

Lecture 3

I. Pure cultures

A. Are cultures that are derived from _____ bacterial cell and thus contain only one species.

B. Are _____

1. Most ecological niches harbor _____ of microorganisms

(Example: _____)

2. Clinical specimens contain both _____ (disease-causing) and _____ microorganisms

(e.g. urine samples and throat swabs).

C. Deriving a pure culture is very important because it allows us to _____, characterize, study, and, perhaps most importantly, develop _____ strategies to control the microorganism.

II. Techniques used to derive a pure culture:

A. _____: Dilute original culture and spread on an agar plate; colonies then form on the agar surface .

B. _____: Dilute original culture and add to molten agar; colonies then form on the subsurface of the agar .

C. _____: The original culture is _____ across the agar surface using an inoculating loop. Isolated colonies form on the agar surface.

1. It is possible that a single colony on a streak plate could contain a minute level of contamination. Therefore, we _____

_____ another plate for an absolutely pure colony.

i. Characteristics of a contaminated colony:

a. _____

b. Different colors

c. Different _____ (mucoid on one side and dry on the other)

2. Pay attention to this streak plate demonstration. Be absolutely certain you are competent and confident with the triplet-streak technique.

III. Culture medium

A. The _____ (macroelements):

1. _____

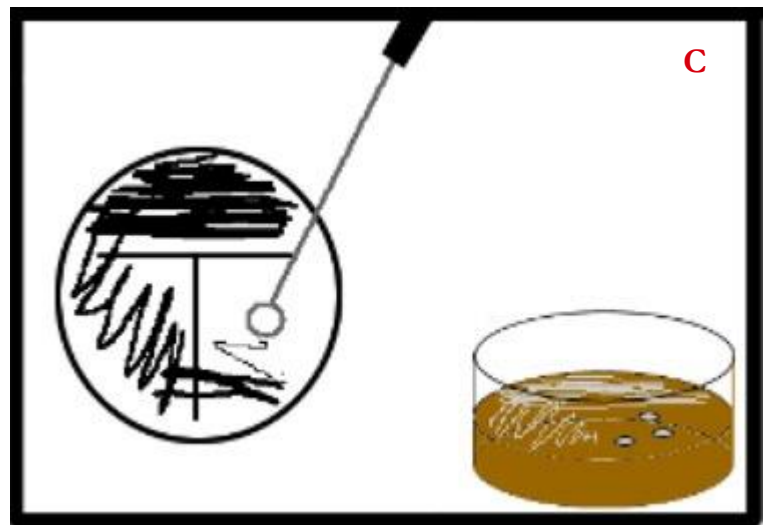
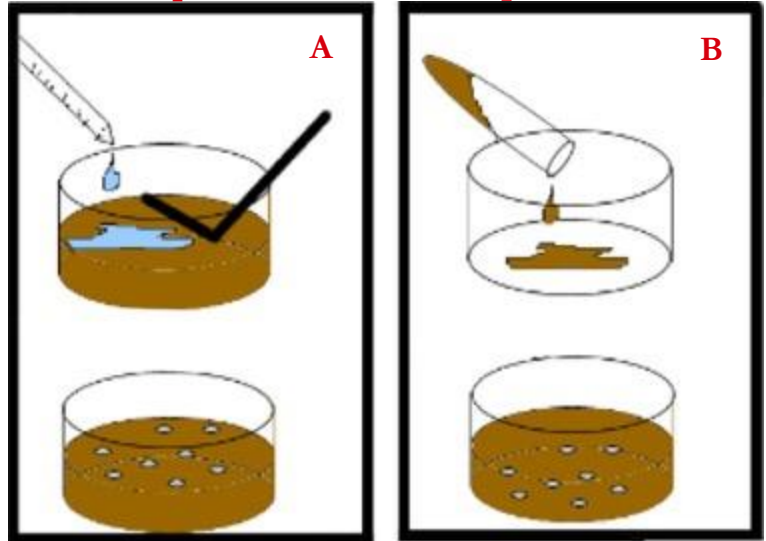
i. Components of carbohydrates, lipids, _____, and _____.

2. Potassium ions, _____, magnesium ions, and _____ ions

i. Required for _____ activity

3. Some culture media contain _____, such as amino acids and vitamins. These media support the growth of organisms that _____ from the major elements.

Techniques used to derive a pure culture:



4. _____:
 i. Manganese, molybdenum, _____,
 cobalt, nickel, and _____.
 a. Usually aid in _____ and
 maintenance of protein structure

B. Defined vs. undefined, or complex, media

1. A _____ medium is made by weighing out every potential nutrient component carefully (i.e. glucose, ammonium sulfate, etc.)

Advantages: We know _____ and it is therefore useful in determining _____ of a particular organism.

Disadvantages: _____, complicated preparation

2. An _____, or complex, medium is prepared with complex natural extracts and digests of _____.

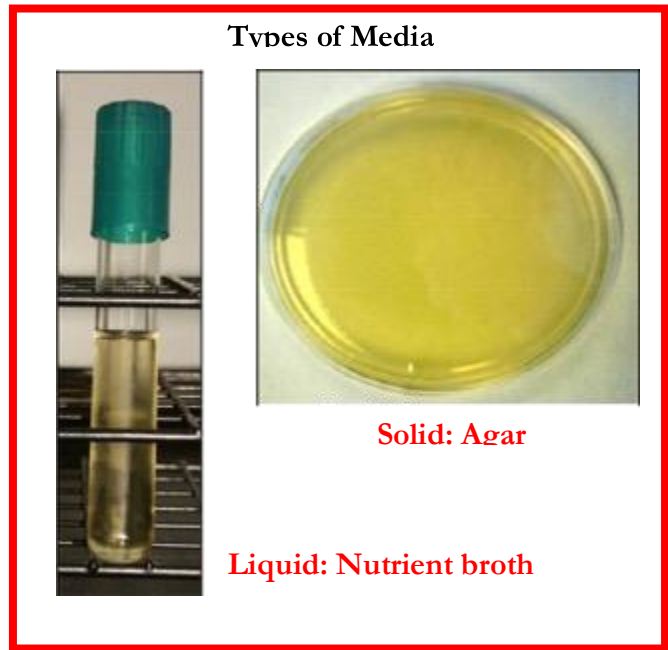
Advantages: Easy preparation, inexpensive

Disadvantages: Cannot be used to define precise growth _____ because we don't know exactly what's in it.

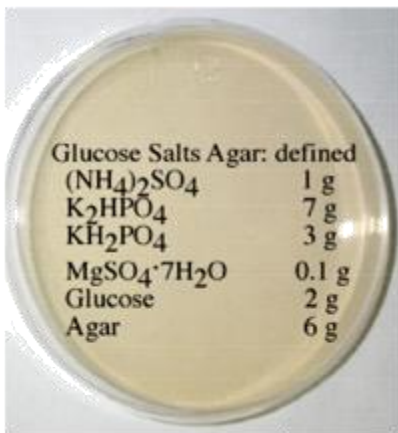
C. Selective vs. Differential

1. "Selective" means that the medium can _____ by _____ the growth of others.

2. Differential media are designed to tell us the _____ growing on the same culture medium. These media generally contain some kind of chemical that is altered in a visible way by some bacteria, but not others.



**Example of a defined medium:
 Glucose Salt Agar (GSA)**



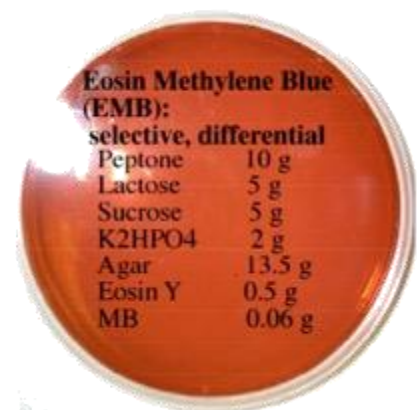
An organism that is capable of growing on GSA must be able to _____ using only _____ provided.

**Example of a complex medium:
 Trypticase Soy Agar (TSA)**



Because TSA is made using extracts of _____, it contains complex growth factors (e.g. _____). Thus, _____ organisms that are _____ from the major elements can grow on TSA.

**Example of a differential and selective medium:
 Eosin Methylene Blue (EMB)**



The _____ dyes select for the growth of Gram-negative organisms. Organisms capable of fermenting _____ form dark purple colonies that sometimes have a metallic sheen.

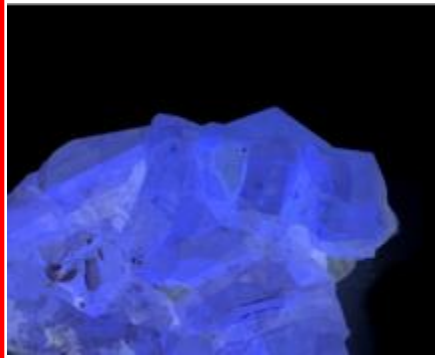
IV. Classifications of organisms

A. Depending on an organism's _____ sources, it can be classified as follows:



A. Photoautotrophs

Energy: Inorganic sources
Carbon source: CO_2



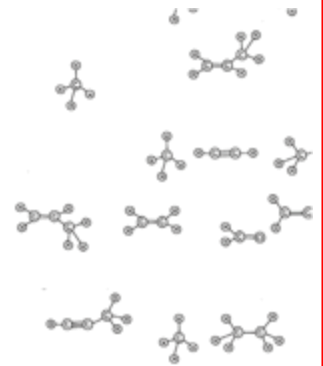
B. Chemoautotrophs (chemolithoautotrophs)

Energy: Inorganic sources
Carbon source: CO_2



C. Photoheterotrophs

Energy: Light
Carbon source: Organics



D. Chemoheterotrophs (chemoorganoheterotrophs)

Energy: Organic sources
Carbon source: Organics

