

# Biomolecules

## Introduction :-

A polyhydroxy compound that has an aldehyde or a ketone functional group, present either in free state or as a hemiacetal or hemiketal are called carbohydrates. Carbohydrate are substances having general formula  $C_x(H_2O)_y$ .

## Classification of Carbohydrates :-

### 1. Mono saccharides :-

- A carbohydrate that cannot be hydrolysed to simple compounds is called monosaccharide.
- Monosaccharide which have six carbon are either aldohexoses or ketohexoses Eg Glucose, Fructose, Galactose etc.

### 2. Oligo saccharides :-

- Carbohydrates that yield 2 to 10 monosaccharide units, on hydrolysis, are called oligosaccharides.
- They are further classified as disaccharides, trisaccharides, tetrasaccharides etc depending upon the no. of monosaccharides, they provide on hydrolysis.
- The 2 monosaccharides units obtained by hydrolysis of a disaccharide may be same or different.  
Eg Sucrose, Maltose, Lactose etc.

### 3. Polysaccharides :-

- A carbohydrate that can be hydrolyzed to many monosaccharide molecules is called a polysaccharides Eg Starch, Cellulose etc.

Aldoses: Monosaccharides containing aldehyde group are called aldoses.

Ketoses: Monosaccharides containing ketonic group are called ketoses.

## Sugars & Non-Sugars :-

- Both monosaccharides & oligosaccharide are crystalline solids, soluble in water & sweet in taste. These are collectively known as Sugars.
- Polysaccharides are amorphous, sparingly soluble in water & tasteless & are known as Non-Sugars.



## Reducing & Non Reducing Sugars :-

- The carbohydrates that reduce Fehling's reagent, Tollen's reagent, are called as reducing sugars.
- All monosaccharides whether aldose or ketose, are reducing sugars. Eg :- Glucose, Fructose, mannose, galactose.

## Monosaccharides :-

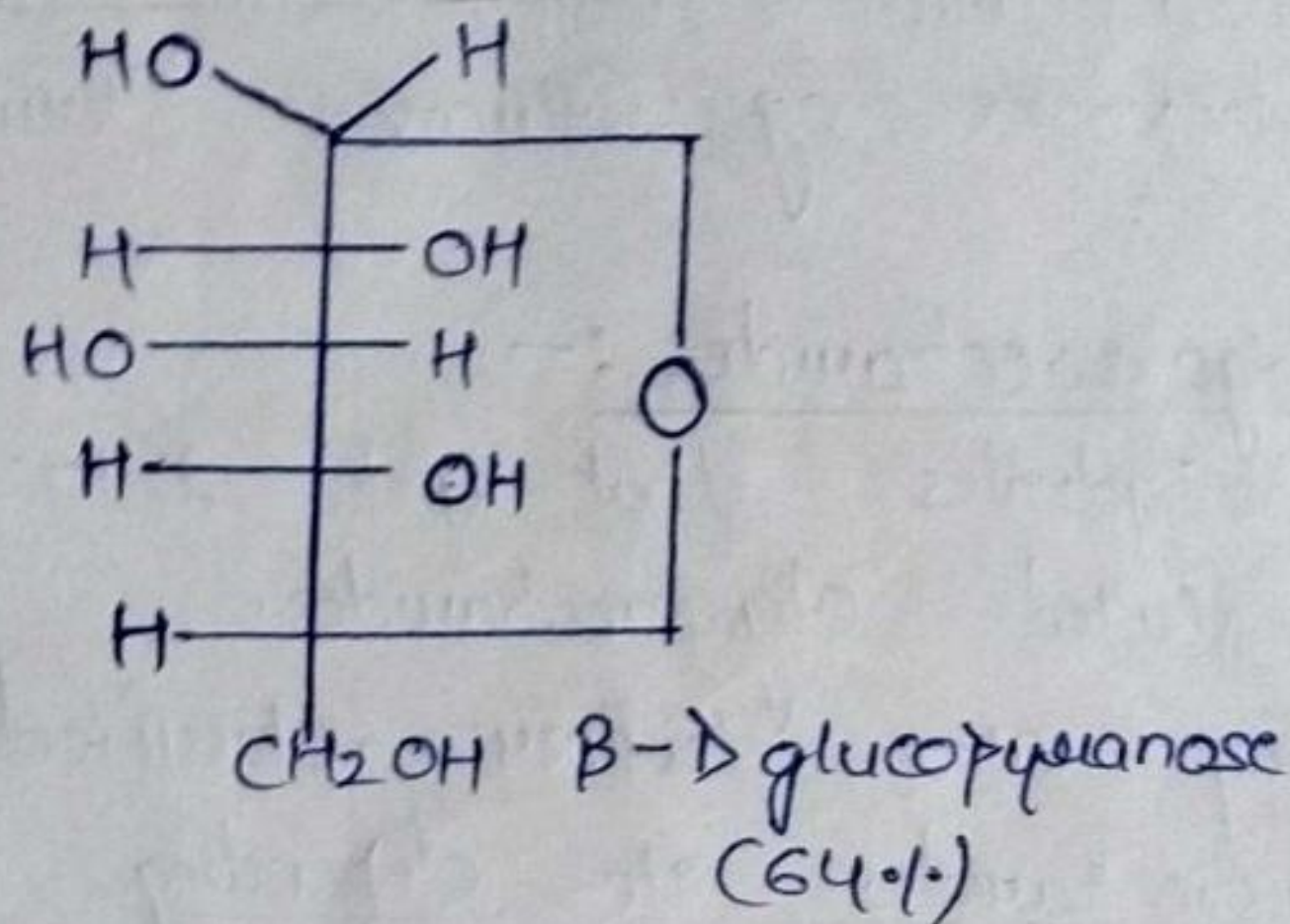
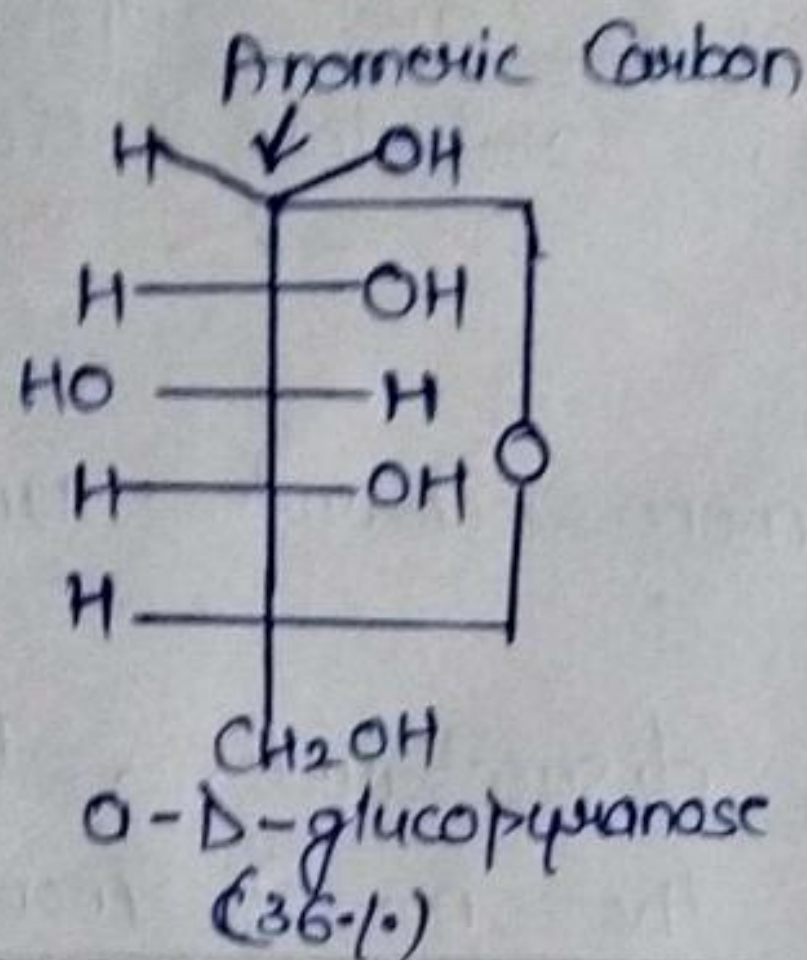
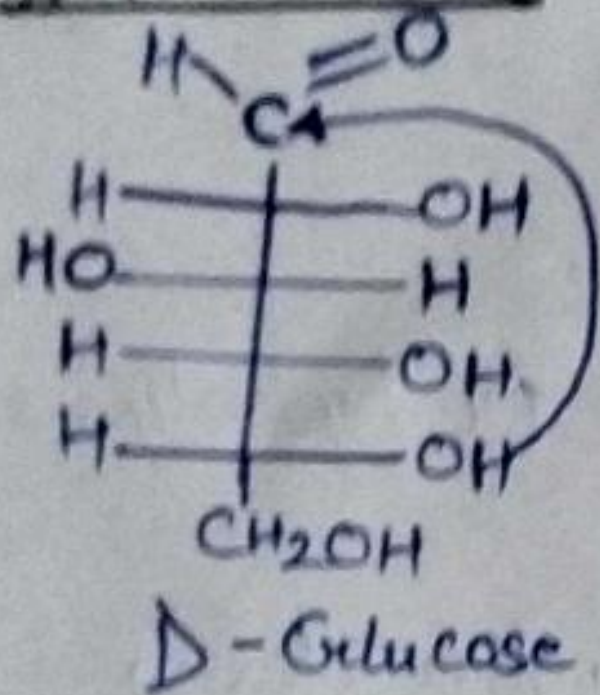
### (1) Glucose (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) :-

- It acts as a reducing agent (reduces both Fehling's solution & ammonical silver nitrate solution).

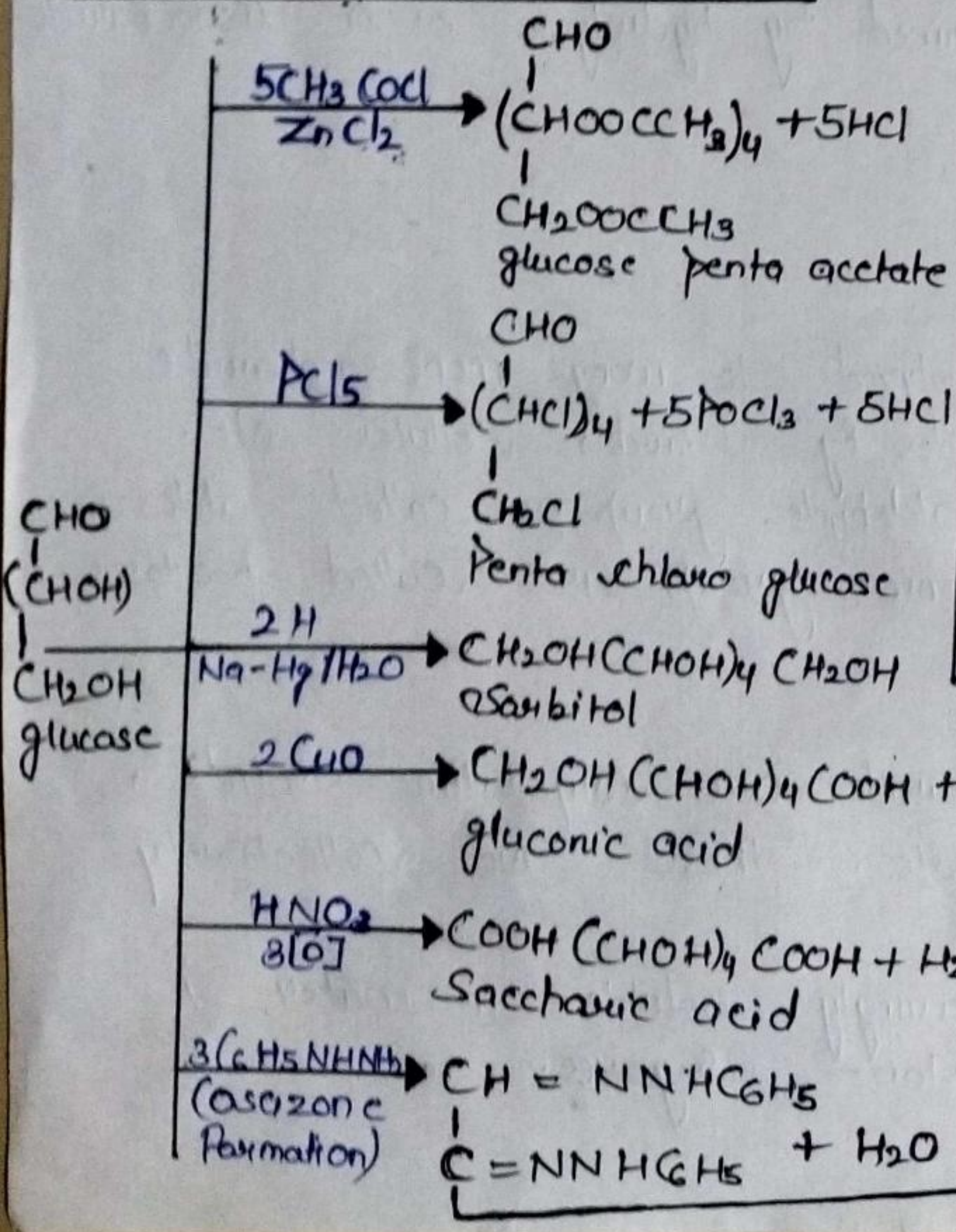
### Physical properties :-

- Glucose is sweet in taste & also optically active (dextro rotatory)
- Glucose shows mutarotation.

### Structure :-

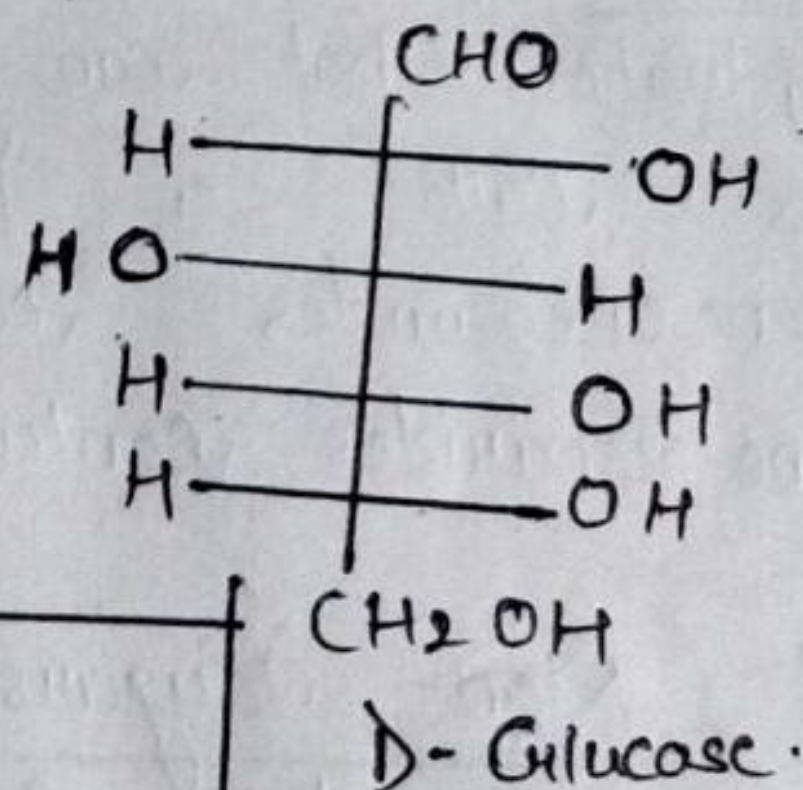


## Chemical Reaction of Glucose :-



- Epimers :- are a pair of diastereoisomers that differ only in the configuration about a single carbon atom.

Eg :- Glucose & Mannose are C<sub>2</sub> epimers





## Cyclic Structure of Glucose :-

- The open chain structure of glucose proposed by Baeyer explained most of its properties. But it could not explain the following :-
  - Glucose does not give Schiff's test & does not react with  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  & give hydrogensulphite addition product inspite of presence of  $-\text{CHO}$  group
  - Pentacetate of glucose does not react with  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}$  group indicating absence of  $-\text{CHO}$  group.

## Mutarotation of glucose :-

- This spontaneous change in specific rotations of an optically active compound is called mutarotation.
- These properties can be explained by cyclic structure of glucose. Glucose forms a stable cyclic hemiacetal. Initially five membered ring structure of glucose is proposed & it known as **Furanose**.

## Anomers :-

Anomers are diastereomers that differ in the configuration at the acetal or hemiacetal C atom of a sugar in its cyclic form. Anomers are epimers whose conformations differ only about C-1.

For eg  $\alpha\text{-D}(+) \text{ \& } \beta\text{-D}(+) \text{ glucose}$  are anomers.

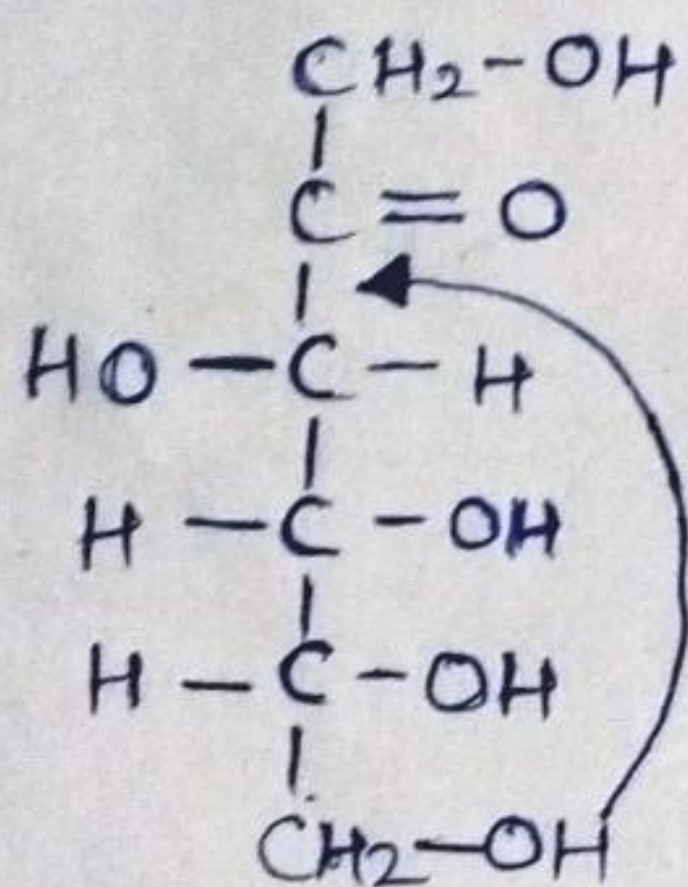
$\alpha\text{-D}(-) \text{ \& } \beta\text{-D}(-) \text{ fructose}$  are anomers.

- In glucose C1 carbon is anomeric carbon & in fructose C2 carbon is anomeric carbon.

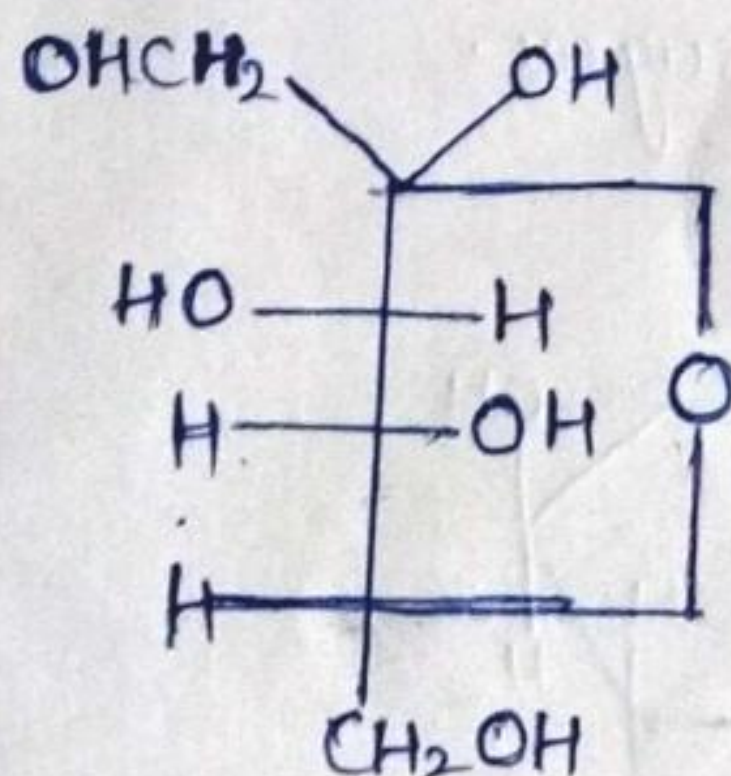
## (2) Fructose :-

- It is also known as  $\alpha\text{-Laevulose}$  i.e. natural occurring compound is laevorotatory.
- It is pentahydroxy ketone & shows mutarotation like glucose.
- It is reducing sugars.

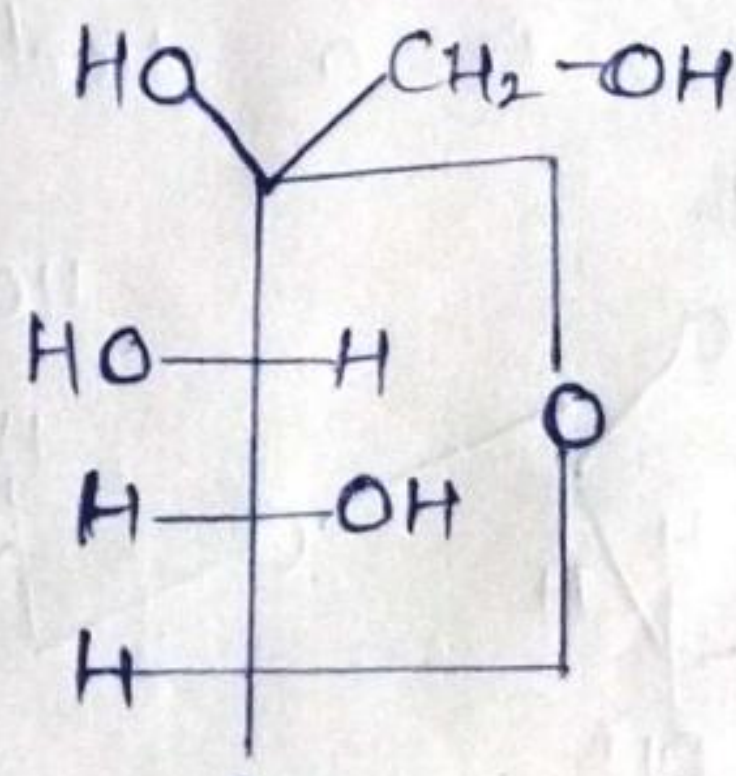
## Structure :-



Open chain structure of fructose  
Specific Rotation  $(-92^\circ)$



$\alpha\text{-D-Fructofuranose}$   
Specific Rotation  $(-21^\circ)$



$\beta\text{-D-Fructofuranose}$   
Specific Rotation  $(-133^\circ)$

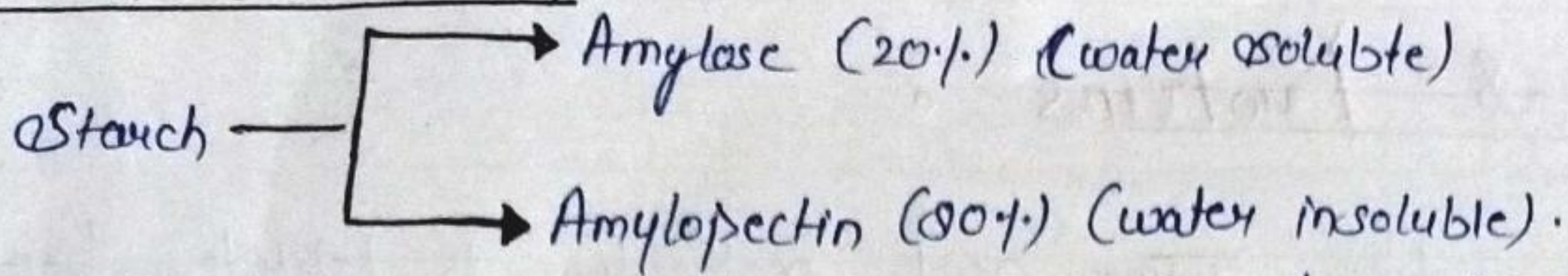




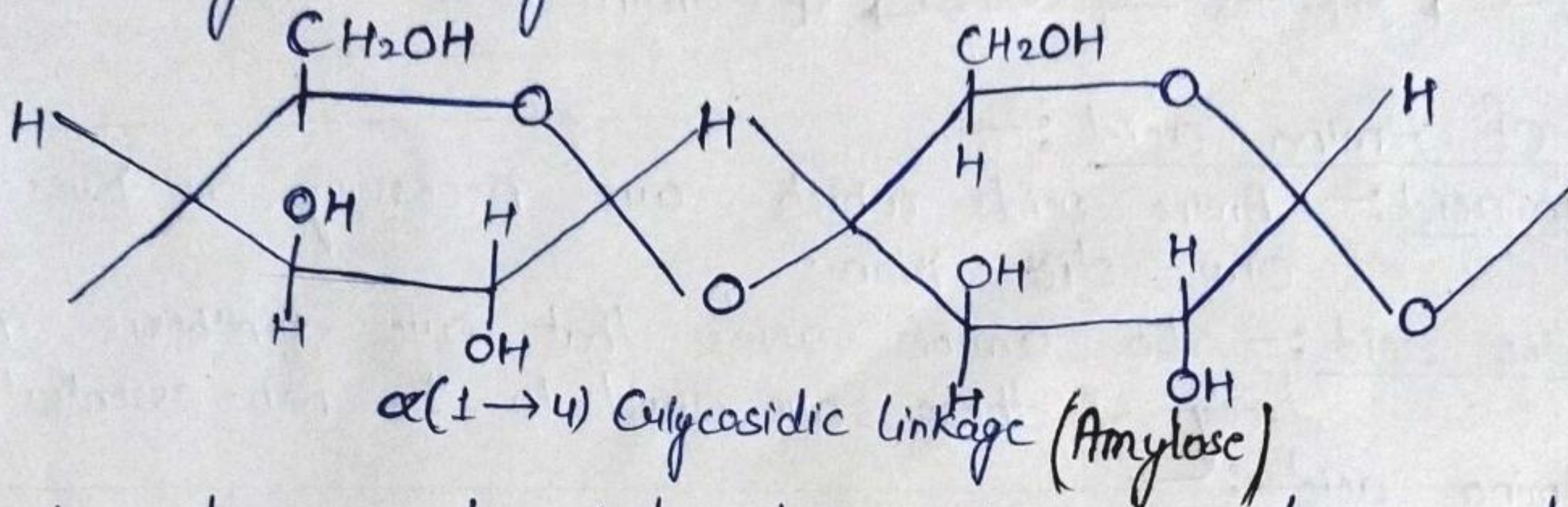


# Polysaccharides :-

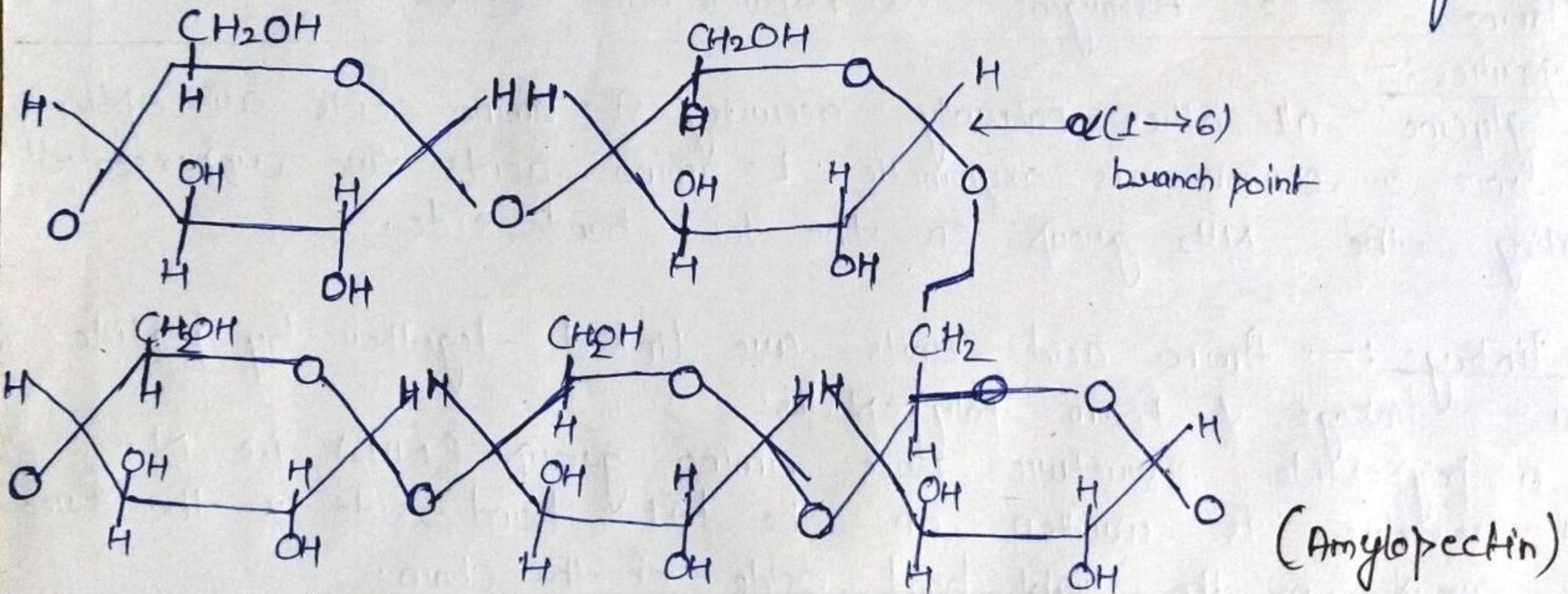
## (A) Starch (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>n</sub> :-



- Both amylose & amylopectin are composed of D-glucose units.
- The amylose molecule is made up of D-glucose unit joined by  $\alpha$ -glycosidic linkages between C-1 of one glucose unit & C-4 of the next glucose unit. The no. of D-glucose units in amylose range from 60-300.

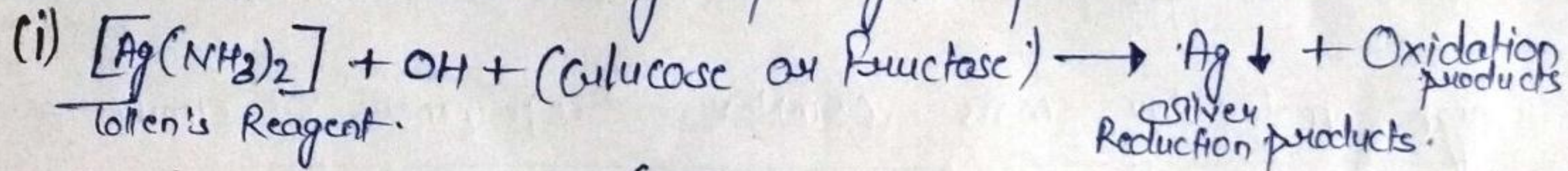


- Amylopectin has a branched-chain structure, linkages between C-1 to one glucose unit & C-4 of the next glucose unit. These chains are in turn connected to each other by 1,6-linkages.



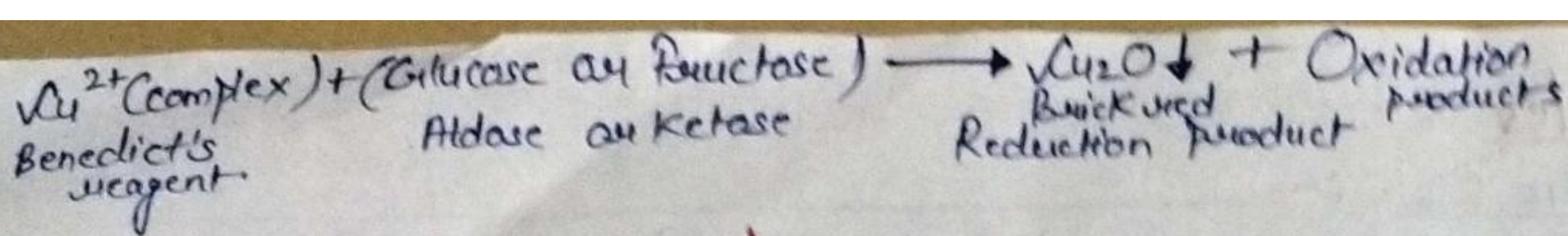
## (B) Cellulose (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>n</sub> :-

- It is non-reducing sugar.
- It is a straight chain of  $\beta$ -D-glycosidic linkage  $\therefore$  Tollen's, Fehling's & Benedict's Reagents.
- Sugars which give positive tests with these reagents are known as reducing sugars & all the carbohydrates which contain a hemiacetal group give positive tests.



(ii) Benedict's reagent :- (They oxidise an aldose or ketose & give brick red precipitates of Cu<sub>2</sub>O)





## Amino Acids & Proteins :-

### Amino Acid :-

- The bond between two amino acid molecules is peptide bond or amide bond & the resultant is known as dipeptide.
  - All proteins are polymers of  $\alpha$ -amino acids & on partial hydrolysis give peptides of varying molecular masses which upon complete hydrolysis give  $\alpha$ -amino acids.
- $\text{proteins} \xrightarrow{\text{hydrolysis}} \text{peptides} \xrightarrow{\text{hydrolysis}} \alpha\text{-amino acids.}$

### Classification of Amino acid :-

Essential Amino acid :- Amino acids which are necessary to be present in our diet plan.

Non-Essential Amino acid :- 10 amino acids that are synthesized in our body & these are said to be non-essential acids.

#### (i) Essential Amino acid :-

Eg (1) Leucine      (2) Isoleucine      (3) Lysine.

#### (ii) Non-Essential Amino acid :-

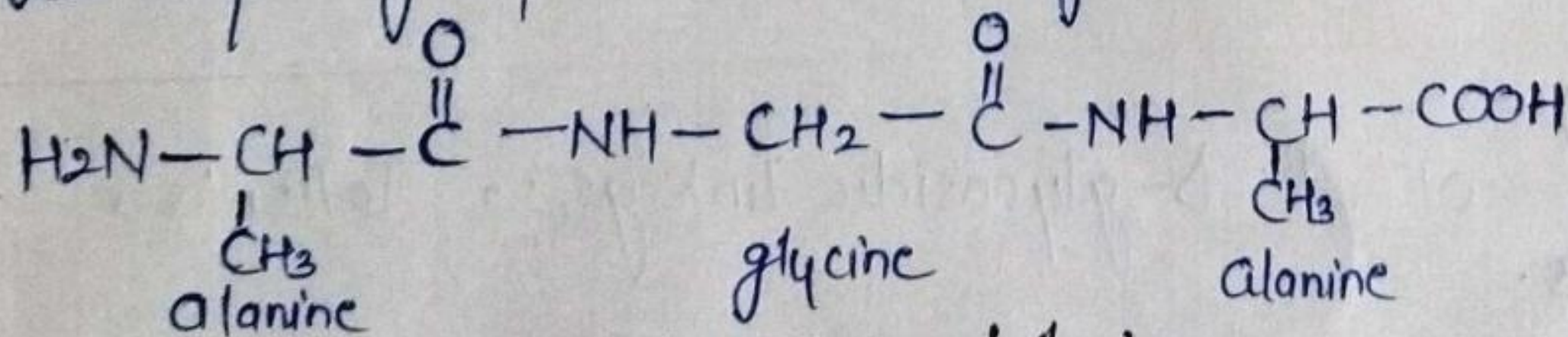
(1) Alanine      (2) Asparagine      (3) Aspartic acid      (4) Cysteine.

#### (5) Properties :-

Except glycine all other naturally occurring  $\alpha$ -amino acids are optically active, since  $\alpha$ -carbon is asymmetric. L-amino acids are represented by writing the  $-\text{NH}_2$  group on the left hand side.

Acidic linkage :- Amino acid units are linked together by peptide linkage & form polypeptides.

In a polypeptide structure free amino group ( $\text{NH}_2$ ) i.e. N-terminal residue is written on the left hand side & the free carboxyl group on the right hand side of the chain.



### Alanylglycylalanine.

In the above structure  $-\text{COOH}$  group is C-terminal residue & group is N-terminal residue.

### Proteins :-

- These are high molecular mass complex, biopolymers of amino acids.

### Classification of proteins :-



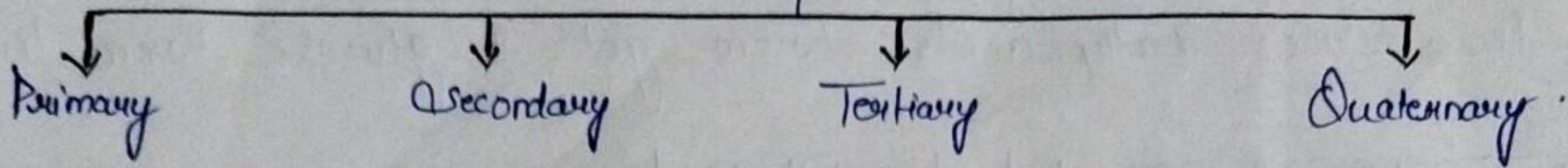
(i) On the basis of molecular structure :-

Fibrous proteins :- Eg Keratin, myosin, collagen etc.

Globular proteins :- Eg Insulin, albumin, thyroglobulin, antidiodes, haemoglobin, fibrinogen etc.

Structure of proteins

This conformation is of 4 types :-



1. Primary structure :-

Primary structure is conformed by a single polypeptide chain in a linear manner.

2. Secondary structure :-

The conformation which the polypeptide chain assume as a result of H-bonding is called secondary structure of protein.

The H-bonds are present between hydrogen of amino group & oxygen atom of carboxylic of protein.

The structure is of two types :-

$\alpha$ -Helix

$\beta$ -pleated sheet

i)  $\alpha$ -Helix :- Intermolecular H-bonds are present Eg. Myosin, Keratin etc.

ii)  $\beta$ -pleated sheet :- Intermolecular H-bonds hold together the neighbouring polypeptide chains. Eg. silk fibres.

3. Tertiary structure :-

Tertiary structure refers to its three dimensional structure i.e., folding & bonding of the long peptide chains.

This structure is formed by 4 types of bonds.

(i) Hydrogen bond : (ii) Hydrophobic bond : (iii) Ionic bond : (iv) Disulphide bond.

(4) Quaternary structure :-

When two or more polypeptide chains unite by forces other than covalent bonds (i.e. not peptide & disulphide bonds) we get quaternary structure of protein. It is most stable structure.

Eg :- Haemoglobin.

Changing the pH denatures proteins because it changes the charges on many of the side chains. This disrupts electrostatic attractions & hydrogen bonds.

The coagulation of egg white on boiling & curdling of milk caused by the bacteria present in milk are common eg. of denaturation of protein.



## Hormones :-

These are water soluble hormones containing groups. These are derived from amino hydroxine & adrenaline.

Eg :-

(1) Epinephrine or Adrenaline is a hormone that helps to control blood pressure & increase pulse rate.

It helps to reduce fatty acids from get & glucose from liver glycogen.

(2) Thyroxine hormones secreted by Thyroid.

It regulates metabolism of lipids, proteins & carbohydrates.

(3) Testosterone Regulates & stimulates male sex organs.

## Vitamins :-

Vitamins may be defined as a group of biomolecules which are required in small amounts for normal metabolic process & for the life, growth & health of human beings & animals.

### Classification of Vitamins :-

Vitamins are broadly classified into two categories :-

(1) Water Soluble Vitamins :- Vitamin B-complex & Vitamin C, are water soluble vitamins & must be supplied regularly in diet.

(2) Fat Soluble Vitamins :- These are oily substances & soluble in fats. These are A, D, E & K. They are stored in liver & adipose (fat storing) tissues.

(3) Biotin (Vitamin H) :- It is neither soluble in water nor in fats. Lack of particular vitamin causes a specific deficiency disease.

Eg :- of some important vitamins & deficiency disease are :-

Vitamin A (Retinol) :- Xerophthalmia (hardening of eye), cornea night blindness & xerosis (drying of skin).

Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (Thiamine) :- Beriberi (paralysis of legs & general weakness) loss of appetite.

Vitamin D (Ergocalciferol) (Sun shine Vitamin) :- Rickets (deformation of bones) Osteomalacia (soft bones & joint pain).

Vitamin C :- is chemically known as ascorbic acid - Scurvy.

## Nucleic Acid :-

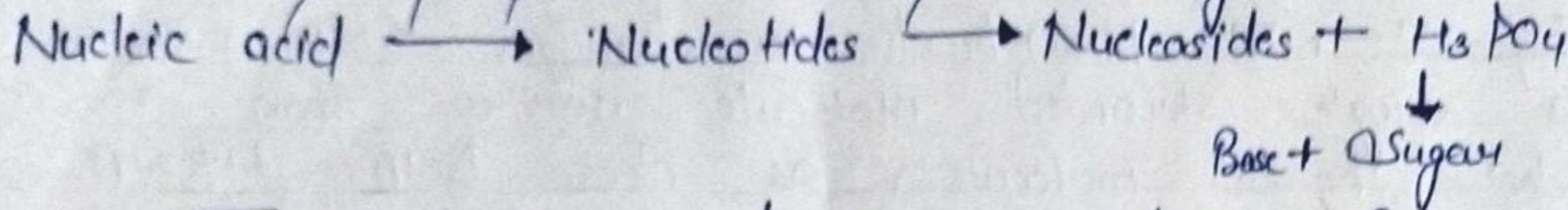
• Nucleic acids are colourless, complex, amorphous compounds



made up of three units: bases, sugar & phosphoric acid. These are obtained by the hydrolysis of nucleoproteins which is a class of conjugated.

Nucleic acids are of two types:-

- (i) Pentose nucleic acids or ribonucleic acids (R.N.A).
  - (ii) Deoxypentose nucleic acids or deoxyribonucleic acids (D.N.A).
- Nucleic acids can be hydrolysed in stages to nucleotides, nucleosides & phosphoric acid & ultimately to base & sugar.



Base:- Important purine bases are adenine & guanine; while pyrimidine bases are uracil, thymine & cytosine.

- Adenine, guanine & cytosine are present in RNA as well as in DNA, while thymine is present only in DNA & uracil only in RNA.

Nucleoside:-

- Each nucleoside consists of sugar molecule & a nitrogenous base.

The relationship can be shown as given below.

Nucleic acid = many nucleotides

Nucleotide = nucleosides + phosphate

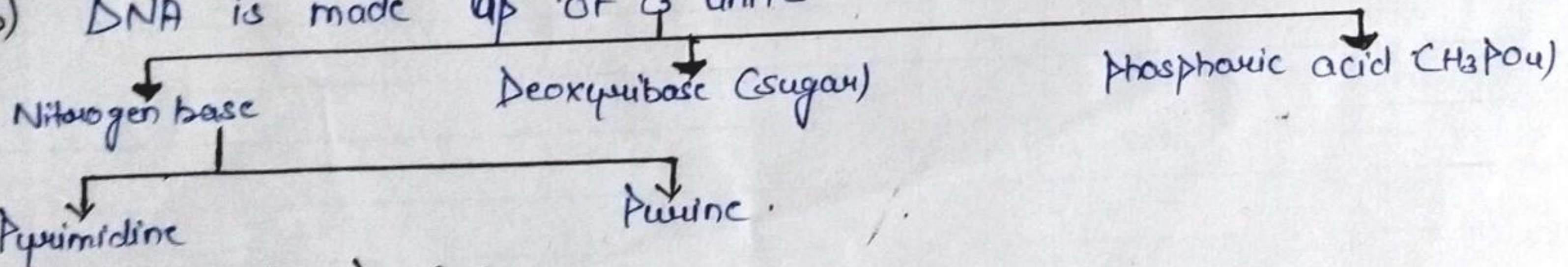
Nucleoside = Sugar + nitrogenous base.

Thus: nucleotide = phosphate + sugar + hydrogenous base.

Deoxyribase Nucleic - Acid (DNA):-

(a) It is found in nucleus.

(b) DNA is made up of 3 units -



Structure of DNA:-

- DNA has a double helix structure & is made up of two chains of polynucleotides.
- DNA is a polymer of deoxynucleotides.
- The two strands are joined by 3' → 5' phosphodiester bonds.
- Sugar & phosphates are alternately arranged.
- In both chains in between A & T, 2 hydrogen bonds (A ≡ ≡ T) are present, while in C & G, 3 H-bonds (C ≡ ≡ G) are present.
- A always attaches with T while C always attaches with G.



Functions of DNA :-

- (i) Self-replication or self-duplication
- (ii) Protein synthesis.

The specific sequence of base pairs in DNA represents coded information for the manufacture of specific proteins. T.

Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) :-

Ribonucleic acid is a polymer of purine & pyrimidine ribonucleotides linked by 3' → 5' phosphodiester bridges. RNA exists basically as a single-stranded molecule rather than as a double-stranded helical molecule, as does DNA, H-RNA (x-RNA).