Functions

- Have multiple roles in all forms of life Frency stores, Juers, and metabolic intermediates Spare proteins
 - Used in fat oxidation (OAA)
 - Form part of the structural network of RNA and DNA
 - Help GI function in the body
 - Structural elements in the cell walls of bacteria and ٠ plants
 - Recent evidence suggests that carbohydrates units ٠ on the cell surface play key roles in the cell-cell recognition

- The 5 carbon aldos do have three asymmetric centers with \$ (2³) sterebisomers
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- The 6 carbon aldoses have 4 asymmetric centers with 16 (2⁴) stereoisomers
- Sugars differing in configuration at one asymmetrical center are epimers
 - D-glucose and D-mannose are epimers at C-2
 - D-glucose and D-galactose are epimers at C-4
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- D- Fructose is the most abundant ketose
- Pentoses and hexoses cyclize to form furanose (5-membered)and pyranose (6membered) rings
- D-Glucose is the most common aldose

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- The predominant forms of glucose and fluctose in solution are not open chains the open chains cyclize to form rings
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