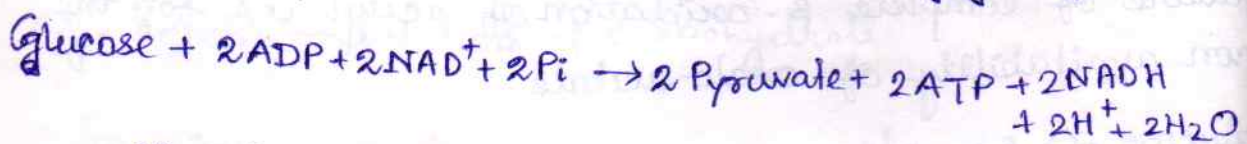


8. Describe the process of Glycolysis.

9. What are the regulations of glycolysis?

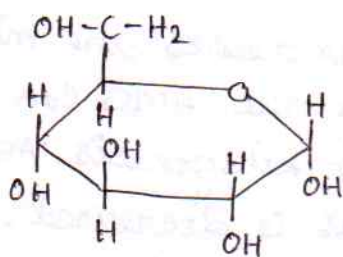
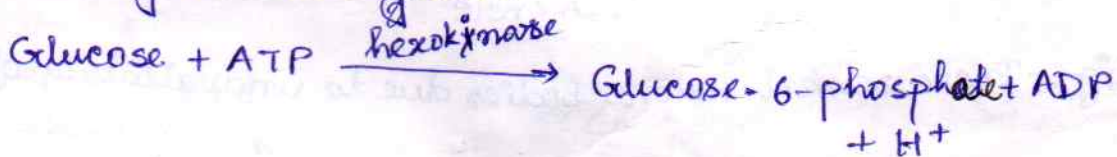
Glycolysis is the major pathway for the utilization of glucose and is found in the cytosol of cells. Glycolysis converts one molecular glucose into two molecules of pyruvate. 2 ATP molecules are needed for early reaction in the glycolytic pathway but 4 ATPs are generated later. Glycolysis has a dual role. The first is to generate ATP and second is to produce intermediate products that are used in different biosynthetic pathway. As an example acetyl-coA is an intermediate product of glycolysis are used in fatty acid synthesis. The overall reaction of glycolysis is-



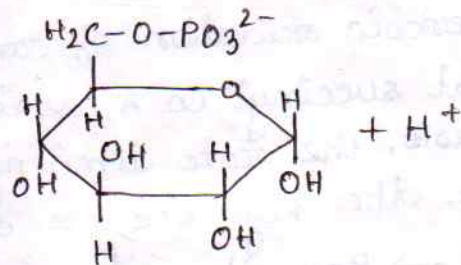
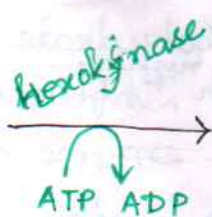
The individual steps in glycolysis are given below —

Step-I

Glucose is the precursor of glycolysis is phosphorylated by ATP to form glucose-6-phosphate and ADP. This is an irreversible reaction catalysed by the enzyme hexokinase.



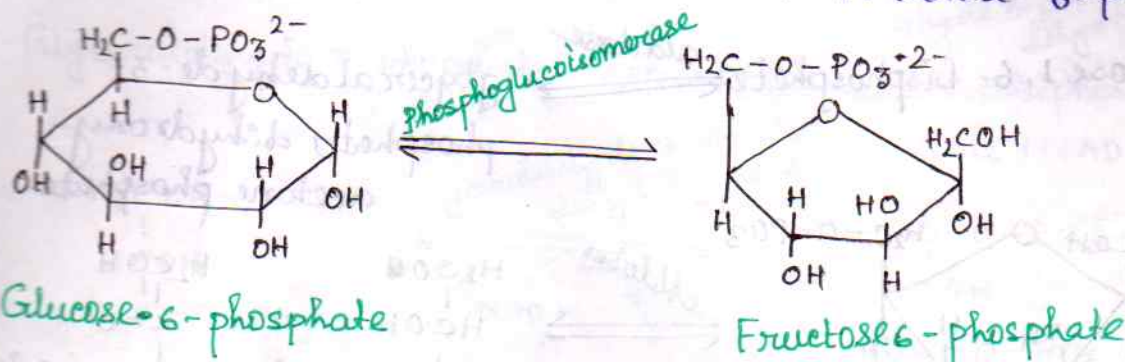
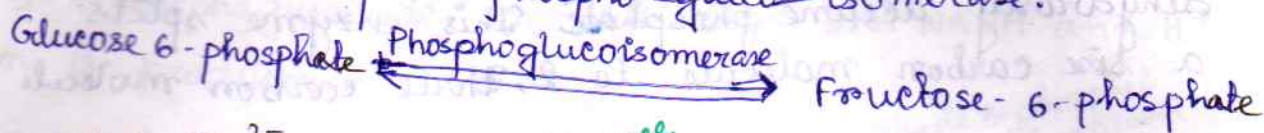
Glucose



Glucose-6-phosphate

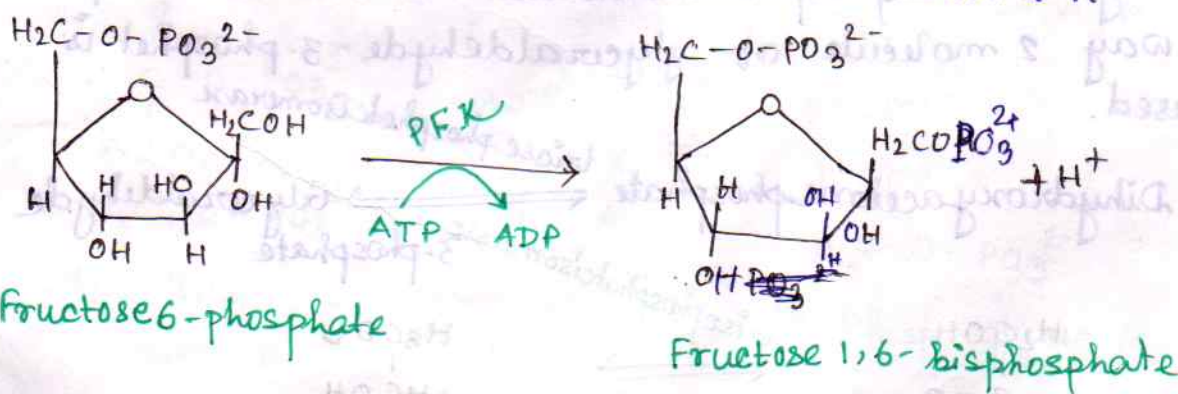
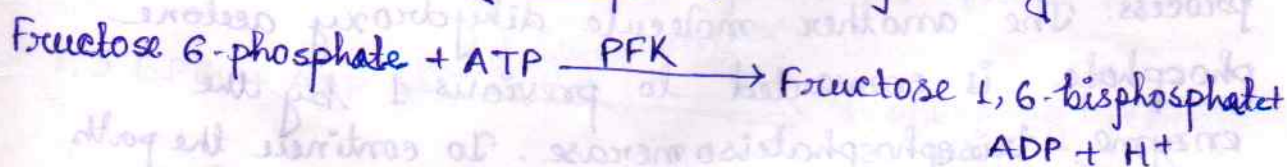
Step II

Glucose 6-phosphate is now converted to Fructose 6-phosphate. It is a transfer of an aldose to ketose. The enzyme used in this step is phosphoglucose isomerase.



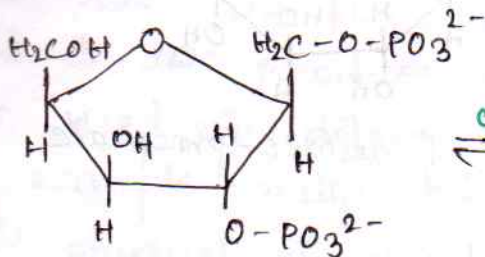
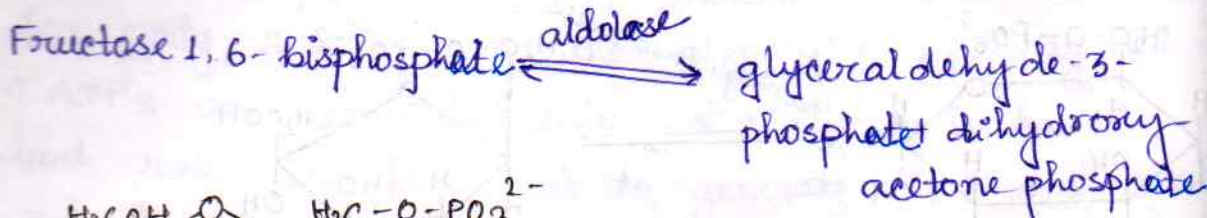
Step III

In this step Fructose 6-phosphate is phosphorylated by ATP to form Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate and ADP. This step is catalysed by the enzyme phosphofruktokinase (PFK). This is an irreversible step of glycolysis and considered as the rate limiting step of this pathway.



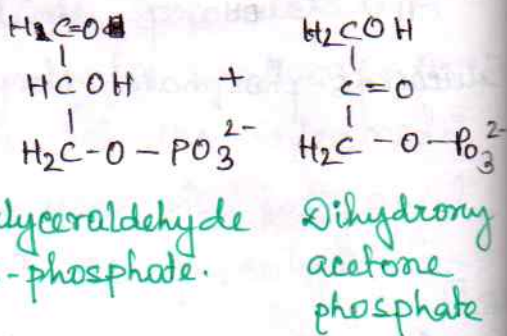
Step IV

In this stage, aldolase can split Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate into glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate and dihydroxy acetone phosphate. This enzyme splits a six carbon molecule to 2, three carbon molecule.



Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate

Aldolase

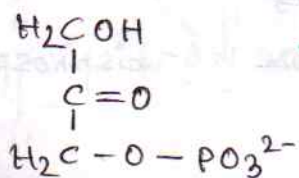
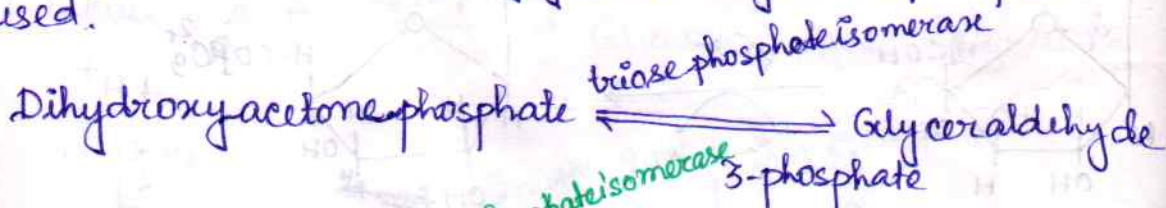


Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate.

Dihydroxy acetone phosphate

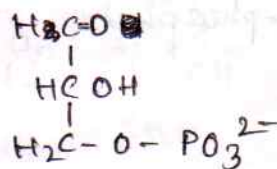
Step-V

Among the 2, three carbon molecule glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate is only used in glycolysis process. The another molecule dihydroxy acetone phosphate is converted to previous 1 by the enzyme triose phosphate isomerase. To continue the path-way 2 molecule of glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate is used.



Dihydroxy acetone phosphate

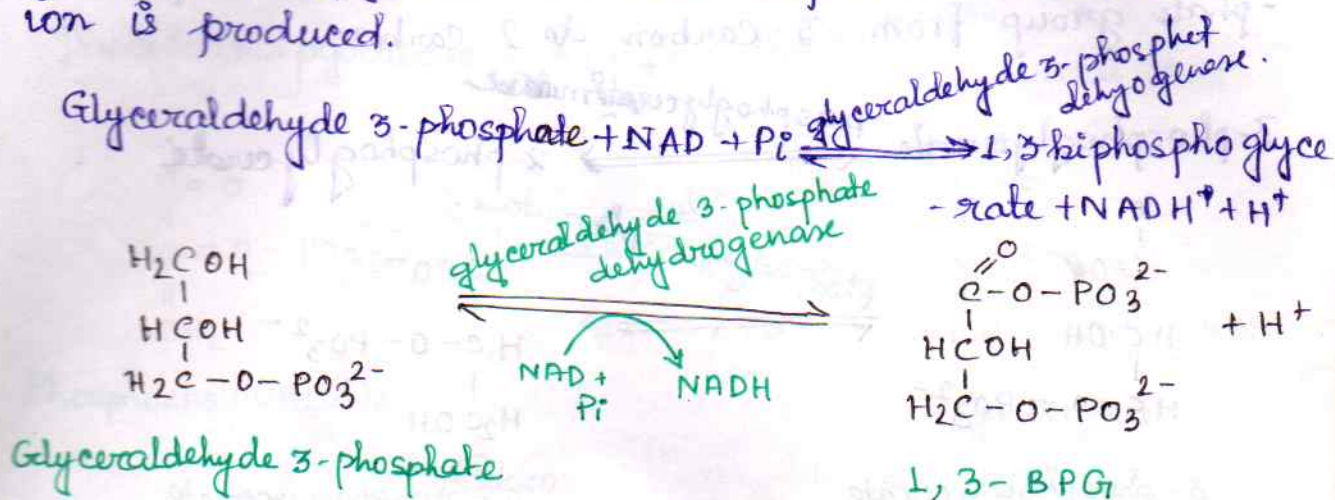
triose phosphate isomerase



Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate

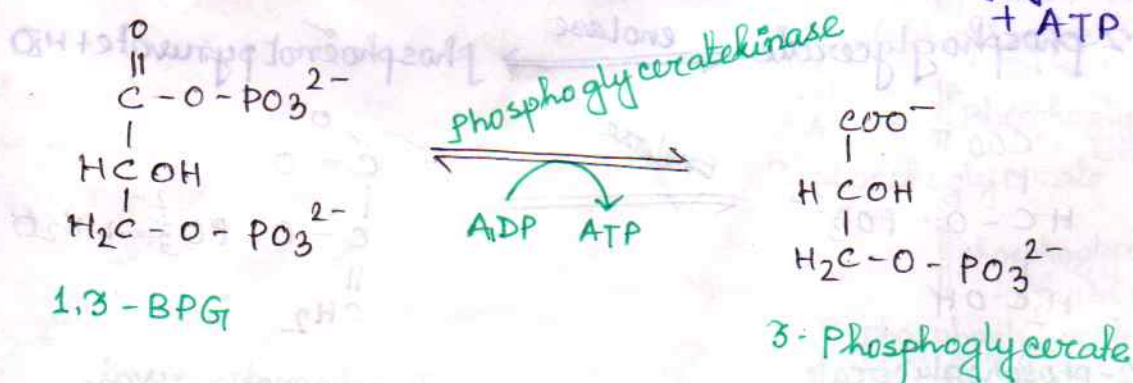
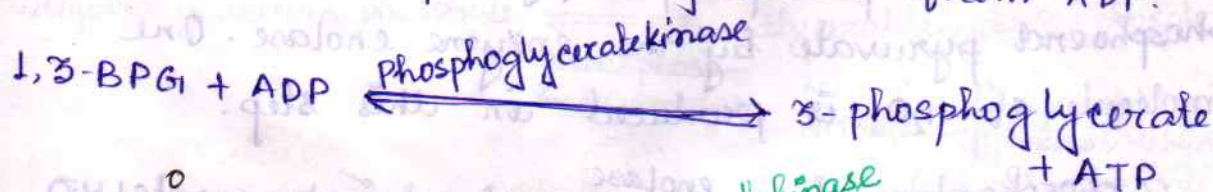
Step VI

By the help of the enzyme glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate is converted to 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate. In this step, one NADH and H^+ ion is produced.



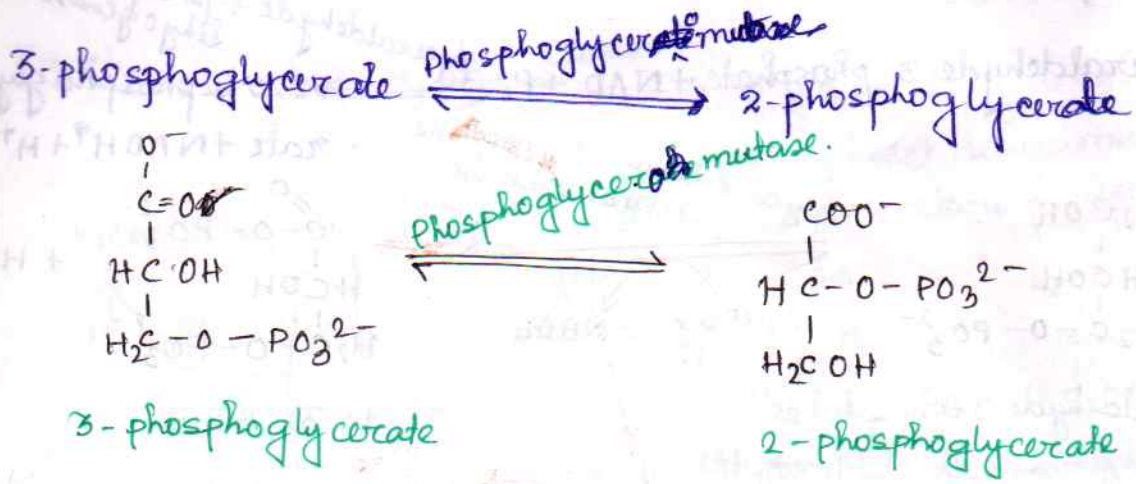
Step VII

Phosphoglycerate kinase catalysed 1,3-BPG into 3-phosphoglycerate. In this step 1 ATP is produced from ADP.



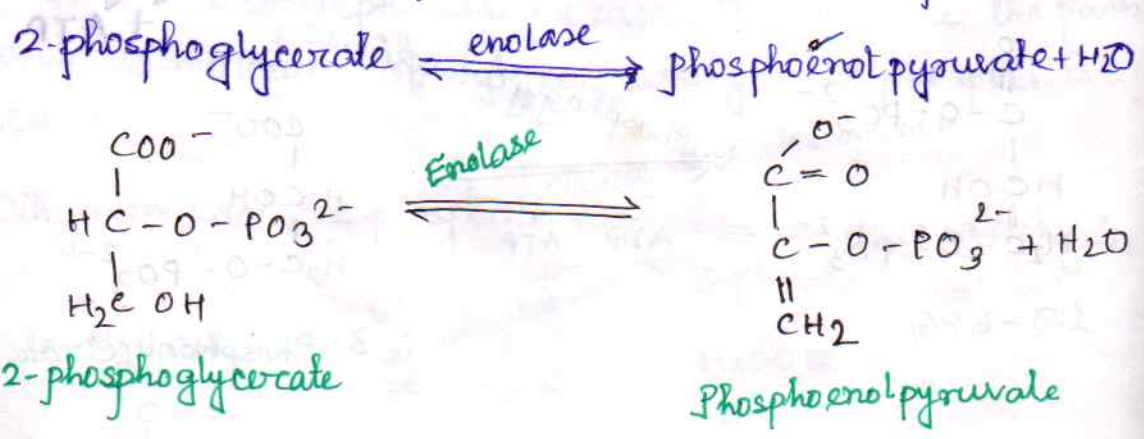
Step VIII

3-phosphoglycerate is now converted into 2-phosphoglycerate by the help of the enzyme phosphoglycerate mutase. This reaction is a movement of the phosphate group from 3-carbon to 2-carbon.



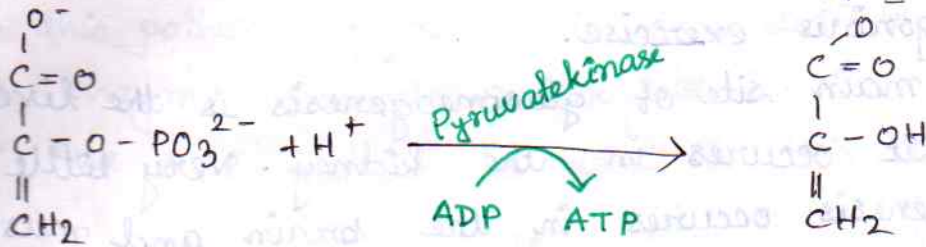
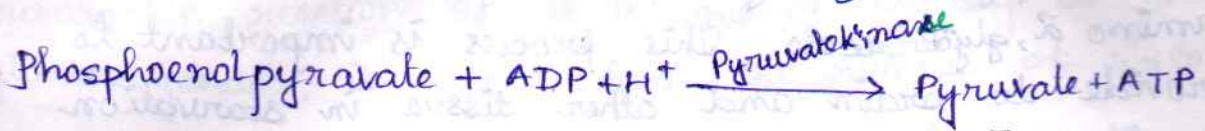
Step IX

In this step 2-phosphoglycerate is converted to phosphoenolpyruvate by the enzyme enolase. One molecule of H₂O is produced in this step.



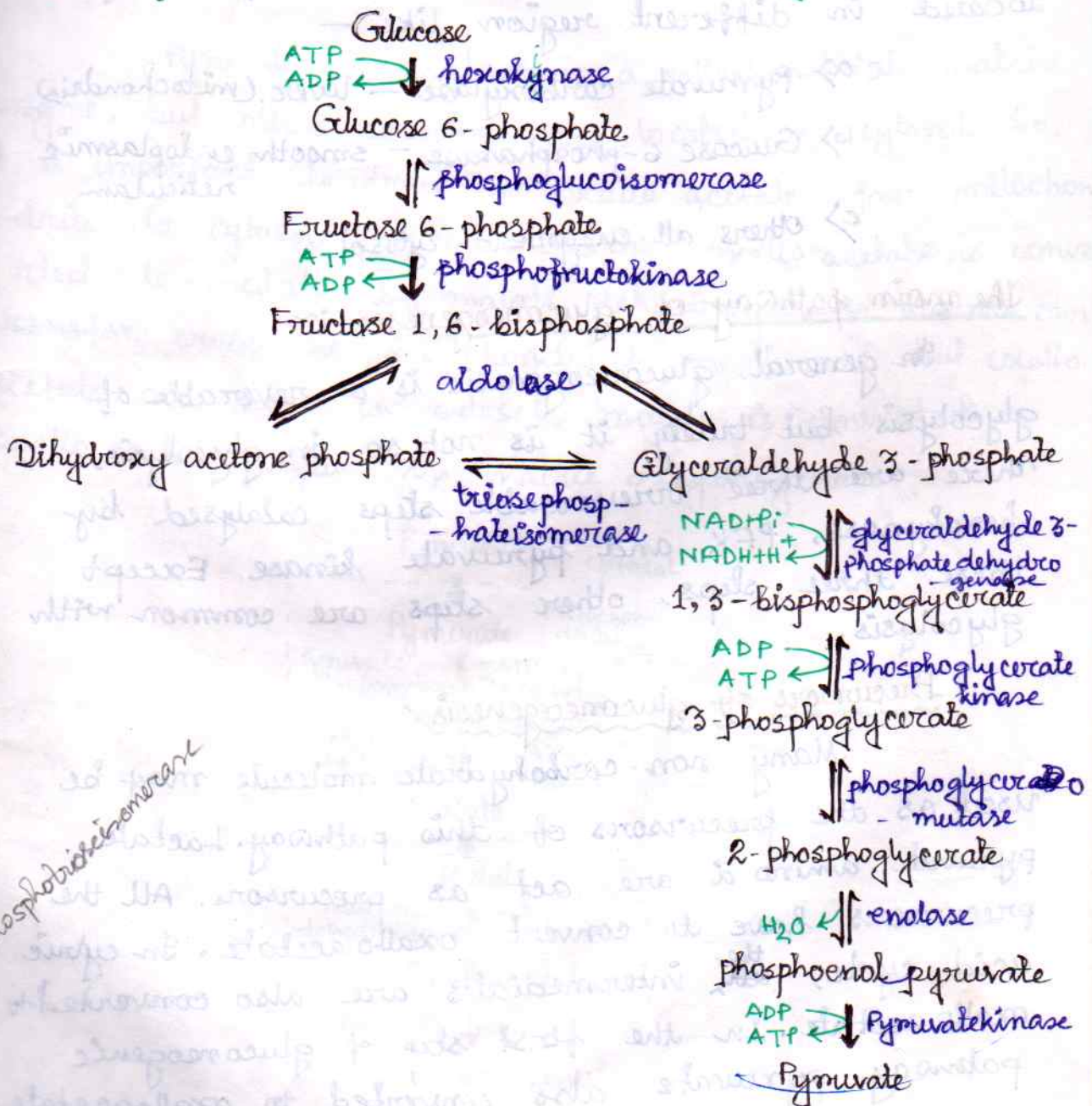
Step - I

In the last step of this pathway pyruvate kinase transfer phosphoenolpyruvate to pyruvate. In this step one ATP is produced and it is an irreversible reaction.



Phosphoenolpyruvate

Pyruvate



Phosphotriose isomerase

Fig:- Pathway of glycolysis.