

# Chapter 7 Cell structure and function.

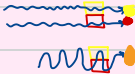
## The cell

- It is the basic unit
- The simplest collection of matter that is alive
- The cells are too small to be seen by naked eye

## Microscopes

The parameters of microscopes.

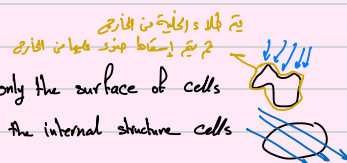
- Magnification**  
 The ratio of object's size to its real size  
 You can change it with lenses
- Resolution**  
 (Clarity) minimum distance between two points to be distinguished.  
 Depends on of waves
- Contrast** (تباين)  
 The difference in brightness between parts of the sample



## The types of microscopes

- Light microscopes
- Bright field
  - Fluorescent
  - Confocal
  - Deconvolution
  - Super-resolution
- Electron microscopes
- Scanning EM (SEM) → it shows only the surface of cells
  - Transmission EM (TEM) → It shows the internal structure cells

↑ resolution / study organelles



**Microscopy**

The development of instruments that allowed the human eye to see objects that are too small to be seen by the naked eye. **Light microscopy (LM)** is the oldest and most widely used type of microscopy. The microscope that usually illustrates a cell, as well as the microscope used in this book, are examples of light microscopes. **Light microscopy (LM)** is the oldest and most widely used type of microscopy. The microscope that usually illustrates a cell, as well as the microscope used in this book, are examples of light microscopes.

**Resolution** is the minimum distance between two points that can be distinguished. It is determined by the wavelength of light used. **Resolution** is the minimum distance between two points that can be distinguished. It is determined by the wavelength of light used.

**Magnification** is the ratio of the size of the image to the size of the object. It is determined by the objective and eyepiece lenses. **Magnification** is the ratio of the size of the image to the size of the object. It is determined by the objective and eyepiece lenses.

**Contrast** is the difference in brightness between different parts of the specimen. It is determined by the type of specimen and the type of microscope. **Contrast** is the difference in brightness between different parts of the specimen. It is determined by the type of specimen and the type of microscope.

**Exploring Microscopy**

**Light Microscopy (LM)**

**Brightfield Microscopy:** The most common type of light microscopy. It uses a bright light source to illuminate the specimen. **Brightfield Microscopy:** The most common type of light microscopy. It uses a bright light source to illuminate the specimen.

**Fluorescence Microscopy:** Uses a specific wavelength of light to excite fluorescent molecules in the specimen, which then emit light of a longer wavelength. **Fluorescence Microscopy:** Uses a specific wavelength of light to excite fluorescent molecules in the specimen, which then emit light of a longer wavelength.

**Confocal Microscopy:** Uses a pinhole to eliminate out-of-focus light, allowing for high-resolution imaging of a single plane. **Confocal Microscopy:** Uses a pinhole to eliminate out-of-focus light, allowing for high-resolution imaging of a single plane.

**Deconvolution Microscopy:** Uses software to remove out-of-focus light from a series of images, resulting in a sharper image. **Deconvolution Microscopy:** Uses software to remove out-of-focus light from a series of images, resulting in a sharper image.

**Super-resolution Microscopy:** Uses a series of images to achieve resolution beyond the diffraction limit. **Super-resolution Microscopy:** Uses a series of images to achieve resolution beyond the diffraction limit.

**Electron Microscopy (EM)**

**Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM):** Uses a focused beam of electrons to scan the surface of a specimen, creating a 3D image. **Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM):** Uses a focused beam of electrons to scan the surface of a specimen, creating a 3D image.

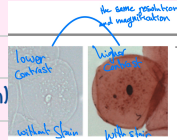
**Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM):** Uses a high-voltage electron beam to pass through a thin specimen, creating a 2D image of its internal structure. **Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM):** Uses a high-voltage electron beam to pass through a thin specimen, creating a 2D image of its internal structure.

## light microscope (LM)

A visible light is passed through the specimen and then through glass lenses  
The lenses refract the light in such a way that the image of the specimen is magnified as it is projected into the eye or into camera

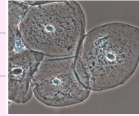
### Bright-field

- light passes directly through the specimen
- the stains أصباغ require cell to be preserved (kill them)



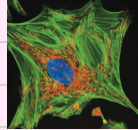
### Phase-contrast

Variations in density within the specimen to enhance contrast in unstained cells;  
this is useful for examining living, unstained cells.



### fluorescence

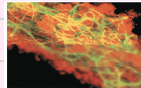
locations of specific molecules are revealed by labeling the molecules with fluorescent dyes or antibodies  
Which absorb the emit visible light



### confocal

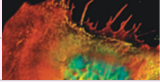
- The laser used in this microscope → to create a single plane of fluorescence
- A 3-D reconstruction can be created by capturing sharp images at many different planes,
- A standard fluorescence micrograph is blurry because out-of-focus light is not excluded.

3-D



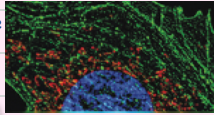
### Deconvolution

- It takes many blurry fluorescent images at different planes, each one processed using deconvolution software
- This process removes out of focus light and creating a much sharper 3-D image



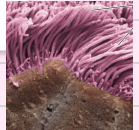
### Super-resolution

- individual fluorescent molecules were excited by UV light and their position recorded
- Combining information from many molecules in different places "breaks" the resolution limit, resulting in the sharp image.



## Electron microscope (EM)

- focuses a beam of electrons through the specimen or onto its surface
- Resolution is inversely related to the wavelength of the light (or electrons) a microscope uses for imaging, and electron beams have much shorter wavelengths than visible light.

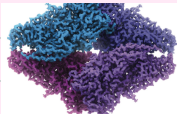
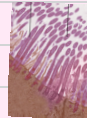


### Scanning electron microscopy (SEM).

- 3-D images
- This SEM shows the surface of cells
- Electron micrographs are black and white but are often artificially colorized to highlight particular structures

### Transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

- needs a thin section of specimen
- it reveals the internal structure
- 

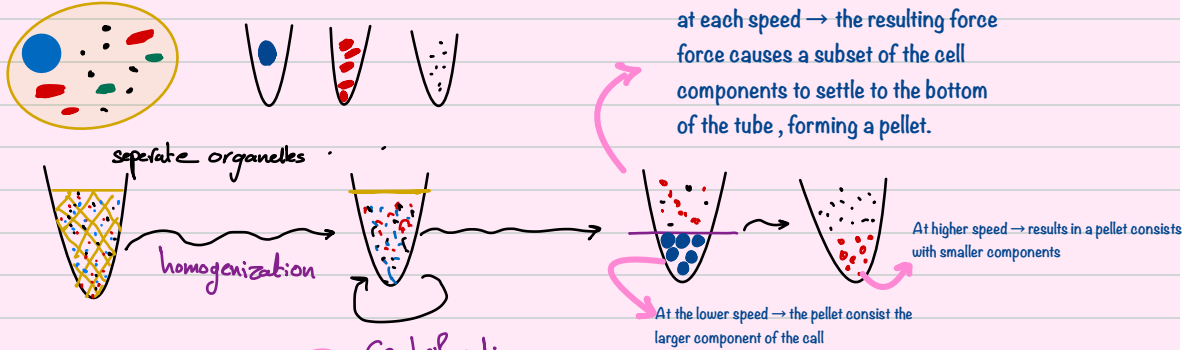


### Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM)

- The specimen is frozen rapidly at temperatures less than -160C ~locking the molecules into rigid state
- A beam of electrons is passed through the sample to visualize the molecules by electron microscopy, and software is used to merge a series of such micrographs, creating a 3-D image like the one below.

# cell Fractionation

It is useful technique for studying cell structure



The centrifuge:-  
A piece of equipment that is used to spin test tubes holding mixtures called ( differential centrifugation )

importance:-

The cell fractionation enables the researchers to prepare specific cell components in bulk and identify their functions

## Cell Fractionation

A useful technique for studying cell structure and function is **cell fractionation** (Figure 7.4), which takes cells apart

166 UNIT TWO Cell Biology

function -

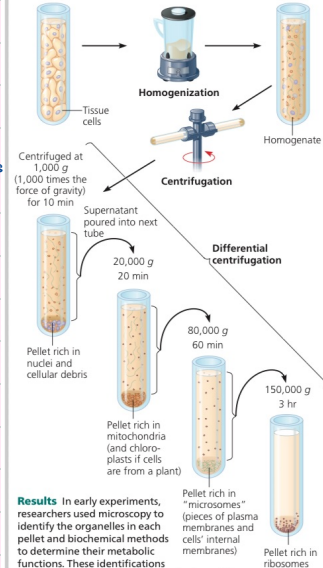
and separates major organelles and other subcellular structures from one another. The piece of equipment that is used for this task is the **centrifuge**, which spins test tubes holding mixtures of disrupted cells at a series of increasing speeds, a process called **differential centrifugation**. At each speed, the resulting force causes a subset of the cell components to settle to the bottom of the tube, forming a pellet. At lower speeds, the pellet consists of larger components, and higher speeds result in a pellet with smaller components.

Cell fractionation **enables researchers to prepare specific cell components in bulk and identify their functions, a task not usually possible with intact cells**. For example, on one of the cell fractions, biochemical tests showed the presence of enzymes involved in cellular respiration, while electron microscopy revealed large numbers of the organelles called mitochondria. Together, these data helped biologists determine that mitochondria are the sites of cellular respiration. Biochemistry and cytology thus complement each other in correlating cell function with structure.

## Cell Fractionation

**Application** Cell fractionation is used to separate (fractionate) cell components based on size and density.

**Technique** Cells are homogenized in a blender to break them up. The resulting mixture (*homogenate*) is centrifuged. The liquid above the pellet (*supernatant*) is poured into another tube and centrifuged at a higher speed for a longer period. This process is repeated several times. This process, called **differential centrifugation**, results in a series of pellets, each containing different cell components.



**Results** In early experiments, researchers used microscopy to identify the organelles in each pellet and biochemical methods to determine their metabolic functions. These identifications established a baseline for this method, enabling today's researchers to know which cell fraction they should collect in order to isolate and study particular organelles.

**MAKE CONNECTIONS** If you wanted to study the process of translation of proteins from mRNA, which part of which fraction would you use? (See Figure 5.22)

# Cells

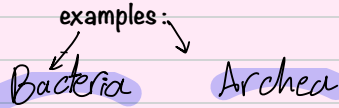
Eukaryotic cells are much larger than Prokaryotic cells

## Prokaryotes

- No nucleus  
The DNA is unbounded region called nucleoid



- No membrane-bound organelles  
But its cytoplasm isn't a formless soup → there are some regions of prokaryotes are surrounded by proteins → where specific reactions take place.

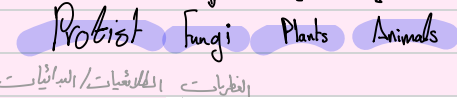


## Eukaryotic cells "true nucleus"

- There is nucleus  
The DNA is bounded by two layer membrane
- It has a membrane-banded organelles



### Examples



## # what is the mayor difference between prokaryotic and eukaryotic calls?

↳ The location of DNA

The major similarities between all cells :-

- Plasma membrane (selective barrier) **Selective Permeability**
- Cytosol (semifluid or jellylike substance)
- Chromosomes (which carry genes)
- Ribosomes (tiny complexes that make proteins).

The smallest cell is bacteria which called micro plasmas.

### Comparing Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells

All cells share certain basic features: They are all bounded by a selective barrier, called the **plasma membrane** (or the cell membrane). Inside all cells is a semifluid, jellylike substance called **cytosol**, in which subcellular components are suspended. All cells contain **chromosomes**, which carry genes in the form of DNA. And all cells have **ribosomes**, tiny complexes that make proteins according to instructions from the genes.

A major difference between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells is the location of their DNA. In a **eukaryotic cell**, most of the DNA is in an organelle called the **nucleus**, which is **bounded by a double membrane** (see Figure 7.8). In a **prokaryotic cell**, the DNA is concentrated in a region that is not membrane-enclosed, called the **nucleoid** (Figure 7.5).

ner membrane-enclosed organelles

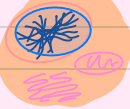
DNA إلى الـ DNA  
بـ البروتينات والـ RNA

تسبح البروتينات

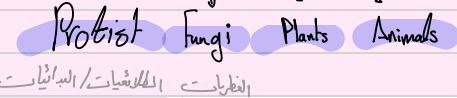
و يوجد مادة وراثية وهي ليست محاطة بالغشاء

nucleoid

تسمى "النواة الحقيقية"



### Examples



الطلائعيات / البكتيريا  
المنظاريات



# The plasma membrane and the surface

The plasma membrane → functions as selective membrane allows passages of enough oxygen, nutrients and wastes to serviette entire cell

## the ratio of surface area is critical

Because each square micrometer of membrane only can pass a limited amount of part isles per second.

the metabolic requirements of the cell set upper limits on size

The eukaryotic cells use typically (10 - 100 ) micrometer

If we increase the size → the volume will be highly increase as well as the cell's requirements

→ BUT the surface won't be enough to provide all cell's requirements

↑ size → ↑ volume → ↑ requirements  
↑ the surface

Note

the lower limit of the cell's size present on bacteria called

mycoplasmas



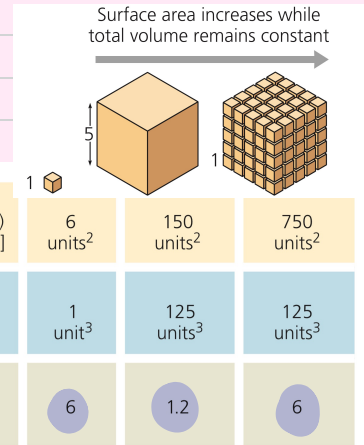
The smallest cell

Have diameters between 0.1 and 1.0 micrometer

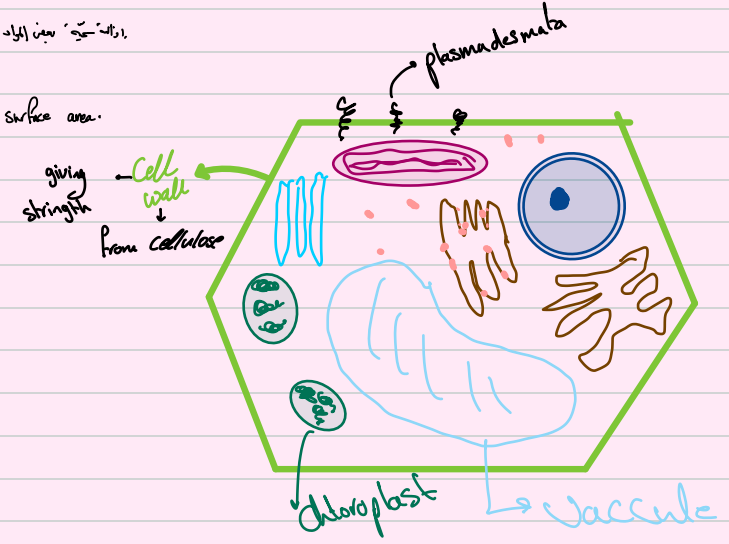
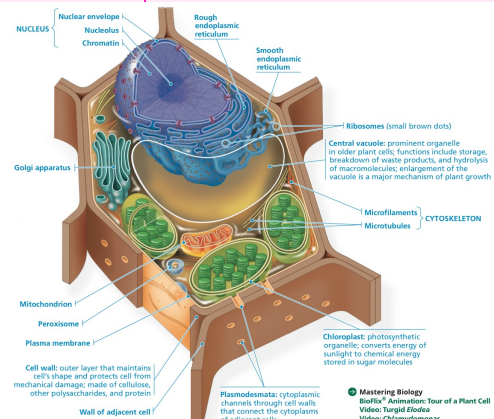
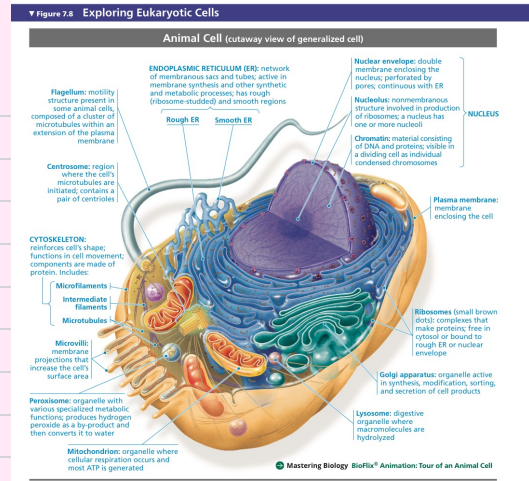
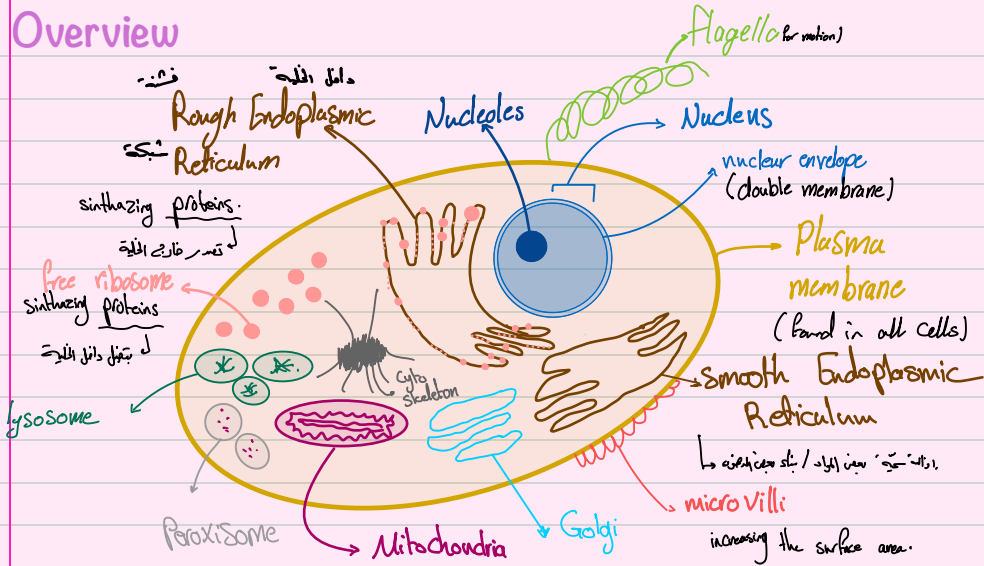
But it have enough DNA to program metabolism and enough enzymes and enough other cellular equipment to carry out the necessary activities

the typical bacteria are 1-5 micrometer in diameter

Which about ten times the size of mycoplasmas



# Overview



# 1

# Cell Structure

## Nucleus

It contain most of **genes** in the eukaryotic cell

The **DNA** is organised into discrete units Which called **chromosomes**

Structure that carry the genetic information

Each one carry one long DNA associated with proteins (**histone**)

It is a small basic proteins

Helps the DNA to coil and reducing length un make it fill in the nucleus

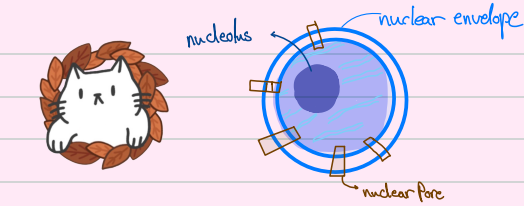
The complex of (protein +DNA) = chromatin

### Nuclear envelope

It is a membrane which enclose the nucleus and separate it component from the cytoplasm .

Double membrane each one is Biplayer

The outer side of envelope is in direct contact with rough ER



Note

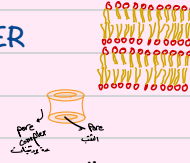
The space between nuclear membrane is continuous with the ER lumen because ER membrane and nuclear envelope are continuous

### Nuclear pores

It a complete proteins that allow a selective passages of molecules

At the lip of the pore → the inner and outer membranes of the nuclear envelope are continuous.

They play un important role in the cell by regulations the entry and the exit of proteins and RNAs



### Nuclear Lamina

It is a composed of proteins that line the nuclear side of the envelope which maintains the shape of the nucleus.

the nuclear lamina with the nuclear matrix help organize the genetic material so it functions efficiently

### Nucleolus

It is important structure inside the nucleus and located in a specific part of the nucleus .

Can be seen using an electron microscope

Appears as a mass of dented granules und fibers adjoining part of chromatin

The main function → to produce ribosomes → because it contains genes from the DNA that codes for ribosomal RNA → forms ribosomal subunit

It contained a proteins that imported from the cytoplasm that assembled with rRNA into large and small subunits of ribosomes

It play a role in cell division and the life span of the cell

Some cells has more one nucleolus

# 2 Ribosomes → Protein factory.

- Ribosomes are complexes made of ribosomal RNAs and proteins
- It an the cellular components that carry out the protein synthesis
- Ribosomes aren't considered organelles → because they are not membrane bounded organelles

the major function:- proteins synthesis

Ribosomes carry out protein synthesis in two locations:-

- 1- In the cytosol (free ribosomes)
- 2- On the outside of the endoplasmic reticulum or n



## The types of ribosomes:-

### Free ribosomes

- It suspended in the cytosol
- Most of proteins that made on free ribosomes function in the cytosol  
Ex → enzymes that catalyze the first step of sugar breakdown

### Band ribosomes

- It bounded to the outer surface of rough endoplasmic reticulum or nuclear envelope
- Most of protein that made on bounded ribosomes generally are destined for insertion into membranes for packaging or for export from the cell (secretion)

Ex → the cells of pancreas that secrete digestive enzymes,





# Endomembrane system

Includes

- The nuclear envelope
- The endoplasmic reticulum
- The Golgi apparatus
- Lysosomes
- Various kinds of vesicles
- The plasma membrane

the system includes

- Transport of proteins out of the cell
- Metabolism and movement of lipids
- Detoxification of poisons

## 3

## endoplasmic reticulum

It is an extensive network of membranes that it accounts more than 50% of the total membranes

Continue with the nuclear envelope

If formed of a network of branching tubules and flattened sacs called cisterna

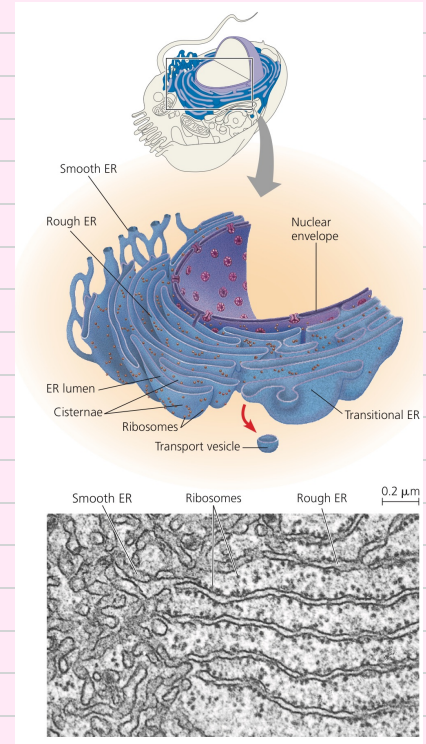
It is divided into two types according to the attachment of ribosomes

→ rough endoplasmic reticulum

→ smooth endoplasmic reticulum

جوڑین

ER lumen (cavity)(cisternal space) → is the ER membrane separates the internal compartment of the ER from the cytosol cavity



## Smooth ER

It doesn't have ribosomes on its surface

Specialised in metabolic processes →

1- synthesising lipids such as

(oil/steroids "sex hormones" / new membrane phospholipids)

Note :-  
Various steroid hormones are secreted by adrenal glands and sex hormones are secreted by the ovary and testes  
And these cells are rich with smooth ER

2- Carbohydrate metabolism

3- Detoxification of drugs and poisons (in liver cells)

Note :-  
By adding hydroxyl groups to the drug molecules and making them more water soluble and easier to flush from the body.

4- Storing and regulating of calcium ions (in muscle cells)

Note .  
The SRE membrane pumps calcium ions from the cytosol into the ER lumen  
When it stimulated by a nerve impulse, calcium ions rush back to the cytosol to trigger contraction of the muscle cell  
On other types of cell → the release of calcium ions from the SRE triggers different responses → such as secretion of vesicles carrying newly synthesised proteins.



## Rough ER

It has a ribosomes attached to its outer surface

Functions →

1- Specialised in synthesising proteins for

~secretion outside the cell

~insertion into membranes

2- membrane factory

The cell membrane grows by adding membrane proteins and phospholipids



Protein process :-

Firstly → The ribosomes that attached to the RER manufacture a new polypeptide chain

Secondly → The proteins are threaded into the ER lumen ( inner space ) through a pore

Thirdly → The new polypeptide folds into its functional shape while it enters the ER lumen

fourth → the protein could be modified by enzymes built into the ER membrane

fifth → it depart from the ER wrapped in the membranes of vesicles that bud like bubbles from a specialized region called transitional ER

Transport vesicles → vesicles in transit from one part of the cell to another

The pores is formed by a protein complex

Example → glycoproteins proteins with carbohydrates which covalently bonded to them

# 4

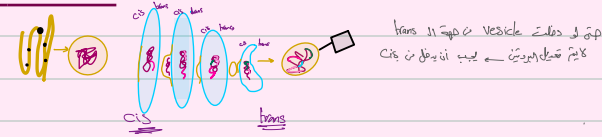
## The Golgi apparatus

- Golgi apparatus <sup>جهاز</sup> consists of a group of associated flat tend membranous sacs → called **cisterna**
- It is a membranous organelle
- The cell could have hundreds of stacks
- There are **vesicles** that concentrate in the vicinity (near) of Golgi apparatus s engaged in transporting materials between parts of Golgi and other structures

It has two distinct faces →

→ **cis face** → closest to the ER- receives transport budding vehicles from ER  
between the cis and trans faces  
(Products are modified)

→ **trans face** → directs vesicles to various destinations



The **function** → receiving, sorting, shipping, manufacturing molecules for: 1- secretion / 2-use it in other parts of cell

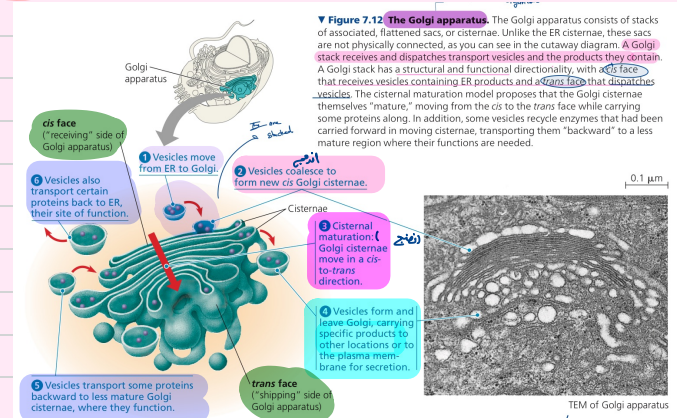
- 1- Modifying products of the ER (proteins and lipids ) and then storing them and then sent to other destinations
- 2- Manufacture certain macromolecules by itself → (polysaccharides like pectins in the plant cells)
- 3- Sort and package materials into transport vesicles

And then it will incorporated with cellulose into the cell wall  
تند بیج سے ایلیولوزنی اجزاء  
الوئیے

تجد ایلیولوزنی اجزاء  
الوئیے

example →

- 1- glycoproteins formed in the ER and have their first modified Carbohydrates by the ER itself  
→ then as it passes through Golgi apparatus, the Golgi removes sugar monomers and subtitles
- 2- producing a large variety amount of carbohydrates
- 3- phospholipids may also be altered in the Golgi



TEM of Golgi apparatus

# 5

## Lysosomes: digestive compartment

It is a membranous sac of hydrolytic enzymes that is used to digest (hydrolyse)

→ macromolecules in eukaryotic cells

→ Lysosomal enzymes work best in acidic environment (وسط حمضي) ↓ pH

→ The membrane and enzymes of the lysosome → are made in rough ER and → then transferred to the Golgi apparatus for further processing ::

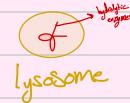
مصنوع في ER ثم تنقل في Golgi

The 3 dimensional shape of the lysosomes →

→ protect the proteins of lysosomal membrane from enzymatic attack also protect the digestive enzymes from digesting themselves

Lysosomes carry out intercellular digestion in a variety of circumstances :-

→ Phagocytosis — is a process where cells engulf (اجتاح) smaller organisms or food particles the food vacuole fuses (تندمج) with a lysosome then the lysosomal enzymes can digest the food



الخلايا البلعمة الكبيرة

macrophages → are an example of human cells that use phagocytosis to protect the body → a type of white blood cells that helps defend the body by engulfing and destroying Bacteria and other foreign matter

Lysosomal storage diseases (inherited) → The hydrolytic enzymes can't function normally → the lysosomes become engorged (filled) with indigestible material → this will interfere with other cellular activities Example: **TAY-SACHS** disease (the lipid-digesting enzyme is missing) which leads to brain impairment

Note 3- If a lysosome breaks open or leaks its contents → the released enzymes are not very active Because the cytosol has a near-neutral pH. BUT; The self-digestion → excessive leakage from a large number of lysosomes which destroy the cell. Autophagy → when the lysosomes use their hydrolytic enzymes to recycle the cell's own organic material

### The process of autophagy →

- 1- the damaged organelles surrounded by double membrane
- 2- a lysosome fuses with the outer membrane of this vesicle
- 3- the lysosome enzymes dismantle (تفكيك) the inner membrane and the enclosed
- 4- the result a small organic compounds are released to the cytosol for reuse.

So, the cell continually renews itself by the help of lysosomes

The liver recycles half of its macro molecules each week

the digestion products include:

- simple sugar
- amino acids
- other monomers

These products pass into the cytosol as (عناصر غذائية) for the cell

# 6

## Vacuoles

Diverse maintenance compartments <sup>محافظة</sup> . كبريتية / هيدراتية

- Vacuoles are large vesicles derived from the endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus
- It is an essential part of a cell's endoplasmic system
- The vacuolar membrane → is selective in transporting solutes →  
The result → → → the solution inside a vacuole differs in composition from the cytosol

Vacuoles perform a variety of functions in different kinds of cells

1- Food vacuoles → formed by phagocytosis.

(معلومة إضافية)

2- Contractile vacuoles → like protists (الطلائعيات) that living in fresh water → pump excess water. إذا الماء كثر في الخلية (ذات كبريتية عالية) بب الخاصية الأسموزية .

out of cells → why → to maintaining a suitable concentration of ions and molecules inside.

تعمل الخلايا الإلتصافية على إخراج الماء بزيادة الضغط

3- Central vacuoles → found in mature cells plant → → holds organic compounds, water and inorganic ions like (potassium / chloride)

→ plays major role in the growth of plant cell which enlarge cell by absorbing water with new investment of cytoplasm

→ Developed by joining of smaller vacuoles

→ The solution inside the central vacuole called cell sap

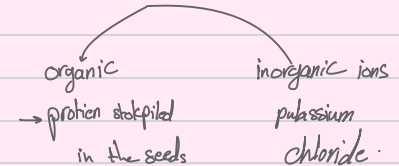
The function of certain vacuoles in plants and fungi :-

Note

Plants don't have lysosomes but have these certain vacuoles which act like lysosomes

- 1- They carry out enzymatic hydrolysis
- 2- the small vacuoles in plants can hold reserves of important organic compounds like (proteins in the storage cells in seeds)
- 3- these vacuoles help to protect the plants against herbivores .
- 4- some plant vacuoles contain pigments صبغة (like red and blue pigments) of petals that help attract pollinating insects حشرات ملقحة to flowers

Note - the vacuoles in plants storage two types of compounds



not the central vacuoles

## The trip of proteins and lipid in the endoplasmic system:

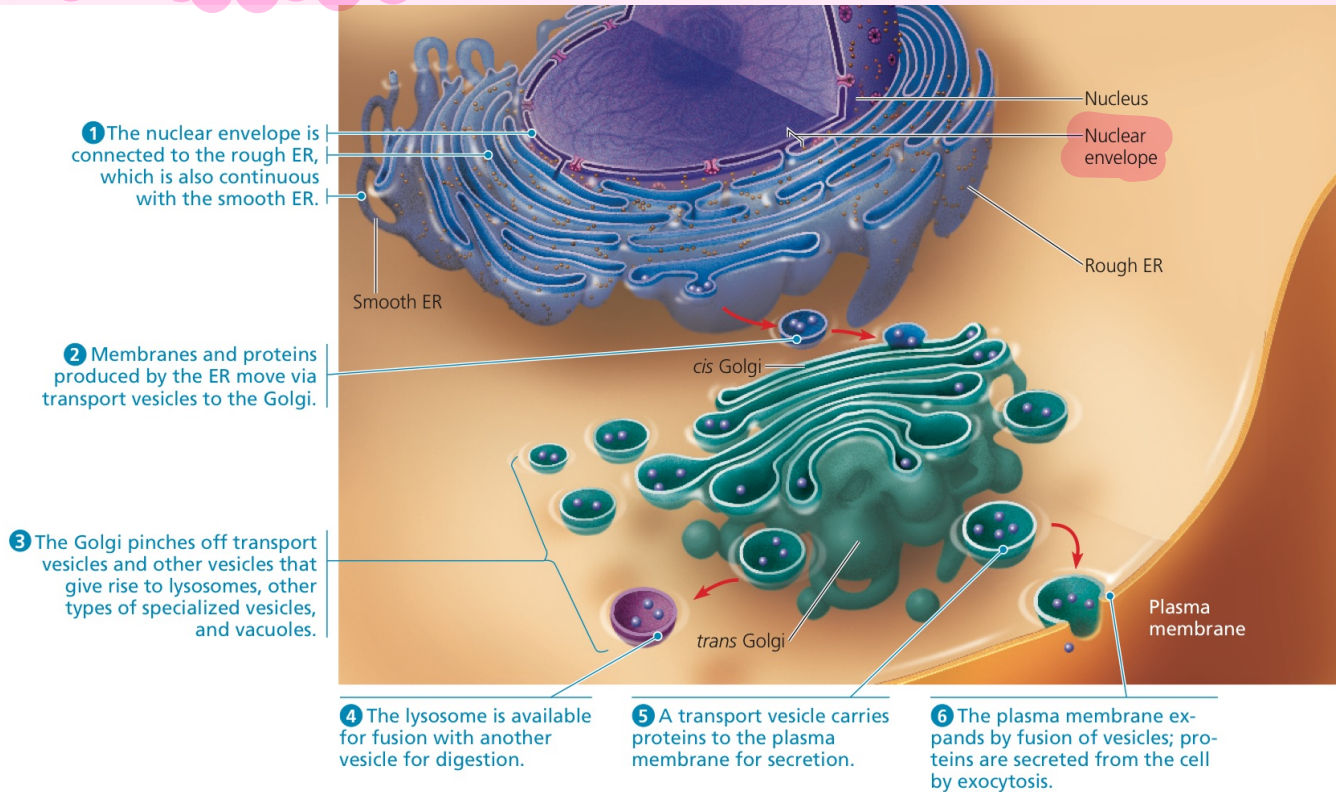


Figure 7.15 Protein Relocation occurs everywhere in the endomembrane system.

7

# Mitochondria and Chloroplasts.

Organisms transform the energy they acquire from their surroundings.

Mitochondria are the sites of

→ cellular respiration

→ metabolic process that use oxygen to generate ATP by extracting energy from sugars, fats and other fuels

O<sub>2</sub>  
Glu → ATP

Chloroplasts found in plants and algae

Are the site of → photosynthesis

The process of converting solar energy to chemical energy by absorbing sunlight and using it to drive the synthesis of organic compounds such as sugars\* → from Carbon dioxide and water

ATP → O<sub>2</sub>  
Glu

## Endosymbiosis theory

The theory suggests that an early ancestor (اصل) of eukaryotes engulfed an oxygen-using nonphotosynthetic prokaryotic cell..... then the engulfed cell formed a relationship with the host cell to become "endosymbiosis" ..... over the evolution, they become one single organism

# The endosymbionts evolved into mitochondria

# As least one of these cells may have then taken up a photosynthetic prokaryote ..... which evolved into a chloroplasts

This theory explains the similarities between mitochondria and chloroplasts

### The similarities between mitochondria and chloroplasts

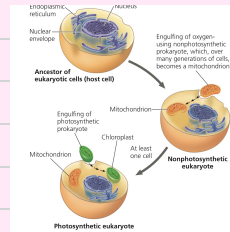
- 1- enveloped by a double membrane unlike other organelles that have one membrane
- 2- they contain free ribosomes as well as circular (circle) DNA molecules
- 3- Organelles that grow and reproduce independently within the cell.

Note 1:

This is evidence that the ancestral engulfed prokaryotes had two outer membranes which become the double membranes of mitochondria and chloroplasts

Note 2:

the DNA of mitochondria and chloroplasts are the same with bacterial chromosomes-associated with their inner membranes  
This DNA is programmed to synthesise organelle proteins on the ribosomes that have been made there as well



Pay attention →

The prokaryote of mitochondria is → an oxygen-using non photosynthetic prokaryote  
The prokaryote of chloroplast is → photosynthetic prokaryote

# Mitochondria

Animal  
Plants  
Fungi  
most protists

- Mitochondria are found in nearly all eukaryotic cells
- Some cells have a single large mitochondrion ,BUT usually cells have hundreds or even thousands of mitochondria

↳ The number related to the cell's level of metabolic activity

The length → 1-10 micro m. &. They are dynamic structures

The membranes of mitochondria →

Each one of the two membranes is a phospholipid bilayer with unique collection of embedded proteins

→ the outer membrane is smooth

→ the inner membrane is convoluted مطوي, with infolding called **crisetae**

↳ The enzymes that make ATP are built into it

The inner membrane divides the mitochondria into two compartments :-

- 1- Inter membrane space
- 2- Mitochondrial matrix

The narrow region between the inner and outer membranes

Is enclosed by inner membrane

It contains →

- Different Enzymes
- Mitochondrial DNA
- Ribosomes

- Some metabolic steps of cellular respiration are catalyzed in the mitochondrial matrix by enzymes
- Cristae present a large surface area for enzymes that synthesize ATP because it's high folding

# Chloroplasts

The chloroplast is one of a group of plant organelles, called **plastids**

Chloroplasts contain the green pigment (chlorophyll)

It also contains enzymes and other molecules that function in photosynthesis

It ( lens-shaped ) organelles length about 3-6 micro m

The structure of chloroplasts :-

It enclosed with an envelope → Consist of two smooth membranes

The narrow space between the two membranes called inter membrane space

Inside the chloroplast → there are **grana**

↳ which is a flatten interconnected sacs

Each sac called a **thylakoids**

↳ The fluid outside the thylakoids is the **stroma** → which contains the chloroplast DNA and ribosomes and enzymes .

The chloroplast's membranes divide the chloroplast to three compartments

(1- the inter membrane space / 2- stroma / 3- thylakoid space)

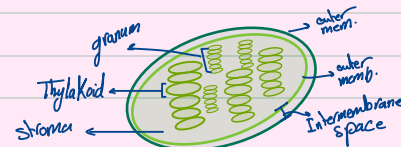
→ which enables the chloroplast to covert light energy to chemical energy

Types of chloroplast:-

the **amyloplast** → is a colorless organelle that stores starch (amylose), particularly in roots and tubers

the **chromoplast** → which has pigments that give fruits and flowers their orange and yellow hues.

Leaves of Plants green organs Algae.



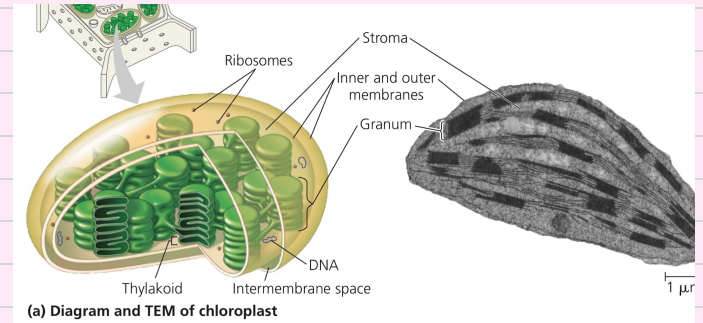
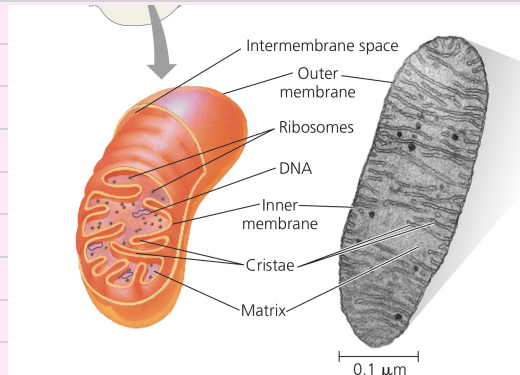


Mitochondria are dynamic structures which change their shapes and fuse, or divide into separate fragments unlike static structure scene in most diagrams. In skeletal muscles, this network has been referred to by researcher as a "power grid".

Time-lapse films → of living cells reveal mitochondria moving around/ changing its shape/ fusing اندماج / diving into separate fragments

The electron micrographs → show only the static structures

Chloroplasts are dynamic as well ping into reproducing and moving alongside mitochondria and other organelles along the side of skeleton



# Peroxisomes

The peroxisome is a specialized metabolic compartment bounded by a single membrane

Very small organelle

Peroxisomes contain enzymes that remove hydrogen atoms from various substrates and transfer them to oxygen ( $O_2$ ) →

which results in producing hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ) →

$H_2O_2$  is very toxic itself

,BUT the peroxisome can deal with it → because it also contains an enzyme that converts  $H_2O_2$  to water

The function of peroxisome reactions:-

1- use oxygen to break fatty acids down into smaller molecules that are transported to mitochondria and used as fuel for cellular respiration.

2- Peroxisomes in the liver detoxify alcohol and other harmful compounds by transferring hydrogen from the poisonous compounds to oxygen

3- Specialized peroxisomes called **glyoxysomes**-

.are found in the fat-storing tissues of seeds

,They contain enzymes that initiate (start) the conversion of fatty acids to sugar which is used as a source of energy and carbon until it can produce its own sugar by photosynthesis

Peroxisomes grow larger by joining proteins that made in the cytosol and ER, as well as lipids made in the ER and within the peroxisome itself.

Example about the above →

The enzymes that produce  $H_2O_2$  and those that dispose of this toxic compound are sequestered away from other cellular components that could be damaged.



# 8

## Cytoskeleton

cytoskeleton → a network of fibers extending throughout the cytoplasm

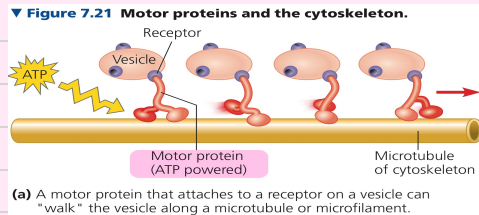
### The function

- 1- Giving mechanical support to the cell and maintain its shape
- 2- It organizes the cell's structures and activities.
- 3- Providing anchorage for many organelles and even cytosolic enzyme molecules.
- 4- Cell motility → by the cytoskeleton the cell can change its location and movements of cell parts

the cell motility requires interaction of cytoskeleton with **motor proteins**

EX:-

- 1- Cytoskeletal elements and motor proteins work together with the plasma membrane molecules → to allow whole cells to move along fibers outside the cell.
- 2- Inside the cell → vesicles and other organelles often use motor protein to "walk" to their destinations along a track provided by the cytoskeleton



Note:

Bacterial cells also have fibers that form a type of cytoskeleton, constructed of proteins similar to eukaryotic ones

General informations about the structure:-

- + The remarkable strength and resilience (مرونة) are based on its architecture بنيته
- + It looks like a dome tent
- + cytoskeleton is stabilized by a balance between opposing forces exerted by its elements.
- + The cytoskeleton is more dynamic skeleton → It can be quickly dismantled يتفكك in one part of the cell and reassembled in a new location → changing the shape of the cell.

Note  
In this concept, Only the table is needed

# The components of the cytoskeleton

all of them working on maintaining the shape of the cell

## Microtubules (tubulin polymers)

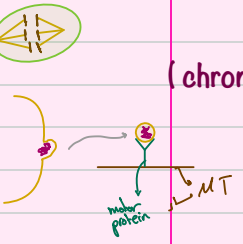
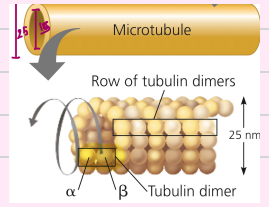
structure  
Hollow tubes

Diameter  
25 nm with 15 lumen

protein subunits  
Tubulin

Consist  $\alpha$ -tubulin /  $\beta$ -tubulin

Function  
Cell motility  
(chromosomes and organelles movement)  
↳ during division movement



Cilia  
Flagella

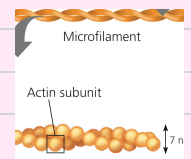
## Microfilaments (Actin filaments)

structure  
Two intertwined strands of

actin  
diameter  
7 nm

protein subunits  
Actin

Function  
Muscle contraction  
Cytoplasmic streaming (plant cell)  
Cell motility (animal cell)



## Intermediate filaments

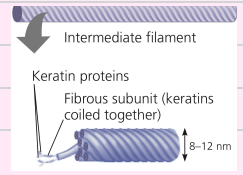
Structure  
Fibrous proteins could into

cables  
Diameter  
8-12 nm

protein subunits  
Several proteins

(Including keratins)

function  
Anchorage of nucleus and other organelles  
Formation of nuclear lamina



## Microtubules

present in all eukaryotic cells.

microtubules are a hollow rods (طرق مجوفة) constructed from globular proteins called tubulins

↳ each tubulin protein is dimer → A molecule made up of two components  
→ A tubulin dimer consists of two slightly different polypeptides ( tubulin and tubulin )



The thickest type of the three components of the cytoskeleton

All eukaryotic cells have microtubules

The two ends of microtubule are slightly different → because of the orientation of tubulin dimer

One of the two ends called " plus end " → because the rate of accumulating or releasing tubulin dimers is much higher than the other end.

Microtubules grow in length → by adding tubulin dimers

Function →

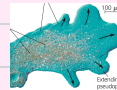
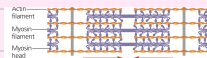
1- Microtubules shape and support the cell

2- serve as tracks along which organelles equipped with motor proteins can move

Example:-

#microtubules guide vesicles from the ER to the Golgi apparatus and from the Golgi to the plasma membrane.

#Microtubules are also involved in the separation of chromosomes during cell division.



## Micro filament

the are thin rods present in all eukaryotic cells.

They are called actin filaments because they are built from actin

A microfilament is a twisted double chain of actin subunits

function 1 : bearing tension

microfilaments can form structural networks → when certain proteins bind along the side of such filament and allow a new filament to extend as a branch

↳ the network of microfilaments is just to the inside plasma membrane → function 2 → helps support the cell's shape.

the cortex → the outer layer cytoplasmic layer of a cell  
→ the semisolid consistency of a gel,

function 3

Microfilaments are well known for their role in cell motility

Microfilaments that function in cellular motility contain the protein myosin in addition to actin

EX:-

- In the unicellular protist **Amoeba** and some of our **white blood cells** → Cells crawl along a surface by extending **pseudopodia** (cellular extensions) and moving toward them
- Myosin interact to cause contraction of muscle cells
- In plant cells, actin-protein interactions contribute to **cytoplasmic streaming**, a circular flow of cytoplasm within cells

## Intermediate Filaments

it is Cytoskeletal component

intermediate filaments are only found in the cells of some animals, including vertebrates.

While microtubules and microfilaments are found in all eukaryotic cells.

**Size:** Intermediate filaments are about 8-12 nanometers in diameter, making them thicker than microfilaments, but thinner than microtubules.

**Composition:** Unlike microfilaments and microtubules, intermediate filaments are made up of fibrous proteins

**Diversity:** There are several types of intermediate filaments, each constructed from a particular molecular subunit. Examples include:

- Keratin filaments in epithelial cells
- Vimentin filaments in many cells of mesenchymal origin

• **Consistency:** Intermediate filaments are remarkably consistent in diameter and molecular composition across various cell types.

• **Function:** They play a crucial role in maintaining cell shape and providing mechanical strength for instance:

- Keratin filaments strengthen protective epithelial sheets
- Nuclear lamins support the nuclear envelope

• **Importance:** Intermediate filaments are particularly important in cells and tissues that withstand mechanical stress, such as hair cells and skin cells.

# Extra information → out of the syllabus

## cilia and Flagella

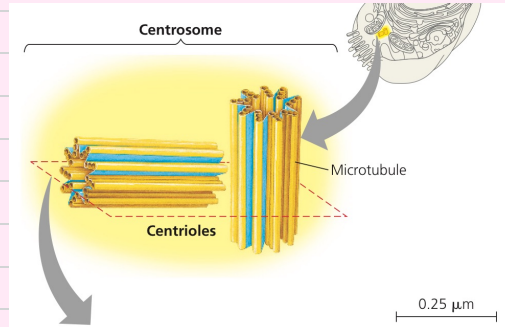
- They found in (unicellular protist (طلائعيات) / sperm of animals (الحيوان المنوي) / algae (طحالب) / some plants
- they are acellular extensions of plasma membrane that contain Microtubules with a specialized arrangement of the microtubules (9+2).
- (9+2) means (Nine doublets of microtubules are arranged in a ring with two single microtubules in its center)

The basal body is a structure found at the base of cilia and flagella and it modified centrioles

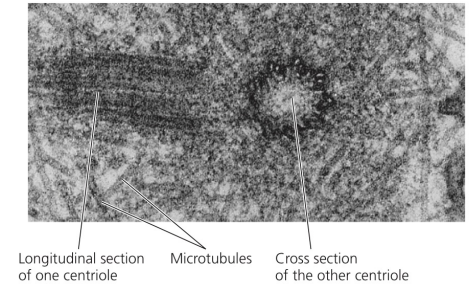
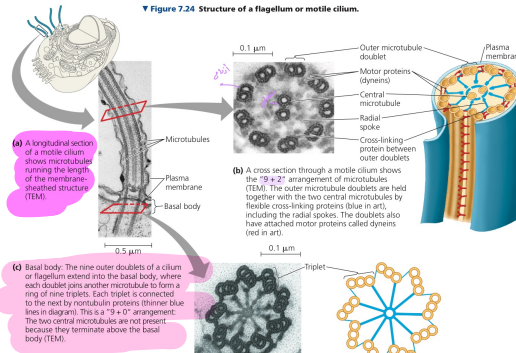
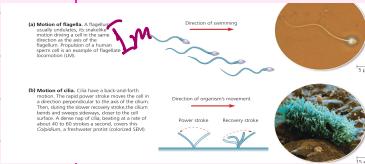
- cilia and flagella are structurally similar but differ in :-
  - 1- length
  - 2- Number per cell (Motile cilia usually occur in large numbers on the cell surface. Flagella are usually limited to just one per cell)
  - 3- beat pattern ( A flagellum has an undulating motion (حركة متموجة) , cilia have alternating power and recovery strokes (قوة متضاربة وحركات انتعاش)).
  - the cilia might act as signals receiving
- Example ;
- The cilia lining the trachea (windpipe (قصبة هوائية) sweeps mucus containing trapped deters out of lungs
  - In women's reproductive tract, the cilia lining the oviducts to help move an egg toward the uterus

## Centrosomes and Centrioles

- Microtubules grow out from the centrosome → Which is located near the nucleus .
- These microtubules function as compression-resisting girders of the cytoskeleton.
- Within the centrosome a pair of **centrioles** → each one composed of 8 sets of three (triplet) (ثلاثية) Microtubules arranged in a ring
- It found in animal cells but some eukaryotes it's centrosomes lack centrioles



## Extra Out of syllabus



# Cell wall

The cell wall is an extracellular structure of plant cells

The cell wall can be found in plants, prokaryotes and some protists and fungi)

## Function

- 1- protection the cell
- 2- maintaining the shape of the cell
- 3- preventing excessive uptake of water
- 4- holding the plant up against the gravity

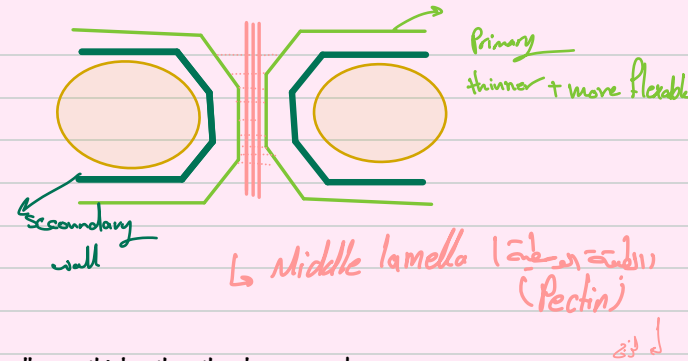
The cell wall is made from →

microfibrils made of polysaccharide **cellulose** →

Plant cell wall more thicker than the plasma membrane → the thickness ranging from 0.1 micro meter to several micrometers.

Which synthesized by enzyme called **cellulose synthase** also it secreted to the extra cellular space where they become embedded in matrix of other polysaccharides and proteins

This combination of materials ( cellulose + proteins + polysaccharides ) → is a strong fibers in a "ground substance "



## The layers of cell wall

**Primary cell wall** → when a young plant cell secretes a relatively thin and flexible wall

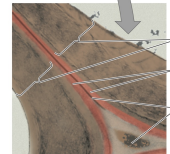
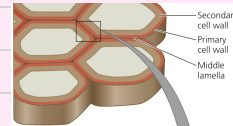
**##middle lamella** → a thin layer rich in sticky polysaccharides called **pectins** and this lamella glues adjacent cells together / location ;Between primary walls of adjacent cells

**Note**  
Pectin is used in cooking as a thickening agent in jams and jellies

**Secondary cell wall** → When the cell matures and stops growing, it strengthens it's wall by two ways

→ some plant cells secrete hardening substances into the primary wall

→ other cells add a secondary wall between the plasma membrane and the primary wall which often deposited in several laminated layers which hush strong and durable matrix





# The Extracellular Matrix (ECM) of Animal Cells

Animal cells have an elaborate extracellular matrix

the main ingredients of the ECM are **Glycoproteins** and other **Carbohydrate-containing molecules** which secreted by cell

Recalls

The glycoproteins are a proteins with covalently bonded carbohydrates.

Such as → protoglycan – fibronectin – collagen

## collagen →

The most abundant glycoprotein in the ECM

- which forms strong eibers outside the cells
- the collagen accounts about 40% of total protein in human body
- The collagen fibers are embedded in a network woven out منسوجة of proteoglycans secreted by the cell

## Proteoglycan →

- A proteoglycan molecule consists of a small core protein with many carbohydrate chains.
- Protein + carbohydrates → covalently attached
- so that it may be up to 95% carbohydrate.
- the proteoglycans are attached to (( polysaccharide molecule))
- (proteoglycans + one polysaccharide) = proteoglycan complex

## Fibronectin

- it's function communicating with the cell through integrins which leads to ( the ECM can regulate a cell's behaviour )
- it is a CEM glycoprotein which attached to the cell
- This ECM proteins bind to cell-surface receptor proteins called

## integrins

→ A membrane protein act like receptor protein ( with two subunit ) → built into the plasma membrane

We have two sides →

1- the inner side:- (cytoplasmic side) the integrins are associated proteins attached to microfilaments of the cytoskeleton

2- outer side - bind to the ECM

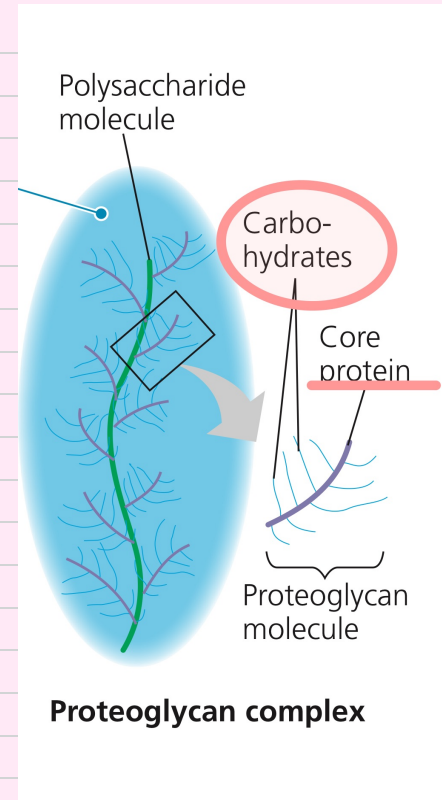
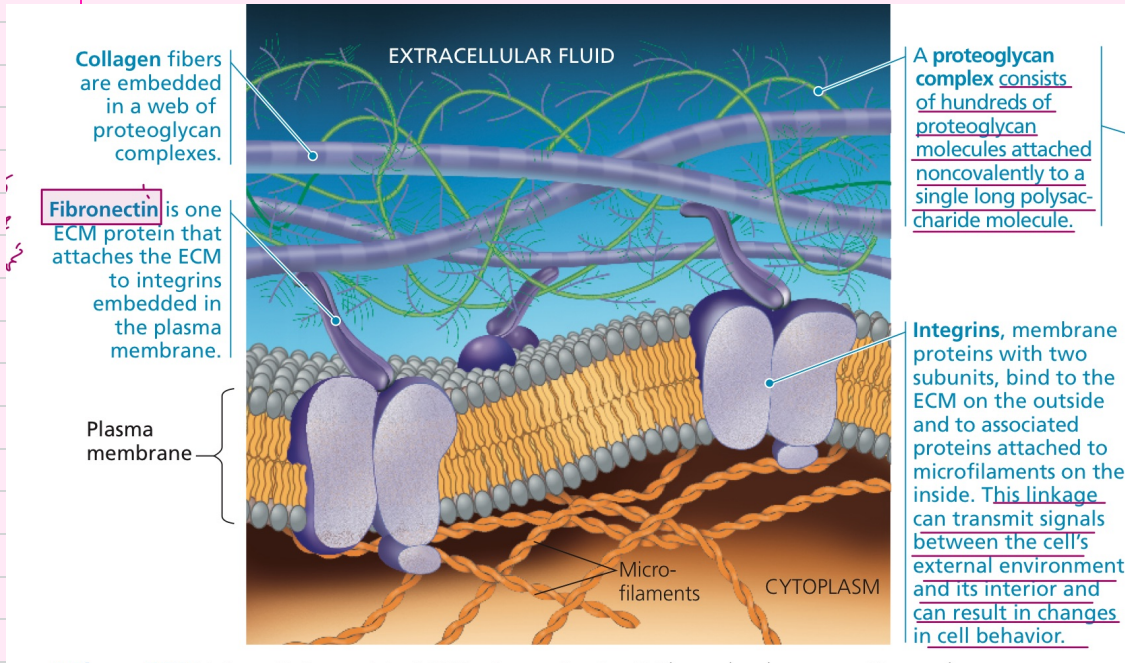
- Integrins are in a position to transmit signals between the ECM and the cytoskeleton and thus to integrate changes occurring outside and inside the cell.

Glyco proteins

بروتين سكري

Proteoglycan

بروتين سكري



**Note**

Fibronectin outside in ECM  
 Micro filaments inside in cytoplasm

**Note :-**

Large proteoglycan complexes can form when hundreds of proteoglycan molecules become noncovalently attached to a single long polysaccharide molecule,

# Cell junctions

Cells are organized into tissues, organ systems

Neighboring cells often adhere, interact, and communicate via sites of direct physical contact.

## Plant cells

### Plasmodesmata

are channels that connect plant cell walls

- Through plasmodesmata, water and small solutes (and sometimes proteins and RNA) can pass from cell to cell

- the plasma membranes of adjacent cells line the channel of each plasmodesma and thus are continuous
- the cells share the same internal chemical environment - because the channels are filled with the cytosol
- 

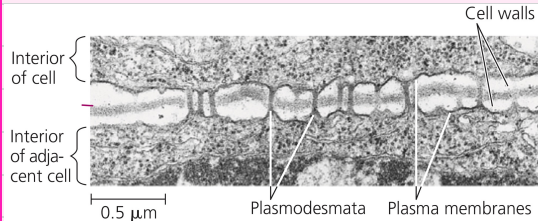
## animal cells

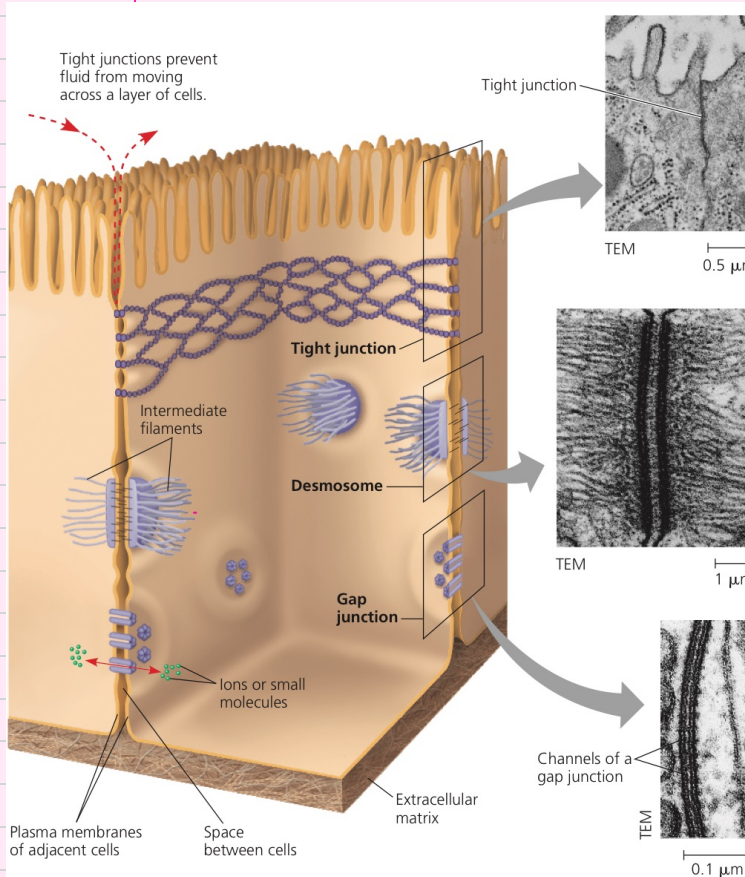
### Tight Junction

### Desmosomes

### Gap Junctions

All three types of cell junctions are especially common in epithelial tissue, which lines the external and internal surfaces of the body





## Tight Junctions

- the plasma membranes of neighboring cells are very tightly pressed against each other
- bound together by specific proteins
- forming continuous seals around the cells
- it establishes a barrier that prevents leakage of extracellular fluid across a layer of epithelial cells →
- ex: - Tight junctions between skin cells make us watertight

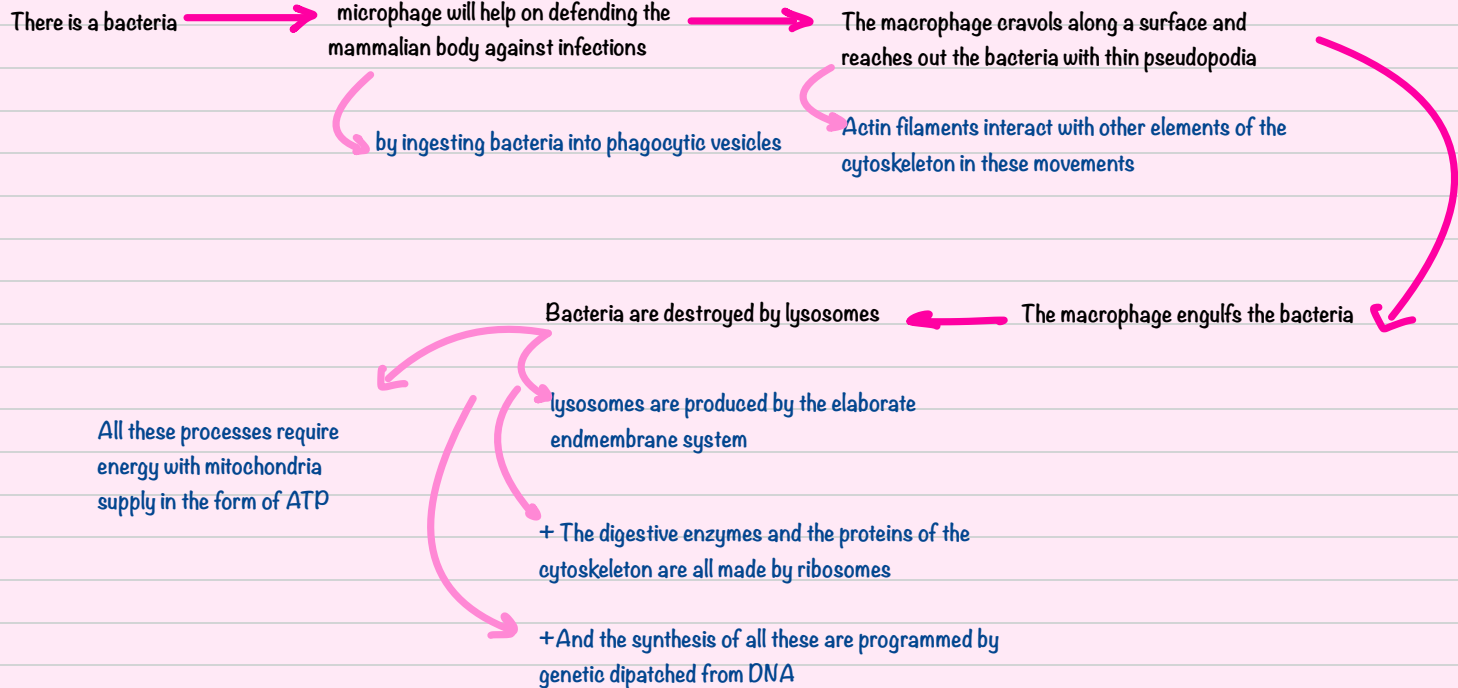
## Desmosomes

- Function like rivets مسامير
  - Fixing cells together into strong sheets
  - The intermediate filaments made of keratin proteins
- This intermediate filaments anchor desmosomes in the cytoplasm
- Ex :- Desmosomes attach muscle cells to each other in a muscle

## Gap junctions

- provide cytoplasmic channels from one cell to an adjacent cell and
- they are similar in their function to the plasmodesmata in plants.
- Gap junctions consist of membrane proteins extending from the membranes of the two cells.
- → These proteins create pores through which **ions, sugars, amino acids, and other small molecules** may pass.
- Gap junctions are necessary for communication between cells in many types of tissues
- Ex:- heart muscle, and in animal embryos.

Remember that none of a cell's components work alone.





the end

By Tala Alali

رعوة حلوة من الناس الحلوة