

# CARBOHYDRATES, INTRO

Fischer projection:

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(fr. Curtis 5<sup>th</sup>, p 58-64), Campbell 6<sup>th</sup>: 62-68, 7<sup>th</sup> p 70-74, Sadava: 49-51, Campbell's 10<sup>th</sup>: 66-72

**DEMO:** take: molecular models                      polarizing filters  
three bottles of sugars                      five sugars to taste  
light box    sugar score sheet.

**LEARN:** General formula of  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  ("hydrated carbon"), carbohydrates: sugars and polysaccharides

Review general **alcohols, aldehydes and ketones** (remind about the **carbonyl** functional group)

**LEARN: Sugar** is chemically defined as a *polyhydroxy- aldehyde or ketone* (p 68)

**LEARN: Asymmetrical carbons:** a single carbon carries four distinct functional groups (**chirality**)

lead to **enantiomers** ("opposite unit" or "in-against-unit")  
or stereoisomers ("solid-same-unit").  
sugar hydroxyls                      attached on L or R of an asymmetric carbon atom

*Fischer projection orientation:* horizontal bonds towards you, vertical bonds, away.

**LEARN:**

Leads to **optical activity:** ability to rotate plane polarized light  
**polarized light:** light with photons all oriented in same plane  
Show polarizing filters, filtration of glare with light box

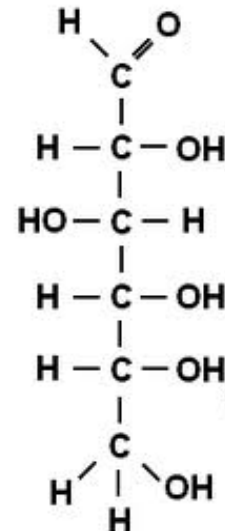
**dextrose** ("right (rotating) sugar") **levulose** ("left sugar") sinister, ambidextrous, dexterity

**LEARN: Draw glucose: straight chain formation** (Fischer projection) (p 68 left)

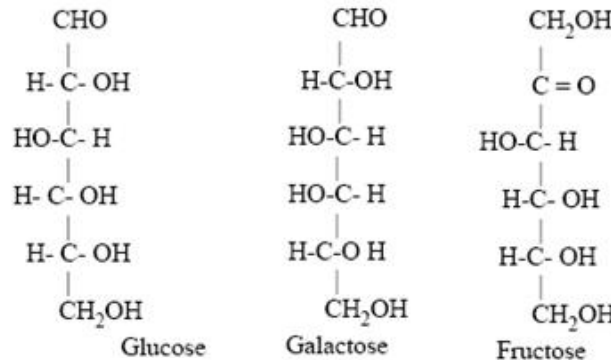
Note: it is a **hexose**, an **aldose**, and has **four asymmetric carbons**

galactose like glucose:                      aldose but  $\text{C}_4$  has -OH to left.  
fructose    ketose, has carbonyl on  $\text{C}_2$

In water, glucose forms **ring formation** (Haworth),  
aldehyde opens up, forming  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  -OH at number 1 carbon. (p 69)

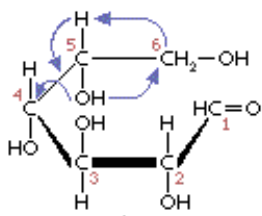
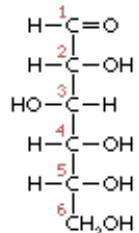


Alpha-D-glucose

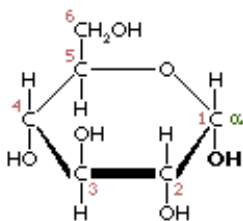


Projection de Fischer

Représentation de Haworth

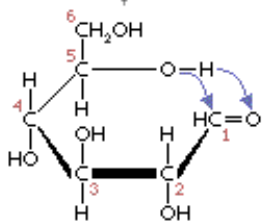


Cyclisation (mutarotation)



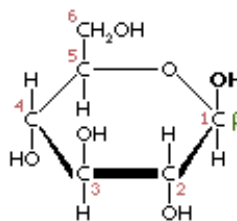
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose (36 %)

Forme cyclique hémiacétalique



D-Glucose (< 0,1 %)

Forme ouverte aldéhydique



$\beta$ -D-Glucose (64 %)

Forme cyclique hémiacétalique

Formes anomères  $\alpha$  et  $\beta$

**LEARN:**  
ring configuration  
of glucose:  
 $\alpha$  vs  $\beta$   
( $\alpha$  vs  $\beta$ )