

## 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

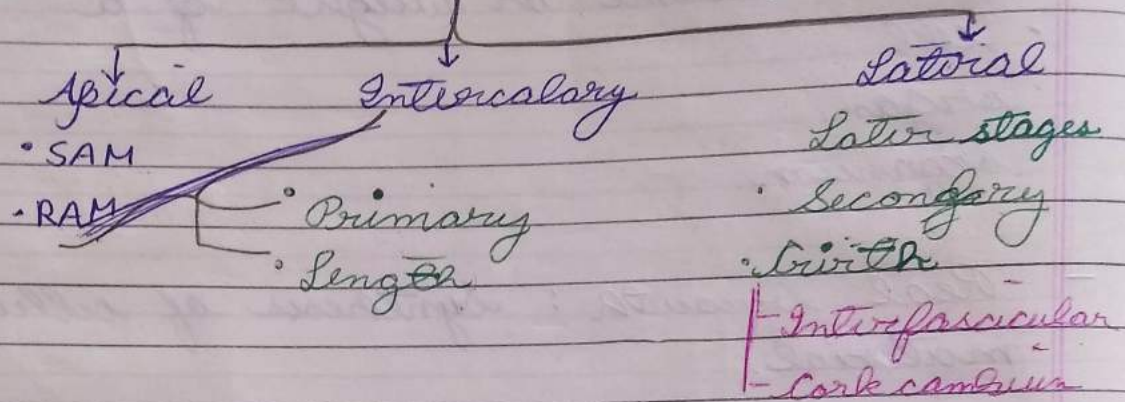




- In animals growth is limited and no. of cells do not increase.

## Plant growth features:

1. **Localised**: Specific areas  
- Meristem



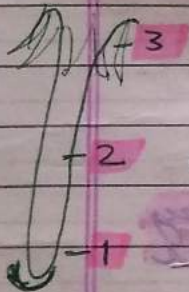
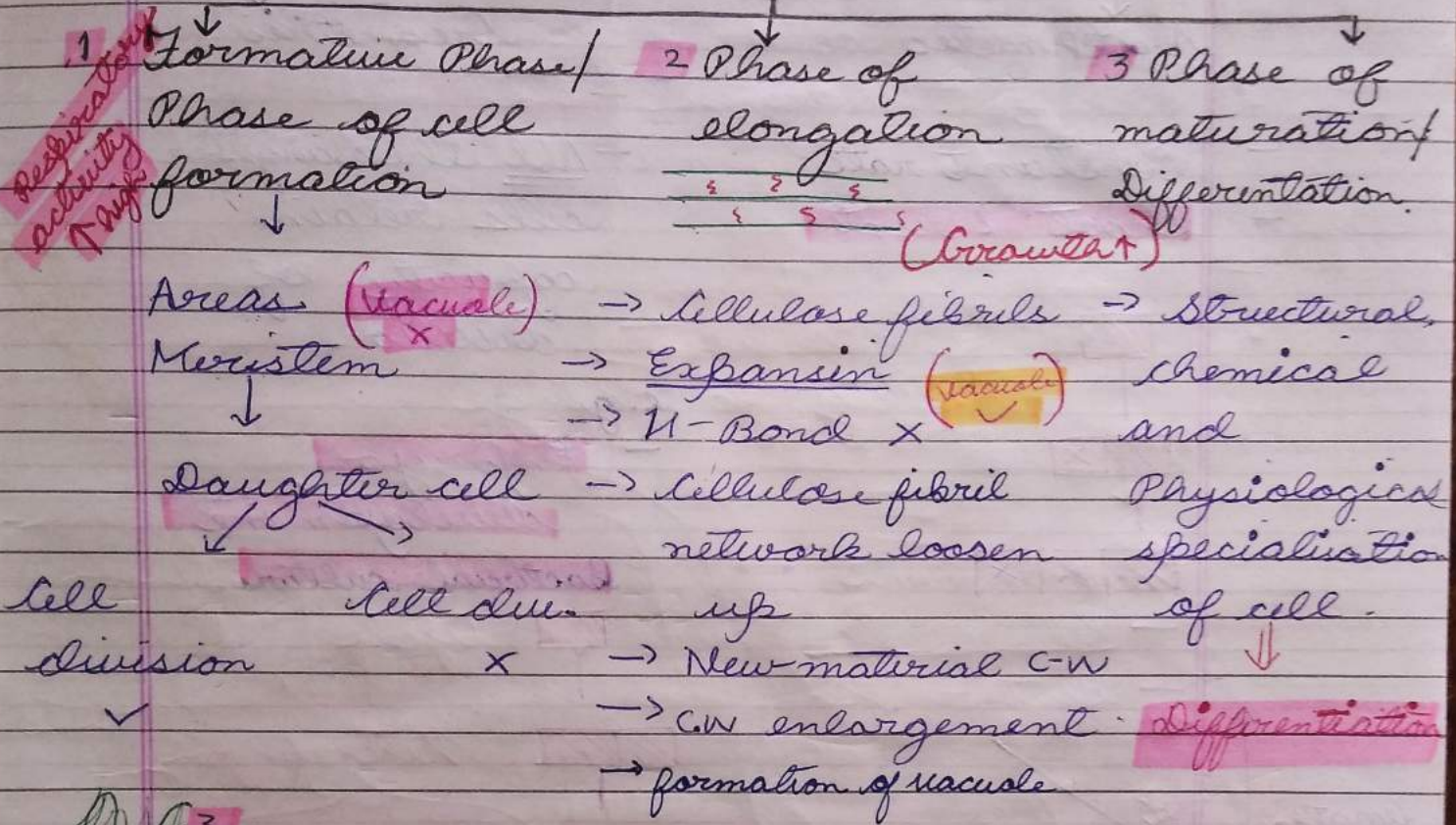
2. Unlimited growth
3. Open growth
4. Increase no. of growth organs.
5. Juvenile → Mature stages  
structure of mature stage is different from that in juvenile stage.



- 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.



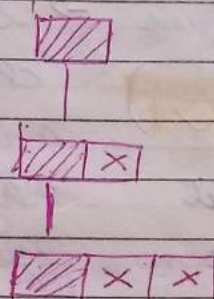
# Growth Rate

Arithmetic

Geometric

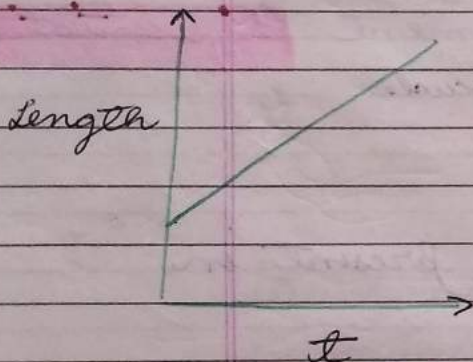
- Constant rate
- shoot & root

- All the daughter cells retain capacity of division



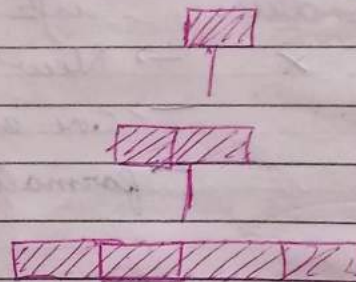
e.g.

- Embryo development
- Bacterial culture

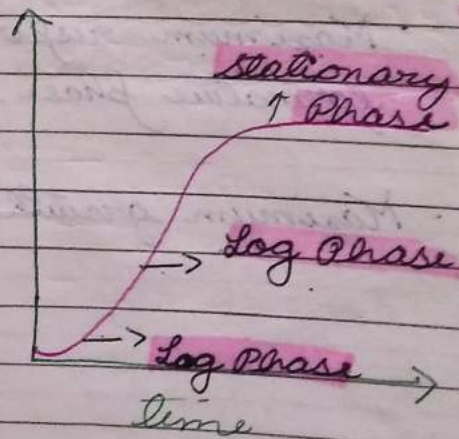


$$L_t = L_0 + rt$$

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



ult

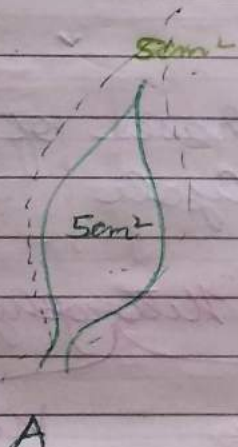
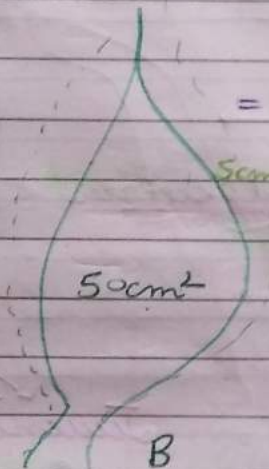


$$W_t = W_0 e^{rt}$$

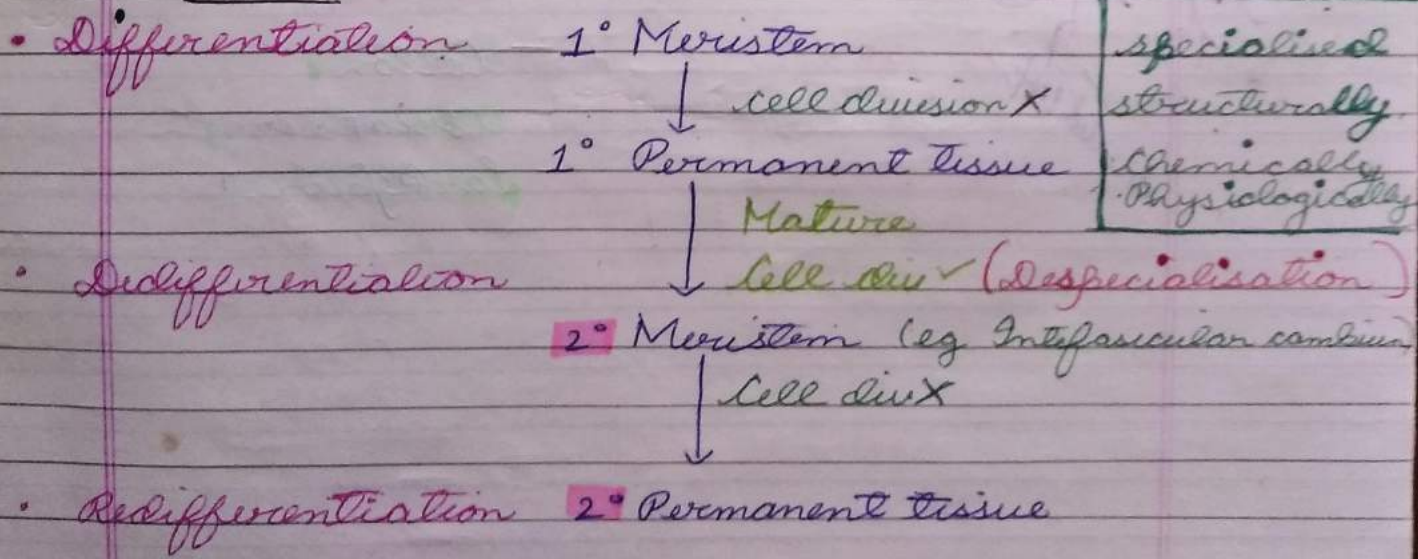


**A.G.R :** Absolute Growth Rate  
 = Growth per unit time  
 =  $A = B = 5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{day}$

**R.G.R :** Relative growth rate

$\frac{\text{Growth}}{\text{Initial Size}} \times 100$	A	>	B
		$= \frac{5}{5} \times 100$ $= 100\%$	$\frac{5}{50} \times 100$ $= 10\%$
			

Terms



specialised  
 structurally  
 chemically  
 Physiologically



## 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

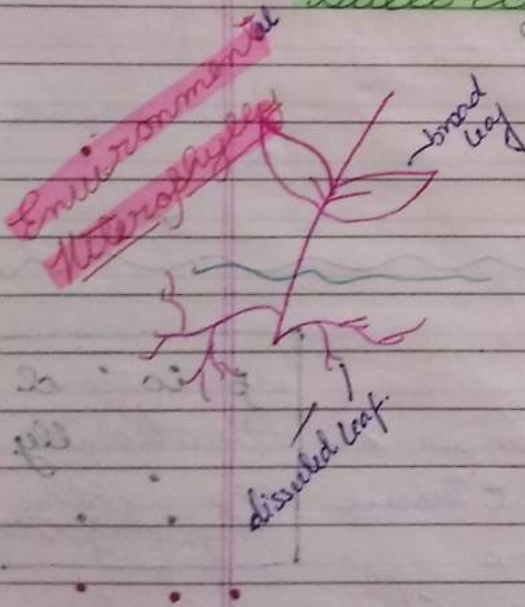
#### Heterophylly

#### Juvenile

#### Mature

#### Developmental Heterophylly

- Cotton
- Coriander
- Larkspur





# Development

controlled by

Intrinsic factors

Extrinsic factors

Intercellular

PLR's

Plant Growth

Regulators

Intracellular

Genetic

- Temp

-  $O_2$

-  $H_2O$

- Nutrients

## 5 Types

1. Auxins

2. Gibberellins

3. Cytokinins

4. Ethylene

5. ABA

Promoter (P)

I > P

Inhibitor (I)



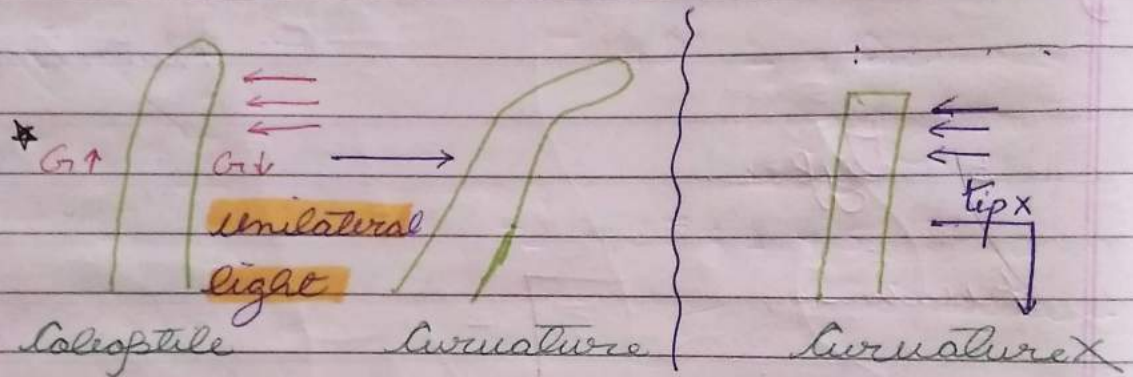
\* Differential growth leads to curvature.

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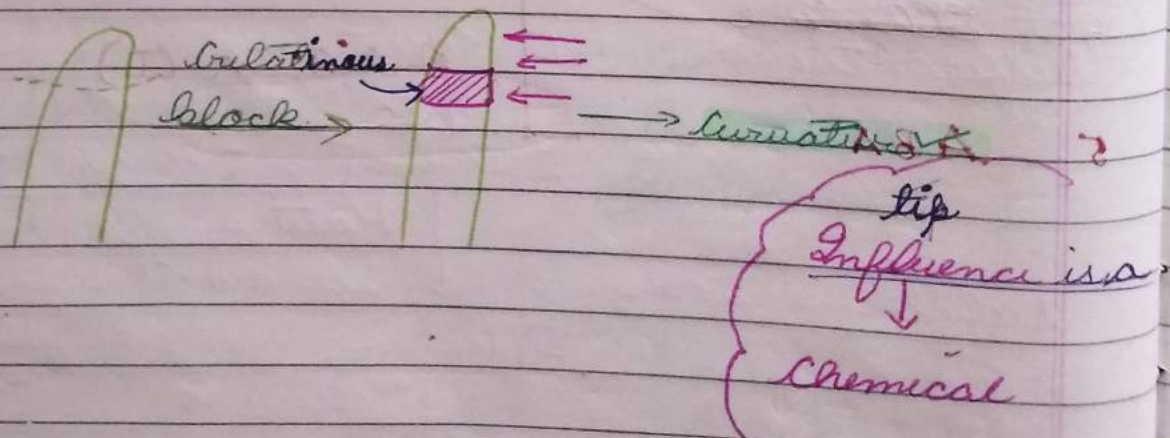
## Auxin

① Charles Darwin  
Francis "

Canary Grass  
(*Phalaris canariensis*)



② Boysen - Jensen

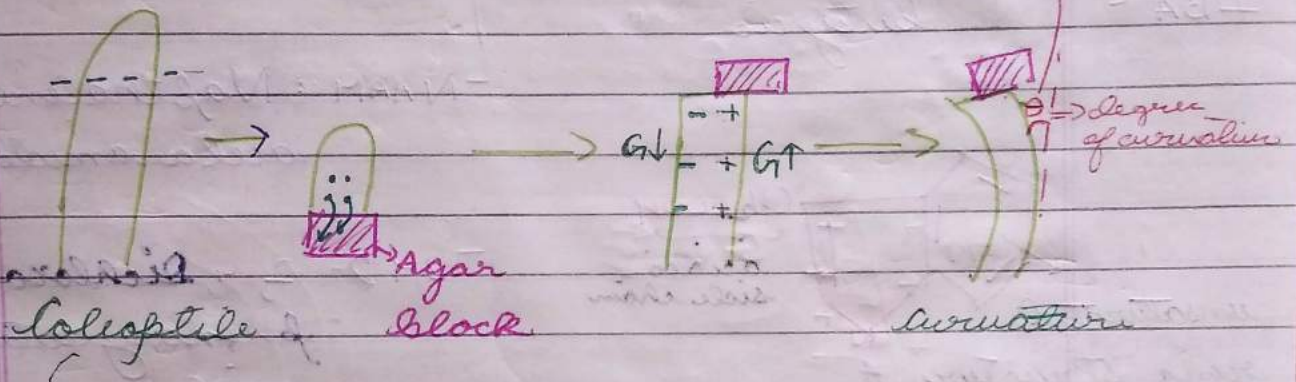




- Auxin was first extracted by Went.
- ★ Auxin first isolated from Human urine.

3 Went → gave the name auxin.

Oat seedling  
(Avena)



Auxin  
↓  
Gib. Auxin  
↓  
to grow

extracted

Bioassay of Auxin

- Avena curvature Test

• Quantitative ✓

• Qualitative ✓

- Split Pea Test

- Arabidopsis 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

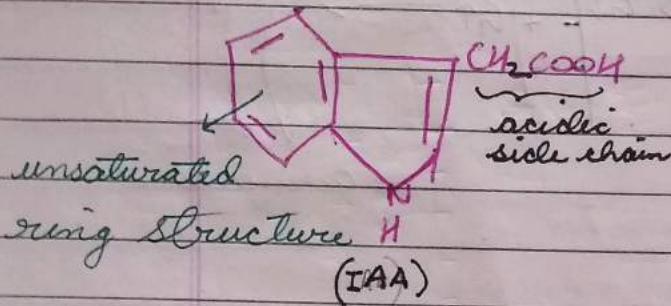
Synthetic

IAA - Indole acetic acid

NAA - Naphthalene acetic acid

IBA - " Butyric "

NAAM - Naphthalene aceta amides

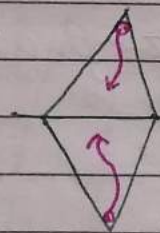


2,4,D - 2,4, Dichloro-phenoxycetic acid

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

Synthesis : Tryptophan,  $m^{+2}$

Location : Shoot tip 10 ppm  
Root tip 0.0001 ppm



"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

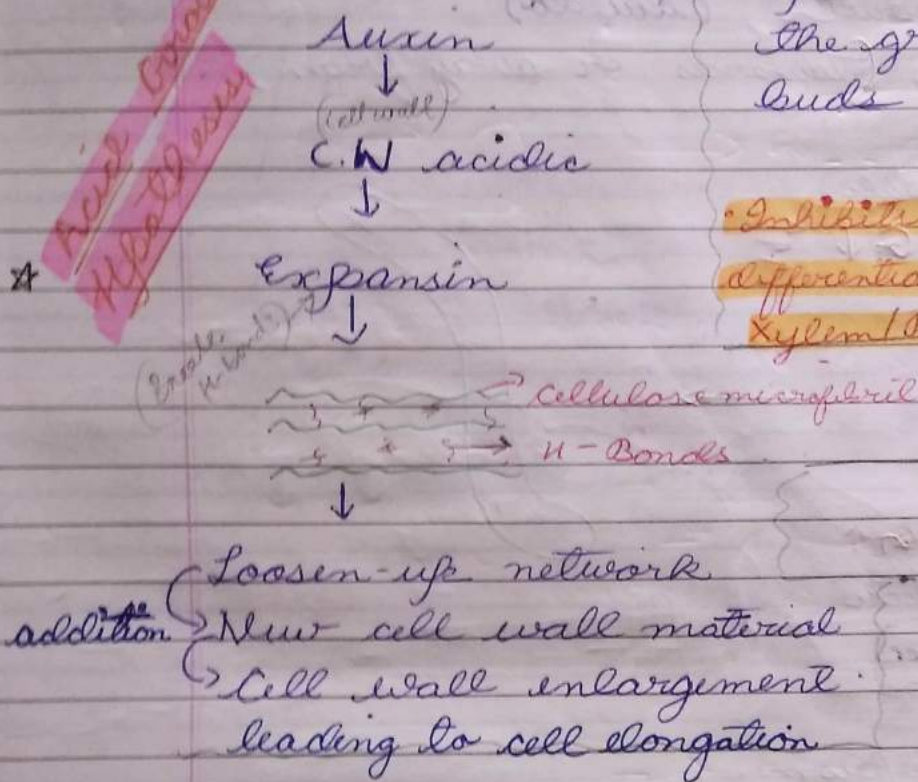
Storage purpose.



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

## • Functions

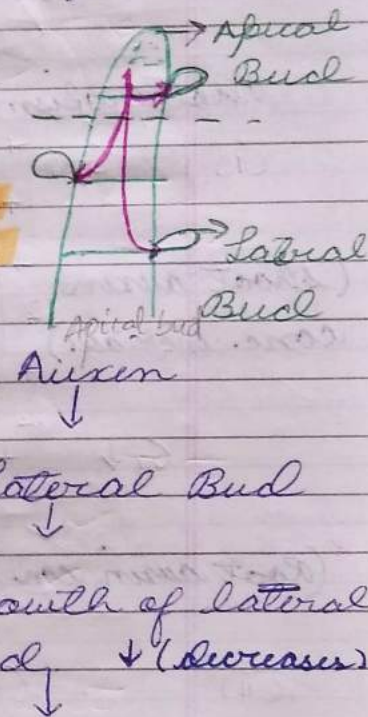
### 1. Cell Elongation



### 2. Apical Dominance

Apical bud suppresses the growth of lateral buds

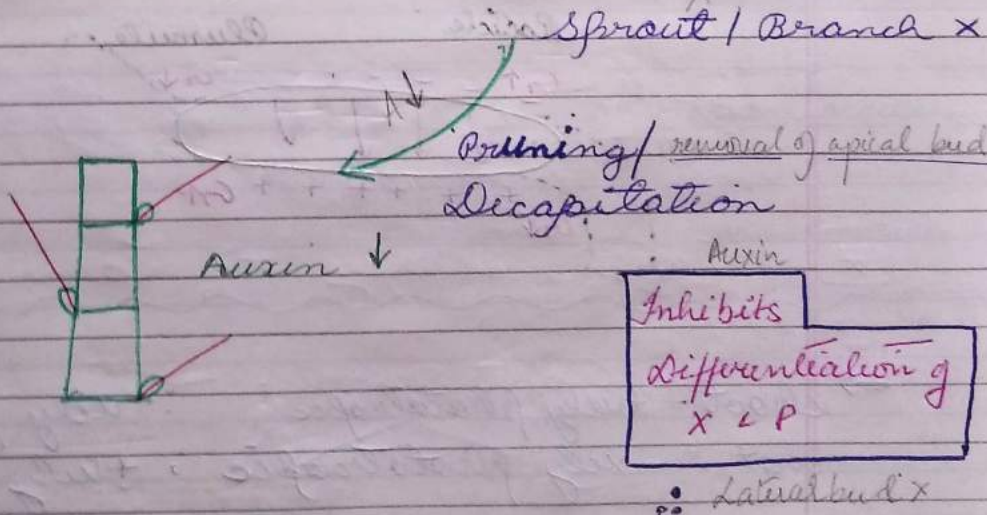
Inhibits differentiation of Xylem/Phloem



### Significance of Pruning

• Tea Plantation

• Hedge making



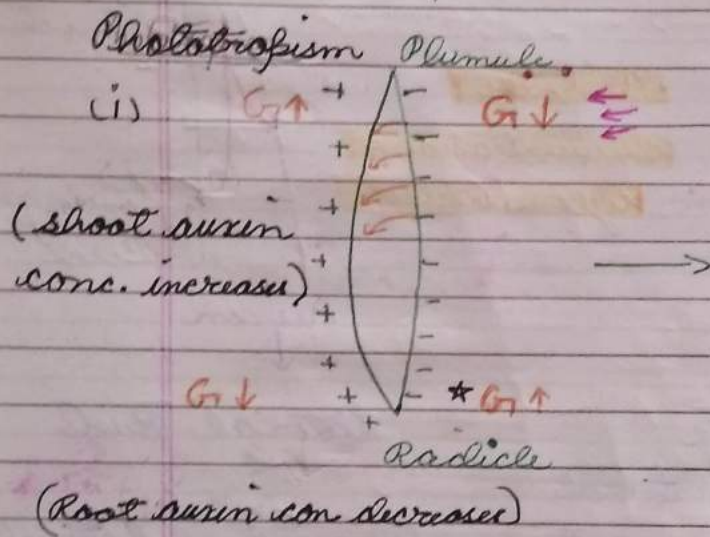


★ For root growth auxin concentration should be less.

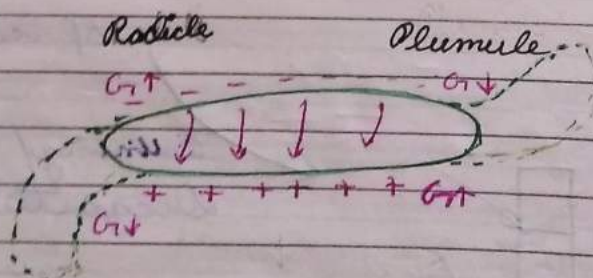
### [3] Phototropism & Geotropism

#### ◆ Tropic movements

- Curvature movements
- Cylindrical organs (shown by)
- Diff<sup>erential</sup> growth (due to)
- Stimulus (towards or away from)



#### (ii) Geotropism

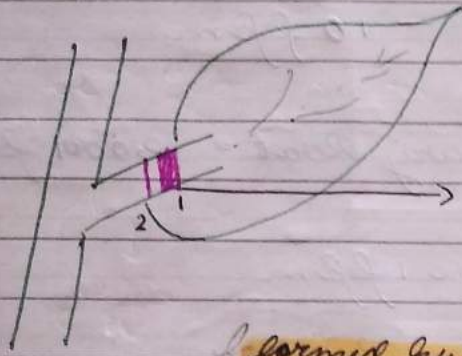


⇒ shoot = +vely phototropic ; -vely geotropic  
 root = -vely phototropic ; +vely geotropic



- 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

• Addicot & Lynch

2: Protective layer  
suberin + nt

Stem

Leaf

Abscission

A

A

A

A

start of abscission zone

A

A

abscission occurs.

5 Herbicides

2, 4, D

2, 4, 5T

Absorption ✓

Absorption ✗

• Dicot

Monocots (Insensitive)

• Broad leaf plants

Kill

✗

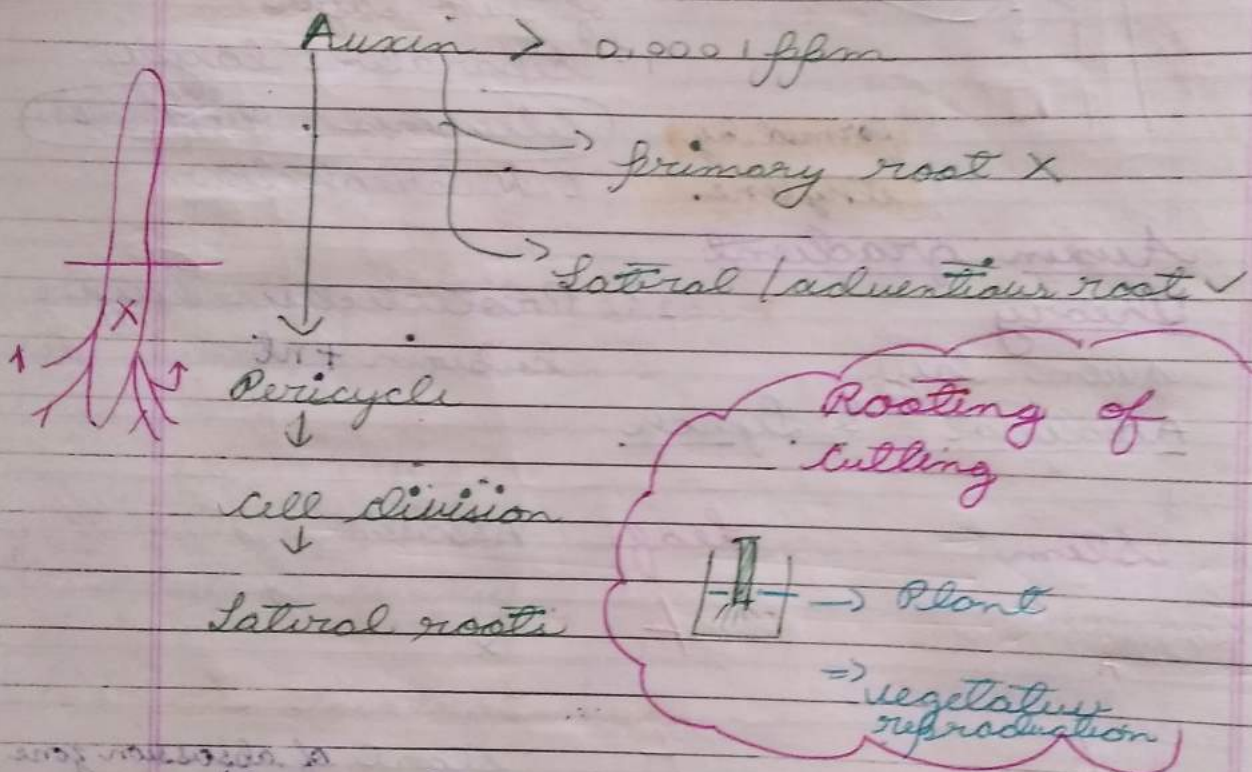


[6]

## Lateral root form

shoot growth - 10 fpm

Main Root / Primary Root = 0.0001 fpm



Also called

"RSN → Root Setting Hormone"  
**ROOTONE**

[7]

Parthenocarpy → Tomato

[8]

Root nodule → Legumes

\* Plants  
- Auxin

\* Bacteria  
Cytokinin



- \* In apples, fruits are formed on dwarf shoot.
- \* Auxin strengthens the stem of grasses.
- \* ~~auxin~~ <sup>concentrated</sup> acid is type of auxin.

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



\* Terpenes are derived from acetyl CoA hence, *isoprenoid* can also said to be derived from acetyl CoA.

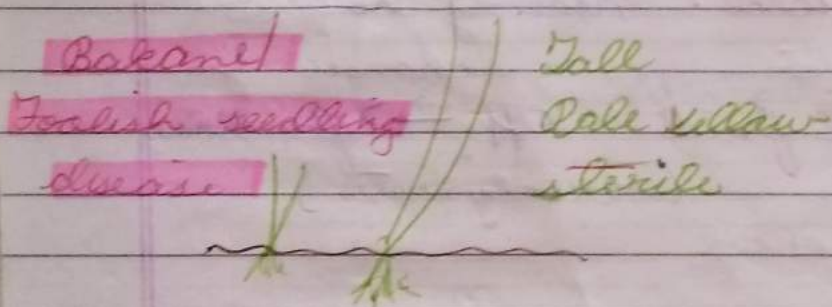
- Gibberellins

↑

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

- History:

(i) Kurosawa:



- Fungi - *Gibberella fujikori* → perfect stage  
(*Fusarium moniliforme*) → imperfect stage

2. Yabuta & Sumiki:

- *Gibberella* Hormone
- *Gibberella* acid
- 15 types of GA formed by fungi  
GA<sub>24</sub>, GA<sub>25</sub> most common in fungi

> 100 types

of GA found in plants

- GA<sub>3</sub> (most studied)



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

• Precursor:

Acetyl CoA  $\rightarrow$  Mevalonic acid  
 $\uparrow$  precursor

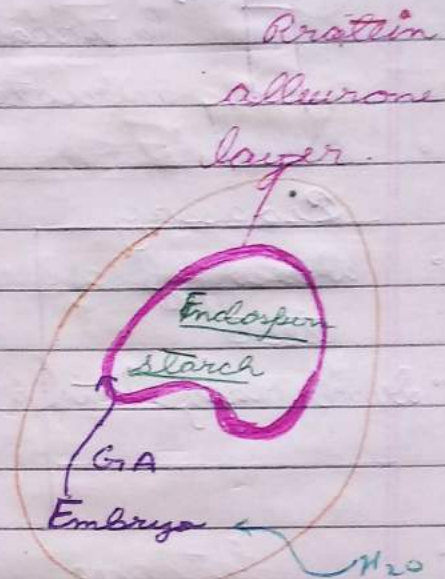
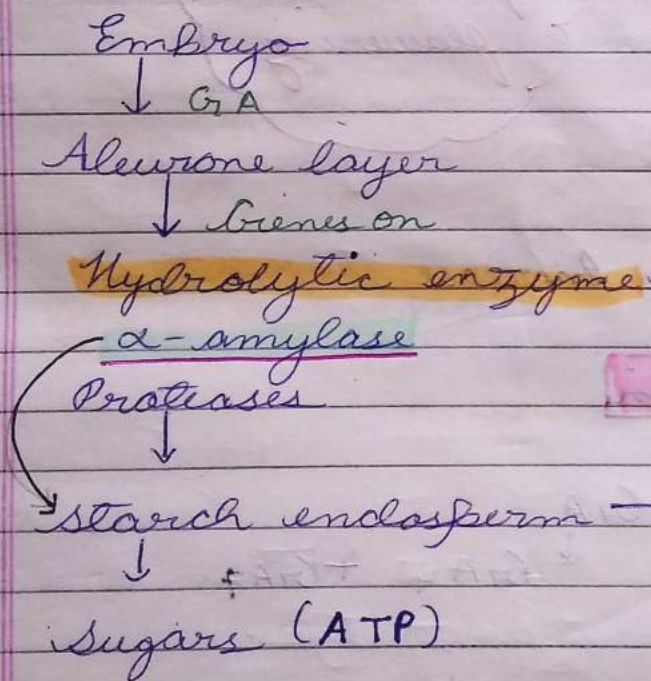
• Synthesis

• Root tip ✓

• Developing embryo ✓

• Functions  $\rightarrow$

1. Seed germination  
Barley seed



• Bioassay  
 $\alpha$ -amylase of Barley  
 endosperm test

(Male)

starch endosperm  $\rightarrow$  Maltose  $\rightarrow$  Beer

Sugars (ATP)

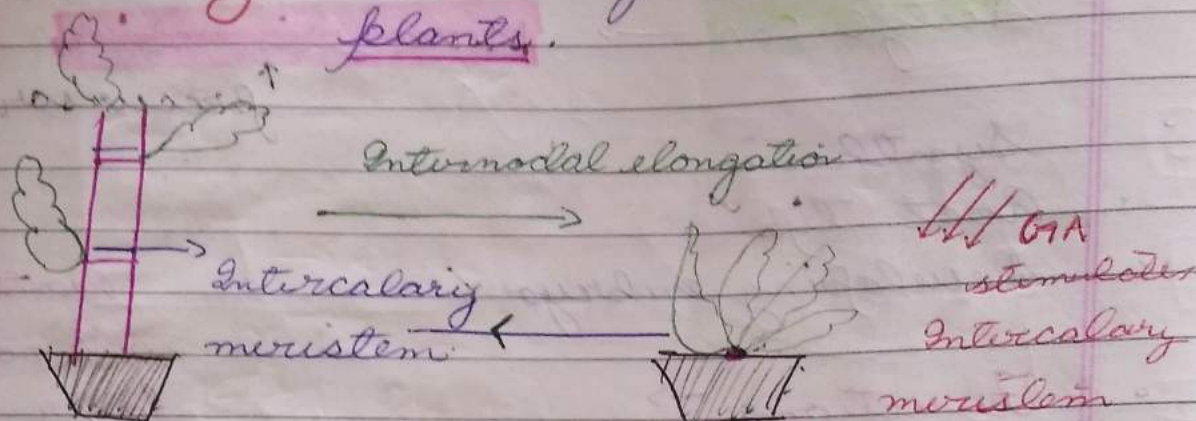
(GA<sub>3</sub>)

• 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

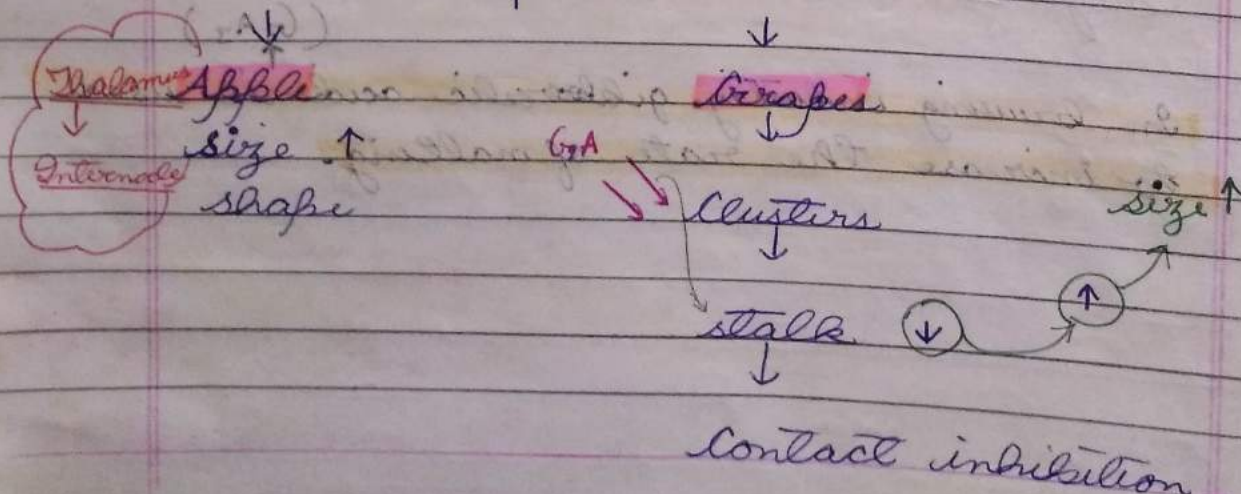
- Dwarf pea test
- Dwarf Maize Test

Beet and cabbage bolting occurs naturally prior to flowering

## 3 Fruit Size Increase

### Ripalin

CK + GA  
BAP (Benzyl amino purine) GA<sub>4</sub> + GA<sub>7</sub> (GA)





- 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 — ALOP (long day plants)

6 Male Flowers  $\rightarrow$  MISH  
(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

### Hoerring sperm DNA



### Kinetin (6-isopurpurylamino<sup>n</sup>purine)

### Letham: extracted natural cytokinin



Corn kernel and coconut milk



Zeatin

Synthesis →

- Fruits

- Shoot lateral bud

// Root tips

Precursor →

Purine

→ Adenine

→ Guanine



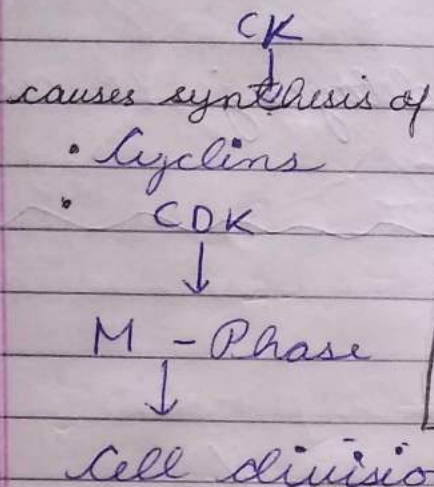


★ Cytokinin involved in formation of chloroplast.

Function:

[1]

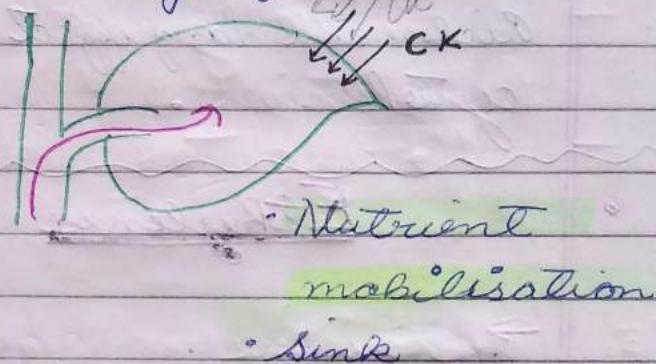
Cell division



[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

A > CK

root

CK > Auxin

shoot

= Morphogenesis / Organogenesis



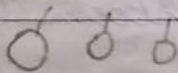
7 Flowering → Lemna (Water plant)

8 ♀ flowers

Richmond Long effect : delaying senescence by cytokinins.

## Ethylenes

→ Leucon



ripened

oranges

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

Compound: Increase  $\uparrow$  production       $\downarrow$  decrease production

(1) Ethylene

(1)  $CO_2$

(2) Auxin

(2)  $Ag^{+2}$

$\rightarrow$  Functions:

### 1 Ripening

Climacteric fruits

✓

Non-Climacteric fruits

X

Increase in  
Respiration

X

• Apple, Banana,  
Pear,  
Orange,  
Peach,  
Plum

• Strawberry  
• Cherry  
• Pineapple

flowering

### Ethephon

Ethylene

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

$\rightarrow$  hastens fruit ripening  
in tomatoes, apples.

Thinning of walnut,  
cherry, cotton (NCERT)



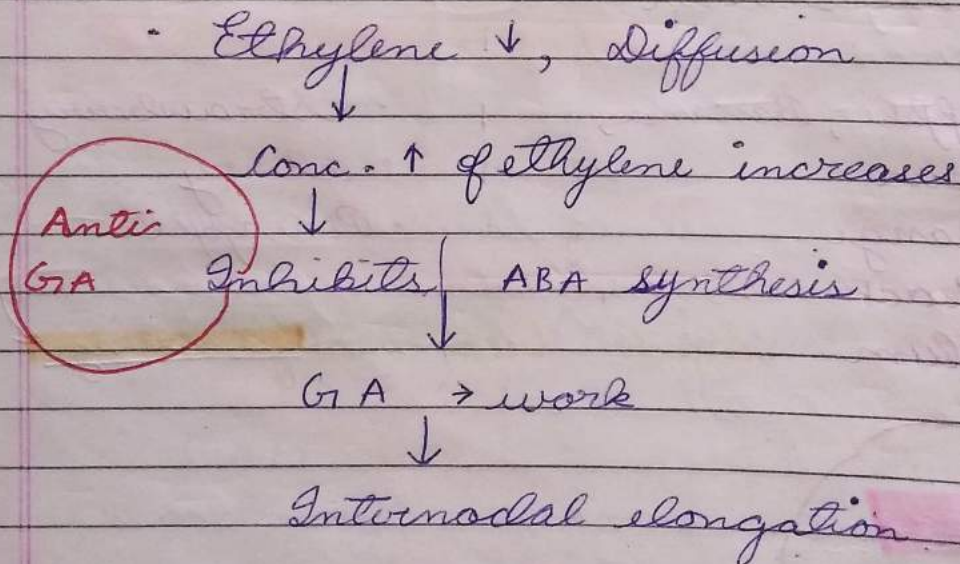
★ Abscicic acid is antagonistic to G.A.

## 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.



## 5 Flowering → Pineapple

- Synchronising fruit set

- Mango (Induces flowers in)





☆. Female flowers → Cucumber

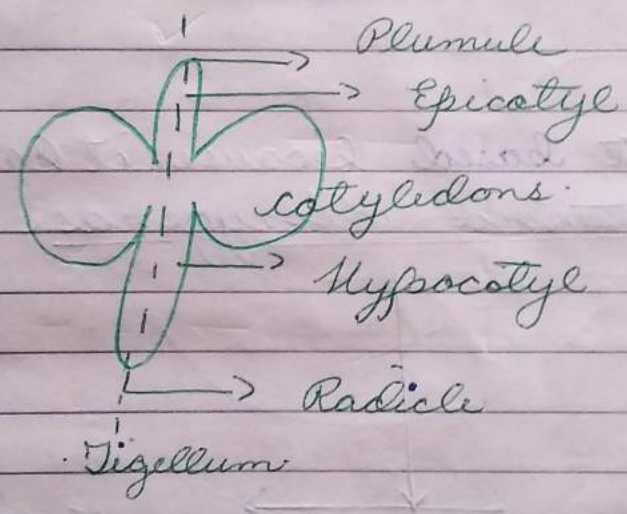
[6] Breaks seed & bud dormancy

[7] Seed germination in pea-nut.

[8] Apical hook - Dicot seedling  
Plumule → Protect

☆ sprouting of potato tubers

## EMBRYO



## Seed Germination

### Hypogeal

☆ Epicotyle forms first  
cotyledons → Inside soil

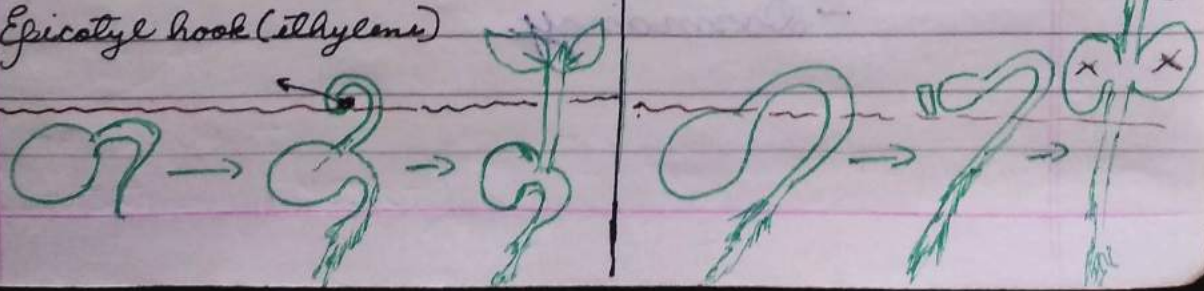
### Epigeal

Hypocotyle develop first  
Come out of soil

Mango, Fabaceae family

Castor, onion,  
Mustard.

Epicotyle hook (ethylene)





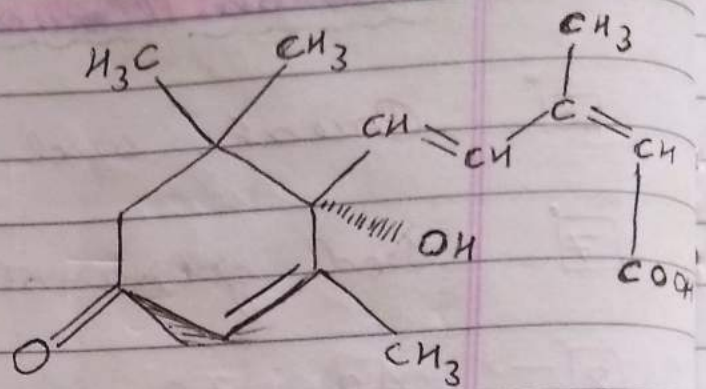
# Abscisic acid

## History

Inhibitor - B ✓

Abscission - II ✓

Dormin ✓



Abscisisic acid.

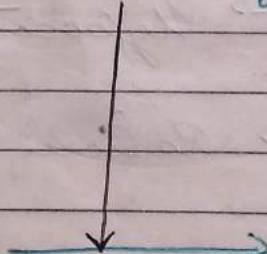
## Formation

Chloroplast based because it has enzyme  
Epoxy carotenoid dioxygenase

## Precursor

40 carbon

Violaxanthin



15 carbon

ABA

Detritivory  
Terpene derivative  
cis-compound.

## Function :

- Seed - development
- maturation
- Dormancy



## Anti GA

GA	ABA
Genes on	off
$\alpha$ -amylase ✓	$\alpha$ -amylase ✗

2

ABA

↓  
Efflux of  $K^+$  ions  
from  
Guard cells

STRESS  
Hormone

↓  
K Malate ↓

↓  
OP ↓

↓  
Stomata closure.

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

Phototropin

↓  
pigment which absorbs blue light.

↓  
pigment absorbing red light

Phytochrome

- seed germination
- Flowering
- Pollen germination
- Anthocyanin synthesis
- stomatal differentiation
- Cleistogamy

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

GrX

• Seed germination depends on last exposure of light to seed

Seed

R + FR

GrX

Seed

R + FR + R

Gr✓



Buller: extracted phytochrome.

Phytochrome

Haloprotein

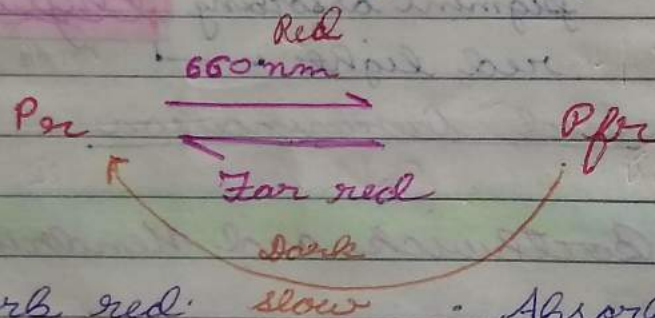
Apoprotein

Chromophore

Protein ✓  
Kinase

Protein X  
Light absorb<sup>n</sup>

Two forms of phytochrome.



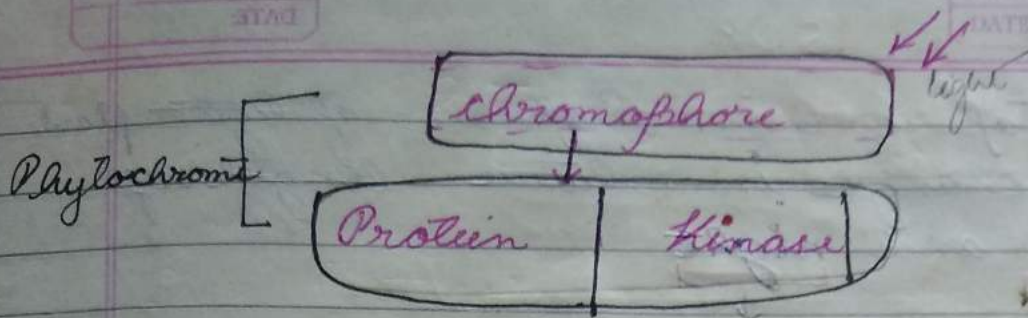
Absorb red  
cis form  
Blue  
Inactive  
Stable

Absorb far red  
Trans form  
Y-b (yellowish-green)  
Active  
Unstable

Pfr is responsible for seed germination.

Pfr is unstable because even in the absence of far red light it is converted into P<sub>pr</sub>.



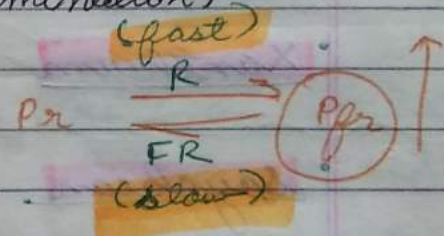


- Phytochrome  
↓ Activate
- Phosphorylation of Proteins  
↓ Activate
- Transcription factors  
↓

Gene → G.A (Gibberellic acid)

R → G<sub>1</sub>✓ (Germination)

FR → G<sub>2</sub>X



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

MPT-SC



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

SDP

LDP

• Dark period - IMP

Photoperiod: important

• Long night plants (LNP)

Short night plants (SNP)

Flowering

• Autumn, winter, early spring

Summer, Late spring

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

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

• eg. Xanthium

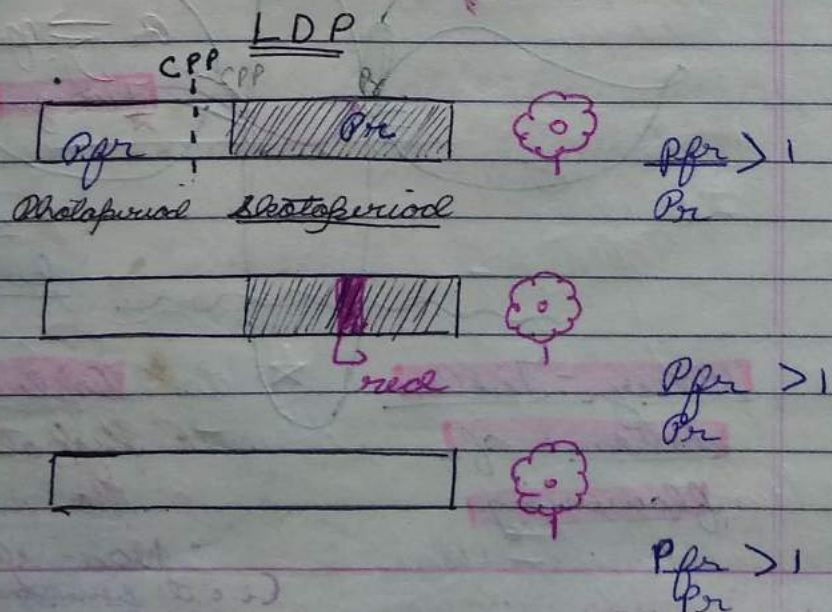
eg. Henbane

• Critical light period < 15.5 hrs

Critical light phase > 11 hrs

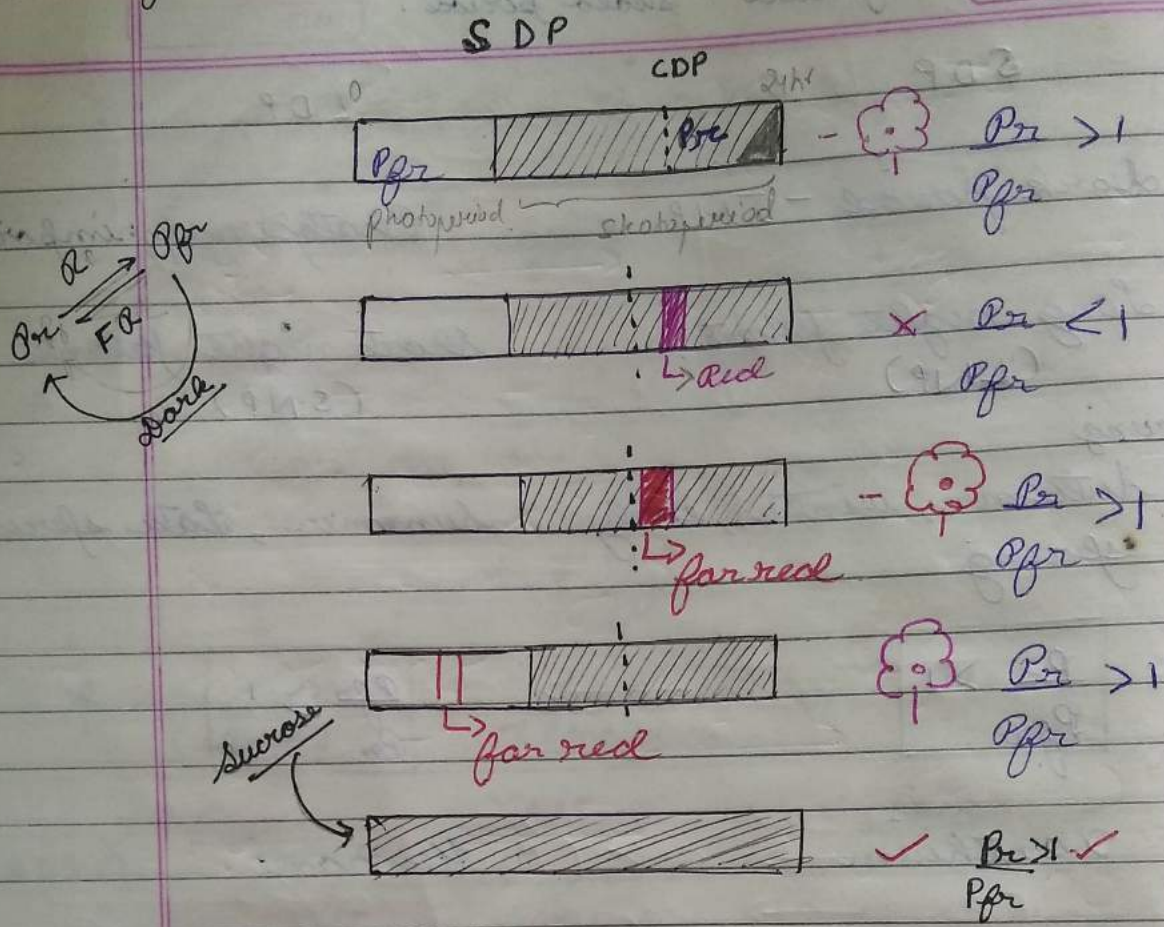
✓ "Dark" > 8.5 hrs

"Dark" < 13 hrs



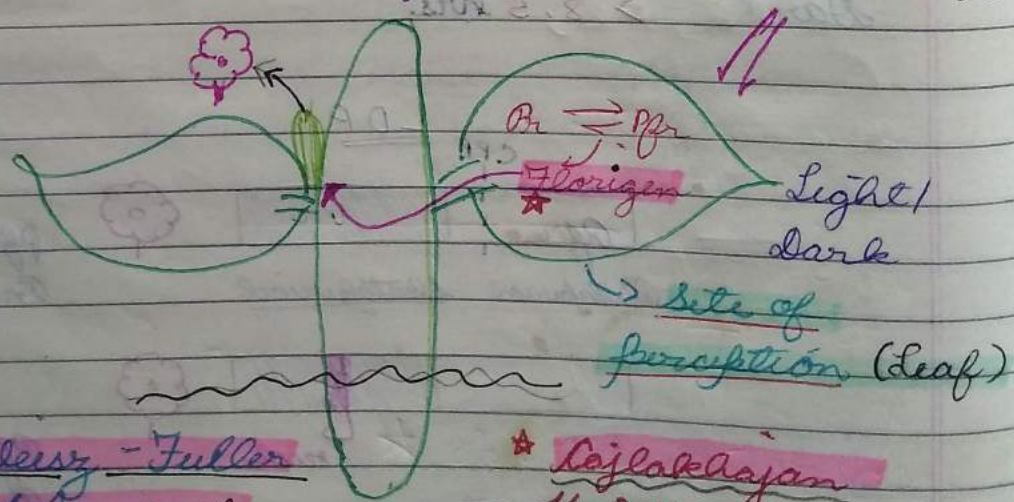


☆ Florigen is a hypothetical hormone



**D N P**

Independent of photoperiod



Wentz - Fuller  
Scheme of  
flowering

- ☆ Lajlakshyan
- 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

GA (deficient)

GA (suff.)

Anthracin (suff. def)

Anthracin (def)

Vernalisation →

Lysenko

Springification

Yarouisation

Yarouisation

Quantitative and Qualitative dependance  
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  $\longrightarrow$  April / May  
(Mature)

- Short duration variety
- High yielding
- Low temp  $\times$  (not required)
- Winter variety

## Winter Variety

Sept / Oct  $\xrightarrow{\text{low temp Dec}}$  April / May  
(Mature)

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

Winter variety  
○○ seeds  
Soak  
low temp  
artificial  
0-5°C

Early flowering

## Biennials

W  
Sp  
Su  
A

Sugar beet

Carrot

Cabbage

Spring  
Ist year

Low Temperature

Su, A, W

Spring  
Flowering  
II year

Seed

• Low temp.

• Flowering I year

★ Low temperature can convert Biennials  $\rightarrow$  into Annuals



★ Vernalin is an hypothetical hormone.

### Requirements

- (i) Seed hydrated - 50%  $H_2O$
- (ii) Aerobic conditions
- (iii) Proper nutrition
- (iv) Low temperature  $0-5^\circ C$  → few days - weeks
- (v)
  - ① Seed  
↓  
Embryo  
Site of perception
  - ② Young Plant  
↓  
SAM (shoot apical meristem) } Site of perception

Melcher  
(Scientist)

Hormone

Vernalin (Hypothetical)

GA substance

### Photoperiodism

### Vernalisation

- 1 Site of perception  
→ Leaves  
→ Meristem
- 2 Differentiated cells  
Indifferentiated 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

• Ciliary /  
Flagellary mov

Amoeboid  
movement

• Chlamydomonas

- Amoeba

• Volvox

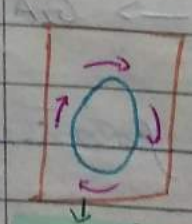
- Slime moulds

• Paramecium

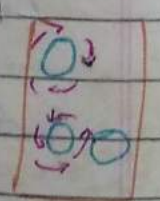
• Plasmodium

• Cytoplasmic  
streaming

Rotation Circulation



Hydrilla  
Najas



Stomatal  
hair of  
Tradescantia



## ⇒ Induced

### • Phototactic movement

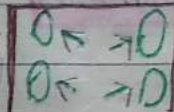
→ Chlamydomonas

→ Chloroplast

★ P

Parastrophic

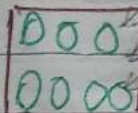
High light



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Epistrophic

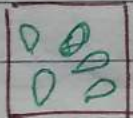
Moderate light



A

Anastrophic

Low light



### • Chemotactic

• Anthozooids of Bryophytes, Pteridophytes

• Slime mould →

Myxomycetes

Rheotactic :  $H_2O$

currents

Thermotactic : Temp.

Gaolano : → Electric  
tactic movement current.

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



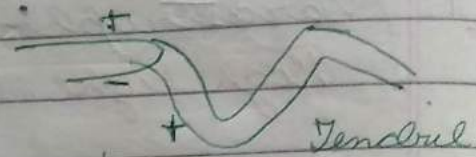
# Survesture Mouement

- Growth
- Autonomous mouement

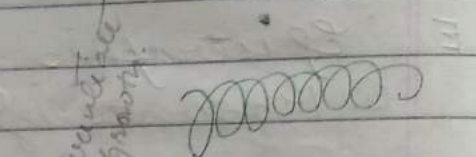
<u>Nastic</u>	<u>Tropic</u>
Fast	Slow
<u>Variation/</u> <u>Growth</u>	<u>Growth mouements</u>
A / I	always Induced
Non- directional organs	Directional mouement.
Asymmetrical Leaf	Cylindrical organs stem, root

(ii) Mutation

- Runners



Tendrils



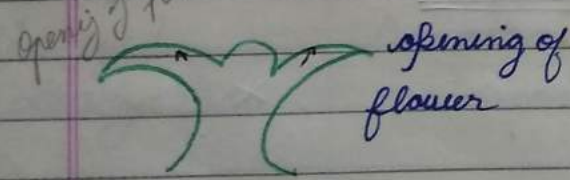
differential growth

- circumnutation

## (i) Nastic Mouement

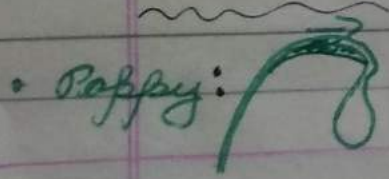
### Epinasty

More growth: Upperside ↑



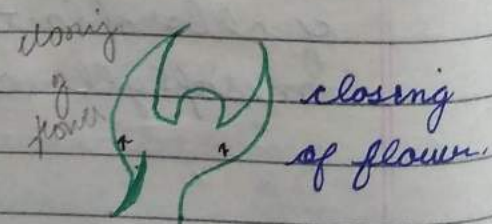
opening of flower

Uncoiling of leaf



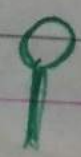
### Hyponasty

Lower side ↑



closing of flower

Folding of young leaf in ferns





Geotropism / Gravitropism / Barytropism.

→ Curvature : Gravell  
Induced movement

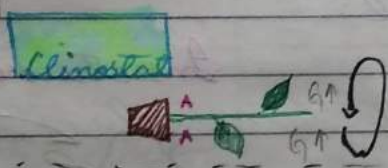
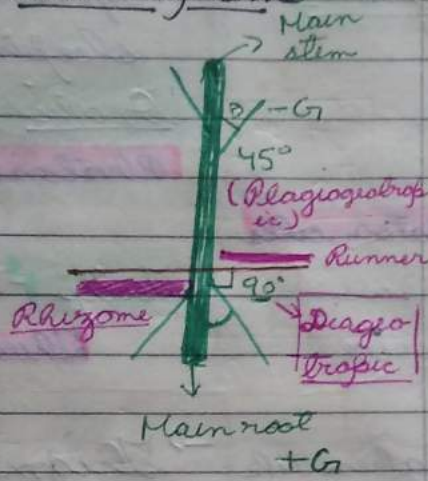
• Phototropic

stem = +P  
Root = -P

Heliotropic chamber



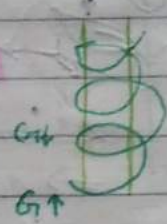
• Geotropism



Haptotropism

• Thigmotropism

Stemmers  
Tendrils



due to touch

• Chemotropism



• Hydrotropism

stem = -H  
root = +H

• Aerotropism

• Pneumatophora

Heliotropic chamber is used to study positive phototropism.

45° Plagiogeotropism  
root, shoot branches

90° Diageotropic  
rhizome | runner  
below | above  
soil | soil

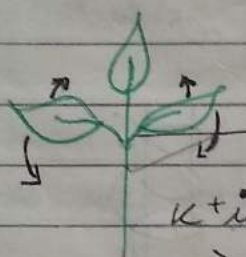
In clinostat effect of gravity is nullified as the plant is rotated, hence the concentration of auxin is same on both sides.



# Curvature: Variation

## Autonomous

Mimosa pudica



K<sup>+</sup> ions loss  
=> flaccid

K<sup>+</sup> ion taken up  
=> Turgid

## Induced

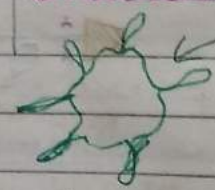
• Nyctinasty -> sleeping movements

Oxalis, Marsilea -  
Photonastic (light)

Tulip -> Temperature  
Thermonastic

-> Thigmonasty -> Touch

Insectivorous -> Dionaea  
Drosera  
Lingualia



Leaf



3

Seismonasty

(shock movement)

touch sensitive plant

Mimosa Pudica

Thick

Thin

T.P

on touch

Turgorin (Hormone)



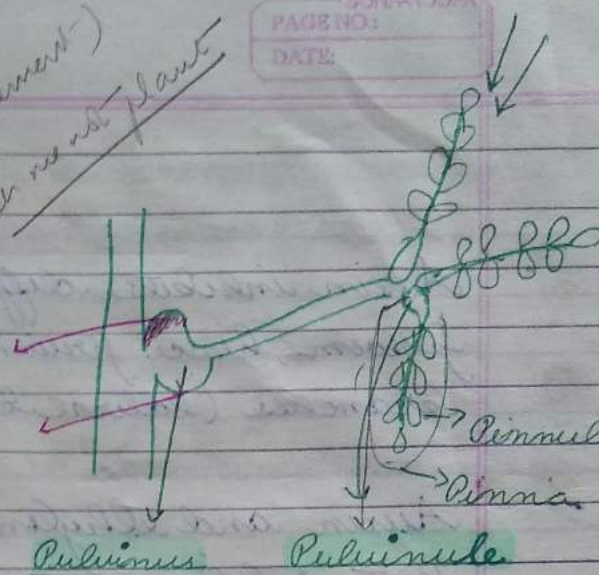
Pulvinus / Pulvinule

 $K^+$  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 pectinases 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.

