Table 8. Non-bonded intermolecular contacts less than $3.8 \AA$ involving non-hydrogen atoms

| $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(6 a)$ | $3.050(5) \AA$ | $\mathrm{C}(7) \cdots \mathrm{C}(9 c)$ | $3.589(9) \AA$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(6) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2 b)$ | $3.397(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(5 f)$ | $3.595(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 7) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3 c)$ | $3.402(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6) \cdots \mathrm{O}(4)$ | $3.639(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2) \cdots \mathrm{O}(6 a)$ | $3.484(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6) \cdots \mathrm{O}(4 d)$ | $3.682(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8) \cdots \mathrm{O}(6 d)$ | $3.537(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9) \cdots \mathrm{O}(6 e)$ | $3.703(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2 b)$ | $3.543(5)$ | $\mathrm{O}(2) \cdots \mathrm{O}(5 a)$ | $3.710(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1 f)$ | $3.513(6)$ | $\mathrm{O}(4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(6 d)$ | $3.721(5)$ |

## Symmetry operations

| - | $x$, | $y$, | $z$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (a) | $-x$, | $\frac{1}{2}+y$, | $\frac{1}{2}-z$ |
| $(b)$ | $-x$, | $-\frac{1}{2}+y$, | $-\frac{1}{2}-z$ |
| $(c)$ | $-x$, | $-\frac{1}{2}+y$, | $\frac{1}{2}-z$ |
| $(d)$ | $\frac{1}{2}-x$, | $-y$, | $-\frac{1}{2}+z$ |
| (e) | $\frac{1}{2}-x$, | $-y$, | $\frac{1}{2}+z$ |
| (f) | $x$, | $y$, | $-1+z$ |

As indicated in Fig. 2, the hydrogen-bond system involving $O(2)$ and $O(6)$ produces a layer structure in the $b c$ plane. The layers are held together in the a direction by non-bonding interactions. The hydrogen-bonding geometry is given in Table 7 and Table 8 shows the non-bonded contacts.

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# Methyl 6-O-Acetyl- $\beta$-D-glucopyranoside 

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#### Abstract

C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{7}\), monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=10 \cdot 210$ (3), $b=7.2387$ ( 8 ), $c=7.863$ (2) $\AA, \beta=99.52(2)^{\circ}, Z=2$. The ring oxygen serves as acceptor in an axially directed hydrogen bond.

Introduction. In a series of papers (Borén, Garegg, Kenne, Maron \& Svensson, 1972; Borén, Garegg, Kenne, Pilotti, Svensson \& Swahl, 1973; Lindberg, Garegg \& Swahn, 1973; Garegg, Lindberg \& Swahn, 1974) the connexion between the circular dichroism of glycoside monoacetates and molecular geometry is discussed. This article describes the determination by X-ray diffraction of the methyl 6-O-acetyl- $\beta$-D-glucopyranoside crystal structure.

Cell dimensions were obtained from a powder photograph at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ taken in a Guinier-Hägg focusing camera with highly monochromatized $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$ radia-


tion $(\lambda=1 \cdot 54051 \AA)$ and $\mathrm{KCl}(a=6 \cdot 29194$; Hambling, 1953) as an internal standard.

A prismatic crystal $(0.05 \times 0.2 \times 0.08 \mathrm{~mm})$ was mounted on a goniometer head approximately along the $b$ axis. Three-dimensional data were collected on a computer-controlled single-crystal diffractometer (Philips PW 1100) with graphite-monochromatized $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation. The 1266 available independent data within $|\theta|<70^{\circ}$ were collected with $\theta-2 \theta$ scans of $2^{\circ}$ scan width and background intensities were measured on each side. The 1028 data with $\sigma\left(I_{\text {net }}\right) / I_{\text {net }}<0 \cdot 50$ were considered observable and used in the subsequent calculations. The calculations of $\sigma\left(I_{\text {net }}\right)$ were based on conventional counter statistics. Lorentz and polarization factors were applied, but not absorption corrections.

The crystal structure was solved by a computerized application of direct methods (Norrestam, 1972).

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates of the non-T Table 3. Hydrogen fractional atomic coordinates and hydrogen atoms assigned isotropic temperature factors
The estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.
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|  |  |  |  |  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | 7 | $\stackrel{z}{\text { a }}$ | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 1)$ | 0.244 (3) | 0.753 (5) | $0 \cdot 445$ (5) | 2.56 |
| C(1) | 0.1569 (3) | 0.8107 (6) | 0.4735 (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 2)$ | -0.039 (4) | 0.865 (5) | 0.342 (4) | $2 \cdot 72$ |
| C(2) | 0.0440 (3) | $0 \cdot 8055$ (5) | $0 \cdot 3204$ (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 3)$ | $0 \cdot 162$ (3) | 0.827 (5) | $0 \cdot 139$ (4) | $2 \cdot 47$ |
| C(3) | 0.0914 (3) | $0 \cdot 8996$ (5) | $0 \cdot 1685$ (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 4)$ | 0.080 (3) | 1.163 (5) | 0.234 (4) | 2.36 |
| C(4) | 0.1496 (3) | 1.0890 (5) | 0.2144 (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 5)$ | $0 \cdot 327$ (4) | 1.027 (6) | $0 \cdot 382$ (5) | $2 \cdot 86$ |
| C(5) | $0 \cdot 2475$ (3) | 1.0863 (5) | $0 \cdot 3850$ (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 6 a)$ | $0 \cdot 342$ (4) | 1.330 (7) | $0 \cdot 383$ (5) | $3 \cdot 93$ |
| C(6) | $0 \cdot 2840$ (5) | $1 \cdot 2820$ (6) | $0 \cdot 4464$ (5) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~b})$ | $0 \cdot 208$ (4) | 1.360 (6) | 0.439 (5) | 3.93 |
| C(7) | 0.2201 (5) | 0.7140 (8) | 0.7588 (5) | H (C7a) | $0 \cdot 301$ (4) | 0.677 (7) | 0.729 (5) | 3.93 |
| C(8) | 0.4588 (4) | 1.2279 (7) | $0 \cdot 6666$ (6) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~b})$ | $0 \cdot 188$ (4) | 0.648 (7) | 0.825 (5) | 3.93 |
| C(9) | $0 \cdot 5060$ (7) | 1.2365 (15) | $0 \cdot 8626$ (8) | H (C7c) | 0.253 (4) | $0 \cdot 812$ (7) | 0.797 (5) | 3.93 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $0 \cdot 1148$ (2) | 0.7319 (5) | $0 \cdot 6155$ (2) | H(C9a) | 0.572 (7) | $1 \cdot 260$ (11) | 0.903 (9) | $7 \cdot 43$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 0.0083 (3) | $0 \cdot 6202$ (4) | 0.2718 (3) | H(C9b) | 0.456 (7) | 1.275 (11) | 0.900 (8) | $7 \cdot 43$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | -0.0193 (3) | 0.9136 (5) | 0.0326 (3) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 9 \mathrm{c})$ | 0.602 (6) | 1.097 (10) | 0.871 (7) | $7 \cdot 43$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $0 \cdot 2186$ (2) | $0 \cdot 1546$ (5) | 0.0835 (3) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 2)$ | -0.038 (4) | $0 \cdot 599$ (6) | 0.321 (5) | 3.06 |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $0 \cdot 1861$ (2) | 1.0000* | 0.5151 (2) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3)$ | 0.004 (4) | 0.962 (6) | -0.031 (6) | $3 \cdot 12$ |
| O(6) | 0.3393 (2) | $1 \cdot 2917$ (5) | 0.6246 (4) | $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 4)$ | $0 \cdot 174$ (4) | 1.207 (7) | 0.025 (5) | $3 \cdot 31$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | $0 \cdot 5267$ (3) | 1-1693 (7) | $0 \cdot 5706$ (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

* Fixed value.

Table 4. Intramolecular non-hydrogen bond distances and angles
Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.


Fig. 1. Perspective view of the molecular structure.

| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1 \cdot 522(4) \AA$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $108 \cdot 2(3)^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1 \cdot 522(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $112 \cdot 4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1 \cdot 514(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $111 \cdot 7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1 \cdot 534(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $109 \cdot 4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1 \cdot 522(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $110 \cdot 8(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $1 \cdot 538(8)$ | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $107 \cdot 9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1 \cdot 384(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $110 \cdot 8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1 \cdot 428(5)$ | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $107 \cdot 0(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $1 \cdot 425(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $113 \cdot 2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $1 \cdot 423(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $112 \cdot 4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $1 \cdot 421(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $115 \cdot 9(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $1 \cdot 429(4)$ | $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $111 \cdot 5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $1 \cdot 429(4)$ | $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | $126 \cdot 2(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $1 \cdot 423(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | $122 \cdot 3(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $1 \cdot 295(5)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $106 \cdot 9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | $1 \cdot 184(6)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $109 \cdot 4(3)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $111 \cdot 2(3)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $108 \cdot 1(3)$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $107 \cdot 8(3)$ |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $110 \cdot 2(3)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $110 \cdot 6(3)$ |
|  | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $108 \cdot 0(3)$ |  |

Table 2. Anisotropic thermal parameters of the non-hydrogen atoms $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$
The estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses. The temperature factor expression used is:

|  | $\beta_{11}$ | $\beta_{22}$ | $\beta_{33}$ | $\beta_{12}$ | $\beta_{13}$ | $\beta_{23}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(1) | 89 (3) | 92 (6) | 83 (4) | -17(7) | 44 (6) | 2 (8) |
| C(2) | 87 (3) | 99 (6) | 91 (5) | -17(8) | 39 (7) | -3 (8) |
| C(3) | 83 (3) | 112 (6) | 88 (5) | -3 (8) | 44 (6) | -15 (9) |
| C(4) | 79 (3) | 115 (6) | 93 (5) | 13 (8) | 48 (6) | 35 (9) |
| C(5) | 79 (3) | 89 (6) | 122 (5) | -16(7) | 31 (7) | 5 (9) |
| C(6) | 123 (5) | 108 (7) | 166 (7) | -39 (9) | 3 (9) | 1 (11) |
| C(7) | 13 (5) | 183 (9) | 102 (6) | -29 (11) | -7 (8) | 39 (12) |
| C(8) | 89 (4) | 176 (8) | 299 (10) | -46 (10) | 45 (11) | -2 (16) |
| C(9) | 144 (7) | 523 (25) | 227 (11) | -79 (24) | -87 (14) | -73 (27) |
| O(1) | 103 (2) | 147 (5) | 86 (3) | -38 (6) | 31 (4) | 50 (6) |
| O(2) | 138 (3) | 110 (5) | 96 (4) | -78(6) | 76 (5) | -26 (7) |
| O(3) | 117 (3) | 170 (5) | 77 (4) | -75 (7) | 0 (5) | 65 (7) |
| O(4) | 93 (3) | 171 (6) | 130 (4) | -18 (6) | 56 (5) | 117 (8) |
| O(5) | 102 (2) | 98 (4) | 83 (3) | -12(5) | 17 (4) | -3 (6) |
| O(6) | 114 (3) | 175 (6) | 195 (5) | -46 (7) | 31 (6) | -69 (9) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 116 (4) | 330 (10) | 341 (9) | -2 (11) | 6 (9) | -92 (16) |

Successive cycles of anisotıopic full-matrix leastsquares refinement gave an $R$ value of 0.046 for the observable data.* The positional parameters of the H atoms were then refined, with each H given the approximate isotropic temperature factor of the atom to which it is bonded.

Hughes's (1941) weighting scheme was used ( $F_{\text {min }}=$ $2 \cdot 0$ ). For C and O , the atomic scattering factors of Cromer \& Waber (1965) were used, and for H those of Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965). The final structural parameters are listed in Tables 1, 2 and 3. The atomic labels are given in Fig. 1. Intramolecular distances and angles are listed in Table 4.
Discussion. As evident in Fig. 1, the pyranose ring has the normal ${ }^{4} C_{1}$ conformation (Table 6). The ring torsional angles, from $46.8^{\circ}$ to $70.3^{\circ}$ (Table 5), lie outside the normal range for strain-free pyranose rings (Jeffrey, 1973), indicating a strain caused by the ester group. This was not observed for the galactose

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Table 5. Ring torsion angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $61 \cdot 9$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $-51 \cdot 6$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $46 \cdot 8$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $-51 \cdot 2$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $64 \cdot 0$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $-70 \cdot 3$ |

Table 6. Least-squares planes and atomic deviations
The planes are defined by $A x+B y+C z+D=0$, where $x, y$ and $z$ are in $\AA$ relative to the axes $a, b$ and $c$. An asterisk indicates atoms not included in the plane calculation.

| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $-0.032 \AA$ | $A$ | -0.706 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 0.030 | $B$ | 0.706 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)$ | -0.033 | $C$ | 0.064 |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 0.034 | $D$ | -3.990 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)^{*}$ | -0.743 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)^{*}$ | 0.601 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $-0.0002 \AA$ | $A$ | 0.3681 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 0.0001 | $B$ | 0.9162 |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 0.0001 | $C$ | -0.1583 |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 0.0001 | $D$ | -9.1361 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)^{*}$ | -0.0618 |  |  |

analogue (Lindberg et al., 1973). The torsional angle $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7),-69 \cdot 8^{\circ}$, and the short anomeric $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ bond $[1.384$ (4) $\AA$ ] are in good agreement with the predictions of Jeffiey, Pople \& Radom (1972). The average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ [except the anomeric $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ ] bond lengths in the pyranoside moiety are 1.523 and $1.426 \AA$, respectively, in good agreement with previously found values for pyranoses (Berman, Chu \& Jeffrey, 1967).

The torsion angle $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ is $42 \cdot 2^{\circ}$ (gauche-trans). According to Sundaralingam (1968) this is the preferred conformation for pyranosides. $\mathrm{C}(6)$ is almost in the plane of the OAc group (Table 6). The torsion angles $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ and $\mathrm{C}(6)-$ $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ are $-177 \cdot 2^{\circ}$ and $2 \cdot 8^{\circ}$, respectively. The planarity of the ester group was first pointed out by Mathieson \& Taylor (1961) and is consonant with theoretical calculations (Pullman \& Pullman, 1974). The torsional angle $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ is $72 \cdot 2^{\circ}$.

As indicated in Fig. 2, the noncatenated hydrogenbond system $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2)-$ $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 2) \cdots \mathrm{O}(5)$ maintains the structure in the $b c$ plane and the non-bonding interactions of the polar ester group hold the structure together in the a direction. The ring oxygen serves as a hydrogen-bond acceptor. The hydrogen bond is directed axially to the ring oxygen. An equatorial direction would probably have


Fig. 2. The projection of the crystal structure along the $b$ axis. Filled spheres represent $\mathbf{O}$ atoms and unfilled spheres $\mathbf{C}$ atoms. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Table 7. Hydrogen-bond distances and angles
The estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.

| $i$ | $j$ | $k$ | $l$ | $d(j l)$ | $d(k l)$ | $\angle(i j l)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 2) \cdots \mathrm{O}(5 a)$ | $2 \cdot 932(3) \AA$ | $2 \cdot 25(4) \AA$ | $107 \cdot 0(2)^{\circ}$ | $175(5)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(2 b)$ | $2 \cdot 840(4)$ | $2 \cdot 20(4)$ | $122 \cdot 2(2)$ | $157(4)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3 a)$ | $2 \cdot 806(4)$ | $2 \cdot 17(5)$ | $92 \cdot 3(2)$ | $151(4)$ |  |  |

Symmetry operations

| - | $x, y$, |
| :---: | ---: |
| (a) | $x, y-\frac{1}{2},-z$ |
| (b) | $-x, y+\frac{1}{2},-z$ |

been sterically hindered by the methoxy group (Sundaralingam, 1968). The hydrogen-bond distances and angles are given in Table 7.

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Introduction. In a series of papers (Borén, Garegg, Kenne, Maron \& Svensson, 1972; Borén, Garegg, Kenne, Pilotti, Svensson \& Swahn, 1973; Lindberg, Garegg \& Swahn, 1973; Garegg, Lindberg \& Swahn, 1974) the connexion between the circular dichroism of glycoside monoacetates and molecular geometry is discussed. This article describes the determination by X-ray diffraction of the methyl 6-O-acetyl- $\beta$-D-galactopyranoside crystal structure.

The cell dimensions were obtained from a powder photograph at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, taken in a Guinier-Hägg focusing camera with highly monochromatized $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$ radiation $(\lambda=1.54051 \AA)$ and $\mathrm{KCl}(a=6.29194 \AA$; Hambling, 1953) as an internal standard.

A prismatic crystal $(0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.2 \mathrm{~mm})$ was mounted on a goniometer head approximately along the $c$ axis. Three-dimensional data were collected on a computer-controlled single-crystal diffractometer (Philips PW 1100) with graphite-monochromatized $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation. The 1035 available independent data within $\theta<60^{\circ}$ were collected with $\theta-2 \theta$ scans of $2^{\circ}$ scan width and background intensities were measured
on each side. The 796 data with $\sigma\left(I_{\text {net }}\right) / I_{\text {net }}<0.25$ were considered observable and used in the subsequent calculations. The calculations of $\sigma\left(I_{\text {net }}\right)$ were based on conventional statistics. Lorentz and polarization factors were applied, but not absorption corrections.

The crystal structure was solved by a computerized application of direct methods (Norrestam, 1972). Successive cycles of anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement gave an $R$ value of 0.044 for the observable data*. The positional parameters of the H atoms were then refined with each $\mathbf{H}$ given the approximate isotropic temperature factor of the atom to which it is bonded.

Hughes's (1941) weighting scheme was used ( $F_{\text {min }}=$ $5 \cdot 0$ ). For $C$ and $O$, the atomic scattering factors of Cromer \& Waber (1965) were used, and for H those of Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965). The final structural parameters are listed in Tables 1, 2 and 3. The atomic labels are given in Fig. 1. Intermolecular distances and angles are listed in Table 4.

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[^0]:    * A list of structure factors has been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 31480 ( 2 pp .). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CH1 1NZ, England.

