

Plant Growth and Development

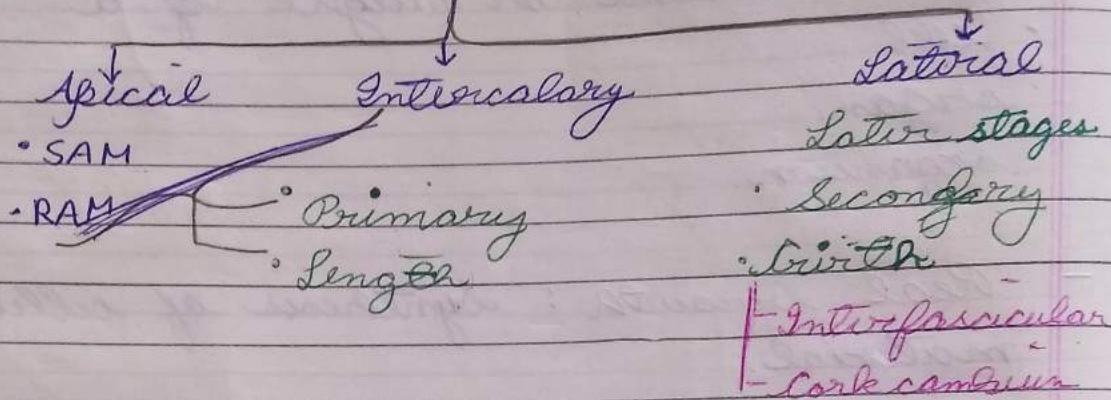
- **Growth**: Irreversible increase in the mass, volume or weight of a
 - cell
 - organ
 - organism
- Real Growth: Synthesis of cellular material.
- Apparent Growth: External manifestation of growth.
- **Accentric Growth**: cell enlargement ✓
cell division ✗
- **Multiplicative growth**: cell enlargement ✗
cell division ✓
e.g. tissue culture

- In animals growth is limited and no. of orgs do not increase.

Plant growth features:

1 Localised : specific areas

- Meristem



2 Unlimited growth

3 Open growth

4 Increase no. of growth organs

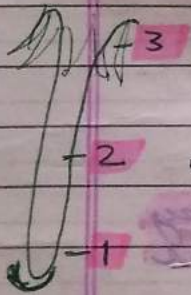
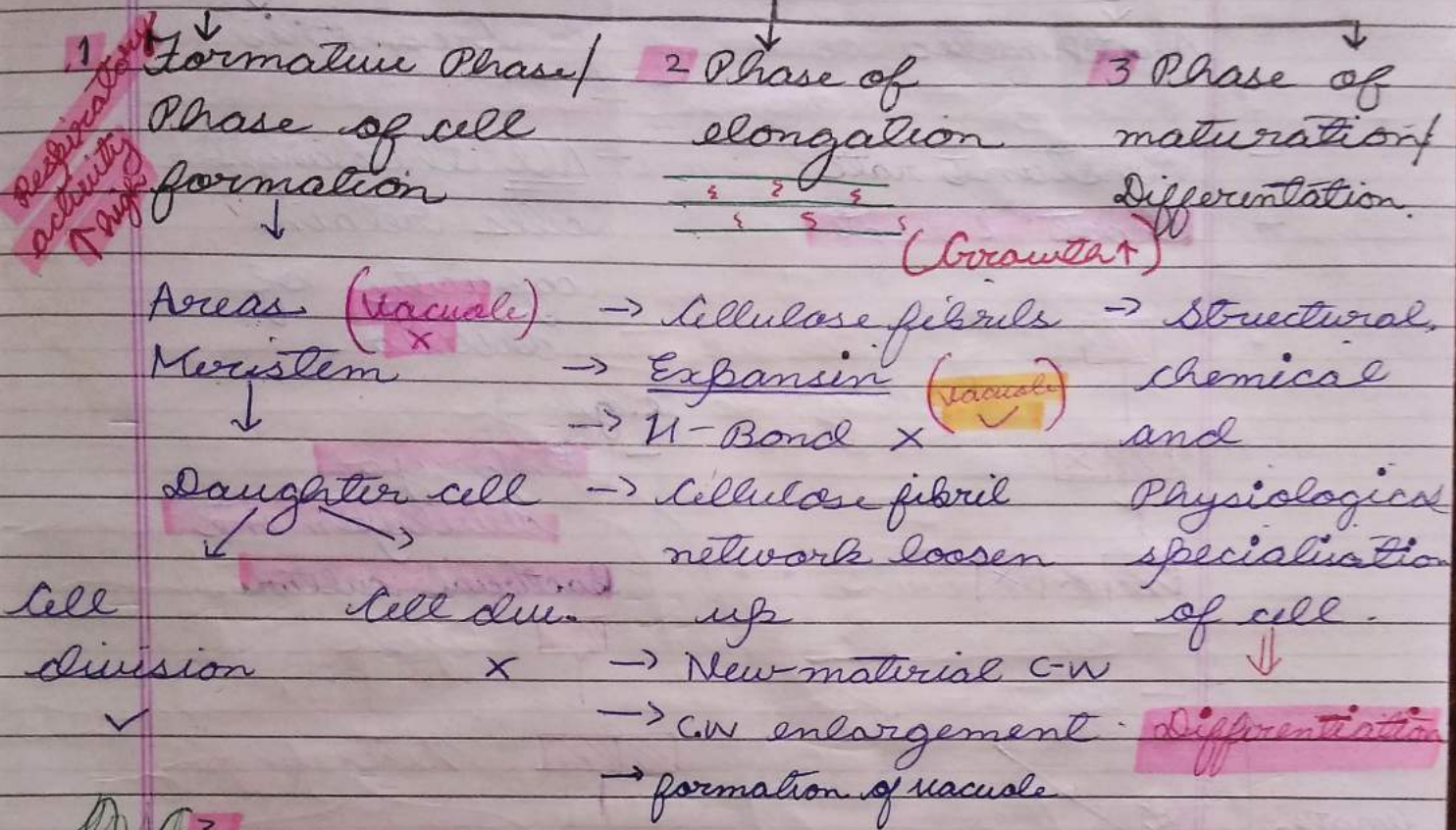
5 Juvenile → Mature stages
structure of mature stage is different from that in juvenile stage.

- Expansin enzyme breaks hydrogen bonds in cellulose fibril.

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Phases of Growth



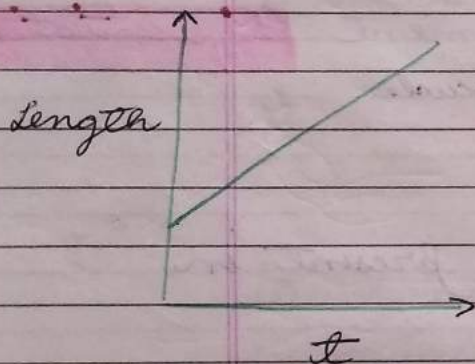
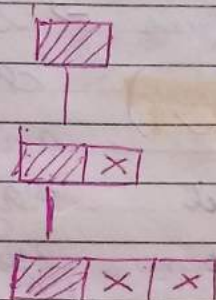
• Maximum respiratory activity present in formative phase.

• Maximum growth in elongation phase.

Growth Rate

Arithmetic

- Constant rate
- shoot & root



$$L_t = L_0 + rt$$

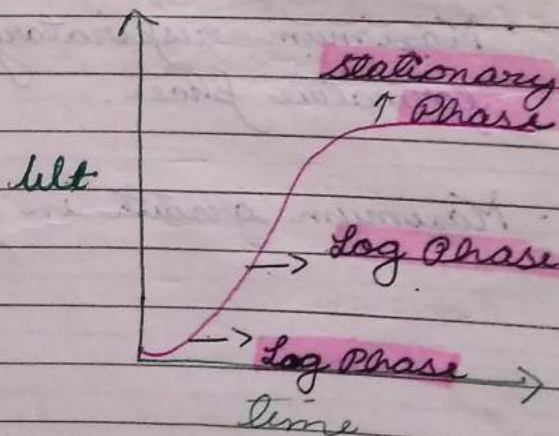
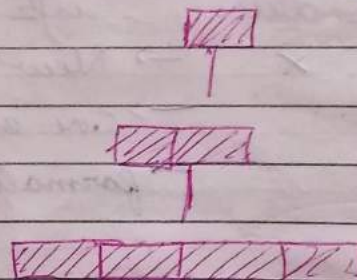
Here r = growth rate
 t = time
 L_0 = initial length

Geometric

- All the daughter cells retain capacity of division

e.g.

- Embryo development
- Bacterial culture



$$W_t = W_0 e^{rt}$$

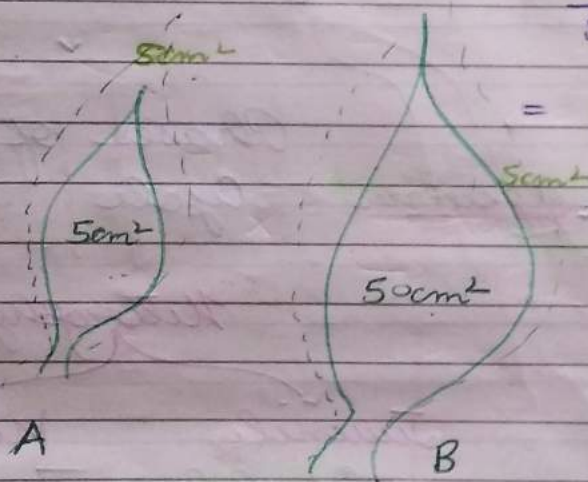
AGR: Absolute Growth Rate
 = Growth per unit time
 = $A = B = 5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{day}$

RGR: Relative growth rate

$$\frac{\text{Growth}}{\text{Initial Size}} \times 100 \quad A > B$$

$$= \frac{5}{5} \times 100 \quad \frac{5}{50} \times 100$$

$$= 100\% \quad = 10\%$$



Terms

• Differentiation

1° Meristem

↓ cell division X

1° Permanent tissue

↓ Mature

↓ cell div ✓ (Despecialisation)

2° Meristem (eg Intercellular cambium)

↓ cell div X

specialised
structurally
chemically
physiologically

• Dedifferentiation

• Redifferentiation

2° Permanent tissue

Development

All the changes in structure and function of an organism that occurs throughout its life cycle from seed germination till death.

Plasticity

Ability to change

Environment

- Ranunculus flabellaris
- Buttercup

Phases of Life Cycle

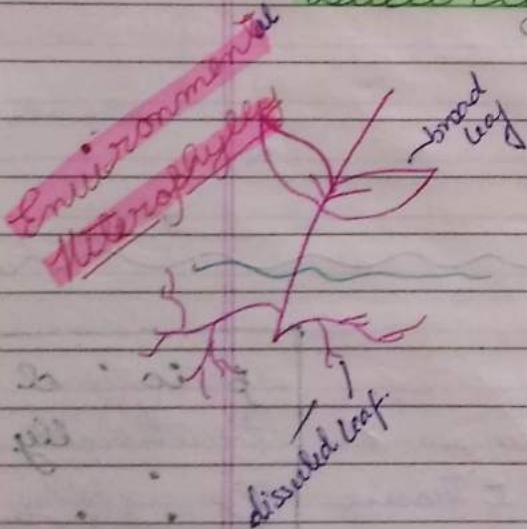
Heterophylly

Juvenile

Mature

- Developmental Heterophylly

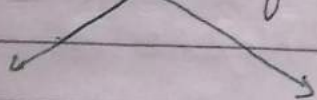
- Cotton
- Coriander
- Larkspur



Development

controlled by

Intrinsic factors



Intercellular

PLR's

Plant Growth

Regulators

Intracellular

hormones

Extrinsic factors

- Temp

- O_2

- H_2O

- Nutrients

5 Types

1. Auxins

2. Gibberellins

3. Cytokinins

4. Ethylene

5. ABA

Promoter (P)

I > P

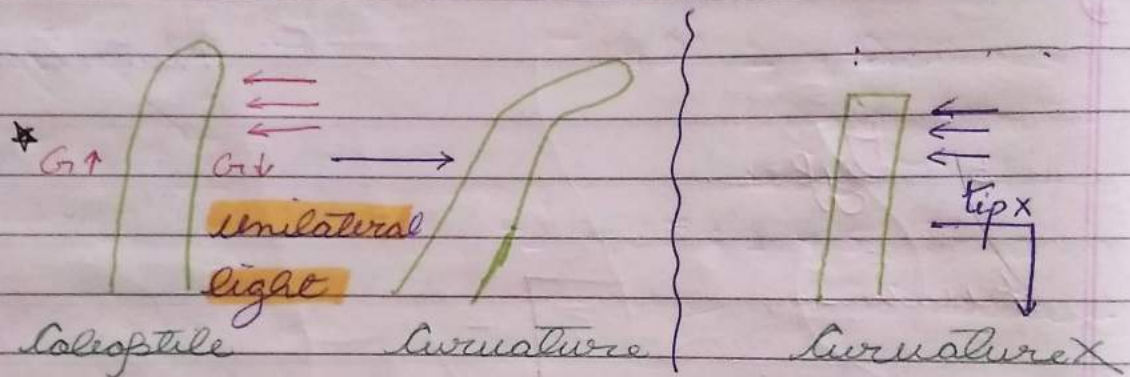
Inhibitor (I)

* Differential growth leads to curvature.

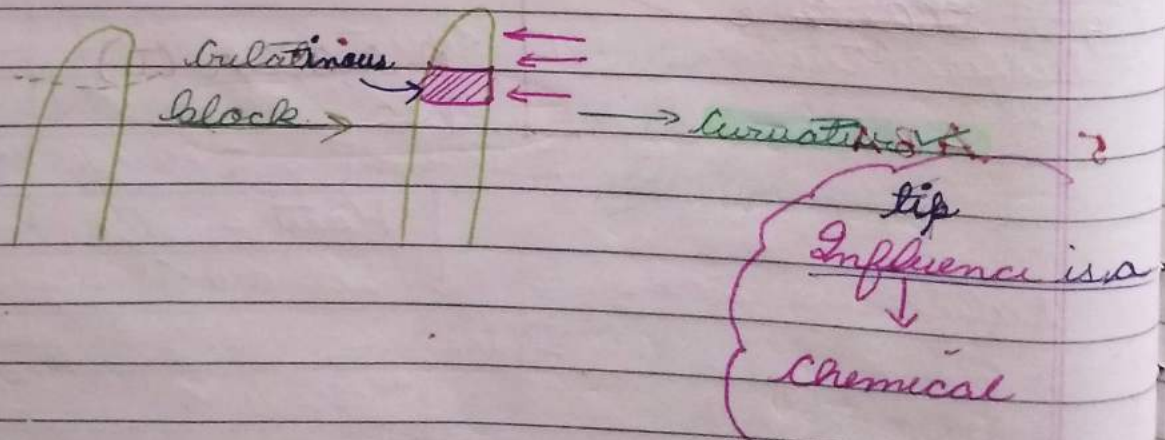
Auxin

- ① Charles Darwin
Francis "

Canary Grass
(*Phalaris canariensis*)



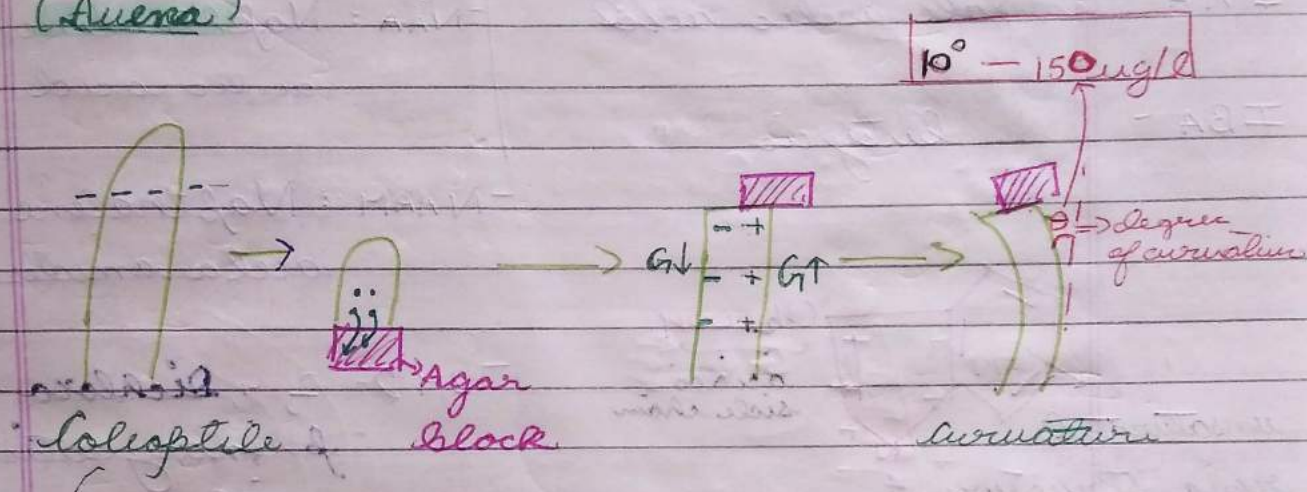
- ② Boysen - Jensen



- Auxin was first extracted by Went.
- ★ Auxin first isolated from Human urine.

3 Went → gave the name auxin.

Oat seedling
(Avena)



Auxin

Gib Auxin

to grow

extracted

Biossay of Auxin

- Avena curvature test

• Quantitative ✓

• Qualitative ✓

- Split Pea Test

- Avena Root Inhibitor Test

Structure

- Weakly acid compound ✓
- Unsaturated ring ✓
- Acidic side chain present ✓

★ For growth of shoot greater amount of auxin is required as compared to root.

Natural

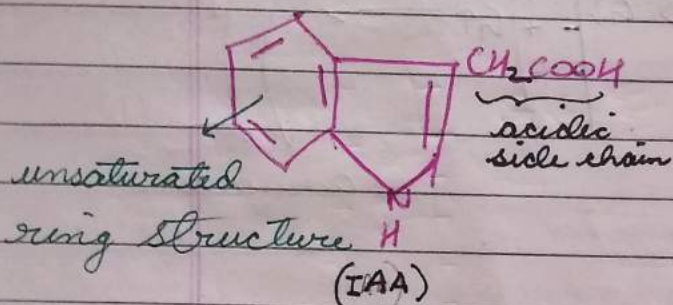
Synthetic

IAA - Indole acetic acid

NAA - Naphthalene acetic acid

IBA - " Butyric "

NAAM - Naphthalene acetic amides

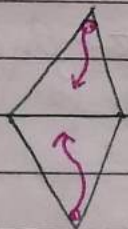


2,4,D - 2,4 Dichloro-phenoxycetic acid

2,4,5,T - 2,4,5 Trichloro phenoxycetic acid.

Synthesis: Tryptophan, m^{+2}

Location: Shoot tip 10 ppm
Root tip 0.0001 ppm



more towards opp. poles
Polar transport
"Base seeking Hormone"
Moves from tip to base.

Auxin

Free state

- unbound
- active ✓

Bound state

IAA - Alanine

IAA - Aspartic acid

bound with

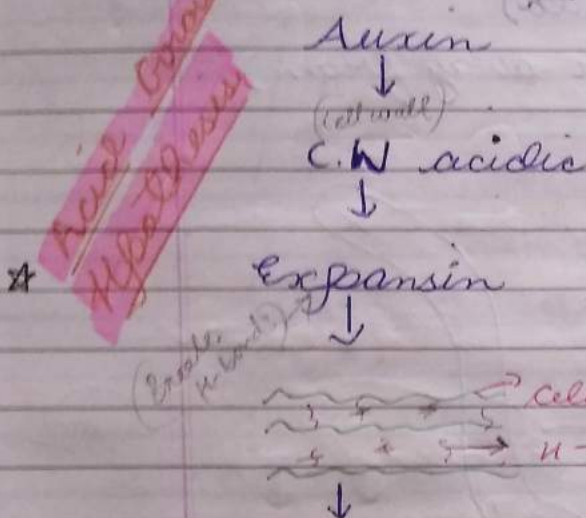
Inactive

Storage purpose.

- Expansin activated in acidic medium.
- ★ Cytokinin counteracts apical dominance.

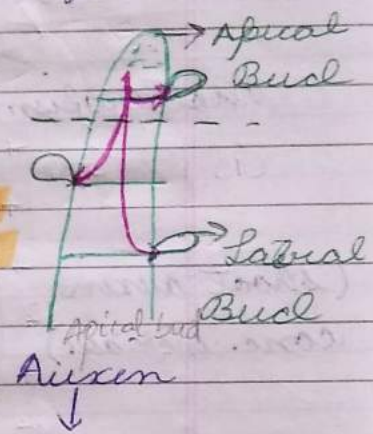
• Functions

1. Cell Elongation 2. Apical Dominance



Loosen-up network.
addition → New cell wall material
→ Cell wall enlargement
leading to cell elongation

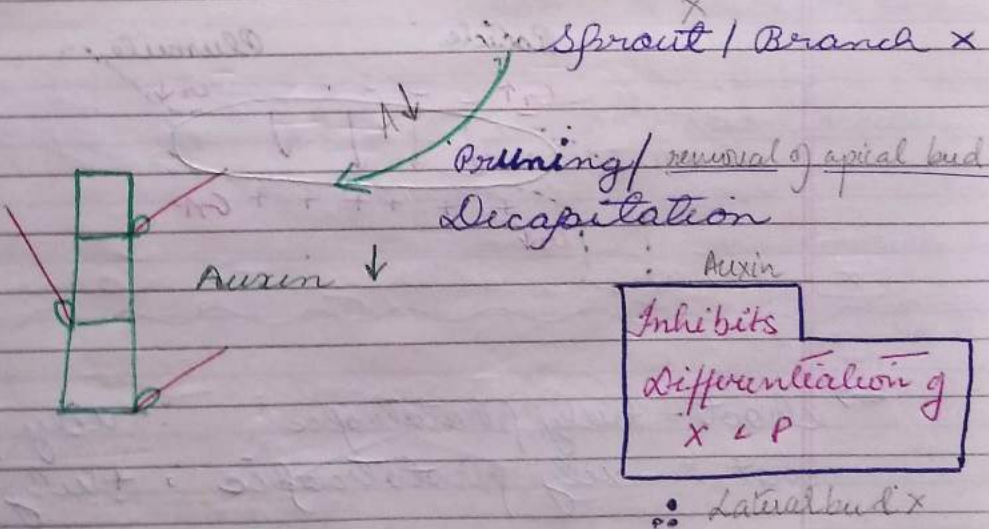
Inhibits
differentiation of
Xylem/Phloem



Lateral Bud
↓
Growth of Lateral Bud ↓ (Decreases)

Significance of Pruning

- Tea Plantation
- Hedge making

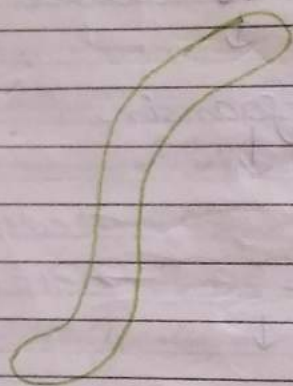
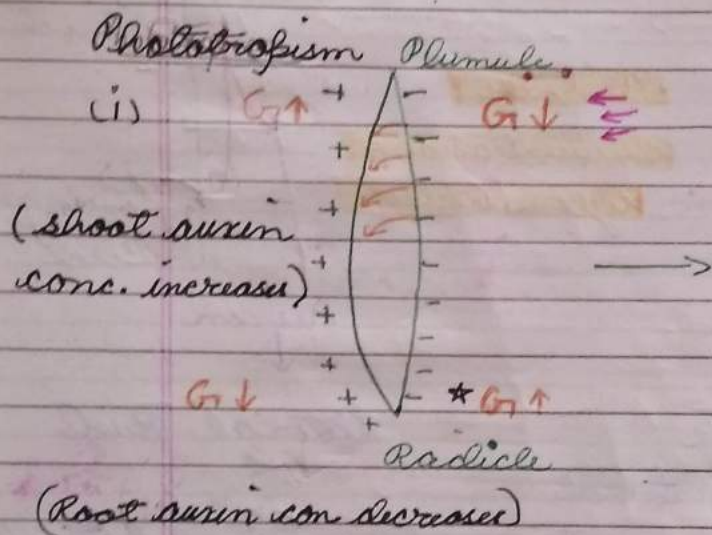


★ For root growth auxin concentration should be less.

[3] Phototropism & Geotropism

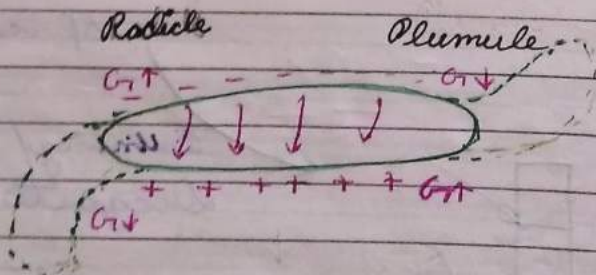
◆ Tropic movements

- Curvature movements
- Cylindrical organs (shown by)
- Diff^{erential} growth (due to)
- Stimulus (towards or away from)



(ii)

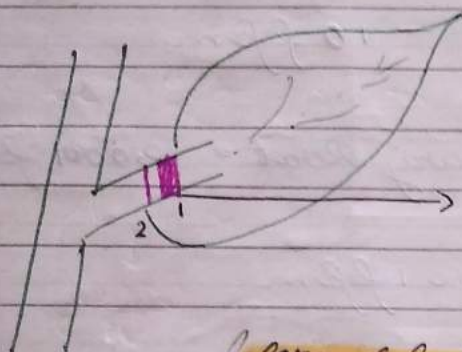
Geotropism



⇒ shoot = +vely phototropic ; -vely geotropic
 root = -vely phototropic ; +vely geotropic

- Dicot can easily absorb auxin but monocots show poor absorption.
- Ethylene is the main hormone for abscission and not abscisic acid.

4 Abscission → of older mature leaves and fruit.



Abscission zone consists of two layers

1: Separation layer

formed by ethylene.

(cellulases, pectinases)

C.W breakdown

• Auxin gradient

Theory

given by

2: Protective layer
suberin + nt

• Addicot & Lynch

Stem

Leaf

Abscission

A

A

x

A

A

start of abscission zone

A

A

abscission occurs.

5 Herbicides

2, 4 D

2, 4, 5 T

Absorption ✓

Absorption x

• Dicot

Monocots (Insensitive)

• Broad leaf plants

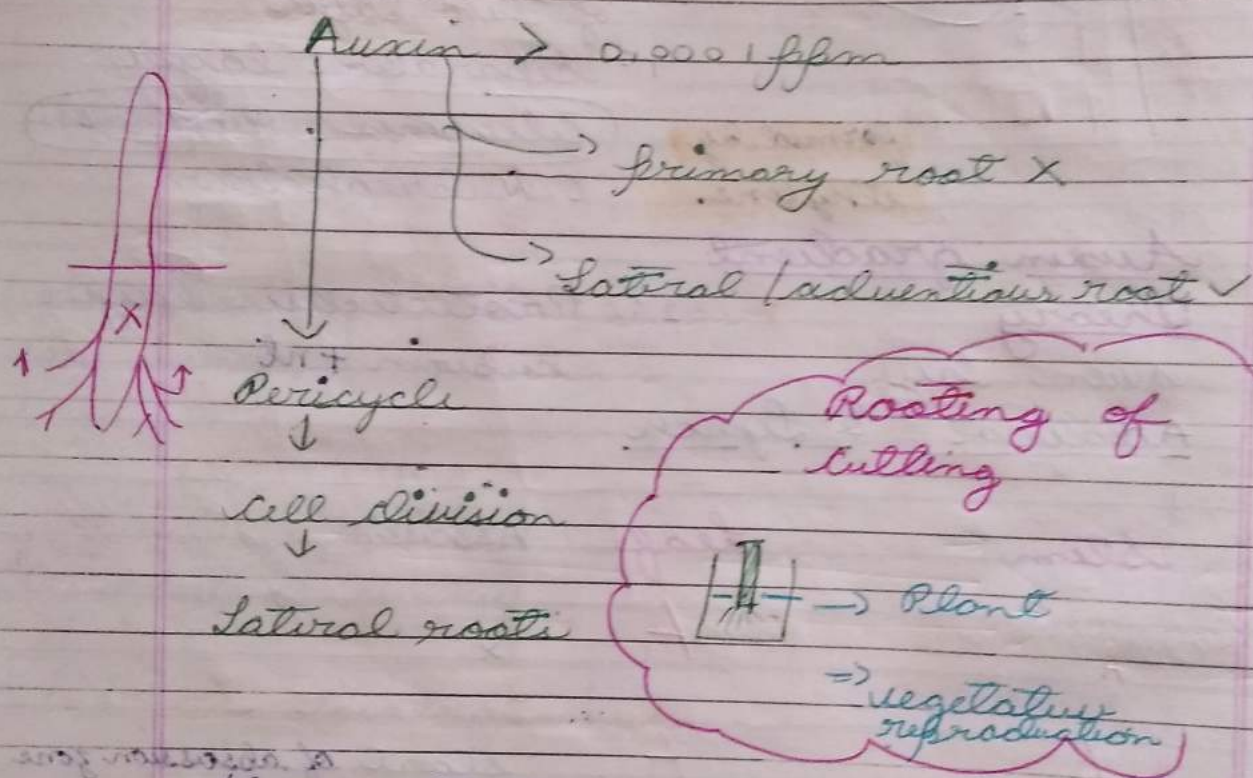
x

Kill

[6] Lateral root form

shoot growth - 10 fpm

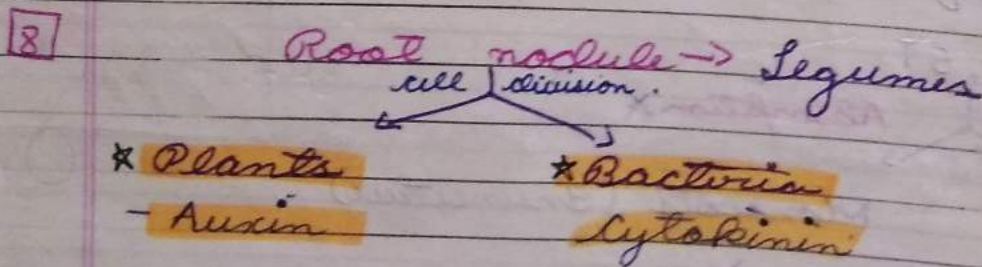
Main Root / Primary Root = 0.0001 fpm



Also called

"RSN → Root Setting Hormone"
ROOTONE

[7] Parthenocarpy → Tomato



- In apples, fruits are formed on dwarf shoot.
- Again strengthening the stem of grasses.
- ~~auxin~~ ^{concentrated} acid is type of auxin.

- [9] Dwarf shoots in **Apple** : NAA used
fruit ↑ production
- [10] Flowering : **Pineapple**, **Litchi**
- [11] Feminish effect : formation of female flowers.
- [12] Lodging : ^{in grasses} Prevents ↑ NAA used.
- [13] Traumatic acid : Healing hormone.
changes
- [14] Sweetness of fruit : $CH \xrightarrow{\uparrow}$ fructose
(carbohydrates)

* Terpenes are derived from acetyl CoA hence gibberellins can also said to be derived from acetyl CoA.

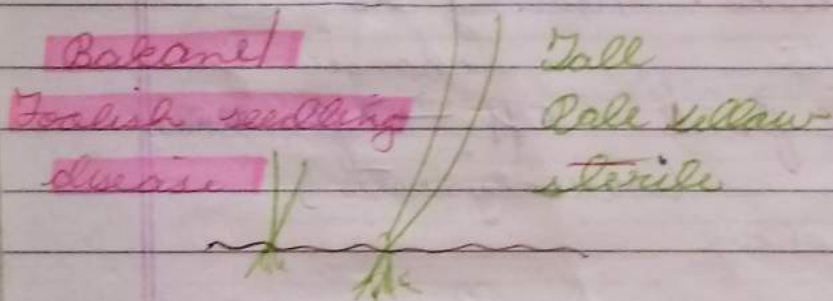
- Gibberellins

↑

- weakly acidic
- Terpenes (isoprenoids)
- Gibberane ring structure

- History:

(i) Kurosawa:



- Fungi - Gibberella fujikari → perfect stage
(Fusarium moniliforme) → imperfect stage

2 Takuta & Sumiki

- Gibberellin hormone
- Gibberellic acid
- 15 types of GA formed by fungi
GA₂₄, GA₂₅ most common in fungi

> 100 types

of GA found in plants

- GA₃ (most studied)

- Gibberellic acid is synthesised in root tip, but performs no role in root growth.

Precursor:

Acetyl CoA \rightarrow Mevalonic acid
 \uparrow precursor

Synthesis

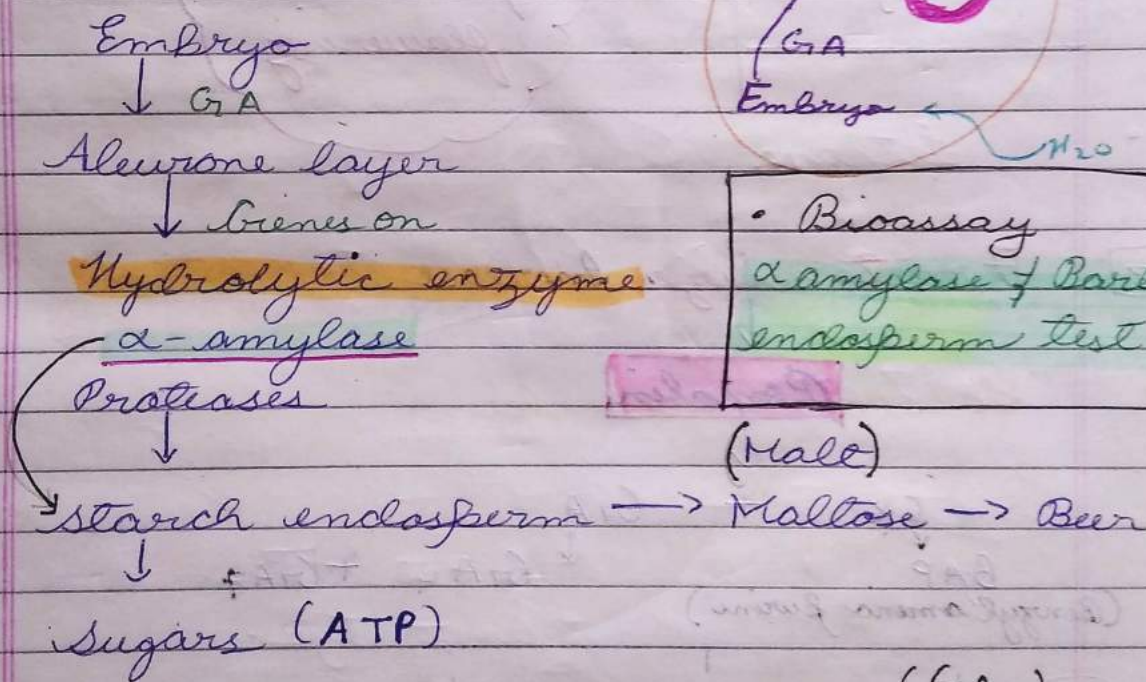
Root tip ✓

Developing embryo ✓

Functions \rightarrow

1. Seed germination

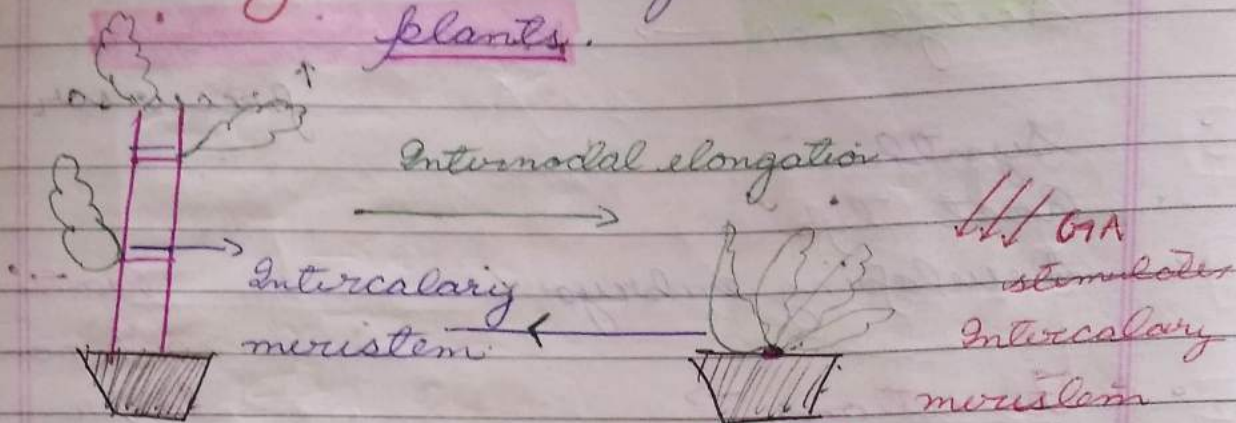
Barley seed



- In brewing industry gibberellic acid is used to increase the rate of malting.

- GA can cause elongation in genetically dwarf varieties.
- Thalamus and stalk are type of internode.

2 Bolting : Stem elongation in Rosette plants.



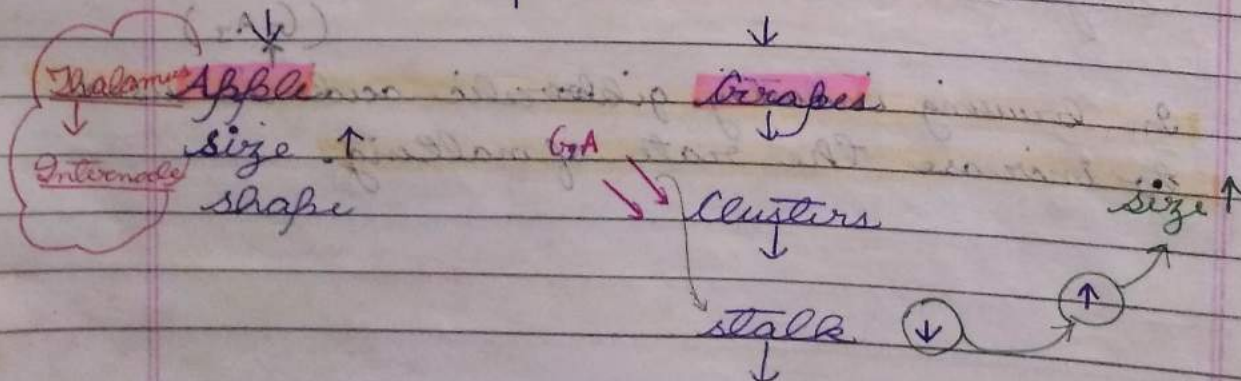
- Bioassay
- Dwarf pea test
 - Dwarf Maize test

Beet and cabbage bolting occurs naturally prior to flowering

3 Fruit Size Increase

Pomalin

CK + GA
BAP (Benzyl amino purine) GA₄ + GA₇



contact inhibition

- Gibberellic acid is the only hormone which develops male characteristics in flowers.

4 Sugarcane (C_4 plant)

Stem \swarrow GA

Stem \uparrow

Increases Yield by
20 tonnes/acre

5 Flowering — LDP (long day plants)

6 Male Flowers \rightarrow MSH —
(male steroidal hormone)

7 * Delay senescence

8 Conifers Juvenile \xrightarrow{GA} Seed formation is enhanced.

Cytokinin

Skoog and Miller

Tobacco internodal segments

→ Auxin

→ Vascular tissue, Coconut milk, DNA, Yeast

Auxin Callus

Herring sperm DNA

Kinetin (6-furfurylaminoⁿpurine)

Lehman: extracted natural cytokinin

Corn Kernel and coconut milk

Zeatin

Synthesis →

- Fruits

- Shoot lateral bud

Root tips

Precursor →

Purine

Adenine

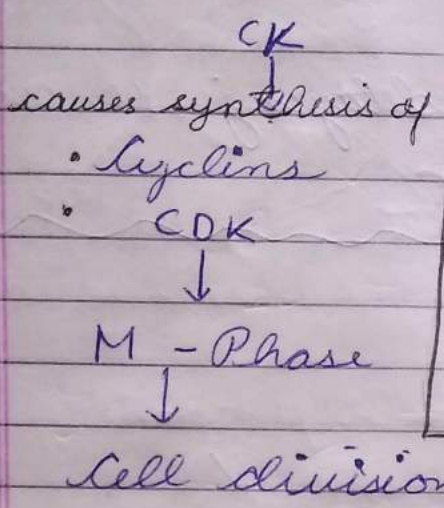
Guanine

★ Cytokinin involved in formation of chloroplast.

Function:

[1]

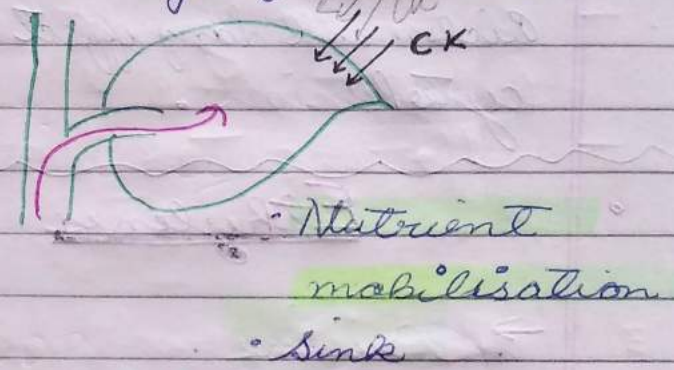
Cell division



[2]

Delay senescence

(Anti ageing hormone)



↑ Phloem Transport

[3]

Chloroplast: Chlorophyll Preservation

Formation = Test (Bioassay)

[4]

Overcome Apical dominance:

• Shoot - lateral

[5]

Cell Expansion: Leaves, Cotyledons

→ Reddish cotyledon expansion test

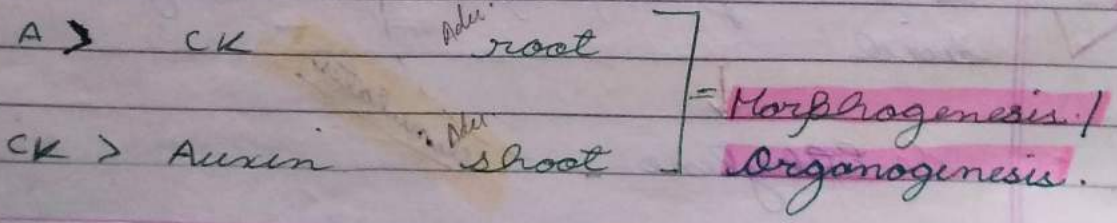
(Bioassay)

[6]

Tissue Culture:

Explant: part of plant used in tissue culture.

★ Auxin = CK cell division = Callus



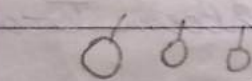
[7] Flowering → Lemna (Water plant)

[8] ♀ flowers

Richmond Long effect : delaying senescence by cytokinins.

Ethylene

→ Carotenes



ripened
oranges

stored

unripened
bananas

Conc. 0.01 — 10 ppm | Conc. in which ethylene is effective

→ Precursor

Methionine (Amino acid)

SAM

S-adenosyl methionine

ACC Synthetase

ACC

Amino cyclo propane carboxylic acid

Ethylene

stimulates

Autocatalytic Effect

Production of Ethylene

Compounds: Increase \uparrow production \downarrow decrease production

(1) Ethylene

(1) CO_2

(2) Auxin

(2) Ag^{+2}

\rightarrow Functions:

[1]

Ripening

Climacteric fruits \checkmark	Non-Climacteric fruits \times
Increase in Respiration	\times
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apple, Banana, Pear, Orange, Peach, Plum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strawberry, cherry, Pineapple
	flowering \rightarrow

Ethephon

\downarrow
Ethylene

- \rightarrow Ripening
- \rightarrow Abscission - fruits, Flowers, leaves

\rightarrow hasten fruit ripening in tomatoes, apples.

Thinning of walnuts, cherry, cotton (NCERT)

★ Abscicic acid is antagonistic to G.A.

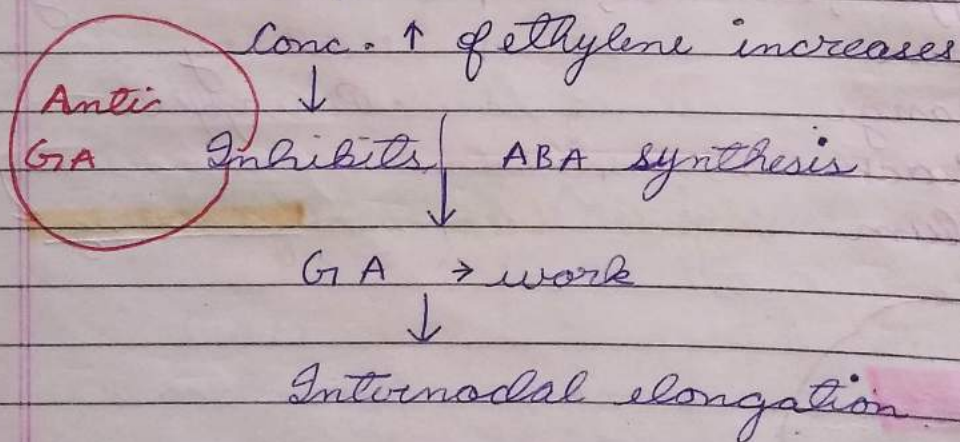
2 Triple response.

- Prevents stem elongation
- swelling of axis (causes)
- Horizontal growth of seedling. (causes)

★ 3 Promote root growth / root hair formation.

4 Internodal Elongation / elongation of petiole in deep water plants.

Ethylene ↓, Diffusion



5 Flowering → Pineapple

• Synchronising fruit set

• Mango (Induces flowers in)

☆. Female flowers → Cucumber

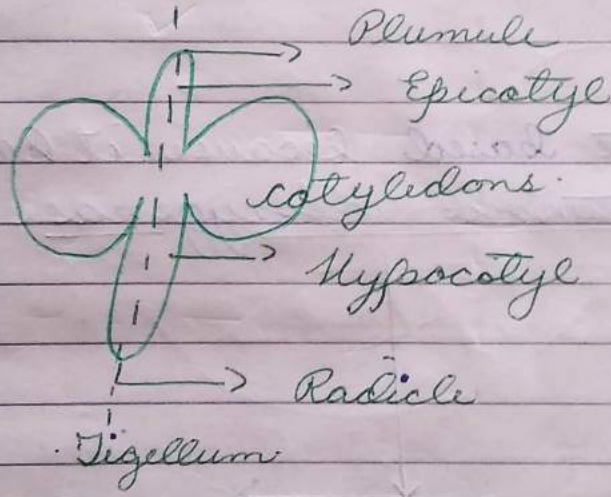
[6] Breaks seed & bud dormancy

[7] Seed germination in pea-nut.

[8] Apical hook - Dicot seedling
Plumule → Protect

☆ sprouting of potato tubers

EMBRYO



Seed Germination

Hypogeal

☆ Epicotyl forms first
Cotyledons → Inside soil

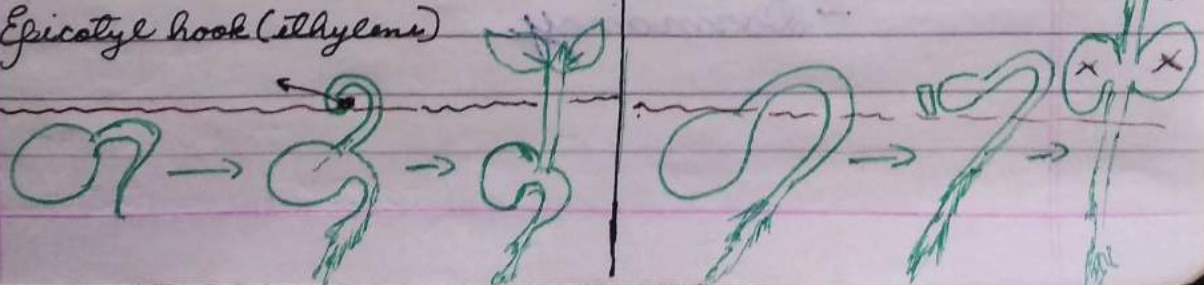
Epigeal

Hypocotyl develop first
Come out of soil

Mango, Fabaceae family

Caster, onion,
Mustard.

Epicotyl hook (ethylene)



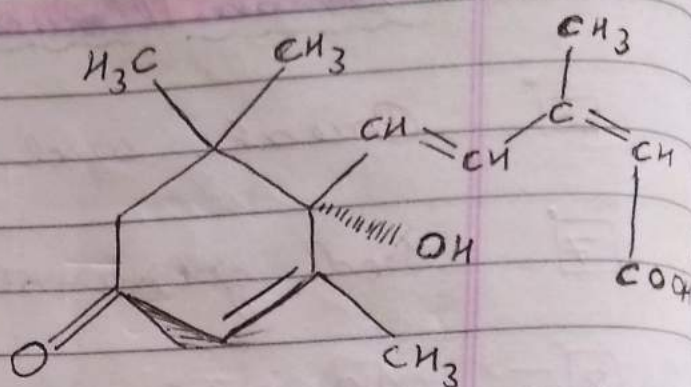
Abscisic acid

History

Inhibitor - B ✓

Abscission - II ✓

Dormin ✓



Abscisic acid

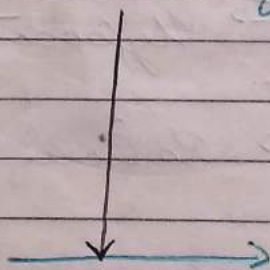
Formation

Chloroplast based because it has enzyme
Epoxy carotenoid dioxygenase

Precursor

40 carbon

Violaxanthin



15 carbon

ABA

Detravitatory
Terpene derivative
cis-compound

Function :

- Seed - development
- maturation
- Dormancy

Anti GA

GA	ABA
Genes on	off
α amylase ✓	α amylase ✗

2

ABA

↓
Efflux of K^+ ions
from
Guard cells

↓
K Malate ↓

↓
OP ↓

↓
Stomata closure.

STRESS
Hormone

3 Flowering → SDP (Short day plant)

4 Parthenocarpy → Rose.

5 Roots → Guy. (formation)

6 Cambial activity → ↓ decreases

Roles



PGR

- Complementary

- Antagonistic

- Individualistic

- Synergistic

Regulated
by > 1 PGR

- Seed dormancy

- Bud "

- Abscission

- Senescence

- Apical dominance

→ Abscissa acid, ethylene

Auxin, ethylene

Photomorphogenesis

Blue light dependent

Red light dependent

- Stomatal opening
- Phototropism
- Chloroplast movement

- Seed germination
- Flowering
- Pollen germination
- Anthocyanin synthesis
- Stomatal differentiation
- Cleistogamy

Phototropin

↓
pigment which absorbs blue light.

↓
pigment absorbing red light

Phytochrome

Seed Germination

• Borthwick and Hendrick

- Different wavelength → seed germination of light.

☆

Seed

Red

660nm

Gr ✓

• Seed germination depends on red light.

Seed

Far Red

730nm

Gr x

• Seed germination depends on last exposure of light to seed

Seed

R + FR

Gr x

Seed

R + FR + R

Gr ✓

Bullter: extracted phytochrome.

Phytochrome

Halaprotein

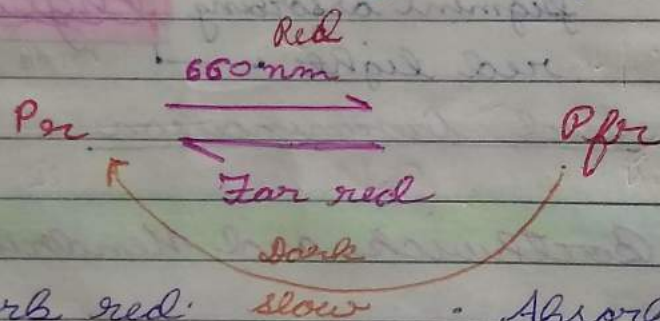
Apoprotein

Chromophore

Protein ✓
Kinase

Protein X
Light absorbⁿ

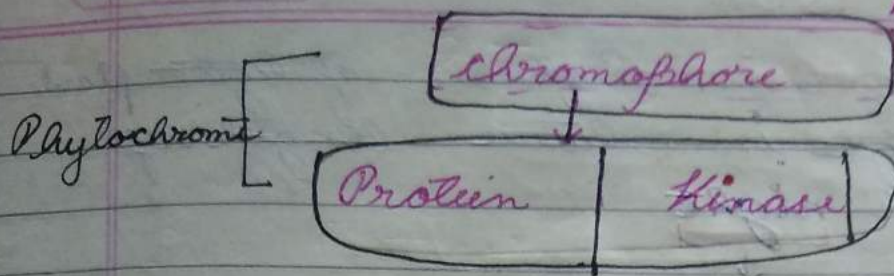
Two forms of phytochrome.



- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| • Absorb. red. | • Absorb. far red. |
| • Cis form | • Trans form |
| • Blue | • Y-G (yellowish-green) |
| • Inactive | • Active |
| • Stable | • Unstable |

Pfr is responsible for seed germination.

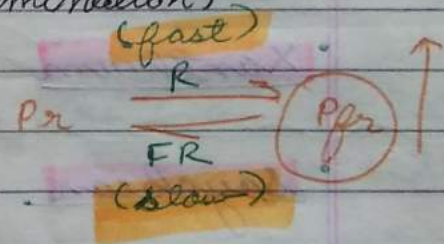
Pfr is unstable because even in the absence of far red light it is converted into Pr.



- Phytochrome
↓ Activate
- Phosphorylation of Proteins
↓ Activate
- Transcription factors
↓

Gene → G.A (Gibberellic acid)

R → G₁✓ (Germination)
FR → G₁X



Natural seed
↓

White light ⇒ Red light
(R, FR)

White light has net effect is equivalent to Red light as conversion of Pr to Pfr is faster.

- Photoperiodism**: Response of ~~light~~ plant to changes in relative length of day and night

Photoperiod Skotoperiod

3 Types



SDP
 (short)

LDP
 (long)

DNP

RADS X

• Rice

• Wheat

• Maize

• Xanthium

• Barley

• Sunflower

• Soybean

• Oat

• Cucumber

• Dahlia

• Henbane
WHO-B

• Tomato

• Aster

• Larkspur

• Pepper

MP1-SC

- Critical light period = photo period
- Critical dark period = skoto period

SDP

LDP

- Dark period - IMP
- Long night plants (LNP)
- Short night plants (SNP)
- Photoperiod: important

Flowering

- Autumn, winter, early spring
- Summer, Late spring

$$\frac{P_n}{P_{pr}} > 1$$

$$\frac{P_{pr}}{P_n} > 1$$

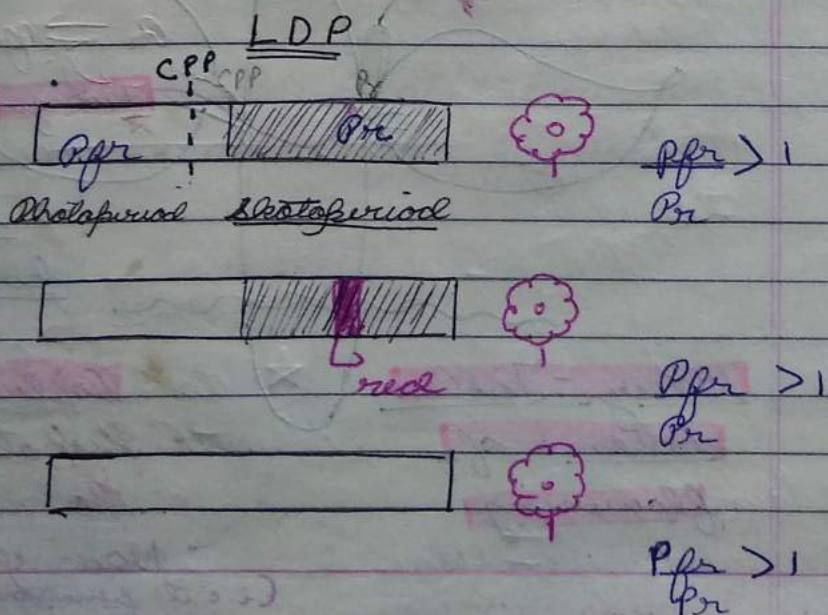
• eg Xanthium

• eg Henbane

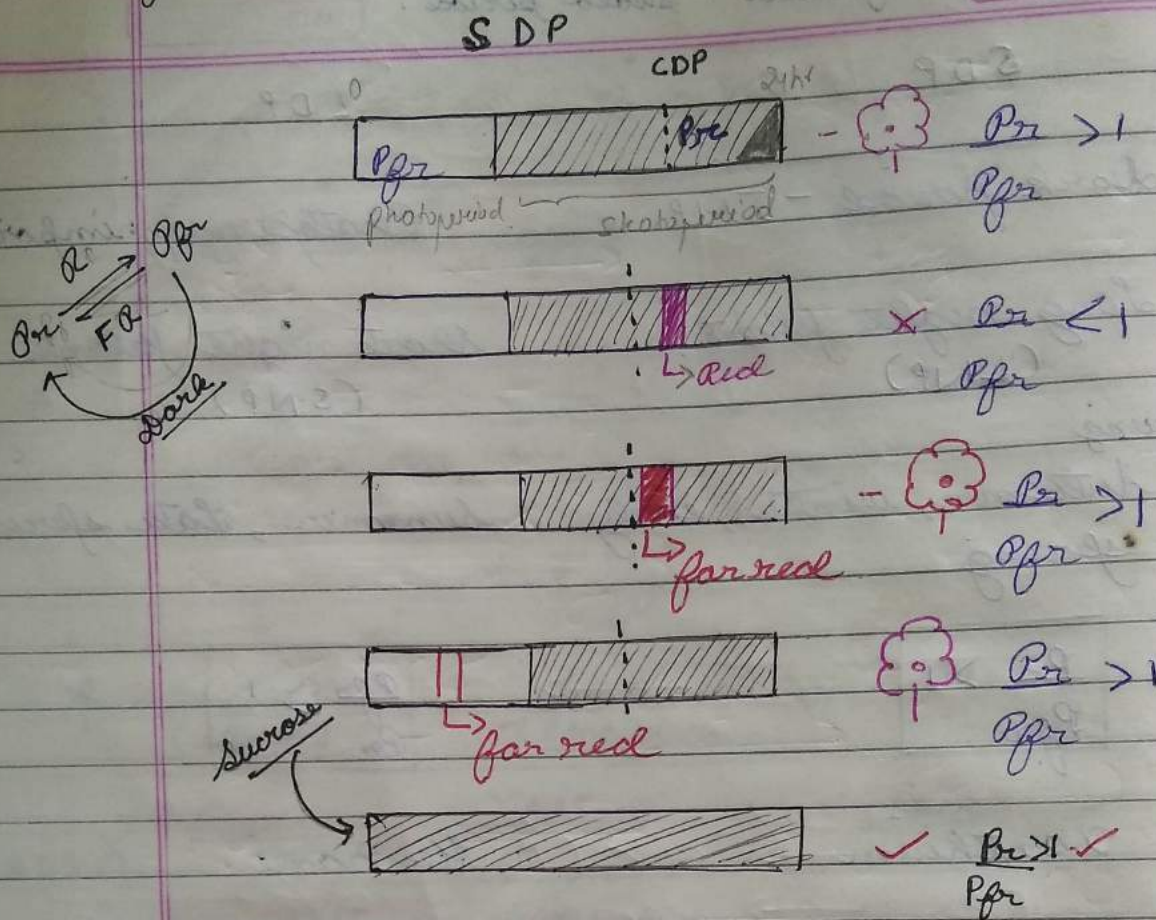
- Critical light period < 15.5 hrs
- Critical light phase > 11 hrs

✓ "Dark" > 8.5 hrs

"Dark" < 13 hrs

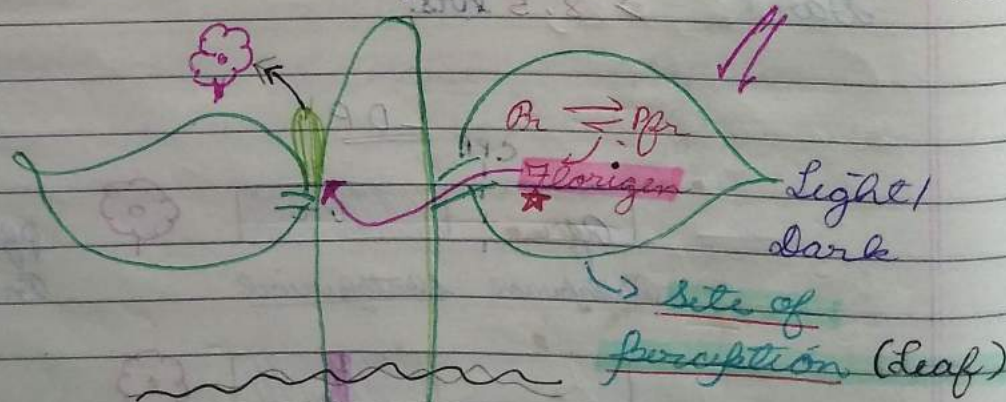


★ Florigen is a hypothetical hormone



D N P

Independent of photoperiod



Wentz - Fuller
Scheme of
flowering

★ Lajlakajan
• Hypothetical
Hormone
• Non-specific hormone
(i.e. its functions in all species is same)

LDP

× Photoperiod

but if given

GA

F✓ (flowering)

SDP

× Dark period

but if given

ABA

F✓

Florigen

not correct, photoperiod

Components

not correct dark ^{period}

GA (deficient)

GA (suff.)

Anthracin (suff. def)

Anthracin (def)

Vernalisation →

Lysenko

Springification

Yarouisation

Yarouisation

Quantitative and Qualitative dependance ^{of plant} on low temperature for flowering

• Annuals

• Wheat

• Barley

• Rye

winter
variety

spring
variety

- Long duration variety can be converted into short duration variety by vernalisation.

Spring Variety Wheat

W
SP
Su
A

Feb



April / May
(Mature)

- Short duration variety
- High yielding
- Low temp x (not required)
- Winter variety

Winter Variety

Sept / Oct

Dec. Low temp

April / May
(Mature)

- Long duration
- High yielding
- Low temperature (required)

Winter variety

OO seeds

Soak

low temp
artificial
0-5°C

Early flowering

Biennials

W
Sp
Su
A

Sugar beet

Carrot

Cabbage

Low Temperature

Spring
Ist year

Su, A, W

Spring
Flowering
II year

Seed

• Low temp.

• Flowering I year

★ Low temperature can convert Biennials → into Annuals

★ Vernalin is an hypothetical hormone.

Requirements

- (i) Seed hydrated - 50% H_2O
- (ii) Aerobic conditions
- (iii) Proper nutrition
- (iv) Low temperature $0-5^\circ C \rightarrow$ few days - weeks

Melcher
(Scientist)

Hormone

Vernalin (Hypothetical)

GA substance

- (v) ① Seed
↓
Embryo
Site of perception
 - ② Young Plant
↓
SAM (shoot apical meristem)
- Site of perception

Photoperiodism

Vernalisation

- 1 Site of perception
→ - Leaves → - Meristem
- 2 Differentiated cells Undifferentiated cells
- 3 Florigen ← Hypothetical → Vernalin
- 4 Phytochrome chemical X
- 5 LDP → GA All → GA
- 6 All plants • Temperate } Plants
• Arctic

Plant Movements

Locomotion

• whole organism /
cellular constituents

Factor involved

Internal

External

Autonomous /
Spontaneous
movement

Induced /
Paratonic /
Tactic
movement.

Curvature

Plant organs

Differentiated
Growth

Change
in TP

Growth

Variation

A

I

A

I

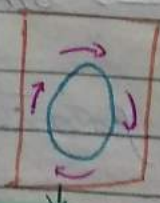
A = autonomous I = induced

Locomotion

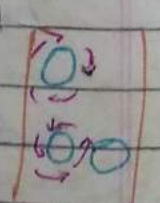
⇒ Autonomous

• Liliary / Flagellary mov	Amoeboid movement
• Chlamydomonas	- Amoeba
• Volvox	- Slime moulds
• Paramecium	- Plasmodium

• Cytoplasmic
streaming
Rotation Circulation



Hydrilla
Nostoc



Stomatal
hair of
Tradescantia

⇒ Induced

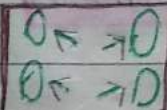
• Phototactic movement

→ Chlamydomonas

→ Chloroplast

★ P Parastrophic

High light



E Epistrophic

Moderate light



A Anastrophic

Low light



Chemotactic

• Antherozooids of
Bryophytes, Pterido-
phytes

• Slime mould →

Myxomycetes

Rheotactic : H_2O

currents

Thermotactic : Temp.

Galvanotactic : Electric
tactic movement current

★ When light intensity is high, the arrangement of chloroplast is parallel to the walls in mesophyll cells.

Survivance Movement

- Growth
- Autonomous movement

Nastic

Fast

Variation/
Growth

A / I

Non-

directional

organs

Asymmetrical
Leaf

Tropic

Slow

Growth movements

always Induced

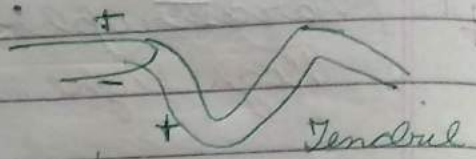
Directional
movement.

Cylindrical organs
stem, root

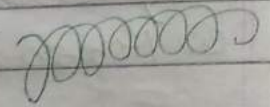
(ii)

Mutation

Runners



differentiate growth



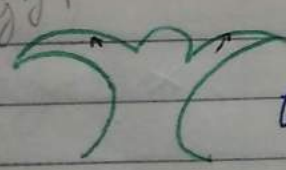
circumnutation

(i) Nastic Movement

Epinasty

More growth: Upper side ↑

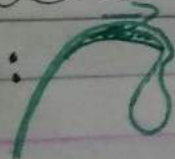
opening of flower



opening of
flower

Uncoiling of leaf.

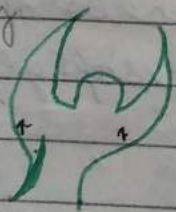
Papyrus:



Hypostasty

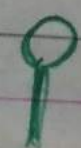
Lower side ↑

closing of flower



closing
of flower.

coiling of
young leaf - in
ferns.



Geotropism / Gravitropism / Barytropism.

Signature : Aravindh
 ⇒ Induced movement

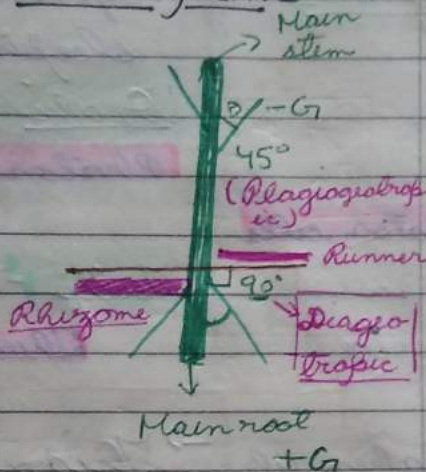
• Phototropic

stem = +P
 Root = -P

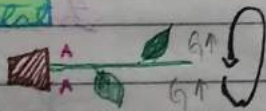
Heliotropic
 chamber



Geotropism



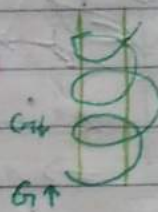
Clinostat



Haptotropism

Thigmotropism

Tendrils



Due to touch

Chemotropism



• Hydro-
-tropic

stem - H
 root + H

• Aerotropism

• Pneumatophora

Heliotropic chamber is used to study positive phototropism.

45° Plagiogeotropism
 root, shoot branches

90° Diageotropism

rhizome	runner
below	above
soil	soil

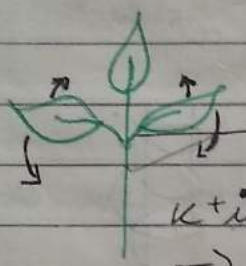
In clinostat effect of gravity is nullified as the plant is rotated, hence the concentration of auxin is same on both sides.

Curvature: Variation

Autonomous

Induced

• Desmodium gyrans



Motor cells

K^+ ions loss
 \Rightarrow flaccid

K^+ ion taken up
 \Rightarrow Turgid

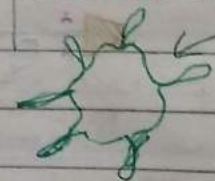
• Nyctinasty \rightarrow
sleeping movements

Oxalis, Marsilea -
Photonastic (light)

Tulip \rightarrow Temperature
Thermonastic

\rightarrow Thigmonasty \rightarrow Touch

Insectivorous \rightarrow Dionaea
Drosera
Lingualia



Leaf

3

Seismonasty

(shock movement)
touch sensitive plantMimosa Pudica

Thick

Thin

T.P

on touch.

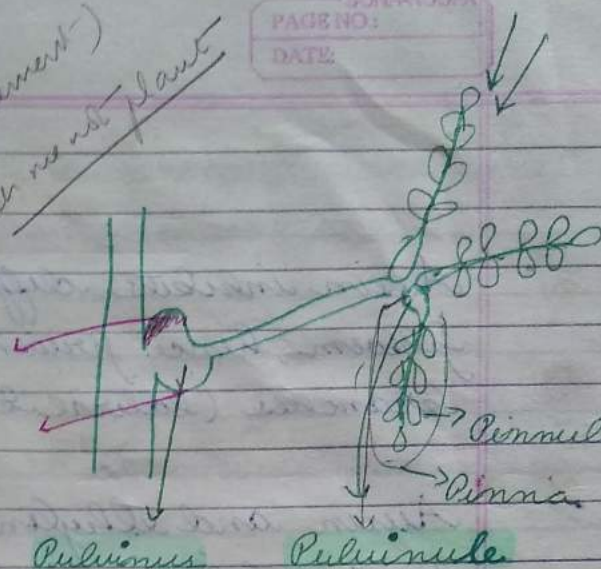
Turgorin (Hormone)

Pulvinus / Pulvinule

 K^+ efflux

Flaccid

droop down



- Auxin inhibits differentiation of xylem and phloem, hence preventing the formation of branches (lateral bud growth).
- Auxin and ethylene promote apical dominance but cytokinin counteracts it.
- Ethylene forms cellulase and pectinase in separation layer of abscission zone.
- Traumatic acid is a type of auxin.
- Gibberallic acid can cause elongation even in genetically dwarf variety of pea and maize.
- Only gibberallic acid leads to formation of male flowers.
- Ethylene causes ripening only in climacteric fruits.
- Ethylene cannot cause ripening in pineapple but it can initiate its ripening.
- GA is main hormone for seed germination although ethylene causes seed germination in peanut.

• For germination of seed red light is required and last exposure decides whether germination will occur or not.

• In photoperiodism, site of perception is leaf but in vernalisation it is meristematic tissue.