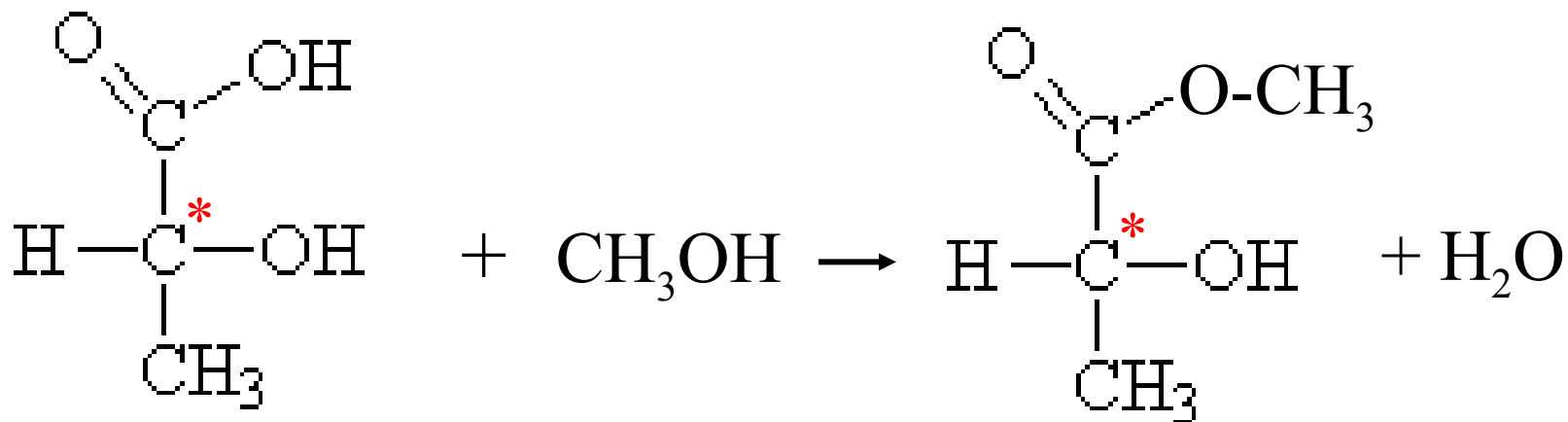


carboxylic acid + alcohol \longrightarrow ester + H₂O



(-) lactic acid
optically active

(+) methyl lactate
optically active