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## Unit 2: Carbohydrate metabolism

### Sequence of reactions and pathways of glycolysis:-

- Glycolysis involves the breakdown of glucose to pyruvate while using the free energy released in the process to synthesise ATP from ADP and  $P_i$ .
- The 10-reaction sequence of glycolysis is divided into two stages: energy investment and the energy recovery.

In glycolysis glucose converts to two  $C_3$  units (pyruvate). The free energy released in the process is harvested to synthesise ATP from ADP and  $P_i$ . Thus glycolysis is a pathway of chemically coupled phosphorylation reactions.

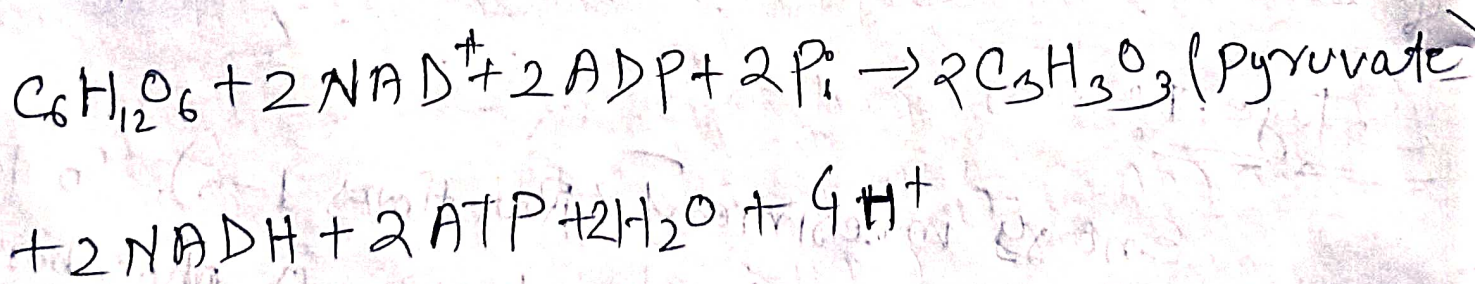
### Stage I:

Energy investment (Reactions 1-5). In this preparatory stage, the hexose glucose is phosphorylated and cleaved to yield two molecules of the triose glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate. This process consumes 2 ATP.

## Stage II:

Energy recovery (Reaction 6→10). The two molecules of glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate are converted to pyruvate, with concomitant generation of 4 ATP. Glycolysis therefore has a net "profit" of 2 ATP per glucose: Stage I consumes 2 ATP; Stage II produces 4 ATP.

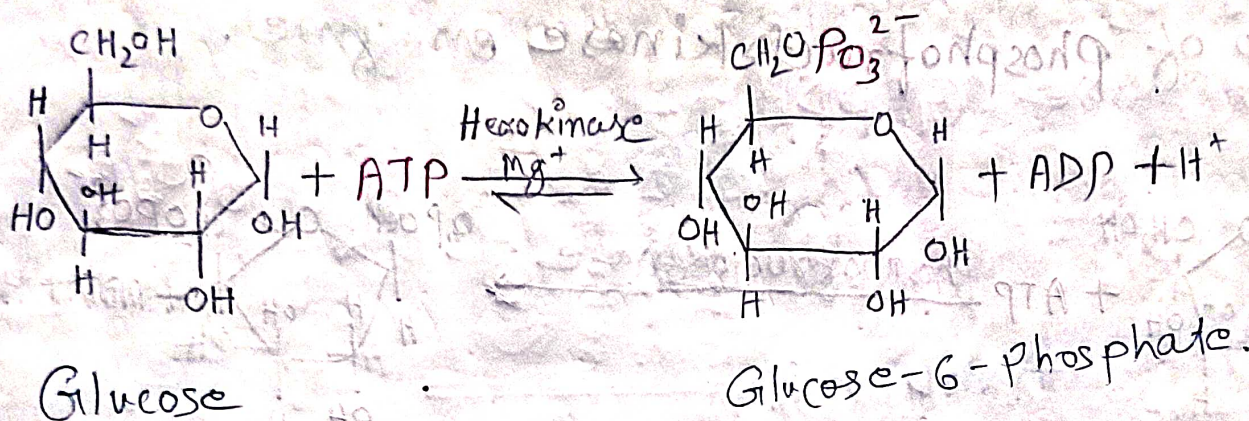
The phosphoryl groups that are initially transferred from ATP to the hexose do not immediately result in "high-energy" compounds. However, subsequent enzymatic transformations convert these "low-energy" products to compounds with high phosphoryl group-transfer potentials, which are capable of phosphorylating ADP to ATP. The overall reaction is →



Hence the NADH formed in the process must be continually reoxidized to keep the pathway supplied with its primary oxidizing agent,  $\text{NAD}^+$ .

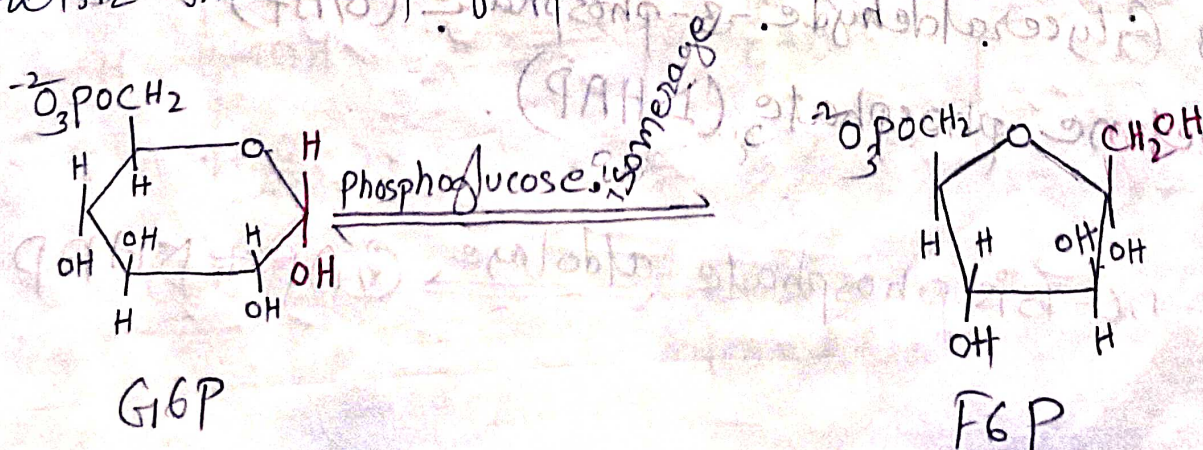
## (1) Hexokinase uses the first ATP:-

In the first step of glycolysis transfer of phosphoryl group from ATP to glucose to form glucose-6-phosphate in a reaction catalyzed by hexokinase.



## (2) Phosphoglucose Isomerase converts Glucose-6-phosphate to fructose-6-phosphate:-

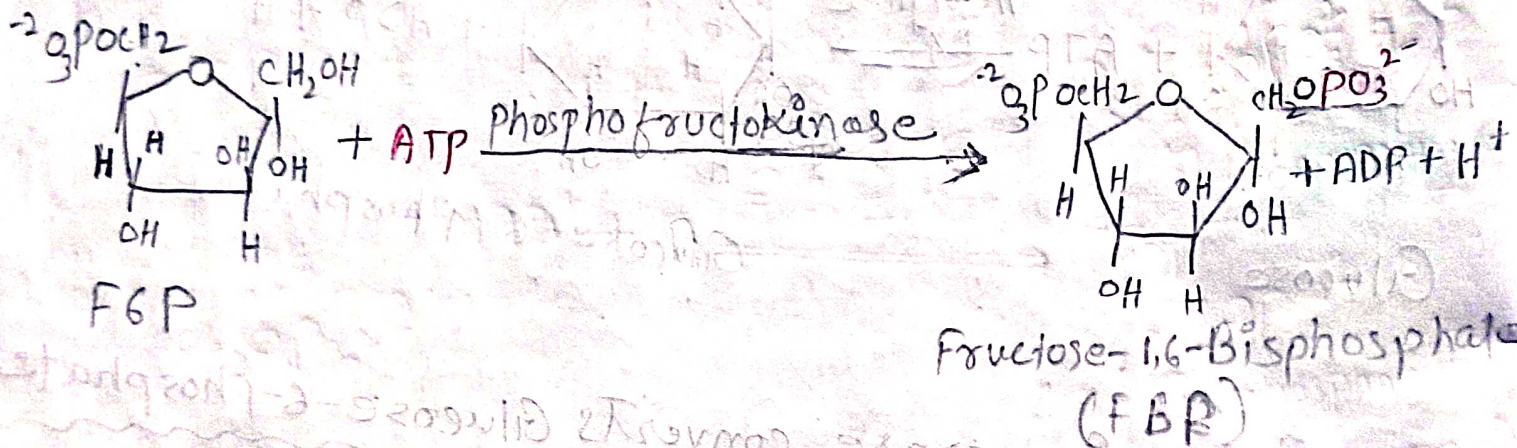
In the second step of glycolysis Glucose-6-phosphate convert to Fructose-6-phosphate by moving the carbonyl group from first carbon to 2nd carbon with the help of phosphoglucose isomerase enzyme.



This is isomerization of aldose to a ketose

(iii) Phosphofruetokinase uses the Second ATP:

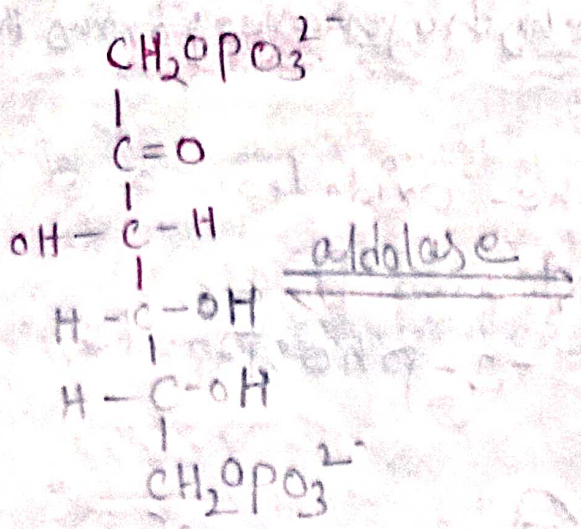
In the 5<sup>th</sup> step of glycolysis fructose-6-phosphate is converted to fructose-1,6-bisphosphate by adding ~~the P~~ ~~phosph~~  $P_i$  to the 1<sup>st</sup> carbon of fructose-6-phosphate with the help of phosphofruetokinase enzyme.



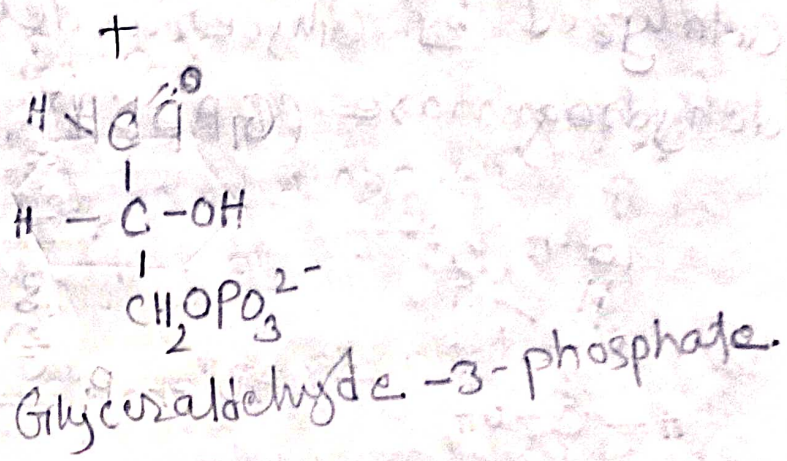
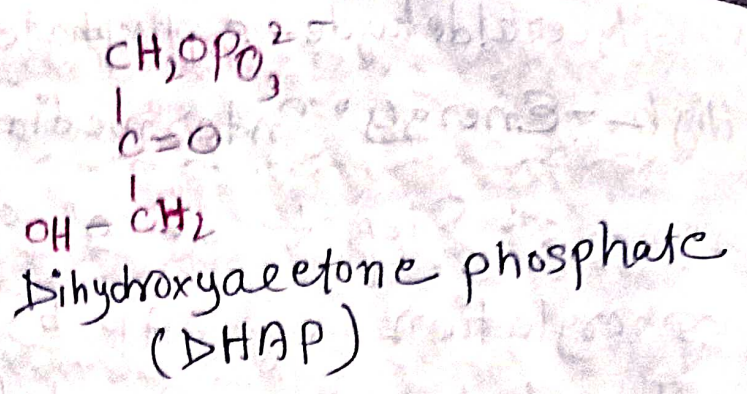
(iv) Aldolase converts a 6-carbon compound to two 3-carbon compounds:-

Aldolase catalyzes In the 4<sup>th</sup> step of glycolysis aldolase converts a FBP to two 3-carbon compounds or two trioses Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (GAP) and Dihydroxyacetone phosphate (DHAP).

Fructose-1,6-bisphosphate  $\xrightarrow{\text{aldolase}}$  GAP + DHAP

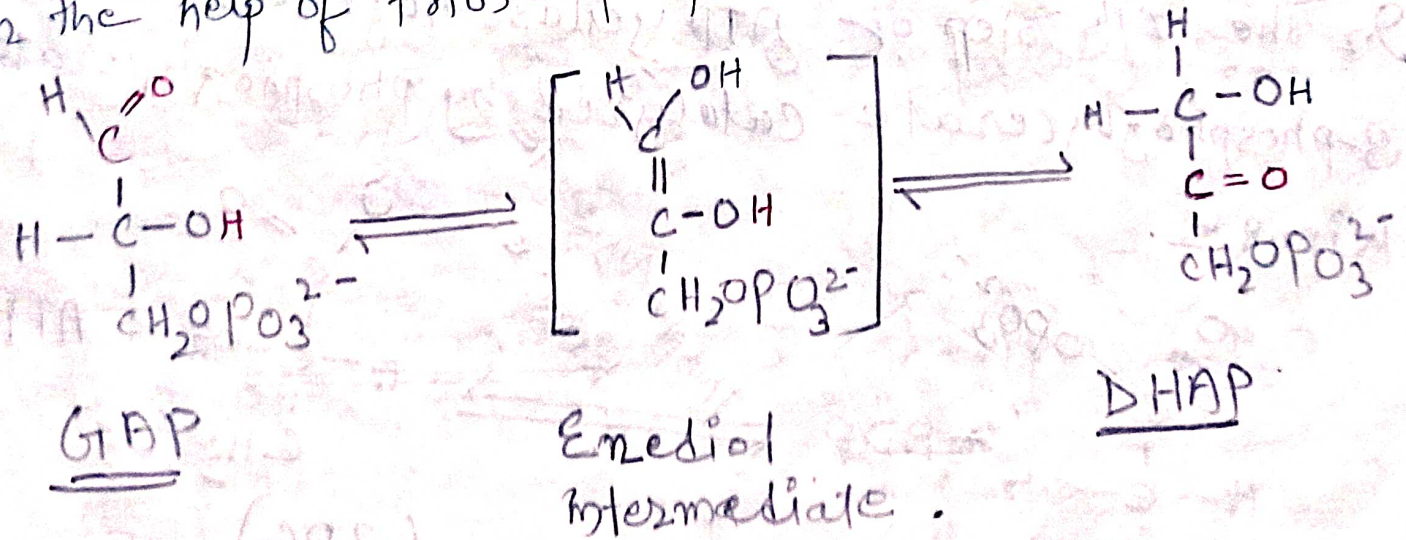


aldolase



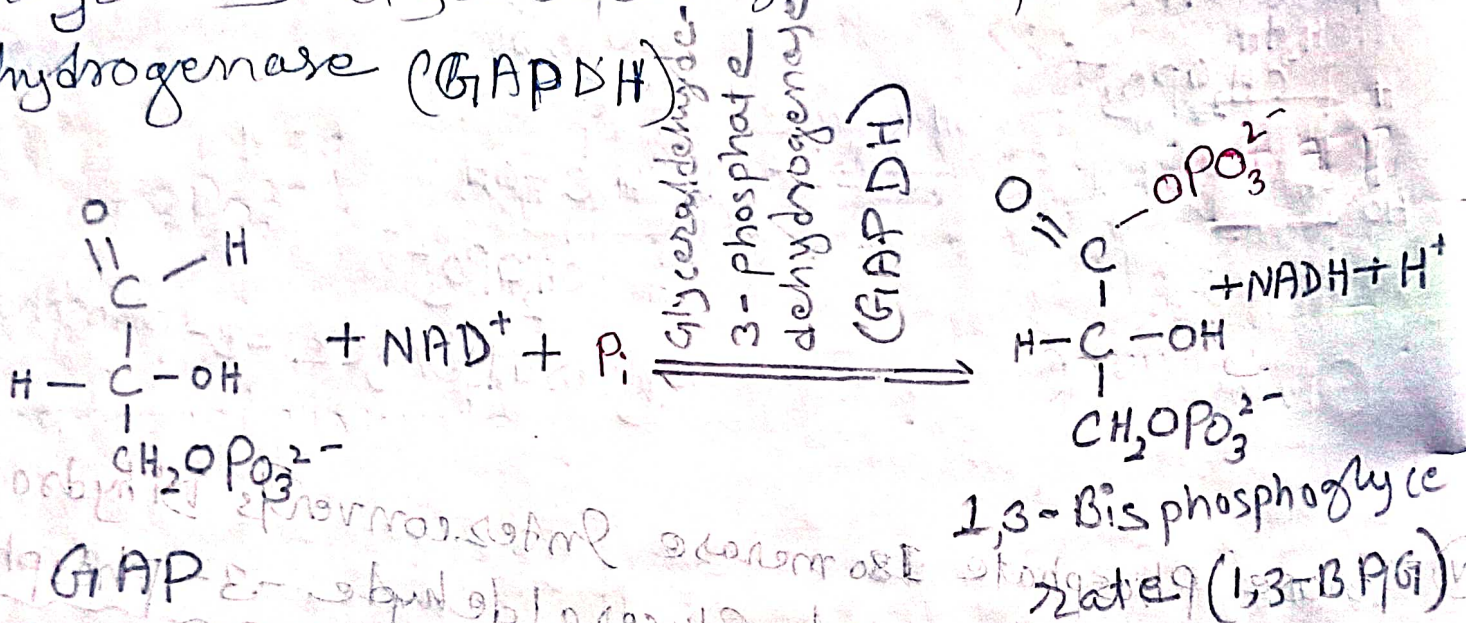
⑤ Triose phosphate isomerase interconverts Dihydroxyacetone phosphate and Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate:

In the 5<sup>th</sup> step of glycolysis GAP and DHAP interconvert with the help of triose phosphate isomerase enzyme.



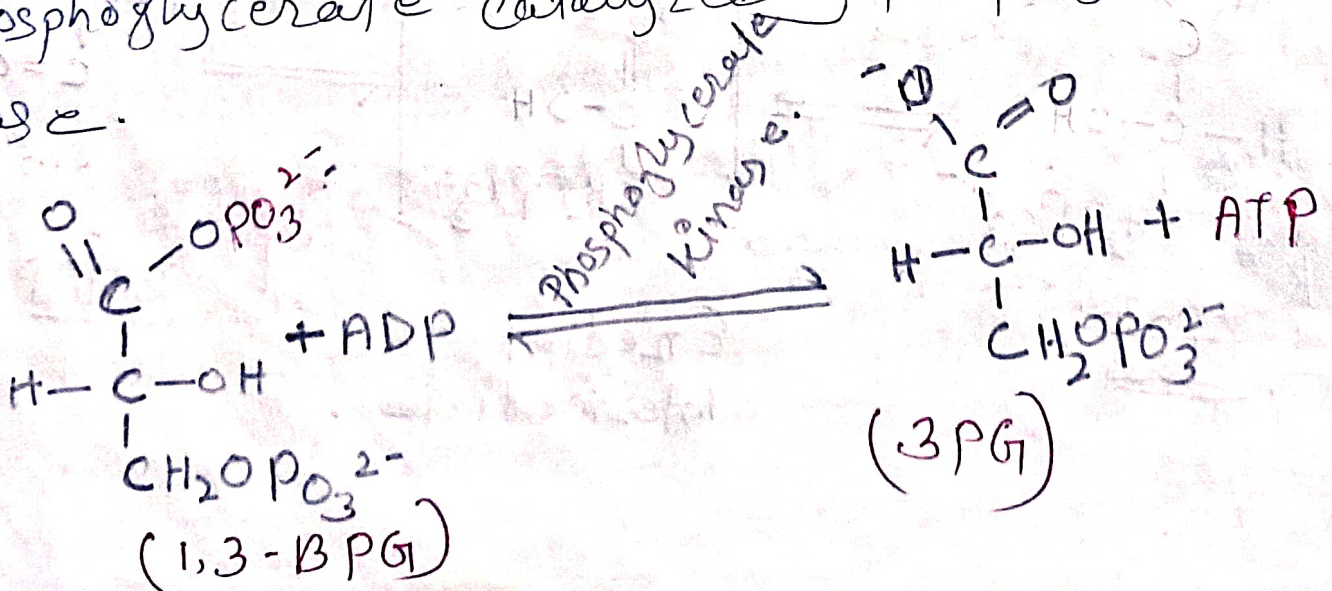
(vi) Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate Dehydrogenase forms the "High-Energy" Intermediate:-

In the 6<sup>th</sup> step of glycolysis the oxidation and phosphorylation (of GAP by  $\text{NAD}^+$  and  $\text{P}_i$ ) is catalyzed by Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH)



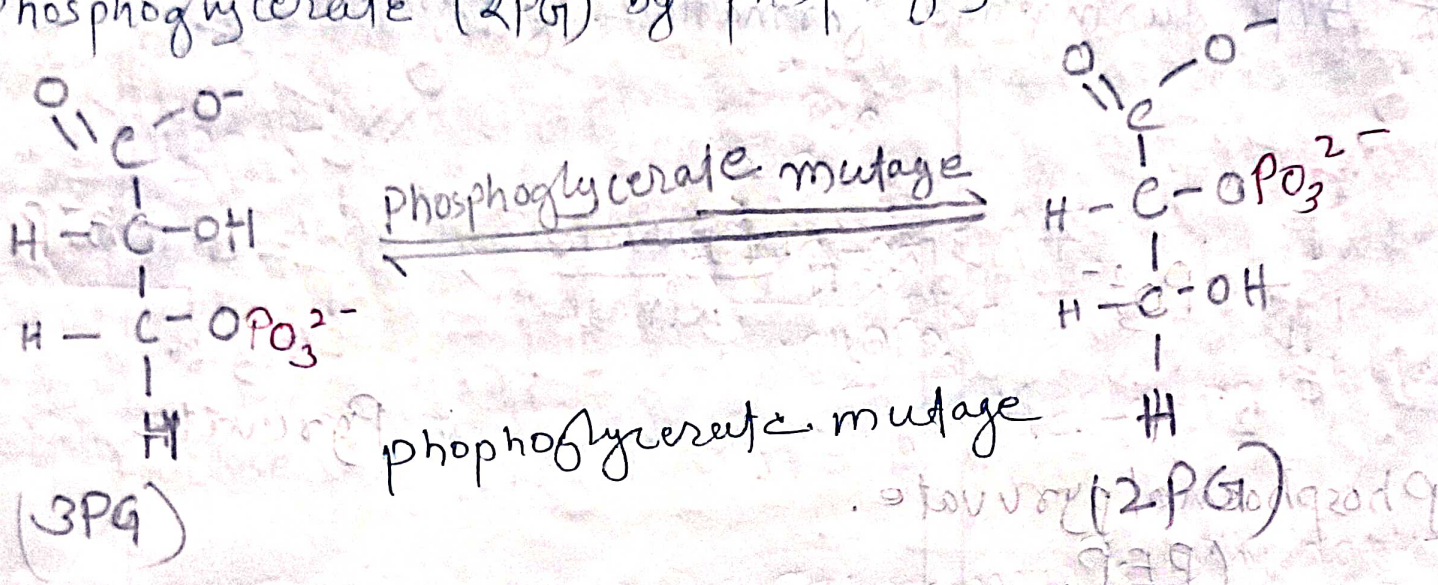
(vii) phosphoglycerate kinase Generates the First ATP

In the 7<sup>th</sup> step of ATP yields together with 3-phosphoglycerate catalyzed by phosphoglycerate kinase.



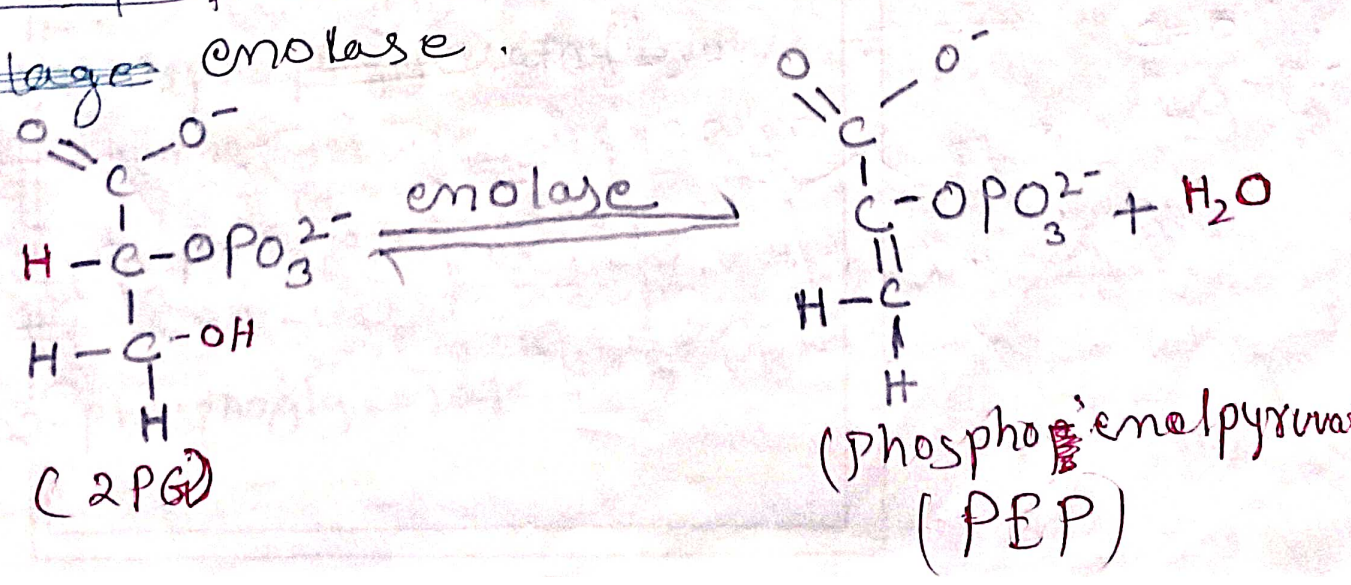
(viii) Phosphoglycerate Mutase Interconverts 3-phosphoglycerate and 2-phosphoglycerate:-

In the 8th reaction of glycolysis 3PG converted to 2-phosphoglycerate (2PG) by phosphoglycerate mutase.



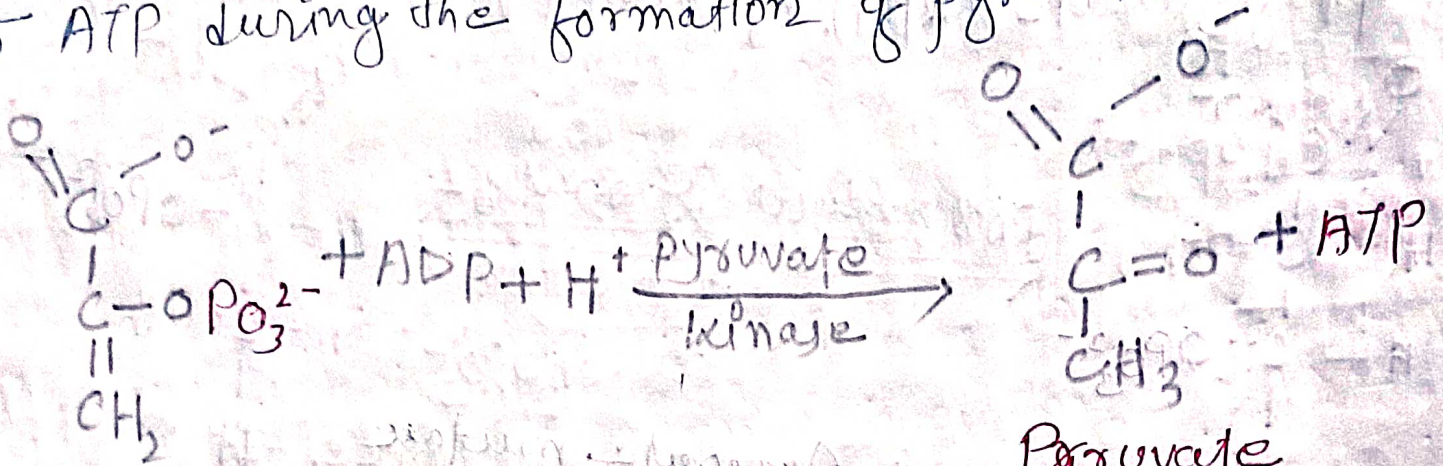
(ix) ~~Enolase~~ Enolase forms the second "High-Energy" intermediate:-

In the 9th reaction of glycolysis 2PG is dehydrated to phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) catalyzed by enolase.



# (\*) Pyruvate kinase Generates the Second ATP:

In 10<sup>th</sup> reaction of glycolysis pyruvate kinase couples the free energy of PEP cleavage to the synthesis of ATP during the formation of pyruvate.



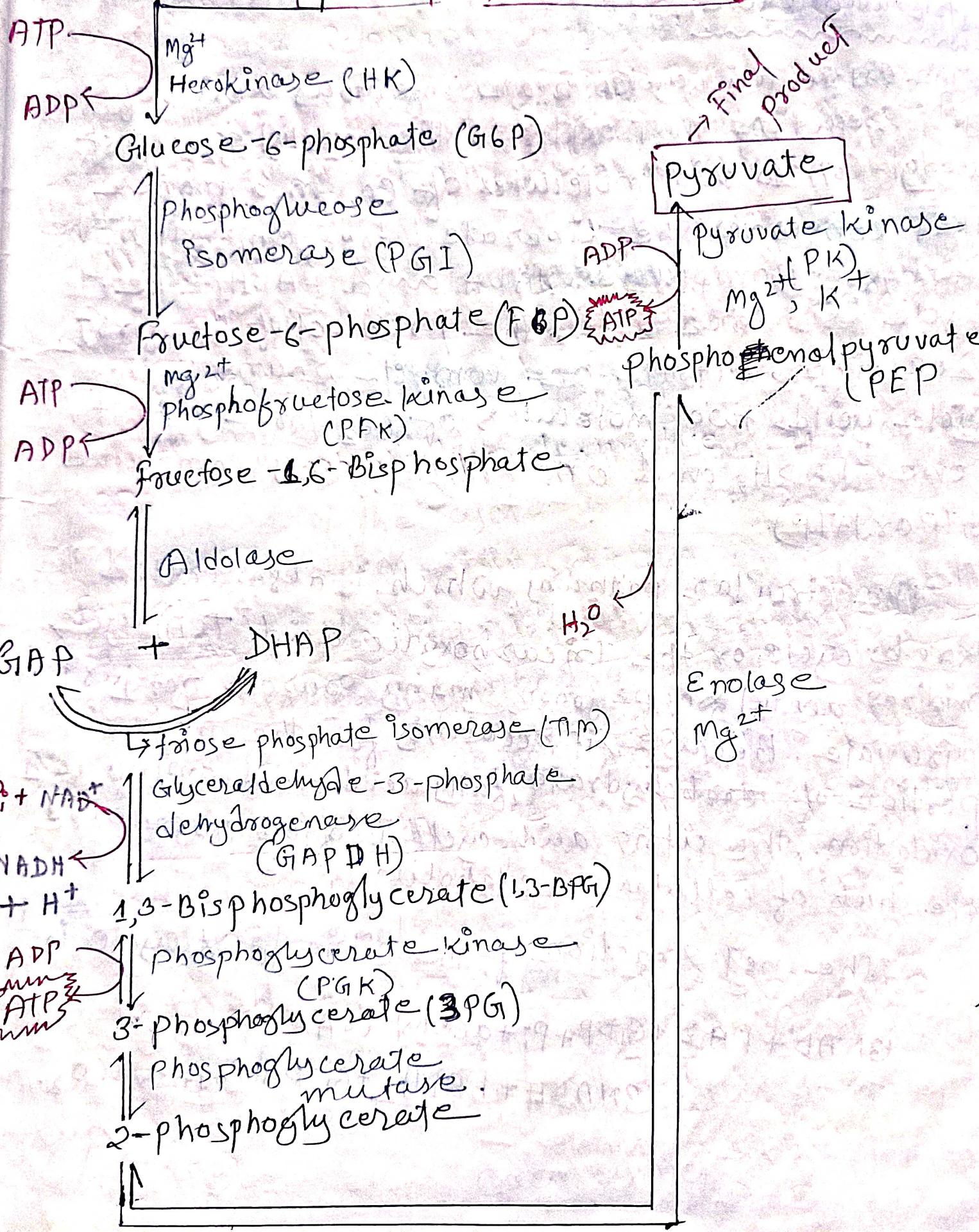
Phosphoenolpyruvate.  
(PEP)

Pyruvate

P.T.O. →



Glucose → Reaction initiator.

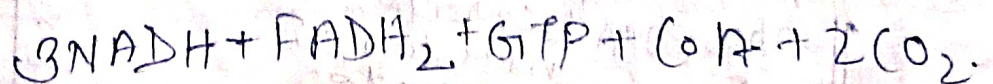
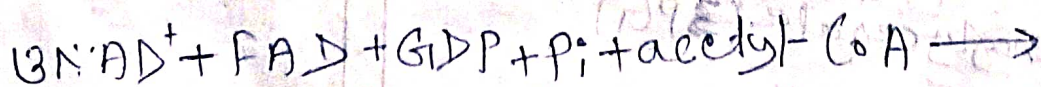


## Citric acid cycle:

The Citric acid cycle is an ingenious series of eight reactions that oxidizes the acetyl group of acetyl-CoA to two molecules of  $\text{CO}_2$  in a manner that conserves the liberated free energy in the reduced compounds NADH and  $\text{FADH}_2$ . The cycle is named after the product of the first reaction, Citrate. One complete round of the cycle yields two molecules of  $\text{CO}_2$ , three NADH, one  $\text{FADH}_2$  and one "high-energy" compound (GTP or ATP).

The circular pathway, which is also called the Krebs cycle or the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle, oxidizes acetyl groups from many sources, not just pyruvate. Because it accounts for the major portion of carbohydrate, fatty acid and amino acid oxidation, the citric acid cycle is often considered the "hub" of cellular metabolism.

The net reaction of the citric acid cycle is



The oxaloacetate that is consumed in the first step of the citric acid cycle is regenerated in the last step of the cycle. Thus, the citric acid cycle acts as a multistep catalyst that can oxidize an unlimited number of acetyl groups.

The carbon atoms of the two molecules of  $\text{CO}_2$  produced in one round of the cycle are not the two carbon atoms of the acetyl group that began the round. These acetyl carbon atoms are lost in subsequent steps of the cycle. However, the net effect of each round of the cycle is the oxidation of one acetyl group to  $2 \text{CO}_2$ .

Citric acid cycle intermediates are precursors for the biosynthesis of other compounds.

The oxidation of an acetyl group to  $2 \text{CO}_2$  requires the transfer of four pairs of electrons. The reduction of  $3 \text{NAD}^+$  to  $3 \text{NADH}$  accounts for three pairs of electrons. The reduction of  $\text{FAD}$  to  $\text{FADH}_2$  accounts for the fourth pair. Much of the free energy of oxidation of the acetyl group is conserved in these reduced ~~on~~ coenzymes.

Energy is also recovered as GTP.

### Synthesis of Acetyl-Coenzyme A:-

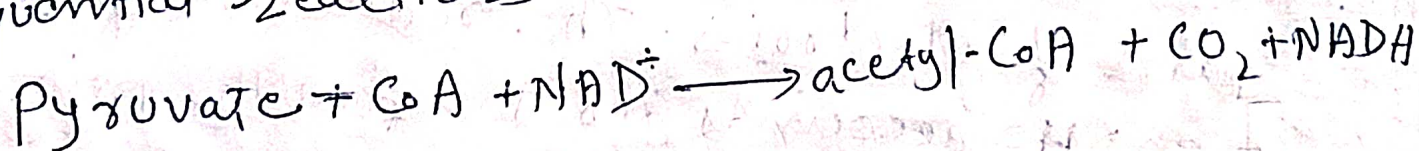
Pyruvate dehydrogenase is a multienzyme complex that catalyzes a five-part reaction in which pyruvate releases  $\text{CO}_2$  and the remaining acetyl group becomes linked to Coenzyme A.

The reaction sequence requires the cofactors TPP, lipoamide, Coenzyme A, FAD and  $\text{NAD}^+$ .

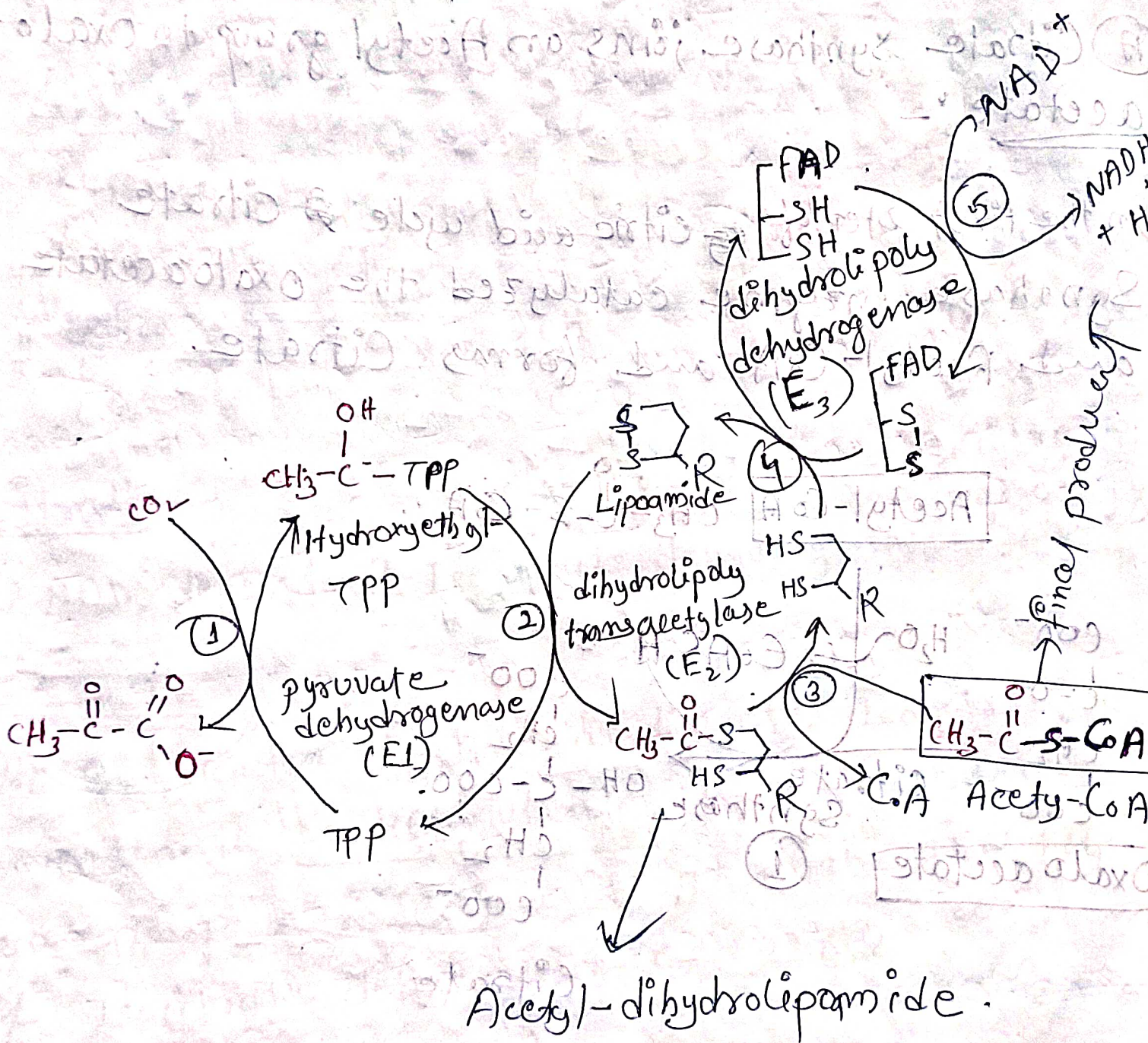
Acetyl group enters the citric acid cycle as part of "high-energy" compound acetyl-CoA.

### The pyruvate dehydrogenase complex catalyzes five reactions:-

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The five reactions of the pyruvate dehydrogenase multienzyme complex:-

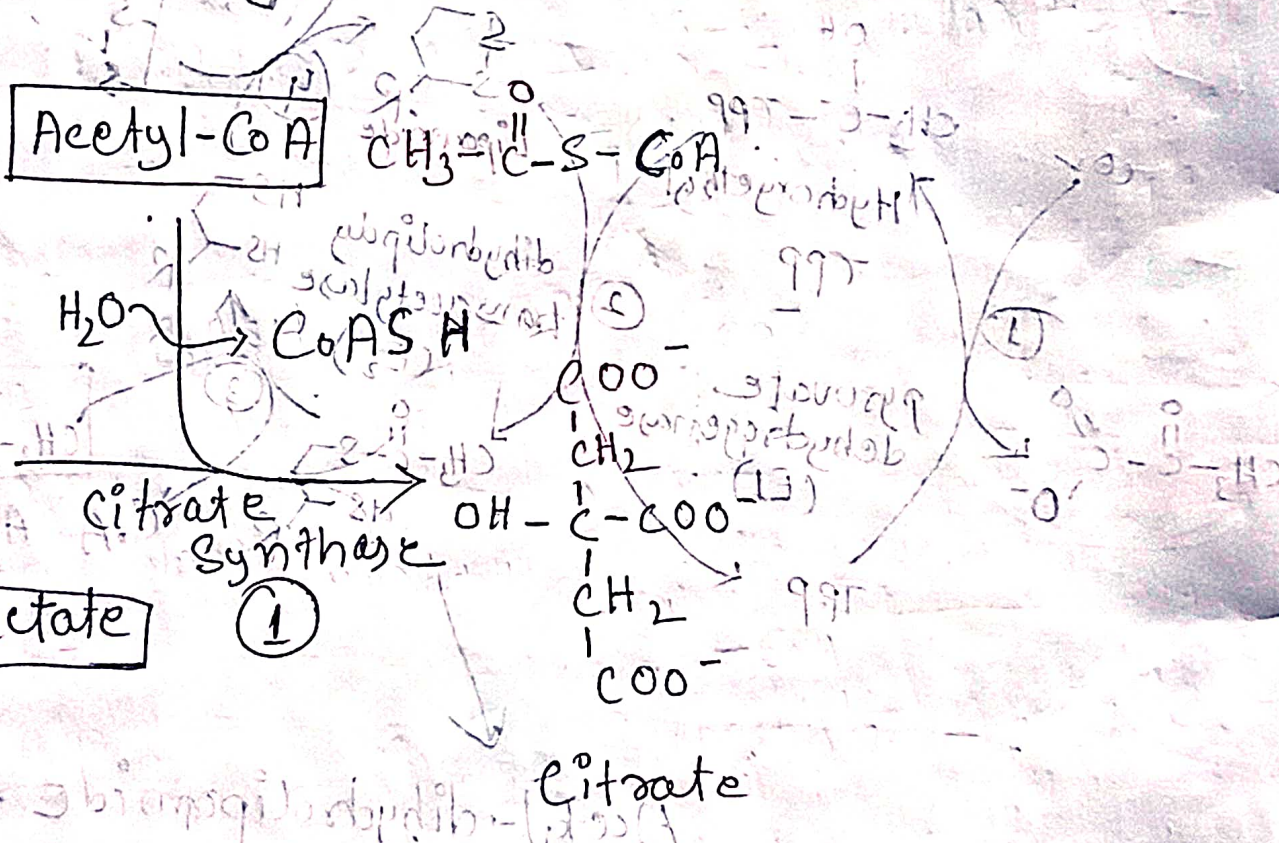


Acetyl-dihydrolipamide.

# Reactions of Citric Acid cycle:-

(A) Citrate Synthase joins an Acetyl group to Oxaloacetate:-

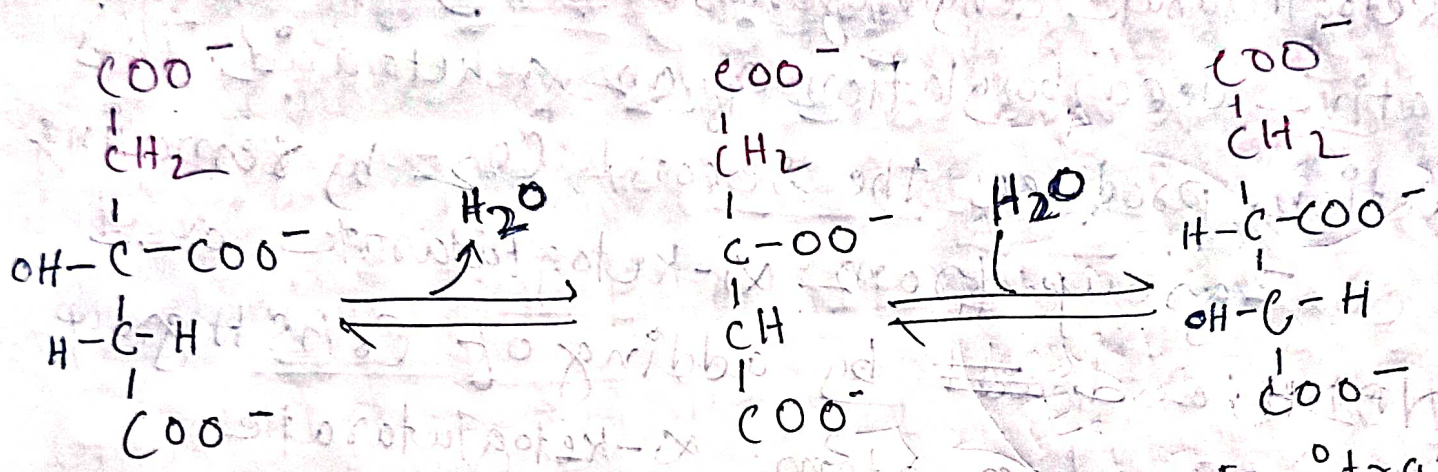
In the first step of Citric acid cycle Citrate Synthase enzyme catalyzed the oxaloacetate and Acetyl-CoA and forms Citrate.



(B) Aconitase Interconverts Citrate and Isocitrate:-

In the second step of Citric acid cycle ~~Aconitase~~ Aconitase convert Citrate to Isocitrate

by transferring OH-group and carbon atom to 4 carbon atom of citrate.



Isocitrate.

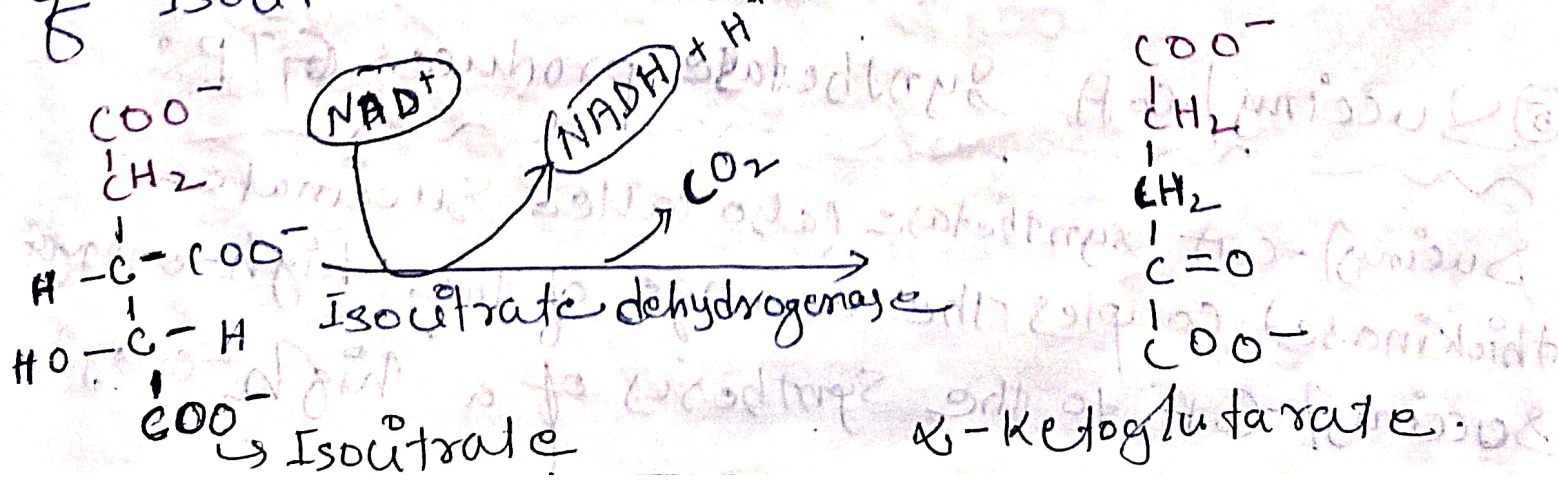
Citrate

cis-Aconitate

© NAD<sup>+</sup> dependent Isocitrate dehydrogenase Releases

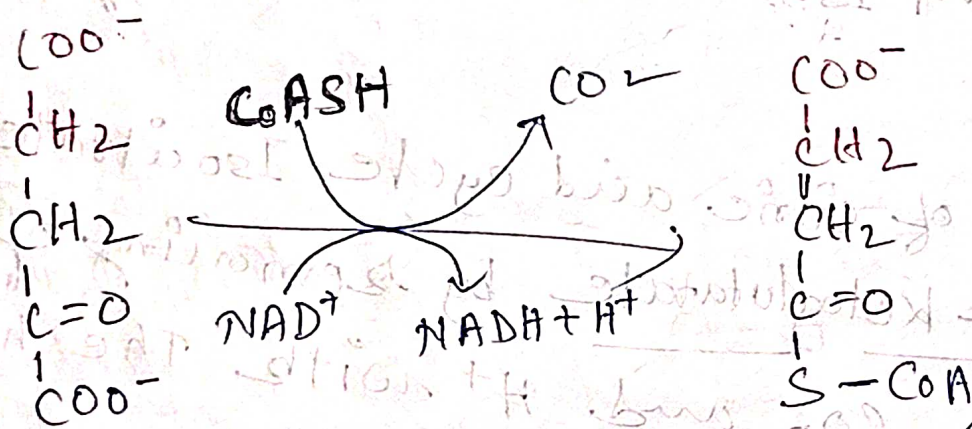
CO<sub>2</sub>

In 3<sup>rd</sup> reaction of citric acid cycle Isocitrate converted to α-ketoglutarate by removing of COO<sup>-</sup> group as a CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sup>+</sup> with the help of Isocitrate dehydrogenase enzyme.



#### ④ $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate Dehydrogenase Resembles Pyruvate Dehydrogenase:-

$\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase catalyzes the oxidative decarboxylation of an  $\alpha$ -keto acid. This reaction produces the second  $\text{CO}_2$  by removing of  $\text{COO}^-$  group from  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate and  $\text{NAD}^+$ ; and ~~at~~ by adding of CoASH group to its  $\alpha$  carbon atom  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate is converted to Succinyl-CoA.



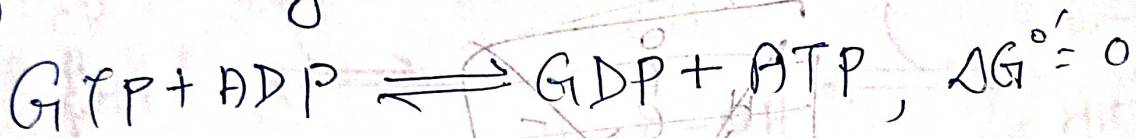
#### ⑤ Succinyl-CoA Synthetase produces GTP:-

Succinyl-CoA Synthetase (also called succinate thiokinase) couples the cleavage of the high-energy Succinyl-CoA to the synthesis of a high-energy



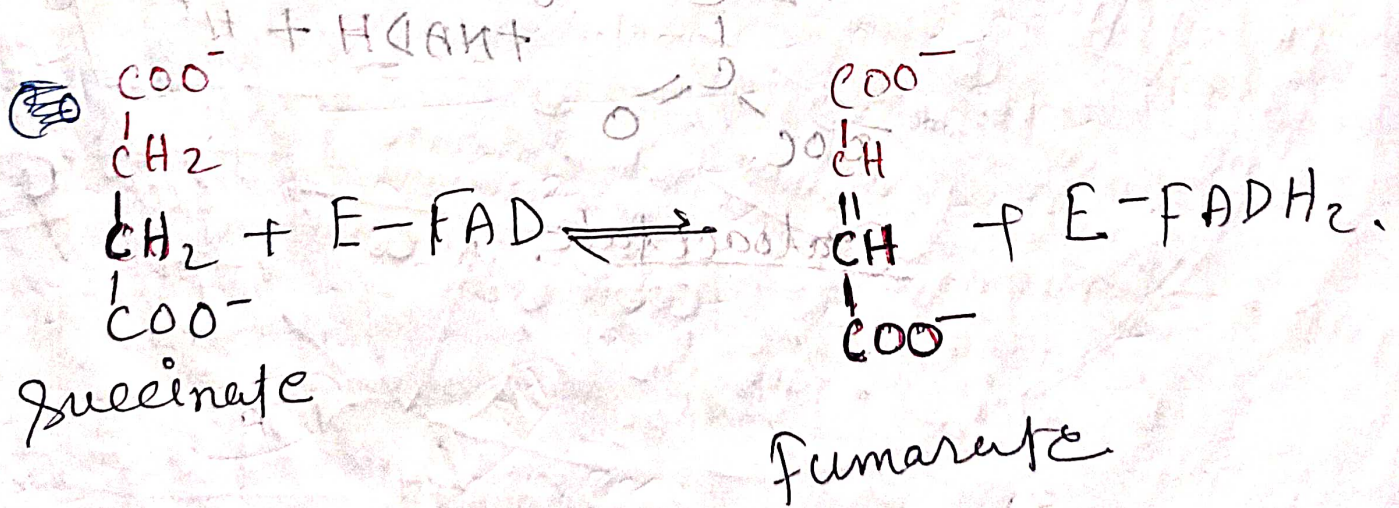
nucleoside diphosphate.

In this reaction Succinyl-CoA synthetase ~~is~~  
~~catalyzed~~ the converts the Succinyl-CoA  
to Succinate by removing of CoASH ~~from~~  
Additionally in this step GTP is ~~from~~ formed  
by combining  $GDP + P_i \rightarrow GTP$ .



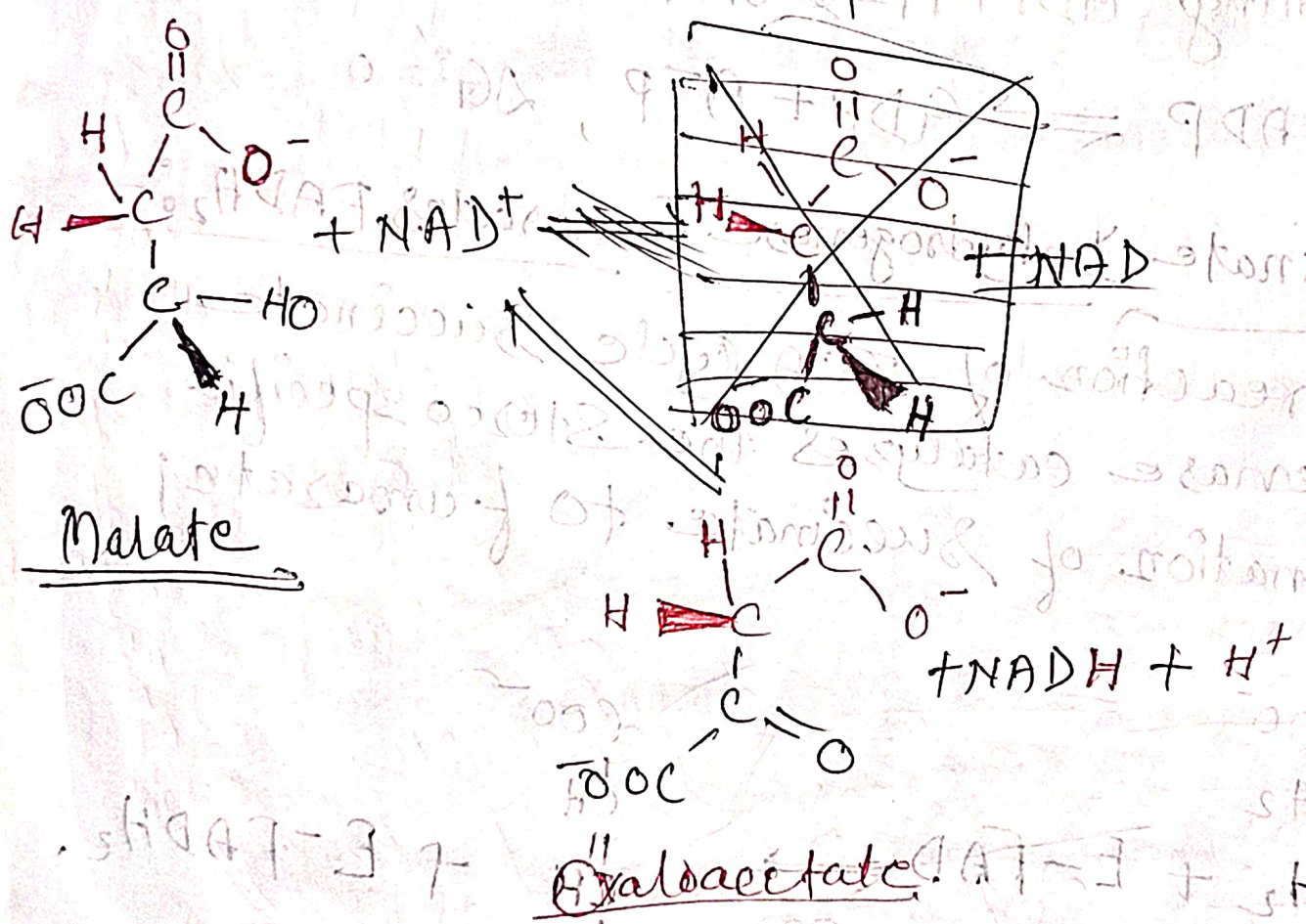
⑤ Succinate Dehydrogenase Generates  $FADH_2$ :

In this reaction of TCA cycle Succinate  
dehydrogenase catalyzes the stereospecific  
dehydrogenation of succinate to fumarate:



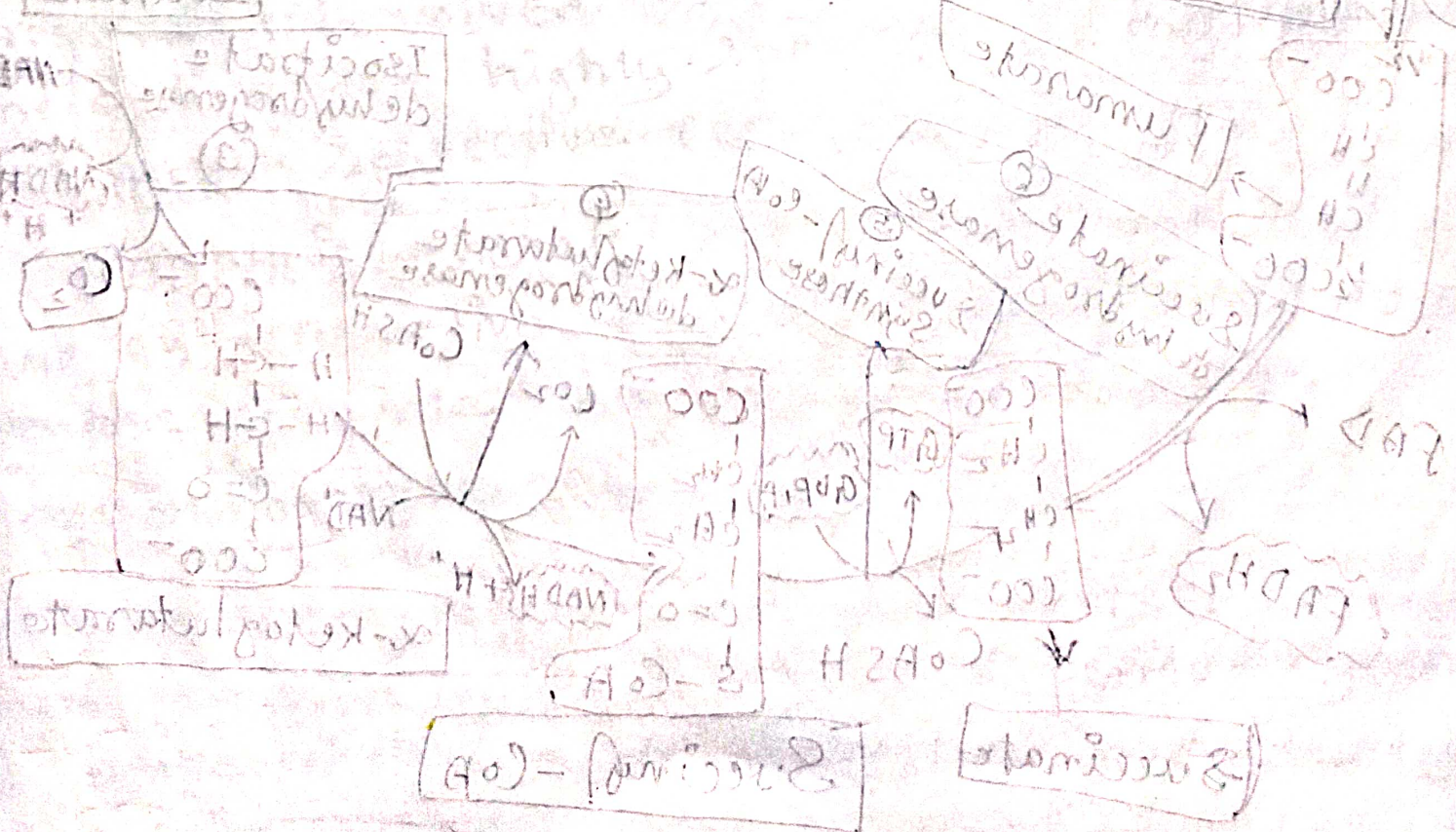
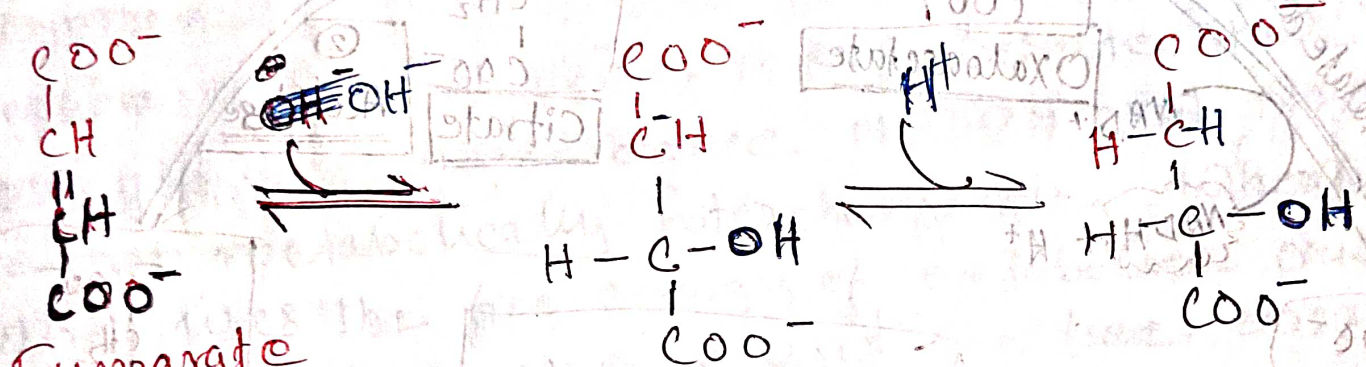
⑧ Malate dehydrogenase ~~reg~~ regenerates oxaloacetate:-

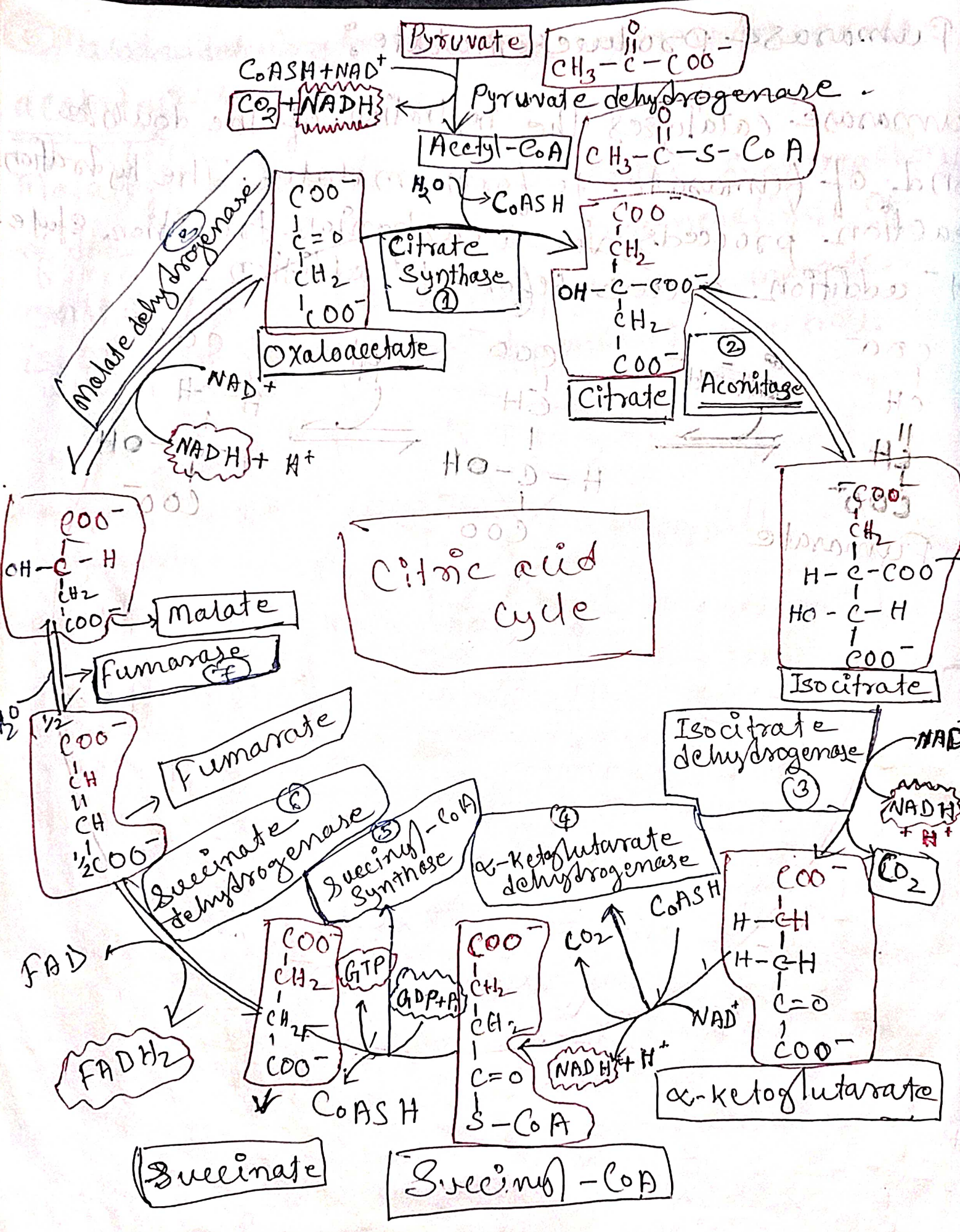
Malate dehydrogenase catalyzes the final reaction of the citric acid cycle, the regeneration of oxaloacetate. The hydroxyl group of malate is oxidized in an  $NAD^+$  dependent reaction.



⑦ Fumarase produces malate:

Fumarase catalyzes the hydration of the double bond of fumarate to form malate. The hydration reaction proceeds via a carbanion transition state.  $\text{OH}^-$  addition occurs before  $\text{H}^+$  addition.





## Phosphate pentose pathway:

ATP is the cell's "energy currency"; its exergonic cleavage is coupled to many otherwise endergonic cell functions.

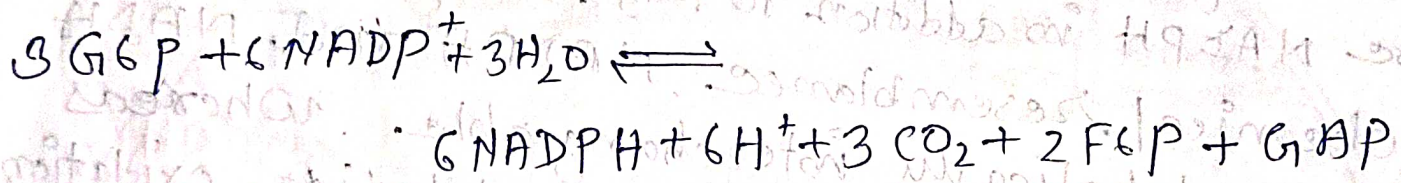
Cells also have a second currency, reducing power. Many endergonic reactions, notably the reductive biosynthesis of fatty acids and ~~cholesterol~~ cholesterol, require NADPH in addition to ATP. Despite their close chemical resemblance, NADPH and NADH are not metabolically interchangeable. Whereas NADH uses the free energy of metabolite oxidation to synthesize ATP, NADPH uses the free energy of metabolite oxidation for reductive biosynthesis. This differentiation is possible because the dehydrogenases involved in oxidative and reductive metabolism are highly specific for the ~~reproduct~~ enzymes. Respective coenzymes.

NADPH is generated by the oxidation of G6P (via an alternative pathway to glycolysis, the pentose phosphate pathway (also called the hexose monophosphate shunt))

→ The pentose phosphate pathway consists of three stages, in which NADPH is produced, pentoses undergo isomerization and glycolytic intermediates are recovered.

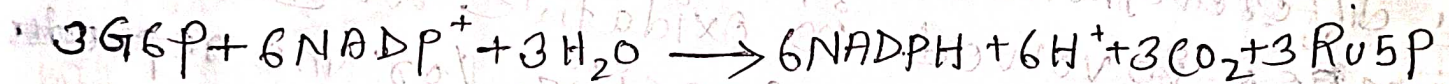
⇒ The pathway provides NADPH for reductive biosynthesis and Ribose-5-phosphate for nucleotide biosynthesis in the quantities that cell requires.

The overall reaction of the pentose phosphate pathway is

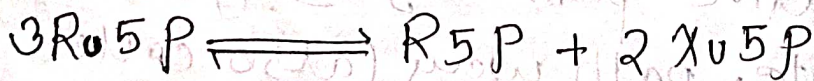


Pathway can be considered to have three stages:-

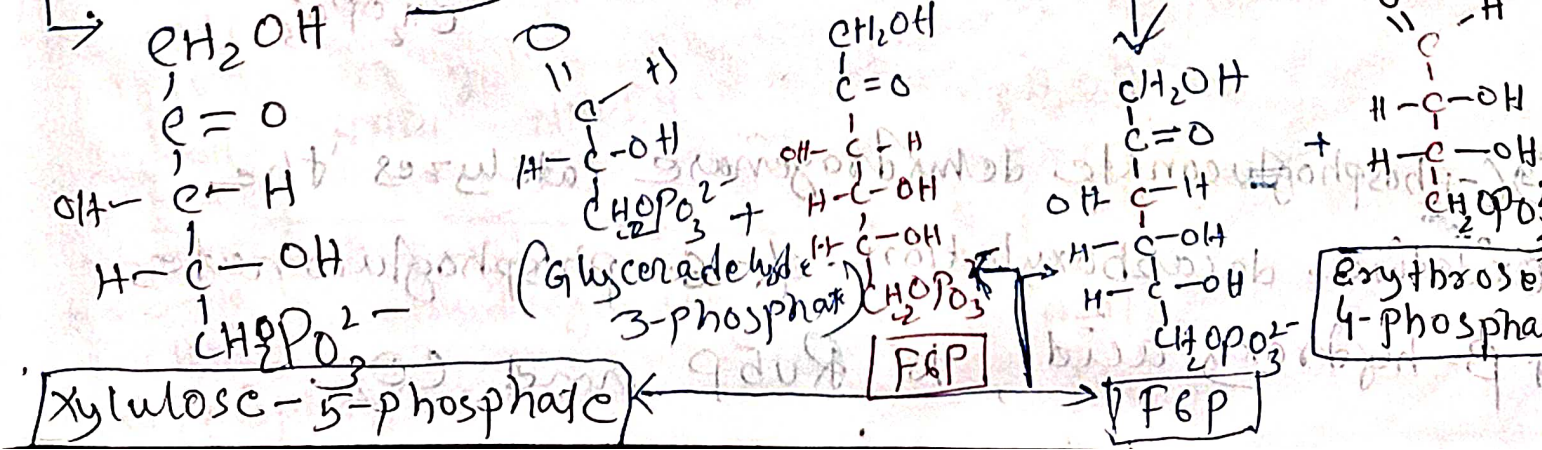
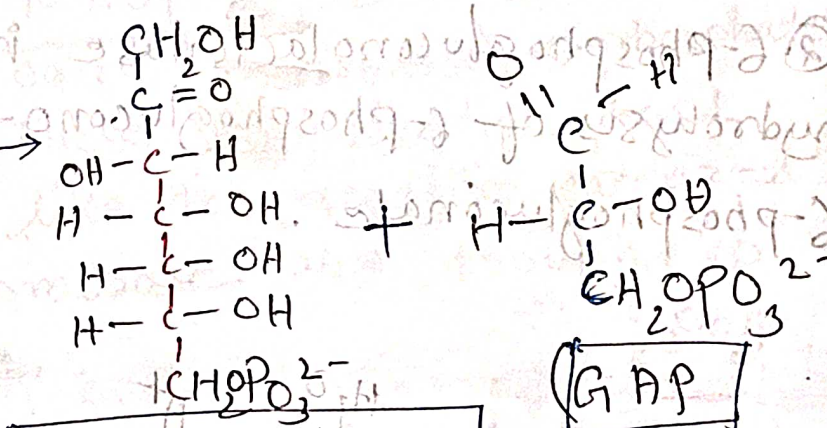
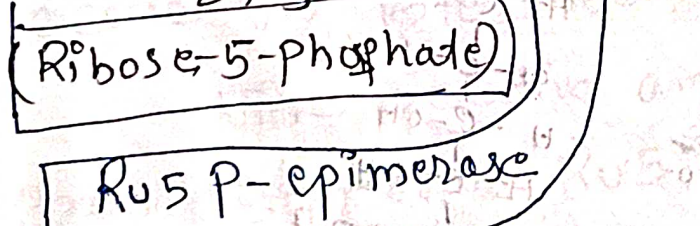
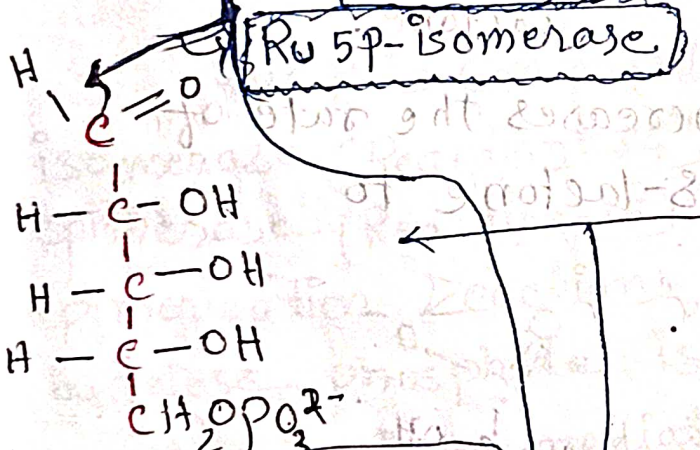
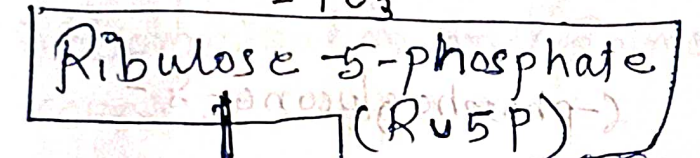
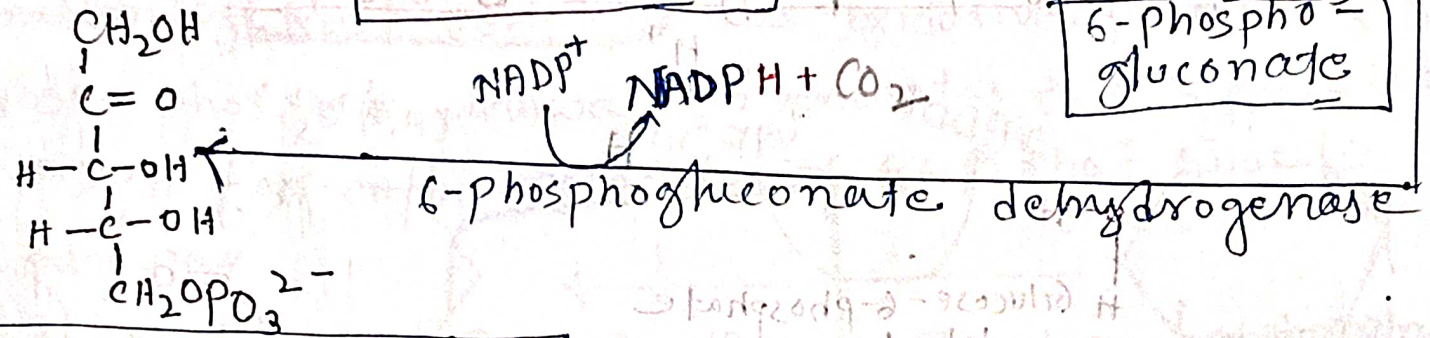
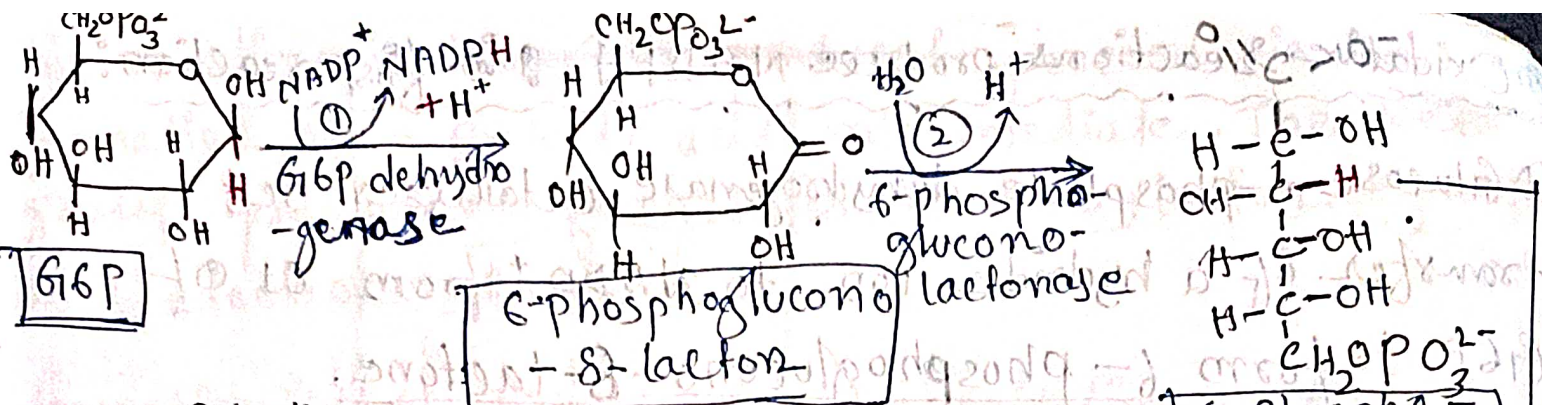
Stage I:- Oxidative reactions (Reactions 1-3) which yield NADPH and Ribulose-5-phosphate.



Stage II:- Isomerization and epimerization reactions (Reaction 4-5) which transform Ru5P either to ribose-5-phosphate or to xylulose-5-phosphate.

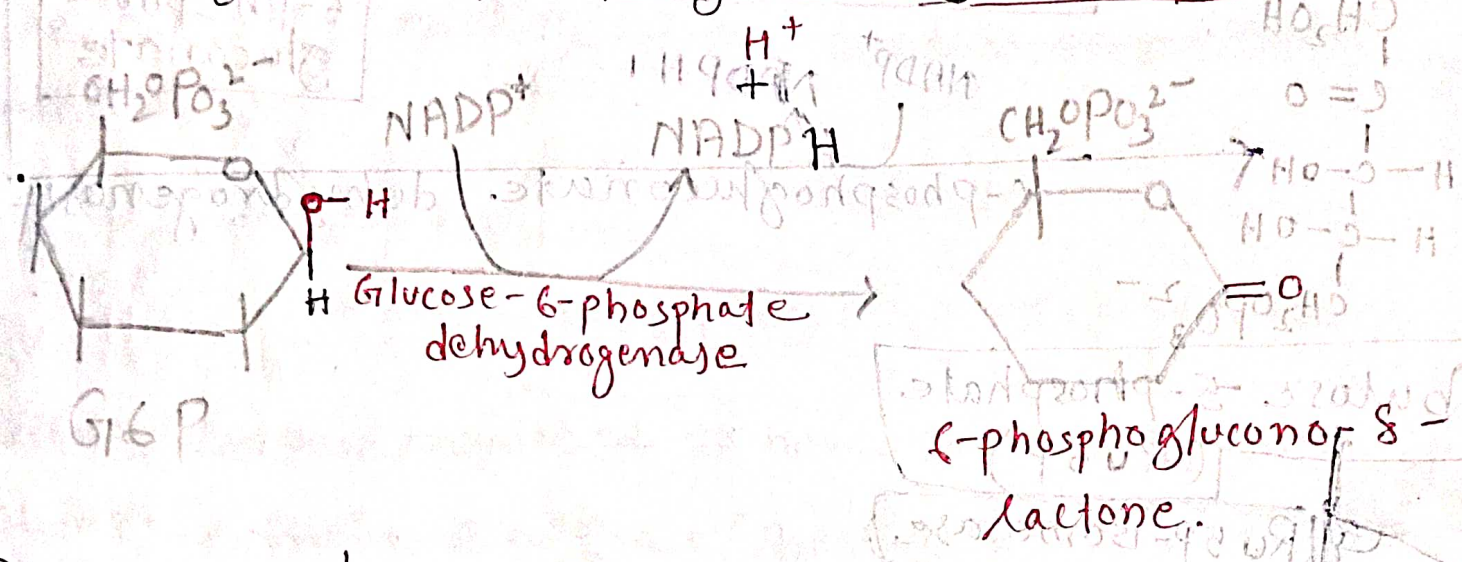


Stage III:- A series of C-C bond cleavage and formation reactions (Reaction 6-8) that convert two molecules of Xu5P and one molecule of R5P to two molecules of F6P and one molecule of Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate. (GAP)

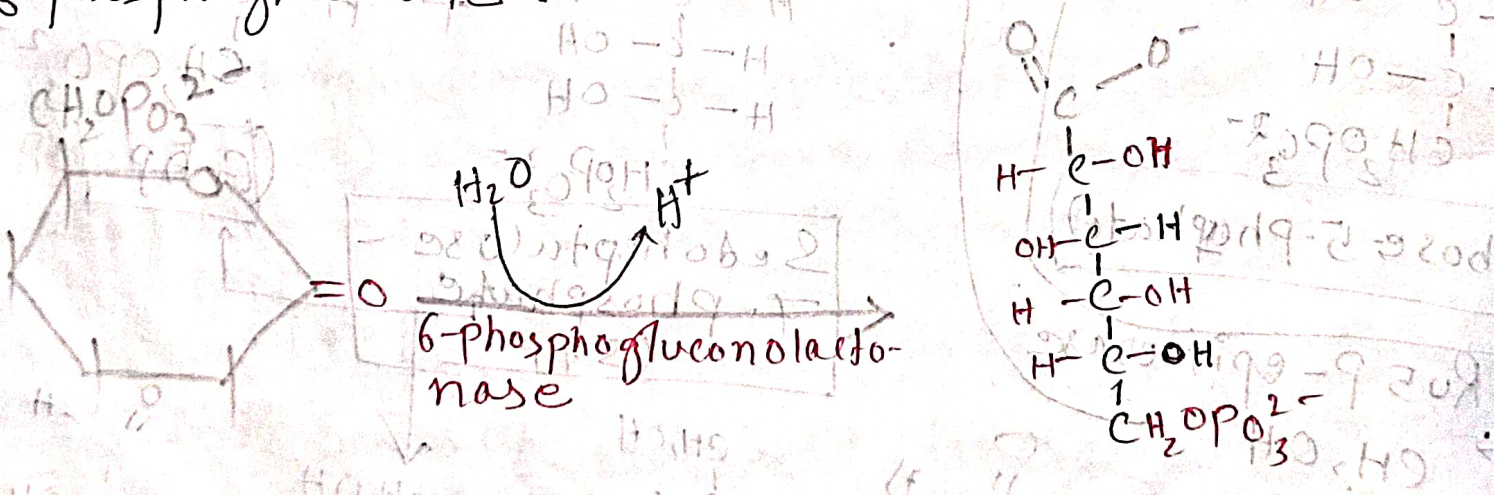


① Oxidative reactions produce NADPH in first reaction:

① Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase catalyzes net transfer of a hydride ion to  $\text{NADP}^+$  from C1 of G6P to form 6-phosphoglucono- $\delta$ -lactone.



② 6-phosphogluconolactonase increases the rate of hydrolysis of 6-phosphoglucono- $\delta$ -lactone to 6-phosphogluconate.



③ 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase catalyzes the oxidative decarboxylation of 6-phosphogluconate, a  $\beta$ -hydroxy acid, to Ru5P and  $\text{CO}_2$ .



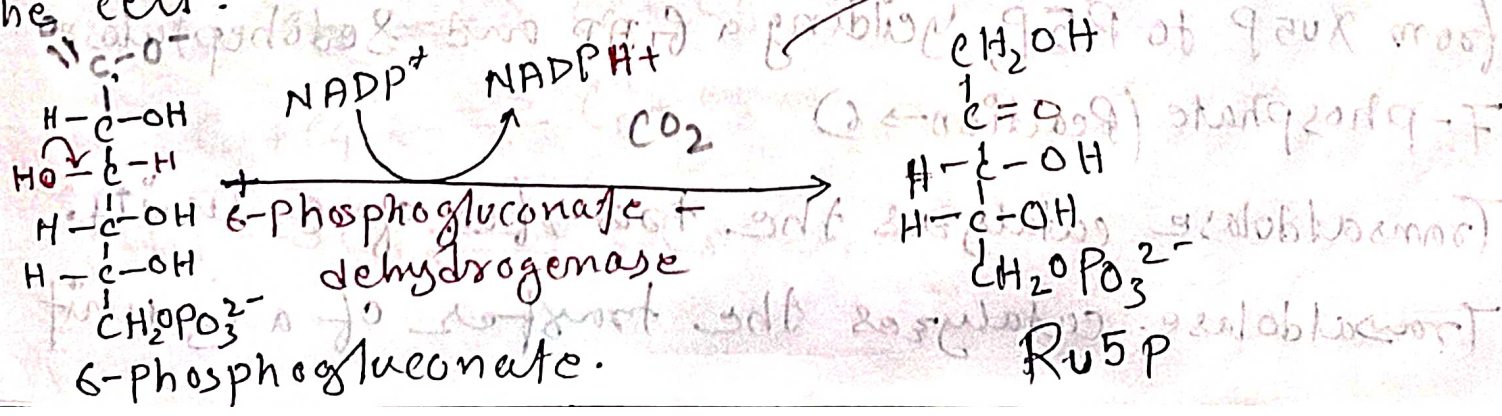
This reaction is thought to proceed via the formation of a  $\beta$ -keto acid intermediate. The keto group presumably facilitates decarboxylation by acting as an electron sink.

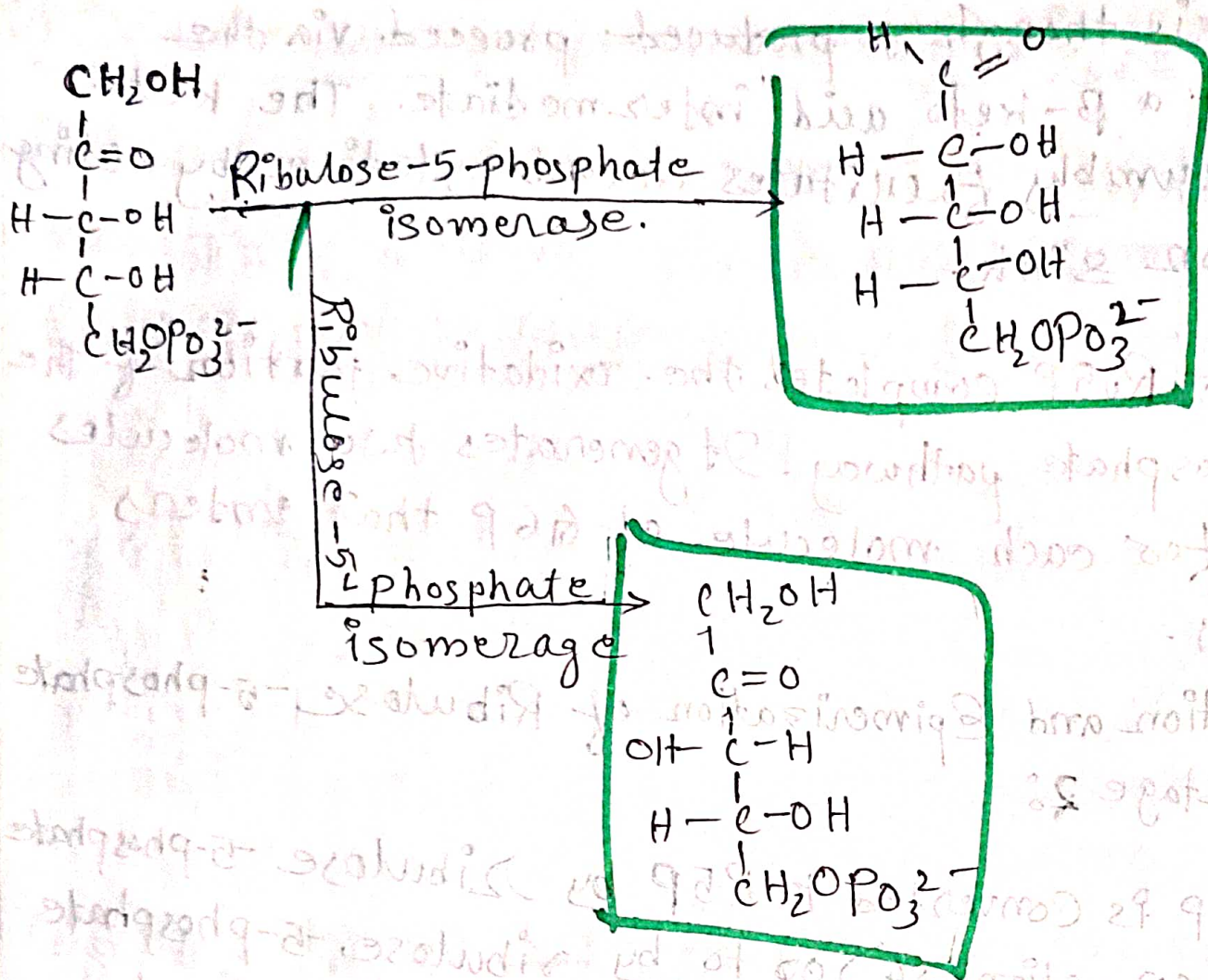
Formation of Ru5P completes the oxidative portion of the Pentose phosphate pathway. It generates two molecules of NADPH for each molecule of G6P that enters the pathway.

B) Isomerization and Epimerization of Ribulose-5-phosphate occurs in Stage 2:

Ru5P is converted to R5P by Ribulose-5-phosphate isomerase (Reaction  $\rightarrow 4$ ) or to Xu5P by Ribulose-5-phosphate epimerase (Reaction  $\rightarrow 5$ ). These isomerization and epimerization reactions, like the reaction catalyzed by triose phosphate isomerase are thought to occur via intermediate:

The relative amount of R5P and Xu5P produced from Ru5P depends on the needs of the cell.





Stage 3 involves carbon-carbon bond cleavage and formation:

Transketolase catalyzes the transfer of a  $\text{C}_2$  unit:

Transketase, which has a thiamine pyrophosphate cofactor, catalyzes the transfer of a  $\text{C}_2$  unit from Xu5P to R5P, yielding a GAP and Sedoheptulose-7-phosphate (Reaction  $\rightarrow 6$ )

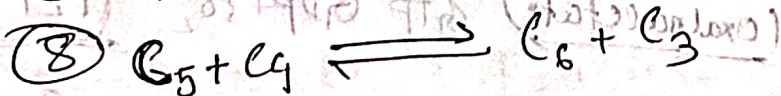
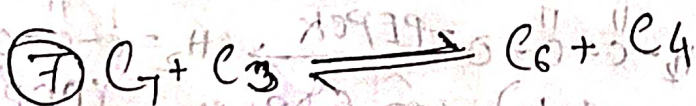
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from SFP to GAP yielding erythrose-4-phosphate (E4P) and fructose-6-phosphate (F6P).

A second transketolase Reaction yields Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate and a second fructose-6-phosphate molecule.

In a second transketolase reaction, a  $C_2$  unit is transferred from a second molecule of ~~Xu5P~~ Xu5P to E4P to form GAP and another molecule of F6P (Reaction-8). The third stage of the pentose phosphate pathway thus transforms two molecules of Xu5P and one of ~~R5P~~ R5P to two molecules of F6P and one molecule of GAP. To summarize, a series of c-c bond formations and cleavage convert three  $C_5$  sugars to two  $C_6$  sugars and one  $C_3$  sugar. Here the numbers to the left of each reaction is keyed to the corresponding reaction.



# Gluconeogenesis

The non-carbohydrate precursors that can be converted to glucose include the glycolysis products lactate and pyruvate, citric acid cycle intermediates, and the carbon skeletons of most amino acids.

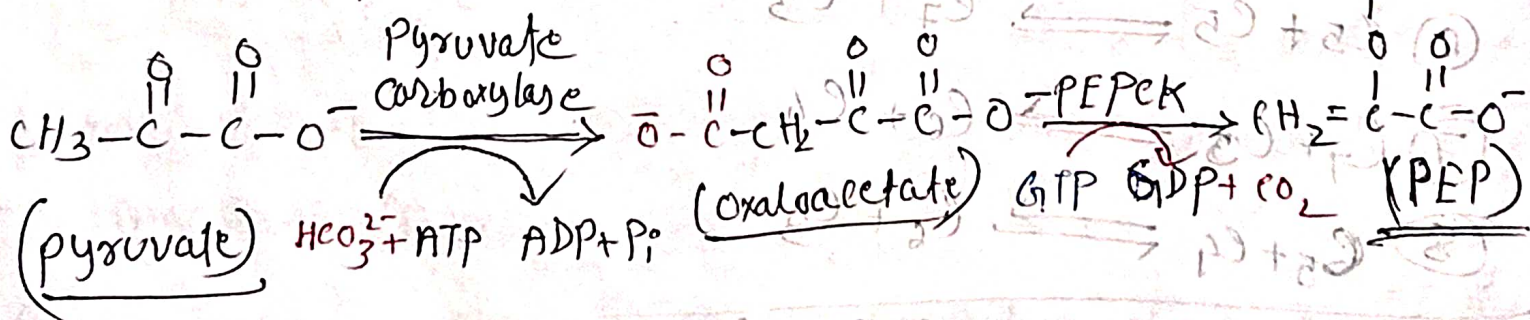
Gluconeogenesis is a pathway by which pyruvate is converted to glucose.

① Pyruvate is converted to phosphoenolpyruvate in two steps:

In this reaction:-

① Pyruvate carboxylase catalyzes the ATP-driven formation of oxaloacetate from pyruvate and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ .

② PEP carboxykinase (~~PEPCK~~ PEPCK) converts oxaloacetate to PEP in a reaction that uses GTP as a phosphoryl-group donor.



(iv) A series of reversible reaction considered as a second step of gluconeogenesis:-

(i) Phosphoenolpyruvate converted to 2-phosphoglycerate with the help of enolase enzyme.

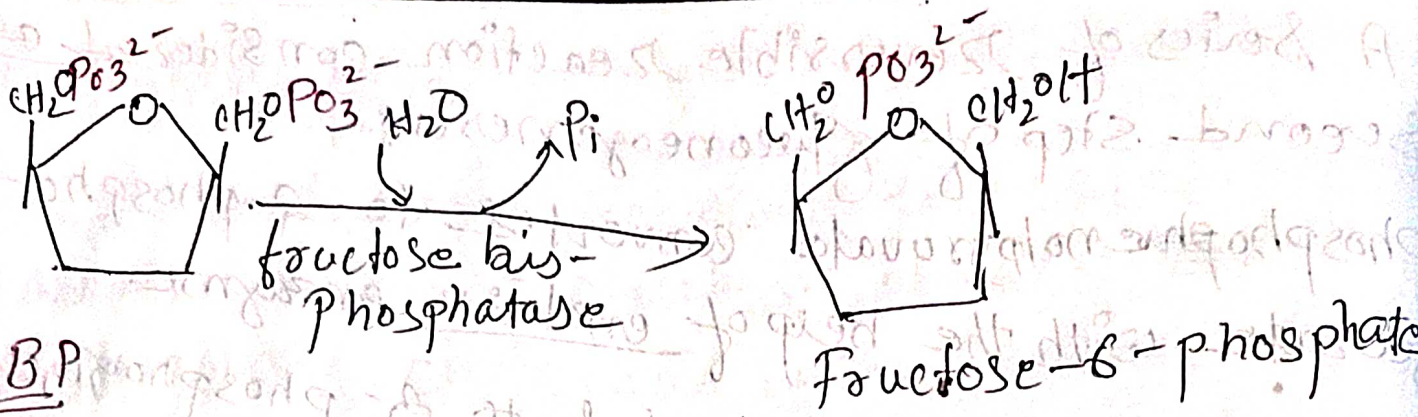
(ii) 2-phosphoglycerate converted to 3-phosphoglycerate with the help of phosphoglycerate mutase enzyme.

(iii) phosphoglycerate kinase catalyzes the 3-phosphoglycerate into 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate by ~~withdrawing~~ withdrawing one  $P_i$  from ATP.

(iv) Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase catalyzes 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate in GAP and DHAP (which are interchangeable with the help of triose phosphate isomerase enzyme) by ~~withdrawing~~ withdrawing one  $P_i$  and  $H^+$ .

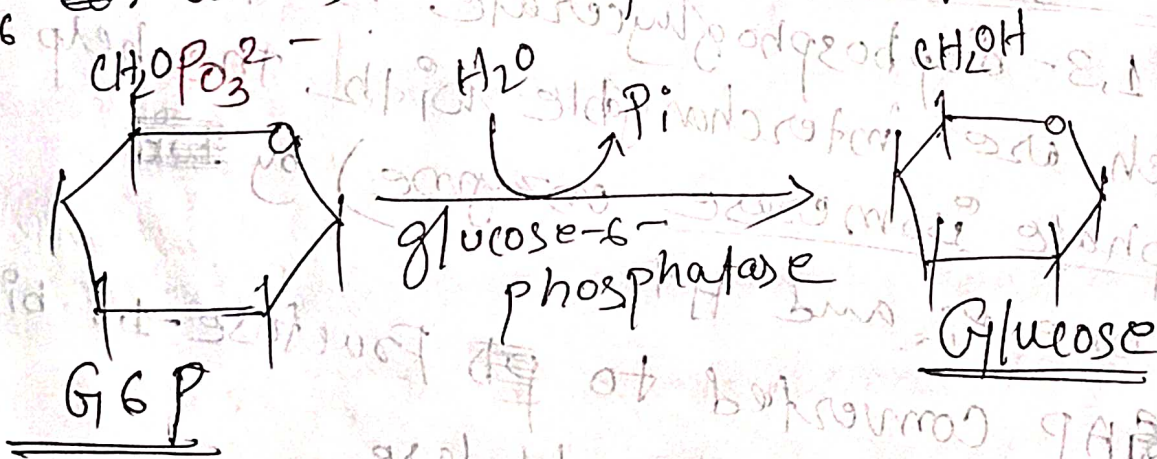
(v) DHAP or GAP converted to ~~Fructose-1,6-bis-phosphate~~ Fructose-1,6-bis-phosphate with the help of aldolase.

(vi) Fructose bis-phosphatase catalyze Fructose-1,6-bisphosphate into Fructose-6-phosphate by withdrawing one  $P_i$  with presence of water.



(D) Phosphoglucose isomerase catalyze the Fructose-6-phosphate to glucose-6-phosphate.

(E) Glucose-6-phosphatase converted ~~G6P~~ G6P to Glucose by removing of  $\text{P}_i$  group from  $\text{C}_6$  ~~atom~~ atom with presence of water.



## Glycogenolysis :-

The breakdown of glycogen into glucose-6-phosphate is called glycogenolysis.

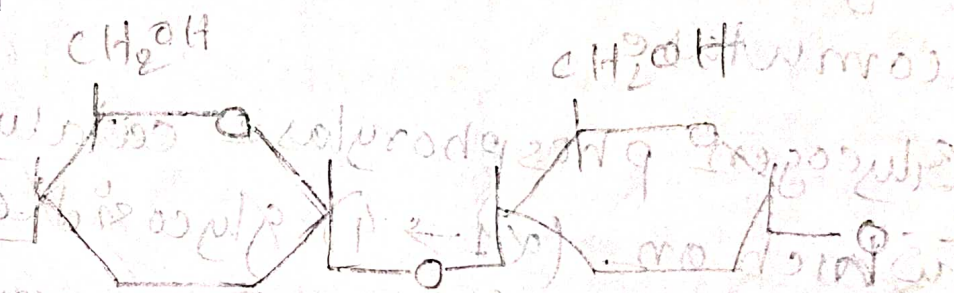
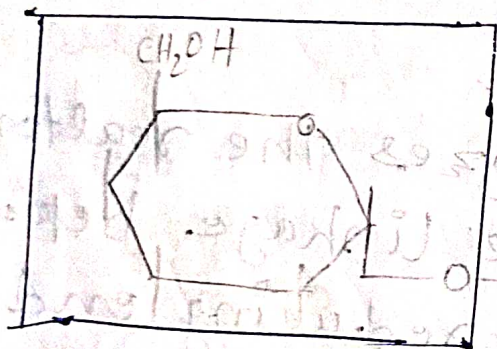
→ In skeletal muscle or liver the glucose units of the outer branches of glycogen enter the glycolytic pathway through the action of three enzymes: glycogen phosphorylase, glycogen debranching enzyme and phosphoglucomutase.

→ Glycogen phosphorylase catalyzes the reaction in which an  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$  glycosidic linkage between two glucose residues at a non-reducing end of glycogen undergoes attack by inorganic phosphate ( $P_i$ ) removing the terminal glucose residue as  $\alpha$ -D-glucose-1-phosphate.

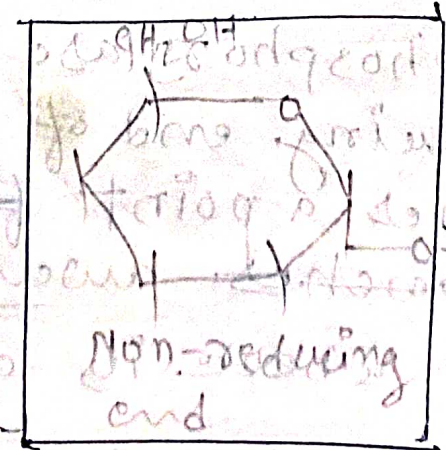
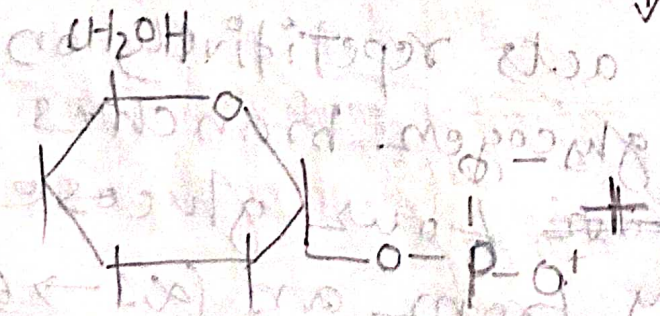
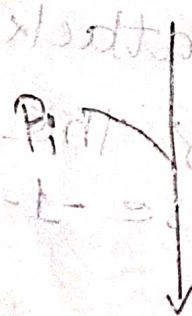
→ Glycogen phosphorylase acts repetitively on the non-reducing end of glycogen branches until it reaches a point ~~four~~ four glucose residues ~~branches~~ away from an  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  branch point, where its action stops.

→ Further degradation by glycogen phosphorylase can occur only after the debranching enzyme formally known as oligo ( $\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6$ ) to ( $\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4$ ) glucan transferase, catalyzes two successive reactions that transfer branches.

→ Once these branches are transferred and glucosyl residue at  $C-6$  is hydrolyzed, glycogen phosphorylase activity can continue.



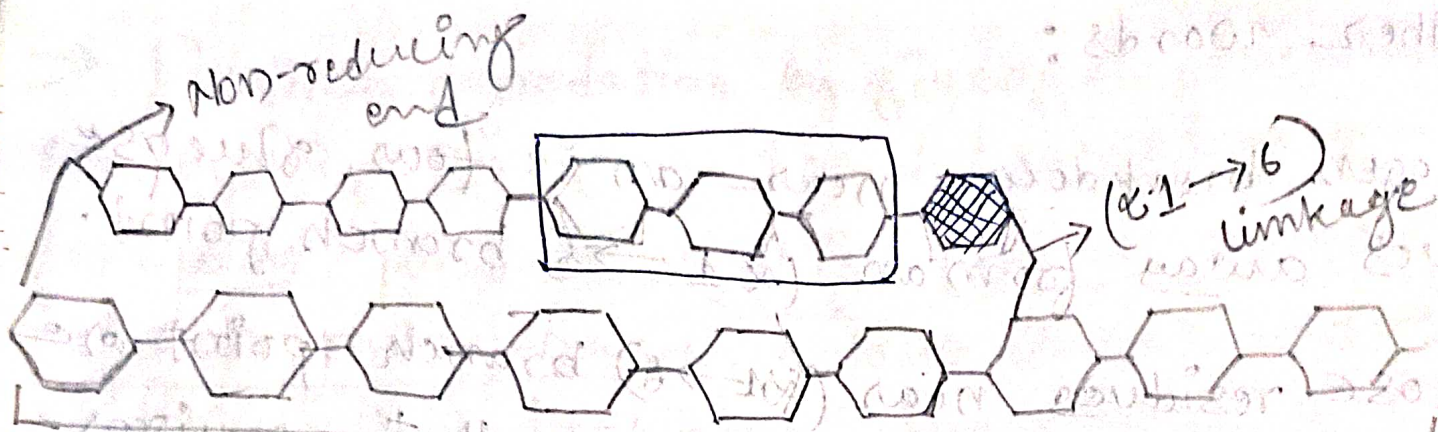
Non-reducing end





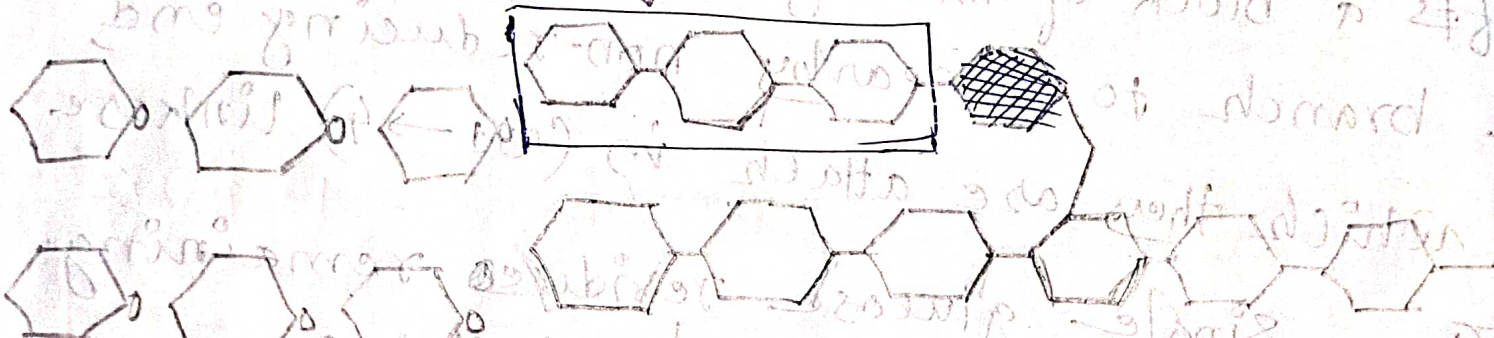
In other words:

- ⇒ Glycogen breakdown near an i.e four glucose residues away from an  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  branch point.
- ⇒ Glucose residues near  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  branch point are removed in a two step process that requires a bifunctional "debranching enzyme".
- ⇒ First the transferase activity of the enzyme shifts a block of three glucose residues from the branch to a nearby non-reducing end, to which they are attached in  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$  linkage.
- ⇒ The single glucose residue remaining at the branch point is in  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  linkage.
- ⇒ After transferring 3 glucose residues into straight chain, the single glucose residue which is in  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  linkage with straight chain is then released as free glucose by enzyme's  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 6)$  glucosidase activity.
- ⇒ Then unbranched  $(\alpha 1 \rightarrow 4)$  polymer substrate for ~~furth~~ further phosphorylase action.



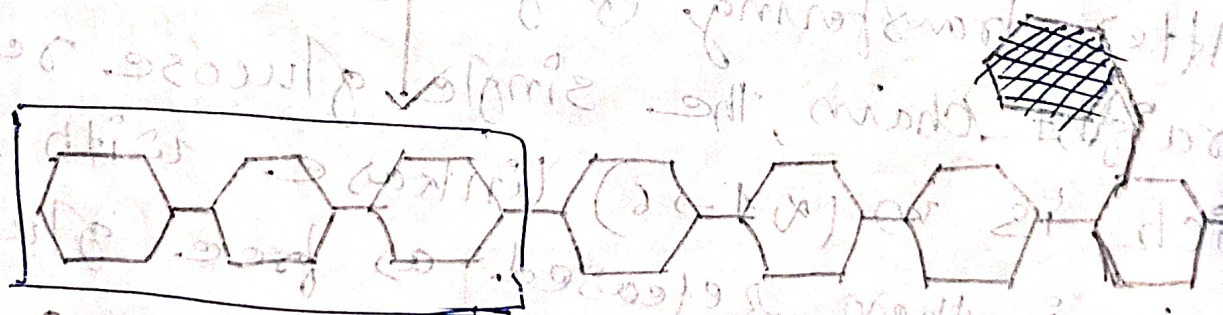
Glycogen

Glycogen phosphorylase.



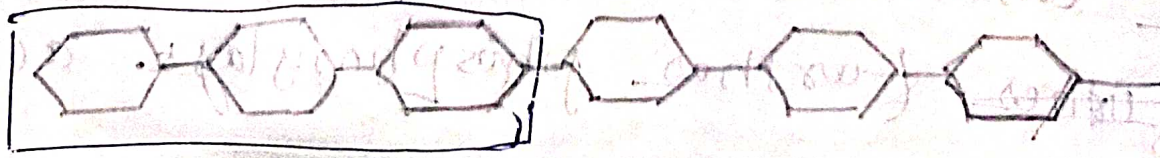
Glucose 1-phosphate molecule

Transferase activity of debranching enzyme.



$\alpha$ -1  $\rightarrow$  6) glucosidase activity of debranching enzyme

Glucose



③ How glucose-1-phosphate converted into glucose-6-phosphate?

⇒ This reaction is catalyzed by phosphoglucomutase.

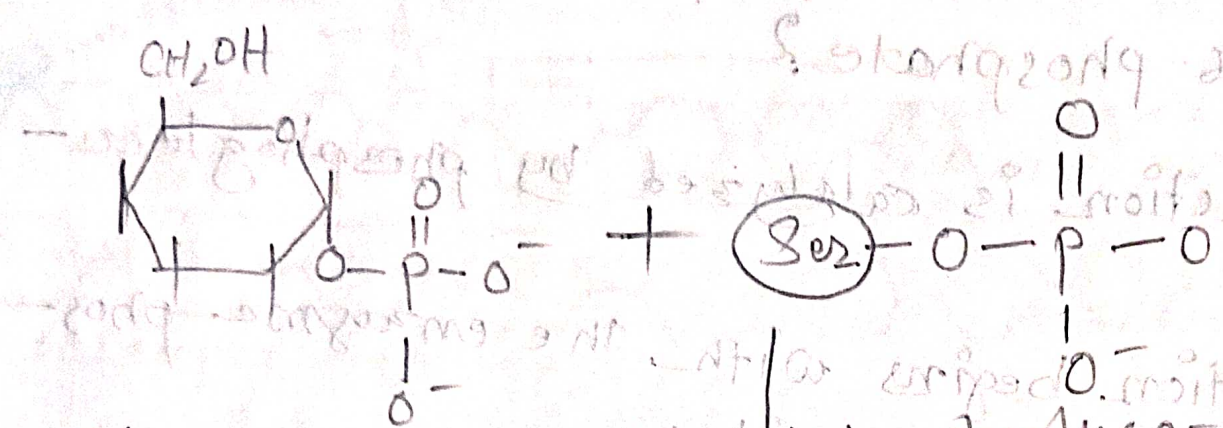
The reaction begins with the enzyme phosphorylated on ser residue.

① In the first step enzyme donates its phosphoryl group to glucose-1-phosphate, producing glucose-1,6-bisphosphate.

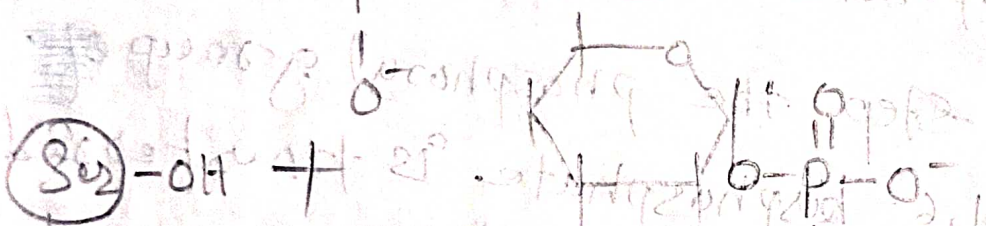
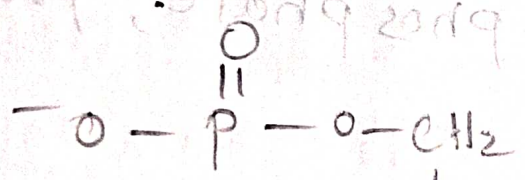
② In the second step the phosphoryl group ~~is~~ ~~of~~ ~~glucose-1,6-bisphosphate~~ is transferred back to enzyme, re-forming the phosphoryl enzyme and glucose-6-phosphate.

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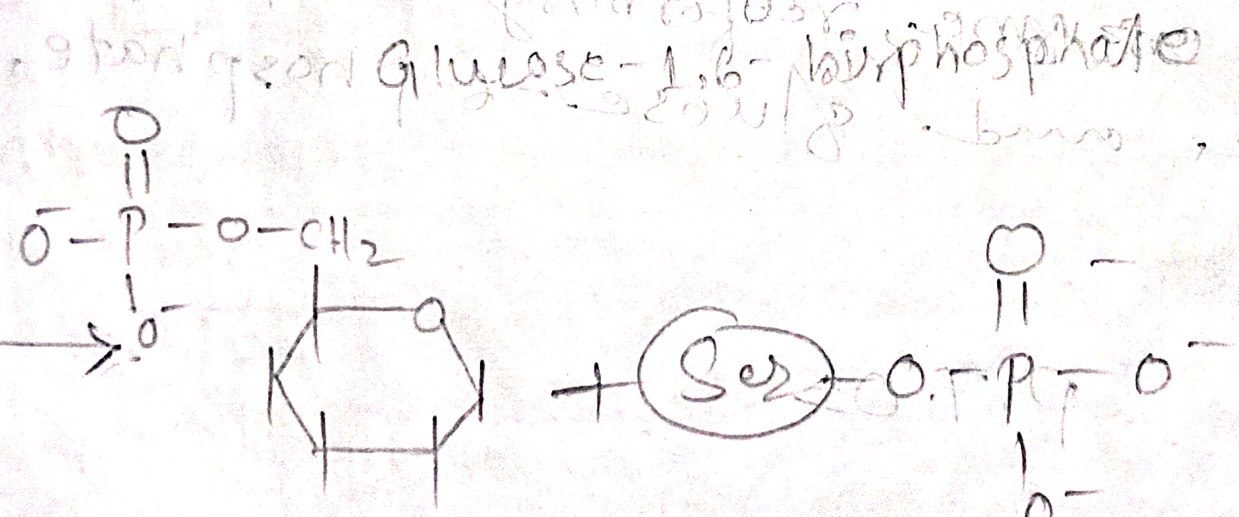
How glucose-1-phosphate converts to glucose-6-phosphate?



Glucose-1-phosphate → phosphoglucomutase



②



Glucose-6-phosphate → phosphoglucomutase