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- Locomotion: Voluntary movements resulting in change in place/location.
- \* Movement: Significant feature of living beings.
- All locomotions are movements but all movements are not locomotion.

**Table:** Types of Movement / Locomotion

Type	Structure	Examples and functions
Amoeboid	Protoplasmic streaming	• Leucocytes, macrophages, <i>Amoeba</i>
Ciliary	Cilia	<ul> <li>Removing dust particles from trachea</li> <li>Passage of ova through female reproductive tract</li> </ul>
Flagellar	Flagella	Water current in Canal System of Sponges     Locomotion in <i>Euglena</i> Swimming of spermatozoa
Muscular	Muscles	• Movement of limbs, jaws, tongue, etc.

#### Muscles

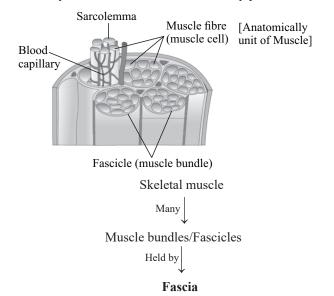
- \* Mesodermal in origin.
- 40-50% of the body weight of a human adult is contributed by muscles.
- \* **Properties:** Excitability, contractility, extensibility and elasticity.

**Table:** Types of Muscles based on Appearance, Nature of Regulation and their Location

Muscles	Appearance	Regulation	Location
1. Skeletal	Striated	Voluntary	Muscles of limbs
2. Smooth	Non-striated/ smooth	Involuntary	Inner walls of visceral organs
3. Cardiac	Striated	Involuntary	Muscles of heart

#### **Skeletal Muscle**

- \* Closely associated with the skeletal components of the body.
- \* Primarily involved in locomotion and body posture.



Types of muscle fibres		
Features	Red	White
Myoglobin	1	<b>\</b>
Mitochondria	1	<b>\</b>
SR	<b>\</b>	<b>↑</b>
Respiration	Mainly aerobic	Mainly anaerobic

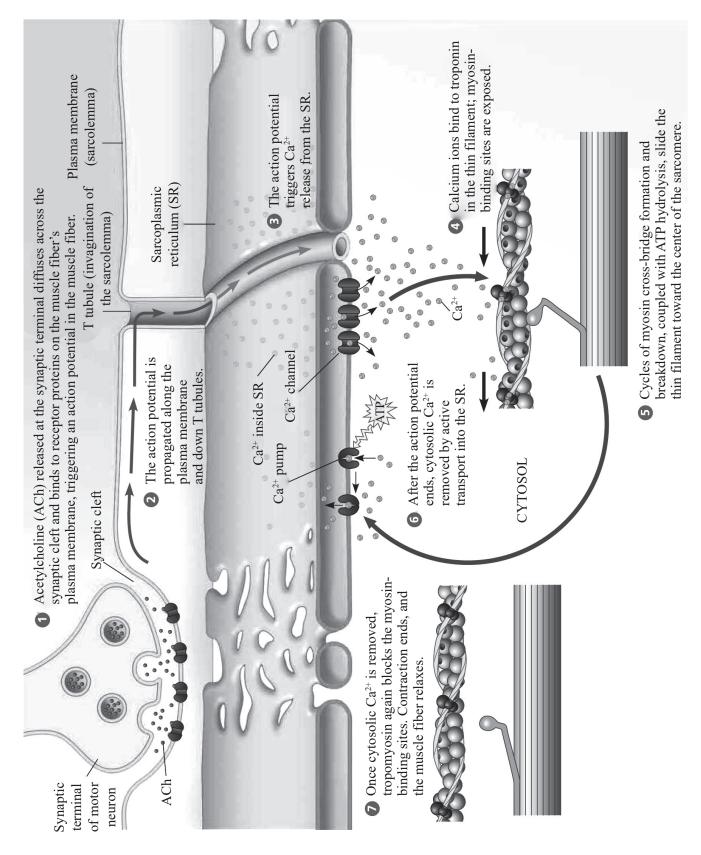
(collagenous connective tissue)

- \* Each muscle bundle contains a number of muscle fibres.
- \* Muscle fibre is a syncitium (sarcoplarm contains many nuclei).
- Endoplasmic reticulum, i.e., sarcoplasmic reticulum of muscle fibre is the store house of calcium ions.
- Each muscle fibre has many parallelly arranged myofibrils/ myofilaments.
- Each myofibril has dark and light bands due to actin and myosin distribution that establish striated appearance.



Table: Myofilaments and Structure of Contractile Proteins

Filament	Held by	Protein
* Thin Tropomyosin Troponin F-actin	Z-line (bisect I-band)	<ul> <li>Actin (contractile)</li> <li>Made of two 'F' actins (Polymer of 'G' actin)</li> <li>Tropomyosin</li> <li>Troponin</li> </ul>
* Thick  Head  Actin binding sites  ATP binding sites  arm	* M-line (thin fibrous membrane)	<ul> <li>Myosin (contractile)</li> <li>Monomeric protein - meromyosin.</li> <li>Meromyosin</li> <li>LMM HMM</li> <li>(Light) (Heavy)</li> <li>Tail</li> <li>Head Short arm</li> </ul>

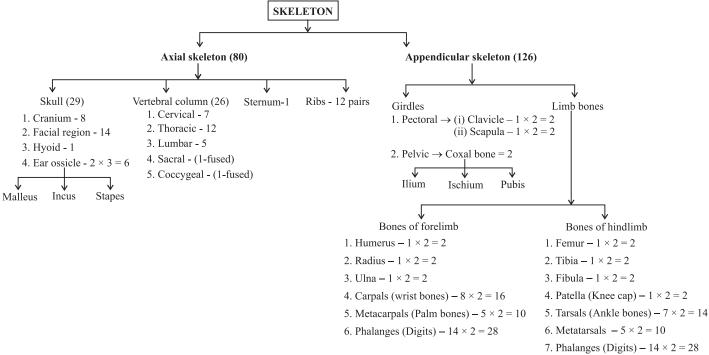


### **Mechanism of Muscle Contraction**

- \* Contraction of muscle fibre takes place by the sliding of the thin filaments over the thick filaments.
- ❖ A motor neuron + Muscle fibres = Motor unit

## **Skeletal System**

- \* Framework of 206 bones & few cartilages.
- Principle division
  - + Appendicular skeleton
  - + Axial skeleton



- \* Scapula, expanded to form acromion process that articulates with clavicle.
- \* Glenoid cavity in scapula articulates with humerus head to form shoulder joint.
- \* Acetabulum, articulates with femur to form hip joint.
- 2 halves of pelvic girdle meet ventrally to form pubic symphysis containing fibrous cartilage.

#### **Joints**

- They are essential for all types of movements.
- \* Force generated by muscle is used to carry out movement through joint, where joint acts as fulcrum.

Table: Types of Joints

Types	Bones joined by	Movement	Examples
Fibrous	Dense fibrous connective tissue	Do not allow any movement	Flat skull bones fused end to end via sutures to form cranium
Cartilaginous	Cartilage	Limited movement	Adjacent vertebrae
Synovial	Fluid filled synovial cavity between 2 bones	Considerable movement, helps in locomotion and many other movements	

Table: Disorder of Muscular and Skeletal System

Disease	Causes	Impact
Myasthenia gravis	Autoimmunity	Affect neuromuscular junction
	·	Fatigue, weakening and paralysis of skeletal muscles
Muscular dystrophy	Genetic	Progressive degeneration of skeletal muscles
Tetany	Low Ca <sup>2+</sup> in body fluid	Rapid spasms in muscle (wild contractions)
Arthritis	Inflammation	Inflammation of joints
Gout	Accumulation of uric acid crystals	Inflammation of joints
Osteoporosis	❖ Age related	Decreased bone mass, increased chances of fracture
	<ul> <li>Decreased levels of estrogen</li> </ul>	