



# Morphology of flowering plants

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# MORPHOLOGY OF FLOWERING PLANTS

① Morphology → Study of External features of organs of plants and their adaptations

→ Organs Of Plants.

Root Stem Leaf Flower

② Root →

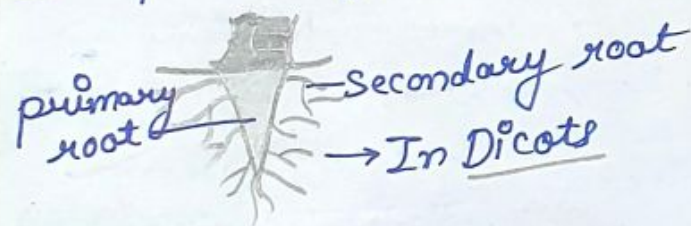
Root

Types of root system Regions of root Modifications of Roots

② i) Root → True roots (formed from radicle)  
Adventitious roots (from parts other than radicle)

② ii) Types Of Root System →

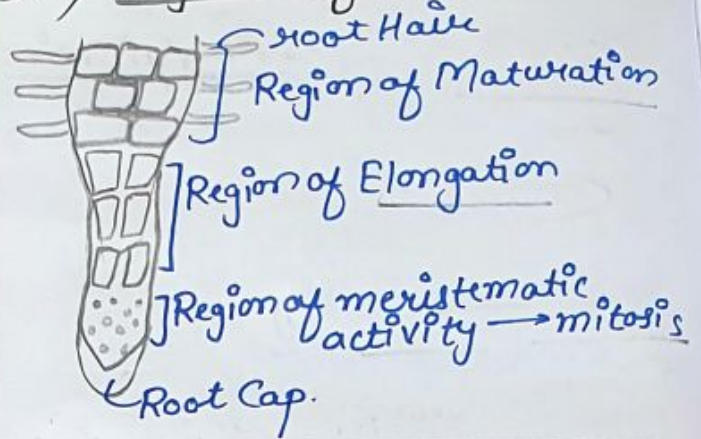
① Tap Root System →



② Fibrous Root System → #anchorage

→ primary root dies off.  
→ Adventitious roots are formed from lower part of stem.  
→ In monocots.

② iii) Regions Of Root →



② iv) Modifications of Root

Food Storage

Support

Breathing

primary tap root

adventitious root

→ Carrot (conical)

→ Raddish (fusiform)

→ Turnip (napiform)

Sweet potato  
Asparagus

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Support

Prop roots

Stilt Roots

Buttressing roots

→ Banyan Tree

→ Sugarcane  
→ Maize

Breathing roots

found in halophytes

pneumatophores



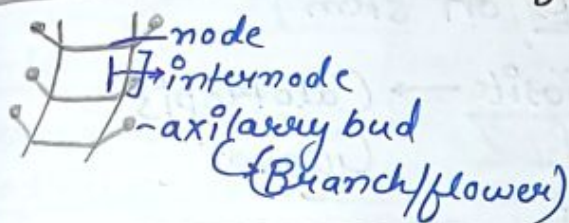
→ Pneumatophores  
eg - Rhizophora



③ Stem → (develop from plumule)

Structures

Modification



③ ii) Stem Modification

Underground modification

Tuber  
Rhizome  
Corm  
Bulb

Sub Aerial modification

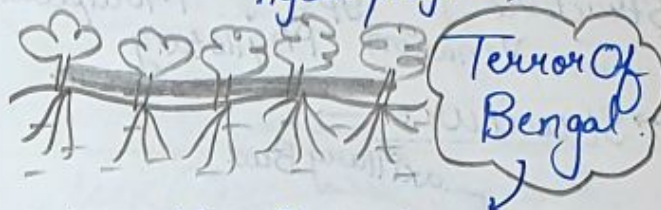
Runner  
Stolon  
Offset  
Sucker

Aerial modification

Tendrils  
Thorns  
Phylloclade  
Cladode

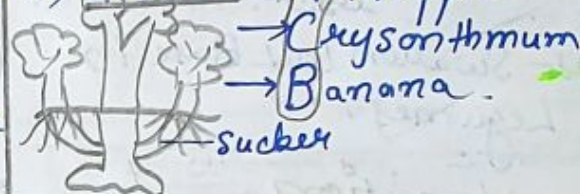
c) Offset - Pistia, Eichhornia

(thick and short branch in hydrophytes.)



Water Hyacinth (purple flowers)  
(Eichhornia)

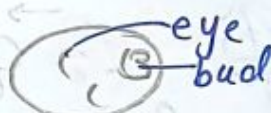
d) Sucker - Pineapple



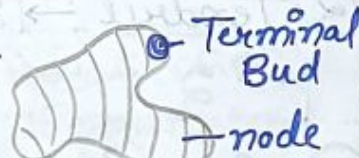
→ Underground Modification →

→ Food Storage  
→ Organs of perennation

a) Tuber - Potato

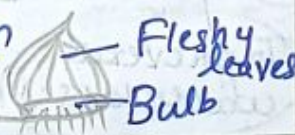


b) Rhizome - Ginger, Turmeric



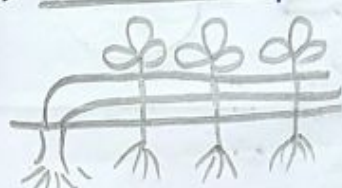
c) Corm - Colocasia

b) Bulb - Garlic, Onion  
(Condensed stem)



→ Subaerial Stem Modification  
→ for Vegetative production.

a) Runner - Grasses, Strawberry



b) Stolon - Jasmine, Mint



→ Aerial Modification →

a) Tendrils - Cuscut family, Cucumbers, pumpkin, Watermelon, Grapevines



b) Thorns - Bougainvillea, Citrus



c) Phylloclade - Stem modified for photosynthesis.

leaves modified into stem  
modified stem (Opuntia, Cactus)

d) Cladode - Only 1-2 internodes are modified for photosynthesis

[Phylloclade is totally different.  
Petiole is modified to do photosynthesis  
eg- Australian Acacia  
petiole]

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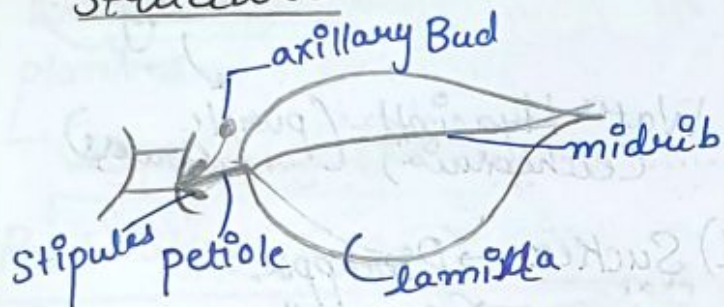


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# Leaf

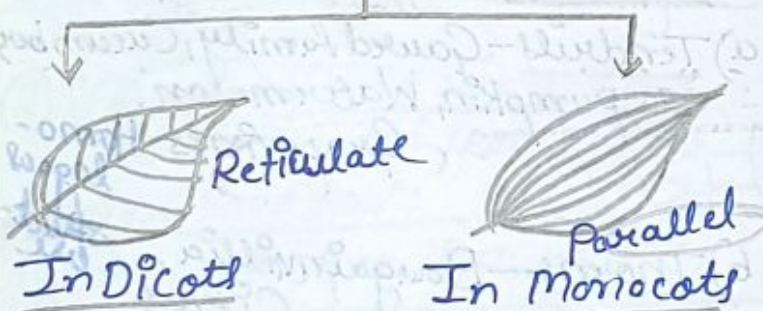
Structure      Type      Modification  
 Venation      Phyllotaxy

→ Structure →



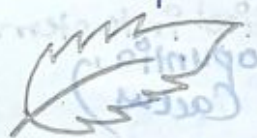
pulvinus - Swollen leaf Base in Legumes

→ Venation



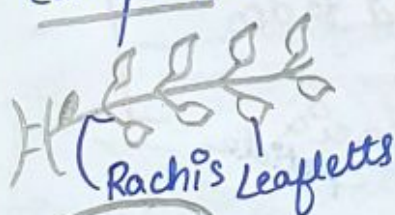
## Types Of Leaves

① Simple - Incision do not touch midrib.

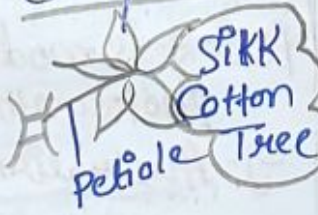


② Compound

Pinnately Compound



Palmately Compound



Neem

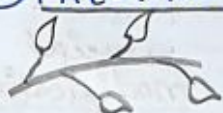
## phyllotaxy

(pattern of arrangement of leaves on stem)

① Opposite → Calotropis, Guava



② Alternate → Chin rose, Mustard, Sunflower



③ Whorled → Alstonia



Modification of Leaves →

① Food Storage → Onion, Garlic, (fleshy leaves)



② Tendrils → Sweet Pea



③ Spine → Opuntia, Aloe vera  
 (To prevent water losses)



④ Insect Capture → Nepenthes (pitcher plant)  
 N<sub>2</sub> deficient.

Venus Flytrap



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## Flower

(reproductive organ)

Structure

Inflourescence

Arrangement of flowers on floral axis (peduncle)

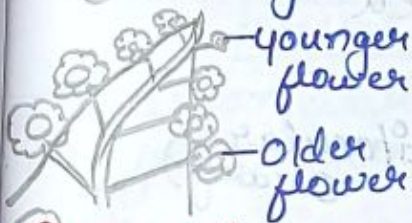
Parts in detail

- Calyx
- Corolla
- Androecium
- Gynoecium

Inflourescence

Racemose

Main axis continue to grow



Acropetal Succession

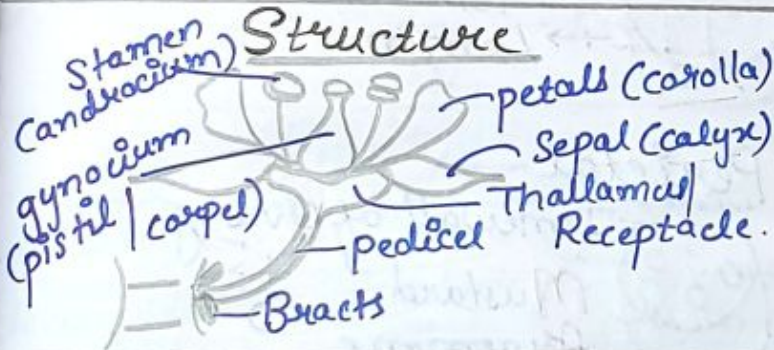
Cymose

Main axis terminate into flower



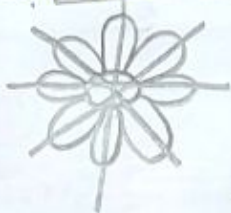
Basipetal succession

Structure



Symmetry

① Actinomorphic (Radial Symmetry)



- Mustard
- Chilli
- Datura
- Brassica

② Asymmetrical (cannot have symmetry)  
→ Canna

③ Zygomorphic (Bilateral symmetry)



- Pea
- Bean
- Gulmohar
- Cassia

Calyx (Group of Sepals)

polysepalous

Sepal separate



Gamosepalous

Sepals United



Corolla (Group of petals)

polypetalous



Gamopetalous



Aestivation

Arrangement of petals on thalamus

① Valvate → Calotropis



② Twisted → Ladyfinger



- Cotton
- China Rose

③ Imbricate → Gulmohar



→ Cassia

no pattern

④ Vexillary → Bean



- Pea
- standard/Vexillum
- Wings/Alae
- Keel/Carina



Hilum → Scar where developing seeds were attached to funicle/fruit.

→ Above hilum, there is a small pore called micropyle.

## Seeds

### albuminous

(contain endosperm on maturation)

Castor, Maize, Wheat.

### non-albuminous

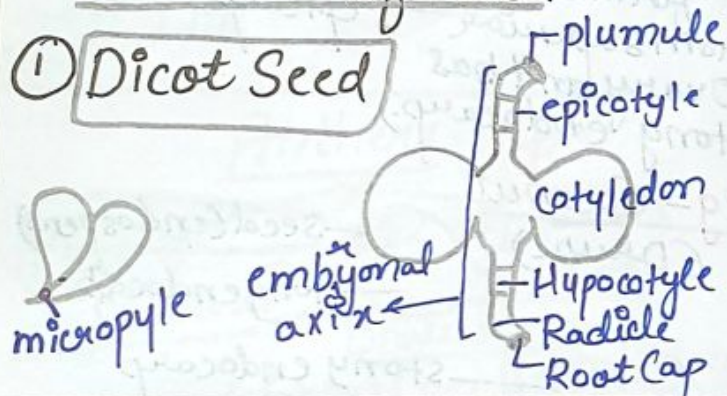
(do not contain endosperm on maturation)

Bean, pea, gram (dicots)

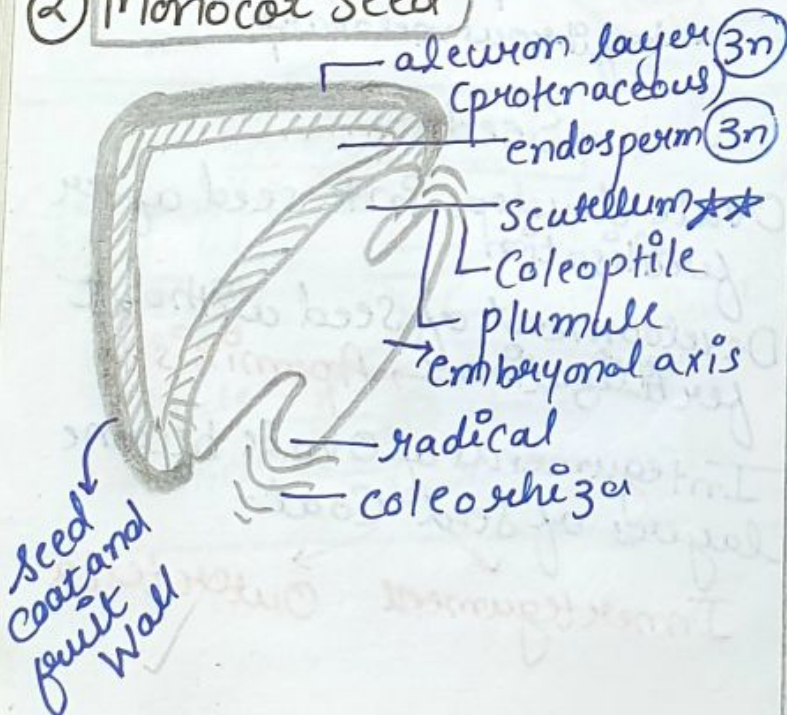
Perisperm → residual nucellus in seed. eg- Black pepper.

## Structure of Seed

### ① Dicot Seed



### ② Monocot Seed



## Semi Technical Description of a Typical flowering plant

Br → Bracteat

K → Calyx

C → Corolla

P → Perianth

A → Androecium

G → Gynoecium

G → Superior Ovary

G → Inferior Ovary

♂ → Male

♀ → Female

♀ → Bisexual plant

⊕ → Actinomorphic

% → Zygomorphic

## Plant Families

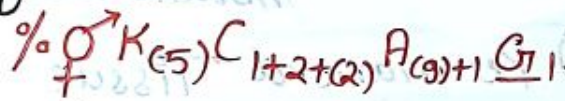
Brassicaceae	Fabaceae	Solanaceae	Liliaceae
	1 carpel	2 carpel	3 carpel
Dicot	Dicot	Dicot	Monocot
⊕	%	⊕	⊕
2	5	5	3
♀	♀	♀	♀

## Fabaceae

Leguminosae, papilionaceae  
legumes - gram, arhar, sem,  
moong, soya bean  
→ Indigofera



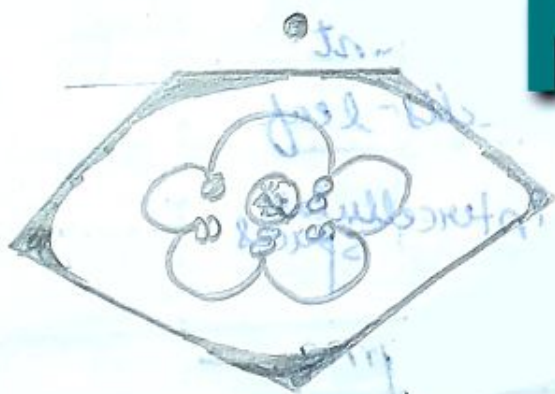
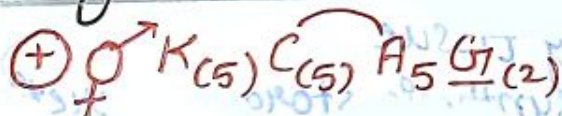
- Sunhemp - fibre
  - Sesbania, trifolium - fodder
  - mullaithi - medicine
  - lupin, sweet pea - ornaments
- floral formula: →



## Solanaceae (potato family)

- ↳ Solan
  - Belladonna
    - potato
    - Brinjal
    - Chilli
  - Ashwini (Ashwagandha)
    - tobacco
    - petunia

floral formula →



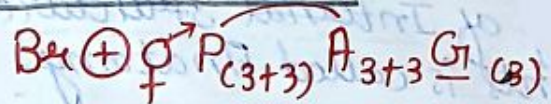
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Monocots

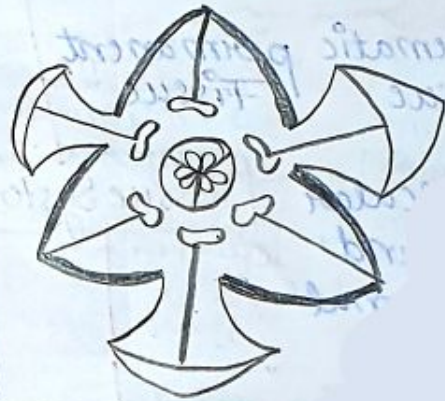
Lily, Tulip, Colchicine  
Aloe Vera, Onion

Gloriosa, Asparagus

Floral Formula →



→ epiphyllous



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