BIO 201 Lab 1
Experiments 1, 2, 3

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Overview

I. Exp. 1: Introduction to the Microscope

II. Exp. 2: Survey of Microbes

III. Exp. 3: Collection of Microbes

I. Exp. 1: Intro. to the Microscope

- **Purpose:** To review the use & care of the compound light microscope

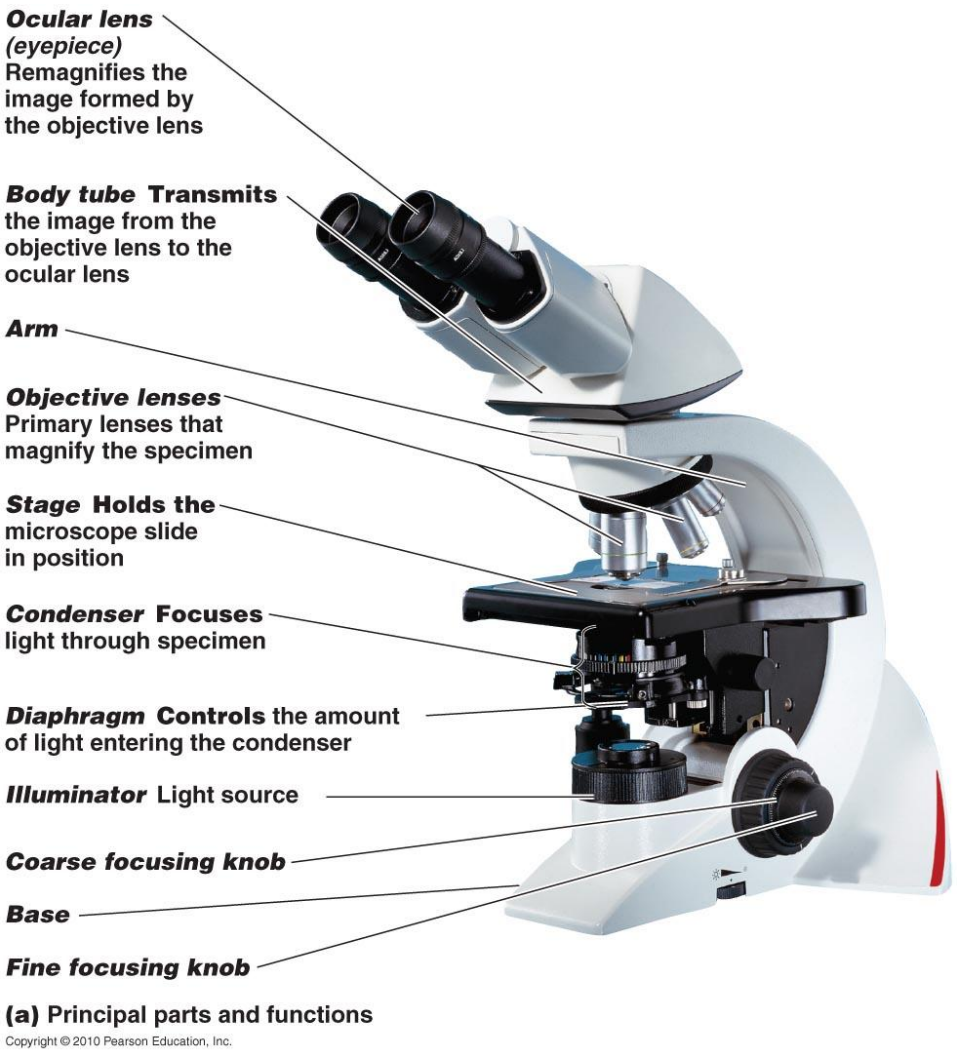

Fig. 3.1 Textbook

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- Compound Binocular Light Microscope
  - **(2) Sources of Magnification:**
    - Eyepiece or Ocular (10x)
    - Objectives (4):
      - Scanning Power: 4 x
      - Low Power: 10x
      - High Power: 40x
      - Oil Immersion: 100x
- **Parfocal**: ability to go from one objective to another with minimal focusing

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- Total Magnification: TM
  - TM=Magnification of eyepiece X Magnification of objective

	Eyepiece Magnification	Objective Magnification	TM
Scanning	10X	4X	40X
Low	10X	10X	100X
High Dry	10X	40X	400X
Oil Immersion	10X	100X	1000X

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- Resolution or Resolving Power (RP)
  - Ability to distinguish detail clearly
  - To be able to tell 2 points as separate points and not one
  - RP = $\frac{\text{wavelength of light}}{\text{2 X Numerical Aperture}} = \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$

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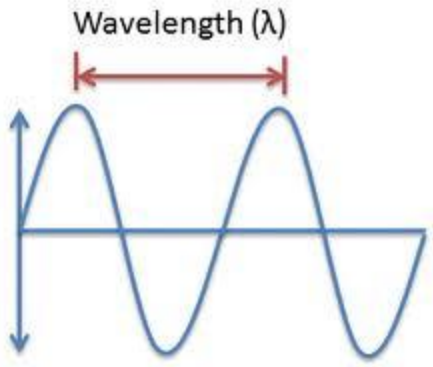

- Wavelength of light (nm)
  Red light = 700 nm
  Blue light = 400 nm

- $RP_{red} = \frac{700\ nm}{2(1)} = 350\ nm$

- $RP_{blue} = \frac{400\ nm}{2(1)} = 200\ nm$
- Lower the resolution, the better the clarity
- Therefore, blue filter gives the best resolution

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- **Numerical Aperture:** describes the cone of light that enters the lens so as to see fine detail. Two things make up the NA:
  - **Angular Aperture**: angle of light as it goes through the lenses & filters of the condenser & into the objective (Constant)
  - **Refractive Index:** how light travels through a medium
    - Refractive Index of Air = 1.0
    - Refractive Index of Oil = 1.5

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- $RP_{air} = \frac{400\ nm}{2(1.0)} = 200\ nm$

- $RP_{oil} = \frac{400\ nm}{2(1.5)} = 133\ nm$

- **Better resolution with oil**

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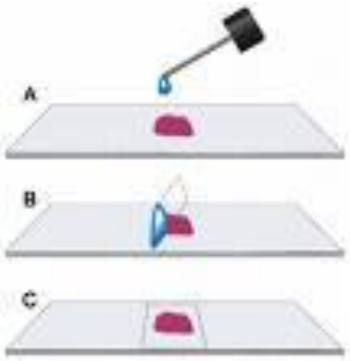
II. Exp. 2: *Survey of Microbes*

- **Purpose:** To become familiar with using a microscope & to view various microbes

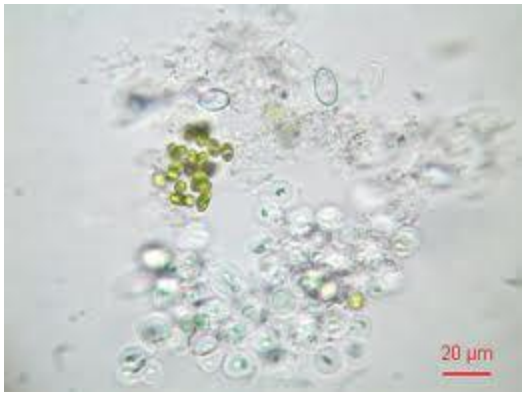
  - **Wet Mount**: observing living cells
    - Focus on edge of coverslip
    - Scanning–dim light
    - Move toward center of slide
    - Observe under low & high powers
    - Slides will dry out quickly

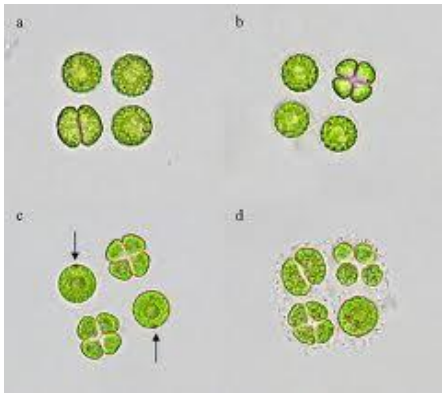


II. Exp. 2: *Survey of Microbes*

- 4 Slides: Largest to smallest microorganisms

1. Pond Water: algae-lots of variation





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2. **Protozoa**: single celled eukaryotic microbes that move by different methods. Belong to the Protista kingdom.

- **Pseudopods**: false feet

Amoeba

- **Cilia**

Paramecium

- **Flagella**

Euglena

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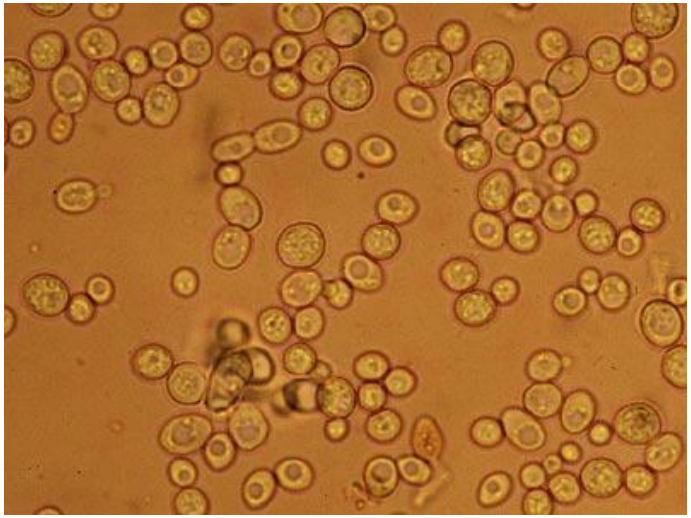
3. Yeast: single celled eukaryotic microbes that are part of the Fungi kingdom

- Ovoid & irregular
- Budding: method of reproduction
- Brownian movement
- Smaller than protozoa
- Larger than bacteria



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4. Bacteria (Hay infusion): single-celled prokaryotic microbes that belong to the Monera kingdom

- Must look under 400x
- Very small
- Motile & non-motile
- Looks like specks of sand
- Hard to discern shape
- Smaller than yeast & protozoa
- Protozoa may be present

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- **Purpose:** To collect and grow microbes from the environment for observation
  - Procedure to be described by lab instructor