which changes and rotate the polarized light plane in a certain direction depending on the type of sample (sugar) either clock or counter clockwise

★ The direction of rotation isn't dependent on if the sugar is D-sugar (it doesn't have to rotate to the right) or is L-sugar (it doesn't have to rotate to the left)

- For example: D-fructose rotates to the left so its [levorotatory] and L-fructose rotates to the Right so [dextrorotatory]

- if it rotates to the right its labeled with: (+) (dextrorotatory) and if to the left: (-) (levorotatory)

- the old way was to label it with:

[d] → small italic d if to the right
& [l] → small italic l if to the left

ex: D-glucose rotates to the right so:

either: (d) D-glucose
or (+) D-glucose

★ By chance also it was found that D-glyceraldehyde is dextrorotatory as well

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* Dextrose is the commercial name / tradename of D-glucose

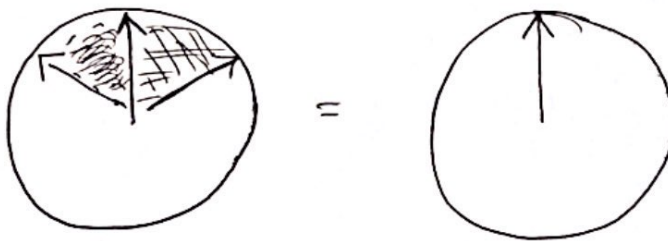
* Lactulose is the commercial trade name of D-fructose

- Racemic mixture -

- its a mixture that contains same amounts of each enantiomer

- therefore the rotation of light is zero ↓

[The NET Rotation]



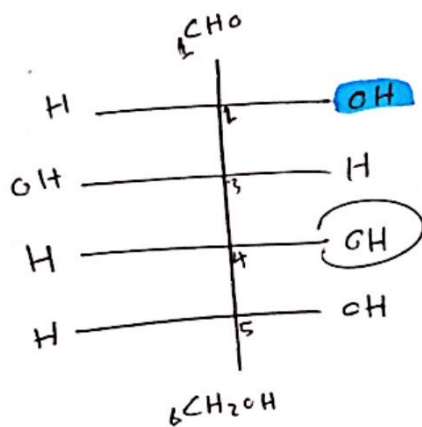
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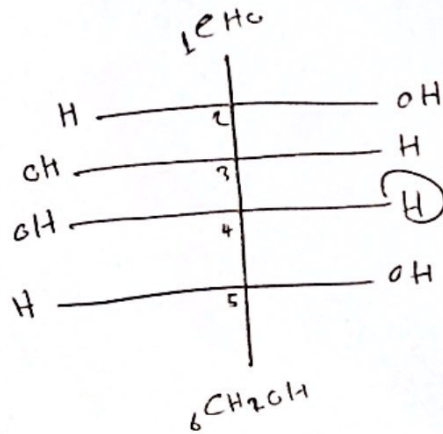
* Epimers :

- They are stereoisomers that differ in the Configuration of atoms at only ONE chiral Center
- They aren't mirror images of each other

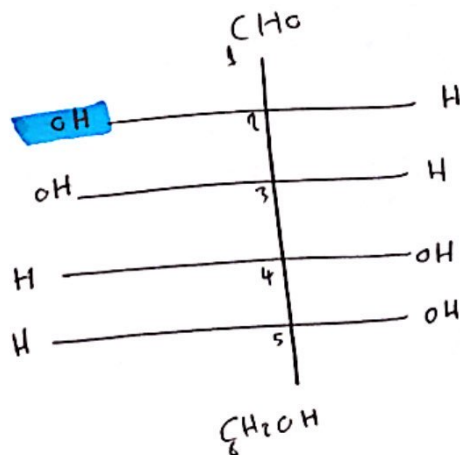
Ex:



D-glucose



D-galactose



D-Mannose

- glucose & galactose are C4 Epimers
- glucose & mannose are C2 Epimers

* Memorize how glucose looks *

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