CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM Glycolysis

- D-glucose a major fuel, occupies a central position in metabolism, relatively rich in potential energy (complete oxidation to carbon dioxide and water proceeds with a standard free energy of -2,840 kJ/mol)
- When the cell's energy demands suddenly increase, glucose can be released quickly from intracellular storage polymers
- Glucose a precursor, provides metabolic intermediates, the necessary starting material for biosynthetic reactions
- E. Coli can obtain from glucose the carbon skeletons for amino acids, nucleotides, coenzymes, fatty acids

In higher plants and animals, glucose has four major fates



- Glycolysis (from the Greek glykys, meaning "sweet" and lysis, meaning "splitting")
- Glycolysis the first metabolic pathway to be elucidated and is probably the best understood
- Described by Gustav Embden, Otto Meyerhof and Jacob Parnas
- Known as Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas pathway (EMP)
- Almost universal catabolic pathway of glucose catabolism

- Reactions of Glycolysis take place in the cytosol of cells
- <u>Unique</u>; it can utilize O₂ if available and can also work in the absence of O₂
- Glycolytic sequence of reactions differ from one specie to another only in:
- 1. how the rate is regulated
- 2. subsequent metabolic fate of pyruvate formed
- Breakdown of the (6C) 1 glucose into 2 molecules of the (3C) pyruvate occurs in 10 steps (reactions)
- First 5 reactions Phase 1 (Preparatory phase/energy investment phase)
- Last 5 reactions Phase 2 (Payoff Phase/energy production phase/oxidative phase)



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For each molecule of glucose that passes through preparatory phase, 2 molecules of glyceraldehyde-3phosphate are formed; both pass through the payoff phase.

Pyruvate is the end product of second phase of glycolysis.

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3 Important Chemical Transformations

- 1. Degradation of C skeleton of glucose to yield pyruvate
- 2. Phosphorylation of ADP to ATP
- 3. Transfer of H atoms or e to NAD+, forming NADH

Overall Equation for Glycolysis

 $\begin{array}{l} Glucose + 2NAD^{+} + 2ADP + 2P_{i} \longrightarrow \\ 2 \ pyruvate + 2NADH + 2H^{+} + 2ATP + 2H_{2}O \end{array}$



this is calculated as 2.5ATP per NADH



Three possible catabolic fates of pyruvate formed in glycolysis

Lactic acid fermentation

- Vigorously contracting skeletal muscle function anaerobically, the pyruvate cannot be oxidized further due to lack of oxygen
- So, pyruvate is reduced to lactate
- Certain tissues & cells (retina, brain, RBCs) convert glucose to lactate even under aerobic conditions (as these don't have mitochondria)
- Lactate (the dissociated form of lactic acid) is also the product of glycolysis under anaerobic conditions in microorganisms that carry out the lactic acid fermentation



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Ethanol or Alcohol fermentation

In some plant tissues & in certain invertebrates, protests & microorganisms such as brewer's yeast, pyruvate is converted anaerobically into ethanol & CO_2





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CHAPTER 16 The Citric Acid Cycle

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Catabolism of proteins, fats, carbohydrates in 3 stages of cellular respiration

Stage 1: oxidation of fatty acids, glucose, and some amino acids yields acetyl-CoA.

Stage 2: oxidation of acetyl groups in the citric acid cycle includes four steps in which electrons are abstracted.

Stage 3: electrons carried by NADH and FADH₂ are funneled into a chain of mitochondrial (or, in bacteria, plasma membrane-bound) electron carriers—the respiratory chain—ultimately reducing O_2 to H₂O. This electron flow drives the production of ATP.





 2 C atoms enter the cycle as acetyl CoA & leave as CO₂

Energy produced 3 NAD+ reduced to 3NADH=+7.5 * ATPs 1 FAD reduced to 1FADH2 =+1.5 * ATPs <u>1 GDP converted to GTP =+1 ATP</u> Net = 10 ATPs for 1 acetyl-CoA

FOR 2 acetyl-CoA=20 ATPs

*this is calculated as 2.5ATP per NADH and 1.5ATP per FADH₂



Products of one turn of the citric acid cycle

At each turn of the cycle, 3NADH, 1 FADH₂, 1 GTP (or ATP), and 2 CO_2 are released in oxidative decarboxylation reactions.

Here all cycle reactions are shown as proceeding in one direction only, but keep in mind that most of the reactions are reversible

TABLE 16-1	Stoichiometry of Coenzyme Reduction and ATP Formation in the Aerobic Oxidation of Glucose via Glycolysis, the Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex Reaction, the Citric Acid Cycle, and Oxidative Phosphorylation		
Reaction		Number of ATP or reduced coenzyme directly formed	Number of ATP ultimately formed*
Glucose		-1 ATP	-1
Fructose 6-phosphate \longrightarrow fructose 1,6-bisphosphate		-1 ATP	-1
2 Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate \longrightarrow 2 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate		2 NADH	3 or 5†
2 1,3-Bisphosphoglycerate \longrightarrow 2 3-phosphoglycerate		2 ATP	2
2 Phosphoenolpyruvate> 2 pyruvate		2 ATP	2
2 Pyruvate \longrightarrow 2 acetyl-CoA		2 NADH	5
2 Isocitrate \longrightarrow 2 α -ketoglutarate		2 NADH	5
2 α -Ketoglutarate \longrightarrow 2 succinyl-CoA		2 NADH	5
2 Succinyl-CoA \longrightarrow 2 succinate		2 ATP (or 2 GTP)	2
2 Succinate —	→ 2 fumarate	2 FADH ₂	3
2 Malate		2 NADH	5
Total			30-32

*This is calculated as 2.5 ATP per NADH and 1.5 ATP per FADH₂. A negative value indicates consumption.

[†]This number is either 3 or 5, depending on the mechanism used to shuttle NADH equivalents from the cytosol to the mitochondrial matrix; see Figures 19–30 and 19–31.

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Role of the citric acid cycle (CAC) in Anabolism

Intermediates of CAC are drawn off as precursors in many biosynthetic pathways.

Shown in **red** are 4 Anaplerotic reactions that replenish depleted cycle intermediates

Figure 16-15

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TABLE 16-2	Anaplerotic Reactions		
Reaction		Tissue(s)/organism(s)	
$Pyruvate + HCO_{3}^{-} + ATP \xrightarrow{pyruvate carboxylase} oxaloacetate + ADP + P_{i}$		Liver, kidney	
Phosphoenolpyruvate + CO ₂ + GDP <u>PEP carboxykinase</u> oxaloacetate + GTP		Heart, skeletal muscle	
Phosphoenolpyruvate + $HCO_3 \stackrel{PEP carboxylase}{\longleftarrow}$ oxaloacetate + P_i		Higher plants, yeast, bacteria	
Pyruvate + HCO ₃ ⁻ + NAD(P)H $\xrightarrow{\text{malic enzyme}}$ malate + NAD(P) ⁺		Widely distributed in eukaryotes and bacteria	
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