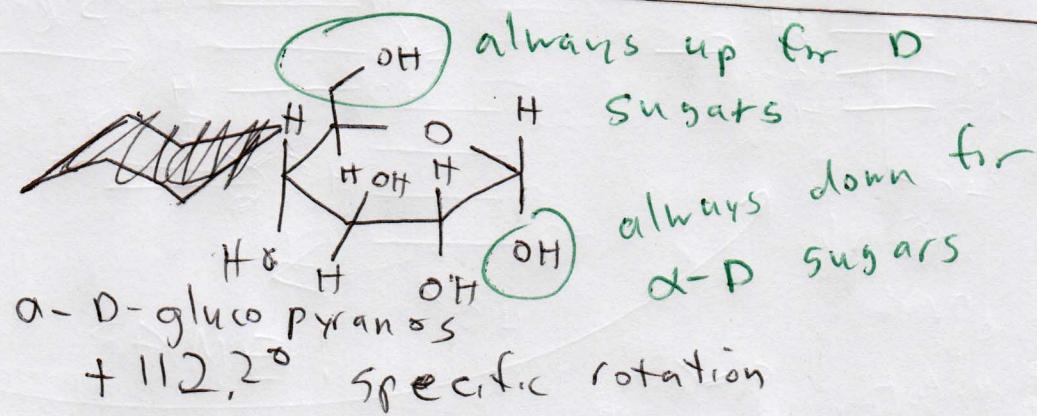
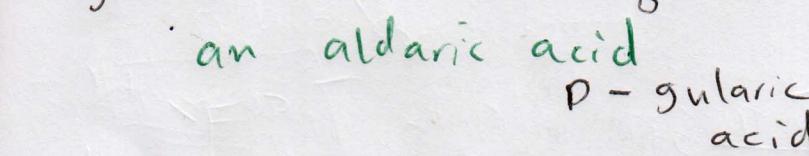
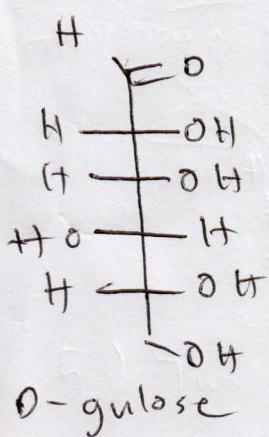
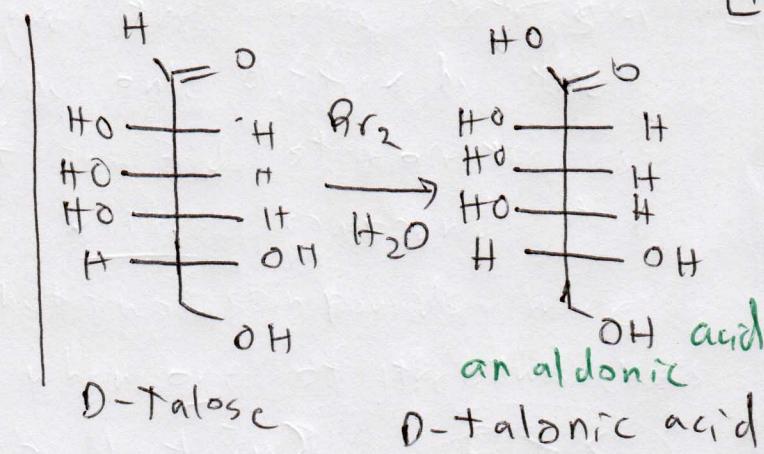
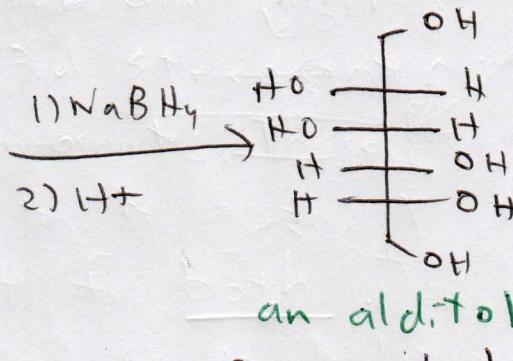
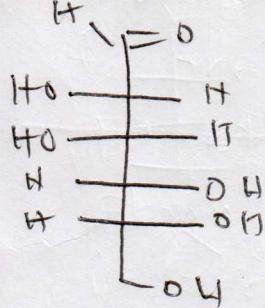
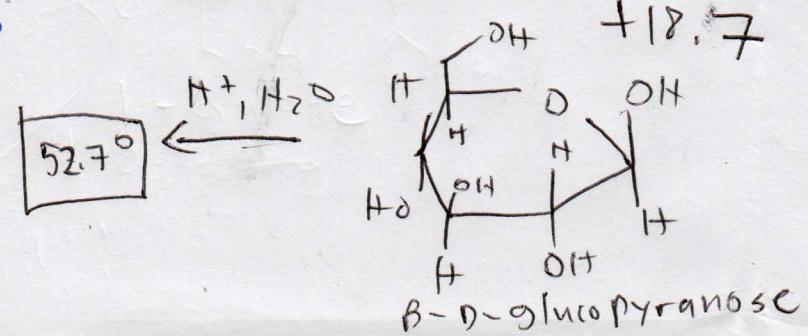
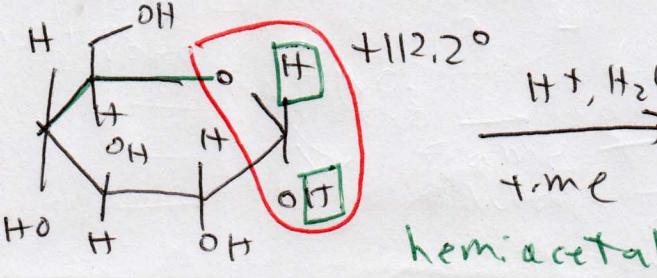


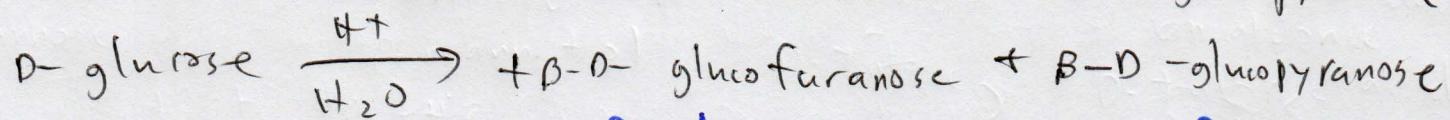
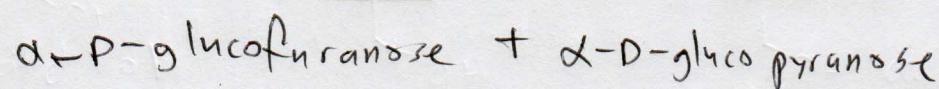
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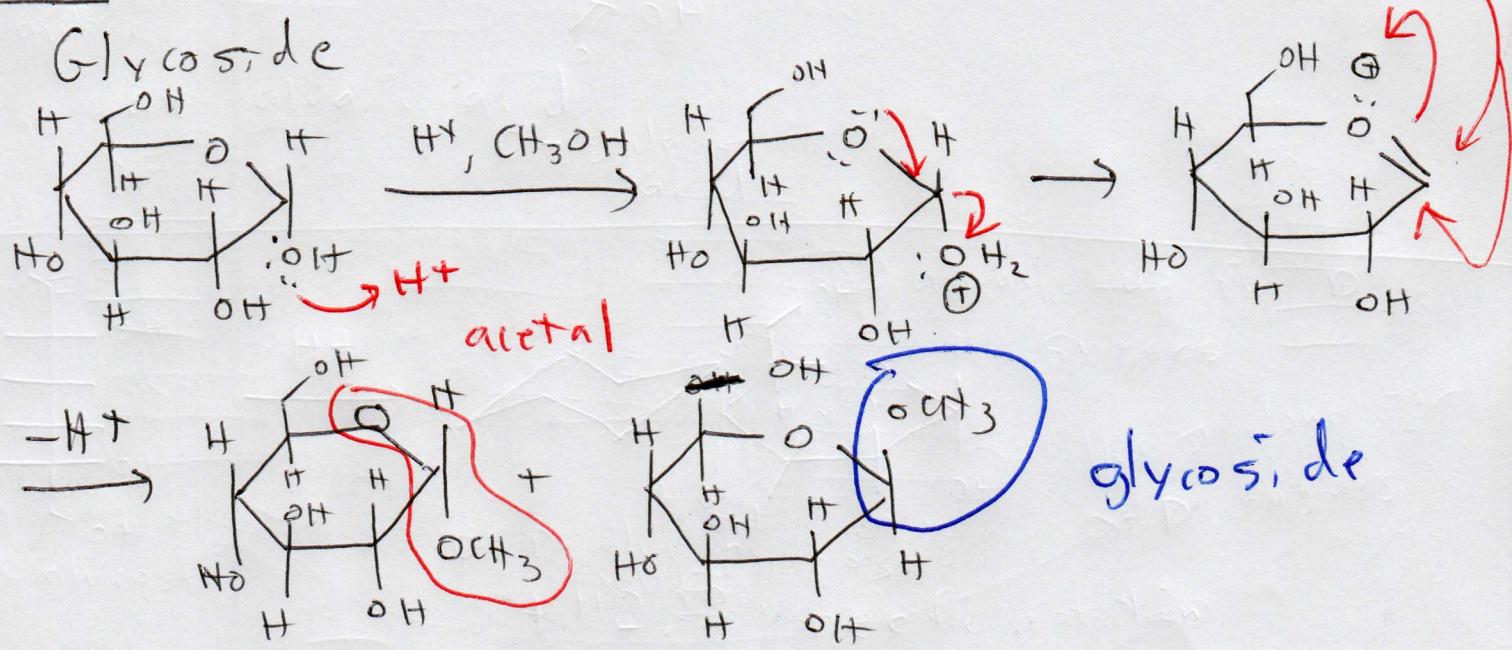
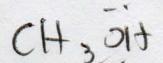
Knowing the optical rotation of the α -D form of glucose does not help in determining the optical rotation of β -D-glucose since they are epimers - not enantiomers - so there is no relationship between their optical activities.



Mutarotation - whenever a pure sample of an α or β aldopyranose is placed in solution, the $\alpha + \beta$ forms will interconvert, achieving an equilibrium between the two forms with an equilibrium optical activity.



The exact proportion of the various ring forms that will result from a particular sugar depends on the intra-molecular interactions that occur upon cyclization that are unique to each sugar.



Monosaccharide - "one sugar unit"

- no glycosidic linkages (only one " $C=O$ ")

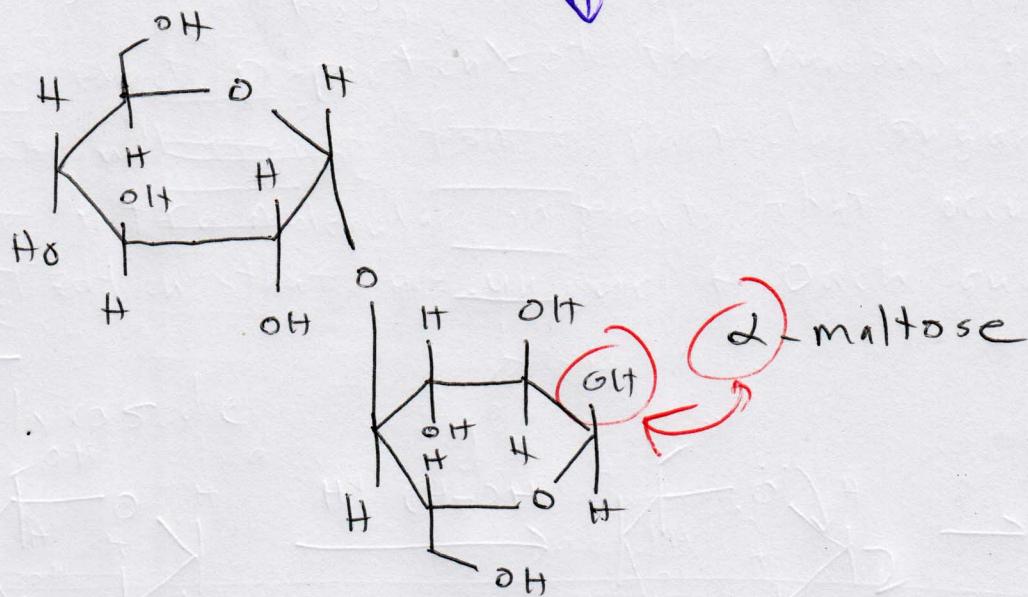
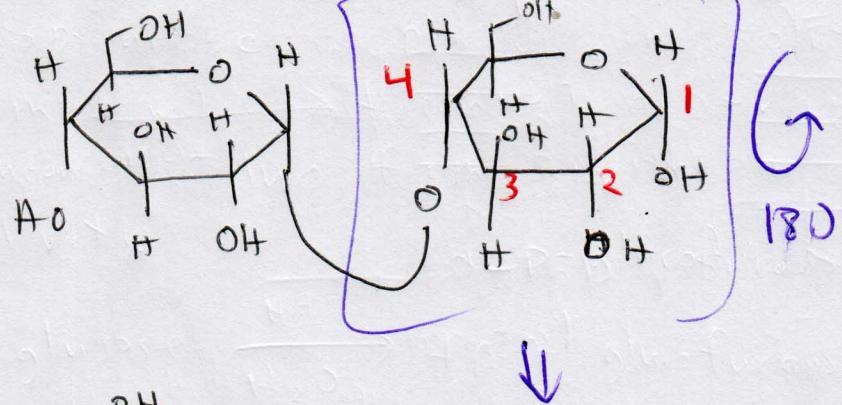
Disaccharide - a complex sugar formed by joining two monosaccharides through a glycosidic link,

sucrose; maltose; lactose; cellulose

Oligo - "several"

Poly - "many"

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maltose: 4-O-(α -D-glucopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranose



lactose: 4-O-(β -D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranose

