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Microbial metabolism

Fermentation

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Intended learning outcomes

Explain how monosaccharides are fermented by microorganisms via different pathways and product different end products

Explain that some metabolic end products are desirable and others are considered undesirable and are considered as spoilage

Explain the difference between homolactic and heterolactic fermentation

Explain the process of alcoholic fermentation

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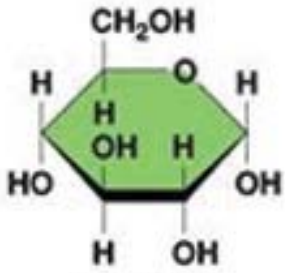
End products of carbohydrate metabolism

microorganism	fermentation	endproducts
Yeasts	Alcohol	Ethanol, carbon dioxide
Lactic acid bacteria (LAB)	Homo fermentative	lactate
Lactic acid bacteria (LAB)	Hetero fermentative	Lactate, acetate, ethanol, carbon dioxide, diacetyl, acetoin
Propionibacteria	Propionic acid	Propionic acid, acetate, CO ₂
Enterobacteriaceae	Mixed acid	Lactate, acetate, formate, succinate, CO ₂ , H ₂
<i>Bacillus</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>	Butandiol	Lactate, acetate, formate, 2,3 butanediol, CO ₂ , H ₂
<i>Clostridium</i>	Butyric acid	Butyrate, acetate, CO ₂ , H ₂ , butanol, ethanol, acetone, isopropanol

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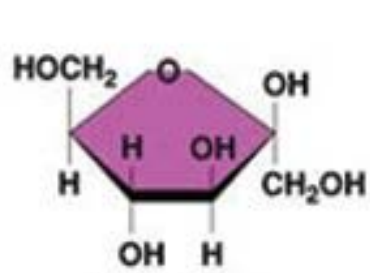
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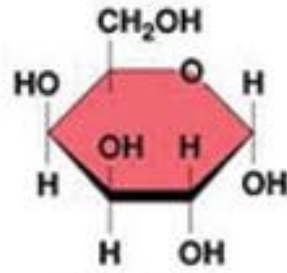


Glucose

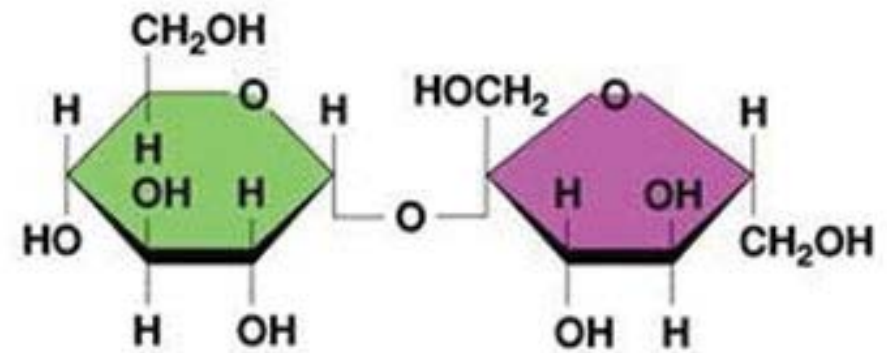
(a) Monosaccharides



Fructose

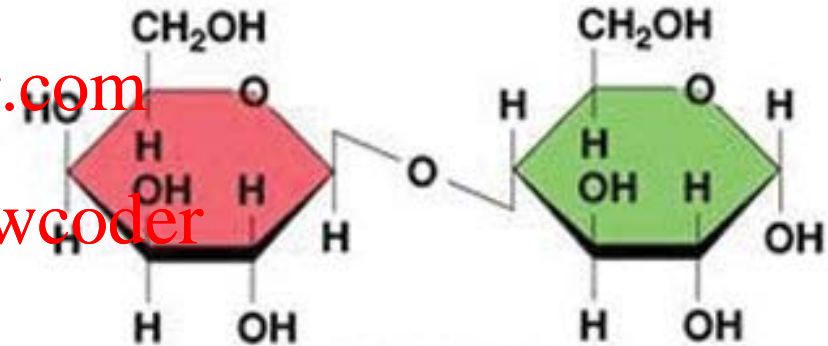
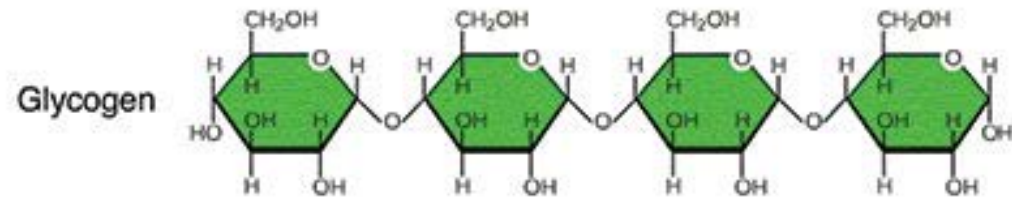
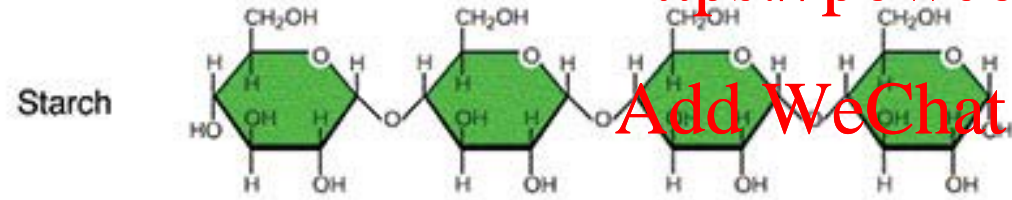
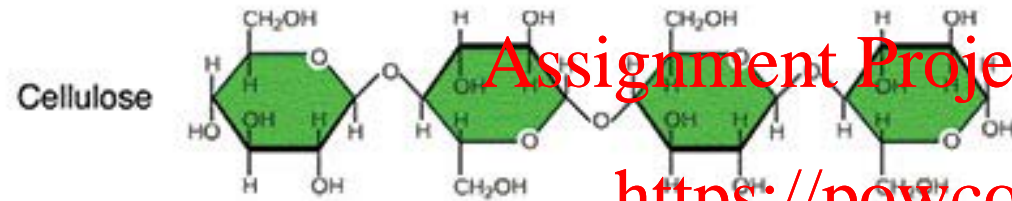


Galactose



Sucrose

(Glucose + Fructose)



Lactose

(Galactose + Glucose)

(b) Disaccharides

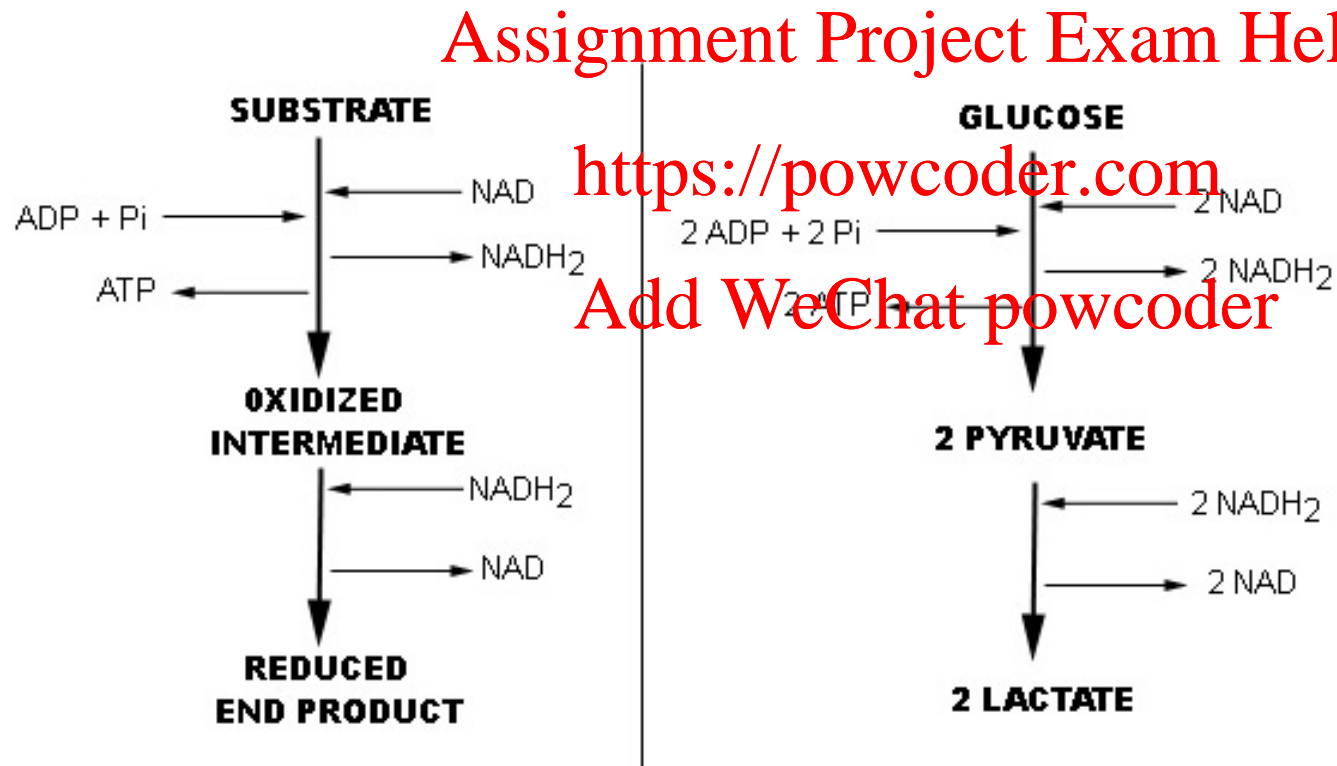
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Fermentation

Fermentation is metabolism in which energy is derived from the partial oxidation of an organic compound using organic intermediates as electron donors and electron acceptors. No outside electron acceptors are involved; no membrane or electron transport





Fermentation

Monosaccharides are fermented by anaerobic and facultative anaerobic microorganisms by one or more of

Five major pathways for degradation of monosaccharides

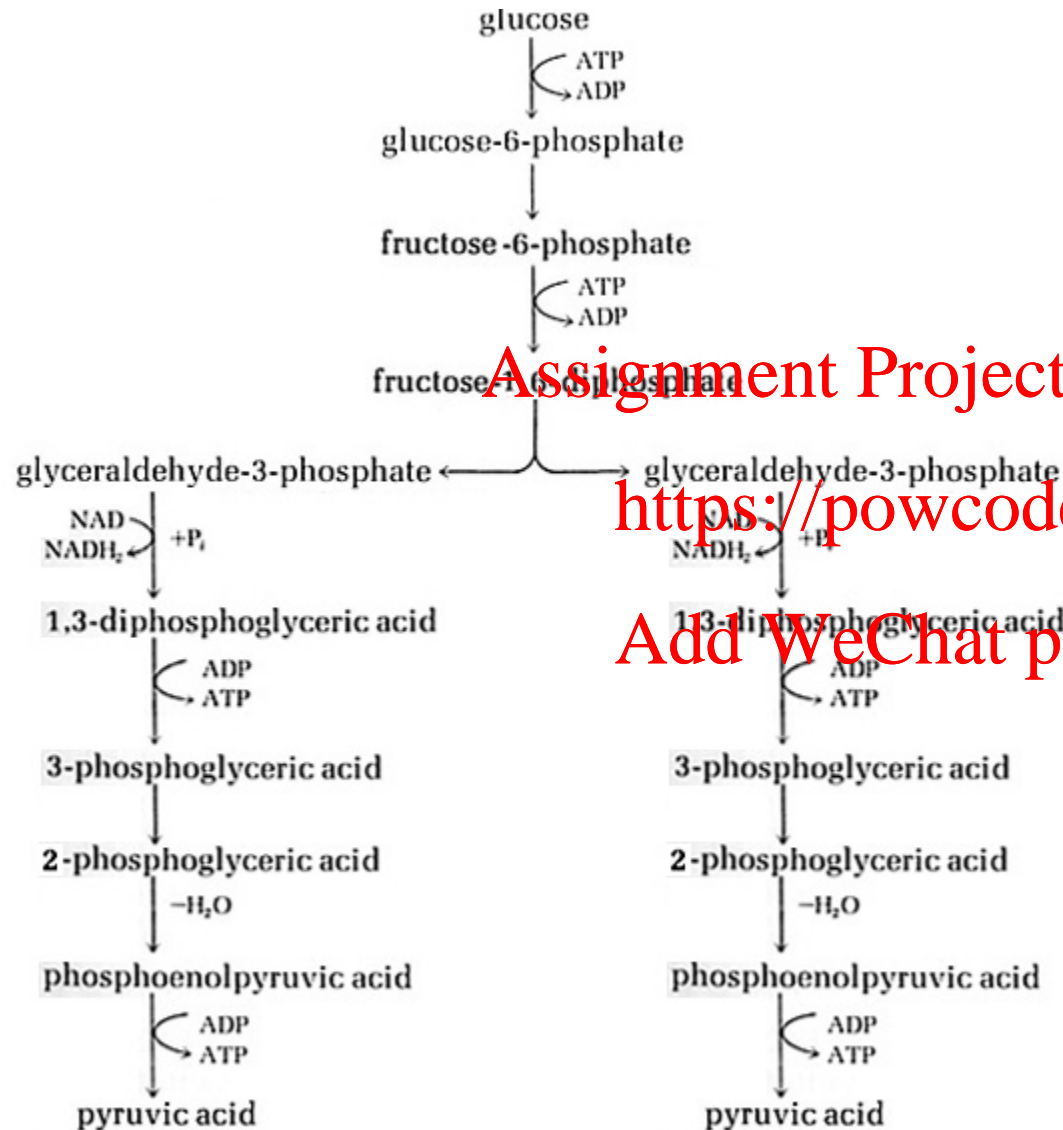
1. Embden-Meyerhoff-Parnas (EMP) pathway
2. Hexose monophosphate shunt (HMP) pathway
3. Entner-Doudroff (ED) pathway
4. 2 Phosphoketolase (PK) pathways (pentose phosphoketolase and hexose phosphoketolase)

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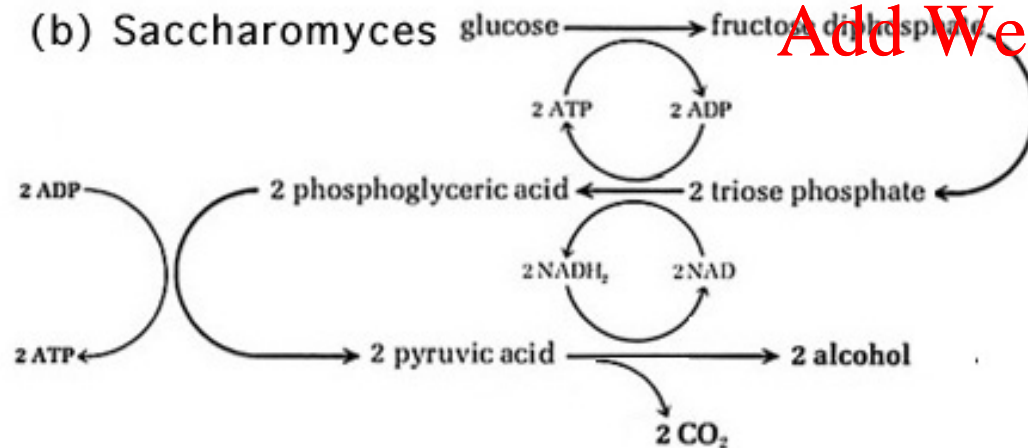
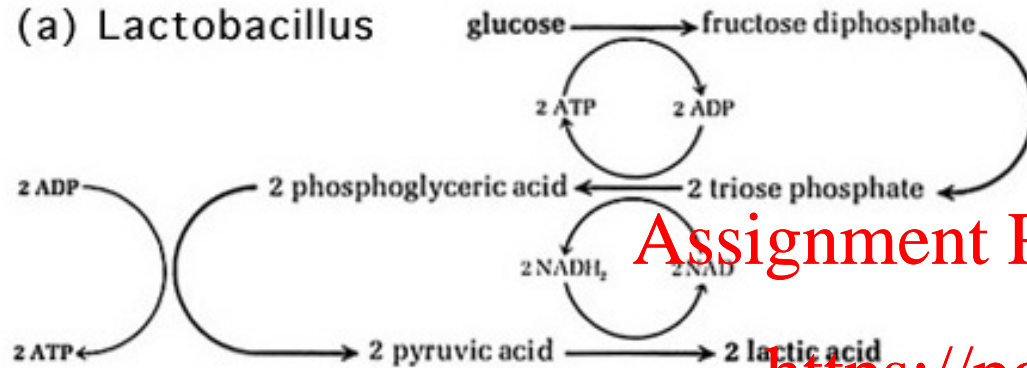
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Embden-Meyerhof fermentations in bacteria can lead to a wide variety of end products depending on the pathways taken in the reductive steps after the formation of pyruvic acid.



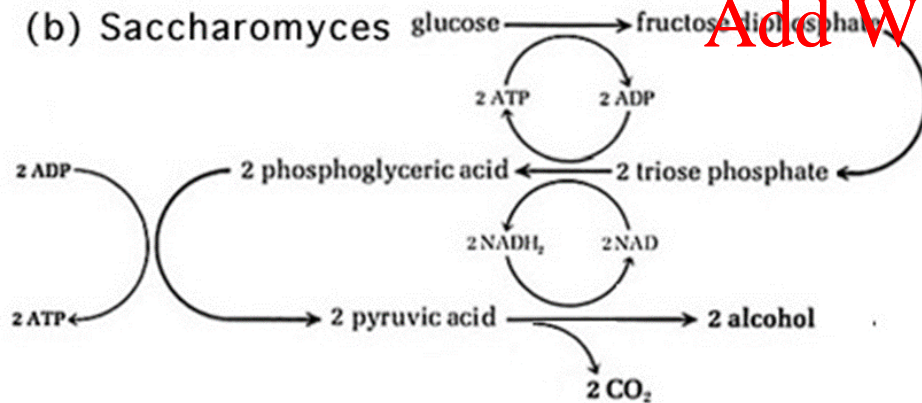
Alcoholic fermentation

Yeasts produce ethanol and CO_2 by alcoholic fermentation product in the manufacture of beer, wine, bread and variety of fermented products.

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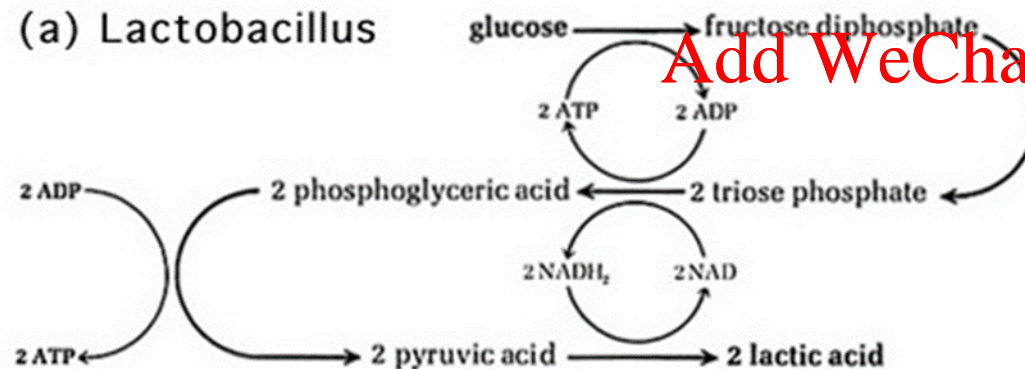
Homolactic Fermentation

Lactic acid is the sole end product. Pathway of the homolactic acid bacteria (*Lactobacillus*, *Lactococcus* and most streptococci). The bacteria are used to ferment milk and milk products in the manufacture of yogurt, buttermilk, sour cream, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, and most fermented dairy products.

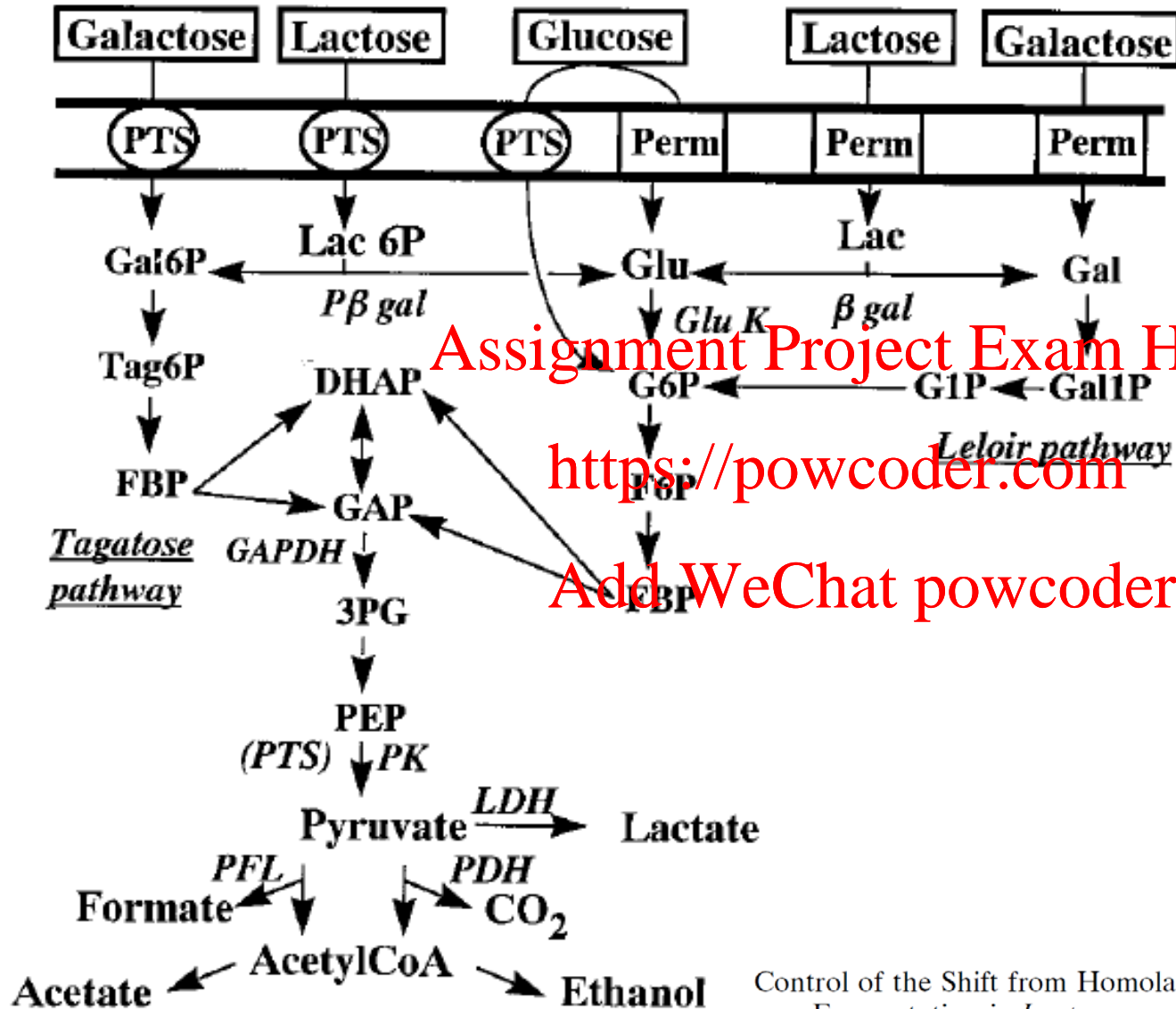
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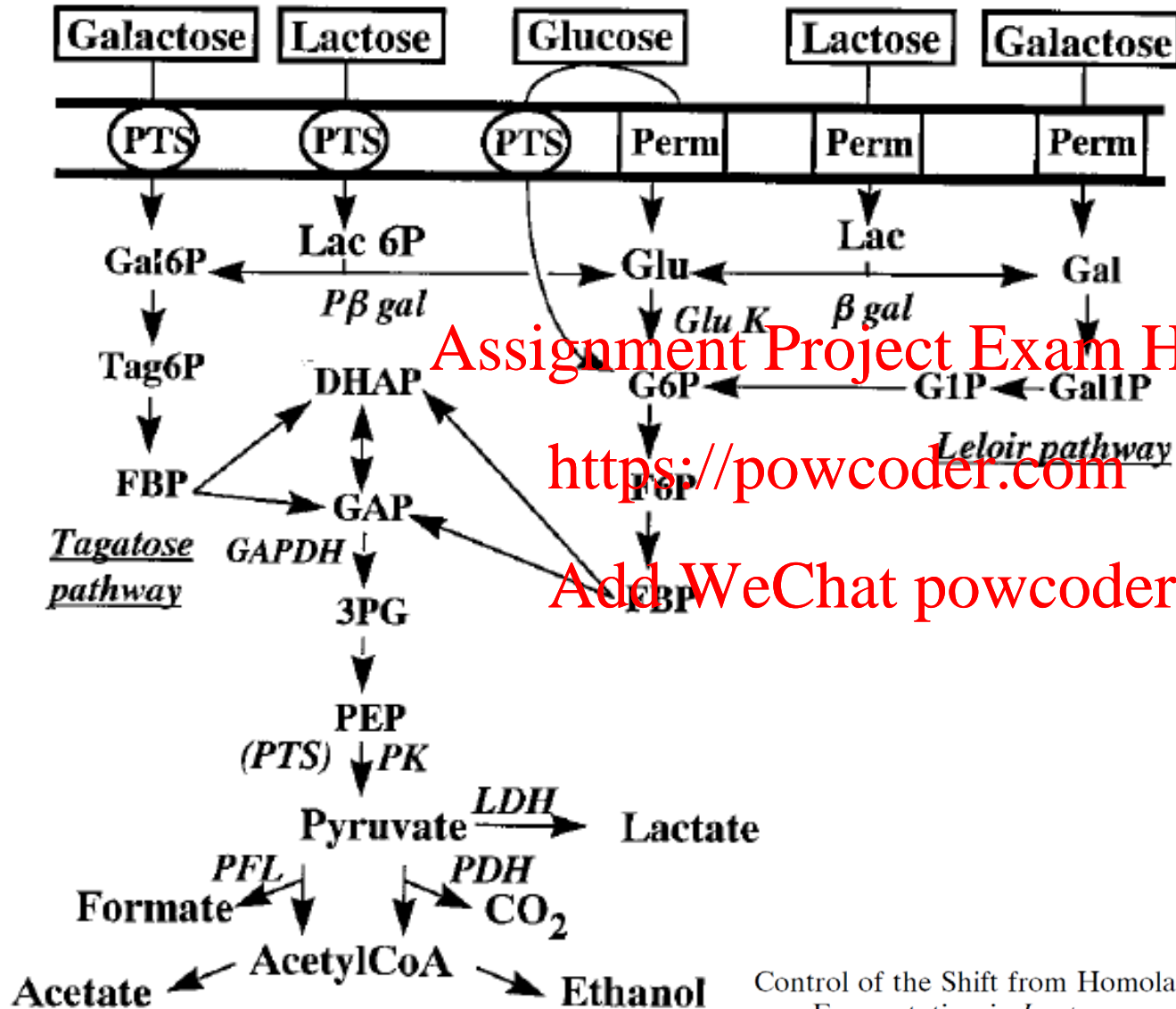
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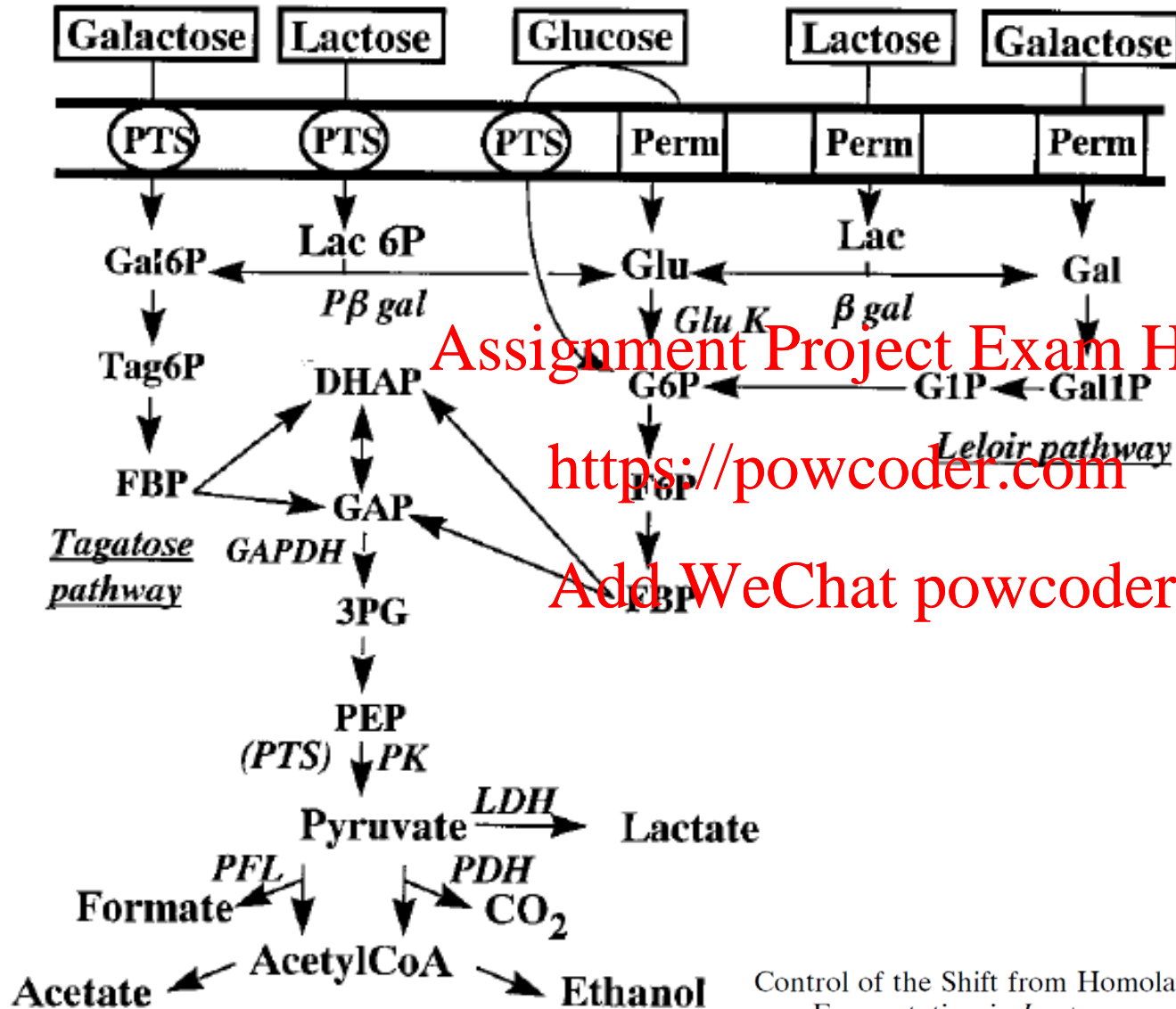
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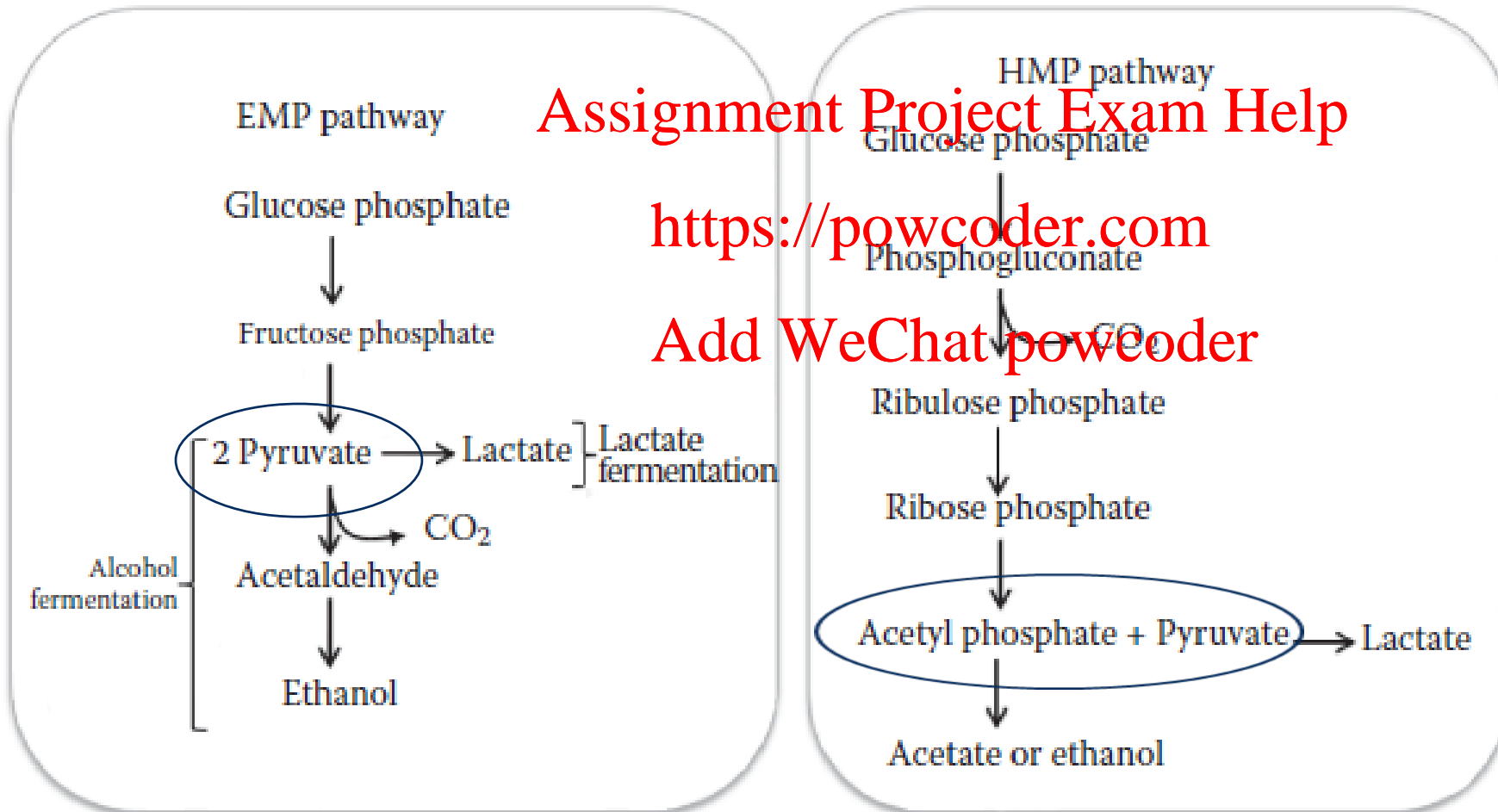
Pyruvate is a key metabolite. Diff endproducts

Embden-Meyerhoff-Parnas pathway

Used by **homofermentative** LAB, yeasts and some *Bacillus sp*

Hexose monophosphate shunt pathway

Used by **heterofermentative** LAB, *Bacillus sp* and *Pseudomonas*





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