The closest intermolecular distances are 3.53 and $3.54 \AA$ between $C(4)$ and $C(7)$ and between $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}(3)$ and $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}(5)$, respectively.

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# The Crystal Structures of the $\alpha$ - and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$-Anomers of d -Galactose 

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The structures of $\alpha$ - and $\beta$-D-galactose have been determined by direct methods. Refinement was by least squares with anisotropic temperature factors for the C and O atoms to produce a final $R$ of 0.0820 for 572 reflexions ( $\alpha$ ) and 0.0318 for 821 reflexions ( $\beta$ ). The space groups are $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ with $Z=4$ and the cell parameters are ( $\alpha$ ) $a=15.7806$ (38), $b=7.8783$ (15), $c=5.9436$ (20) $\AA$ and ( $\beta$ ) $a=7.6992$ ( 8 ), $b=$ $7 \cdot 7726$ ( 8 ) , $c=12 \cdot 6408$ (17) $\AA$. The molecules have the configurations $1 a 2 e 3 e 4 a$ and $1 e 2 e 3 e 4 a$ respectively with hydrogen-bonding systems which involve the five hydroxyl groups of each molecule.

Crystals of the $\alpha$ - and $\beta$-anomers of $D$-galactose were originally prepared to resolve the question of the unitcell dimensions (Sheldrick, 1961). The crystal structures of both forms are now reported.

## Experimental

## $\alpha$-D-Galactose

Confirmation of the cell dimensions was obtained by least-squares refinement of 41 measurements of $2 \theta$ taken at room temperature with $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$ monochromatic radiation.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{6}$, F.W. $180 \cdot 15$, space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}, a=$ 15.7806 (38), $b=7.8783$ (15), $c=5.9436$ (20) $\AA, \quad V=$ $738.4 \AA^{3}, D_{m}=1.60$ (in a mixture of $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ ), $D_{x}=1.62 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ for $Z=4$, $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$ monochromatic, $\lambda=1.54051 \quad \AA$, crystal size $=0.2 \times 0.2 \times$ 0.002 mm , crystal shape: flat plate.

Intensities were collected on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer with a graphite crystal monochromator. Measurements were made in the range $3^{\circ}<\theta \leq 70^{\circ}$, scanned in the $\omega-2 \theta$ mode. 572 independent reflexions were measured and 163 more were
too weak to be measured. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects but not for absorption.

The structure was solved with MULTAN (Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1970) with an $E_{\min }$ of $1 \cdot 00$. Two of the 16 possible solutions gave significantly higher combined figures of merit and the $E$ map from one of these showed sensible positions and bond relations for all the non-hydrogen atoms. Refinement of positional and isotropic temperature parameters gave $R=0 \cdot 148$. Further refinement with anisotropic parameters reduced $R$ to 0.0947 ; the H atoms were then found from a difference synthesis and included in the final structure factor calculation with $B=2.37 \AA^{2}$ and no refinement of their parameters. This final calculation gave $R=0.0820$ for 572 measured reflexions.* The final

[^0]atomic coordinates are listed in Table 1 and thermal parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms in Table 2.

## $\beta$-D-Galactose

The cell parameters were obtained by least-squares refinement of 59 measurements of $2 \theta$ at room temperature on a CAD-4 diffractometer with $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha_{1}$ monochromatic radiation.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{6}$, F.W. $180 \cdot 15$, space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}, a=$ 7.6992 (8), $\quad b=7.7726$ (8), $\quad c=12.6408$ (17) $\AA, \quad V=$ $756.5 \AA^{3}, D_{m}=1.61$ (in a mixture of $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ ), $D_{x}=1.58 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ for $Z=4, \mathrm{Cu} K \alpha_{1}$ monochromatic, $\lambda=1.54051 ~ \AA$, crystal size $0.15 \times 0.20 \times$ 0.15 mm .

Intensities were collected as for $\alpha$-D-galactose to give 821 independent measured reflexions with 74 more too weak to be measured. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects but not for absorption.

Table 1. Fractional atom coordinates ( $\times 10^{5}$ ) and e.s.d.'s in parentheses

|  | $\alpha$-d-Galactose |  | $\beta$-d-Galactose |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| C(1) | 9524 (65) | -259 (116) | 23269 (183) | 97804 (34) | 7106 (36) | 60175 (22) |
| C(2) | 2538 (60) | 7212 (111) | 8241 (188) | 106335 (36) | 21054 (35) | 66861 (21) |
| C(3) | 6200 (64) | 12626 (115) | -13946 (181) | 123790 (36) | 21209 (36) | 64637 (22) |
| C(4) | 13246 (65) | 25908 (118) | - 10058 (197) | 133568 (37) | 3276 (36) | 66064 (23) |
| C(5) | 19797 (67) | 18065 (113) | 6031 (179) | 123680 (36) | -9192 (37) | 58933 (22) |
| C(6) | 26588 (72) | 30458 (134) | 13237 (193) | 129789 (42) | -27603 (38) | 59928 (25) |
| O(1) | 12823 (48) | -14621 (89) | 12506 (137) | 80384 (25) | 5490 (27) | 63080 (17) |
| O(2) | -4216 (40) | -4989 (74) | 5900 (127) | 99466 (26) | 37470 (25) | 63861 (16) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | -219 (49) | 19466 (79) | -28175 (133) | 134685 (27) | 33475 (27) | 71053 (19) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 9749 (47) | 41520 (71) | -1995 (126) | 132113 (27) | -1800 (27) | 76941 (16) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 15832 (45) | 12611 (81) | 26341 (118) | 105713 (24) | -9133 (24) | 62097 (15) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 31329 (47) | 35532 (87) | -5909 (137) | 119211 (31) | -38635 (27) | 53540 (17) |
| $\mathrm{H}(1)$ | 7467 | -3128 | 40070 | 98761 | 10162 | 51721 |
| H(2) | -903 | 16845 | 16860 | 104294 | 18756 | 74924 |
| H(3) | 8177 | 1898 | -22627 | 128124 | 24682 | 56338 |
| H(4) | 14819 | 25441 | -25931 | 146835 | 3684 | 63898 |
| H(5) | 21812 | 10553 | -1948 | 124647 | -5075 | 50865 |
| H(6) | 28900 | 24098 | 25634 | 129354 | -31217 | 67470 |
| H(7) | 23549 | 38638 | 22274 | 144343 | -28481 | 57237 |
| $\mathrm{H}(8)$ | 8815 | -19589 | 1670 | 76137 | 189 | 58190 |
| H(9) | -9295 | 1856 | 5969 | 90633 | 39401 | 67354 |
| $\mathrm{H}(10)$ | -3342 | 10243 | -34658 | 127896 | 38176 | 75581 |
| H(11) | 7913 | 42677 | 13315 | 140737 | -5630 | 78713 |
| H(12) | 33452 | 27964 | -17379 | 113817 | -43356 | 56404 |

Table 2. Thermal parameters $\left(\times 10^{5}\right)$
The $U_{i j}$ 's are defined by: $\exp \left[-2 \pi^{2}\left(U_{11} h^{2} a^{* 2}+\cdots+2 U_{12} h k a^{*} b^{*}+\cdots\right)\right]$.

|  | $\alpha$-D-Galactose |  | $\beta$-D-Galactose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $U_{11}$ | $U_{22}$ | $U_{33}$ | $U_{12}$ | $U_{13}$ | $U_{23}$ | $U_{11}$ | $U_{22}$ | $U_{33}$ | $U_{12}$ | $U_{13}$ | $U_{23}$ |
| C(1) | 1714 | 1434 | 2490 | 411 | -89 | -249 | 1453 | 1936 | 2606 | -574 | -60 | 330 |
| C(2) | 140 | 1036 | 3207 | -156 | 80 | 362 | 1619 | 1571 | 2418 | 318 | 60 | 330 |
| C(3) | 1680 | 714 | 2371 | -121 | -980 | 232 | 1682 | 1625 | 2962 | -236 | 168 | -544 |
| C(4) | 1642 | 1499 | 2656 | 116 | -144 | 454 | 1735 | 2179 | 2870 | 152 | 714 | 544 |
| C(5) | 2031 | 982 | 1782 | 27 | -317 | 461 | 1920 | 1650 | 2731 | -358 | 1126 | 452 |
| C(6) | 1860 | 2535 | 2751 | -732 | 196 | 319 | 3102 | 1818 | 3614 | -770 | 654 | 706 |
| O(1) | 3309 | 1875 | 3373 | 297 | -82 | -557 | 1528 | 3191 | 3147 | -1740 | -6 | -398 |
| O(2) | 589 | 992 | 3339 | 223 | 87 | 319 | 2237 | 1446 | 3659 | 484 | 1260 | 832 |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1859 | 1387 | 3515 | - 1262 | -1184 | 1051 | 2042 | 2591 | 5324 | -2988 | -350 | -1072 |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 1999 | 201 | 3359 | 204 | 198 | -155 | 2195 | 3192 | 2823 | 926 | -552 | 918 |
| O(5) | 1642 | 1834 | 2094 | -606 | -507 | 249 | 1745 | 1525 | 2853 | -74 | 592 | -88 |
| O(6) | 1970 | 1799 | 3839 | -813 | 763 | -734 | 3961 | 2046 | 3532 | -1184 | 2828 | -762 |

The structure was solved with MULTAN (Germain, Main \& Woolfson, 1970) with an $E_{\text {min }}=1 \cdot 00$. One of the 16 possible solutions gave a high combined figure of merit and the $E$ map from this showed positions for 10 of the 12 non-hydrogen atoms. An additional Fourier synthesis revealed the two remaining atoms. Isotropic refinement of the non-hydrogen atoms gave $R=0 \cdot 094$. Further refinement with anisotropic temperature factors reduced $R$ to 0.065 . The H atoms were then found from a difference synthesis and included with isotropic temperature factors. It was not possible to refine the temperature factors of the H atoms and two cycles were carried out with a fixed $B=0.8 \AA^{2}$ to give a final $R=0 \cdot 032$.* Including the 74 weak reflexions with a value of half the minimum observed gave $R=0.039$. The final atomic coordinates are listed in Table 1 and the thermal parameters for the nonhydrogen atoms in Table 2.

Scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962). In all stages of refinement unit weight was assigned to each

* See previous footnote.

Table 3. Bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) and e.s.d.'s in parentheses

|  | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1.400(12)$ | $1.396(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $1.433(12)$ | $1.422(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $1.442(11)$ | $1.432(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $1.425(13)$ | $1.426(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $1.431(12)$ | $1.434(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $1.426(13)$ | $1.440(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $1.419(14)$ | $1.432(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.536(14)$ | $1.523(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.501(15)$ | $1.524(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.544(14)$ | $1.528(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.538(15)$ | $1.526(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.511(15)$ | $1.512(4)$ |

measurement. The structure factor refinements and Fourier synthesis calculations were carried out on the ICL 1906A computer of the Leeds University Centre for Computer Studies with a modified version of the program suite originally written by Cruickshank, Pilling, Bujosa, Lovell \& Truter (1961). Bond lengths and angles, with their related e.s.d.'s, with the atom numbering shown in Fig. 1 [the positions of $\mathrm{H}(1)$ and $\mathrm{O}(1)$ should be interchanged for the $\beta$-anomer], were

Table 4. Bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ and e.s.d.'s in parentheses

|  | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 111.83 (80) | 106.66 (22) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 108.11 (83) | 109.43 (22) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 107.55 (73) | $110 \cdot 63$ (22) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 110.07 (81) | 109.16 (22) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 109.34 (73) | 107.89 (22) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 112.90 (85) | 109.10 (24) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 109.77 (86) | 111.86 (24) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 110.79 (81) | 110.77 (24) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $110 \cdot 14$ (75) | $110 \cdot 88$ (24) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 107.75 (77) | 109.48 (25) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 110.78 (80) | $110 \cdot 60$ (25) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 113.36 (87) | 108.30 (25) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | $110 \cdot 64$ (83) | $113 \cdot 37$ (26) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $113 \cdot 15$ (79) | 108.26 (24) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 105.42 (83) | $106 \cdot 19$ (24) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $109 \cdot 18$ (88) | $110 \cdot 07$ (27) |



Fig. 1. Atomic numbering for $\alpha$-D-galactopyranose.


Fig. 2. $b$-Axis projection of $\alpha$-D-galactopyranose.
calculated by a program written by Dr W. S. McDonald and the results are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

Projections of the structures are shown in Figs. 2 ( $b$ projection of $\alpha$-D-galactose) and 3 ( $a$ projection of $\beta$-D-galactose).

## Discussion

The configurations are $1 a 2 e 3 e 4 a$ and $1 e 2 e 3 e 4 a$ respectively with little or no detectable strain. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds have an average length of $1.526(\alpha)$ and $1.522(\beta) \AA$

Table 5. $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths in hexoses

|  | Av. $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ length (Å) | Av. C-O length excluding $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)(\AA)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)(\AA)$ | Reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\alpha$-D-Glucose | 1.54 | $1 \cdot 40$ | $1 \cdot 32$ | McDonald \& Beevers (1952) |
| $\alpha$-D-Glucose | 1.524 | 1.426 | 1.39 | Brown \& Levy (1965) |
| $\beta$-d-Glucose | 1.5274 (10) | $1 \cdot 4438$ (9) | $1 \cdot 404$ (10) | Ferrier (1963) |
| $\beta$-d-Glucose | 1.520 (2) | $1 \cdot 425$ (2) | $1 \cdot 383$ (4) | Chu \& Jeffrey (1968) |
| $\alpha$-D-Glucose monohydrate | 1.532 | 1.433 | 1.38 | Killean, Ferrier \& Young (1962) |
| $\alpha$-Methyl-d-galactoside 6-bromohydrin | 1.516 (15) | 1.434 (13) | 1.430 (14) | Robertson \& Sheldrick (1965) |
| Methyl 6-O-acetyl- $\beta$-Dgalactoside | 1.516 (6) | 1.429 (5) | 1.374 (6) | Lindberg, Garegg \& Swahn (1973) |
| Methyl $\beta$-maltopyranoside (disaccharide) | 1.520 (8) | $1 \cdot 427$ (8) | $1 \cdot 375$ (8) | Chu \& Jeffrey (1967) |
| Methyl $\alpha$-d-glucopyranoside | 1.519 (25) | 1.424 (15) | 1.411 (4) | Berman \& Kim (1968) |
| Methyl $\alpha$-D-galactopyranoside monohydrate | $1 \cdot 518$ | $1 \cdot 428$ | 1.405 | Gatehouse \& Poppleton (1971a) |
| Methyl $\alpha$-D-altropyranoside | $1 \cdot 517$ | 1.431 | $1 \cdot 405$ | Gatehouse \& Poppleton (1971b) |
| $\alpha$-d-Galactose | 1.526 (15) | 1.429 (12) | 1.400 (12) | This paper |
| $\beta$-d-Galactose | $1 \cdot 522$ (4) | 1.431 (4) | $1 \cdot 396$ (4) | This paper |



Fig. 3. $a$-Axis projection of $\beta$-D-galactopyranose.
and the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds [excluding $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ ] an average of $1.429(\alpha)$ and $1.431(\beta) \AA$. These values are consistent with those previously published for hexoses (Table 5). The estimated standard deviations are 0.012 and $0.004 \AA$ respectively for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and 0.015 and $0.004 \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$; the marked difference of the e.s.d.'s between the two structures is thought to be due to differences in crystal shape and mosaic spread.
$\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ at $1 \cdot 400$ and $1.3961 \AA$ show lower values than the average which occurs in previously published structures, with the exception of $\alpha$-methyl-D-galactoside 6 -bromohydrin, but this difference is only $2 \cdot 4 \sigma$ for $\alpha$. In $\beta$, however, the difference of $0.035 \AA$ corresponds to nearly $9 \sigma$. No other C-O bond differs from the average by more than about $2 \sigma$. These variations of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ lengths in the pyranose sugars have been discussed by Berman, Chu \& Jeffrey (1967) and there appears to be no doubt that $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ is significantly shorter than the average. In methyl-substituted $\mathrm{O}(1)$ structures six $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ lengths have been reported, one of which shows no shortening while the others, in which $\mathrm{O}(1)$ is axial, are as listed in Table 5.

Table 6. H bond distances $(\AA)$
and e.s.d.'s in parentheses

| $\alpha$ |  | $\beta$ |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{H}(8)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $3.111(12)$ | $-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $2.619(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{H}(9)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | $2.748(9)$ | $-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $2.820(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{H}(10)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $2.915(9)$ | $-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $2.879(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{H}(11)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $2.888(11)$ | $-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $2.812(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{H}(12)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $2.662(11)$ | $-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $2.732(3)$ |

The hydrogen-bonding system is complete in both structures in that each O atom, with the exception of the ring O , acts as a donor and an acceptor, with the $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances shown in Table 6. Most are acceptable, but the value of $3 \cdot 11 \AA$ between $\mathrm{O}(1)$ and $\mathrm{O}(3)$ in $\alpha$-D-galactose is rather long. The fact that the ring O atoms do not take part in the hydrogen-bonding system appears to violate the first of the rules postulated by Jeffrey \& Rosenstein (1964) applicable
to hydrogen bonds in pyranose structures. The actual situations conform to their second rule that each hydroxyl O atom acts as both donor and acceptor.

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