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(Chapter # 21)

(Biochemistry)



Introduction :

biochemistry

is a hybrid science. It is the branch of chemistry which deals with the studying of various bio molecules that are present in living cells and their chemical reactions.

macromolecules

Four main types of macromolecules control all the activities of cell.

1. Carbohydrates
2. Lipids
3. Proteins
4. Nucleic acids

Carbohydrates

def: They are polyhydroxy aldehydes and ketones or converted

to such substances on simple oxidation, reduction & hydrolysis.

Formula

Their general formula is $C_n(H_2O)_n$.

Note

The organic compounds which have hydrogen and oxygen in proportion of 2:1 are not carbohydrates.

Formaldehyde ($HCHO$) = $C(H_2O)$

Acetic acid (CH_3COOH) = $C_2(H_2O)_2$

Lactic acid ($CH_3CH(OH)COOH$) = $C_3(H_2O)_3$

anywhere, Rhemose $C_6H_{12}O_5$ does not have the ratio of H_2 to O_2 as in H_2O , but it is carbohydrate.

Classification of Carbohydrate

They are classified into three types:

- 1- monosaccharides
- 2- oligo/disaccharides
- 3- polysaccharides

Monosaccharides

The simplest sugar which cannot be further hydrolyzed are called monosaccharide. 'mono' means one and 'saccharide' means sugar.

Example fructose, glucose and galactose

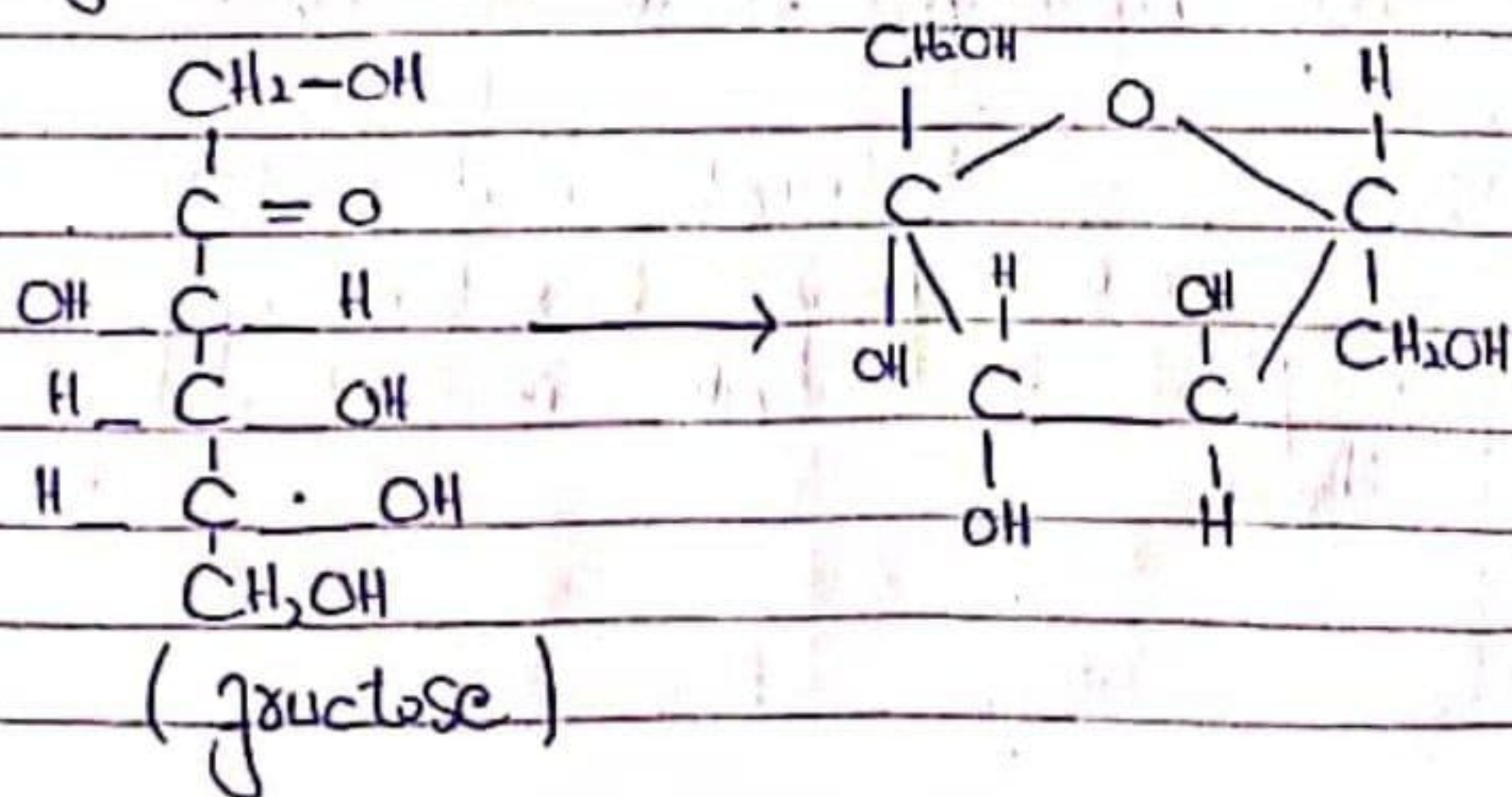
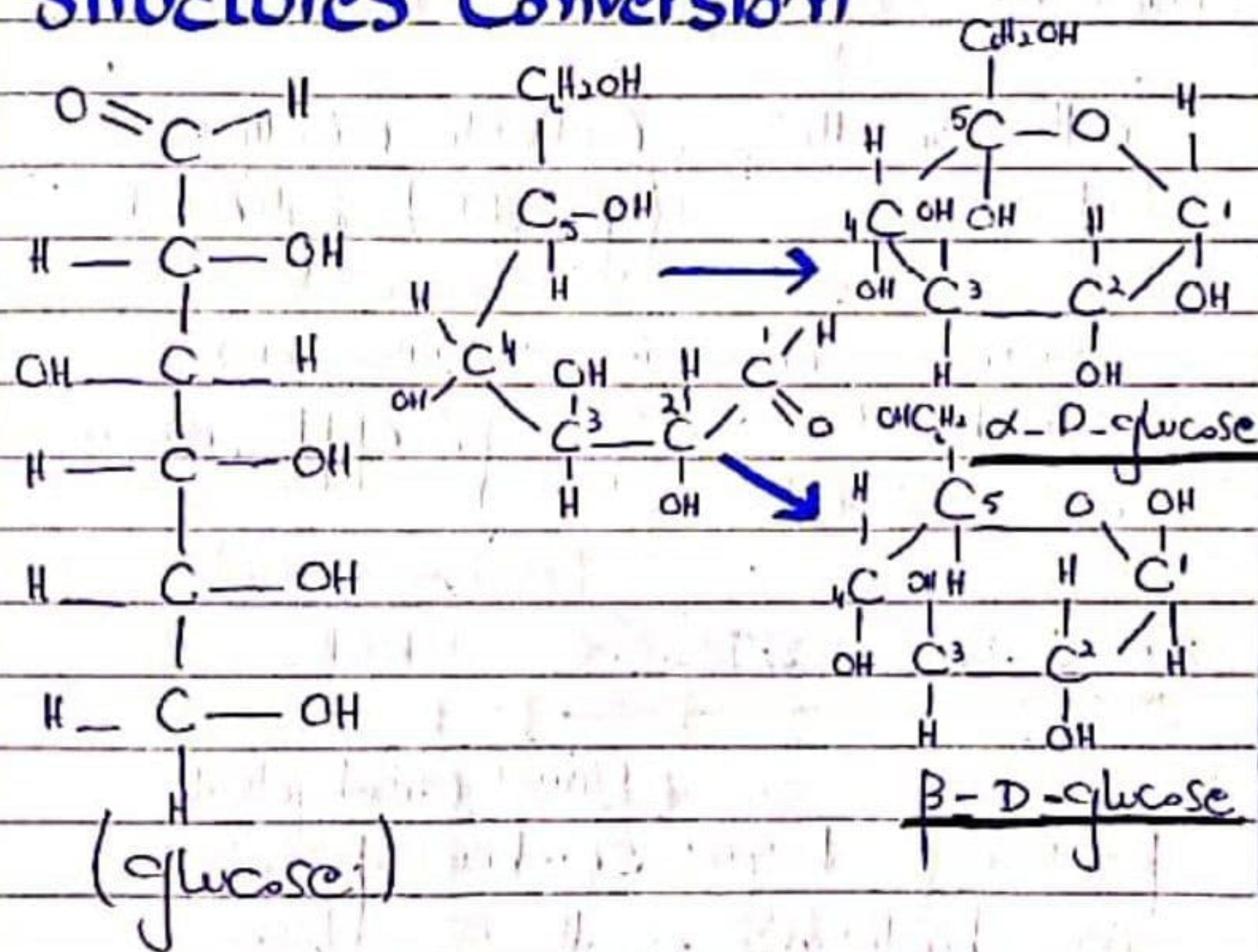
Properties

→ glucose is also called as blood sugar. It is present in corns and honey.

→ galactose is present in milk and dairy products.

→ fructose is present in fruits like grapes and vegetables.

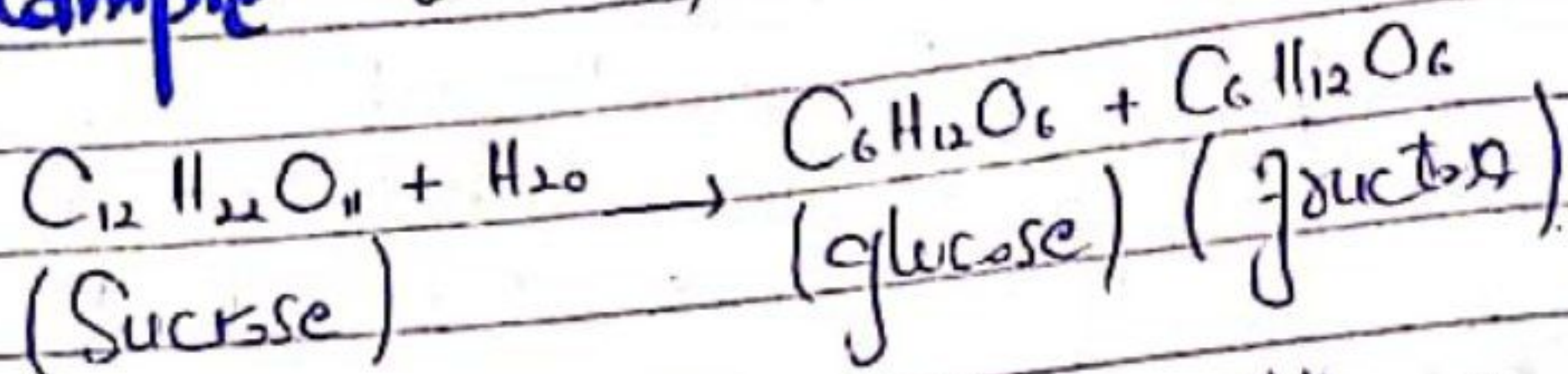
Structures Conversion



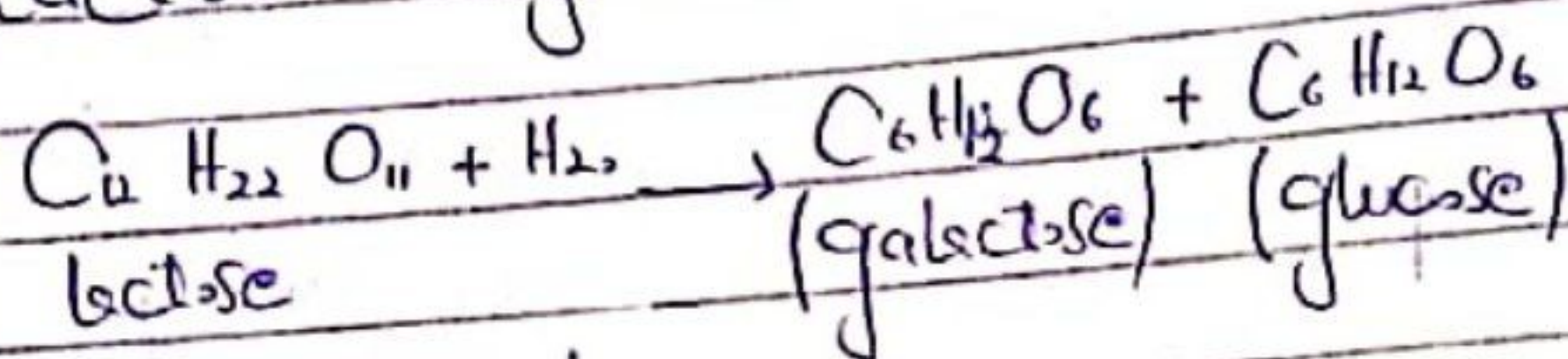
disaccharide

They are the carbohydrates molecules which upon hydrolysis form 2 units of simple sugar

Example lactose, maltose and sucrose



Lactose is formed in the milk



Sucrose occurs in sugar-cane, sugar beet, mango, pineapple, almond and apricot

Polysaccharides

They are carbohydrates producing large number of monosaccharide on hydrolysis called polysaccharide

Example Starch and Cellulose are polysaccharides glycogen in plant is also involved in them

Functions of Carbohydrates

1 — They are involved in building, maintaining and repairing of body tissues.

2 — They are necessary for regulation of nerve tissue and a source of energy for brain.

3 — Certain types support growth for healthy bacteria in the intestine for digestion.

4 — Some carbohydrates have high fibres which help to prevent constipation and lower the risk for cancer, heart problems and diabetes.

Nutritional importance of Carbohydrates

Body Weight regulation

1 — people who take more carbohydrates in their diet have less body weight or fat.

2 — Starch and sugar quickly satisfy the craving of food than those of fats.

3 — high carbohydrates in the diet

in comparison to high fat can
regulates normal body weight.

Diabetes

1. There is no evidence that sugar consumption is linked to the development of diabetes - diabetes is caused by obesity and physical inactivity.

2. weight reduction is the primary aim for the diabetes patient.

3. most recommendations for the dietary management allows a modest amount of ordinary sugar.

Dental health

1. Food containing sugar and starch can be broken down by the ~~enzymes~~ and bacteria in the mouth to produce enamel of teeth by the acid.

2. after enamel sliver provides a natural repair to rebuild the enamel.

3. when sugars are taken over time this natural process

disable to work, decay of tooth is increased.

Note

1g of carbohydrate contain
4 kilocalories.

1g of protein contain upto
4 kcal.

1g of fat contains 9 kcal

Proteins

def:

Those molecules which yield amino acids on complete hydrolysis.

They contain N_2 , C, H, and O.

Example

enzymes, Hb, keratin

Classification of Proteins

They are classified into three types.

- 1 - Simple protein
- 2 - Conjugated protein
- 3 - derived protein

Simple protein

Those proteins which yield only amino acid or derivatives on hydrolysis.

Example

albumins, histone, glutelins

Conjugated protein

The proteins which are attached or conjugated to some non protein groups are called prosthetic group.

Example nucleoprotein, mucoprotein, glycoprotein are some examples.

Derived Protein

The proteins which are derived from simple and conjugated proteins are called derived protein.

Example histones, proteases, peptones and peptides.

Structures of proteins

There are four common structures of protein:

1. Primary
2. Secondary
3. Tertiary
4. Quaternary

Primary Structure

The sequence of amino acids in a polypeptide chain is called primary structure. Amino acids are linked through peptide bonds.

(Structure) →
(amino acid sequence)

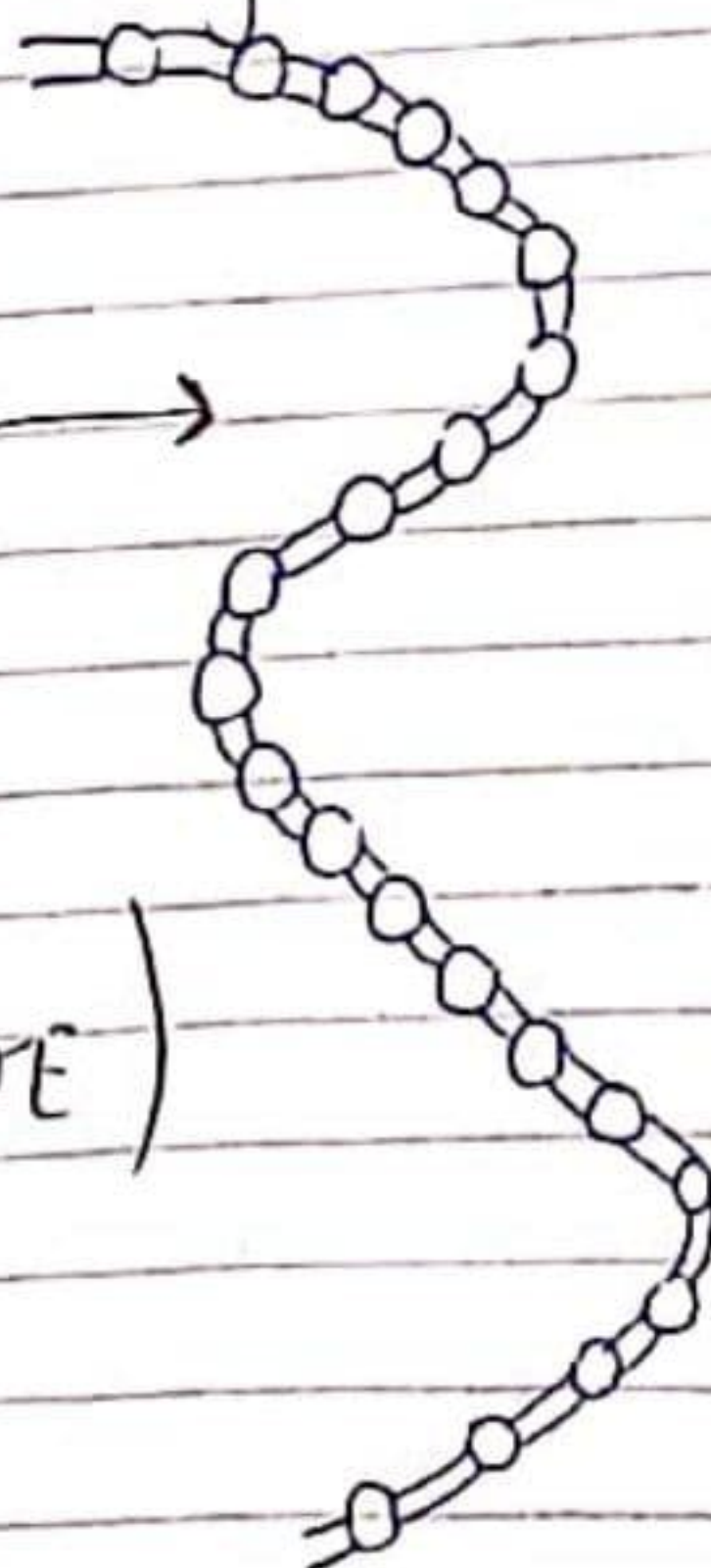


Secondary Structure

The polypeptide chain acquires spiral shape or may be present in zig-zag manner. This coiling or zig-zagging of polypeptide is due to hydrogen bonding.

(α -helix) →

(Secondary Structure)



Tertiary Structure

The twisting and folding of polypeptide chain represents tertiary structure of proteins

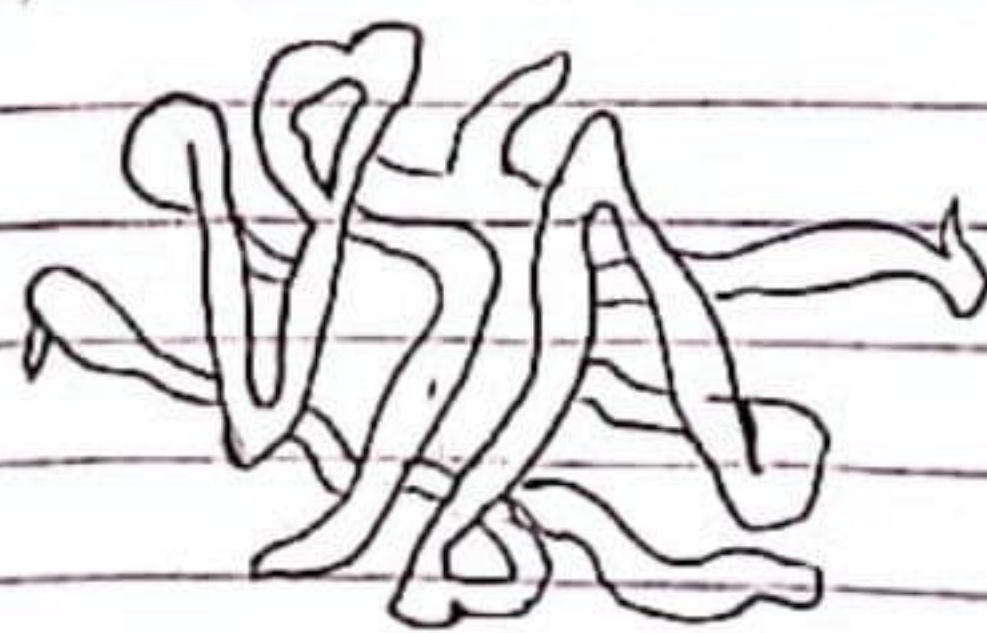


(Tertiary Structure)

(folding of polypeptides)

Quaternary Structure

Quaternary means four. It is fourth phase in the creation of protein. The arrangement of multiple folded protein or chain of proteins in multiple subunit complex.



(Quaternary Structure)

(more than one amino acid)

(hydrogen bonding, disulphide bridges are present)

properties of proteins

1 - They are involved in digestion cell structure catalysis and energy manipulation.

2 - There are 20-22 kind of amino acids in proteins. They are differentiated by 'R' group.

3 - amino acids are joined together in a long chain called polypeptide. amino acids combined with each other by peptide bond having molecular mass upto 10,000 are termed as polypeptide.

Importance of proteins

1 - They play an important role in formation of protoplasm.

2 - nucleoproteins are complex proteins act as a carrier of heredity from one generation to another.

3 - Hb (haemoglobin) act as a carrier of O_2 .

4 - proteins are involved in tanning of hides. Gelatin is obtained by heating bones used for bakery products.

Enzymes

def :

The word 'En' means in a 'Zyme' means yeast
enzymes are complex protein which speed up the reaction without being consumed they are biological catalysts.

Example pepsin, trypsin, amylase

enzymes as biocatalysts

Metabolism is the sum of all the chemical reactions that occur in living organisms in order to sustain life.

metabolism consist of anabolism and Catabolism.

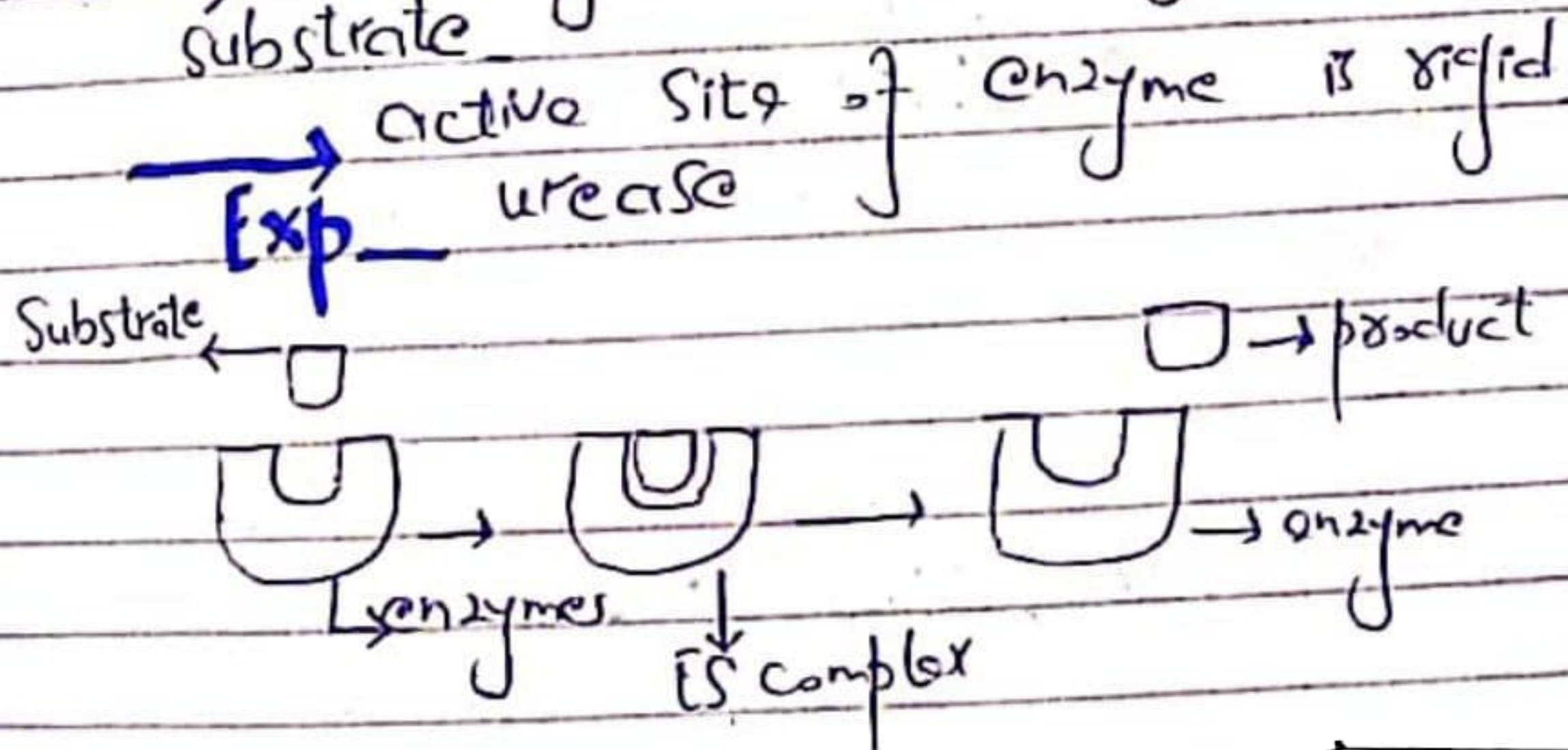
Anabolism includes the biochemical reactions in which larger molecules are synthesized.

Catabolism includes the biochemical reaction in which larger molecules are broken down into smaller ones.

enzymes are bicatalysts which speed up and regulate metabolic pathway. The molecules at which enzymes acts are substrate and the formed molecules are called product.

Lock and Key model

Emil Fischer in 1894 proposed lock and key model. According to this model enzymes are highly specific for their substrates. One enzyme can catalyze one substrate.



Induced fit model

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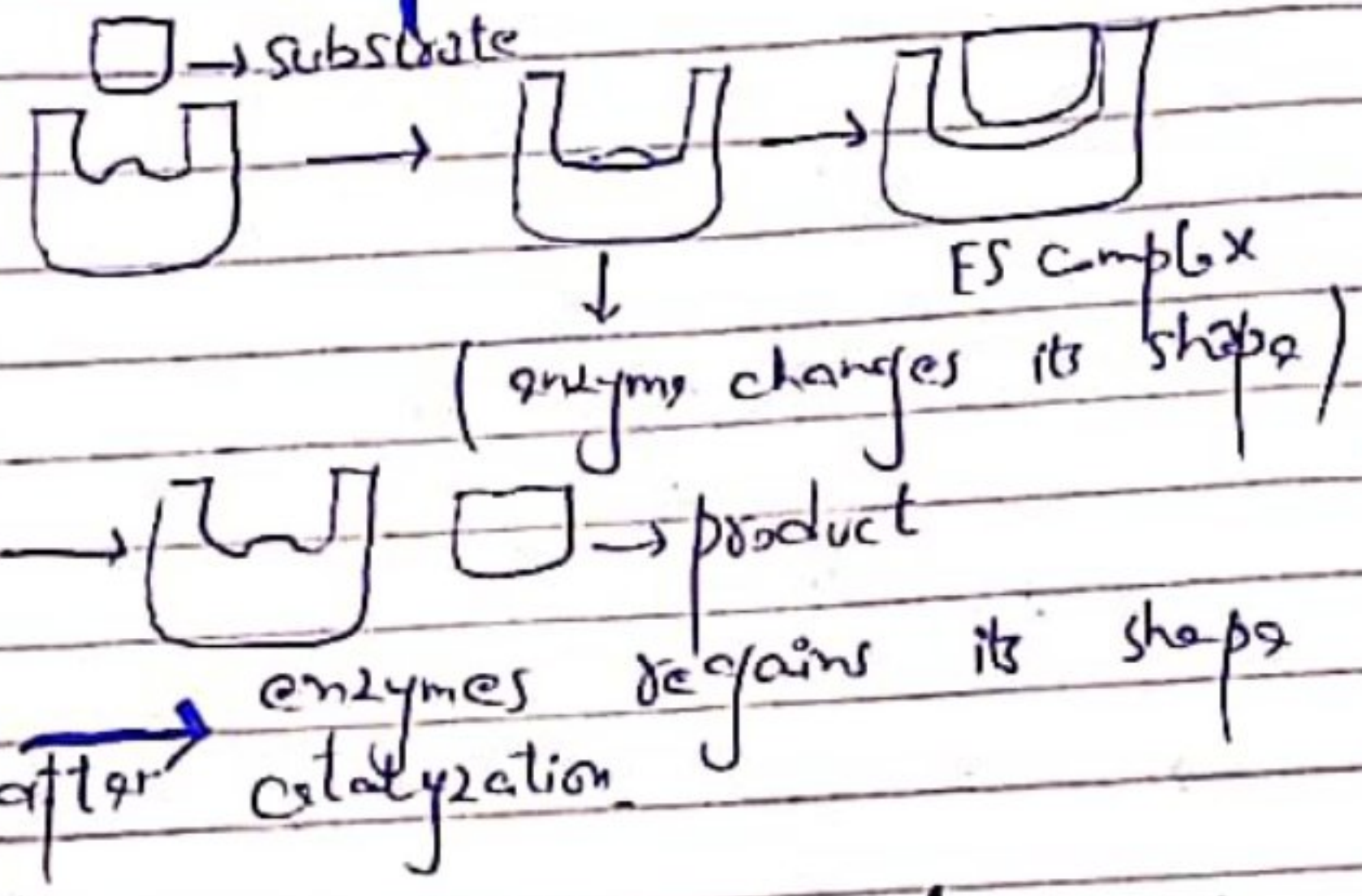
Daniel Koshland in 1958 proposed this model.

This model states that enzymes are not very specific for substrates.

One enzyme can catalyze more than one substrate.

→ active site of enzyme is flexible

Exp Carbonic anhydrase



factors affecting enzyme activity

There are three factors which affect the activity of enzyme.

a) Temperature

The temp at which an enzyme performs its maximum activity is called optimum temperature.

Example

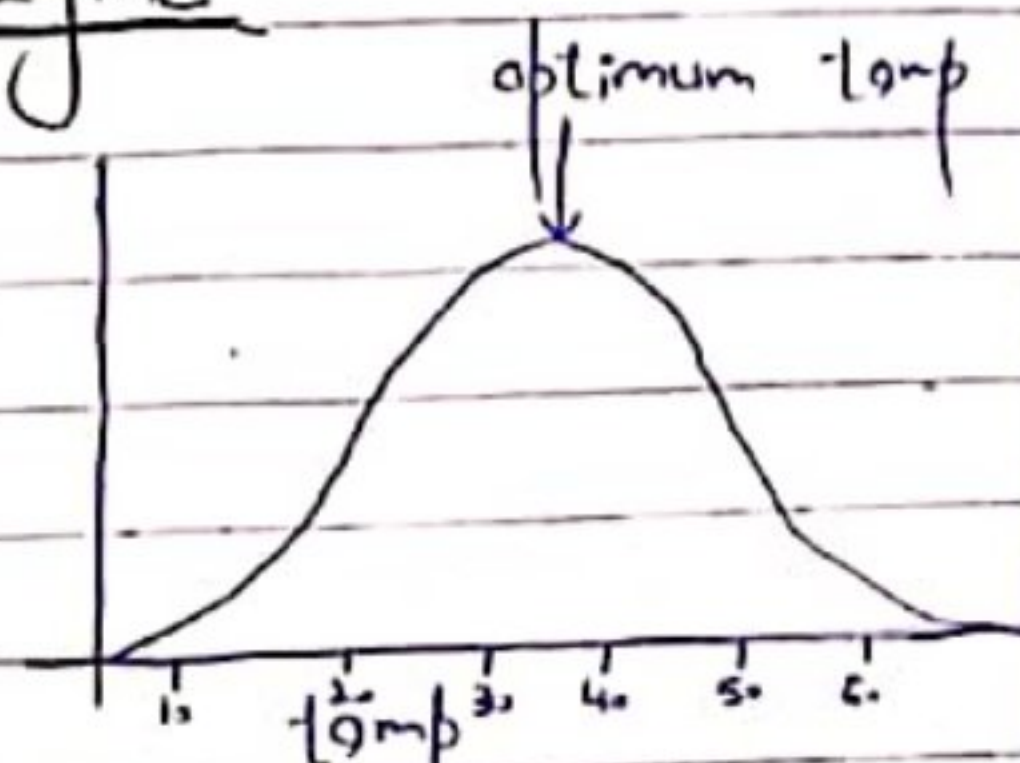
- Animals 37°C
- Plants 60°C
- Bacteria 70°C

→ When temperature rises to a certain limit heat adds in

the activation energy and also providing kinetic energy for react.

→ When the temp is raised above the limit the vibrations of atoms of enzyme and globular structure is lost this is called denaturation of enzyme

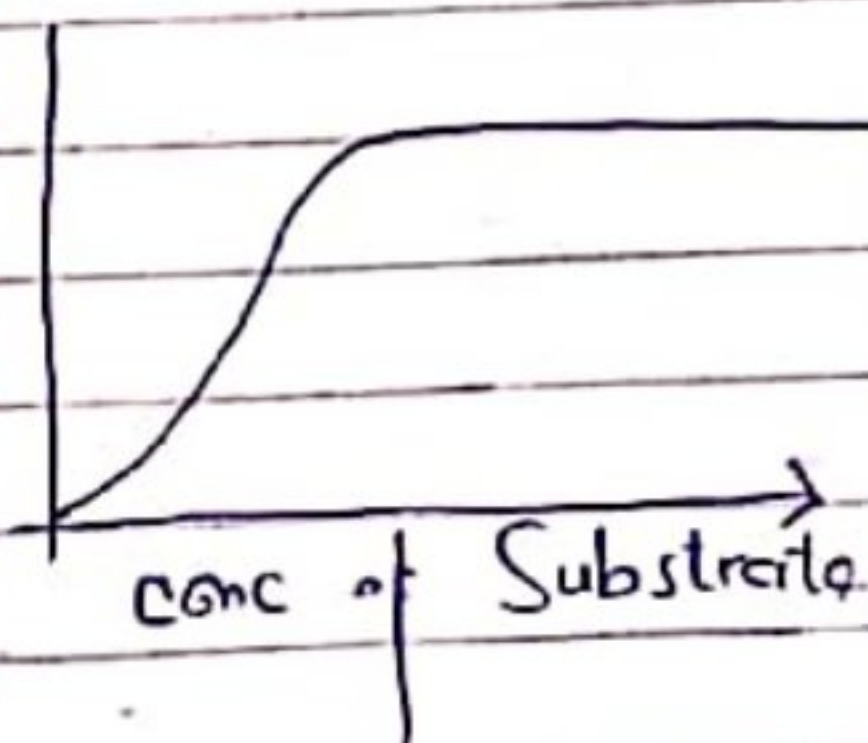
graph →



Substrate Concentration

are kept constant and rate of substrate is increased the rate of reaction increases to a certain limit because when all the active sites of enzymes are filled by substrates then there is no enzyme available for more substrates.

graph →



PH

→ all enzymes work maximum at a narrow range PH called

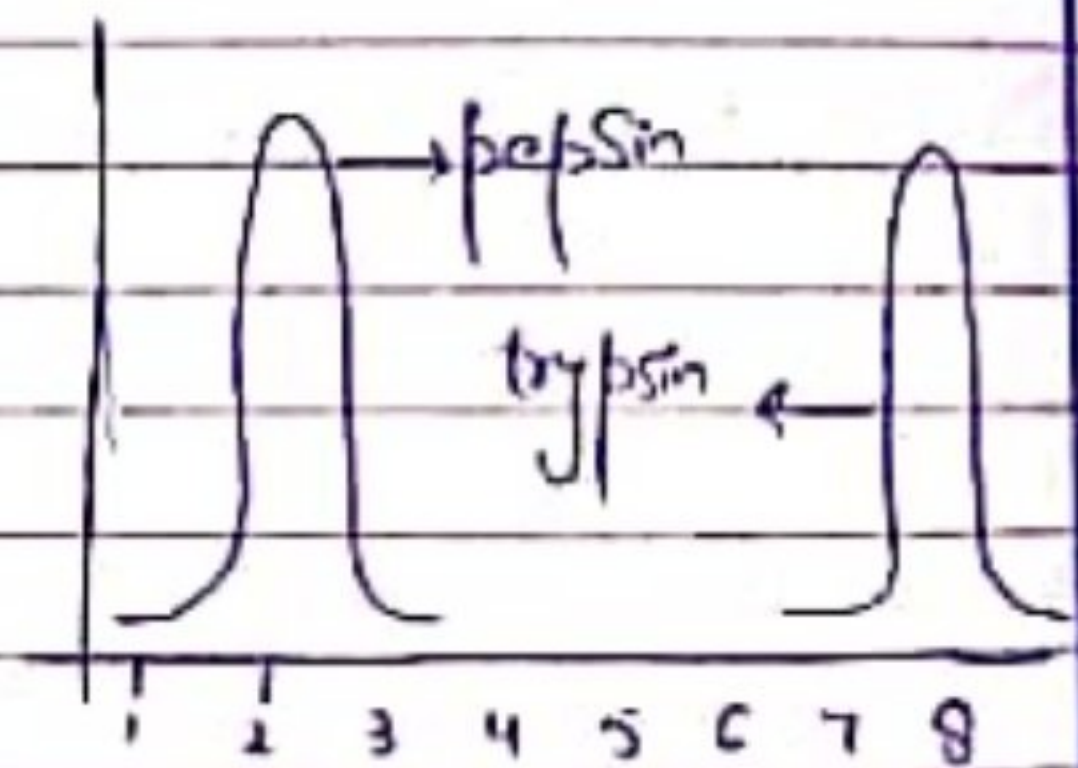
optimum pH

Example

pepsin active in acidic medium (pH=2) while trypsin works in alkaline pH=8-9

→ Or Slightly change in pH blocks the enzyme activity completely.

graph →



Inhibition of enzyme

→ The molecules which bind with enzyme and stops its activity called inhibitors

→ Inhibition can be reversible and irreversible

Irreversible inhibition

— when the inhibitor react and form strong covalent

bind with the active site of enzymes
it is called irreversible inhibition

Example These inhibitors are molecules
etc.

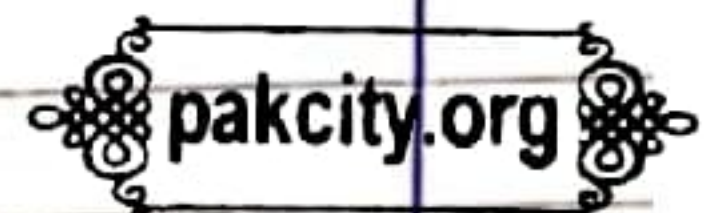
Reversible inhibition

The inhibition in which the activity of enzymes is restored called reversible inhibition

It has two types

a) Competitive inhibition

It resembles the substrate. It can bind to the enzyme in the same way like substrates do.

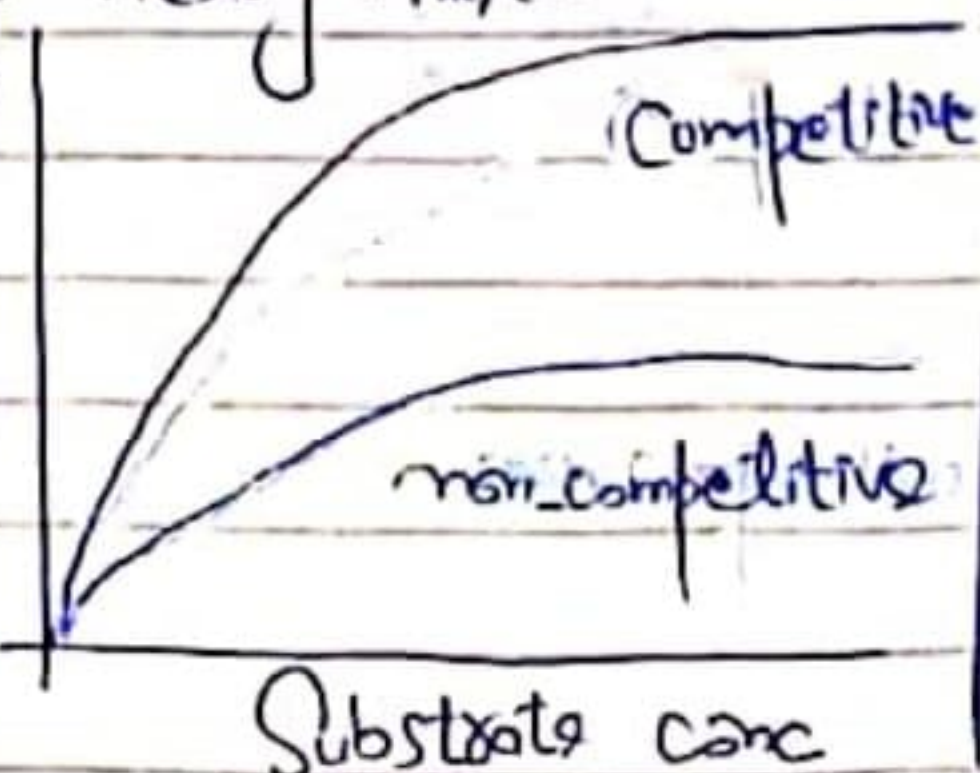


b) non-Competitive inhibition

It reduces enzyme activity. The inhibitors usually bind at the active site but these inhibitors bind the allosteric site of enzymes. It denatures the shape of enzyme breaking disulphide bridges.

Exp — Cyanides, Salts of heavy metal

graph →



Applications of enzymes

Food industry:

enzymes break starch into simple sugar and used in the production of bread, buns.

Paper industry:

enzymes break starch to lower its viscosity that aids in making paper.

detergents:

protease enzyme is used for the removal of protein stains.

cheese industry:

lipase enzymes are implemented during the production of cheese.

molecular biology:

DNA ligase and polymerase enzymes are used to manipulate DNA in genetic engineering.

Lipids

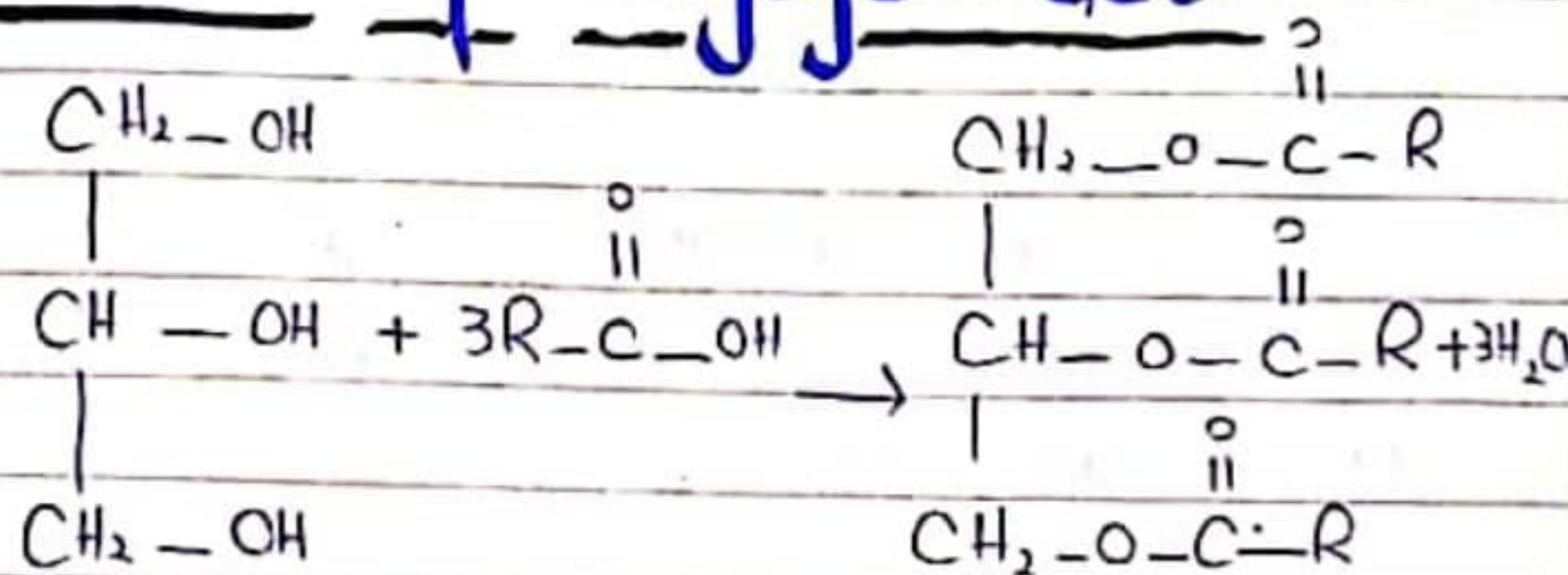
The esters of long chain fatty acids and glycerol are called lipids.

Lipids are the main part

of all the membranes of cell, good storage molecules, Vitamin A, D, E and K, cholesterol.

Fats and oils are made up of two kind of molecules one is glycerol and fatty acid. Since there are three fatty acids attached called triglycerides or neutral lipids.

Formation of triglycerides



Classifications

They are classified as :

Simple lipids

They are esters of fatty acid with glycerol.
Exp - neutral lipids, waxes

Compound lipids

They contain radical in addition to fatty acids and alcohols.

Exp - lipositol, plasmalogen, phospholipid

derived Lipids

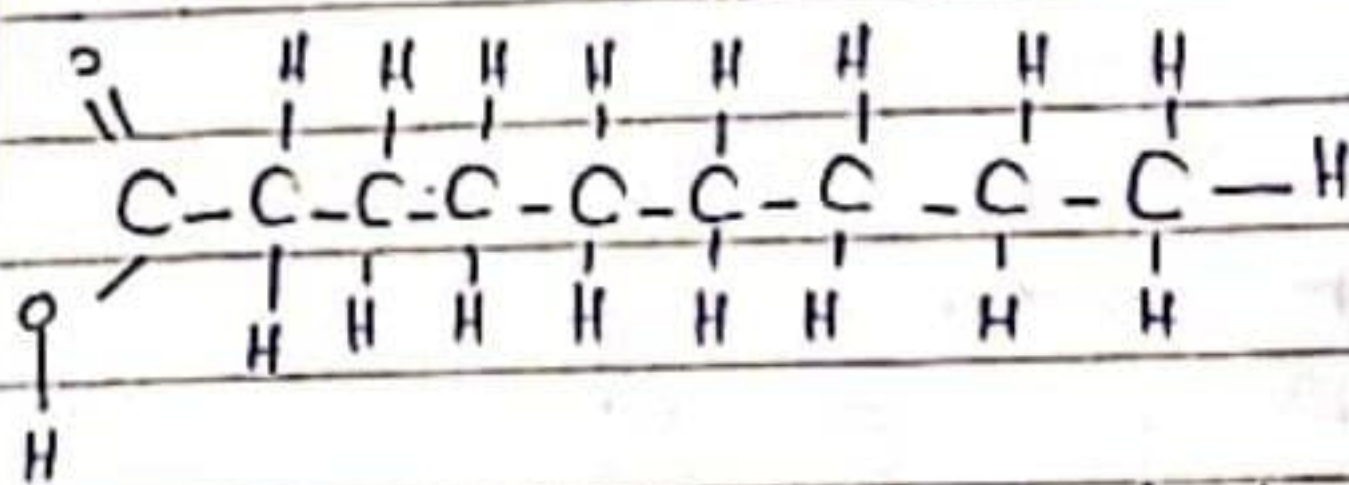
These are hydrolytic product of compound lipids
Exp ————— fatty acids

Structure of Lipids

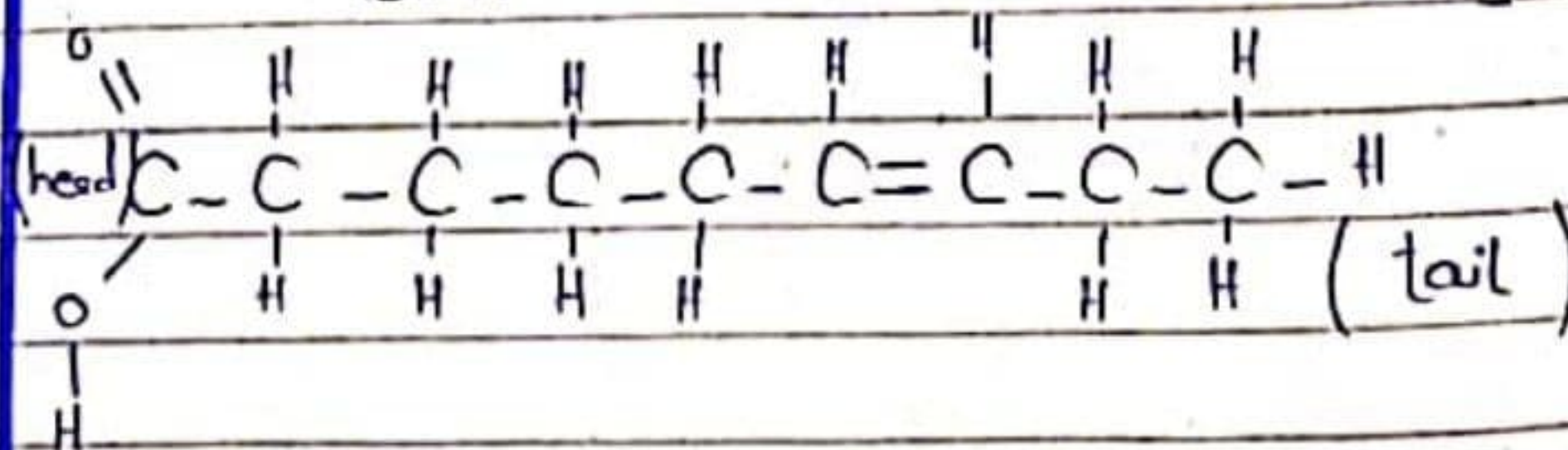
→ In the structure of fatty acid the tail of acid is a long hydrocarbon chain making it hydrophobic

→ The head of fatty acid is carboxyl group it is hydrophilic in nature

Fats are saturated having single bond between carbon atoms



Oils are unsaturated having double bond between carbon atom



properties of lipids

physical properties

1 — Oils and fats may be liquid or non-crystalline solids at room temperature.

2 — pure oils and fats are colourless, tasteless.

3 — The colour arises due to foreign substance e.g. yellow colour of butter is due to presence of keratin, Carotin.

4 — They are lighter than water & insoluble in water.

5 — They are poor conductor of heat and electricity and acts as insulator for animal body.

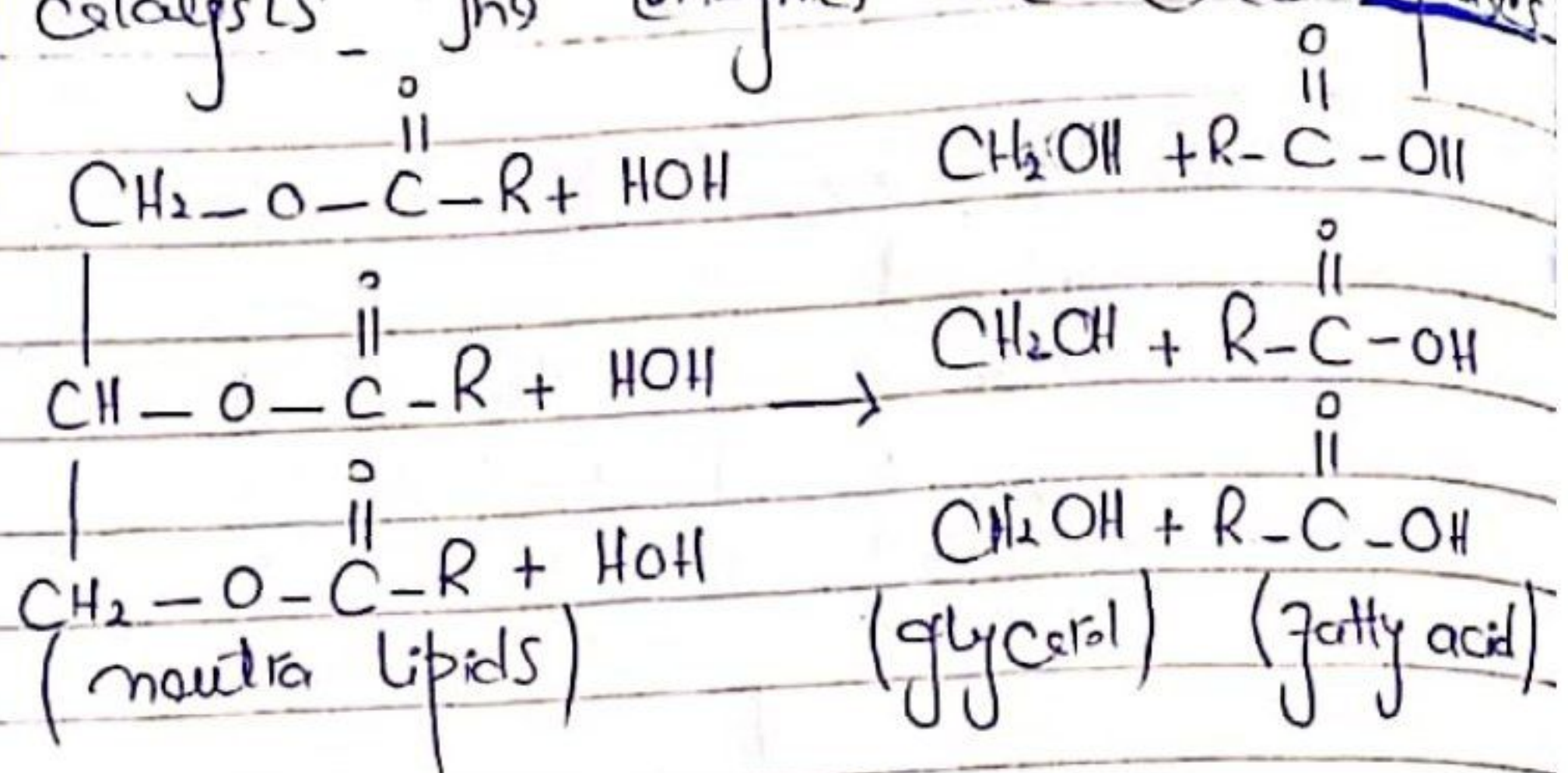
Chemical properties

→ fats and oils undergo various type of reaction:

1) hydrolysis of fats & oils

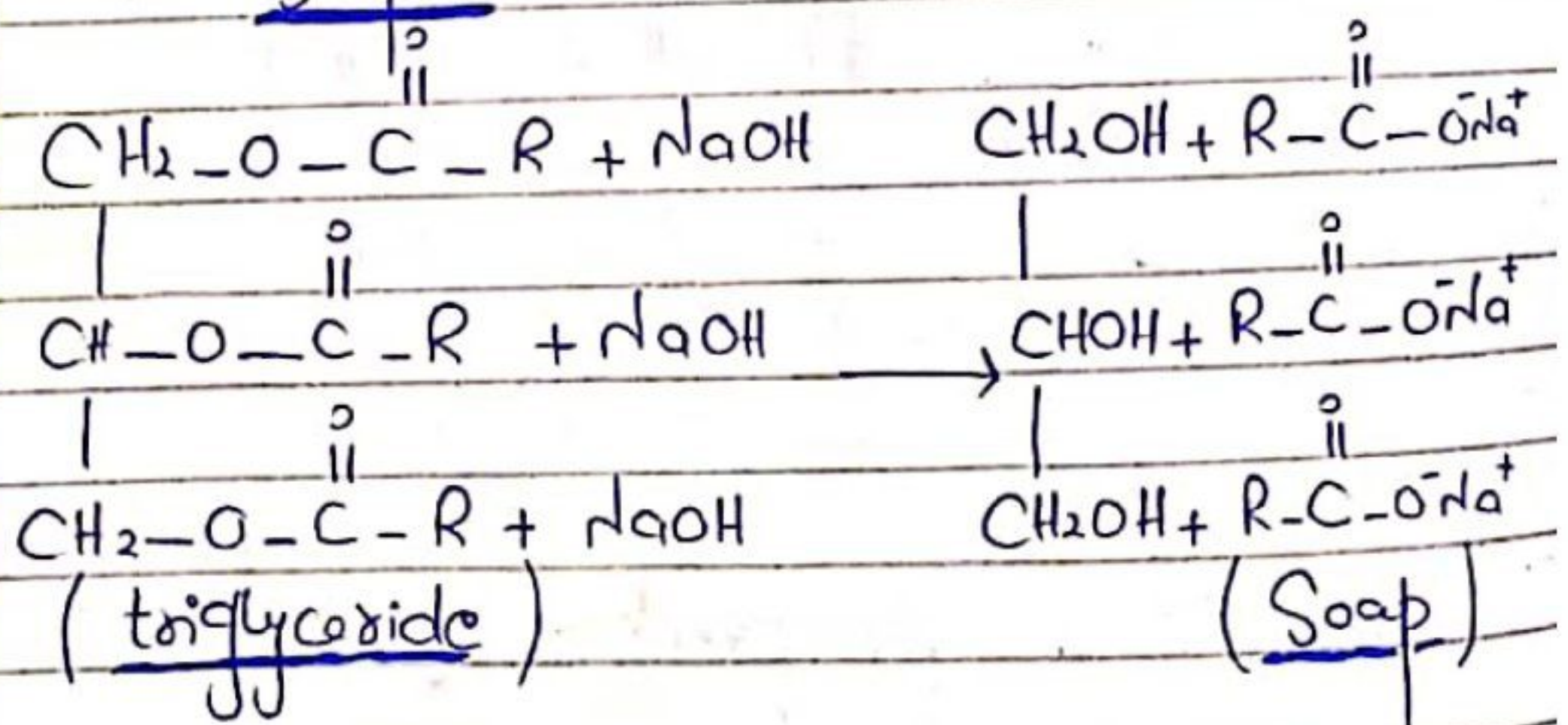
→ fats and oils are triglycerides. They are hydrolyzed by enzymes act as

catalysts. The enzymes are called Lipases



2) Saponification

It is the hydrolysis of triglyceride by alkalies - glycerol is produced along with Na or K salts of fatty acid. The Na and K are called Soaps

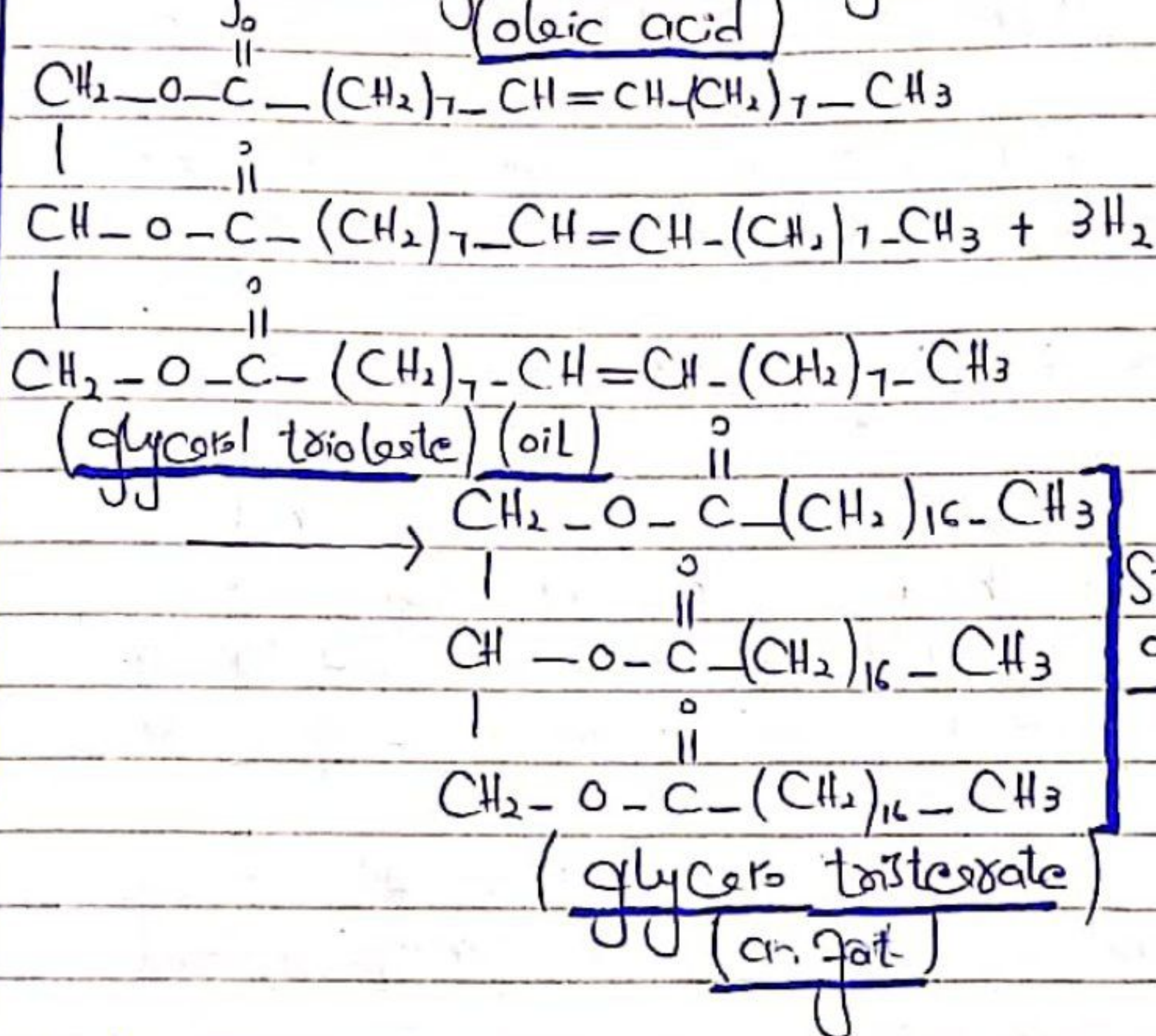


3) hardening of Oil

unsaturated triglycerides are liquid at room temperature. They are called oils. They can be saturated by passing H_2 in them.

by the presence of metal catalyst
This process is called hardening
of oil

This reaction is used to produce
vegetable ghee or margarine
(oleic acid)



Nutritional roles of lipids

1 — Lipids provide energy since
saturated and unsaturated fats provide
9 kcal per gram

2 — It does not necessarily
cause weight gain if we calculate our
total intake.

Biochemical roles of lipid

- 1_ Lipids act as a storage form for metabolic energy.
- 2_ Lipids are component of cell membranes.
- 3_ Lipids act as messenger e.g. Steroid hormone.

essential lipids

not synthesized by our body and are supplied to our body through diet are called essential lipids.

The essential lipids are polyunsaturated fats called omega-6 and omega-3.

Resources

→ Omega-6 is obtained from vegetable oils and nuts.

→ Omega-3 is obtained from walnuts and fish.

non-essential lipids

→ monounsaturated fatty acids are not essential in the body.

diet they are synthesized by our body. They help to reduce risks of heart diseases.

Resources

They are present in meat, cheese, palm, coconut oil and butter.

Note

Our body make 2g cholesterol per day that make up about 85% of blood cholesterol while 15% comes from diet.

Nucleic acid

def

The molecules that preserve hereditary information and that transcribe and translate that information in a way that allow the synthesis of all the varied enzymes of cell are called nucleic acid.

Types

- It has two types
1. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
 2. RNA (ribonucleic acid)

Structural Component of DNA and RNA

DNA consist of very large polymeric molecule. Its monomers are called nucleotides.

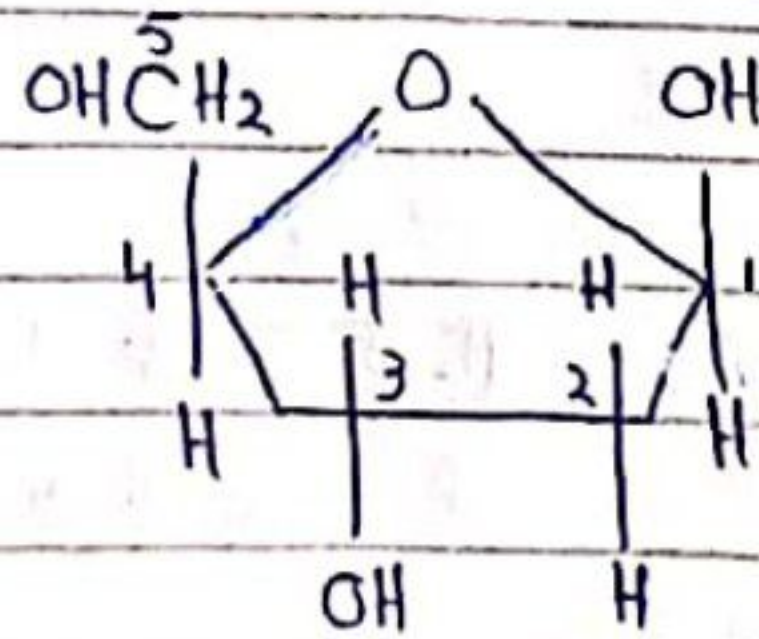
DNA is a double helix structured molecule while RNA is a single stranded molecule.

Components of nucleotides

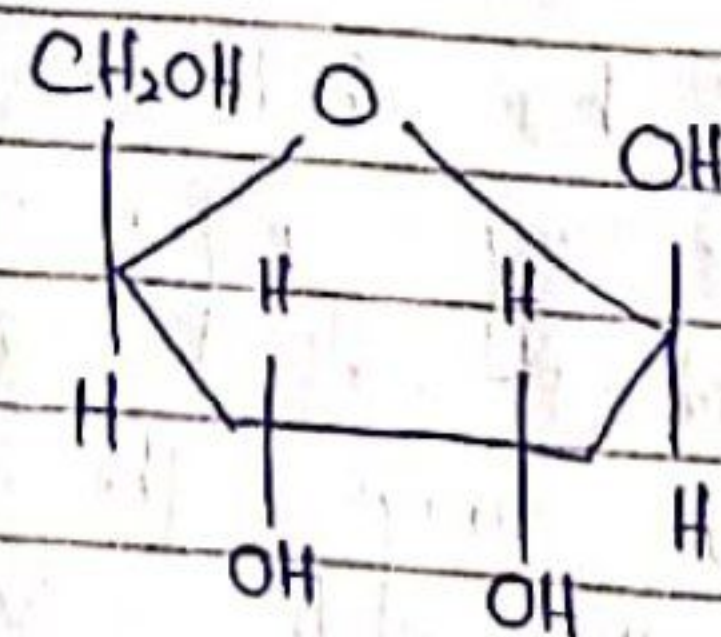
Three component present in each nucleotide.

1) Pentose Sugar

In deoxyribose the hydroxyl group at C-2 is replaced by hydrogen atom.



(deoxyribose)



(ribose)

2) Nitrogenous Bases

the nitrogenous bases following are involved

in the nucleotides. Two are pyrimidines and two are purines.

pyrimidine bases

Six membered rings composed of four carbon and two nitrogen atoms. The pyrimidine bases involved in the structure of DNA are Cytosine (C) and thymine (T).

purine bases

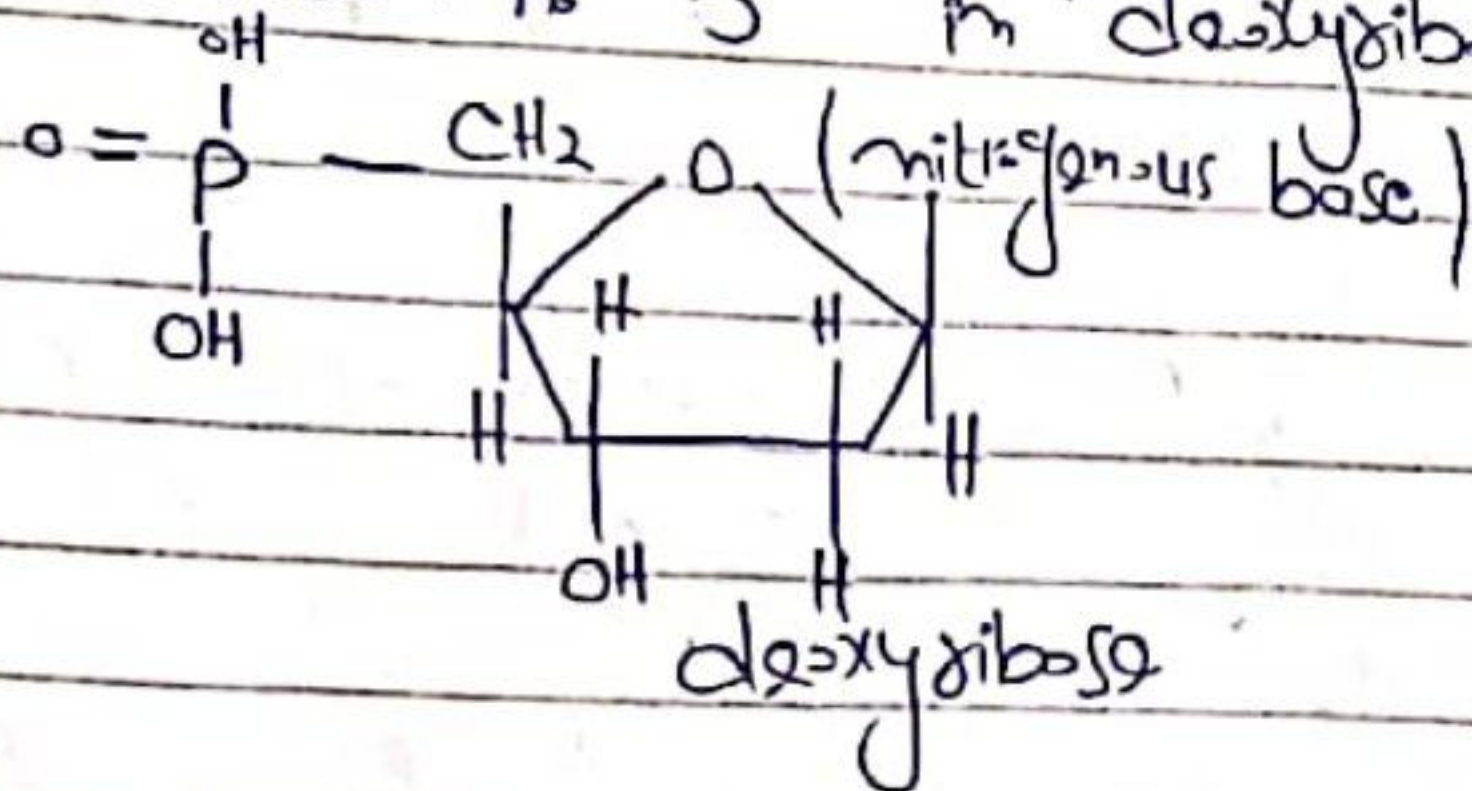
They are combination of one six membered ring and one five membered ring. Only two purine bases are involved in the DNA and RNA: adenine (A) and guanine (G).

Note

Uracil (U) replaces thymine in RNA.

3) Phosphoric acid

H_3PO_4 is linked to Carbon no 5 in deoxyribose sugar.



difference between DNA, RNA

1_ RNA contain ribose sugar while
DNA contain deoxyribose sugar

2_ nitrogenous bases in DNA are
Cytosine, thymine, adenine and
guanine. In comparison RNA has
Uracil at thymine

3_ DNA is double stranded while RNA
is single stranded

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Storage of genetic information

1_ → DNA and RNA store
genetic information that is passed
on to the offspring.

2_ → The DNA & RNA are self
replicating molecules. They replicate
genetic information before cell
division.

3_ → The DNA replicates into
two identical daughter DNA
molecules.

4_ → DNA transcribes copies of
genetic code into messenger RNA.

Minerals

→ They are the nutrients present in body and are as essential as our need of oxygen to sustain life.

→ They all are important factors in maintaining all physiological processes of bones, tissues, blood, teeth and nerve cells.

Types of nutrients

1) Macronutrients

are the nutrients which require in larger amount.

Exp — Ca, phosphorus, Mg, Sulphur.

2) Micronutrients

are the nutrients which are required in small amount to the body.

Exp — iron, zinc, copper and iodine.

Sources and importance

1) Iron

Sources

red meat, egg yolk, whole wheat fish, Spinach and mustard.

Importance

1 — iron is a part of haemoglobin which is a carrier of oxygen in blood.

2 — It is lost through bleeding and sweating. Studies indicate that 34% female runner and 8% male runner are iron deficient.

3 — iron is needed for development of placenta and also for pre-birth babies.

4 — iron is present in some enzymes that catalyze reaction of cellular oxidation.

2) Calcium

It is important for bone growth, blood clotting

Sources

milk, cheese, egg yolk, beans, nuts, cabbage, leafy vegetables.

Importance

1 — There are six stable isotopes of calcium: calcium 40 is the most common (97%) and calcium 46 is the least abundant (.003%).

2 — The loss of calcemic action

of vitamin D leads to hypoparathyroidism and hypophosphataemia which results in rickets and osteomalacia.

3 — Its deficiency also causes osteoporosis.

4 — It carries charge during an action potential across membrane.

3) Phosphorus

Sources

egg yolk, cheese, milk, cabbage

Importance

ATP phosphorus is a component of

2 — There is about 454g in the body.

3 — It is found in complex organic compounds in the blood, muscles, nerves and in Calcium phosphate.

4 — It is involved in the formation of bones and teeth.

5 — It works with the vitamin B.

6 — It is involved in nerve conduction and regulation of heartbeat.

4) Zinc

Sources

Oyster, red meat, chicken, beans

dairy products.

Importance



1 — Zinc is the most important trace element involved in human metabolism.

2 — human body contain about 2mg of zinc.

3 — enzymes require zinc for their activity.

4 — anorexia is caused by zinc absorption.

5 — It also impaired the immune system, gastrointestinal system and nervous system.

6 — zinc is excreted through urine, sweat and surface losses.