

# Chem 109 C

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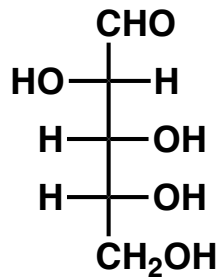
Chapter 21 Practice Problems set 1

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# Practice problem 1

A D-aldopentose is oxidized by nitric acid to an optically active aldaric acid. A Wohl degradation of the aldopentose leads to a monosaccharide that is oxidized by nitric acid to an optically inactive aldaric acid.

Identify the D-aldopentose



## Practice problem 1.3

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Starting with the D-pentose, identify the structure of all mentioned monosaccharides based on the following observations.

- a D-pentose does not react with  $\text{Br}_2$  but gives a positive Tollens test (reacts with  $\text{Ag}^+/\text{NH}_3$ )
- after reaction with  $\text{NaOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (ene-diol rearrangement), the D-pentose gives two new D-pentoses, which react with  $\text{Br}_2$
- both of these new D-pentoses, after Wohl degradation followed by reduction with  $\text{NaBH}_4$ , give an optically inactive alditol

Answers: D-ribulose, D-arabinose, D-ribose, D-erythrose

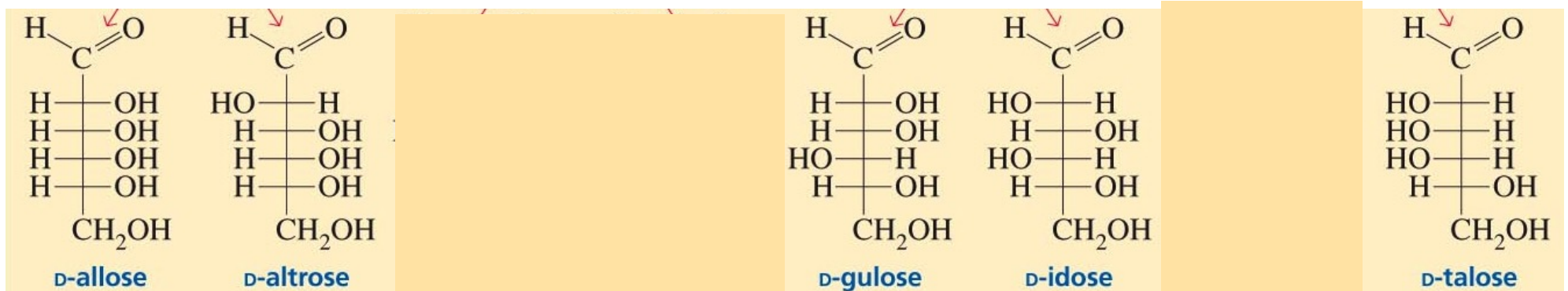
## Practice problem 2

1a. What other monosaccharide is reduced only to the alditol obtained from

1. D-talose (D-altrose)
2. D-galactose (L-gal)

b. What monosaccharide is reduced to two alditols, one of which is the alditol obtained from the reduction of

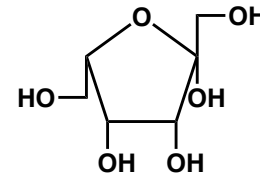
1. D-talose (D-tagatose)
2. D-allose (D-psicose)



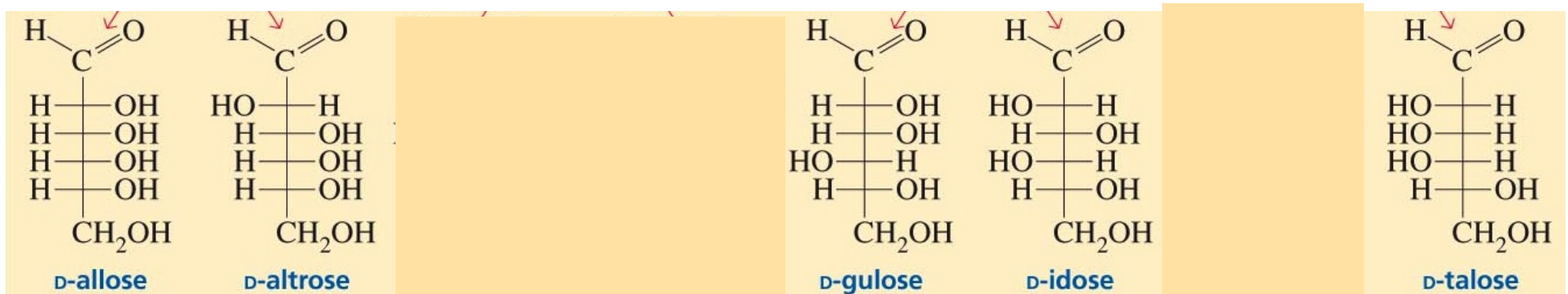
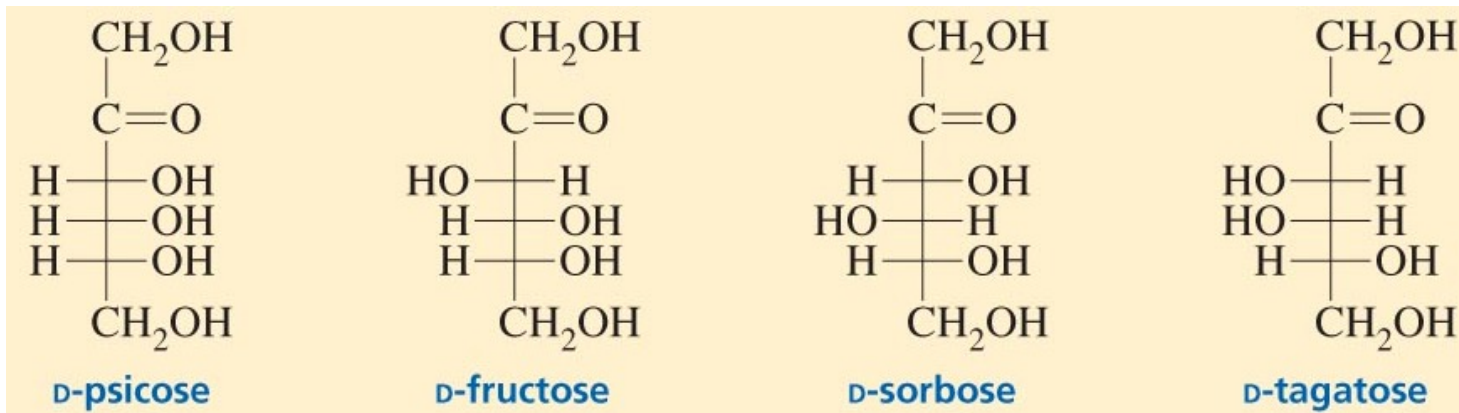
# Practice problem 2a

Draw

1.  $\alpha$ -D-idopyranose
2.  $\beta$ -L-tagatofuranose
3.  $\alpha$ -L-tagatopyranose

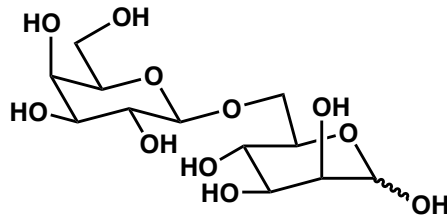


beta-L-tagatofuranose



## Practice problem 3

An unknown disaccharide gives a positive Tollens test (reacts with  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NaOH}$ ). A  $\beta$ -1,4'-glycosidase hydrolyzes it to D-galactose and D-mannose. When the disaccharide is treated with  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  and  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  and then hydrolyzed with  $\text{HCl}$ , the products are 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methylgalactose and 2,3,4-tri-O-methylmannose. Propose a structure for the disaccharide

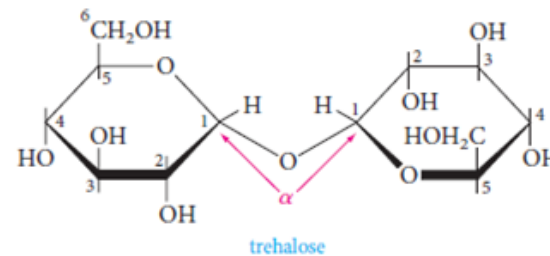


# Practice problem 4

Trehalose,  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ , ...when hydrolyzed by acid or enzyme maltase forms only D-glucose. When treated with MeI and  $Ag_2O$  and then hydrolyzed with water under acidic conditions, only 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl-D-glucose is formed.

a. draw the structure of trehalose

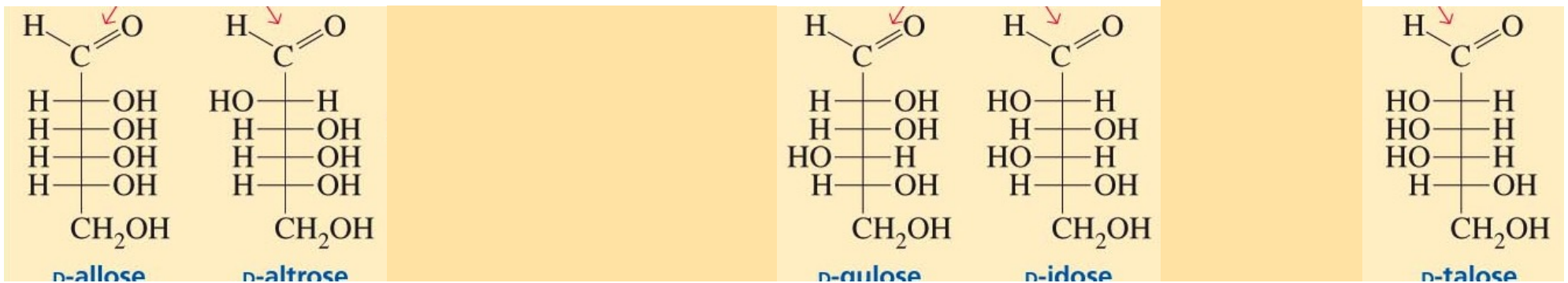
b. what is the function of silver (I) oxide? Answer: silver oxide serves as a base and as a strong binder to iodide, making it a better leaving group



# Practice problem 6

Compounds A, B, and C are three different D-aldohexoses. Compounds A and B are reduced to enantiomeric alditols, but form diastereomeric aldopentoses after Wohl degradation. Compounds B and C form the same aldopentoses after Wohl degradation, but reduced to different alditols. Give the structures of A, B, and C.

**Answer:** A -  
B -  
C -

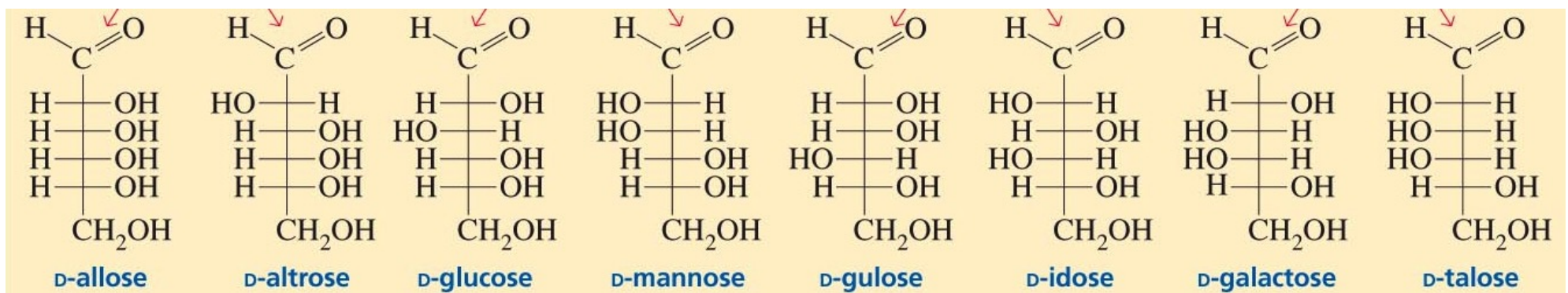




# Practice problem 6 (“solution”)

Solution: if A and B form *enantiomeric* alditols, they cannot be both derived from D-aldohexoses. In addition, if the alditols are enantiomeric, then aldopentoses after Wohl degradation **must** be enantiomeric as well. So the problem as stated does not have a solution.

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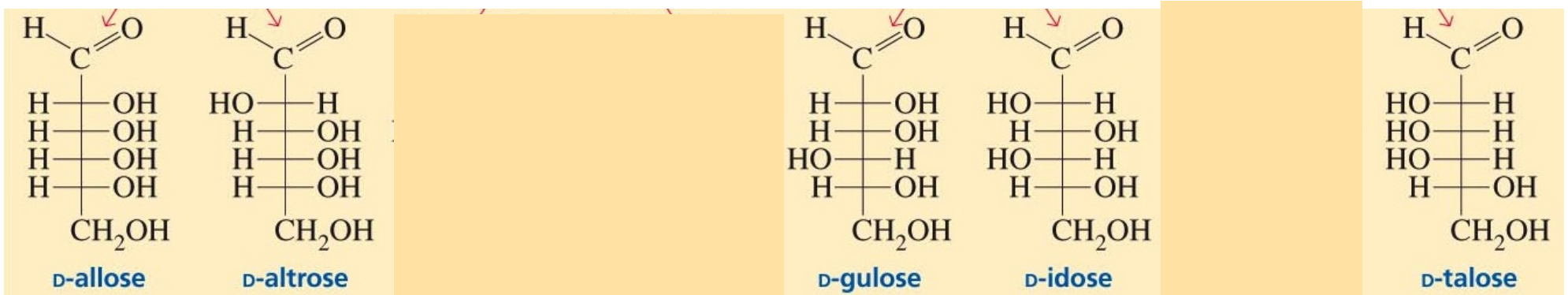
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# Practice problem 7

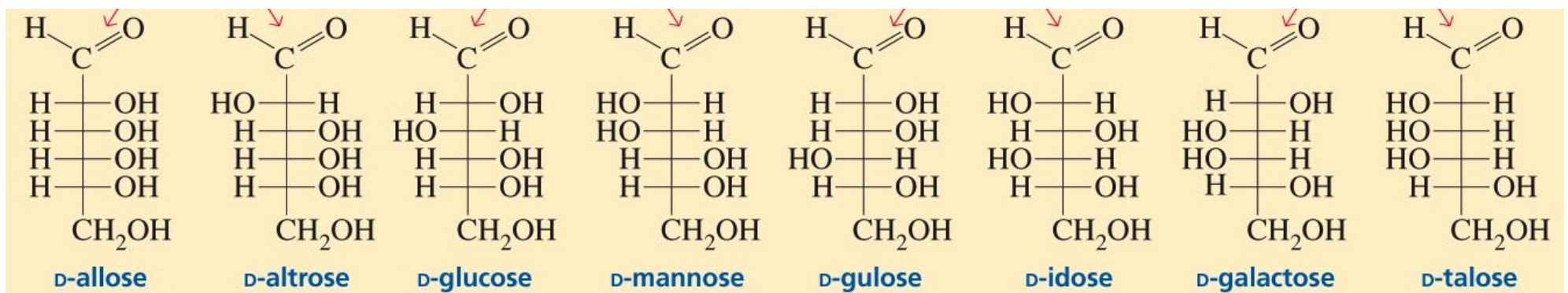
Compounds A, B, and C are three different aldohexoses. Compounds A and B are reduced to identical alditol, but form enantiomeric aldopentoses after Wohl degradation. Compounds B and C form the same aldopentose after Wohl degradation, but reduced to different alditols. Give the structures of A, B, and C.

**Solution on the next slide**



# Practice problem 7

Solution: If A and B form enantiomeric aldopentoses after Wohl degradation, then it must be a D/L pair of aldohexoses (enantiomers). The only way enantiomeric aldohexoses can form the same alditol is that if the alditol is achiral. Only sugars 1 and 7 form achiral alditols. Therefore, there will be 4 correct answers. An example of one is:  
A = D-galactose, B = L-galactose, C = L-talose



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