UNIT - II

ULTRA STRUCTURE OF BACTERIA

CLASSIFICATION OF ANGIOSPERM

- Angiosperms (flowering plants) are classified based on their morphological, anatomical, and genetic characteristics. Their classification follows the hierarchical system of taxonomy, which includes kingdom, division, class, order, family, genus, and species.
- **1. Kingdom: Plantae**
- Multicellular, eukaryotic, autotrophic organisms with cell walls containing cellulose.
- **2. Division: Magnoliophyta (Angiosperms)**
- Plants that produce flowers and bear seeds enclosed within a fruit.
- **3. Classes of Angiosperms:**
- Angiosperms are traditionally divided into two major classes:
- **A. Monocotyledonae (Monocots)**
- Single cotyledon (seed leaf)
- Parallel venation in leaves
- Fibrous root system
- Floral parts in multiples of three
- Vascular bundles scattered in the stem
- Examples: Rice (*Oryza sativa*), Maize (*Zea mays*), Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), Lily (*Lilium*), Orchid (*Orchidaceae*)
- **B. Dicotyledonae (Dicots)**
- Two cotyledons (seed leaves)
- Reticulate venation in leaves
- Taproot system
- Floral parts in multiples of four or five
- Vascular bundles arranged in a ring in the stem
- Examples: Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Pea (*Pisum sativum*), Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), Rose (*Rosa*), Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*)

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- **4. Orders and Families**
- Each class is further divided into orders and families based on flower structure, reproductive organs, and genetic relationships. Some major families include:
- **Poaceae (Grass family)** – Rice, Wheat, Maize
- **Fabaceae (Legume family)** – Pea, Bean, Soybean
- **Solanaceae (Nightshade family)** – Tomato, Potato, Eggplant
- **Rosaceae (Rose family)** – Apple, Rose, Strawberry
- **Asteraceae (Sunflower family)** – Sunflower, Daisy, Lettuce
- **5. Modern Classification Systems**
- Modern classifications use molecular phylogenetics to group plants based on DNA sequences. The **APG System (Angiosperm Phylogeny Group)** is currently the most widely accepted classification system for angiosperms.

SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATIONS

- Systems of classification are methods used to categorize and organize living organisms based on their characteristics, relationships, and evolutionary history. The major classification systems include:
- **1. Artificial System of Classification**
- Based on a few superficial characteristics, such as morphology (e.g., flower color, leaf shape).
- Example: Carolus Linnaeus' system (1735), which classified plants based on floral structures.
- **2. Natural System of Classification**
- Groups organisms based on a broader range of characteristics, including anatomy, embryology, and reproductive structures.
- Example: George Bentham and Joseph Dalton Hooker's classification of plants in *Genera Plantarum*.
- **3. Phylogenetic System of Classification**
- Based on evolutionary relationships and common ancestry.
- Uses fossil records, molecular data, and genetic analysis.
- Example: Engler and Prantl's classification of plants, and Haeckel's phylogenetic tree.

SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION

- **4. Numerical Taxonomy (Phenetics)**
- Uses statistical methods to classify organisms based on observable traits.
- Employs computers and mathematical algorithms to analyze similarities and differences.
- **5. Cladistics (Cladogram-Based Classification)**
- Groups organisms based on shared derived characteristics (synapomorphies).
- Uses a *cladogram* to depict evolutionary relationships.
- Example: Willi Hennig's system.
- **6. Molecular Systematics (Molecular Taxonomy)**
- Based on DNA, RNA, and protein sequence similarities.
- Helps determine evolutionary distances and phylogenetic relationships.
- Example: 16S rRNA sequencing in bacterial classification.
- **7. Five Kingdom and Three Domain Systems**
- **Five Kingdom System** (Whittaker, 1969): Monera, Protista, Fungi, Plantae, Animalia.
- **Three Domain System** (Woese, 1990): Bacteria, Archaea, Eukarya, based on rRNA differences.

Artificial System of Classification

- **Artificial System of Classification**
- The **artificial system of classification** is an early method of categorizing organisms based on a limited number of superficial characteristics, such as **morphology (shape, size, color)**, habitat, or utility, rather than evolutionary relationships.
- **Key Features of the Artificial System:**

1. **Based on External Features** – Relies on physical characteristics like flower color, leaf shape, or number of stamens in plants.
2. **Simple and Easy to Use** – Provides a straightforward way to classify organisms but lacks scientific depth.
3. **Does Not Reflect Evolutionary Relationships** – Organisms that look similar may not be genetically related.
4. **Limited Scope** – Does not consider anatomical, genetic, or biochemical traits.

- **Examples of Artificial Classification Systems:**

1. Linnaeus' System (1735)

1. Proposed by **Carl Linnaeus** in his work *Systema Naturae*.
2. Classified plants based on the **number and arrangement of reproductive structures** (stamens and pistils).
3. Grouped animals based on **body structure and movement** (e.g., quadrupeds, birds, fishes).

2. Theophrastus' Plant Classification (4th Century BCE)

1. Theophrastus, a Greek botanist, classified plants into **herbs, shrubs, and trees** based on growth habit.

3. Aristotle's Animal Classification (4th Century BCE)

1. Divided animals into **with blood (Vertebrates)** and **without blood (Invertebrates)**.
2. Also classified animals as **land-dwelling, water-dwelling, or air-dwelling**.

- **Limitations of the Artificial System:**
- ❌ **Overlooks Evolutionary Relationships** – Organisms may be grouped together even if they are not related.
  ❌ **Limited to Morphological Traits** – Ignores internal anatomy, physiology, and genetics.
  ❌ **Misleading Groupings** – Dolphins and fish, both aquatic organisms, may be placed together, even though dolphins are mammals.

- **Why It Was Replaced?**
- As scientific knowledge advanced, classification systems evolved to incorporate **anatomy, embryology, genetics, and evolutionary history**, leading to **natural and phylogenetic systems** that better reflect relationships among organisms.

Phylogenetic System of Classification

- **Phylogenetic System of Classification**
- The **phylogenetic system of classification** is based on the **evolutionary history and genetic relationships** among organisms. It groups organisms according to their **common ancestors** and **shared derived characteristics (synapomorphies)** rather than just physical traits.
- **Key Features of Phylogenetic Classification:**
- ✅ **Based on Evolutionary Relationships** – Organisms are classified according to their descent from a common ancestor.
  ✅ **Uses Fossil, Morphological, and Molecular Data** – Incorporates DNA sequencing, protein structures, and fossil records.
  ✅ **Depicted Using Phylogenetic Trees and Cladograms** – Visual representations of evolutionary pathways.
  ✅ **Follows the Principle of Common Descent** – Organisms that share a recent common ancestor are classified together.

- **History & Contributors:**
- 🔹 **Charles Darwin (1859)** – Introduced the concept of common descent in *The Origin of Species*.
  🔹 **Ernst Haeckel (1866)** – Proposed the first phylogenetic tree of life.
  🔹 **Engler & Prantl (1887-1915)** – Applied phylogenetics to plant classification.
  🔹 **Willi Hennig (1950s)** – Developed **Cladistics**, a method to construct phylogenetic trees.
  🔹 **Carl Woese (1990)** – Proposed the **Three-Domain System** (Bacteria, Archaea, Eukarya) based on 16S rRNA sequencing.
- **Methods Used in Phylogenetic Classification:**

1. **Cladistics (Cladogram-Based Classification)** – Groups organisms based on **shared derived traits** (synapomorphies).
2. **Molecular Systematics** – Uses **DNA, RNA, and protein sequences** to determine relationships.
3. **Comparative Morphology** – Studies anatomical similarities and differences.
4. **Fossil Evidence** – Helps in tracing evolutionary history.

- **Examples of Phylogenetic Classification:**
- 📌 **Modern Classification of Vertebrates** – Birds are classified closer to reptiles (dinosaurs) rather than mammals.
  📌 **Bacterial Phylogeny** – **Bacillus megaterium** and **Priestia megaterium** are grouped under Firmicutes based on genetic similarities.
  📌 **Human Evolution** – Humans and chimpanzees share a common ancestor from ~6 million years ago.
- **Advantages of Phylogenetic Classification:**
- ✓ **Scientifically Accurate** – Reflects actual evolutionary relationships.
  ✓ **Predictive Power** – Helps in discovering new species' characteristics.
  ✓ **Molecular Support** – Uses DNA and protein data for precise classification.
- **Limitations of Phylogenetic Classification:**
- ❌ **Requires Advanced Techniques** – Fossil records, DNA sequencing, and computational analysis are needed.
  ❌ **Incomplete Fossil Records** – Gaps in evolutionary history can make classification uncertain.
  ❌ **Frequent Changes** – New discoveries can alter classifications.
- **Conclusion:**
- The phylogenetic system is the most accepted classification method today, as it accurately represents the **evolutionary history and genetic relationships** among organisms. It forms the basis of modern **taxonomy, cladistics, and molecular systematics**.

Natural System of Classification

- **Natural System of Classification**
- The **natural system of classification** categorizes organisms based on a wide range of characteristics, including **morphology, anatomy, embryology, physiology, and reproductive traits**. Unlike the artificial system, it considers **natural relationships** among organisms, making it more scientific and reliable.
- **Key Features of the Natural System:**
- ✅ **Based on Multiple Characteristics** – Uses internal and external features like anatomy, embryology, and biochemistry.
  ✅ **Groups Organisms by Common Characteristics** – Organisms with similar structural and functional traits are placed together.
  ✅ **Considers Evolutionary Trends** – Though not fully phylogenetic, it reflects some evolutionary relationships.
  ✅ **More Accurate than Artificial Systems** – Provides a logical way to classify organisms.

- **Contributors to the Natural System:**
- 🔷 **George Bentham & Joseph Dalton Hooker (1862-1883)** – Proposed a **natural classification of plants** in *Genera Plantarum*.
  🔷 **Michel Adanson (18th Century)** – Suggested using as many characteristics as possible for classification.
  🔷 **Carolus Linnaeus (1735)** – Though his system was initially artificial, later modifications made it more natural.
- **Examples of the Natural System of Classification:**
- 📌 **Bentham and Hooker's Plant Classification** – Based on floral and reproductive structures.
  📌 **Linnaean Taxonomy** – Organisms are classified into Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species.
  📌 **Vertebrate Classification** – Groups animals based on structural similarities (e.g., mammals, reptiles, birds).

- **Advantages of the Natural System:**
- ✓ **More Scientific than Artificial Systems** – Uses detailed characteristics for classification.
  ✓ **Provides a Logical Grouping** – Organisms placed together share real biological similarities.
  ✓ **Foundation for Phylogenetics** – Helped in the development of evolutionary classification.
- **Limitations of the Natural System:**
- ❌ **Not Fully Evolutionary** – Some relationships do not reflect true ancestry.
  ❌ **Subjective at Times** – Certain features may be given more importance than others.
  ❌ **Complexity** – Requires detailed observations and comparisons.
- **Conclusion:**
- The **natural system of classification** marked a significant improvement over the artificial system by considering multiple characteristics. It laid the groundwork for the **phylogenetic classification** used today.

Outline of Bentham and Hooker’s Classification of Plants

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- **Bentham and Hooker’s classification system** (1862-1883) is a **natural system of classification** that categorizes seed plants based on their **morphological and reproductive characteristics**. It was published in *Genera Plantarum* and is widely used in herbariums, including at Kew Gardens, London.
- **I. Classification of Phanerogams (Seed Plants)**
- Bentham and Hooker divided **Phanerogams (seed-bearing plants)** into **three major classes**:
- **1. Dicotyledons (Class 1)**
- **Seeds with two cotyledons**.
- **Reticulate venation** in leaves.
- **Vascular bundles in a ring** (open and collateral).
- Further divided into **three subclasses**:
- **A. Polypetalae (Petals free)**
- 🔹 **Series 1: Thalamiflorae** – Floral parts arranged on a thalamus (e.g., Ranunculaceae, Magnoliaceae).
  🔹 **Series 2: Disciflorae** – Flowers have a well-developed disc (e.g., Rutaceae, Meliaceae).
  🔹 **Series 3: Calyciflorae** – Sepals united, stamens attached to the calyx (e.g., Rosaceae, Fabaceae).
- **B. Gamopetalae (Petals fused)**
- 🔹 **Series 1: Inferae** – Ovary inferior (e.g., Rubiaceae, Asteraceae).
  🔹 **Series 2: Heteromerae** – Ovary superior, carpels more than two (e.g., Ericaceae).
  🔹 **Series 3: Bicarpellatae** – Ovary superior, two carpels (e.g., Apocynaceae, Solanaceae).

- **C. Monochlamydeae (Perianth undifferentiated or absent)**
- Flowers lack distinct petals and sepals.
- Includes families like Amaranthaceae and Chenopodiaceae.
- **2. Monocotyledons (Class 2)**
- **Seeds with one cotyledon**.
- **Parallel venation** in leaves.
- **Scattered vascular bundles** in the stem.
- Further divided into **three series**:
- 🔹 **Series 1: Microspermae** – Small seeds (e.g., Orchidaceae).
  🔹 **Series 2: Epigynae** – Ovary inferior (e.g., Liliaceae).
  🔹 **Series 3: Hypogynae** – Ovary superior (e.g., Poaceae, Arecaceae).
- **3. Gymnosperms (Class 3)**
- **Naked seeds** (not enclosed in an ovary).
- Woody trees and shrubs with cones (e.g., Pinaceae, Cycadaceae).

- **II. Merits of Bentham & Hooker's Classification:**
- ✅ **Based on natural characteristics** (morphology, anatomy, reproduction).
  ✅ **Useful for practical plant identification**.
  ✅ **Widely adopted in herbaria and botanical studies**.
- **III. Limitations of Bentham & Hooker's Classification:**
- ❌ **Did not consider evolutionary relationships** (not phylogenetic).
  ❌ **Placed Gymnosperms between Dicots and Monocots**, which is incorrect.
  ❌ **Some closely related families were placed far apart**.
- **Conclusion:**
- Bentham and Hooker's classification is a **practical and detailed system** for seed plants, though it has been replaced by more advanced **phylogenetic classifications** like APG (Angiosperm Phylogeny Group).

Anatomy of Primary Structures in Monocotyledons (Maize - Zea mays)

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- Monocotyledons like **maize (Zea mays)** have distinct **root, stem, and leaf anatomy**, adapted for efficient water and nutrient transport. Below is a detailed description of their anatomical structures.
- **1. Root Anatomy (Primary Structure of Monocot Root - Maize)**
- The maize root system consists of **fibrous roots**, typical of monocots. The primary structure includes:
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Single-layered** outermost covering.
- Protects root and absorbs water and minerals through root hairs.
- **B. Cortex**
- **Composed of parenchyma cells** with intercellular spaces.
- Stores food and facilitates water movement.
- **C. Endodermis**
- **Single layer of tightly packed cells**.
- **Casparian strips (suberized bands)** regulate water and nutrient flow into the vascular tissue.

- **D. Stele (Vascular Cylinder)**
- **Pericycle**: A single layer of cells that gives rise to lateral roots.
- **Xylem**: Arranged in a ring (polyarch condition, multiple xylem bundles).
- **Phloem**: Alternates with xylem, transports food.
- **Pith**: Central parenchymatous region, sometimes reduced.
- **2. Stem Anatomy (Primary Structure of Monocot Stem - Maize)**
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Single-layered, covered with cuticle**.
- Protects from desiccation and pathogens.
- **B. Ground Tissue**
- **No distinct cortex and pith**; consists of **parenchyma**.
- Provides mechanical support and stores nutrients.
- **C. Vascular Bundles**
- **Scattered throughout the ground tissue** (atactostele).
- **Each bundle is surrounded by a sclerenchymatous bundle sheath** for strength.
- **Xylem**: Metaxylem (larger vessels) and protoxylem (smaller vessels).
- **Phloem**: Contains sieve tubes and companion cells (no cambium, no secondary growth).

- **3. Leaf Anatomy (Anatomy of Maize Leaf - Monocot Leaf)**
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Upper and lower epidermis** are single-layered and covered with **cuticle**.
- **Bulliform cells** (large, thin-walled cells in upper epidermis) help in leaf rolling during water stress.
- **B. Mesophyll**
- **Not differentiated into palisade and spongy layers** (unlike dicots).
- **Composed of loosely arranged parenchyma cells** with chloroplasts for photosynthesis.
- **C. Vascular Bundles (Kranz Anatomy in C4 Plants)**
- **Surrounded by bundle sheath cells (large, chloroplast-rich cells)**.
- Xylem (water transport) and Phloem (food transport) are present.
- **Kranz anatomy** is characteristic of C4 plants like maize, optimizing photosynthesis.
- **Key Adaptations in Maize Anatomy:**
- ✅ **Fibrous root system** enhances water absorption.
  ✅ **Scattered vascular bundles** provide mechanical support.
  ✅ **Bulliform cells** help in drought resistance.
  ✅ **Kranz anatomy** supports efficient C4 photosynthesis.

Anatomy of Primary Structures in Dicotyledons (Sunflower - Helianthus annuus)

- **Anatomy of Primary Structures in Dicotyledons (Sunflower - Helianthus annuus)**
- Sunflower (**Helianthus annuus**) is a dicot plant with **taproot, vascular bundles in a ring (stem), and dorsiventral leaves**. Below is the detailed anatomy of its primary structures.
- **1. Root Anatomy (Primary Structure of Dicot Root - Sunflower)**
- The sunflower root system is **taproot** type, meaning it has a main primary root with lateral branches.
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Single-layered** outermost covering.
- **Root hairs** present for water and nutrient absorption.
- **B. Cortex**
- Composed of **parenchyma cells** with intercellular spaces.
- Functions in storage and transport of water.

- **C. Endodermis**
- **Single layer of barrel-shaped cells** surrounding the vascular cylinder.
- Contains **Casparian strips** (suberin deposition) to regulate water entry.
- **D. Stele (Vascular Cylinder)**
- **Pericycle**: Gives rise to lateral roots and vascular cambium.
- **Xylem**: **Tetrarch condition (four xylem groups arranged in a cross pattern)**.
- **Phloem**: Alternates with xylem, responsible for food transport.
- **Pith**: Small or absent in dicot roots.
- **2. Stem Anatomy (Primary Structure of Dicot Stem - Sunflower)**
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Single-layered with cuticle**.
- Contains **stomata and multicellular trichomes** for protection.
- **B. Cortex**
- **Collenchyma (outer layer)**: Provides mechanical strength.
- **Parenchyma (middle layer)**: Stores nutrients.
- **Endodermis (inner layer)**: Starch grains present; called **starch sheath**.

- **C. Vascular Bundles (Open and Arranged in a Ring)**
- **Xylem (towards the center)** – Conducts water.
- **Phloem (towards the periphery)** – Transports food.
- **Cambium (between xylem and phloem)** – **Allows secondary growth** (not present in monocots).
- **D. Pith**
- Large **parenchymatous** region at the center.
- Stores food and water.
- **3. Leaf Anatomy (Anatomy of Sunflower Leaf - Dicot Leaf)**
- Sunflower leaves are **dorsiventral**, meaning they have different structures on the upper and lower sides.
- **A. Epidermis**
- **Upper and lower epidermis** are **single-layered** and covered with a **cuticle**.
- **More stomata on the lower epidermis**.

- **B. Mesophyll**
- **Differentiated into two layers**:
  1 **Palisade Mesophyll** – Compact, chloroplast-rich cells for photosynthesis.
  2 **Spongy Mesophyll** – Loosely arranged cells for gas exchange.
- **C. Vascular Bundles (Reticulate Venation)**
- Surrounded by **bundle sheath cells**.
- Xylem (upper side) and Phloem (lower side).
- **Key Adaptations in Sunflower Anatomy:**
- ✅ **Taproot system** for deep soil penetration.
  ✅ **Ring arrangement of vascular bundles** for secondary growth.
  ✅ **Dorsiventral leaf** for efficient photosynthesis.
  ✅ **Palisade and spongy mesophyll layers** for optimal light absorption and gas exchange.

Technical Description of Flower and Floral Diagram

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- A **flower** is the reproductive organ of angiosperms (flowering plants) that facilitates sexual reproduction. Flowers consist of specialized structures that help in the **production of gametes** (pollen and ovules), **pollination**, and **fertilization**.
- **Main Parts of a Flower**

1. **Pedicel (Flower stalk)**
    1. Supports the flower and connects it to the plant.
    2. Enlarged portion called the **receptacle** (or torus) holds the floral organs.
2. **Sepals**
    1. **Leaf-like structures** at the base of the flower, collectively called the **calyx**.
    2. Protects the developing bud.
    3. Usually green but may be colored in some species.

3. Petals

- **Brightly colored structures** above the sepals, collectively called the **corolla**.
- Attract pollinators like insects, birds, or wind.
- May be fused or free depending on the plant species.

4.Stamens (Male reproductive organs)

1. Composed of two parts:
    1. **Anther**: Contains pollen grains (male gametes).
    2. **Filament**: A slender stalk that supports the anther.
2. The collective term for all stamens is **androgynium** (or **androecium**).

5. Pistil (Female reproductive organ)

1. Composed of three main parts:
    1. **Ovary**: Contains ovules (female gametes).
    2. **Style**: Stalk-like structure that connects the ovary to the stigma.
    3. **Stigma**: The sticky top portion where pollen lands and germinates.
2. The collective term for all pistils is **gynoecium**.

Types of Flowers Based on Sexuality

1.Unisexual

1. Flower contains either **stamens or pistils**, but not both.
2. Found in some plants like **cucumbers**.

2.Bisexual (Hermaphroditic)

1. Flower contains both **stamens and pistils**.
2. Most flowers are bisexual, e.g., **sunflower**.

- **Floral Diagram**
- A **floral diagram** is a schematic representation of a flower's structure, illustrating the arrangement of its parts in relation to each other. It provides an easy-to-understand visual of the flower's morphology.
- **General Features of a Floral Diagram:**

1. **Symmetry**
   1. **Actinomorphic (Radial symmetry)**: The flower can be divided into equal parts along multiple planes (e.g., **sunflower**).
   2. **Zygomorphic (Bilateral symmetry)**: The flower can be divided into two equal parts along one plane (e.g., **pea flower**).
2. **Parts in Spiral or Whorled Arrangement**
   1. **Calyx (sepals)**: Represented as the outermost ring.
   2. **Corolla (petals)**: Represented as the second ring.
   3. **Androecium (stamens)**: Represented as the third ring.
   4. **Gynoecium (pistil)**: Represented as the innermost ring.

- **Sample Floral Diagram (for a typical dicot flower)**
- **Calyx (Sepals)**: 5 sepals, arranged in a **whorl**.
- **Corolla (Petals)**: 5 petals, often **fused**.
- **Androecium (Stamens)**: 5 stamens, sometimes fused at the base, forming a tube.
- **Gynoecium (Pistil)**: 1 pistil with a **superior ovary**.
- In the diagram, each structure is represented with numbers and labels showing the number of parts (e.g., 5 petals, 5 stamens, etc.).
- **Floral Formula**
- The **floral formula** is a shorthand way of representing the structure of a flower. It uses numbers to indicate the number of sepals, petals, stamens, and pistils.
- **Example:** For a typical **dicot** flower (like a **pea flower**):
- **Floral formula**: **K(5) C(5) A(10) G(1)**
- **K(5)**: 5 sepals (Calyx)
- **C(5)**: 5 petals (Corolla)
- **A(10)**: 10 stamens (Androecium)
- **G(1)**: 1 pistil (Gynoecium)
- **Conclusion**
- The **flower** is a highly specialized structure for sexual reproduction in angiosperms. The **floral diagram** and **floral formula** are tools that help represent the flower's morphology efficiently. Understanding these structures is essential for plant classification, pollination biology, and breeding.

Microsporangium (Pollen Sac) in Angiosperms

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- The **microsporangium** is the structure in flowering plants that produces **microspores** (pollen grains), which later develop into male gametophytes. Microsporangium is part of the **anther** in the male reproductive organ (stamen). The structure of the microsporangium is adapted for efficient pollen production and release.
- **Structure of Microsporangium**

1. **Location**
   1. Found in the **anther** of the flower, typically in **four chambers**.
   2. Each chamber contains one or more **microsporangium**.
2. **Layers of the Microsporangium**
   1. **Epidermis**: The outermost layer of cells, providing protection.
   2. **Endothecium**: A layer of cells just inside the epidermis, often thickened for structural support.
   3. **Middle Layer**: Cells between the endothecium and the tapetum, assisting in nourishment.
   4. **Tapetum**: The innermost layer that is involved in the nutrition of developing microspores. The tapetum secretes substances that nourish the developing pollen grains.
3. **Microsporocyte (Pollen Mother Cell)**
   1. Located within the microsporangium, each microsporocyte undergoes **meiosis** to produce **four haploid microspores**.
   2. These microspores then develop into **pollen grains**.

4. Dehiscence of Microsporangium

- When mature, the microsporangium **dehisces** (splits open), releasing the pollen grains.
- Dehiscence occurs at specific regions called **stomium**.
- **Structure of Embryo Sac (Polygonum Type)**
- The **embryo sac** is the **female gametophyte** in angiosperms and develops within the **ovule**. The **Polygonum type** of embryo sac is the most common type of embryo sac found in dicot plants (including **Polygonum** species). It typically consists of **seven cells** and **eight nuclei**.
- **Structure of Polygonum Type Embryo Sac**

1.Ovule Structure

1. The **ovule** contains the **embryo sac** and is enclosed within the **ovary** of the flower.

2.Development of Embryo Sac

1. The **megaspore mother cell** (or **megasporocyte**) within the ovule undergoes **meiosis** to form four haploid megaspores.
2. Three of the megaspores **degenerate**, while the remaining one develops into the embryo sac.

3. Structure of the Polygonum Type Embryo Sac
The **embryo sac** consists of the following parts:

- **Egg Cell**: The female gamete, located at the **micropyle** end of the embryo sac.
- **Synergids**: Two cells located adjacent to the egg cell at the micropyle end. These cells help in guiding the pollen tube to the egg cell for fertilization.
- **Antipodal Cells**: Three cells located at the opposite end of the embryo sac (the chalazal end). Their role is not entirely clear but they are thought to have a supportive role in the embryo sac.
- **Central Cell**: The large cell at the center of the embryo sac, containing two **polar nuclei**. These polar nuclei fuse during fertilization with the sperm nucleus to form the **triploid endosperm**.
- **Diagram of Polygonum Type Embryo Sac**
- **Micropyle End (top)**:
    - **Egg cell**
    - **Two synergids**
    - **Polar nuclei** (in central cell)
    - **Three antipodal cells** (bottom of the sac)
- The arrangement of these cells allows for **efficient fertilization**, where the pollen tube enters the micropyle, and one of the sperm cells fuses with the egg cell to form the **zygote** (future embryo), while the other fuses with the polar nuclei to form the **triploid endosperm**.

Anomalous Secondary Growth

- **Anomalous secondary growth** refers to an abnormal or irregular pattern of secondary growth in plants, which deviates from the typical **dicot** pattern of growth. Secondary growth typically involves the activity of **cambia** (vascular cambium and cork cambium) that leads to the thickening of the plant body. In anomalous secondary growth, the cambial activity or vascular tissue differentiation occurs in an atypical or irregular manner, resulting in unusual patterns of tissue formation.
- This type of growth is typically observed in some **monocots** and **dicots**, especially in **herbaceous plants** or those that don't follow the conventional pattern of secondary growth.
- **Characteristics of Anomalous Secondary Growth**

1. **Deviation from Typical Secondary Growth**
   In the usual secondary growth, the **vascular cambium** produces secondary xylem (wood) and secondary phloem. However, in anomalous secondary growth, additional cambial tissues may form at different positions in the plant's stem or root, leading to abnormal patterns of vascular tissue.

2. Common Types of Anomalous Secondary Growth
Anomalous secondary growth can be observed in various plant species, and the deviations may include:

1. **Multiple Cambia**: Formation of more than one layer of vascular cambium.
2. **Intra-vascular Cambium**: Cambial activity occurring within the vascular bundles, leading to irregular xylem and phloem formation.
3. **Lateral or Peripheral Cambia**: Additional cambial layers developing outside or within the vascular tissues, leading to concentric or unusual arrangements of vascular tissue.

- **Examples of Plants Showing Anomalous Secondary Growth**

1. **Monocots (e.g., Dracaena, Aloe)**
   1. **Dracaena**: A typical monocot shows anomalous secondary growth due to the formation of a **cambial ring** in the parenchymatous tissue, resulting in a **woody stem** despite being a monocot.
   2. In **Dracaena**, vascular bundles remain scattered in the ground tissue, and the secondary growth occurs by the formation of **multiple cambial rings**, producing secondary xylem and phloem. This is unusual for monocots, as they typically do not undergo secondary growth.
2. **Herbaceous Dicot Plants (e.g., Bougainvillea)**
   1. In some herbaceous **dicots**, the **vascular cambium** may become active in unusual ways, leading to the production of abnormal patterns of vascular tissue, which may form more than one cambial ring.
3. **Vascular Bundles in Concentric Rings (e.g., Bignonia)**
   1. In some plants, such as **Bignonia** (a genus of flowering plants), the vascular bundles may form in concentric rings, producing a woody stem with **irregular patterns** of vascular tissue.

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1. **Concentric or Circular Cambium**
   In some plants, the vascular cambium produces **concentric circles** of secondary tissue, leading to a thickening that is different from the normal radial pattern. This results in an unusual arrangement of vascular tissue.
2. **Scattered Vascular Cambium**
   In certain cases, the vascular cambium may form **dispersed patches** within the vascular bundles, leading to the formation of secondary xylem and phloem at irregular intervals.
3. **Formation of Multiple Cambial Rings**
   1. This is observed when the vascular cambium is active in more than one layer, leading to the production of multiple layers of secondary xylem and phloem.
   2. **Example**: **Dracaena** and other monocots with secondary growth may show this pattern.
4. **Intra-vascular Cambium (Cambium within Vascular Bundles)**
   Some plants exhibit the formation of cambium within the vascular bundles themselves, leading to **intervening layers** of secondary tissue.

- **Examples of Anomalous Secondary Growth in Detail**

1. **Dracaena (Monocot Example)**
   1. **Structure**: The stem of Dracaena, a monocot, undergoes anomalous secondary growth. The vascular bundles are scattered throughout the parenchyma, and the formation of a **cambial ring** results in the production of secondary xylem and phloem, making the stem woody.
   2. **Pattern**: The vascular cambium is formed as a continuous ring, causing concentric rings of vascular tissue to form.

2. Aloe (Monocot Example)

1. Aloe exhibits anomalous secondary growth where the vascular bundles produce more than one cambial ring. This leads to an unusual thickening of the stem and root, unlike other monocots that lack secondary growth.

3. Bignonia (Dicot Example)

1. The vascular bundles of **Bignonia** form in concentric rings. This is an example of **intra-bundle cambium activity**, where the cambium produces secondary xylem and phloem in a ring-like arrangement.

- **Importance of Anomalous Secondary Growth**
- **Adaptation for Increased Support**: In plants like monocots that do not normally undergo secondary growth, anomalous secondary growth allows them to develop **thicker, stronger stems** that can support larger structures, such as flowers or fruits.
- **Formation of Wood-like Tissue**: Monocots with anomalous secondary growth can form **wood-like tissues**, enabling them to thrive in environments where **mechanical support** is required.
- **Ecological Role**: Plants with anomalous secondary growth may gain a competitive advantage in specific habitats by becoming larger or more resistant to environmental stresses like wind and drought.

Fossil Angiosperms

- **Fossil Angiosperms**
- **Fossil angiosperms** are the **preserved remains** or traces of flowering plants (angiosperms) from ancient geological periods. Angiosperms are the largest group of plants, but their fossil record is not as abundant or as easily preserved as that of gymnosperms (e.g., conifers). However, the fossil record of angiosperms has provided crucial insights into the early evolution and diversification of flowering plants.
- **Significance of Fossil Angiosperms**
- **Evolutionary Importance**: Fossil angiosperms provide valuable information about the **origin and evolution** of flowering plants. Studying their fossils helps scientists understand when and how angiosperms evolved and diversified.
- **Climate and Ecological Reconstruction**: Fossilized remains of angiosperms, including leaves, pollen, seeds, and wood, can reveal information about the **past climates**, ecosystems, and plant-animal interactions.
- **Ancient Angiosperms**: Fossil angiosperms also contribute to understanding how flowering plants interacted with other organisms, including their role in the evolution of **pollination** by insects, birds, and wind.

- **Fossil Record of Angiosperms**

1. Early Fossil Evidence

1. The earliest **definitive fossil evidence** of angiosperms dates to around **125–130 million years ago** during the **Early Cretaceous period**. These early fossils are rare but include evidence of leaves, seeds, and pollen grains.

2. Pre-Cretaceous Evidence

1. There are some **pre-Cretaceous** fossils, such as isolated pollen grains and other plant fragments, that have been suggested to belong to angiosperms, but their identification remains controversial due to the lack of complete structures.

3. First Angiosperm Fossils

1. The oldest undisputed angiosperm fossils come from the **Early Cretaceous** period and include **fossilized leaves**, **seeds**, and **flowers**.
2. **Archaefructus** is one of the earliest well-known angiosperms, dating back to around **125 million years ago**. It is often cited as one of the earliest angiosperm plants.

- **Types of Fossil Angiosperms**

1. **Fossil Pollen**
    1. Pollen grains provide one of the most abundant forms of angiosperm fossils. **Fossil pollen** is found in various sedimentary rocks and is key to understanding the **evolutionary history** of angiosperms.
    2. Fossil pollen helps reconstruct **ancient climates** and plant distributions, offering a glimpse of **early pollination** mechanisms.
2. **Fossil Seeds and Fruits**
    1. Fossilized seeds and fruits are critical for understanding the **reproductive structures** of early angiosperms. They can provide insights into how early angiosperms dispersed their seeds and how their reproductive systems evolved.
    2. **Fossilized fruits** also offer information on the **diversity** of plant types and the development of various mechanisms for **seed dispersal**.
3. **Fossil Flowers**
    1. Fossilized flowers are rare but valuable because they show the **arrangement** of floral organs (petals, stamens, pistils) and can help identify the **phylogenetic position** of early flowering plants.
    2. Early angiosperms had simpler flowers, lacking complex structures seen in modern flowering plants.
4. **Fossilized Wood**
    1. The fossil record of wood, including **angiosperm wood** (secondary xylem), offers insights into the evolution of **vascular tissue** and the **growth patterns** of angiosperms. Fossil wood can be dated to the **Cretaceous period**, indicating that angiosperms were rapidly evolving during that time.

- **Examples of Fossil Angiosperms**

1. Archaefructus

1. **Age**: Early Cretaceous (around 125 million years ago).
2. **Significance**: One of the **earliest known angiosperms**. Archaefructus had simple flowers with both male and female reproductive organs, suggesting that early angiosperms had **unisex flowers** (both stamens and pistils) before evolving into the more complex floral structures seen in modern plants.

2. Amborella trichopoda

1. While **Amborella** is not a fossil, it is an important modern plant because it represents a **living fossil** of the **earliest branching lineage** of angiosperms. Studying Amborella helps scientists understand the evolutionary characteristics of ancient angiosperms.

3. Schlingeromyia

1. **Age**: Early Cretaceous.
2. **Significance**: Fossils of this flower were preserved in **amber** and demonstrate characteristics of early flowering plants, suggesting that flowering plants were already developing complex **insect-pollination** strategies.

4. Fossil Pollen of Early Angiosperms

1. Fossilized pollen from plants like **Nymphaeales** (water lilies) and other early angiosperms help identify the **early evolutionary stages** of angiosperm pollination.

- **Theories about the Origin of Angiosperms**
- The **origin of angiosperms** remains a topic of debate among scientists, with two major hypotheses:

1. **The "Anthophyte" Hypothesis**
   This hypothesis suggests that angiosperms evolved from a group of **gymnosperms**, specifically from a clade of **conifers** and **gnetophytes**.
2. **The "Paleobotanical" Hypothesis**
   This hypothesis suggests that angiosperms evolved from ancient **seed ferns** (pteridosperms), which had structures similar to the early angiosperms. Fossil evidence of these plants has led some scientists to believe that early angiosperms might have had a more fern-like ancestry.

- **Conclusion**
- Fossil angiosperms offer valuable insight into the **early evolution** of flowering plants, their **diversification**, and their impact on the **ecosystem**. While the fossil record of angiosperms is sparse, the available evidence from **pollen**, **seeds**, **flowers**, and **wood** allows scientists to trace the origins of angiosperms and understand their evolutionary history. As more fossils are discovered, particularly from early Cretaceous deposits, our understanding of how **flowering plants** evolved will continue to improve.

Strategies for In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation

- **Strategies for In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation**
- **Conservation** refers to the efforts made to preserve biodiversity, including the protection of species, habitats, and ecosystems. There are two primary strategies for conservation: **in situ** and **ex situ** conservation. Both strategies are vital for maintaining biodiversity, but they approach conservation from different angles.
- **1. In Situ Conservation**
- In situ conservation refers to the conservation of species in their natural habitats. This strategy focuses on preserving ecosystems and biodiversity where species naturally occur, allowing for the continuation of natural processes such as **evolution**, **reproduction**, and **adaptation**.
- **Key Strategies for In Situ Conservation:**

1. **Protected Areas**
   Establishing **protected areas** such as **national parks**, **wildlife reserves**, **marine protected areas**, and **biosphere reserves** is one of the most common in situ strategies. These areas are managed to protect the natural habitats and prevent human activities that might harm the environment.
   1. **Example**: The **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park** is a large-scale marine protected area aimed at preserving coral reef biodiversity.
2. **Habitat Restoration**
   Habitat restoration involves efforts to restore degraded or destroyed habitats to their original condition. This may include reforestation, wetland restoration, and the removal of invasive species to re-establish a natural environment.
   1. **Example**: The restoration of **mangrove forests** in coastal regions can enhance biodiversity, provide coastal protection, and improve fish habitats.

3. Wildlife Corridors
Creating wildlife corridors connects fragmented habitats, allowing species to move freely between protected areas. This prevents **genetic isolation** and reduces the negative impacts of habitat fragmentation.

1. **Example**: The **Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative** in North America aims to connect wildlife populations across large landscapes.

4. Community Involvement
Engaging local communities in conservation efforts is essential for ensuring long-term sustainability. Community-based conservation programs can help reduce human-wildlife conflict, promote sustainable land use, and provide incentives for local people to protect biodiversity.

1. **Example**: **Community-managed forests** in Africa and Asia where local populations actively protect forest resources for both economic and ecological benefits.

5. Legislation and Policy Development
Governments play a crucial role in in situ conservation through the development of **laws**, **policies**, and **international agreements** aimed at preserving biodiversity. This includes **endangered species protection laws**, **land-use policies**, and compliance with **international treaties** like the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**.

- **2. Ex Situ Conservation**
- Ex situ conservation refers to the conservation of species outside their natural habitats. This strategy involves the protection of species in controlled environments where human intervention can ensure their survival and breeding.
- **Key Strategies for Ex Situ Conservation:**

1. **Botanical Gardens**
   Botanical gardens play a key role in the ex situ conservation of plant species. They provide a controlled environment for growing and studying plants, including endangered and rare species. These gardens often serve as centers for research, education, and public awareness.
    1. **Example**: The **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew** in the UK maintains collections of over 30,000 plant species, including many endangered ones.
2. **Seed Banks**
   Seed banks are facilities that store seeds from a variety of plants, often including rare and endangered species. These seeds can be preserved for long periods and used for **restoration projects** or future replanting efforts.
    1. **Example**: The **Svalbard Global Seed Vault** in Norway, which stores seeds from around the world as a safeguard against natural or man-made disasters.
3. **Zoos and Aquariums**
   Zoos and aquariums conserve animal species by maintaining **captive breeding programs** to prevent extinction. These institutions also play an educational role and help raise awareness about endangered species and conservation.
    1. **Example**: The **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** partners with various zoos and aquariums to breed and reintroduce species like the **California condor** and **Amur leopard**.
4. **Gene Banks and Cryopreservation**
   Gene banks store genetic material, such as DNA, sperm, or embryos, from endangered species. **Cryopreservation** is the freezing of genetic material to ensure it can be used for future breeding programs or restoration efforts.
    1. **Example**: **The Frozen Zoo** at the **San Diego Zoo** stores genetic material from hundreds of endangered species, enabling scientists to conduct research and conservation breeding.
5. **Captive Breeding Programs**
   Captive breeding involves breeding endangered species in controlled environments, such as zoos, to increase their population. The goal is often to reintroduce these species into their natural habitats once their populations are stable.
    1. **Example**: The **Cheetah Conservation Fund** operates breeding programs for the endangered cheetah to prevent extinction and increase their numbers.
6. **Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering**
   Biotechnological approaches like **genetic modification** and **cloning** may be used in ex situ conservation to enhance the genetic diversity and viability of endangered species.
    1. **Example**: **Cloning** has been considered in efforts to save species like the **Pyrenean ibex** (Capra pyrenaica pyrenaica), though this is a controversial approach.

- **Advantages and Limitations of In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation**
- **In Situ Conservation:**
- **Advantages**:
  - Preserves natural habitats and ecosystems.
  - Maintains species' natural behavior and evolutionary processes.
  - Cost-effective in the long term if managed well.
- **Limitations**:
  - May not be effective if the habitat is severely degraded or threatened by human activity.
  - Protection is difficult to enforce, especially in regions with weak governance.
- **Ex Situ Conservation:**
- **Advantages**:
  - Provides a controlled environment for endangered species.
  - Can be a last resort to save species from extinction.
  - Useful for preserving genetic material.
- **Limitations**:
  - Does not restore species to their natural environment.
  - Can be costly and resource-intensive.
  - Captivity may affect the species' natural behaviors and survival upon reintroduction.