

Carbohydrates and more complex structures. Understanding their nature and chiral shapes.



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Carbohydrates

- We went from...
 - stone knives and clubs
 - logs burn, sticks provide structure
 - alkanes, alkenes, alkynes...
 - bronze spear heads and steel plows
 - functionalized substances
 - alcohols, thiols, ketones...
 - machines with pulleys and gears
 - complex/interconnected functionality
 - carboxylic acids, amides, esters...
- Now we want to talk about bigger molecules, even more involved and ambitious systems
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- Carbohydrates are produced by photosynthesis
 - Sunlight drives the reduction of carbon dioxide and water to form higher energy structures (carbohydrates).
- Carbohydrates are consumed through cellular respiration
 - Animals perform controlled oxidation of carbohydrates to release that chemical energy and power biological processes





Photosynthesis

Water(H_2O)

Chloroplast

Carbon dioxide

Heat

(energy)

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- Monosaccharides are carbon chains of:
 - three to eight carbons
 - with one carbonyl group
 - and hydroxyl groups attached to each of the other carbons.
- We classify monosaccharides by the location of the carbonyl.
 - Aldose are monosaccharides where the carbonyl group is on the last carbon in the chain (an aldehyde).
 - Ketose are monosaccharides where the carbonyl group is on the second to last carbon in the chain (ketones).





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 - Triose are monosaccharides of 3 carbons
 - Tetrose are monosaccharides of 4 carbons
 - Pentose are monosaccharides of 5 carbons
 - Hexose are monosaccharides of 6 carbons
 - Heptose are monosaccharides of 7 carbons
 - Octose are monosaccharides of 8 carbons



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 - A ketohexose is a six-carbon saccharide with a ketone group.





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Classify each monosaccharide below:



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Reminder!

Structural Isomers

- Isomers are substances that have the same molecular formula but other differences.
- Structural isomers have...
 - the same composition (formula)
 - different connectivity (structure)
- Structural isomers <u>are different substances</u>.
 - A chemical change is required to convert between structural isomers – you have to break and make bonds.
 - This is not the same as conformational changes where you just rotate along bonds.
 - Structural isomers may have different properties:
 - Different boiling point.
 - Different density.
 - Different melting point.
 - Structural isomers have the same composition, so they do have some things in common.
 - The same chemical formula.
 - The same molar mass.





Boiling point: -1.0 °C Density: 0.579 g/mL Melting point: -140 °C

C4H10 Molar mass: 58.12 g/mol

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CH₃ | CH₃-CH-CH₃

Boiling point: -11.7 °C Density: 2.064 g/mL Melting point: -159.6 °C

C₄H₁₀ Molar mass: 58.12 g/mol



Molar mass: 56.11 g/mol

Stereo Isomers

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- Stereo isomers have...
 - the same composition (formula)
 - the same connectivity (structure)
 - different shape (sketch)
- > Stereo isomers are different substances.
 - This is not the same as conformational changes where you just rotate along bonds.
 - Stereo isomers may have different properties:
 - Different boiling point.
 - Different density.
 - Different chemical reactivity.
 - Structural isomers have the same composition and connectivity so they do have some things in common.
 - The same chemical formula.
 - The same molar mass.
 - The same bond orders.



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Left hand

Right hand

Mirror image of right hand



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Enantiomers

 Indicate whether each pair is a mirror image that cannot be superimposed (enantiomers).





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• If there are two different stereoisomers that share a single chemical formula and a single structure, we need to draw a sketch (or model) to distinguish them.



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- Is this molecule chiral?
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- Instead of sketching the whole molecule, we can just indicate the stereochemistry at that one carbon.



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- Knowing that stereochemistry is important to knowing that substance.
- One enantiomer of carvone tastes like rye bread, the other tastes like spearmint.
- They are different substances with different physical and chemical properties.

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- The biological activity of these molecules often results from how they fit into receptor sites in the body.
- The chirality of the drug must match the chirality of the site it's binding to, to work properly.
- The wrong enantiomer may be inactive, or may have unexpected (even dangerous) activity.



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Fischer Projections

- Monosaccharides have many chiral carbons.
- Each non-terminal carbon in the backbone that has an alcohol attached to it is chiral.
- That means each carbon we add to the backbone doubles the number of stereo isomers possible for that chemical formula.



Their are many sugars... plus their enantiomers.



Fischer Projections

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- We draw them using a standard called a Fisher projection to simplify communicating their chirality.
- A Fischer projection
 - is a two-dimensional representation of a three-dimensional molecule
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 Below are two different sugars (both aldoses). Identify the following Fischer projections of each as the L or D isomers of each sugar:





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Most Important Monosaccharides

• The most important monosaccharides are Glucose, Galactose, and Fructose.



Common Monosaccharides

- D-Glucose is
 - found in fruits, corn syrup, and honey
 - an aldohexose with the formula $C_6H_{12}O_6$
 - known as dextrose and blood sugar in the body
 - a building block in sucrose, lactose, maltose, and in polysaccharides such as cellulose and glycogen
- D-Fructose, obtained from sucrose, is
 - ▶ a ketohexose with the formula C₆H₁₂O₆
 - the sweetest of the carbohydrates, twice as sweet as sucrose



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- Diabetes mellitus can cause hyperglycemia, which
 - occurs when the pancreas is unable to produce sufficient quantities of insulin
 - allows glucose levels in the body fluids to rise as high as 350 mg/dL of plasma
- Symptoms of diabetes include
 - thirst and excessive urination
 - increased appetite and weight loss
- In older adults, diabetes is sometimes a consequence of excessive weight gain.





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- When a person is hypoglycemic,
 - the blood glucose level rises and then decreases rapidly to levels as low as 40 mg/dL
 - low blood sugar may occur as a result of an overproduction of insulin by the pancreas
 - symptoms may appear, such as dizziness, general weakness, and muscle tremors
 - a diet may be prescribed that consists of several small meals high in protein and low in carbohydrates



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