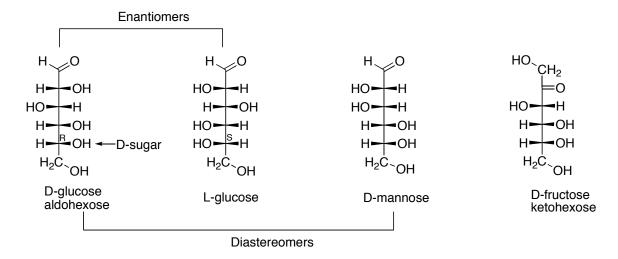
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i) Isomers of monosaccharide:



ii) Hemiacetal formation:

the two groups are trans, so
$$\alpha$$
-isomer HO OH OH

 α -D-glucopyranose

the two groups are cis, so
$$\beta$$
-isomer HO OH H

β-D-glucopyranose

* in the above case, the hemiacetal formation could give both isomers (α and β), depending on which face of the carbonyl is attacked. Usually α favoured (anomeric effect)

iii) Acetal formation:

iv) Classification:

Reducing sugars:

Non-reducing sugars

- all other sugars
- acetal

v) Taste and Sweetness:



Two of the sweetest sugars (monosaccharide)

 α -D-glucose (pyranose) pyranose = 6 ring sugar

D-fructose (furanose) furanose = 5 ring sugar

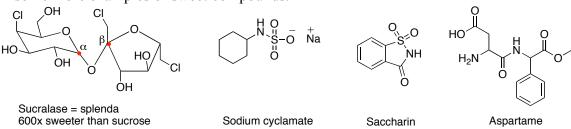
vi) Polymers of Sugars:

- polysaccharides \sim oligosaccharides (small polymers of sugars)
 - 2 sugar units = disaccharide

- 3 sugar units = disaccharide etc....!
- Sucrose disaccharides (glucose + fructose)

 α -D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-fructofuranoside

→some more examples of sweet compounds:



- → sugar polymers:
 - Cellulose (cotton, paper)
 - Starch (linear chain is amylose, branched network of polymer is glycogen)

Starch and Glycogen (α-1,4 linkages)

Amylose, a component of starch has linear α -1,4 linkages as shown above; amylopectin in starch has additional α -1,6 linkages crosslinking the chains into sheets, as does glycogen – see pages 1108 and 1109 of Solomons' Organic Chemistry text