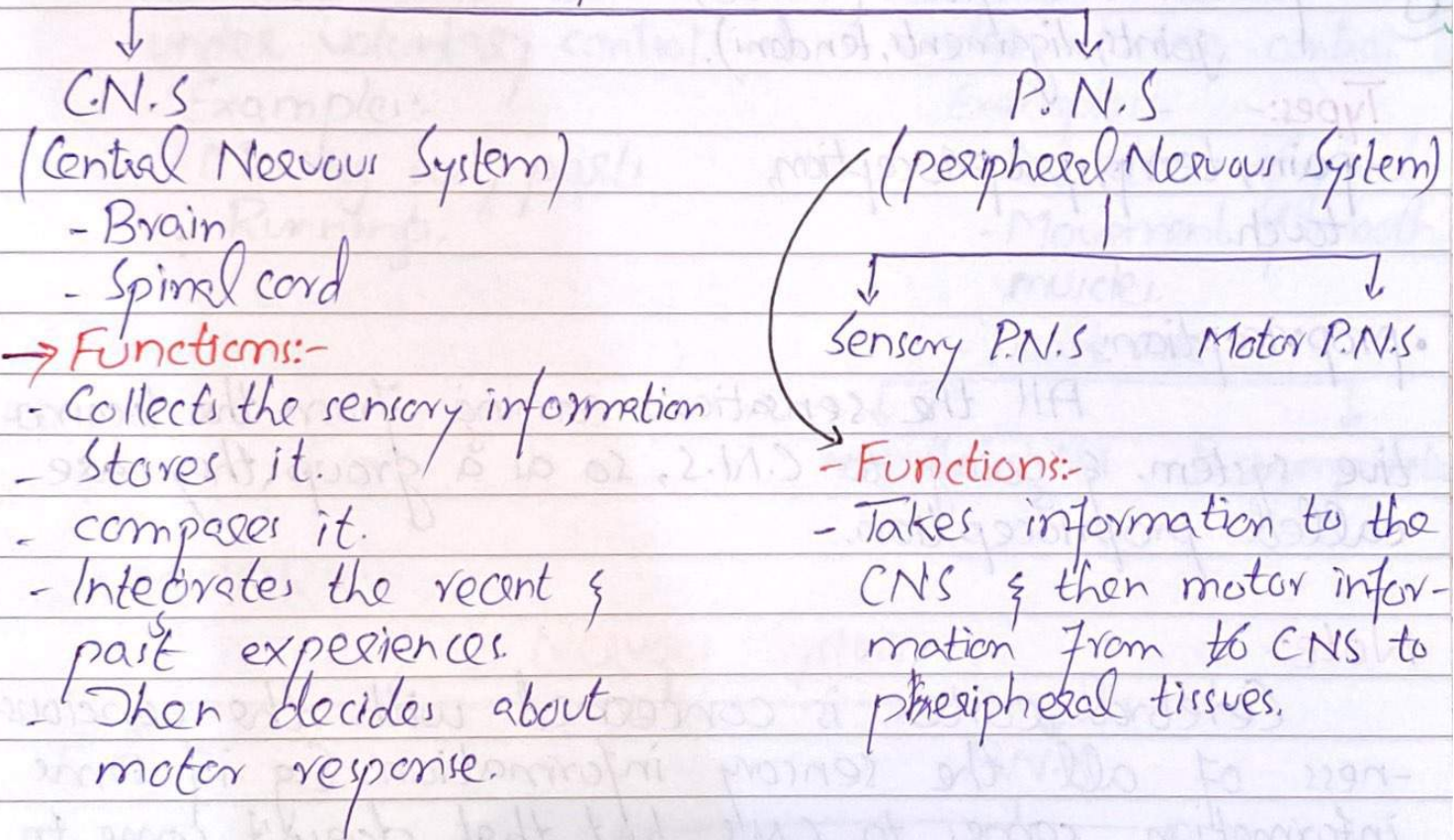
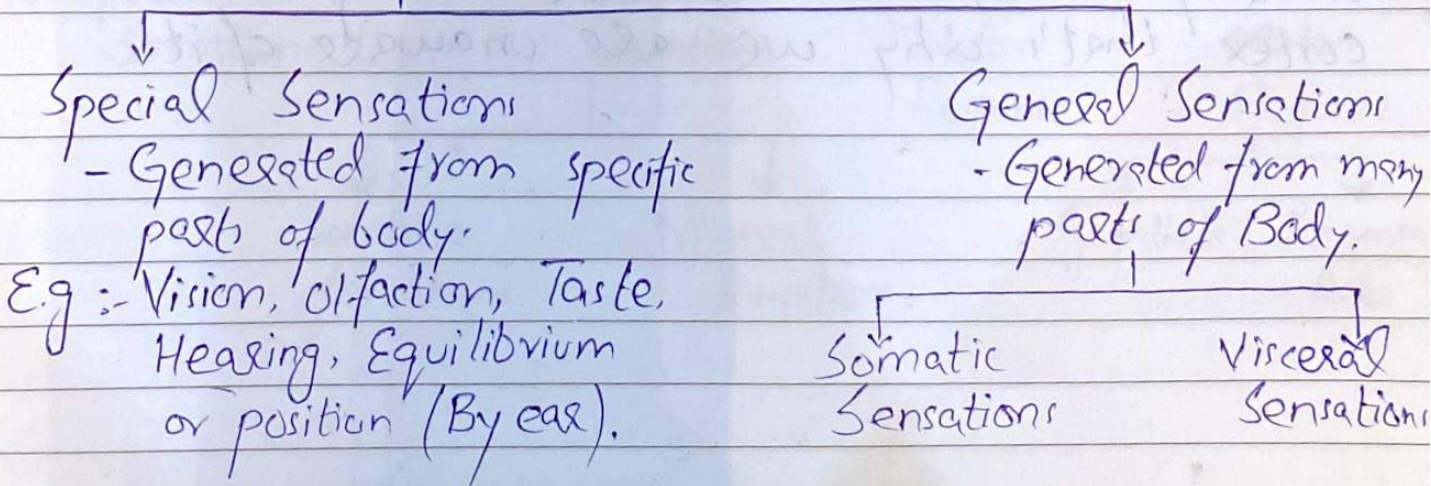


Introduction To Nervous System

Nervous System



⇒ Sensory P.N.S:



Somatic Sensations

- Are from superficial parts of the body. & Also from locomotive system.

(Origin)

i.e. | Skin
| Locomotive system (muscles, joints, ligaments, tendons).

Types:-

- pain, temp, proprioception, touch.

• proprioception:-

All the sensations coming from the locomotive system. & going to C.N.S, so as a group, they are called proprioception.

Note:-

Cerebral cortex is concerned with the consciousness of all the sensory information. E.g. if some information comes to C.N.S but that doesn't come to cerebral cortex, so we will not appreciate that sensation in conscious way. E.g. sensations of blood pressure, which are not coming to cerebral cortex that's why we are unaware of it.

Visceral Sensations

- Are from deep parts of the body.

| Dull pain
| Distensions of viscera.

⇒ Motor P.N.S:

Somatic Motor Response

- Sensations that are under voluntary control

Examples:-

- Moving body parts
- Running.

Autonomic Motor Response

- Sensations that are not under voluntary control.

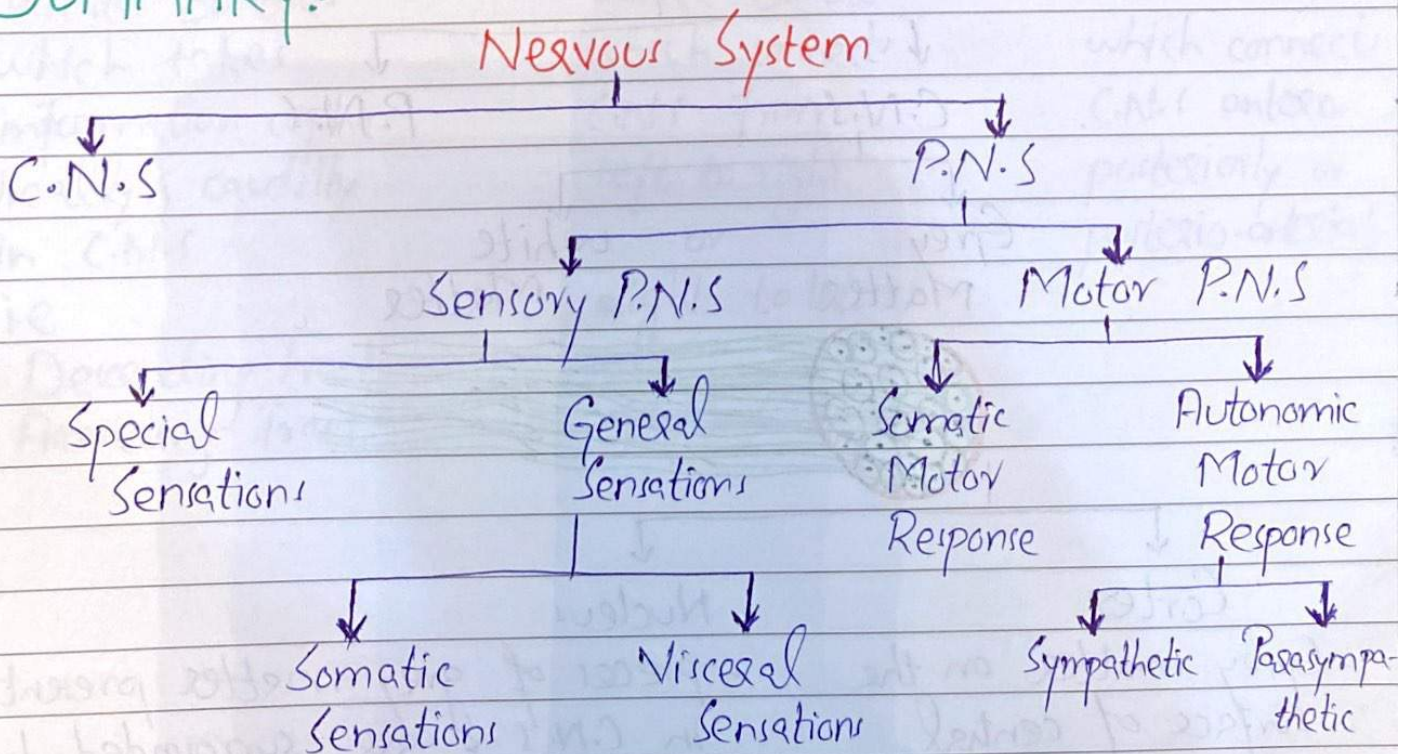
Examples:-

- Secretions of glands.
- Movement of smooth muscles.
- Heart rate.

Sympathetic N.S

Parasympathetic

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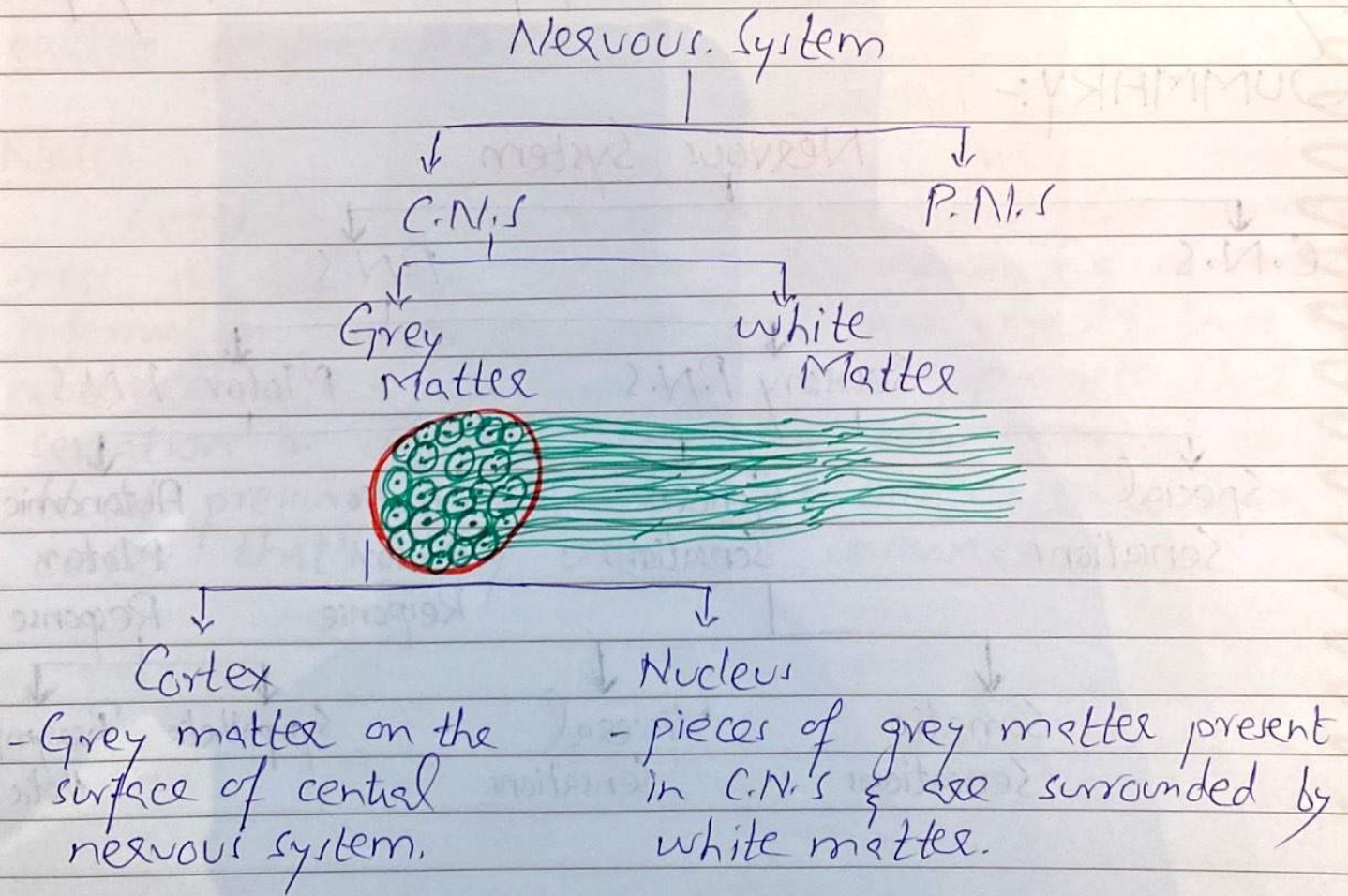


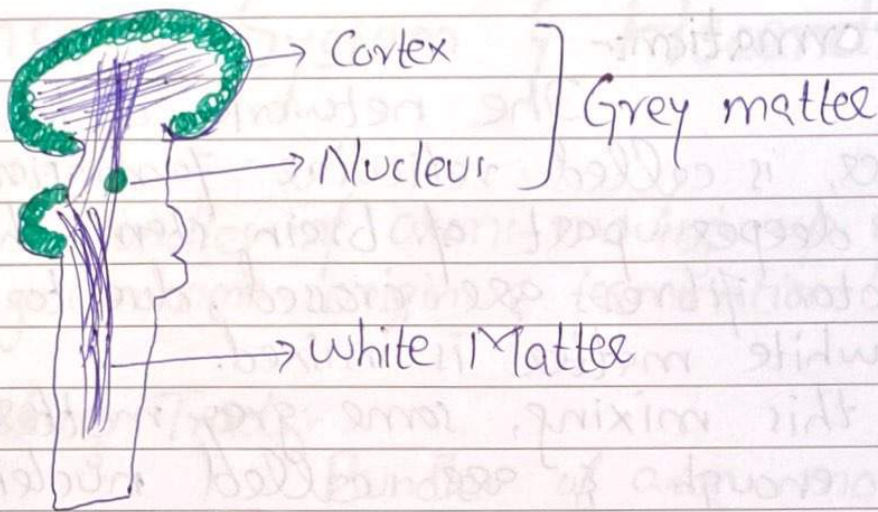
central
⇒ Nervous System is made up of two types of cells:-

1) Neurons:- True functional cells of central nervous system, which are generating & conducting action potentials.

Neuro-
2) Glial cells:- Supporting cells of Nervous System

→ Note:-
Collection of cell bodies in central nervous system is called grey matter while collection of axons in central nervous system is called white matter.





⇒ White Matter:

1) Tracts

- White Bundles which take information cephalically & caudally in C.N.S
i.e

- Descending Tract
- Ascending Tract

2) Commissural fibres

- White Bundles which connect C.N.S from left to right
or
right to left

- e.g
- Corpus Callosum

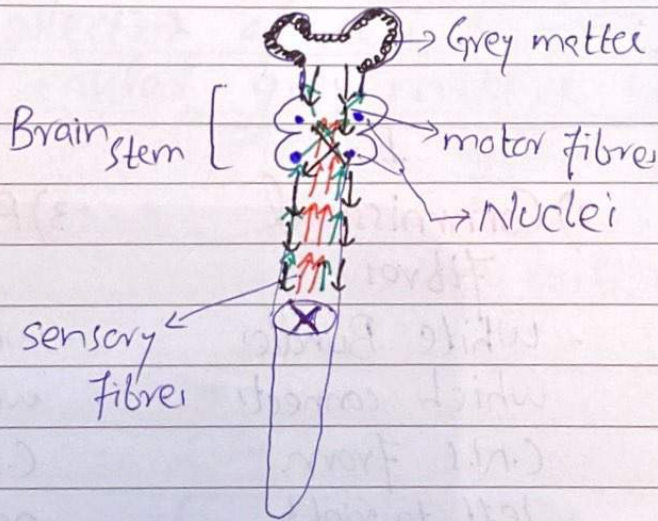
3) Association fibres

- white bundles which connect C.N.S antero-posteriorly or postero-anteriorly

Reticular Formation:-

The network of both grey & white matter, is called reticular formation.

- In the deeper part of brain stem, the major sensory & motor fibres are crossed, due to which the grey & white matter is mixed.
- During this mixing, some grey matter pieces remains big enough & are called nuclei.



Difference between:-

Tracts

- Bundles of axons inside C.N.S
- They have oligo-dendro-glia cells for insulation purpose

Nerves

- Bundles of axons outside C.N.S
- They have Schwann cells for insulation purpose

Sensory System & Ascending Tracts:-

Tracts:-

Bundles of axons moving up & down in the C.N.S. having common origin & termination.

Ascending Tracts:-

Bundles of axons moving up in C.N.S.

Receptors:-

Receptors are transducers (certain apparatus which changes one type of energy into other type).

- Thus receptors are the apparatus which converts stimulus energy into electrochemical energy of action potential.

Note:-

- Roots of spinal cord are pure i.e. anterior root is purely motor & posterior root is sensory.

- Trunks & Rami are mixed.

⇒ It means sensory information are coming from ventral & dorsal ramus but when it enters the trunk it segregates separately as a sensory input through posterior root.

Motor output is coming from the spinal cord through ventral root, but after the trunk, motor output enters, dorsal as well as ventral ramus.

White Matter of Spinal cord:-

- These are 3 columns / funiculus of white matter.
 - Dorsal
 - Lateral
 - Anterior

⇒ Dorsal column has only ascending tracts. While lateral & ventral have both ascending & descending tract.

⇒ Dorsal column → Most modern tract system
Antero-lateral → primitive tract system

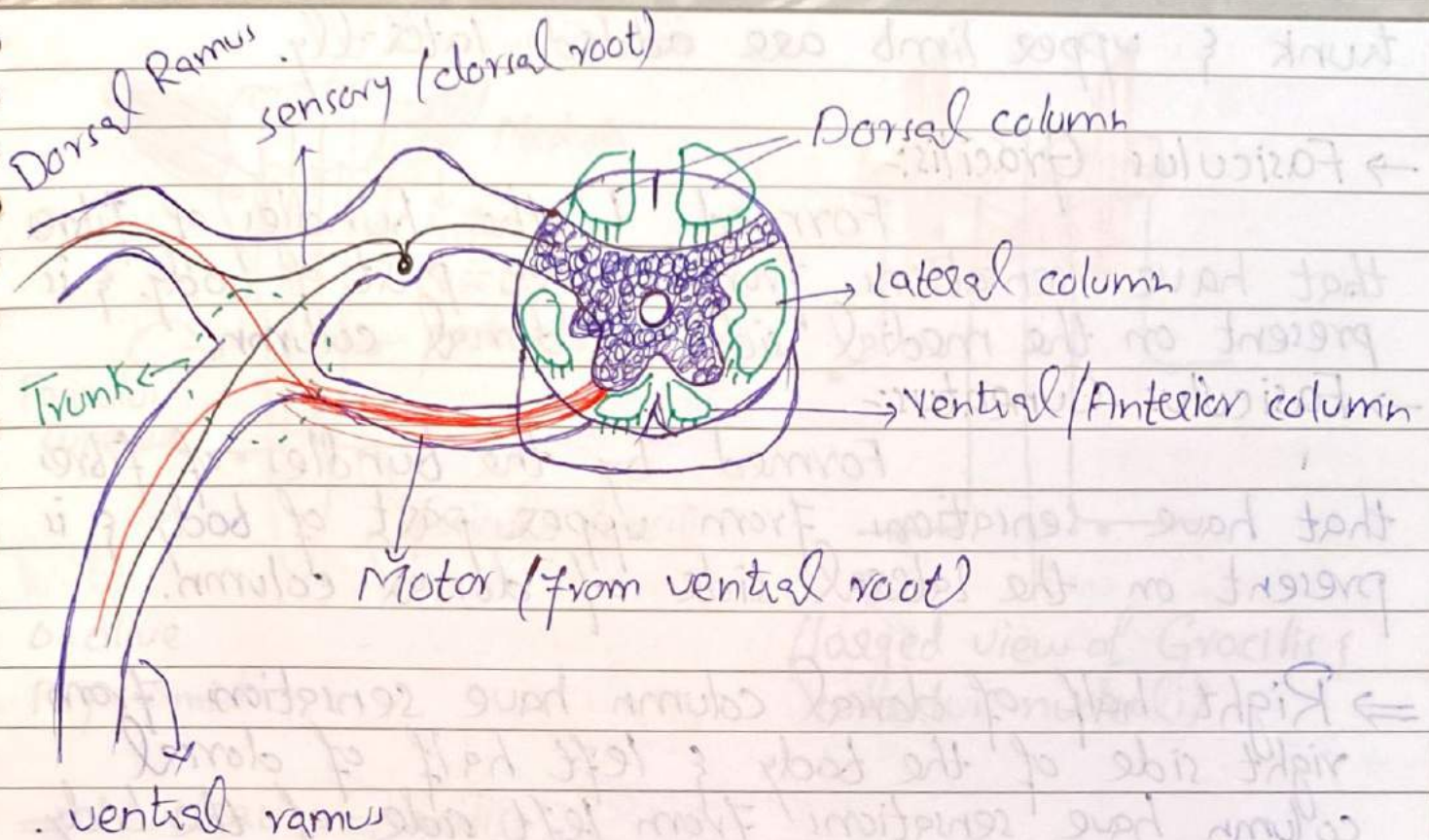
Difference Between:-

Dorsal column

- Modern
- purely sensory
- High velocity
- Highly myelinated
- Fine Touch
- Specialized sensations:
 - Proprioception, vibration,
 - Two-point discrimination.

Antero-lateral column

- Primitive
- Mixed
- low velocity
- less myelinated
- Crude touch
- Variety of sensations
- Temp, pain.



Dorsal Column:-

- Receptors which take the fine stimulus to the dorsal column are:
 - Meissner's Receptors
 - Pacinian Receptors
 - Muscle spindles
 - Golgi tendon organ
- These sensations go to the CNS through the dorsal root.
- Sensations from the lower limb are added medially to the central canal of spinal cord, while those of

trunk & upper limb are added laterally.

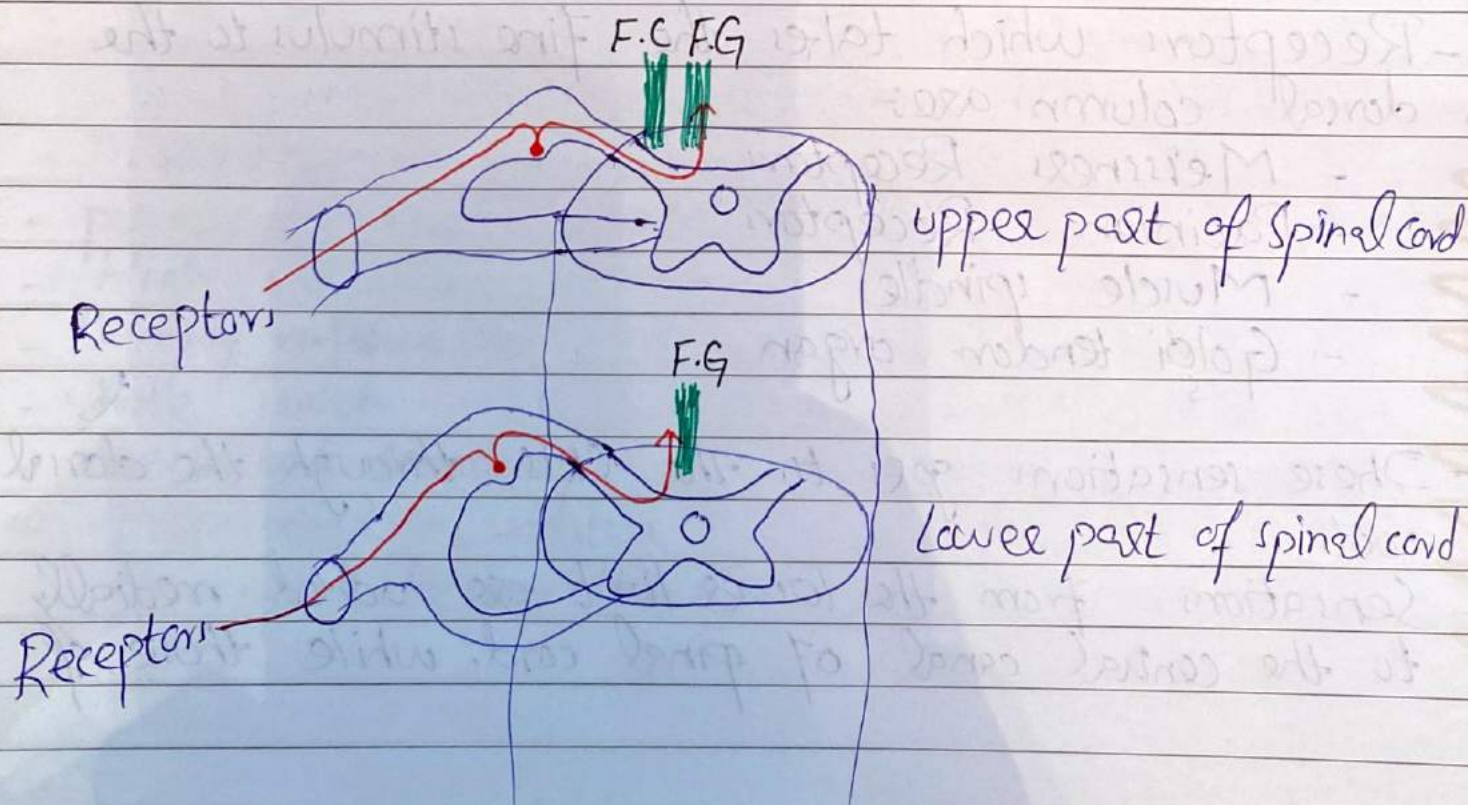
→ Fasciculus Gracilis:-

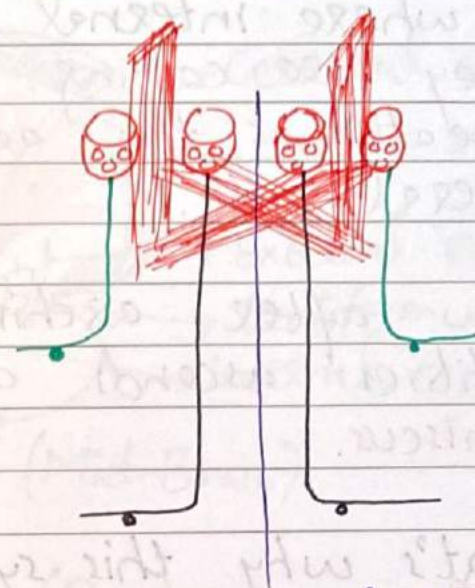
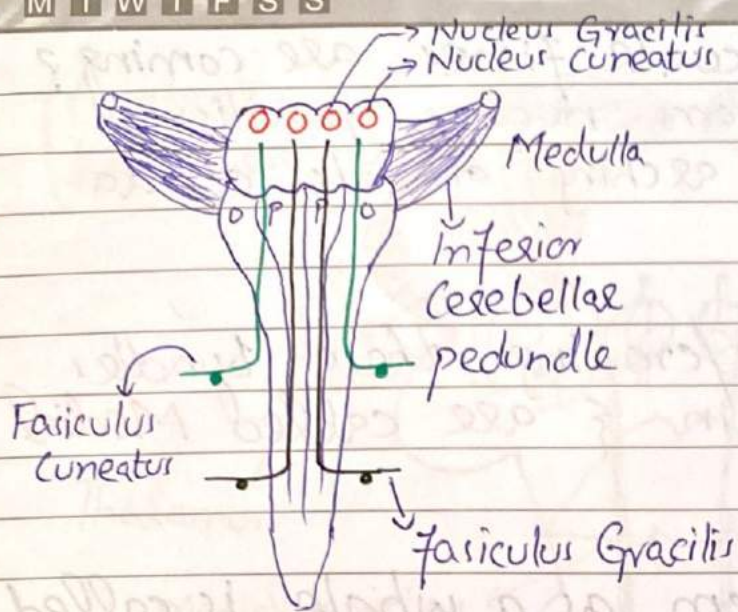
Formed by the bundles of fibres that have sensations from lower part of body, & is present on the medial side of dorsal column.

→ Fasciculus Cuneatus:-

Formed by the bundles of fibres that have sensations from upper part of body & is present on the lateral side of dorsal column.

⇒ Right half of dorsal column have sensations from right side of the body & left half of dorsal column have sensations from left side of the body. i.e they are un-crossed or simply they move ipsilaterally.





(larger view of Gracilis & cuneatus nucleoli)

O = olive
P = pyramid

⇒ Nucleus Gracilis:-

Receives fibres from Fasciculus gracilis.

⇒ Nucleus Cuneatus:-

Receives fibres from Fasciculus cuneatus

⇒ The cell bodies of nucleus gracilis & cuneatus are 2nd order neuron, while 1st order neuron are present in dorsal root ganglion.

⇒ Then after reaching these nuclei, they (fibres) crosses the mid-line in the medulla & moves to the opposite i.e. contra-lateral & then ascends again. Thus, these fibres are called internal arcuate fibres.

From where internal arcuate fibres are coming?

They are coming from nucleus gracilis & cuneatus & they are crossing on the contralateral side.

⇒ Now after crossing/crossing, these bundles of fibres ascend again & are called **Medial Lemniscus**.

⇒ That's why this system as a whole is called **Dorsal column Medial Lemniscus System**.

⇒ Note:



Circular bundle



Fasciculus



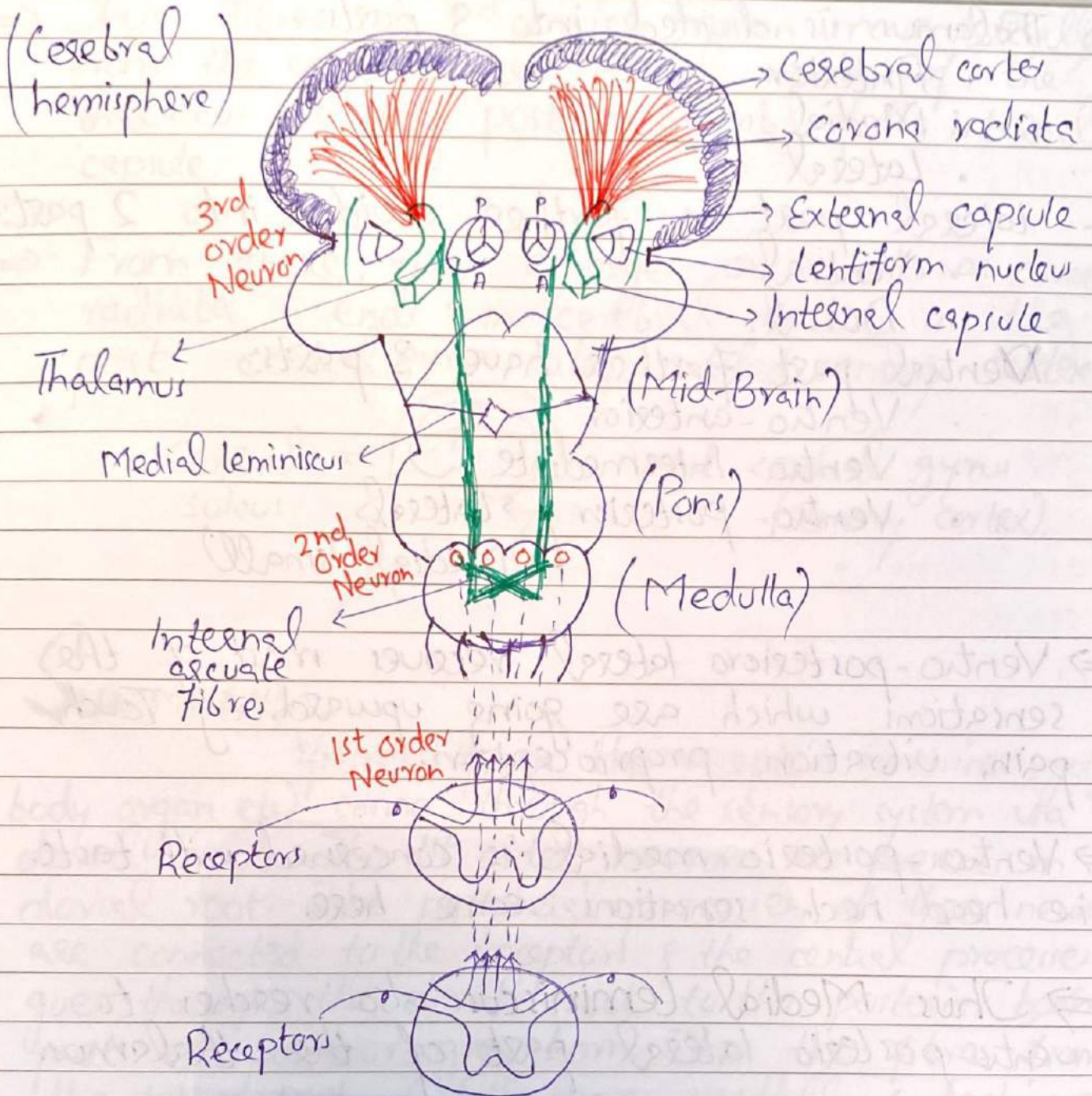
Flattened bundle



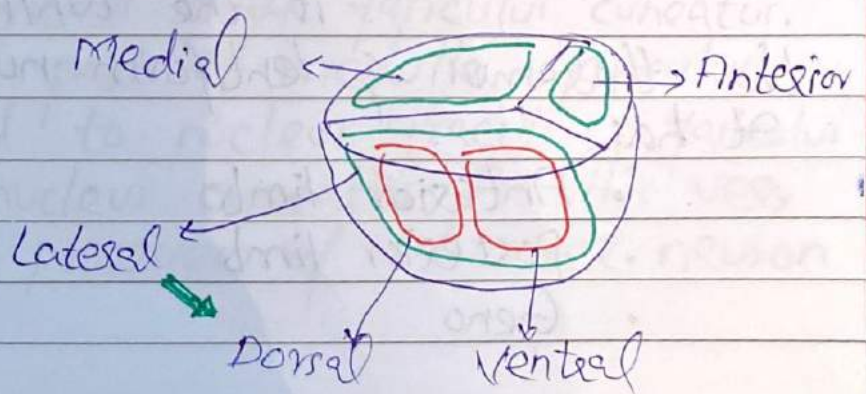
Lemniscus

⇒ Then the medial Lemniscus system will pass through the pons & mid-Brain.

⇒ Next station, where 2nd order neuron terminates is thalamus & from there the 3rd order neuron takes the signals.



Note: Thalamus is



⇒ Thalamus is divided into 3 parts:-

- Anterior
- Medial
- Lateral

- Lateral part is further divided into 2 parts:-

- Ventral
- Dorsal

- Ventral part further have 3 parts:-

- Ventro-anterior
- Ventro-intermediate
- Ventro-posterior → Lateral
↳ Medial (small)

⇒ Ventro-posterior lateral receives most of the sensations which are going upward, e.g. Touch, pain, vibration, proprioception.

⇒ Ventro-posterior-medial is concerned with taste. i.e. head neck sensations come here.

⇒ Thus Medial Lemniscus also reaches to ventro-posterior lateral part of the thalamus.

→ Internal capsule:-

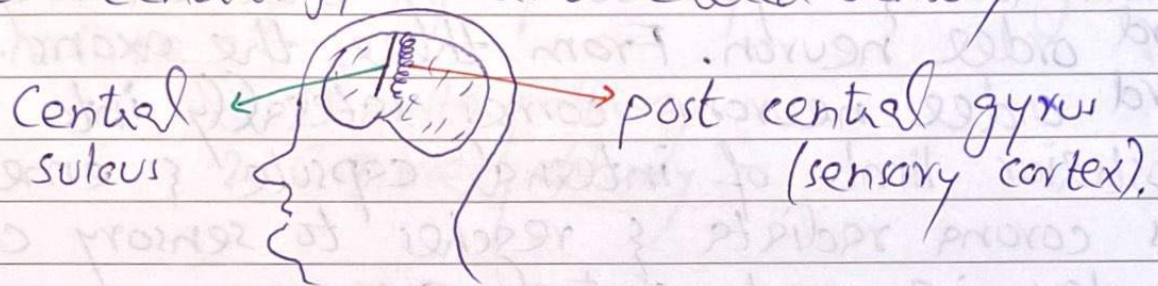
is the white matter pressed between the thalamus & lentiform nucleus.

It has:-

- Anterior limb
- Posterior limb
- Genu

⇒ Thus fibres of 3rd order neuron move laterally from the ventro-posterior lateral nucleus of the thalamus to the posterior limb of the internal capsule.

⇒ From there, they emerge or radiate as corona radiata & ends in cerebral cortex. In the post central gyrus also called sensory cortex,



SUMMARY:-

Fibres from the receptors (meissner's, golgi body organ etc) comes through the sensory system via dorsal root. The 1st order neuron are present in dorsal root. The peripheral processes of these neurons are connected to the receptors & the central processes goes through the dorsal root to the posterior horn part of posterior grey horn. Then the fibres from the lower part of body moves medially & backward & makes fasciculus gracilis & in the same way the upper part of the body's fibres make fasciculus cuneatus. And in the lower part of medulla, fasciculus gracilis is connected to nucleus gracilis & fasciculus cuneatus to the nucleus cuneatus. At this very point, the central processes of 1st order neuron

terminates & axons of 2nd order neuron starts. They again move forward & medially & cross & this crossing is called internal arcuate fibres. After crossing these fibres move/ascend as medial lemniscus & it passes the pons & mid-brain & eventually connects to the ventro-posterio lateral nucleus of the thalamus. Here axons of 2nd order neuron terminates & information is further taken by the 3rd order neuron. From there, the axons of 3rd order neuron comes laterally into the posterior limb of internal capsule & emerges out as corona radiata & reaches to sensory cerebral cortex i.e. post central gyrus.

SUMMARY:

Antero-Lateral Column:-

Pain & Temp Pathway:-

- Receptors for pain are free nerve ending & for temp are thermal receptors.
- There are two pathways for the pain which goes to the C.N.S i.e.
 - 1- A-delta pathway
 - 2- C fibres pathway

Note:-

Peripheral nerves are divided into 3 category, according to degree of myelination:-

- 1). A → more myelinated
- 2). B
- 3). C → Not myelinated

- Further category 'A' are further, alpha, beta, gamma & delta. The A-delta which carries the fast pain are also less myelinated.

⇒ Then, there are two types of pain i.e. fast & slow. fast is carried by A-delta & slow is carried by C-fibres.

⇒ Fast pain is received by the C.N.S in 0.1 sec while slow pain is received in 1 or 2 hrs delay.

⇒ Fast & slow pain both can be produced by mechanical or thermal mechanism but slow pain can also be produced by chemical phenomenon e.g acids.

⇒ Potassium, Bradykinin, histamine, Acids, etc are the chemicals present at the site of pain free nerve endings.

⇒ Prostaglandins & substance P, also plays an indirect role in pain i.e they reduce the threshold level for above mentioned chemicals to cause pain.

⇒ Once the action potential goes to C.N.S, the 1st order neuron have their cell bodies in dorsal root ganglion, similar as that in dorsal column system.

⇒ The central processes of 1st order neuron terminates in the area called substantia gelatinosa of the dorsal grey horn.

⇒ 2nd order Neuron cell bodies are present within the spinal cord in the antero lateral system, at the point of entry into the grey horn.

⇒ Actually, the 1st order neuron at the point of termination gives ascending & descending branches. And these branches within the spinal cord makes a local track which is called Dorsal lateral Track of Lissauer.

⇒ Now the 2nd order Neuron, moves to the opposite side i.e. contralaterally.

⇒ The fibres then ascend upward & the new fibres of upper side are added medially.

⇒ Now this tract is going upto thalamus, so it is called spinothalamic tract & as it is present on the lateral side, so it is called **Lateral spinothalamic tract**.

→ So **Lateral Spinothalamic Tract** is concerned with pain & Temp.

⇒ The peripheral part of the tract has fibres from the lower part of the body & the medial part of the tract has fibres from the upper part of the body.

→ **Note:**

The pathway for the crude touch is also similar upto some extent! But there is a difference i.e. the 2nd order neuron moves to the anterior side, so it is called **Anterior spino-thalamic Tract**.

- There is another pathway which runs between the lateral & anterior part called **spino-Tectal tract**. (i.e. between the spinal cord & the tectum). It is responsible for the spino visual reflex.

⇒ Now,

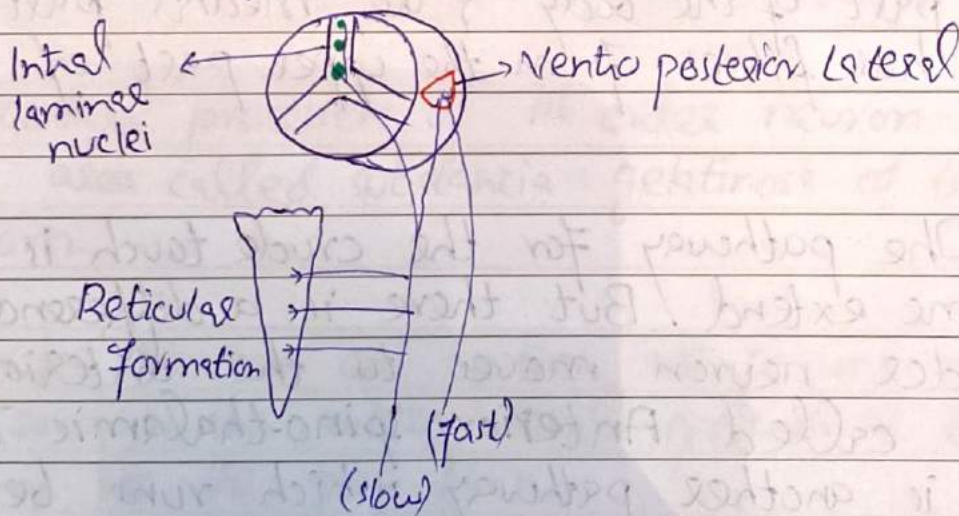
these 3 tracts ascend & fuse together in

the medulla & runs upward as a single bundle called **spinal Lemniscus**.

⇒ Then anterior & lateral spinothalamic fibres from the spinal Lemniscus bundle are connected to ventro posterior lateral nucleus of the thalamus. & the spino-tectal fibres from the spinal Lemniscus bundle are connected to superior colliculus.

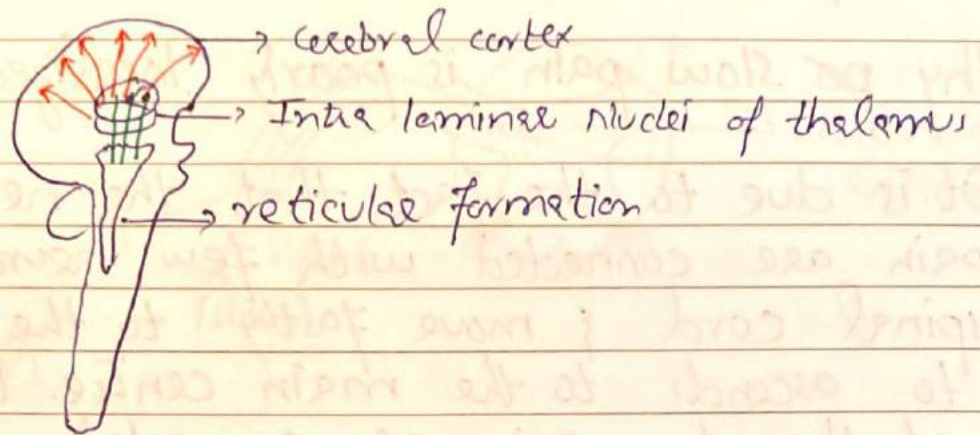
→ **Note:**

The slow pain fibres also stimulates the reticular formation in its pathway & also reaches to the intralaminar nuclei of the thalamus (present in white lamina of thalamus).



⇒ Reticular formation is the main switch for cerebral cortex. It is connected to intralaminar nuclei of thalamus & through that it projects to the cerebral cortex.

→ All the ascending pathways moving upward have collateral connections with the reticulate formation.



→ That's why during sleep, the pain stimuli specially slow pain stimulates the cerebral cortex through reticulate formation.

⇒ Now,

Now the pain, temp & crude touch pathways after reaching ventro posterior lateral nuclei leaves to go to posterior limb of internal capsule & then radiates to cerebral cortex or to sensory cortex i.e. post central gyrus.

→ Then in post central gyrus the analysis about the location & intensity of pain takes place.

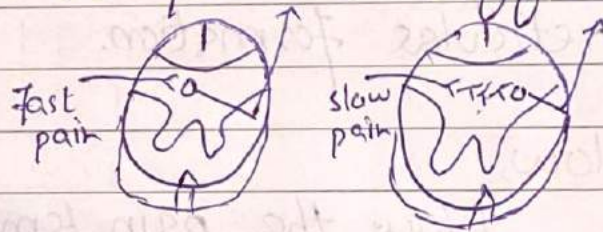
→ The emotional component in the pain is due to its connection with cingulate gyrus (which is concerned with emotions).

→ The autonomic response during pain, is due to the connection of its fibres with insular cortex.

- The autonomic responses are sweating, nausea, tachycardia, fear etc.

Why is slow pain poorly localized?

It is due to the fact, that the neurons of fast pain are connected with few neurons in the spinal cord & move fastly to the lateral side to ascend to the main centre. But the neurons of the slow pain are connected with many other neurons in the spinal cord before ascending to the main centre, thus it provides difficulty in its localization.



Gating Theory:-

When person has pain & we produce other stimulations which are not painful like massaging, may reduce the pain through that stimulation. The action potential coming through other stimulation may stimulate the connector neuron which may produce neuro-inhibitory substance, so that the pain pathways are inhibited.

→ Initially doctors were unaware of this & they thought that there might be some gates which may be closed during other stimulations, thus they called this gating theory.

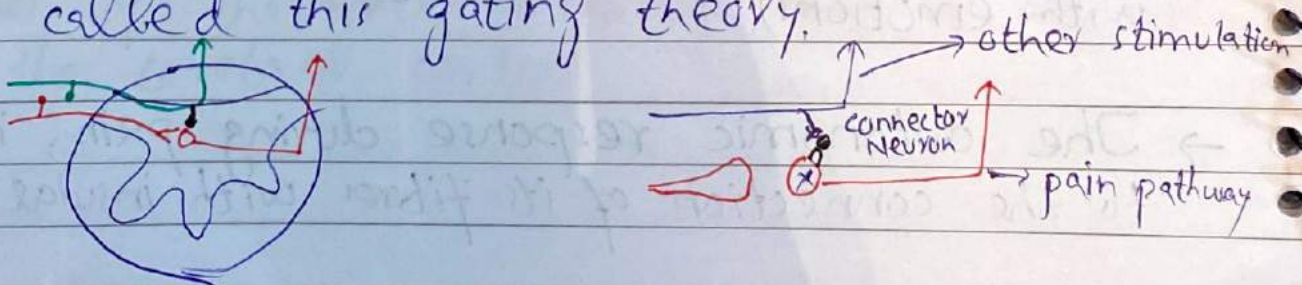
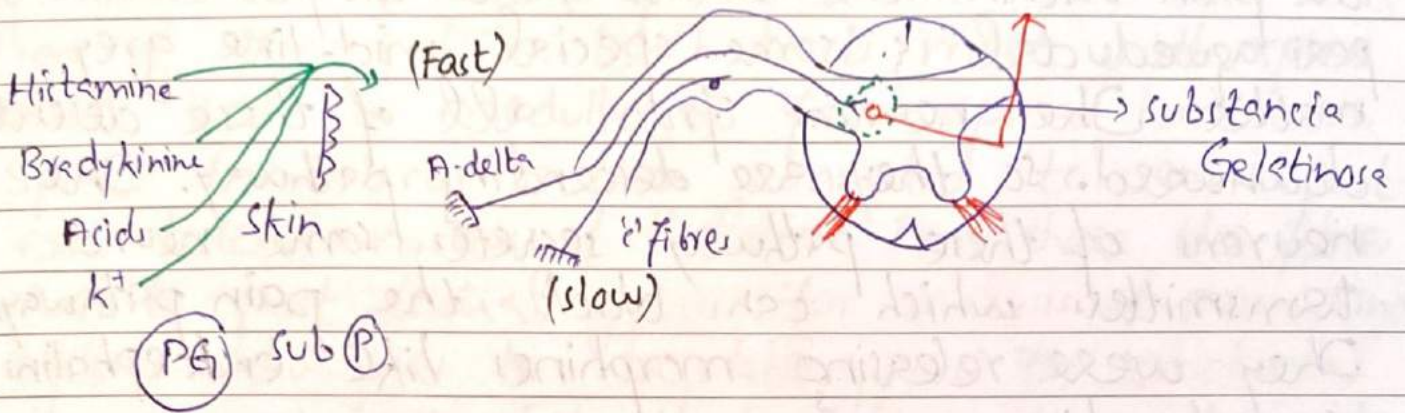
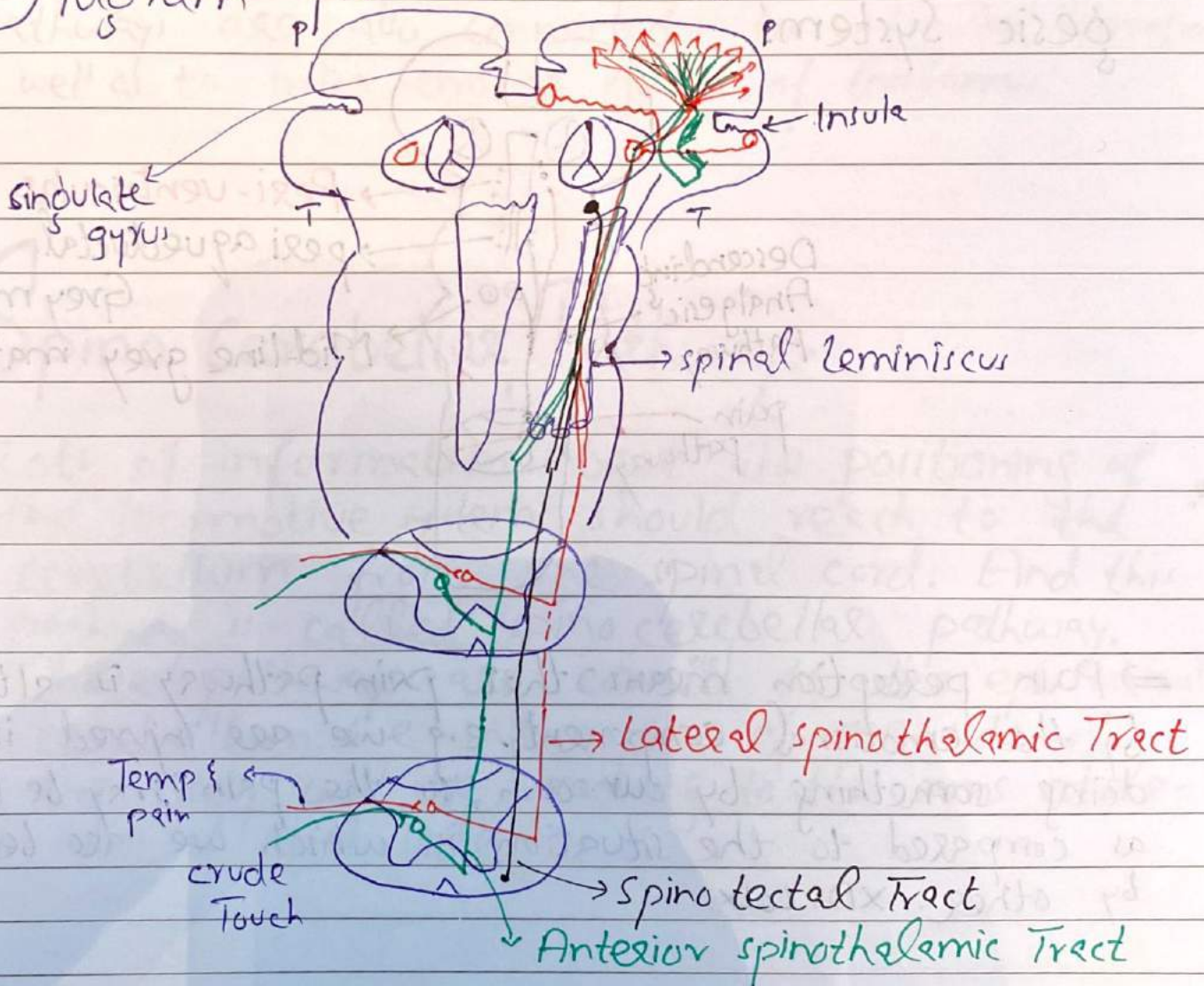


Diagram for slow & fast pains



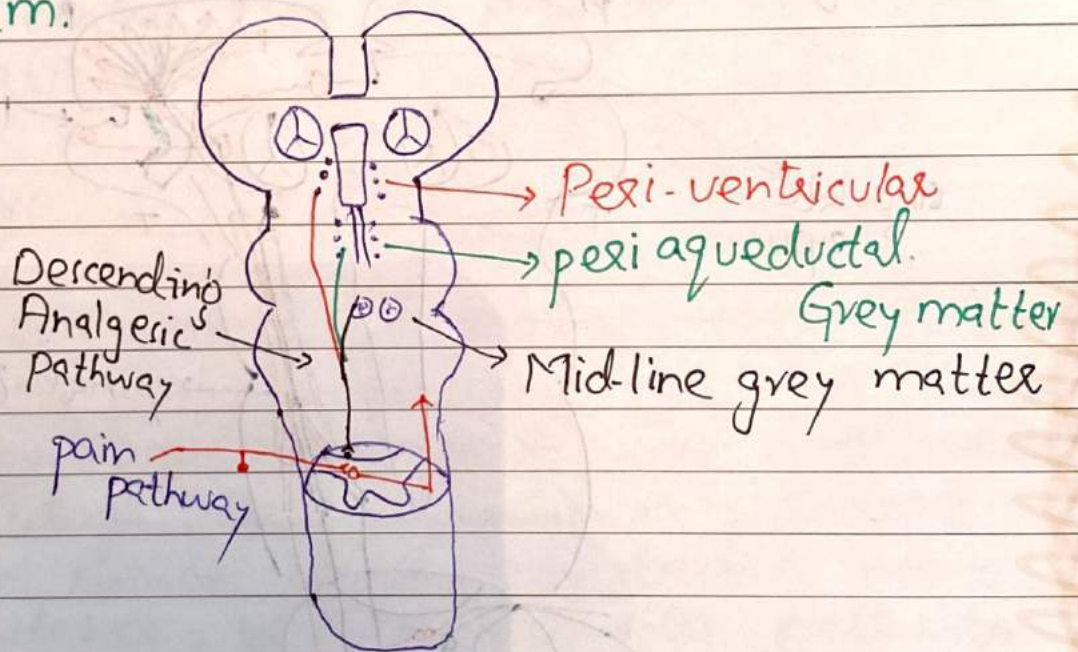
⇒ Diagram for antero-lateral column:



Pain Reduction:-

There is a mechanism to reduce the pain within the C.N.S. These are periventricular, periaqueductal & some special mid-line grey matter. The neurons from all of these descend down, so they are descending pathway. The neurons of these pathway secrete some neurotransmitters which can block the pain pathway. They were releasing morphines like enkephalins & endorphins.

→ And this system is called **Descending Analgesic System**.



⇒ Pain perception means that pain pathway is altered by the emotional component. e.g. we see injured in doing something by our own, so the pain may be less as compared to the situation in which we see beaten by other. XD. Lolx.

SUMMARY:-

Anterior spinothalamic tract takes sensations of crude touch. Lateral spinothalamic tract takes sensations of temp & pain. Both tracts meet with spino tectal tract in medulla to form **spinal lemniscus**. Spinal lemniscus is then connected to ventro-posterior lateral nucleus of thalamus. From there the fibres goes to post central gyrus for **analysis of pain**. And fibres also goes to cingulate gyrus for **emotional reaction to pain**. Fibres also goes to insular cortex for **autonomic reaction with the pain**. Slow pain pathways are also connected to **reticular formation** as well as to **intra lemnisc nuclei** of thalamus.

Spino Cerebellar Pathway:-

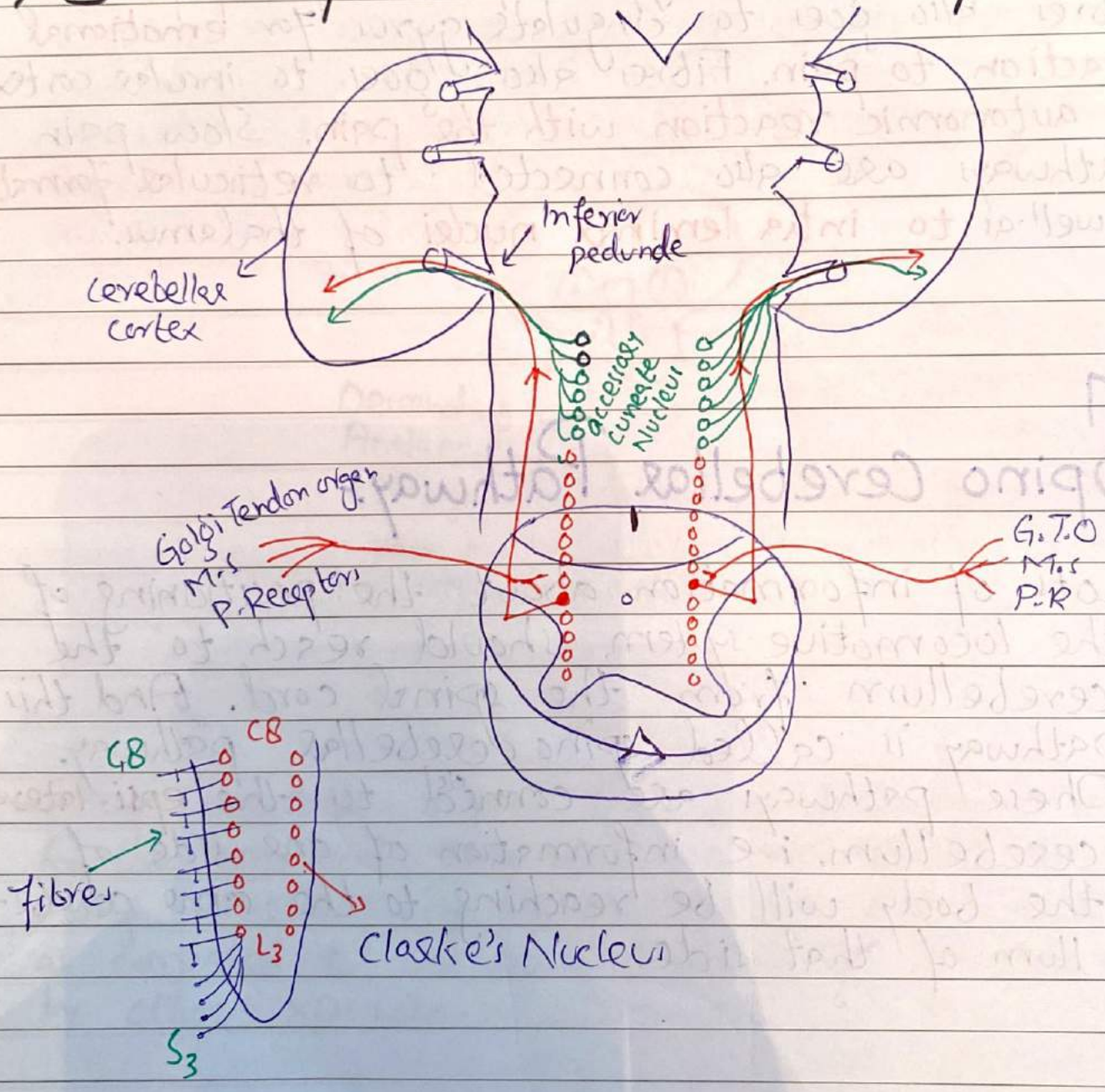
- Lots of information about the positioning of the locomotive system, should reach to the cerebellum from the spinal cord. And this pathway is called spino cerebellar pathway.
- These pathways are connected to the **ipsi-lateral** cerebellum, i.e. information of one side of the body will be reaching to the same cerebellum of that side.

Note:-

Information through Dorsal column medial lemniscus system & anterior & lateral spinothalamic system reaches to the contralateral cerebrum.

⇒ These are two main spino-cerebellar pathways:-

1). Dorsal Spino-cerebellar Pathway:-



⇒ The information in this pathway comes from golgi tendon organs, muscle spindles, pressure receptors. The fibres goes to the dorsal grey horn & terminate there i.e the central processes of **1st order neuron** terminate there.

- From there, **2nd order neuron** move ipsilaterally on the right white column, (lateral column)
- From lateral column it ascends upward
- Same thing happens on the other side. i.e contra-lateral side.
- The cell bodies of 2nd order neuron is making a nucleus through out the spinal cord & is called **Dorsolateral nucleus of Clarke**.

Note:

Connection of cerebellum:

Cerebellum with Mid-Brain → superior peduncle

Cerebellum with pons → middle peduncle

Cerebellum with medulla → inferior peduncle

⇒ peduncles are bundles of white matter which connects cerebellum with mid brain stem.

⇒ So the fibres from both sides of spinal cord after descending enter the **cerebellar cortex** through inferior cerebellar peduncle.

⇒ As it is present on the dorsal side of the lateral white matter, so it is called **Dorsal spino cerebellar pathway**.

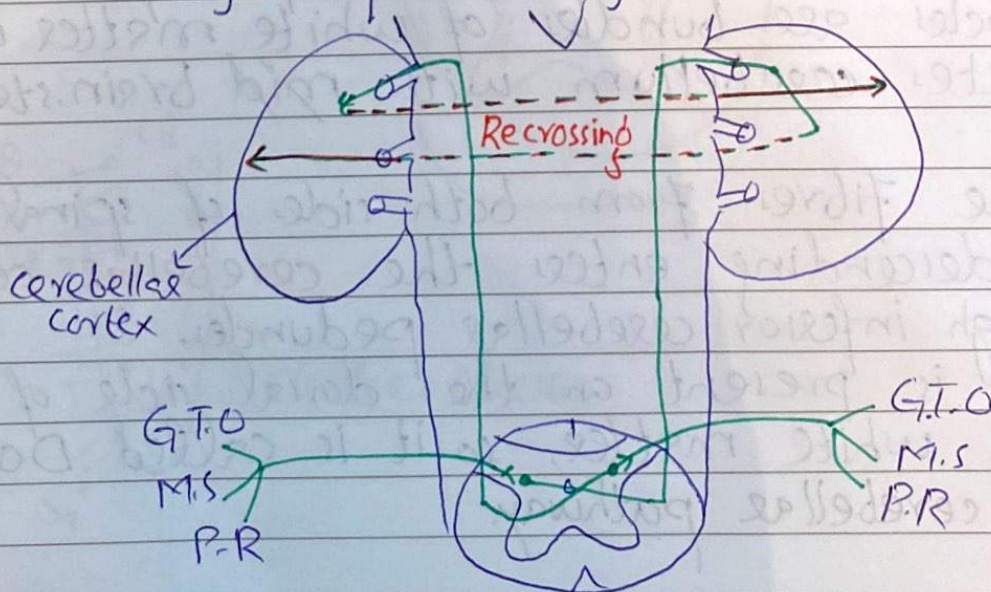
⇒ The fibres in this system can enter from $C8 \rightarrow S_3$. But the Clarke's nucleus extends from $C8 \rightarrow L_3$, so the lower fibres which enter the system must ascend to reach Clarke's nucleus. Thus fibres of lower part of the body comes to the Clarke's nucleus.

⇒ Cuneocerebellar pathway:-

In this pathway, the fibres comes from upper limb or above to the **accessory cuneate nucleus**, inside going to Clarke's nucleus. And then from accessory cuneate nucleus they ascend in the same way as that of dorsal spino-cerebellar path way to reach cerebellum cortex.

2):- Ventro spino-cerebellar pathway:-

→ Same as dorsal pathway but there are some changes of crossing.



- The information is received through some receptors. The cell bodies of 1st order neuron terminate in the spinal cord. The fibres of 2nd order neuron move to the contralateral side & ascend so much to reach superior cerebellar peduncle & enter there. But after that it recrosses to reach the other cerebellum. Thus the information of one side of body reaches to the same side of cerebellum following the basic rule. (i.e. the fibres will carry the information to same cerebellum.)
- It is called ventro spinal cerebellar pathway because it is present in front of dorsal pathway.

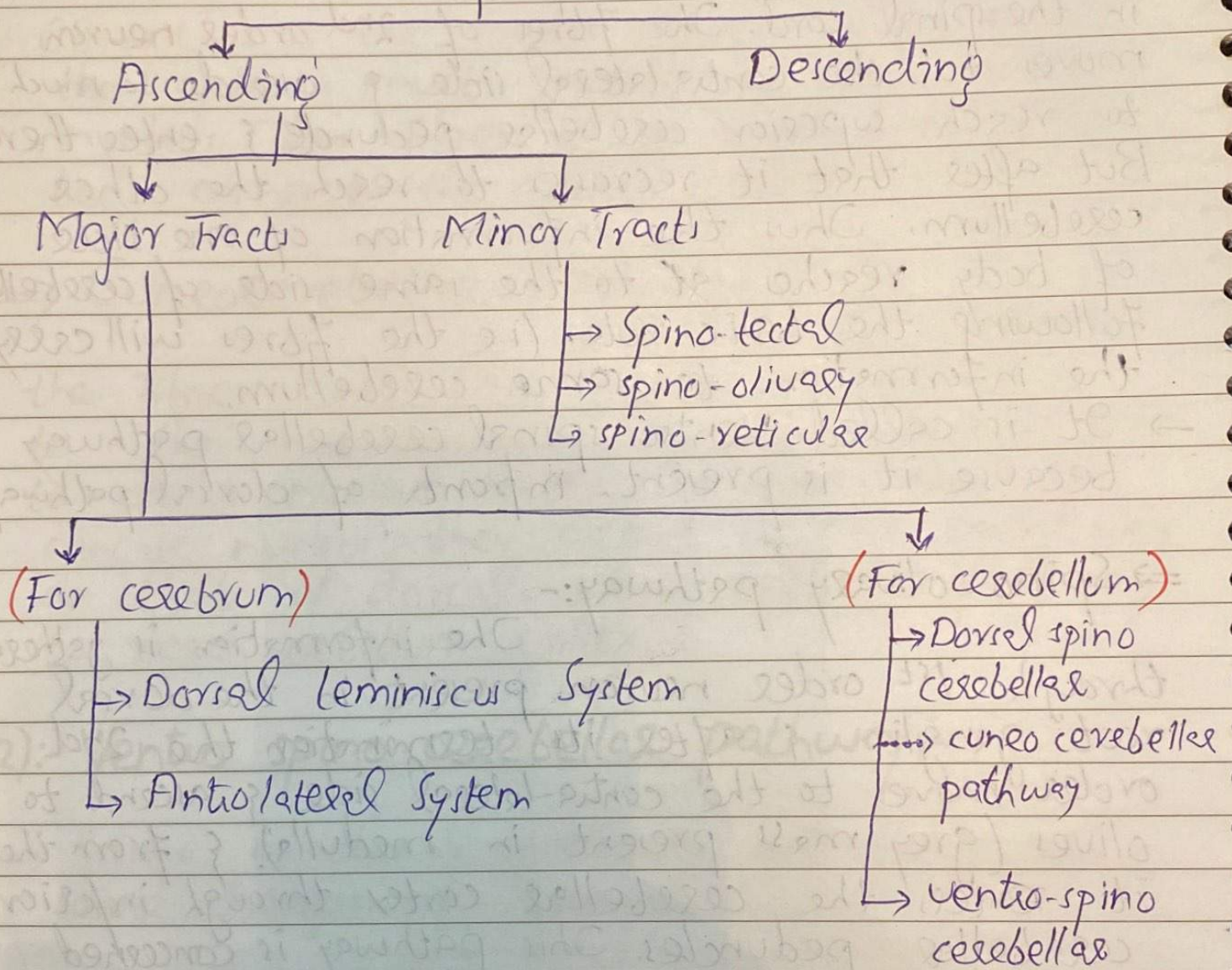
⇒ Spino-olivary pathway:-

The information is gathered through 1st order neuron present in the dorsal root ganglion & after its termination the 2nd order moves to the contra-lateral side & ascends to olives (grey mass present in medulla) & from there it enters the cerebellar cortex through inferior cerebellar peduncles. This pathway is concerned with proprioception, position of body, pressure etc which is not concerned with conscious level.

⇒ Spino-reticular pathway:-

In this pathway, fibres after entering spinal cord directly ascend on the same side to the reticular formation. The purpose of this pathway is simply to increase the conscious level.

Tracts



Motor System & Descending Tracts:-

→ Descending Tracts are concerned with bringing motor response from higher level of C.N.S to lower level of C.N.S.

- These tracts can produce voluntary motor responses through skeleton muscles or through autonomic system which can or may modify the activity of glands, heart or smooth muscles.

Motor Cortex:-

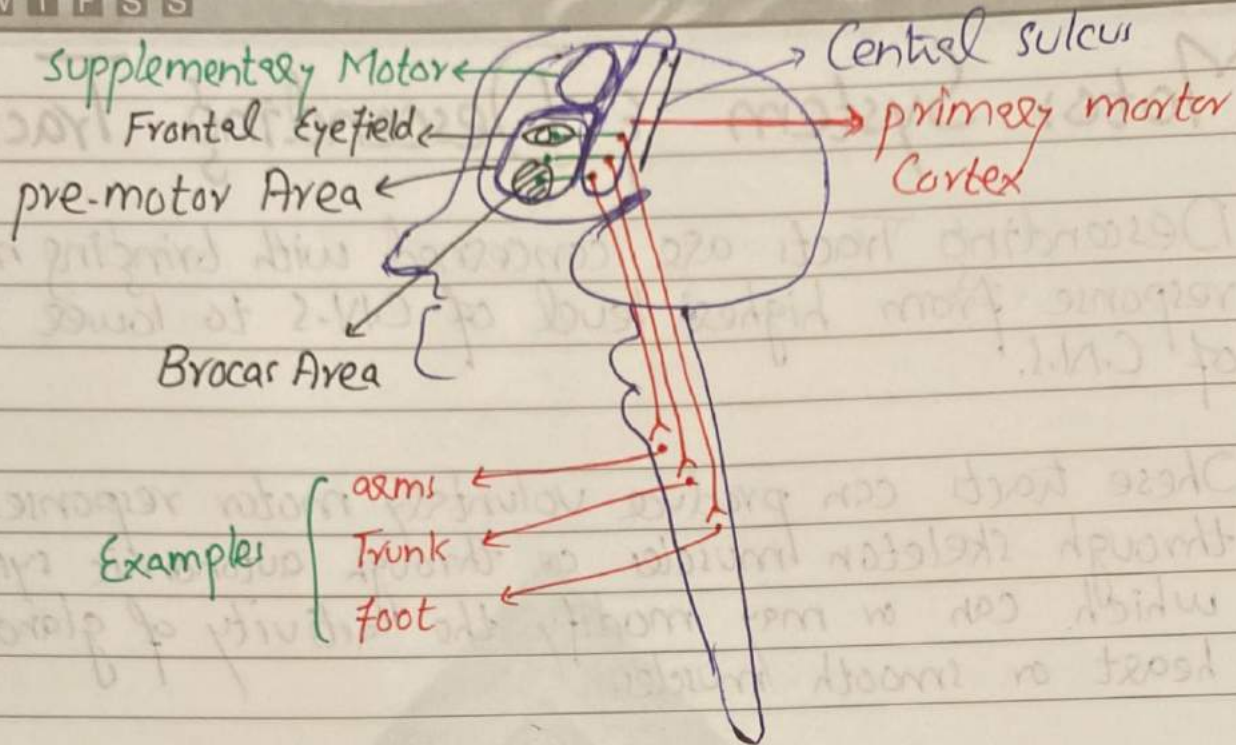
In cerebral hemisphere, the central sulcus divides the motor & sensory cortex i.e anterior to central sulcus is motor & posterior to it is sensory area.

⇒ Scientists learned about the activities of cerebral cortex through 2 tools:

- 1- Electrical stimulation through electrodes of different areas cerebrum.
- 2- Looking for neurological deficit produced through destructive lesions.

→ Actually,

There are 3 areas of the cortex which controls the motor system.



1- PRIMARY MOTOR CORTEX:

It consists of pre-central gyri present on the supratentorial surface, in front of the central sulcus. It extends medially at its upper end, on the cerebral hemisphere.

2- PRE-MOTOR AREA:-

It is present in front of primary motor cortex. It is this very area which plans the motor response.

3- SUPPLEMENTARY MOTOR AREA:-

It is present at the top & medial side of pre-motor area. It is concerned with primitive movements e.g. movement of trunk & hip. It moves

bilaterally after the stimulation.

Actually,

Motor programs are generated in pre-motor area. After their generation, they stimulate different groups of neurons in primary motor cortex. Then primary group neurons will come down & move the lower group of neurons which are connected with the muscles.

→ primary group of neuron can't plan the response they are directed by pre-motor area's neurons. But if there are some bilateral primitive movements, so primary motor cortex is directed by supplementary group of neurons.

Note:-

Brocas Area:- Area present in the pre-motor cortex & is responsible for phonation i.e. it directs the muscles of phonation (larynx, pharynx, soft palate, muscles of facial expression, tongue) so that words can be produced in proper way.

Frontal Eyefields:-

These are electrical push buttons of eyes present on both sides i.e. if we electrically irritate it, so our eyes look to contralateral side.
→ And when we are looking straight, it means both are working.

HOMUNCULUS:-

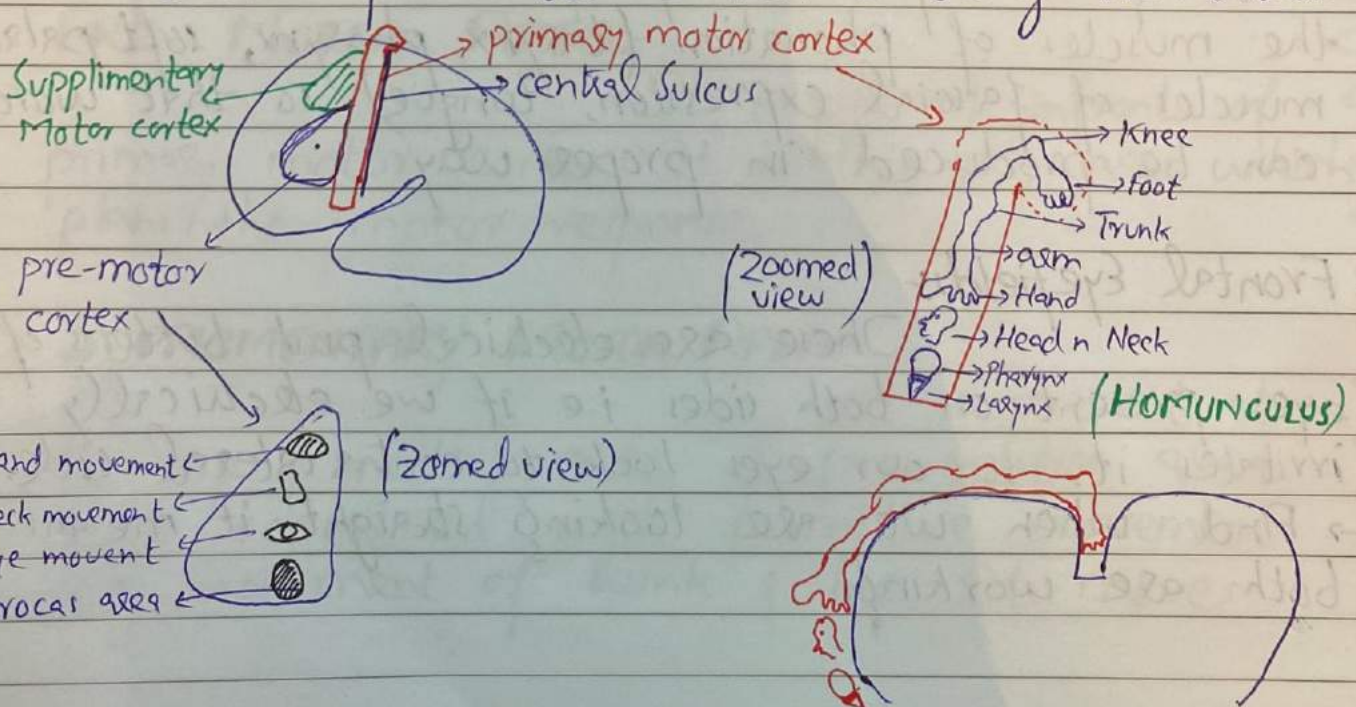
An imaginary map, drawn according to the area of primary motor cortex which is devoted to particular area of body's movement.

→ This map shows the different parts of the body, according to the proportion of cortex, which is controlling that part.

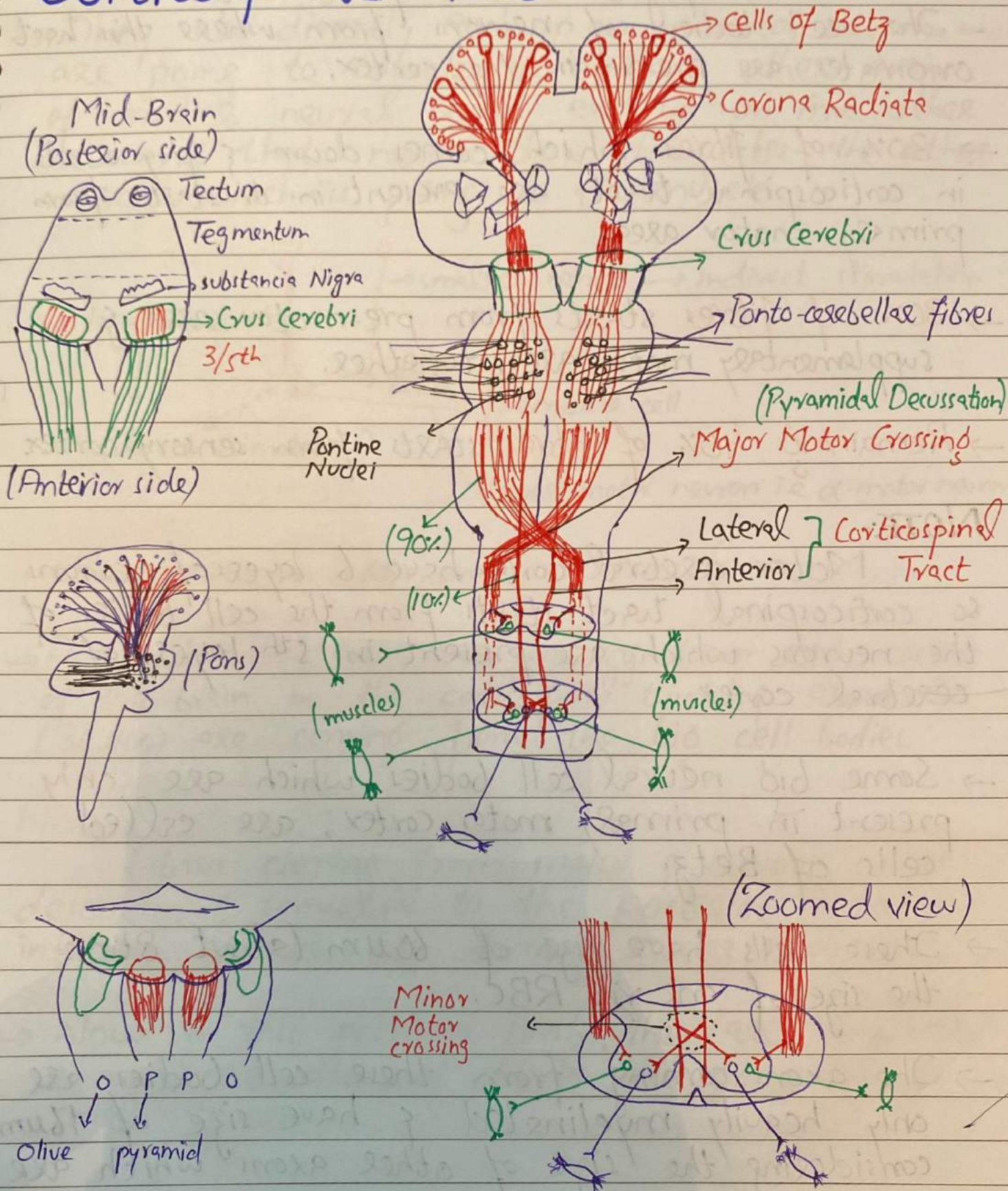
For example;

if bigger area is controlling hand's movement so hand area in the map is shown very big & vice versa.

⇒ There are 3 homunculi for every part of the body i.e. in primary motor cortex, pre-motor cortex & supplementary motor cortex. Irritating it through any stimulus will cause the movement of hand, based on the irritation of cortex which is being irritated.



Corticospinal Tract:-



- As its name indicates, corticospinal tract starts in the cortex & goes to the spinal cord.
- The cell bodies of neurons from where this tract originates are present in the cortex.
- 30% of fibres which come down & play a role in corticospinal tract are present in or start from primary motor area.
- 30% of fibres start from pre-motor area & supplementary motor area together.
- Remaining 40% of fibres start from sensory cortex.

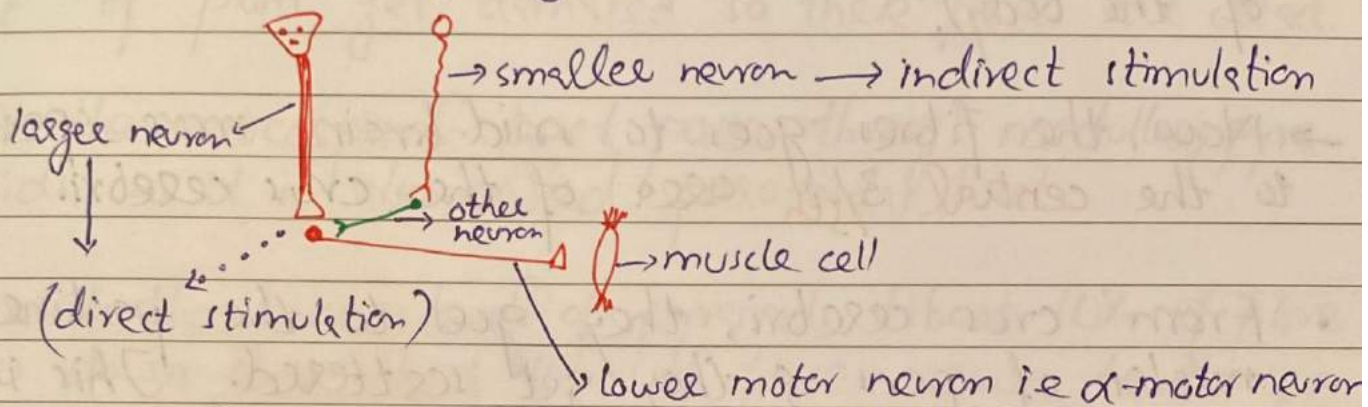
NOTE:

Motor cerebral cortex has 6 layers of neurons so corticospinal tract starts from the cell bodies of the neurons which are present in 5th layer of cerebral cortex.

- Some big neural cell bodies which are only present in primary motor cortex, are called cells of Betz.
- These cells have size of $60\mu\text{m}$ (about 8 times the size of one rib RBC).
- The axons coming from these cell bodies are only heavily myelinated & have size of $16\mu\text{m}$. Considering the size of other axons which are

less than 4um.

→ They also directly end up on α -motor neuron which are going to muscles, in contrast other axons of smaller neural bodies end up on some other neuron & that neuron then stimulates the other neuron which is going to the muscle.



• other neuron = interneuron (interneuron neuron)

→ About 1 million axons are coming from each cortex of the brain in the corticospinal tract & about 3% (30,000) are coming from the big cell bodies.

Now,

Fibres coming from motor & sensory cortex descends, & converge to the posterior limb of internal capsule, also forming corona radiata.

→ Now in this posterior limb, they are compacted so much i.e. slots of fibres are going through small space.

→ It has some clinical importance, i.e. the artery supplying the posterior limb of internal capsule, if it's destroyed so it will cause damage to all the fibres of cerebral cortex passing through this posterior limb, thus we lose sensory sensations as well as motor control on the **contra-lateral** side of body.

- Thus it may cause hemiplegia (paralysis of half side of the body).

→ Now, the fibres go to mid-brain, more specifically to the **central 3/5th** area of the **crus cerebri**.

- From crus cerebri, they go to the pontine nuclei of pons & they get scattered. This is because in the pons there are slots of corticopontine fibre, which after coming to the pontine nuclei, goes to the cerebellum, to inform it about the motor response which the motor cortex is planning about. Thus due to so much corticopontine fibre which are already present there, so when the corticospinal fibres come there, they get scattered. Actually, this is clinically so much importance, due to this scatteredness, if any lesion occur in this area, so due to this scatteredness, only small damage occurs to the motor system.

→ After these fibres go to the medulla to form pyramids i.e. pyramids of medulla are having fibres of corticospinal tract.

Note:-

So if the medial part of medulla gets damaged so these fibres are dead, & in case of pons if the anterior part of pons get damaged so these fibres are dead.

→ As the corticospinal tract passes through medullary pyramids, so it is also called **pyramidal tract**.

• Now at the lower level of pyramids, about 10% of fibres goes down straightly & 90% of fibres crosses to the opposite side, called **major motor crossing** or **pyramidal decussation**.

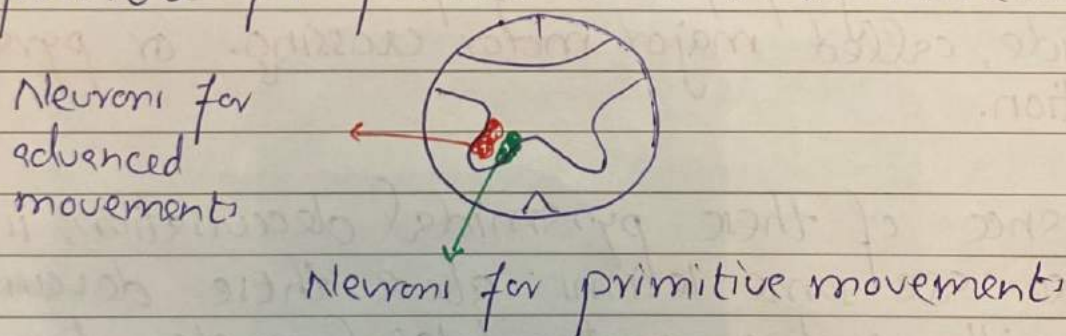
→ Importance of these pyramidal decussation, is that if there are some lesions above these decussations so it will produce contra-lateral motor dysfunction, & if these lesions are below these decussations, so they produce ipsilateral motor dysfunction.

→ Those 10% of fibres are making anterior corticospinal tract fibres because they are moving through anterior white column & 90% of fibres are moving through lateral white column thus making lateral corticospinal tract.

→ The neuronal cell bodies for primitive body movements are present in medial side of anterior grey horn & for advanced body movements, they are present in lateral side of anterior grey horn.

→ **Minor motor crossing** also occurs in the anterior corticospinal tract fibres at the point of connection with other fibres.

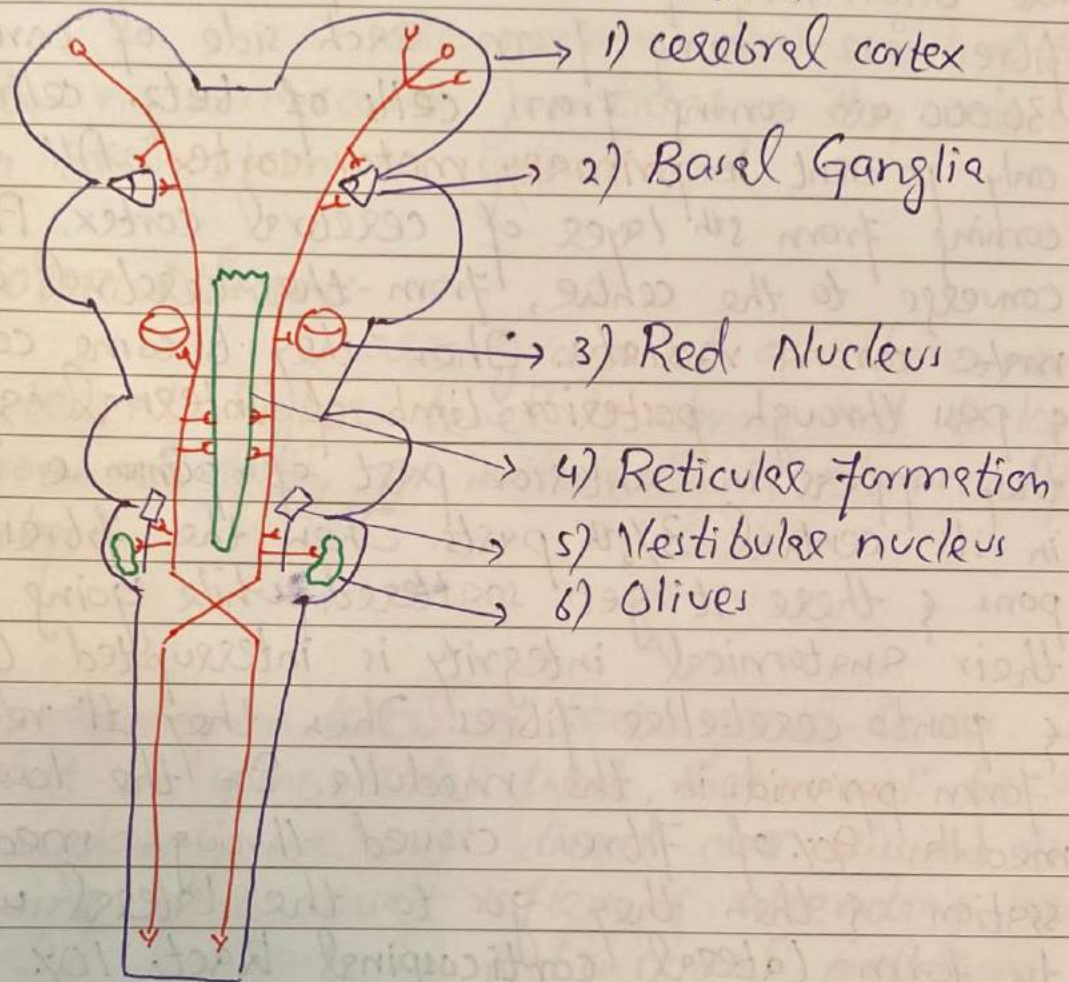
→ Thus the **Lateral** corticospinal tract fibres are connected to the neurons which are responsible for advanced movements. & **Anterior** corticospinal fibres are connected to neurons which are responsible for primitive or axial movement.



→ **During** their movements, the fibres of corticospinal tract make collateral connections. (1st) they make collateral connection with (cerebral cortex), to tell them about what will they do. (2nd) they make connection with (basal ganglia) (3rd) they make connection with (red nucleus), which will set the background pathway for the action e.g. muscle tone of the wrist for fine movements. (4th) they make connections with (reticular formation) which will alert the cerebral cortex.

(5th) they also make connections with (vestibular nucleus) which will provide proper tone for anti-gravitational muscles.

(6th) they make connections with (olives of medulla) & due to its connection with cerebellum, the olives also inform the cerebellum about the action.



SUMMARY:-

Corticospinal tract starts in cerebral cortex & ends in motor neurons of spinal cord. Its fibres are originating from **motor & sensory cortex**. 1 million fibres are coming from each side of cortex & about 30,000 are coming from **cells of betz**. cells of betz are only present in **primary motor cortex**. All the fibres are coming from 5th layer of cerebral cortex. As these fibres converge to the centre, from the cerebral cortex, they make **corona radiata**. Then they become compacted bundle & pass through **posterior limb of internal capsule**. And then they appear in anterior part of mid brain i.e. **crus cerebri** in its central 3/5th parts. Then the fibres come to the pons & there it gets scattered. while going down, because their anatomical integrity is interrupted by pontine nuclei & ponto-cerebellar fibres. Then they re-compact & form **pyramids** in the medulla. In the lower part of medulla, **90%** of fibres cross through medullary decussation & then they go to the lateral white column to form **lateral corticospinal tract**. **10%** of fibres descend down such that without crossing & go to anterior white column to form **anterior corticospinal tract**. Lateral corticospinal tract fibres are responsible for **skilled movements or fine movements**. by making connections with motor neurons of grey matter. Anterior corticospinal tract fibres make connection with lower motor neurons & are responsible for **axial movements**. & they make crossing at the level, where they are making connections with the final lower motor neuron. Any lesion **above** the pyramidal

decussation will produce **contra-lateral weakness**. & lesions **below** the pyramidal decussation will produce **ipsi-lateral weakness**.

LOWER MOTOR NEURON:-

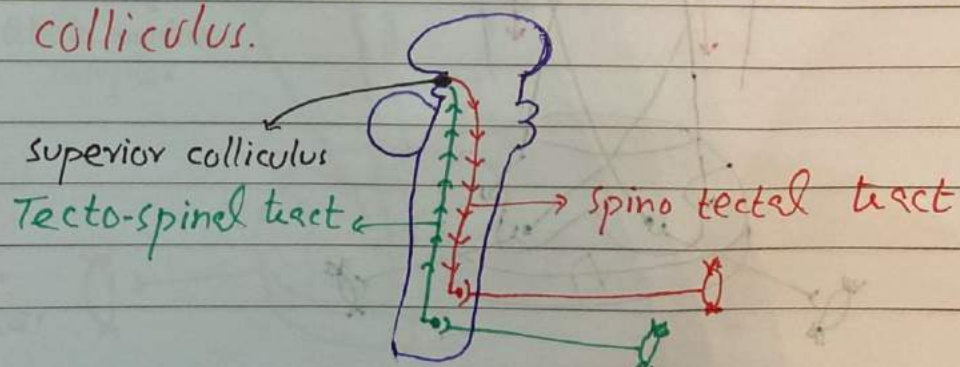
are neurons coming out of C.N.S & connected to neuro-muscular junctions. & they may be coming from brain stem or spinal cord

UPPER MOTOR NEURON:-

are groups of all those neurons which originates at higher level & connected to lower motor neurons directly or indirectly & also modifying their activity.

NOTE:-

There are spino-tectal & tecto-spinal tracts. The difference is that in spino-tectal tract, there will be a stimulus & suddenly we will direct our vision towards it thus causing **spino-visual reflex**. & ascending tract is involved. In contrast, in tecto-spinal pathway, we must first see a visual stimuli & then we change our posture reflexely, thus causing **visuo-spinal reflex**. & descending tract is involved. The centre which controls both these tracts is **superior colliculus**.



MOTOR NEURON

Upper Motor Neuron

Lower motor Neuron

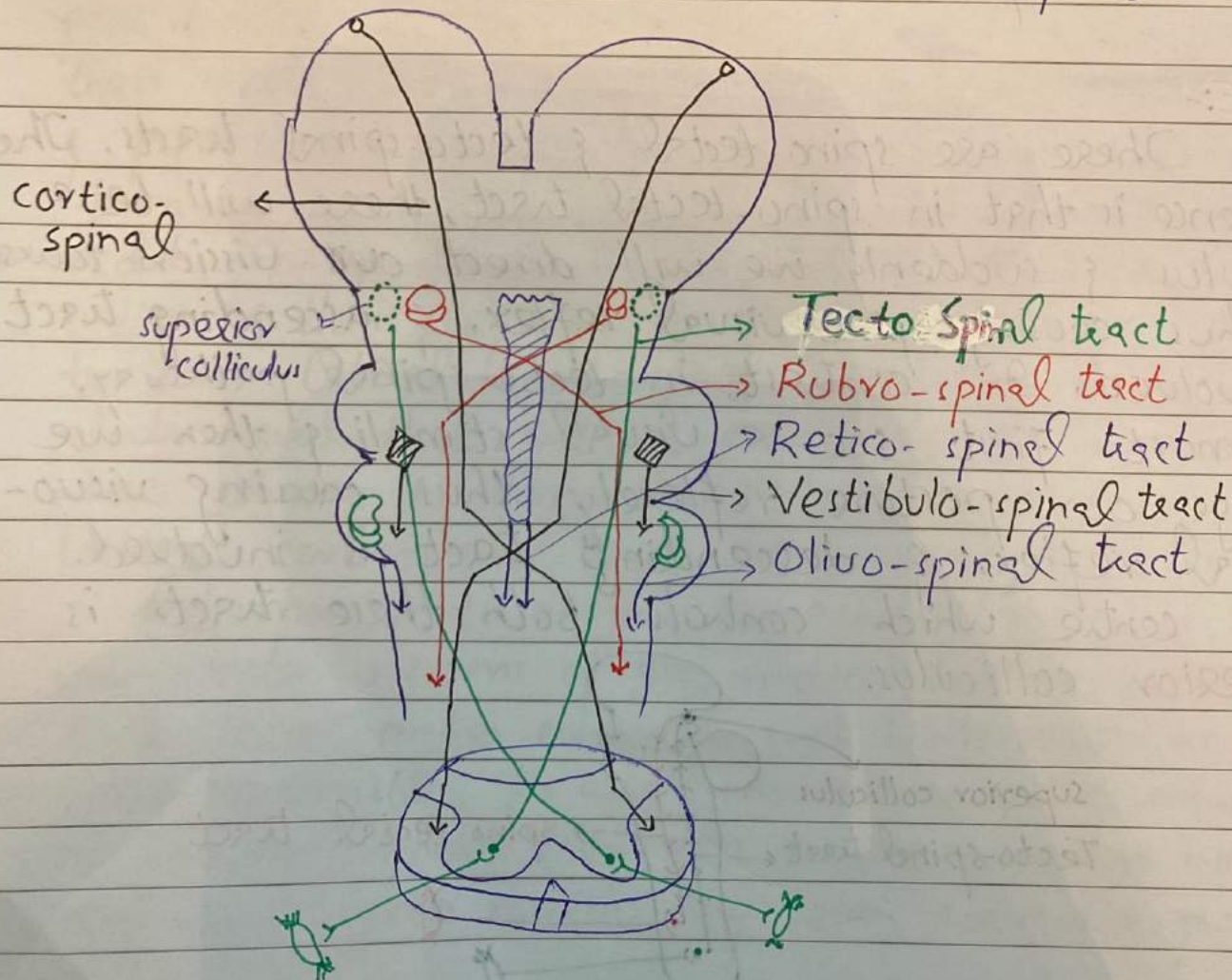
Cortical origin (pyramidal tracts)

Sub-cortical origin (Extra-pyramidal tracts)

Cortico spinal Tract

cortico nucleus Tract

- Tecto-spinal tract
- Rubro-spinal tract
- Reticospinal tract
- Vestibulo-spinal tract
- olivo-spinal tract



TYPES:-

There are 2 types of descending tracts:-

1) **PYRAMIDAL TRACTS:-**

Those descending tracts which pass through pyramids of medulla.

2) **EXTRA-PYRAMIDAL TRACTS:-**

Those descending tracts which don't pass through pyramids of medulla.

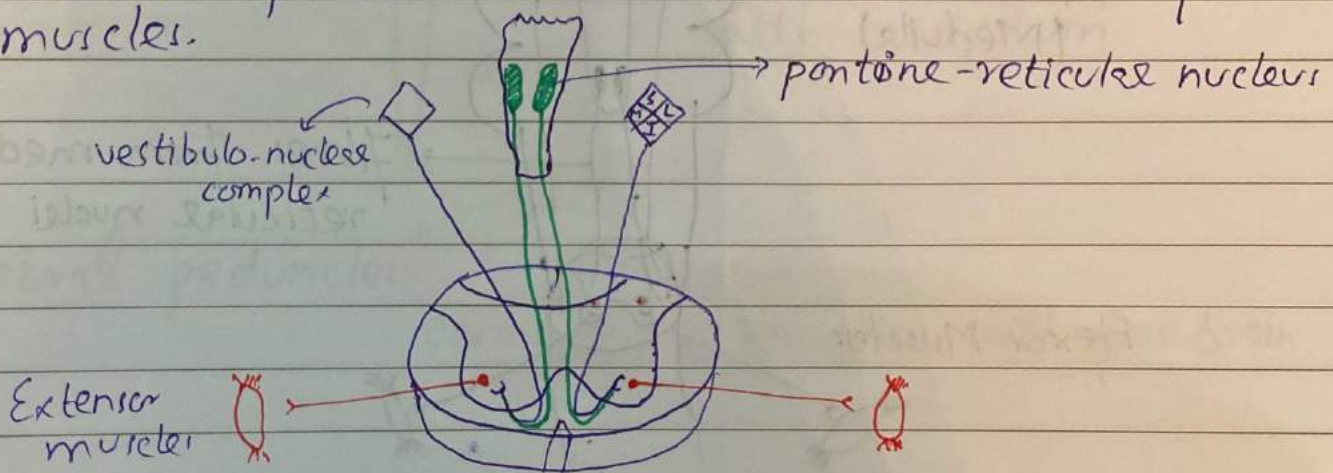
FUNCTIONS:-

1) **VESTIBULO-SPINAL TRACT:-**

From vestibulo-nucleus complex, the fibres come down to anterior white column, they increase the tone of extensor muscles. Thus helping us to stand-up, or anti-gravity system.

2) **RETICO-SPINAL TRACT:-**

Fibres from pontine-reticular nucleus of reticular formation come down & assist the vestibulo-spinal tract to increase the tone of extensor muscles.



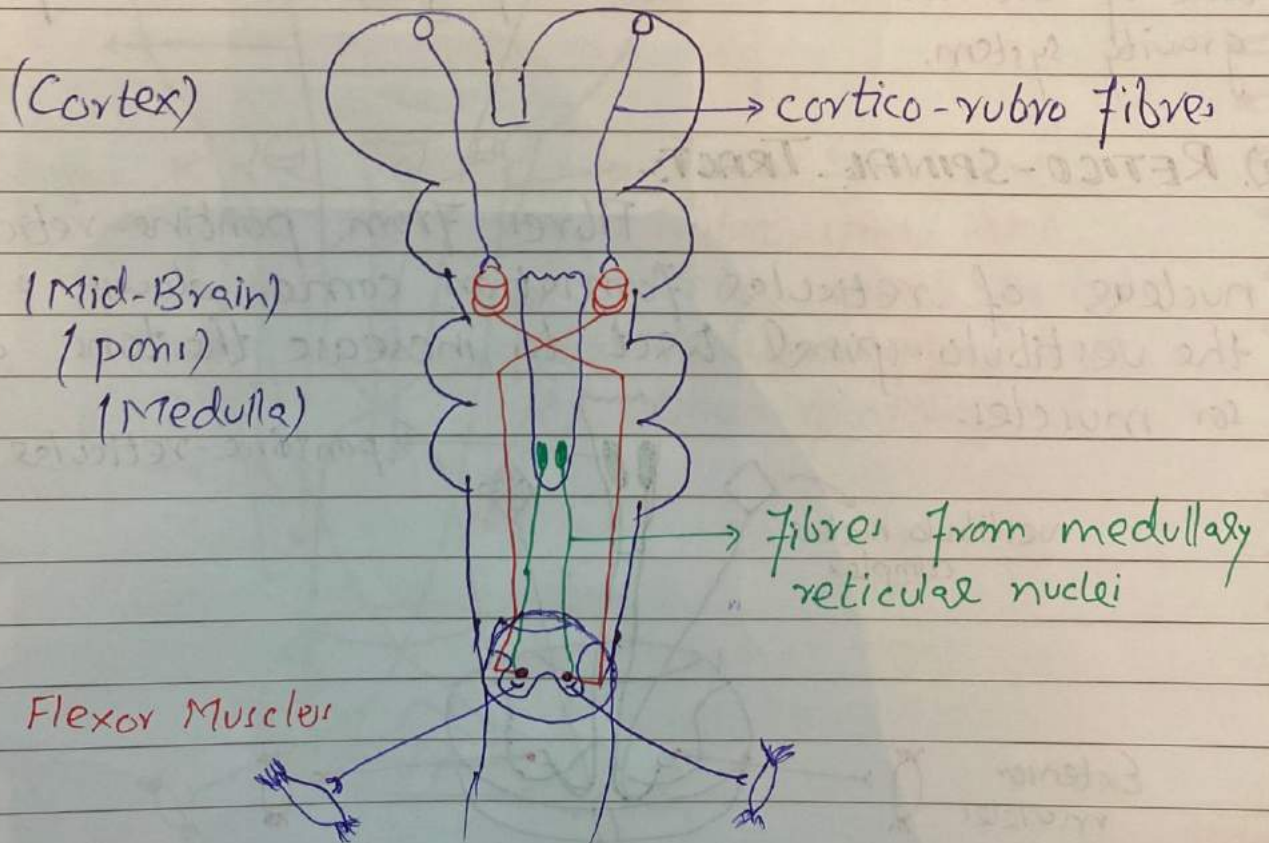
⇒ **ViP** makes you stand up.
 V → vestibulo-spinal
 P → pontine-reticulo-spinal

3). **RUBRO-SPINAL TRACT:-**

From red nucleus, the fibres descends to the lateral white column & these fibres are also crossed above & they enhance the tone of flexor muscles, & thus help us to sit down.

→ This tract has also connection with cortex through cortico-rubro fibres which enhances the voluntary movements.

⇒ Moreover, fibres from **medullary reticular nuclei** of reticular system, descends down to flexor muscles.

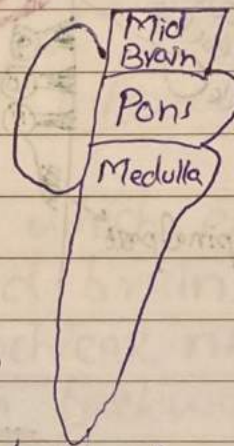


⇒ Sit on **R**ubber **M**at
 R → rubrospinal tract
 M → medullary reticular nuclei

BRAIN STEM:- (Basic Concept)

3 parts:-

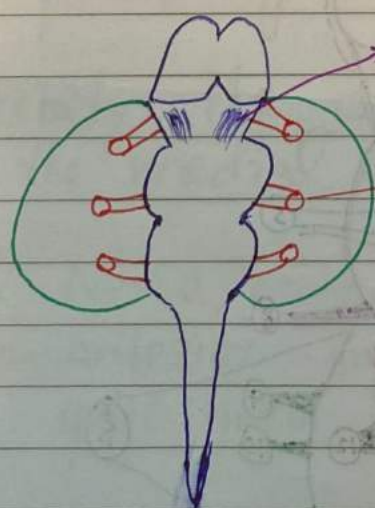
- Mid Brain
- Pons
- Medulla



(anterior view)

⇒ 1st & 2nd cranial nerves are not directly related to the brain stem but nuclei of 3 → 12 cranial nerves are present in brain stem.

• **Peduncle:-**
 Bundles of white matter



→ cerebral peduncles

→ cerebellar peduncles

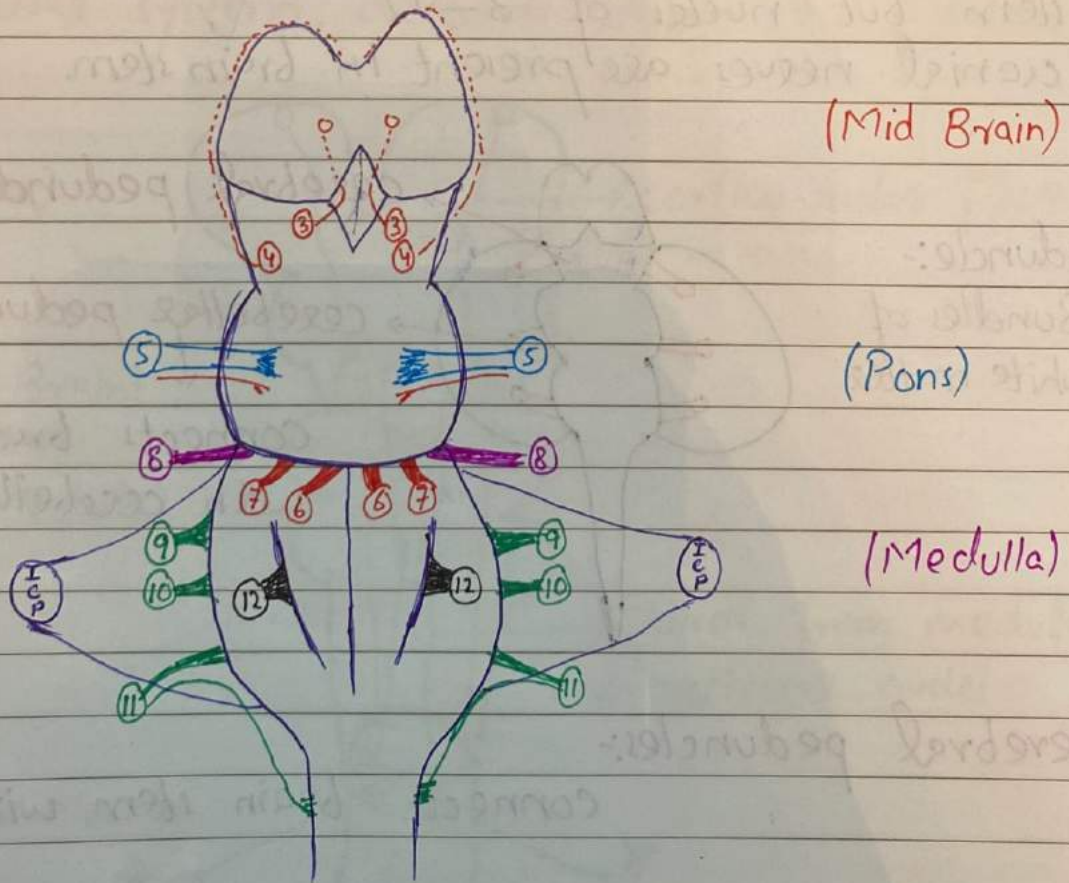
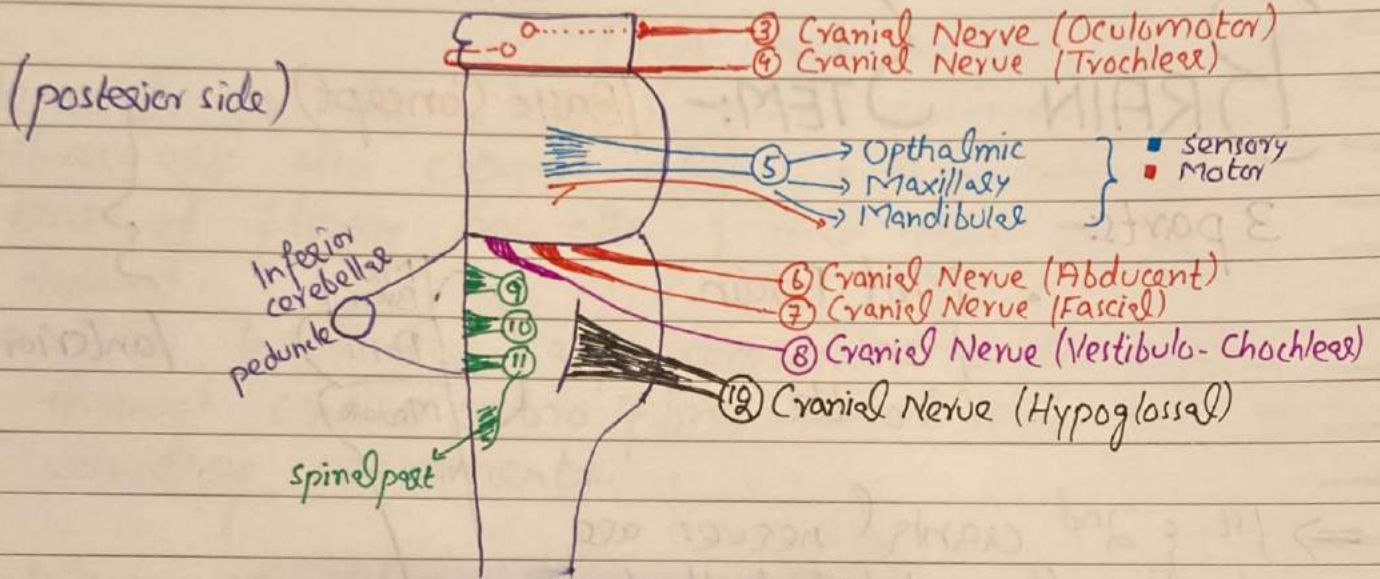
↓
 connects brain stem with cerebellum

Cerebral peduncles:-

connects brain stem with fore-brain

Brain stem connections:-

Superiorly → Fore-Brain
 Inferiorly → Spinal cord
 Posteriorly → cerebellum



→ On the back of Mid-Brain, there are 2 swellings called,

- Superior colliculus → Visual reflex
- Inferior colliculus → Auditory reflex

• **3rd Cranial Nerve** exits from the anterior side of mid-brain at the level of superior colliculus.
(3rd cranial Nerve → oculomotor nerve)

• **4th Cranial Nerve** emerges out from the back of mid-brain at the level of inferior colliculus.

NOTE:-

It is the only nerve which, emerges out from the back of mid-brain.

(4th cranial nerve → Trochlear nerve)

- when it emerges out from backward, then it goes forward. The backward movement, may be due to pineal gland.

⇒ More precisely, the 3rd cranial nerve exist mid brain on the medial side of interpeduncular fossa.

• **5th Cranial Nerve**, comes from mid-pon & on its lateral side, to its anterior. The fibres of this nerve after coming out split into 3 parts (Divisions)

- Ophthalmic
- Maxillary
- Mandibular

• That's why it is called as **Trigeminal Nerve**.

→ All these divisions carries sensory fibres. But in addition motor fibres also goes to the mandibular division.

→ The exact connection of these nerves (cranial) gives us the information of lesions in Brain stem, if they occurs. i.e the connection of these nerves with CNS.

6th, 7th & 8th Cranial Nerves: These nerves exit at ponto-medullary junction from medial side to lateral side in numerical sequence.

And the 7th nerve join the 8th after coming out.

6th → Abducent Nerve

7th → Facial Nerve

8th → Vestibulo Cochlear Nerve

9th, 10th & 11th Cranial Nerves: These nerves exit at olivary-cerebellar junction (sulcus) in medulla from superiorly to inferiorly in numerical sequence.

9th → Glossopharyngeal Nerve

10th → Vagus Nerve

11th → Accessory Nerve (cranial & spinal part)

12th Cranial Nerve: comes from the junction b/w pyramids & olives in the medulla.

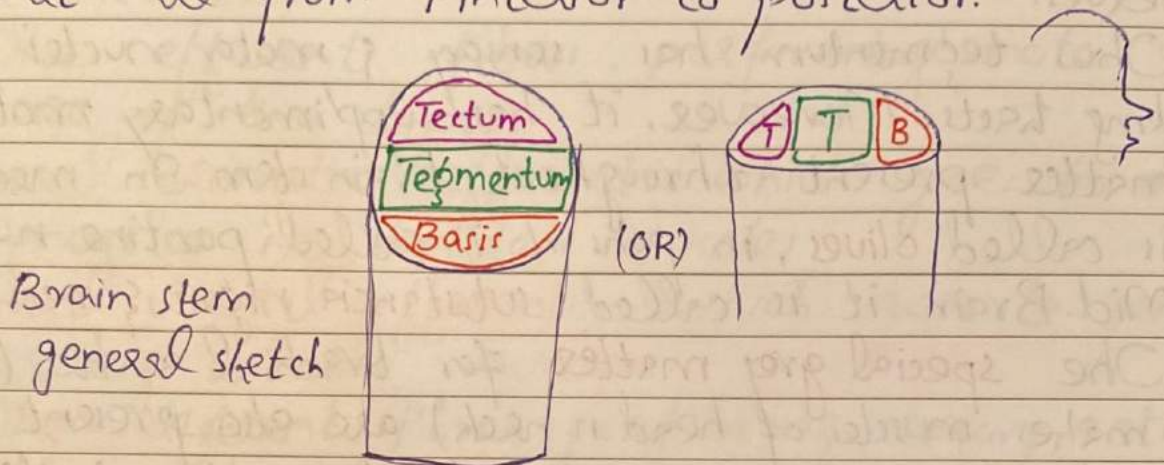
12th → Hypoglossal Nerve

Generally,

Brain stem has 3 anatomical parts:

- Basis
- Tegmentum
- Tectum

These parts are from Anterior to posterior.



In Brain stem, usually we study about,

- 1- upgoing system (Ascending tracts)
- 2- Down going system (Descending tracts)
- 3- Postero-lateral system (cerebellar system)
- 4- Antero-lateral system (cranial nerve system)

MAKING OF BRAINSTEM FROM SPINAL CORD:-

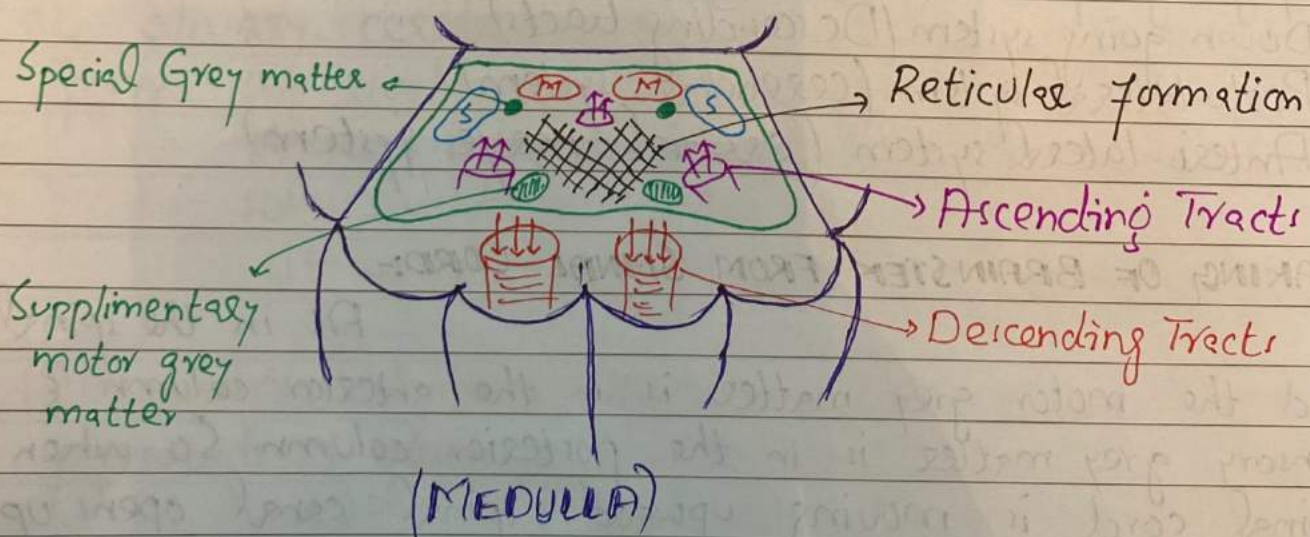
As in the spinal cord the motor grey matter is in the anterior column & sensory grey matter is in the posterior column. So when spinal cord is moving upward, spinal canal opens up & make the 4th ventricle, so motor grey matter comes to the centre & sensory grey matter goes to the sides. In **Basis** part of spinal cord, we have descending tracts.

Tegmentum has continuation of spinal cord upward. As the motor grey matter comes to the centre & the sensory grey matter goes to the sides, thus due to major crossing of ascending & descending tracts in the medulla, these grey matter doesn't remain in the form of columns but they are broken into pieces called nuclei of cranial nerves.

→ Thus tegmentum has sensory & motor nuclei plus ascending tracts. Moreover, it has supplementary motor grey matter present throughout brain stem. In medulla, it is called **olives**, in pons it is called **pontine nuclei** & in Mid-Brain it is called **substantia nigra** & **red nuclei**.

→ The **special grey matter** for brachial arches (which makes muscles of head & neck) are also present here.

→ The remaining space in the tegmentum is filled by the **Reticular formation** (mixture of grey & white matter).



Basic Concept : part 2:-

The anterior grey horn of spinal cord contains **motor** neurons & posterior area/horn contains **sensory** neurons & lateral grey horn contains both motor & sensory neurons & are concerned with visceral activities.

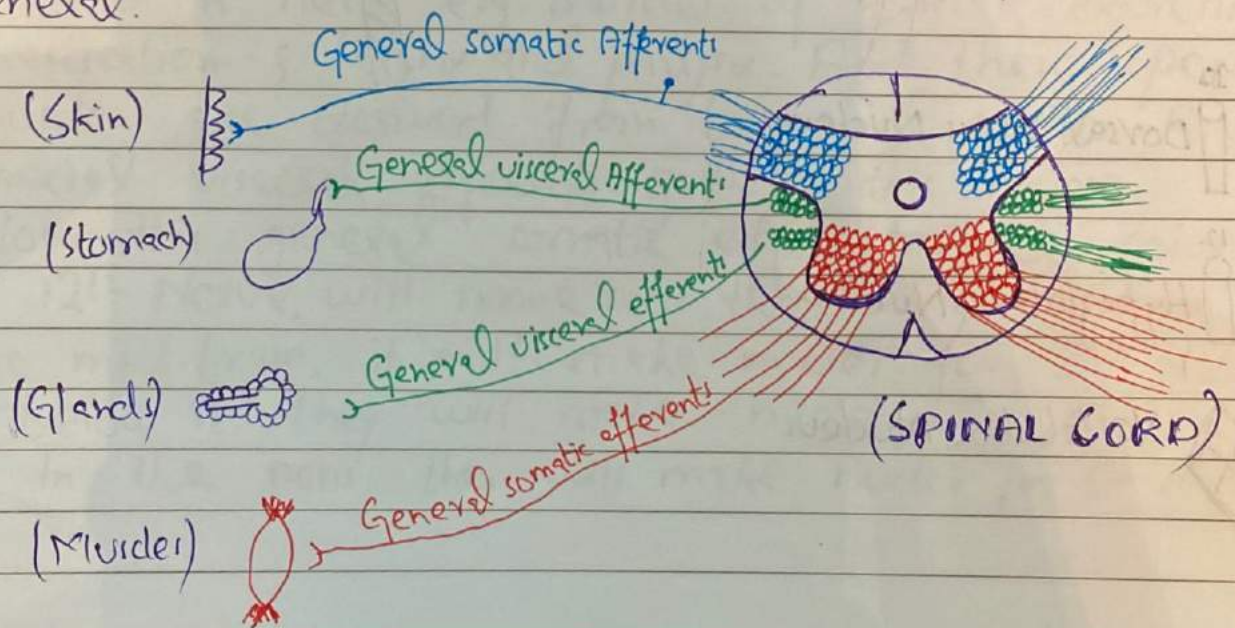
→ The efferent fibres, performing motor activities are of two types:-

- 1) **General somatic efferents**:- which goes to skeleton muscles, i.e. skeleton muscles
- 2) **General visceral efferents**:- which goes to general viscera e.g. smooth muscles.

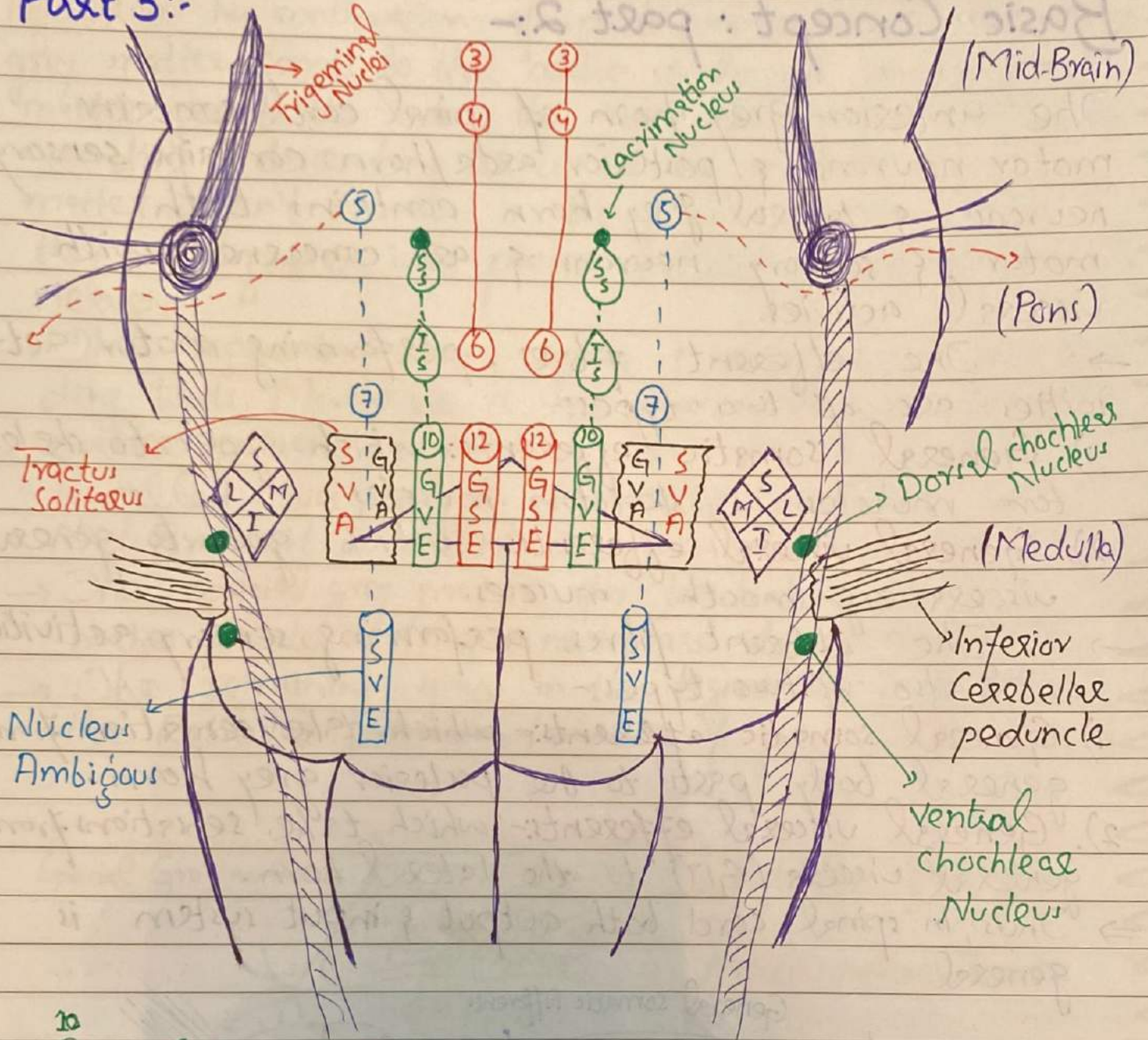
→ The afferent fibres, performing sensory activities are also of two types:-

- 1) **General somatic afferents**:- which take sensation from general body parts to the posterior grey horn.
- 2) **General visceral afferents**:- which take sensations from general viscera (GIT) to the lateral horn.

⇒ Thus, in spinal cord both output & input system is general.



Part 3:-



¹⁰
Dorsal Vagus Nucleus

¹²
Hypoglossal Nucleus

Vestibular Nucleus

- As we know, that in making of brain stem from spinal cord, the motor neurons move to medial side & sensory neurons move to lateral side after opening of spinal canal & the visceral neurons remain between them.
- Thus, in the posterior side of medulla, there is a pair of nuclei (motor nuclei) for the **12th Nerve**. & is concerned with skeleton muscles of tongue. Thus these nuclei are called **hypoglossal nuclei** & general somatic efferents are going through it.
- Little bit lateral to these nuclei on each side of medulla, are the motor nuclei for the **10th Nerve**, which give general visceral efferents to the general viscera (larynx, pharynx, GIT, cardiac muscles) & thus these are called **Dorsal Vagus nuclei**. They also supply the glands.
- Now anterolaterally to these motor nuclei, there is another pair of special motor nuclei, called the **Nucleus Ambiguus** (so called due to its ambiguous location) & is concerned with special musculature of head & neck e.g. muscles of facial expression, mastication & larynx and pharynx. And these special muscles are derived from branchial arches. And special visceral efferents goes to this nucleus.
- Now this general somatic efferent fibres column of 12th Nerve, will move into the pons & mid-brain. In the mid-brain, it will make nuclei for **3rd Nerve** & below it, they will make nuclei for **4th Nerve**. & In the pons, they will make nuclei for **6th Nerve**.

- These nuclei of 3rd, 4th, 6th & 12th Nerve have fibres which are going to skeleton muscles, & they make a column as a whole on the medial side, which is called **General Somatic Efferent Column**.
- Now above the dorsal vagus nuclei, there are 2 pair of nuclei on both side, in the pons. One is called **inferior salivatory nuclei** & the other is the **superior salivatory nuclei**. And the upper part of this superior salivatory nucleus gives fibres for Lacrimation.
- Thus, the dorsal vagus nuclei, salivatory nuclei & Lacrimal nuclei, will make a column, called **General visceral efferent column**.
- The nucleus ambiguus lies in the medulla & on the same line in the pons, the nuclei for the **5th & 7th** nerves lies.

NOTE:-

The nucleus ambiguus also give fibres to 9th, 10th & 11th nerve (cranial part). Thus it means that a single nuclei can give fibres to many nerves & also a single nerve can also be connected to many nuclei. e.g. vagus nerve is connected to both vagus nucleus & nucleus ambiguus.

Sensory Nuclei:-

- Lateral to the dorsal vagus nucleus, there is a nuclei on each side of medulla, called **Tractus solitarius**, which has two parts; The medial part is concerned with **General visceral afferents** & lateral most is concerned with **Special visceral afferents**.
- General visceral afferents takes sensory info from the general viscera e.g. GIT to the tractus solitarius & special visceral afferents takes sensory info from special viscera like tongue to tractus solitarius.
- The **Taste** sensations are carried by 3 nerves i.e. **7th, 9th & 10th** to tractus solitarius.
 - Anterior 2/3 fibres are carried by 7th Nerve
 - Posterior 1/3 fibres are carried by 9th Nerve
 - Posterior most by the 10th Nerve
- Now the **Special somatic afferents** e.g. sense of balance & hearing goes to the **vestibular nucleus & cochlear nuclei** respectively.
- The vestibular nucleus is present lateral to the tractus solitarius. Moreover, there are 2 cochlear nuclei i.e. ventral cochlear nuclei → ventral to inferior cerebellar peduncle & dorsal cochlear nuclei → dorsal to inferior cerebellar peduncle.
- And most lateral to these, there is an area for General somatic afferents i.e. touch, temp, pain sensation. & nuclei for these sensation is called **Trigeminal nucleus**.

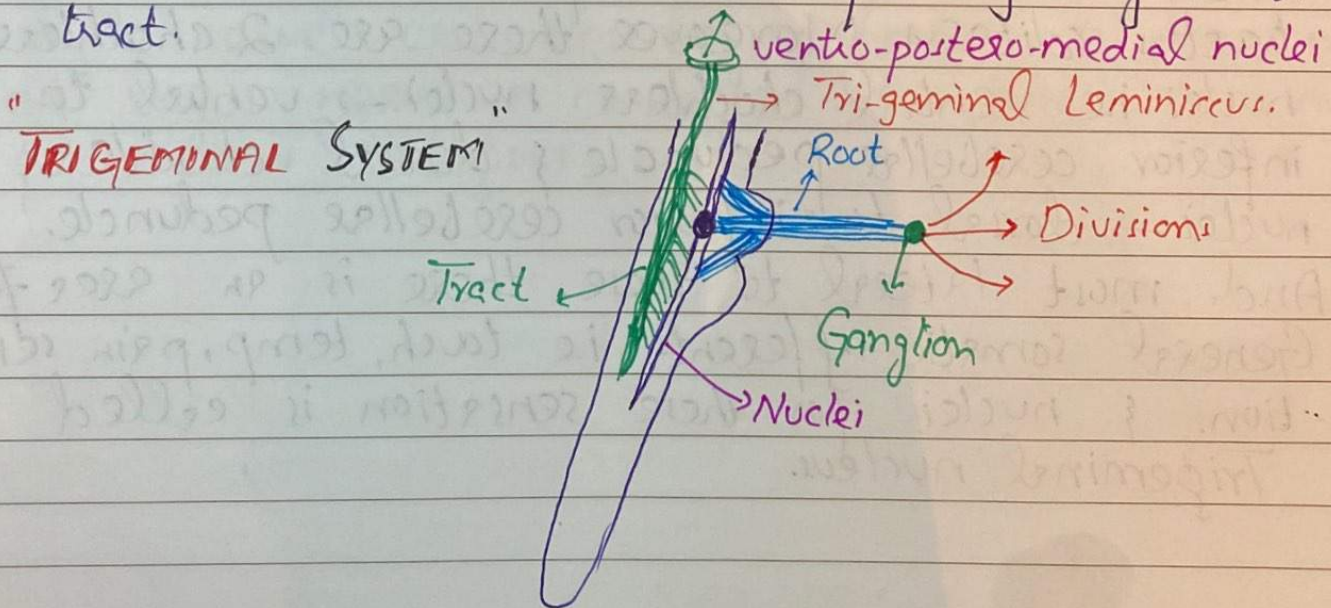
⇒ General & special visceral afferent have no column in the pons or above in mid-brain, and also the special somatic afferents have no column.

• But the general somatic afferents have a column these.

→ The **Trigeminal System** contains:-

- 1- **principle pontine Nucleus** in the pons, fine touch sensation come here.
- 2- **Mesencephalic Nucleus** in the mid-brain, proprioception sensation come here.
- 3- **Spinal Nucleus** which extends upto the cervical part of spinal cord, the pain & temp sensation goes to this area.

⇒ Thus, sensations (touch, temp, pain, proprioception) from the ophthalmic, maxillary & mandibular divisions goes to the trigeminal Ganglion & from there to the trigeminal root & into the trigeminal nuclei. And from the sensations are carried to thalamus by 2nd order neuron & then by the 3rd order neurons to the cortex, thus forming trigeminal tract.

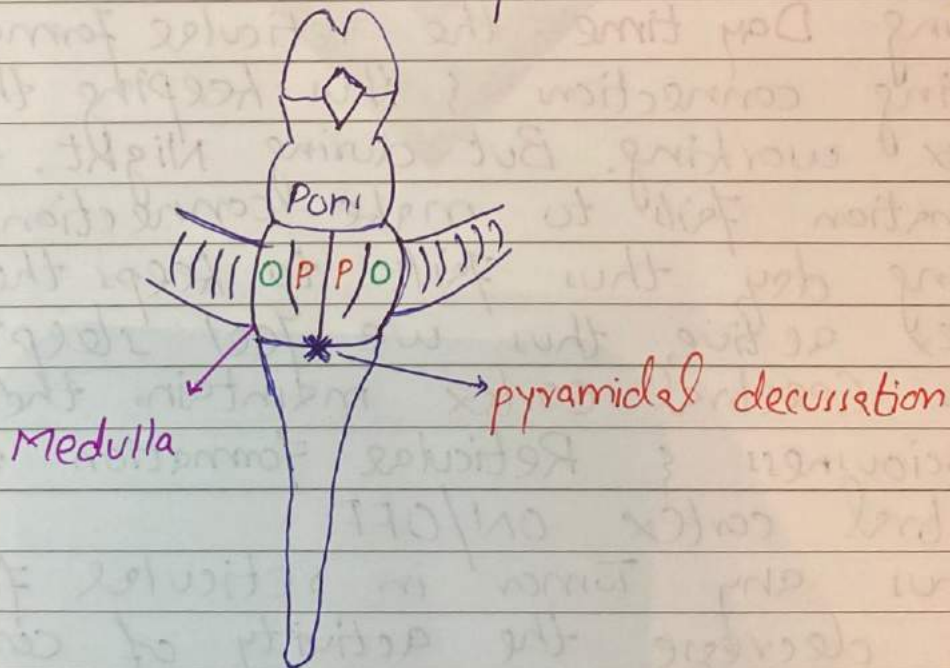


MEDULLA OBLONGATA:-

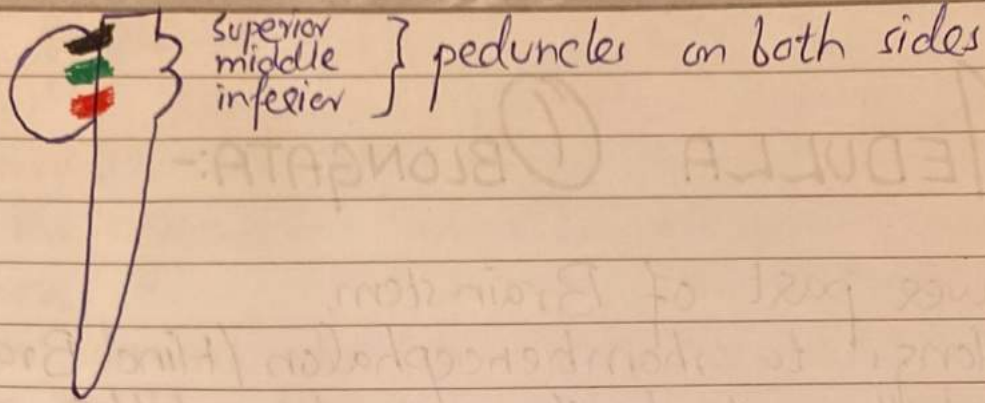
- Lower part of Brain stem.
- Belongs to rhombencephalon (Hind Brain)
- Medulla extends from ponto-medullary sulcus (superiorly) upto pyramidal decussation.

Frontal view:-

It has a central sulcus, medially it has pyramidal swellings on both sides & laterally it has olivary swellings on both sides. And more laterally to the olives, these are inferior cerebellar peduncles.



- Brainstem is connected with cerebellum through 6 peduncles
 - 2 superior cerebellar peduncles
 - 2 middle cerebellar peduncles
 - 2 inferior cerebellar peduncles

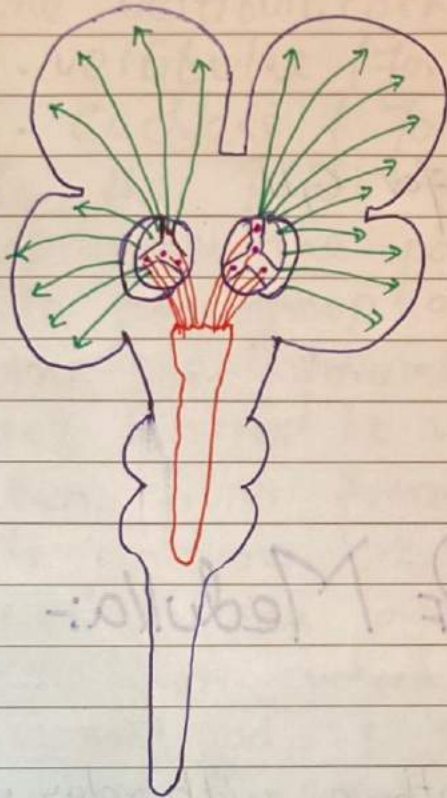


- Reticular formation is situated deep in the center of brainstem & acts as a **ON/OFF** switch for the cerebral cortex. & thus maintaining the conscious level. i.e. ascending fibres from the reticular formation comes to the inter-laminar nuclei of thalamus & from there the fibres goes to the cerebral cortex to activate it. During **Day time**, the reticular formation is making connections & thus keeping the cerebral cortex working. But during **Night**, the reticular formation fails to make connections as it do during day, thus fails to keeps the cerebral cortex active, thus we feel sleepy.
- Thus **Cerebral cortex** maintains the states of consciousness & **Reticular formation** makes the cerebral cortex **ON/OFF**.
- Thus any tumor in reticular formation can decrease the activity of consciousness in cerebral cortex.

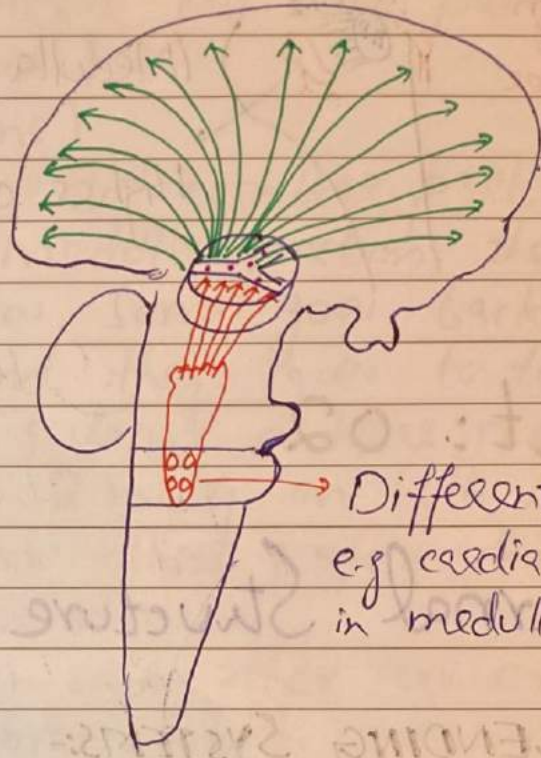
NOTE:-

Medulla is important part of C.N.S because

in its reticular formation, it has cardiac centres, vaso-motor centres, respiratory centres, & gastro intestinal centres.



(Frontal view)



(side view)

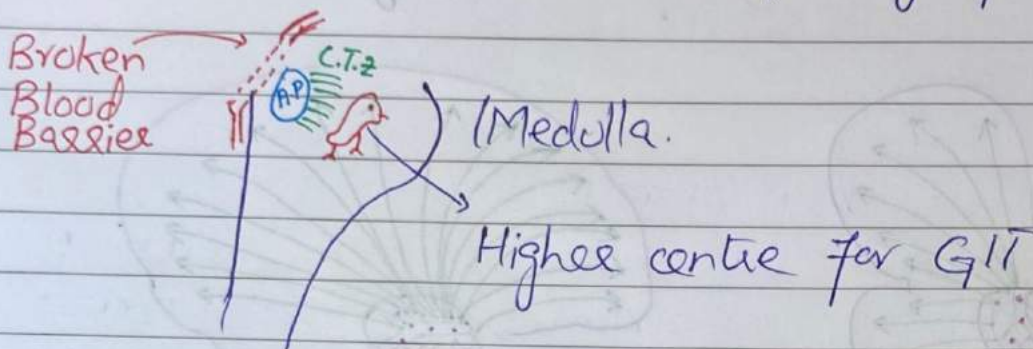
Different centre
e.g cardiac etc.
in medulla.

AREA POSTREMIA:-

Present in the posterior side of medulla oblongata. Just under it, there is chemo-trigger zone & below which there is autonomic centre for GIT.

Area postrema has a broken blood barrier. Thus the chemical substance in blood can influence the neurons present in the area postrema. Thus if any toxic substance comes in the blood, so it stimulates the neurons of Area postrema which again stimulates the chemo-trigger zone & thus it stimulates

autonomic control of GIT, & thus it causes reverse peristalsis. & thus causes the feeling of nausea



Part: 02

Internal Structure of Medulla:-

1) ASCENDING SYSTEMS:-

(Sensory pathway with relay nuclei)

1) Dorsal Column:-

- 1) Fasciculus Gracilis
- 2) Fasciculus Cuneatus
- 3) Nucleus Gracilis
- 4) Nucleus Cuneatus
- 5) Internal Arcuate fibres
- 6) Medial Lemniscus

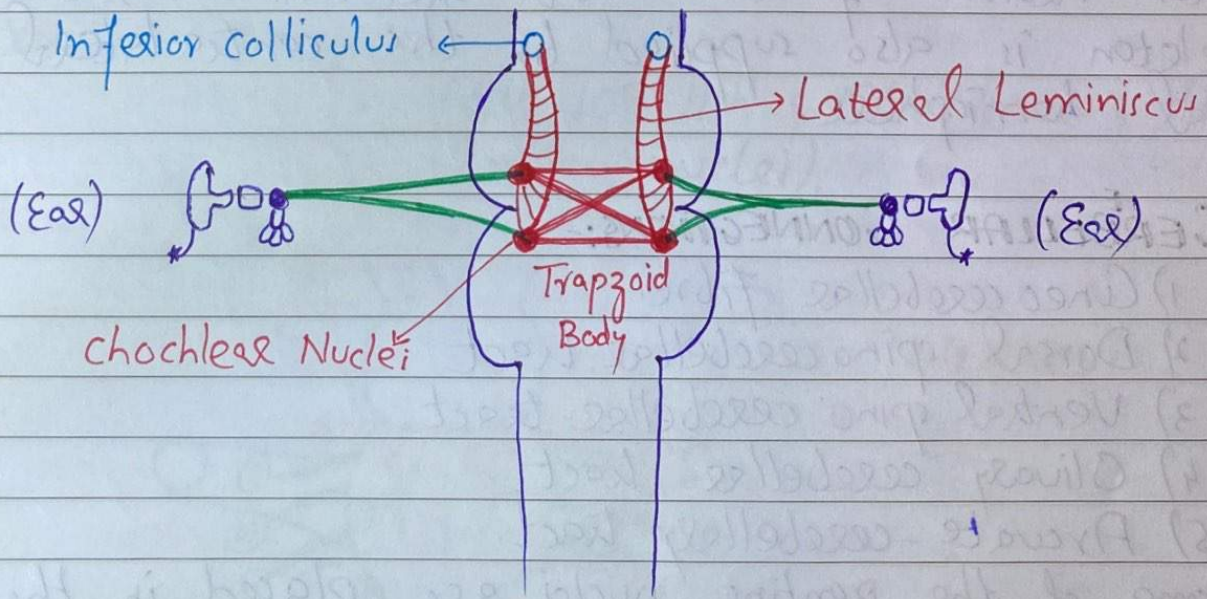
2) Antero-Lateral column:-

- 1) Lateral spinothalamic tract (pain & temp)
- 2) Anterior spinothalamic tract (crude touch)
- 3) Spinotectal tract (spino-visual & spino-auditory reflex)
- 4) Spinal Lemniscus

NOTE:-

What is Lateral Lemniscus?

- The vestibulocochlear nerve has two parts i.e.
 - vestibular (for balance)
 - Cochlear (for hearing)
- So, the fibres from the cochlear part, as they approach the pons & medulla junction, they divide into two groups of fibres. Some go backward & some go forward. And they go to the cochlear nuclei, i.e. ventral & dorsal cochlear nuclei.
- Then, fibres from these 2 nuclei on both sides of the junction cross each other & after that they go to the inferior colliculus.
- The fibres which cross each other are called **Trapezoid body** & the fibres which go up are called **Lateral Lemniscus**.



→ Thus, lateral lemniscus is not present in any portion of medulla. It is only present in pons & lower part of mid-brain.

2) DESCENDING SYSTEM:-

(Motor pathways)

- 1) Cortico-spinal fibres
- 2) medullary pyramids (anterior swelling)
- 3) lateral cortico-spinal tract (crossed fibres - 90%)
- 4) Anterior cortico-spinal tract (uncrossed fibres - 10%)

- Lateral cortico-spinal tract decussation occurs in the lower part of medulla & they supplies the limbs through lower motor neurons. Thus each limb is supplied by contralateral cerebral hemisphere.
- Anterior cortico-spinal tract decussation occurs just in the spinal cord before they supplies the lower motor neurons of the axial skeleton. Thus, the axial skeleton is also supplied by the contralateral cerebral hemisphere.

3) CEREBELLAR CONNECTIONS:-

- 1) Cuneocerebellar fibre
 - 2) Dorsal spino cerebellar tract
 - 3) Ventral spino cerebellar tract
 - 4) Olivary cerebellar tract
 - 5) Arcuate-cerebellar tract
- Some of the pontine nuclei are placed in the medulla in front of pyramids & are called

arcuate nuclei & they make arcuate-cerebellar tract.

6). Reticular-cerebellar pathway

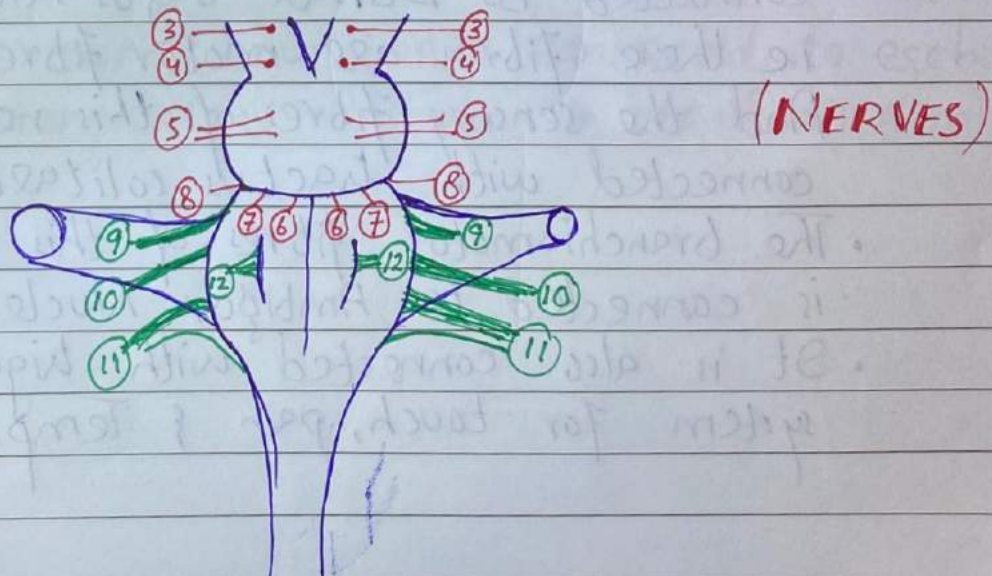
CENTRAL TEGMENTAL PATHWAY:-

→ Following pathways or fibres pass through central tegmental pathway:-

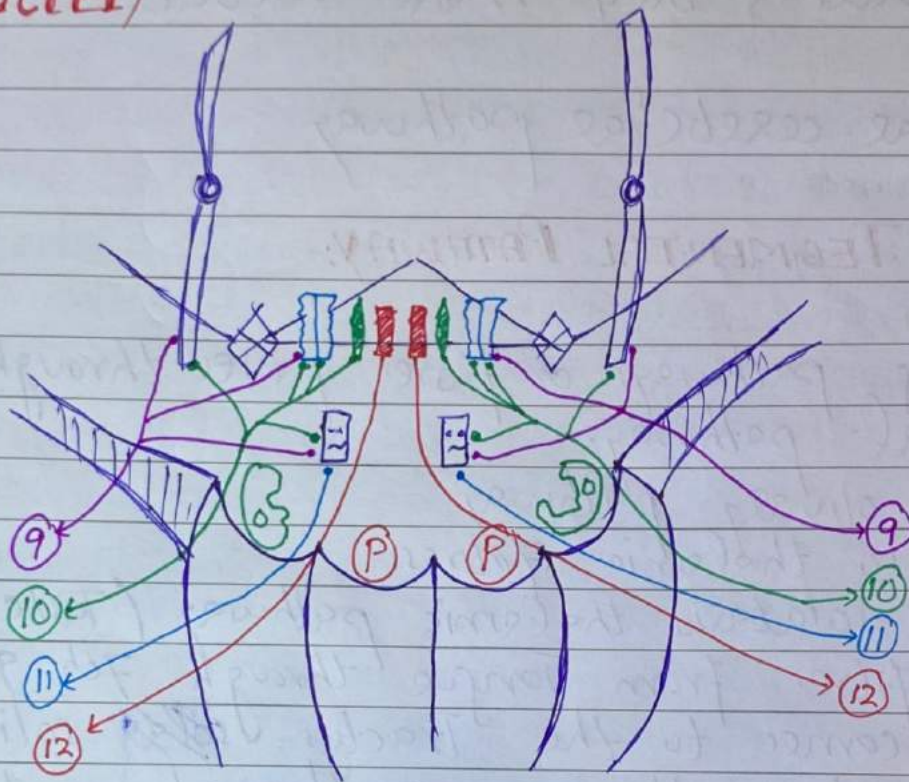
- i- Rubro-olivary pathway
- ii- Reticulo-thalamic fibres
- iii- Tracto-solitario-thalamic pathway (Taste pathway)
 when fibres from Tongue through 7th, 9th & 10th nerve come to the Tractus solitarius nucleus then they move through central tegmental pathway to the medial part of ventro-posterior nuclei or simply ventro-posterior medial nucleus of the thalamus.

4 - CRANIAL NERVES:-

(9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Nerve & their relay nuclei).



(NUCLEI)



12TH Nerve:- connected to hypoglossal nucleus.

10th Nerve:- parasympathetic fibres of this nerve is connected to Dorsal vagus Nerve. i.e these fibres are motor fibres.

- And the sensory fibres of this nerve is connected with tractus solitarius nucleus.
- The branchiomotor fibres of this nerve is connected to Ambiguous Nucleus.
- It is also connected with trigeminal system for touch, pain & Temp.

So,

10th Nerve is connected with;

- 1) Dorsal Vagus Nucleus
- 2) Tractus Solitarius Nucleus
- 3) Ambiguous Nucleus
- 4) Trigeminal System/Nuclei

• 9th (Vagus Nerve) is also connected with External Ear.

9th Nerve:-

- Brachiomotor fibres of this nerve is connected with nucleus ambiguous.
- Touch, pain, temperature fibres are connected with nucleus system of Trigeminal.
- This Nerve also brings taste fibres from posterior 1/3rd to nucleus Tractus solitarius.

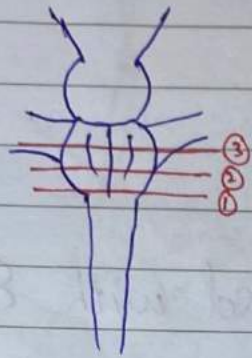
11th Nerve:-

- Cranial part of 11th Nerve is also connected to nucleus ambiguous.

NOTE:-

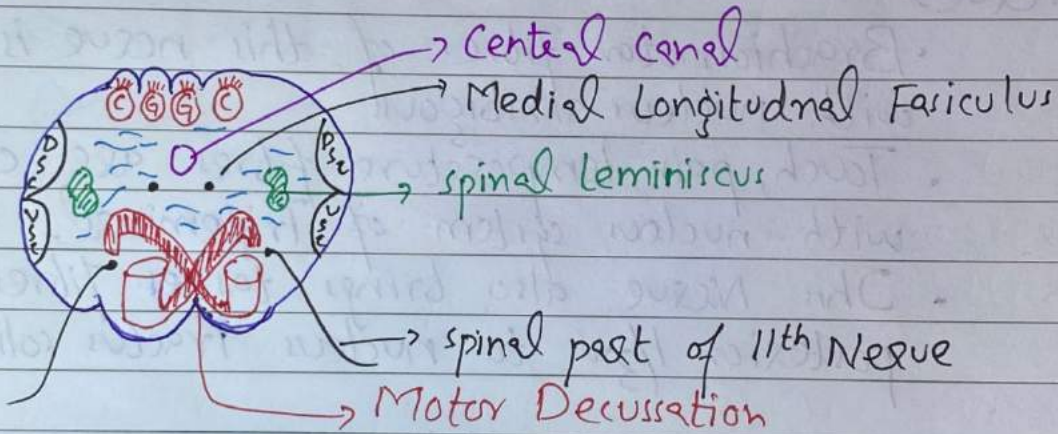
The cranial nuclei are connected to each other ^{through} ↑
Medial Longitudinal Fasciculus in the Brainstem.

SECTIONS OF MEDULLA:-



- ① Level at motor decussation
- ② Level at sensory decussation
- ③ Mid-olivary level.

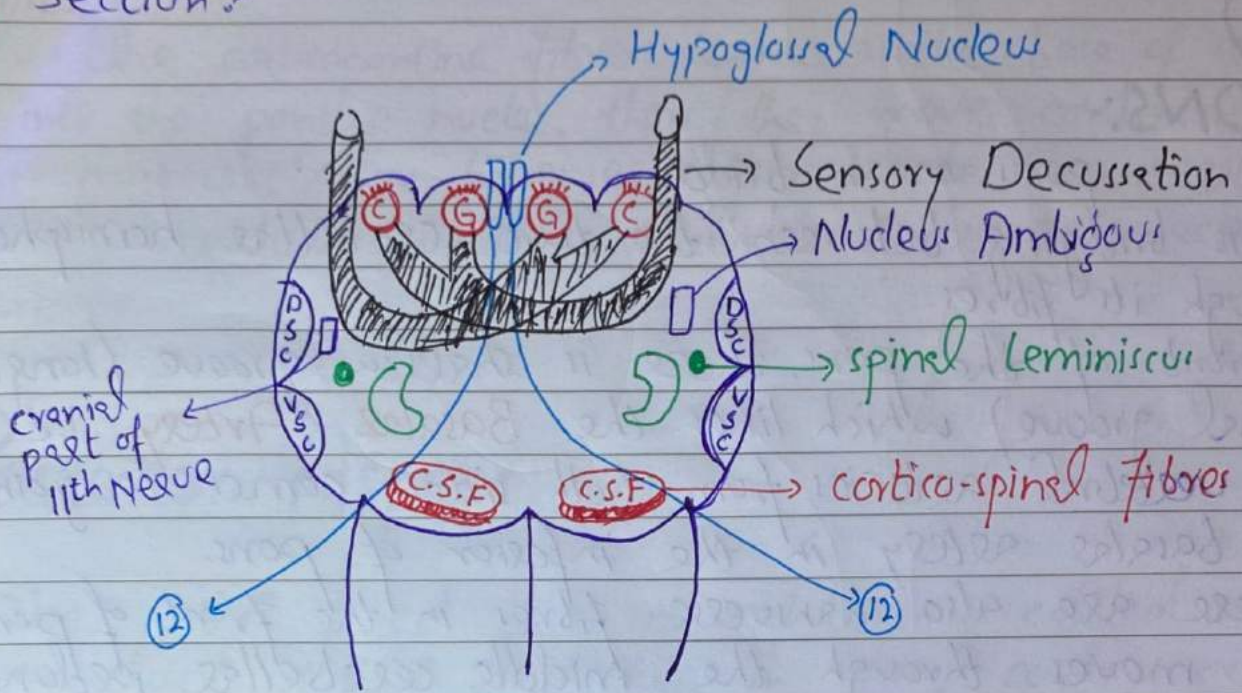
① Section



- DSC :- Dorsal spinal cerebellar tract
- VSC :- Ventral spinal cerebellar tract.
- ~ ~ ~ :- shows reticular formation.

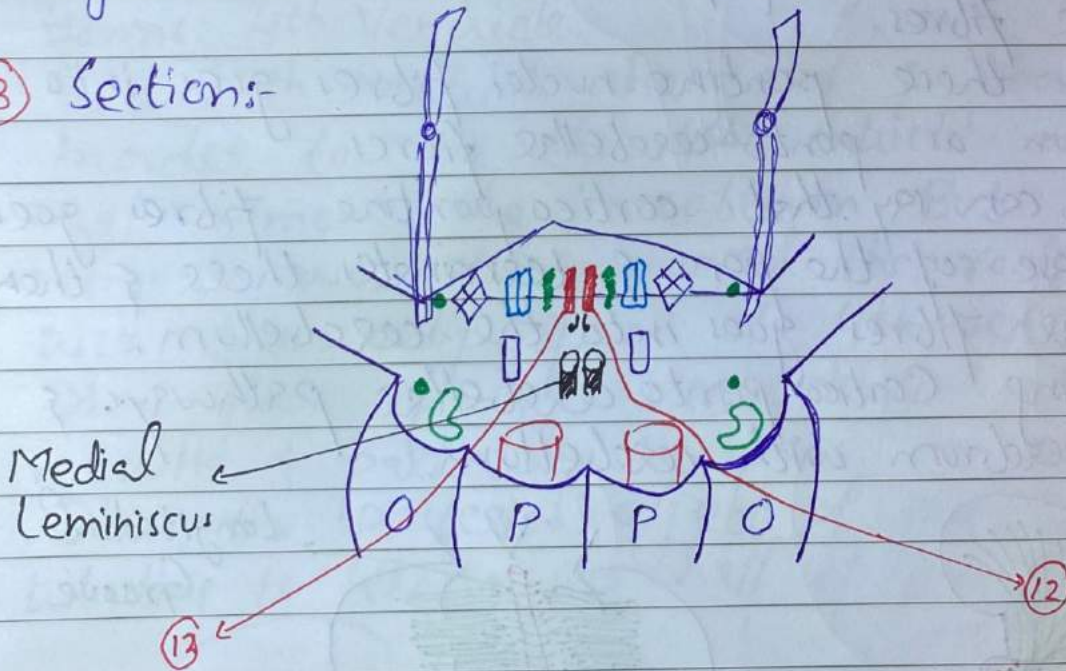
• In lower part of medulla, central canal is closed but in upper part, it opens into 4th ventricle

② Section:-



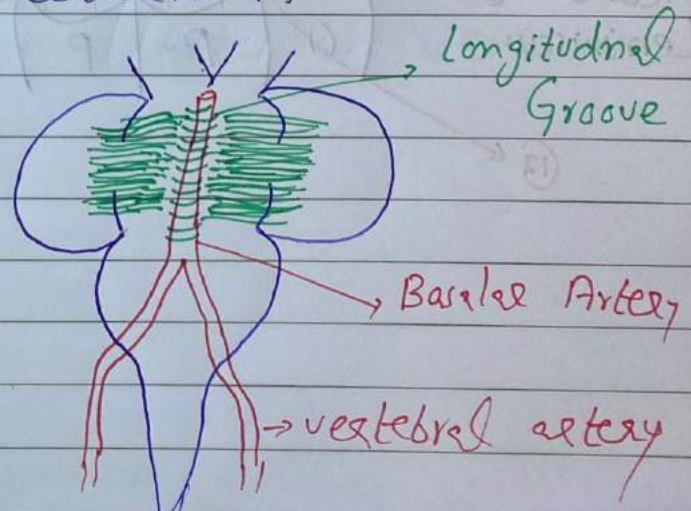
• Other fibres from nucleus ambiguus will come out at higher level.

③ Section:-



PONS:-

- pons mean bridge
- It is bridging between the two cerebellar hemispheres through its fibres.
- In front of the pons, there is shallow groove (longitudinal groove) which lines the **Basilar Artery**. i.e. the vertebral arteries from both sides come to join the basilar artery in the inferior of pons.
- There are also transverse fibres in the front of pons which moves through the middle cerebellar peduncle into the cerebellum.
- Actually, lots of fibres are coming from the cerebrum into the pontine nuclei of pons & they are called cortico-pontine fibres.
- And from these pontine-nuclei fibres goes into the cerebellum as ponto-cerebellar fibres.
- Simply, we can say that cortico-pontine fibres goes into the base of the pons & terminates there & then ponto-cerebellar fibres goes into the cerebellum.
- Thus forming Cortico-ponto-cerebellar pathways & connecting cerebrum with cerebellum.

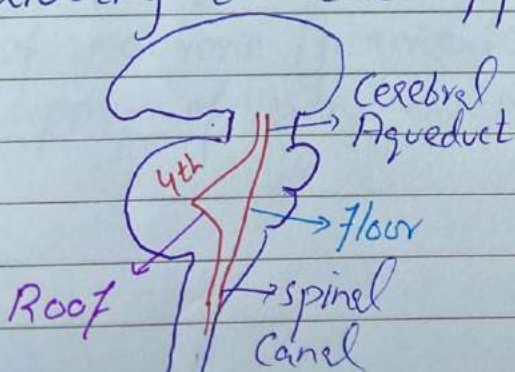


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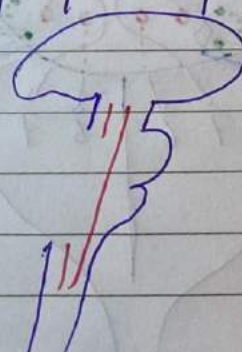
The corticopontine fibres come to the base of pons & into the pontine nuclei, then they move contralaterally as pontocerebellar (Transverse fibres) into the cerebellum through middle cerebellar peduncle. & thus pons acts as a bridge.

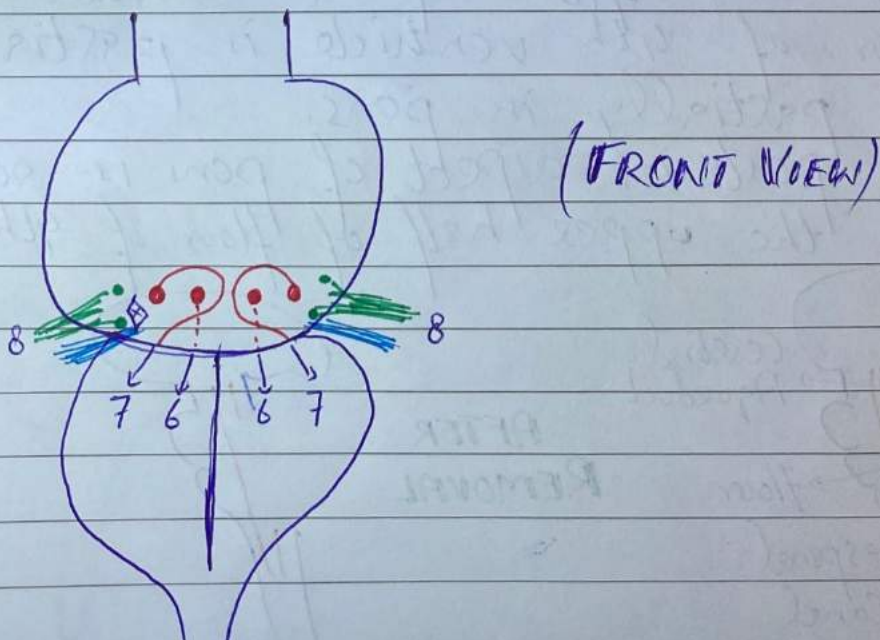
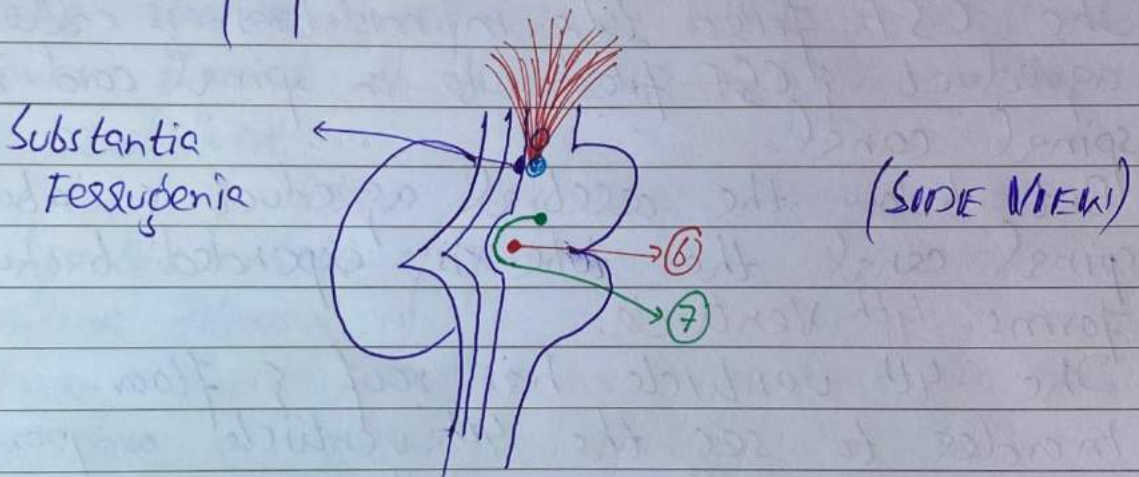
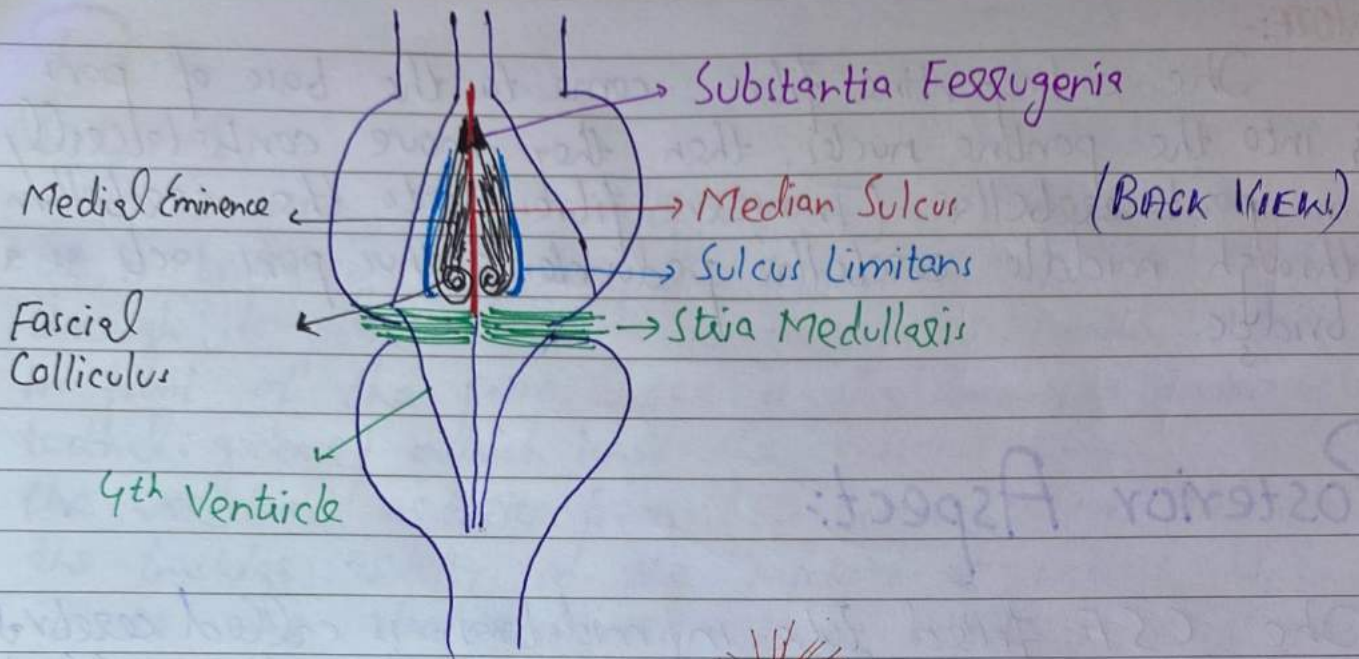
Posterior Aspect:

- The C.S.F. filled tube in mid-brain is called cerebral aqueduct & C.S.F. filled tube in spinal cord is called spinal canal.
- But below the cerebral aqueduct & above the spinal canal the tube is expanded backward & forms **4th Ventricle**.
- The 4th ventricle has roof & floor.
- In order to see the 4th ventricle or pons, we must remove the cerebellum. But during its removal we also removed the roof of 4th ventricle thus only floor of 4th ventricle is left.
- The floor of 4th ventricle is partially in medulla & partially in pons.
- Thus, the posterior aspect of pons is actually contributing to the upper half of floor of 4th ventricle.



AFTER REMOVAL

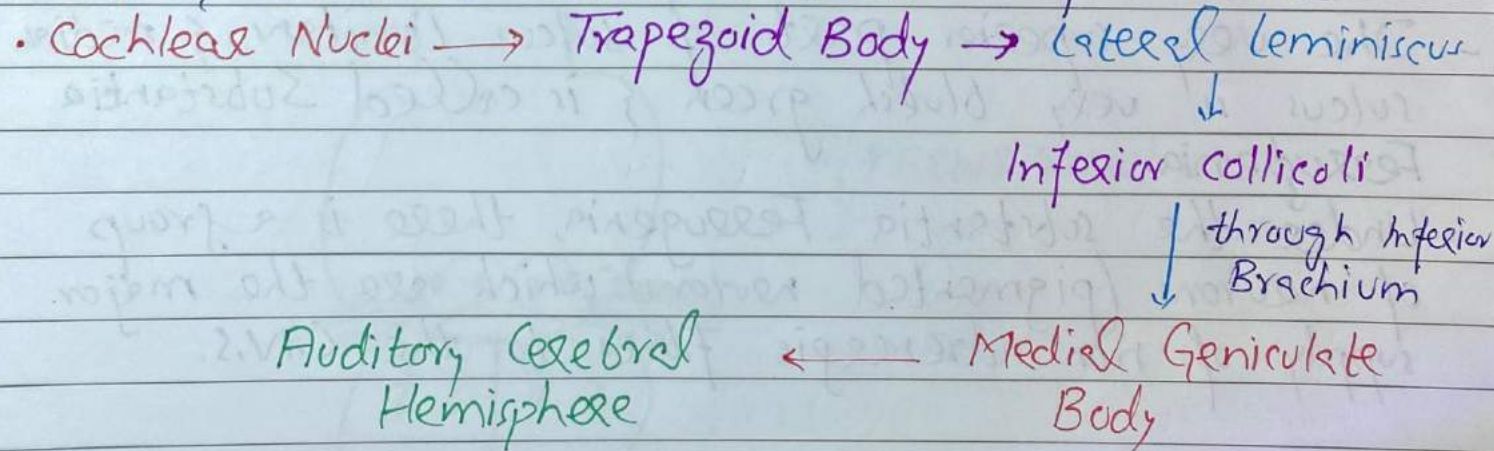


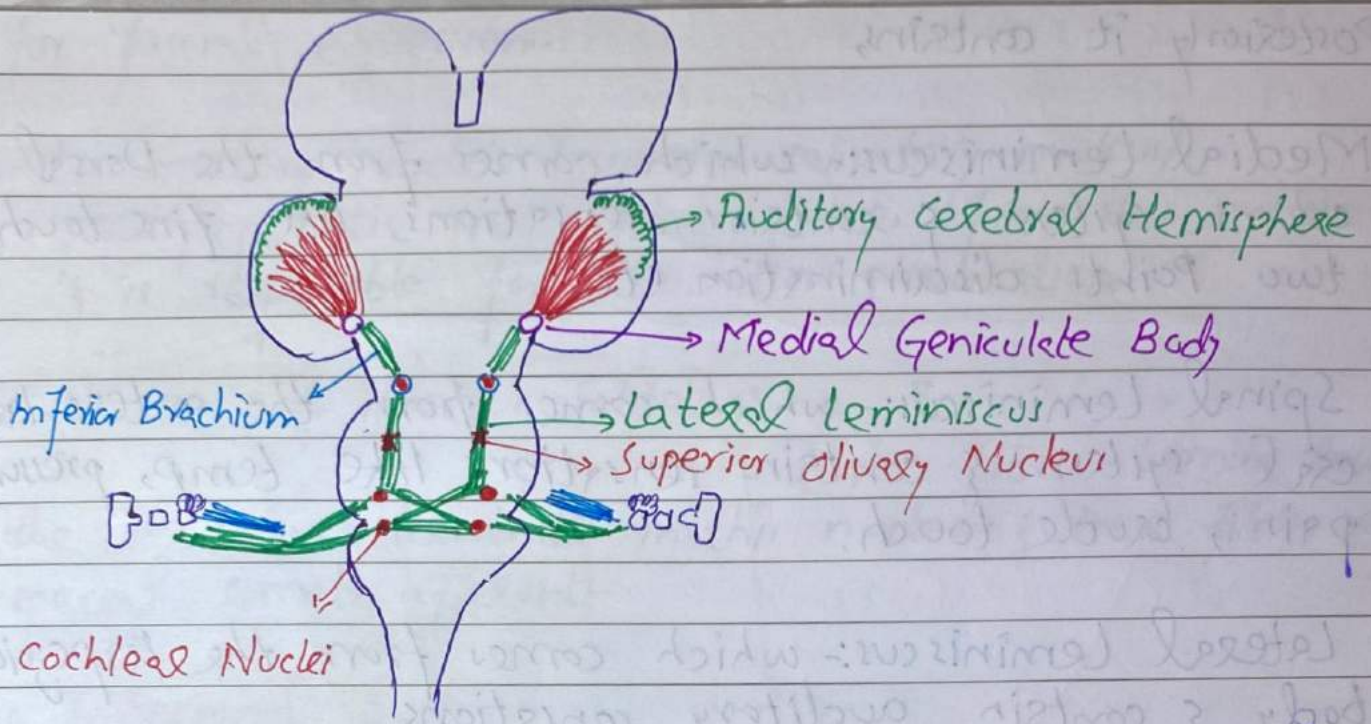


- In the floor of 4th ventricle, there is longitudinal depression, called **Median Sulcus**.
- Above, the **Stria medullaris** the floor of 4th ventricle is contributed by the pons.
- There are longitudinal elevation on both sides of the median sulcus & it becomes swollen when it comes down.
- These swollen part is actually form by the internal genu (turn) of 7th (Fascial) Nerve i.e. The 7th nerve while encircling the 8th Nerve nucleus, produces elevation in the floor of 4th ventricle.
- So this swelling is called **Fascial colliculus**.
- On the lateral side of these elevations & swelling, there is another sulcus called **Sulcus Limitans**.
- Actually, these longitudinal elevation, lateral to the median sulcus, are called **Medial eminence**, & when this medial eminence comes down, the form **fascial colliculus**.
- And more laterally, there is vestibule area for vestibular nuclei.
- The very superior part of sulcus limitans & median sulcus is very bluish green & is called **Substantia Ferruginea**.
- Under the substantia Ferruginea, there is a group of neurons (pigmented neurons) which are the major supply of non-adrenergic fibres to the C.N.S.

Part 02:-

- Anterior to the trapezoid body, there is base & posterior to trapezoid body, there is tegmentum of the pons.
- **Trapezoid body** is mainly made up of contra laterally moving criss crossed fibres derived mainly from ventral cochlear nuclei.
- Then from trapezoid body, lateral Lemniscus takes the information through the pons & terminate into the inferior colliculi of the mid-Brain.
- Then from inferior colliculi, next order neuron called the **Inferior Brachium** takes the info into the medial geniculate body.
- Then from the medial Geniculate body, it goes into auditory cortex in temporal lobe as auditory radiations.
- There are also some nuclei present in the trapezoid body, they are called nuclei of trapezoid body.
- There is also a nucleus present in the lateral lemniscus, called superior olivary nucleus. Some fibres terminate here & the next neuron order ascends from here.





BASE OF THE PONS:-

Anteriorly it contains,

- 1) Corticopontine fibres, which comes from the cortex to the pontine nuclei of the pons & the from these pontocerebellar fibres form the middle cerebellar peduncles.
- 2) Corticonuclear fibres, which comes from the cortex & move through the pontine nuclei & terminates into the motor nuclei in the brainstem.
- 3) Corticospinal fibres, which comes from the cortex & move to the spinal cord more specifically to its anterior horn.

- Posteriorly it contains

- 1) **Medial Lemniscus**:- which comes from the Dorsal column system & contains sensations, like, fine touch, two points discrimination etc.
- 2) **Spinal Lemniscus**:- which comes from the antero-lateral system & contains sensations like temp, pressure, pain, crude touch.
- 3) **Lateral Lemniscus**:- which comes from the trapezoid body & contains auditory sensations.
- 4) **Ventral spinal cerebellar fibres**:- which comes from the spinal cord into the superior cerebellar peduncles.

TEGMENTUM OF THE PONS:-

1) **Abducent (6th) Nerve**:- comes out from the abducent nuclei present in the back of pons & then exits anteriorly on the medial side of the pontomedullary junction.

2) **Facial (7th) Nerve**:-

Fibres of this nerve is connected to so many nuclei for different sensory & motor functions:-

i- **Brachiomotor Nuclei**:- Special visceral efferent fibres comes from this nucleus. First, they move posteriorly around the 6th Nerve nucleus & then exits anteriorly just laterally to the 6th Nerve. They are responsible

for fascial expressions.

ii- **Lacrimary Nuclei**:- (superior salivatory nucleus)
parasympathetic motor fibres come from this nucleus
& is responsible for lacrimation & salivation.

iii- **Nucleus of Tractus Solitarius**:-

Taste fibres coming through the 7th Nerve terminates in this nucleus. & these fibres are special somatic afferents.

iv. **Trigeminal System**:-

The touch, pain, temperature sensations coming from external eye goes to trigeminal system, more specifically to its spinal nucleus.

3). **Vestibulo cochlear (8th) Nerve**:-

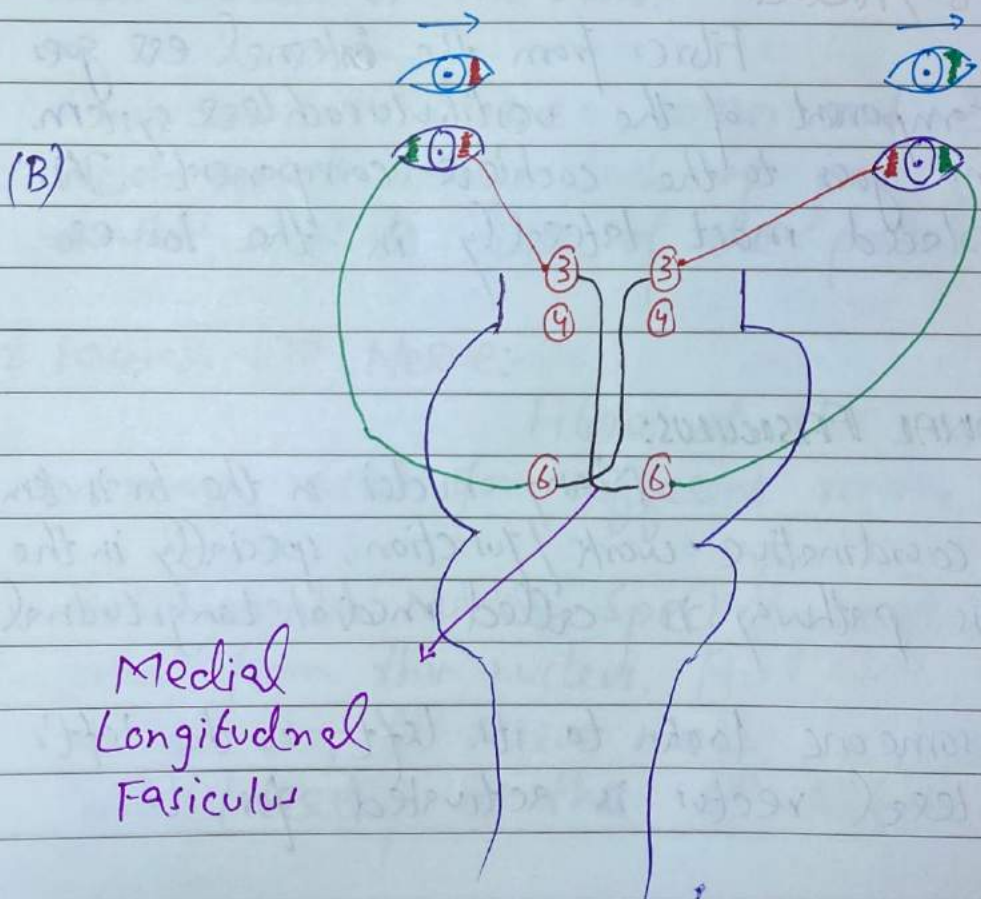
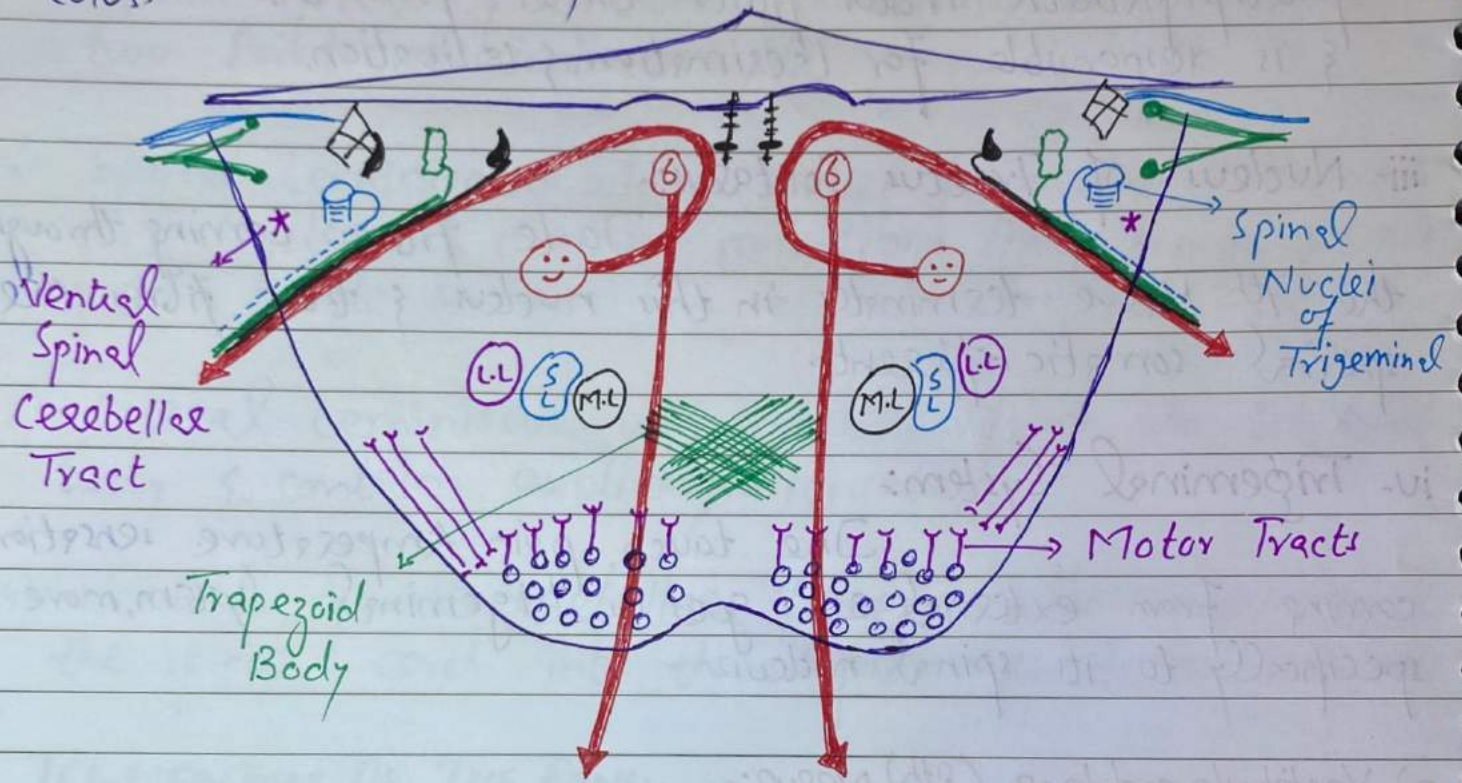
Fibres from the internal eye goes to the vestibular component of the vestibulo cochlear system. And other sensations goes to the cochlear component. This nuclei system is placed most laterally in the lower pontine area.

MEDIAL LONGITUDINAL FASCICULUS:-

Many nuclei in the brainstem are connected for coordinative work/function, specially in the head & neck & this pathway is called medial longitudinal fasciculus.

- For example, if someone looks to its left, so the left's eye muscle i.e lateral rectus is activated for its abduction.

On the same time, medial rectus muscle of right eye is activated for its adduction. This whole cooperative work is done by the medial longitudinal fasciculus.



MID-BRAIN:-

Different terms related Mid-Brain;

- **Crus Cerebri:-** Longitudinal column present in front of the mid-brain are called crus cerebri & there is a depression between them called **Inteepeduncular fossa**.
- This crus cerebri also forms the **Base** of the mid Brain.
- **Cerebral Aqueduct:-** C.S.F Filled cavity present in the back of the mid-brain.
- **Tectum:-** Structure posterior to the cerebral aqueduct is called tectum. It consists of the **superior & inferior colliculi**.
- **Tegmentum:-** Structure present between the cerebral aqueduct & the **substantia nigra**.
- **Substantia Nigra:-** Substance present in the mid-brain which separates tegmentum from the crus cerebri or the base.

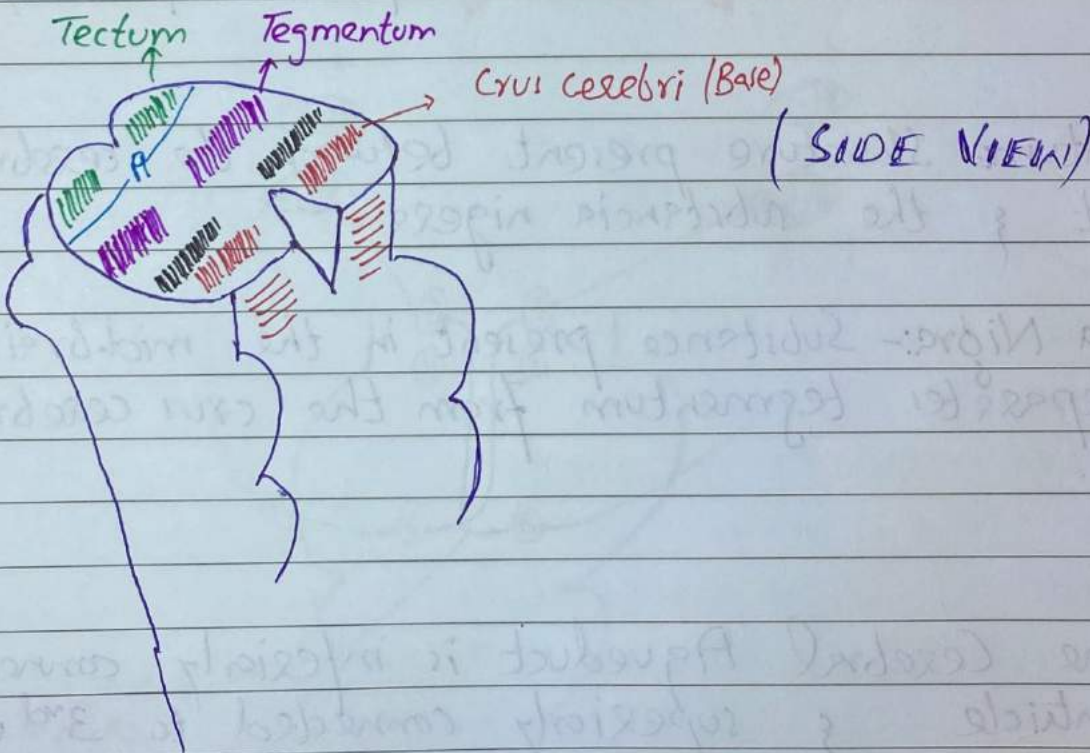
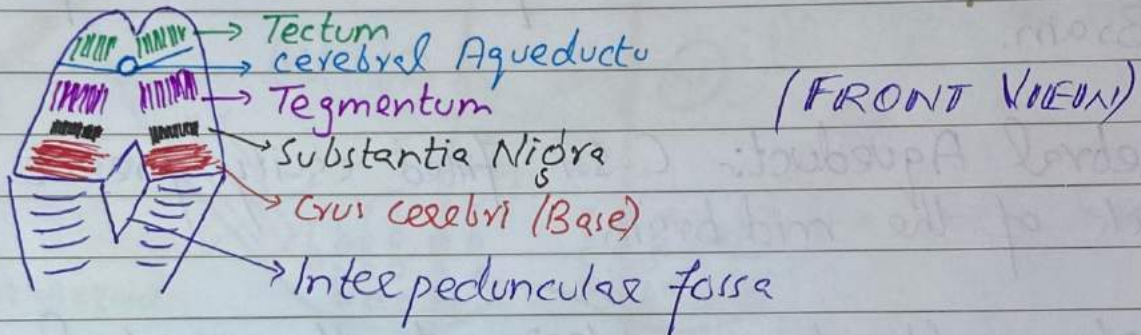
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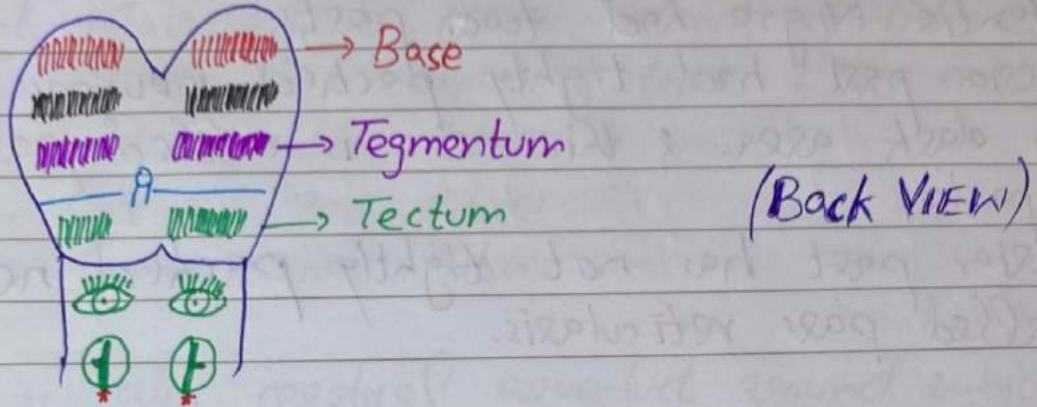
The Cerebral Aqueduct is inferiorly connected to 4th ventricle & superiorly connected to 3rd ventricle.

Cerebral Peduncles:- It connects the mid brain with the cerebral hemispheres. & there are right & left cerebral peduncles. Each cerebral peduncle consists of the base, tegmentum & the tectum.

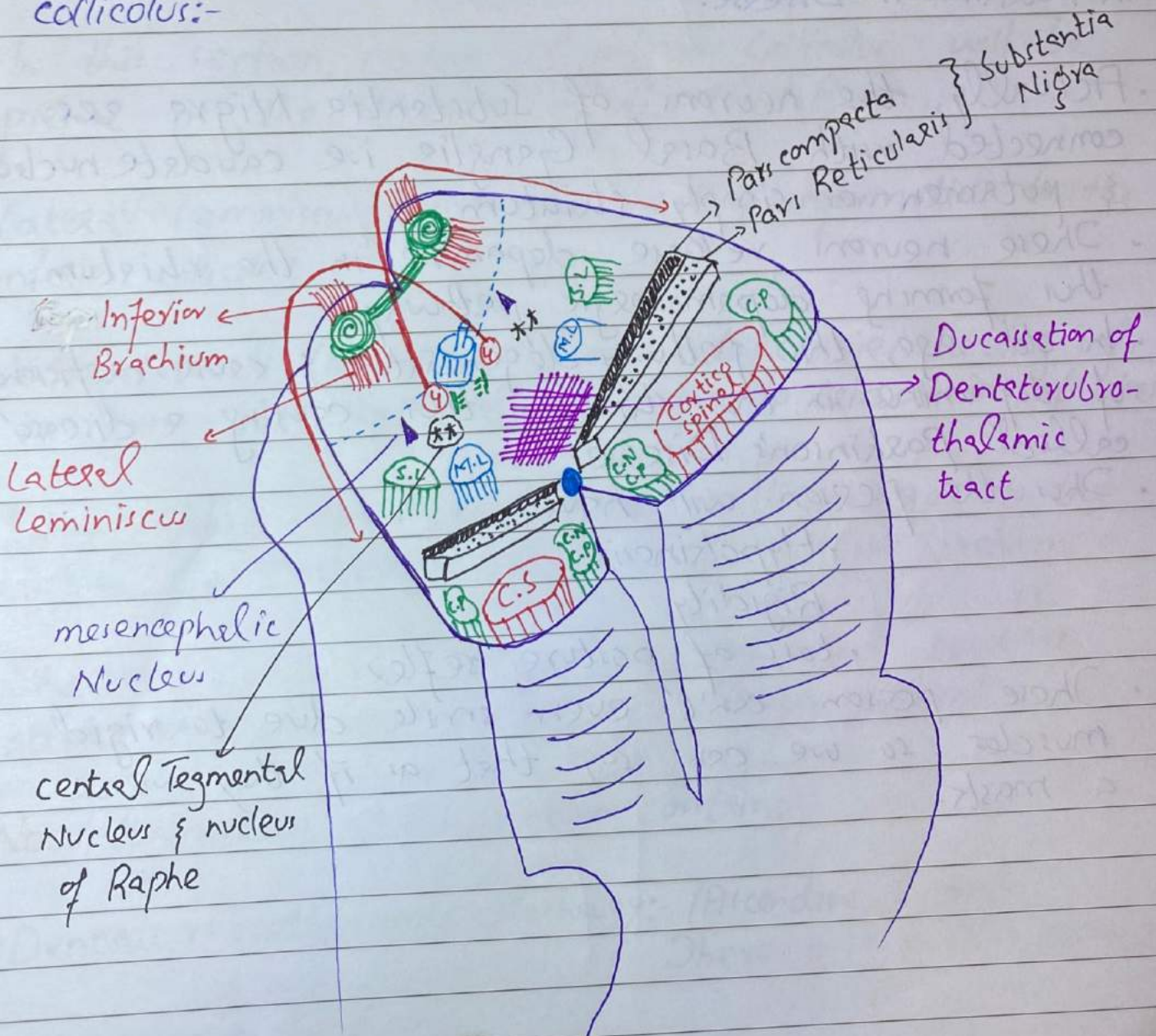
NOTE:

superior colliculi → visual reflex
 inferior colliculi → hearing reflex





⇒ Now Section of Mid-Brain at the level of inferior colliculus:-



→ Substantia Nigra has two parts:-

- Posterior part had tightly packed neurons & is very dark area. & this area is called **pars compacta**.
- Anterior part has not tightly packed neurons & is called **pars reticulata**.

⇒ Substantia Nigra has concerned with important motor system, so if it is damaged, so it results in **Parkinson's Disease**.

- Actually, the neurons of Substantia Nigra are connected with Basal Ganglia i.e. caudate nucleus & putamen or simply striatum.
- These neurons release dopamine in the striatum thus forming dopaminergic pathway.
- In old age, this pathway degenerates & cause deficiency of dopamine in the striatum thus causing a disease called **Parkinson's Disease**.
- Thus the person will have:
 - Hypokinesia
 - Rigidity
 - Loss of posture reflex
- These person can't even smile due to rigid muscles, so we can say that as if they were a mask.

- Different **Motor** fibres move in front of the substantia nigra i.e. in the **cerebrum** & these fibres are:
 - Corticopontine fibres
 - Corticonuclear fibres
 - Corticospinal fibres

- There is also cerebral aqueduct around which grey matter is present called **periaqueductal Grey matter**.

- In this section, nucleus of **inferior Colliculus** will be present in the **tectum** of the Mid-Brain.

- **Lateral Lemniscus** brings the hearing information to the inferior colliculus.

NOTE: Lateral Lemniscus of one side carries hearing info from both external ears. due to **crossing** of fibres.

- Then fibres from the inferior colliculus go to the **medial Geniculate body** through the **inferior brachium**.

- The two inferior colliculi are connected to each other through **commissure of inferior colliculi**.

Now, tegmentum of this section contains;

1) **Dentatorubrothalamic Pathway:-** (Ascending System)

There is a nucleus present

in the cerebellum called Dentate nucleus. Fibres from this nucleus goes into the red nucleus & then into the thalamus, thus forming this pathway.

- Crossing of these fibres occurs at the level of inferior colliculus. & these red nucleus is present at superior colliculus.

2) Medial Lemniscus:-

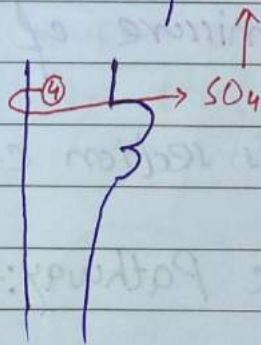
Also seen at this level, which comes from dorsal column of spinal cord.

3) Spinal Lemniscus:-

Also seen in this section, which comes from anterolateral column of the spinal cord.

4) 4th Cranial Nerve Nuclei:- (Trochlear Nerve)

- Nuclei for the 4th Nerve are present near the periaqueductal grey matter area.
- Fibres from this nerve move posteriorly & then cross (decussate) to opposite side & then move laterally & the eventually move anteriorly in the mid-brain.
- This nerve supplies the superior oblique muscle.



NOTE:-

4th Nerve is the only nerve which exits at the Back of the C.N.S.

5) Medial Longitudinal Fasciculus:-

It is also present in this section.

6) Mesencephalic Nucleus of trigeminal System:-

It is also present in this section of mid-brain.

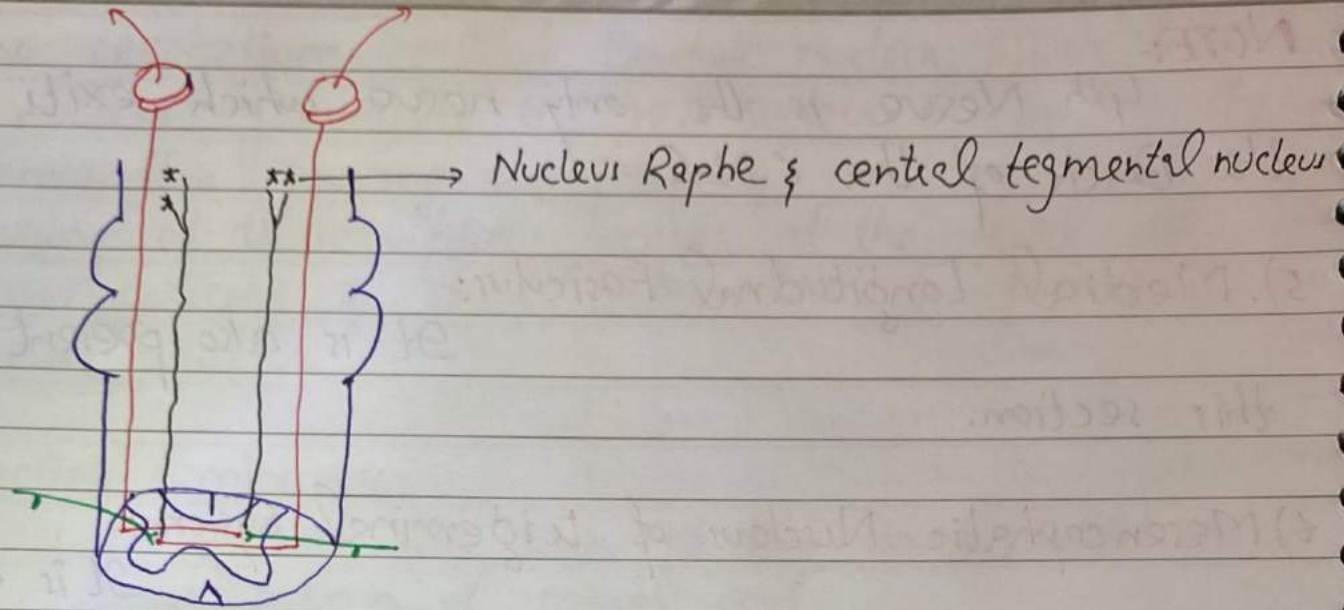
7) Central Tegmentum Nuclei & Nucleus Raphae:-

Actually the pain comes in the lateral spinothalamic tract. But before this the first order neurons terminate in the lateral grey horn & from these 2nd order neurons take the pain information & move contralaterally & then ascend as lateral spinothalamic tract.

- So fibres from the central tegmental Nuclei & Nucleus raphe comes & terminates at the position at which the 1st order neurons of pain pathway enters the spinal cord (grey matter). So they can decrease the pain or simply modulate it.

- They Release morphine like substance here. & nucleus raphe releases serotonin.

- So these are the descending pathways, modulated the pain transmission.



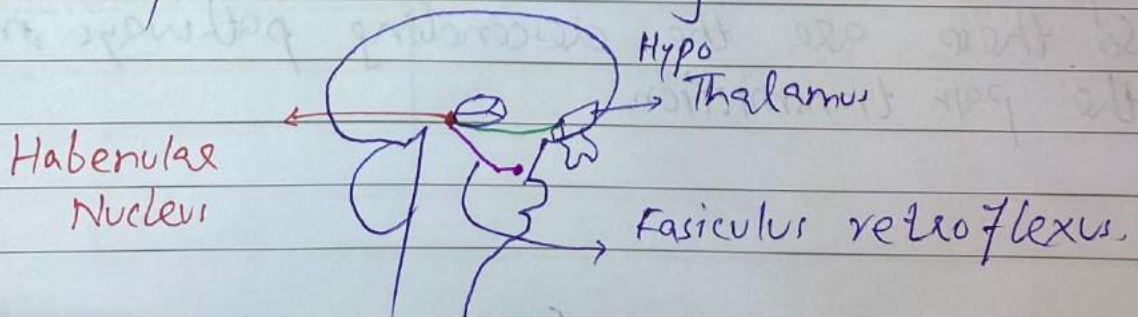
⇒ These nuclei & some other nuclei in the periaqueductal grey matter, when they are activated, then pain can be modulated.

- Certain psychological factors activate these pathways & ~~some~~ ^{we} feel less pain.

* Interpeduncular Nucleus:-

From Hypothalamus special connections comes to the habenular nucleus of the thalamus & from there other fibres comes to the interpeduncular Nucleus. & this connection b/w the thalamus & habenular nucleus & interpeduncular nucleus is called habenulo-interpeduncular tract or fasciculus retroflexus.

• This pathway controls the eating behaviour.



• Central Tegmental Tract:-

It is a bundle of fibres which are moving up & down.

- The upgoing fibres connect the reticular formation with the thalamus.
- The down going fibres connect the red nucleus with the olivary nucleus.

Now, SECTION at the level of superior colliculus;

1) Base:-

Contains:-

- corticospinal fibres
- corticonuclear fibres
- corticopontine fibres
- Substantia Nigra is also present.

2) Tegmentum:-

contains:-

- Red nucleus
- Medial Lemniscus
- Spinal Lemniscus
- 3rd Nerve Nucleus
- Edinger Westphal Nucleus
- Central tegmental tract
- Mesencephalic nucleus of Trigeminal system

3) Tectum:-

contains

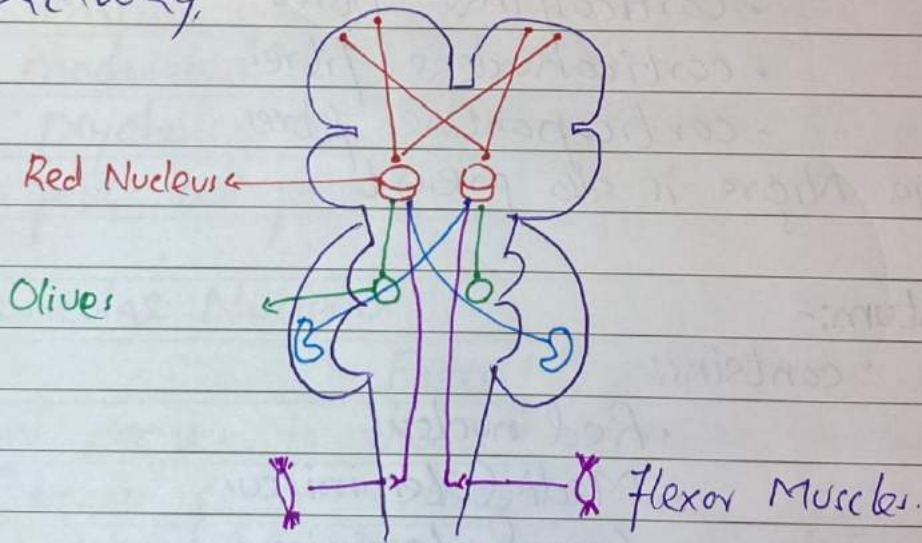
- superior colliculus

- Superior Brachium
- pre-Tectal Nucleus
- Commissure b/w superior colliculi & posterior commissure b/w pre-tectal Nuclei.

• RED NUCLEUS:

There is additional subspinal pathway from top to bottom & is concerned with flexion.

- It is epi-laterally & contra-laterally connected with the cerebral hemisphere & only contra-laterally connected with the cerebellum.
- It is also connected with olives to form rubro-olivary pathway.



3RD NERVE NUCLEUS:

- move forward cross the red nucleus & substantia nigra & exits at medial side of crus cerebri.

NOTE:-

All the extra ocular muscles are supplied by the

3rd Nerve except LRB & SO₄.

- Lateral rectus supplied by 6th Nerve
- Superior oblique supplied by 4th Nerve

Edingen Westphal Nucleus:

parasympathetic pre-ganglionic fibres comes from this nucleus & goes with the 3rd Nerve & terminates in the ciliary ganglion & then from there goes into the eyeball & supplies the intra ocular muscles.

NOTE:

Superior colliculus is connected through superior brachium with the lateral geniculate body, & is concerned with visual spinal reflexes.

Pre-Tectal Nucleus:

- concerned with pupillary constriction

i.e when light is thrown into the eyes so both the pupils constrict.

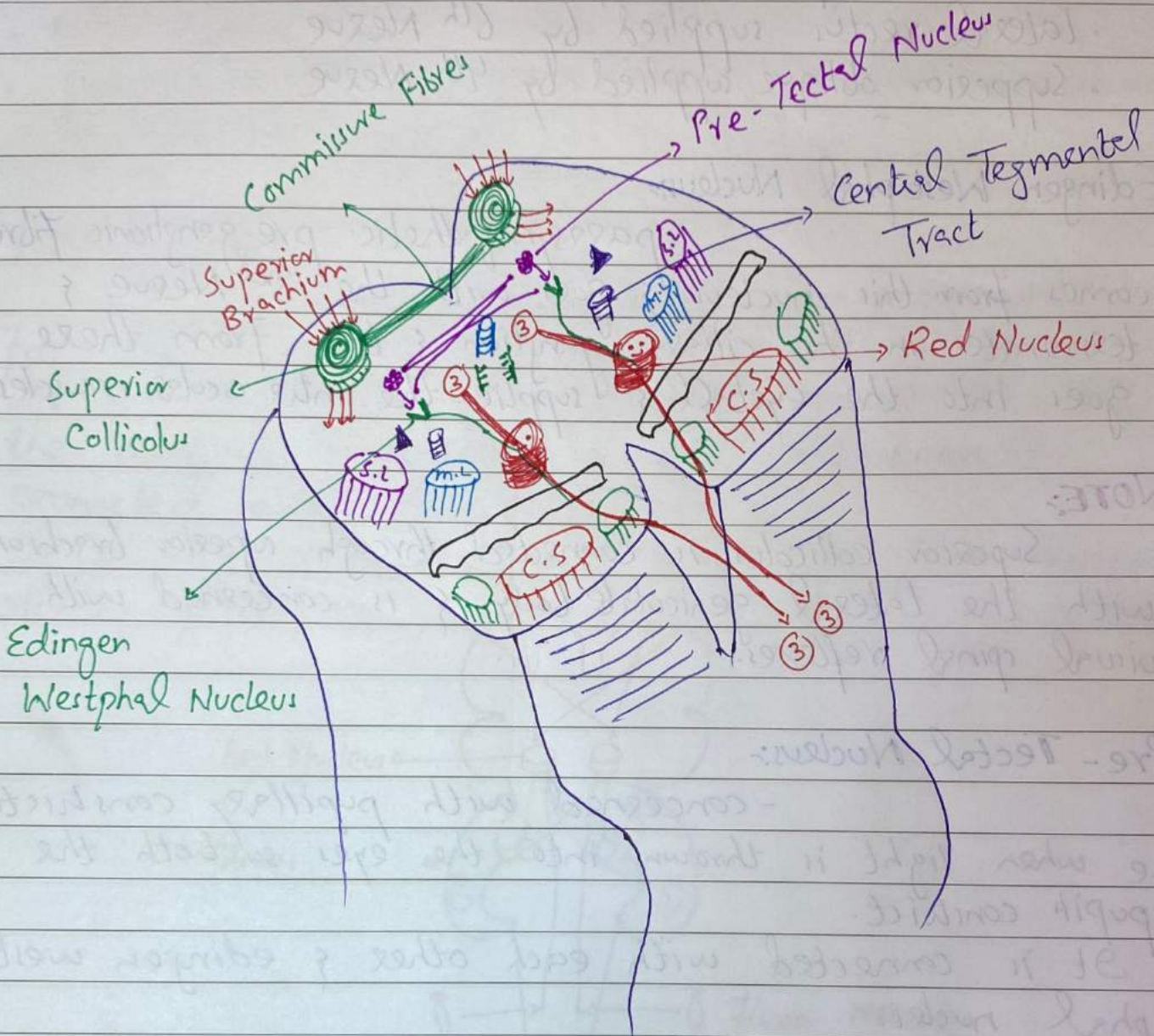
- It is connected with each other & Edingen Westphal nuclei.

- There is connection between the two nuclei of pre tectal & is called posterior commissure.

NOTE:

Superior colliculus is connected with retina of the eye ball, frontal eye field & occipital eye field for coordinative function of searching, tracking or visual spinal reflex.

SECTION AT INFERIOR COLLICULUS:-



NOTE:

Pre-tectal Nucleus:
 - concerned with pupillary constriction
 - when light is thrown on the eye, both the pupil constricts.
 - It is connected with each other & Edinger Westphal nucleus.
 - There is connection between the two nuclei of pre-tectal & is called posterior commissure.

NOTE: The superior colliculus is connected with pretectal nucleus of the eye ball, frontal eye field & occipital eye field for coordination of movement, tracking or visual spino reflex.

CEREBELLUM:-

- Maintains the tone of the Muscles.
- Posture & Balance.
- Coordination of movements.

LOCATION:-

- Back of the Brainstem.

DEVELOPMENT:-

- It develops from metencephalon component of the rhombencephalon.

PARTS:-

1) Anterior Lobe:-

- Also called Paleocerebellum
- Concerned with **Tone** of muscles.

2) Posterior Lobe:-

- Also called Neocerebellum.
- Modern part.
- Concerned with **Coordination** of movements

3) Flocculonodular Lobe:-

- Also called Archicerebellum.
- Most primitive.
- Present even in fishes.
- concerned with **Balance** of the Body.

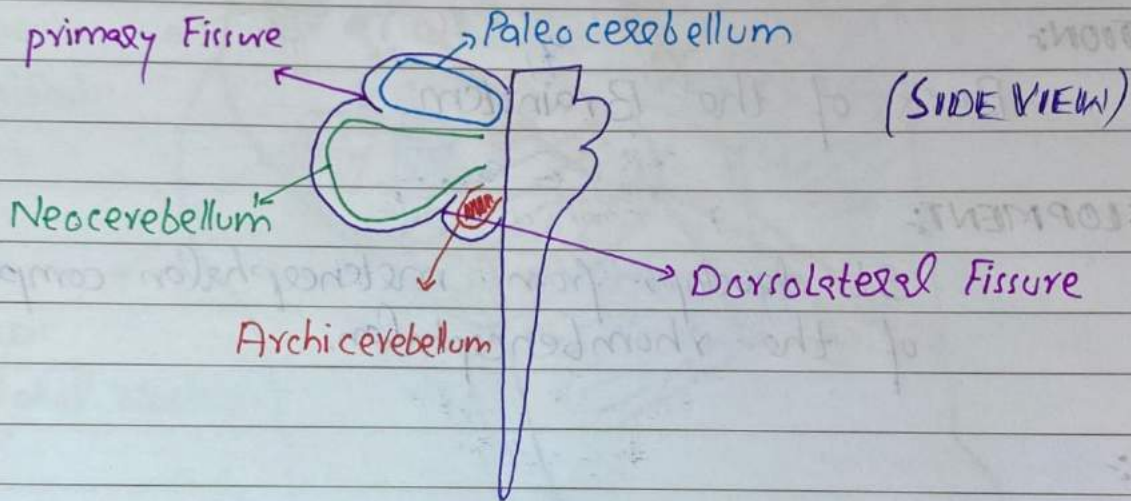
FISSURES:-

1) Primary Fissure:-

- Which divides the Anterior & Posterior Lobes

2) Dorsolateral Fissure:-

- Which divides the posterior & Floccular Lobe.



⇒ NOW POSTERIOR ASPECT:-

1) Vermis:-

- Posteriorly, there is a longitudinal depression in the centre, & is called vermis.

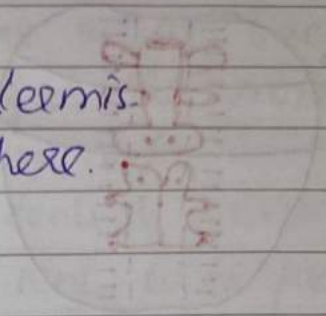
- Lateral to Vermis on both side, the areas are called cerebellar hemisphere.

NOTE:-

- Cerebellum controls the motor system ipsilaterally. So if one side the cerebellum is damaged so there will problems of motor system e.g (balance) on that same side.

2) Paravermal Area:-

- Present on both sides of the Vermis.
- Part of the cerebellar hemisphere.
- Also called intermediate zone.



HUMUNCULUS OF CEREBELLUM:-

shows

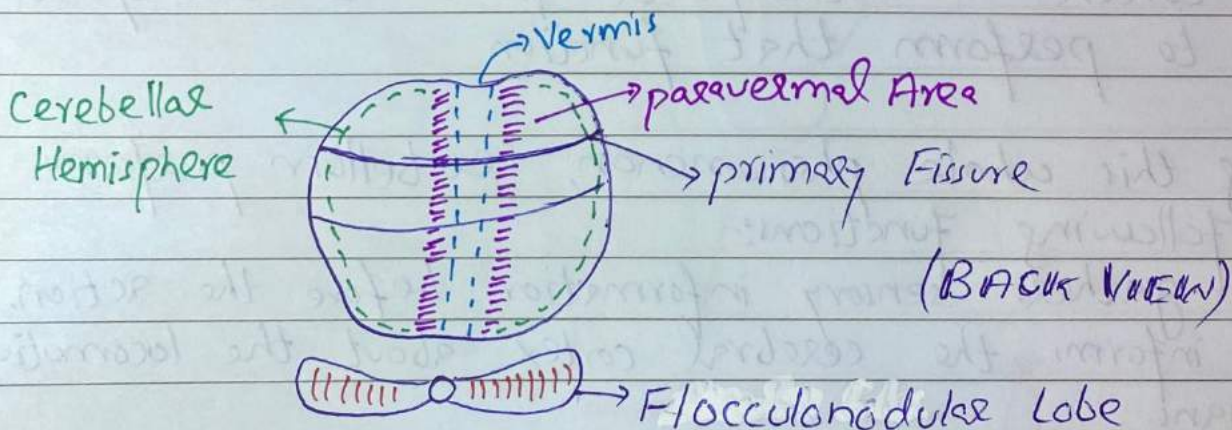
- Vermal Area:-

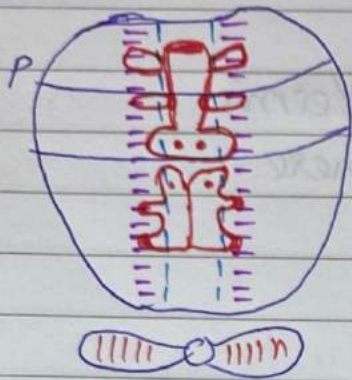
- Is concerned with motor function regarding axial skeleton. i.e. shoulder girdle, hip girdle & Trunk.

- Paravermal Area:-

- Is concerned with motor function regarding hands & feet.

• A second humunculus is also present below this, which also shows the same functions.

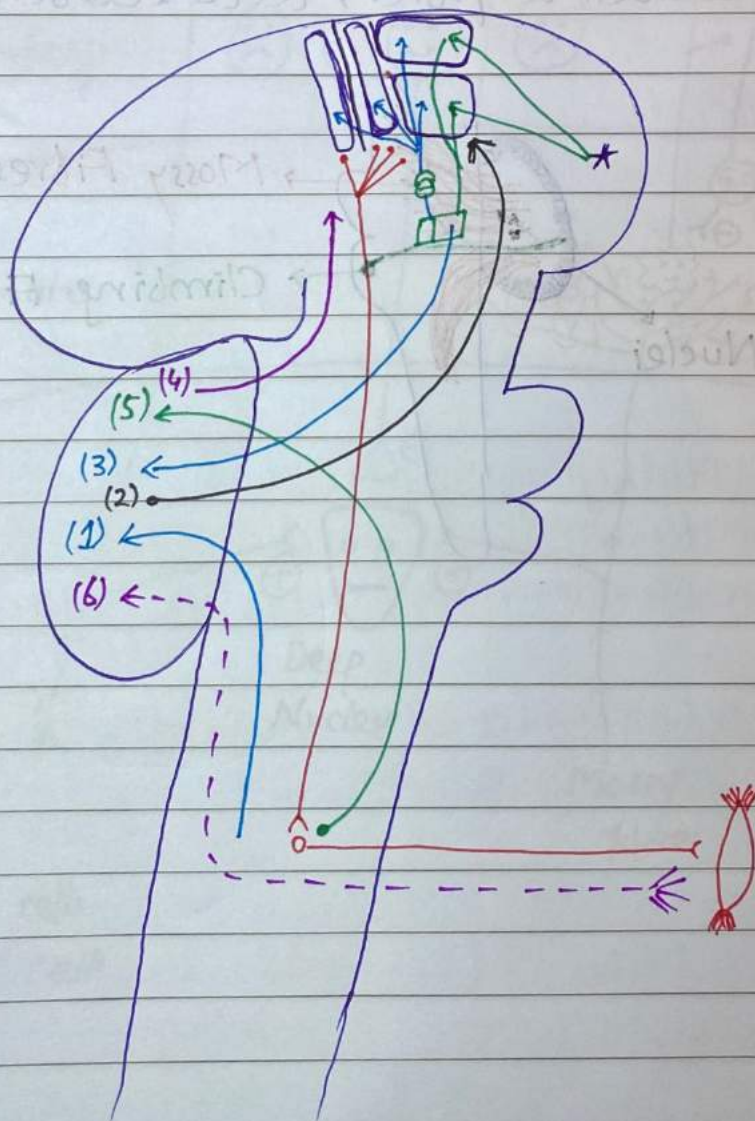




⇒ Role of Cerebellum in Motor Function:-

- Basically when we think about any action. So in order to perform it, an idea is first generated in the pre-frontal lobe & from there it goes to the pre-motor area & supplementary motor areas.
- Then from there it goes to the Basal ganglia.
- In the Basal Ganglia motor plan is generated which goes through the thalamus into the motor cortex & sensory cortex.
- And then at the end, motor fibres come from these cortex as corticospinal fibres to the spinal cord to perform that function.
- During this whole phenomenon, cerebellum performs the following functions:-
 1. It gathers sensory information before the action.
 2. It informs the cerebral cortex about the locomotive organs.
 3. A copy of motor plan is also sent to the cerebellum from the basal ganglia.

4. It also sent a copy of information to cerebrum i.e. how to perform that particular action, because the cerebellum had already analyzed the motor plan with the already present sensory info.
5. Now whole process is done & central processes has been done & final motor order is sent to be performed. So at this very moment cerebellum once again receives the data i.e. to check whether correct order is sent or not.
6. At last, cerebellum is also getting information from the locomotive organs, in order to check whether the action is going in right way/manner or not.



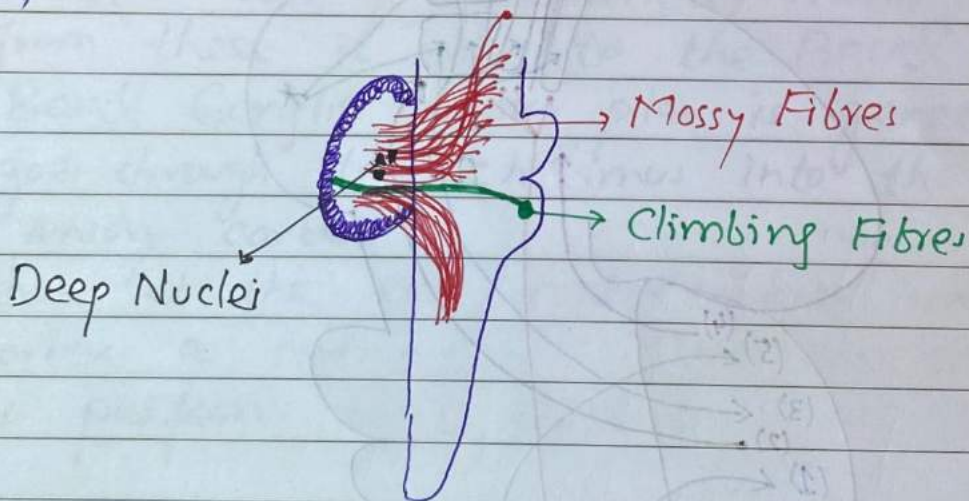
- External fibres coming from the C.N.S to the cerebellum are divided into two groups:-
 - Fibres coming from inferior olives.
 - All other fibres.

1) Climbing Fibres:-

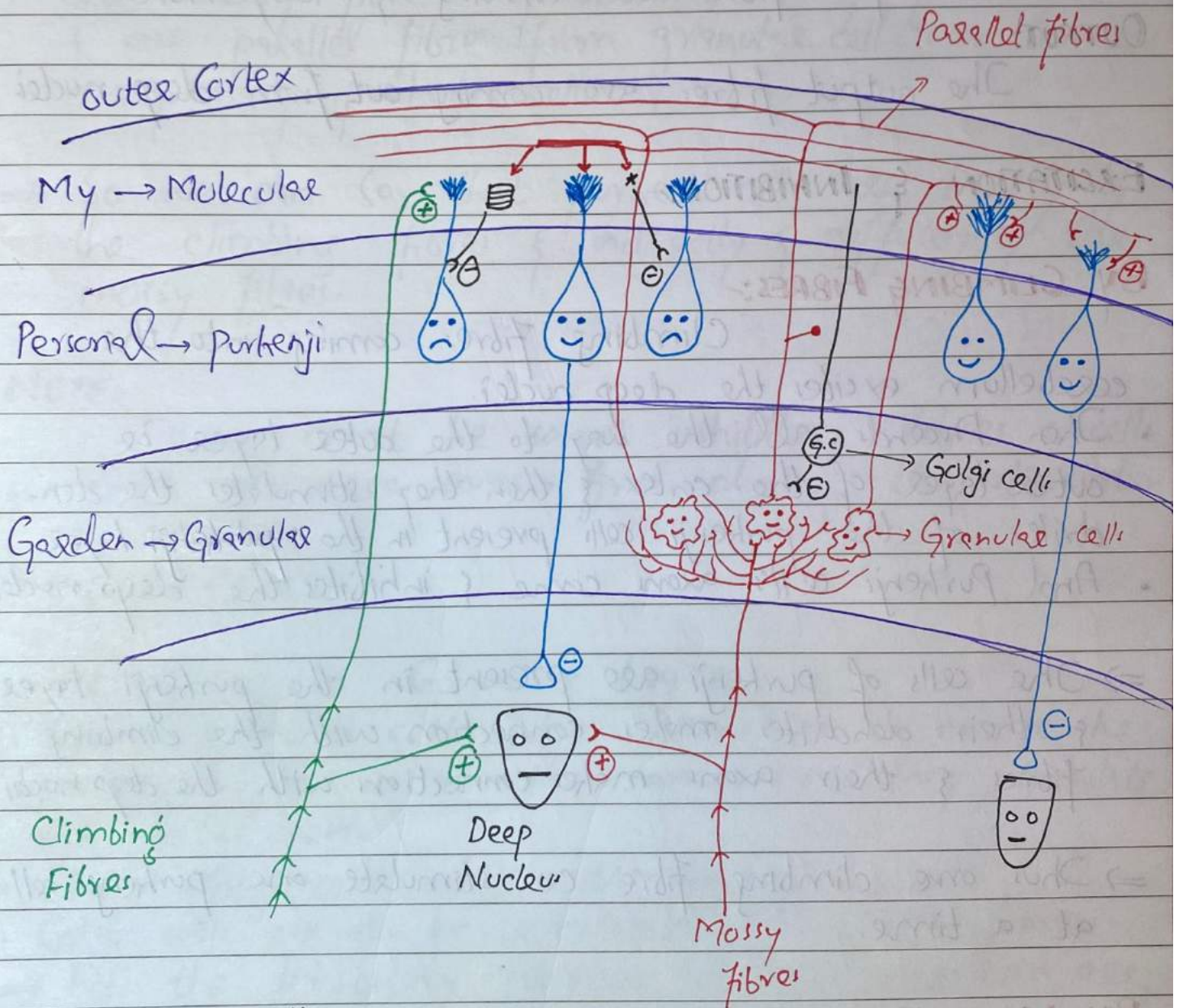
- Fibres which come from inferior olives & climb to the outer surface of cerebellar cortex.

2) Mossy Fibres:-

All other fibres except inferior olivary fibres are Mossy Fibres e.g. ventrospino cerebellar fibres, ponto cerebellar fibres, tecto cerebellar, vestibulo cerebellar,



Cerebellar Cortex & Its Connections With Deep Nuclei:-



* stellate cells
 █ Basket cell

- Cerebellar Cortex is 3 cells thick layers;

- Molecular
- Purkinje
- Granular

INPUT:-

The input fibres are climbing & Mossy Fibres.

OUTPUT:-

The output fibres are coming out from deep nuclei.

EXCITATION & INHIBITION:-

By CLIMBING FIBRES:-

Climbing fibres coming into the cerebellum excites the deep nuclei.

- Then Ascends all the way to the outer layer i.e. outer layer of the cortex & then they stimulate the dendrites of the Purkinje cells present in the molecular layer.
- And Purkinje cell's axons come & inhibit the deep nuclei.

⇒ The cells of Purkinje are present in the Purkinje layer & their dendrites make connection with the climbing fibres & their axons make connections with the deep nuclei.

⇒ Thus one climbing fibre can stimulate one Purkinje cell at a time.

By MOSSY FIBRES:-

Mossy fibres also excite the deep nuclei after coming into the cerebellum.

- Then these fibres ascend & terminate in the granular layer of the cerebellar cortex.
- Then they make multiple connections with granular cells.
- Every granular cell gives axon which ascends to the outer layer of the cerebellar cortex & bifurcates into two divisions which run parallel, & are called parallel fibres.
- One mossy fibre may stimulate many granular cells, & one parallel fibre from granular cell can stimulate many many purkinje cells.

⇒ So we can say, that purkinje cells are directly by the climbing fibres & indirectly & diffusely by the mossy fibres.

NOTE:

- There must be some inhibitory fibres or cells so that no over excitation during this stimulation.

1) GOLGI CELLS:-

- present in the Granular layer.
 - When granular cells fibres stimulate to excite the purkinje cells so at the same time they stimulate the golgi cells.
 - Thus golgi cells inhibit the granular cells.
 - Golgi cells can also be stimulated by the mossy fibres.
- ⇒ All the inhibitory neurons in the cerebellum are GABAergic (i.e. release gamma aminobutyric acid (GABA))

2) BASKET & STELLATE CELLS:-

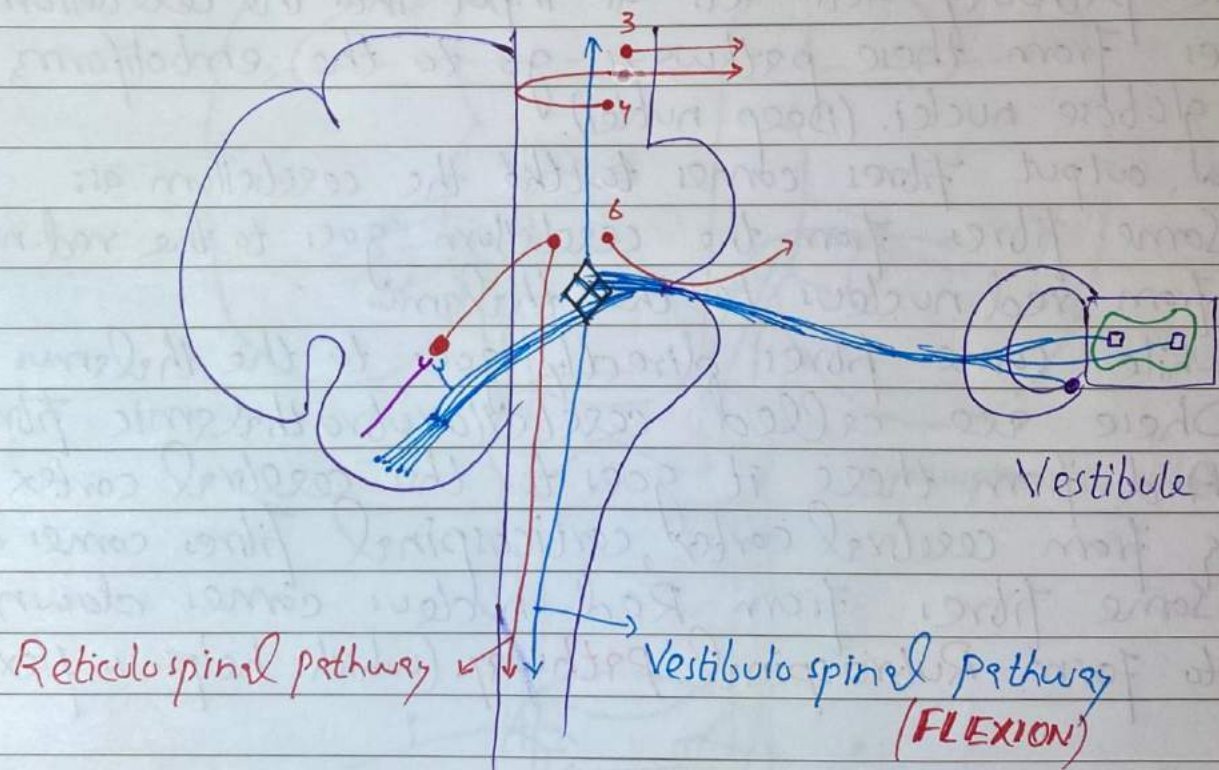
- Granular cells fibres goes up & divide into parallel fibres
- Parallel fibres stimulates the purkinji cells
- At the same time, they stimulate the basket & stellate cells
- Then basket & stellate will inhibites the neighboring purkinji cells by releasing GABA.
- Thus only central purkinji cell is strongly stimulated by the parallel fibres & neighboring purkinji cells are inhibited by the stellate & basket cells.

FUNCTIONS OF DIFFERENT LOBES:-

1) Archicerebellum:-

- Also called vestibulocerebellum.
- Sensory information about the balance (motion or static) comes from the vestibules in the vestibular part of vestibulocochlear nerve.
- From these some fibres directly enter into the archicerebellum & some fibres terminate in the vestibular nucleus & then other fibres generate there & goes into the archicerebellum through inferior cerebellar peduncles.
- These are vestibulocerebellar fibres.
- These fibres on the way stimulates deep nucleus & then ascends into the cerebellar cortex & then eventually inhibits the deep nucleus through purkinji fibres.

- When cerebellovestibular fibres come out into the vestibular nucleus complex, some goes to the reticular nucleus system.
- The vestibular nucleus complex fires up as well as down.
- During firing down, it forms **vestibulo spinal pathway**, which helps the extensor muscles to perform.
- The reticular nucleus system form **reticulo spinal tract**.
- The vestibular nucleus complex which goes upward stimulate, 3rd, 4th & 6th Nerve Nuclei, so that during head movement is adjusted.



2) Paleocerebellum:-

- Vermel & Paravermel see receives the sensory information from the spinal cord.
- Thus this part is also called spino cerebellum.
- The sensory information from the spinal cord comes through;
 - Dorsal spino cerebellar pathway
 - Cuneo spino cerebellar pathway
 - Ventral spino cerebellar pathway
- These pathway acts as input into the cerebellum.
- Fibres from these pathways go to the emboliform, & globose nuclei. (Deep nuclei).
- Thus, output fibres comes out of the cerebellum as;
 - Some fibres from the cerebellum goes to the red-nucleus & from red nucleus to the thalamus.
 - while some fibres directly goes to the thalamus.
 - These are called cerebello-rubrothalamic fibres.
 - And from there it goes to the cerebral cortex & from cerebral cortex, corticospinal fibres comes out.
 - Some fibres from Red nucleus comes down to form **Rubrospinal pathway**. (which helps in flexion).

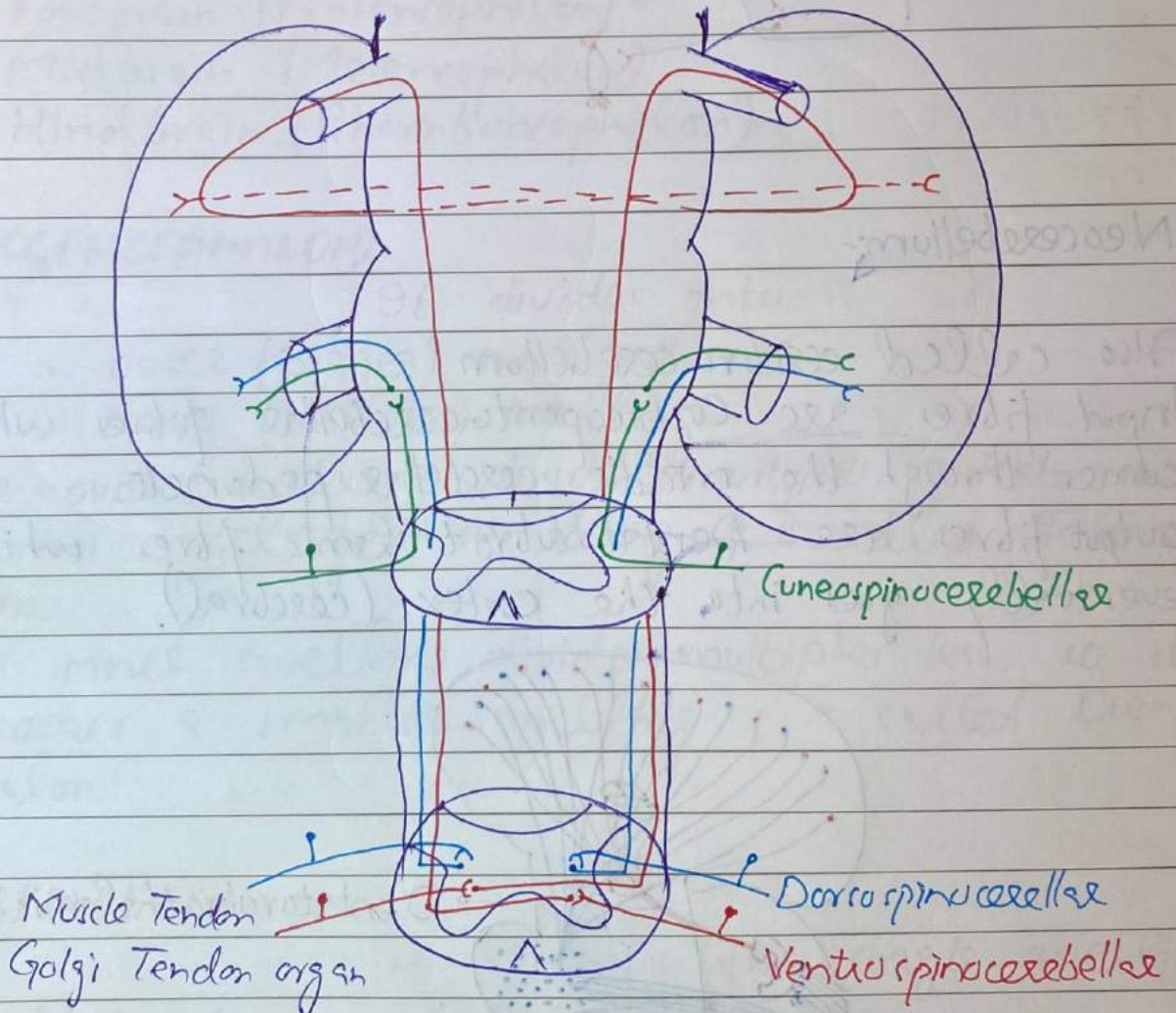
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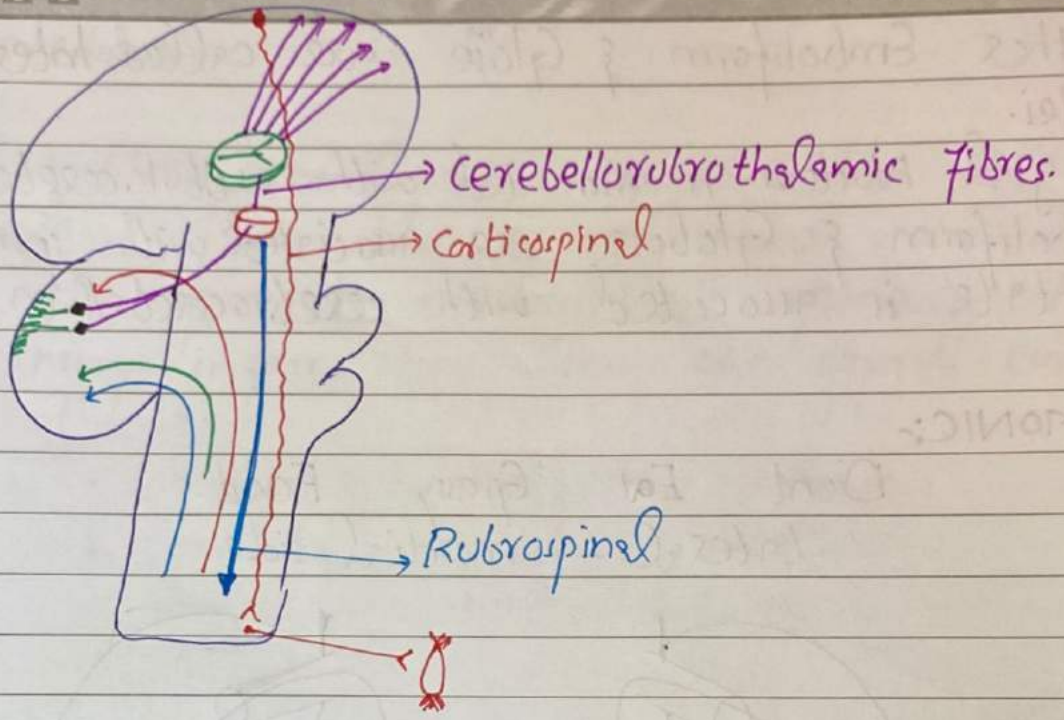
- From lateral to medial, these nuclei are present in cerebellum
- Dentate
 - Emboliform
 - Globose
 - Fastigial Nucleus

- Together Emboliform & Globose are called **Interposed Nuclei**.
- Fastigial Nucleus is associated with vestibulocerebellum.
- Emboliform & Globose are associated with spinocerebellum.
- Dentate is associated with cerebrocerebellum.

MNEMONIC:-

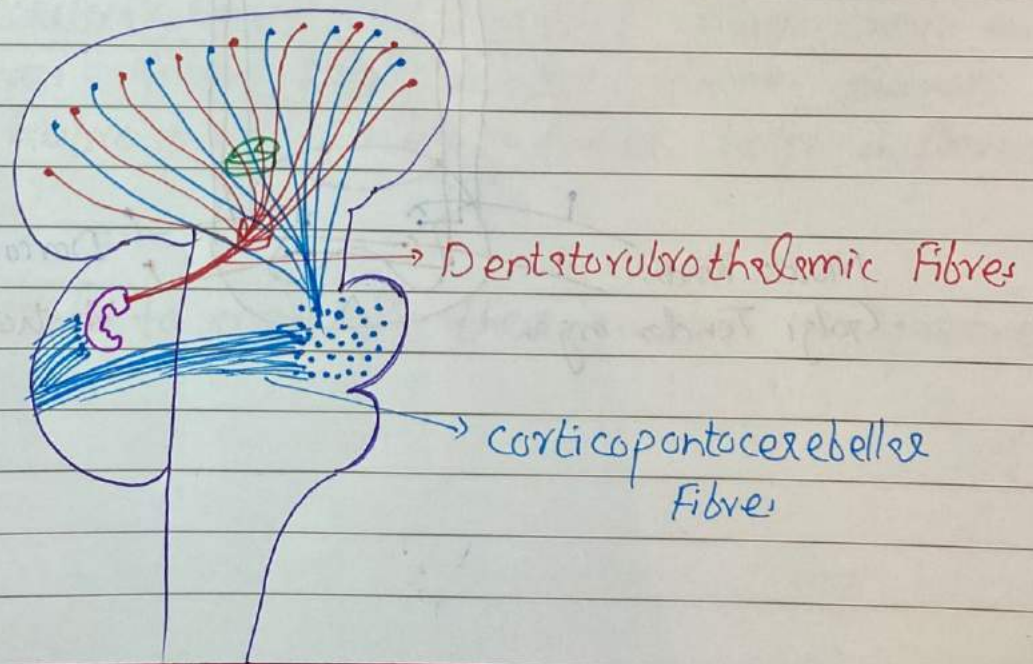
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 Lateral → medial side





3) Neocerebellum:-

- Also called cerebrocerebellum.
- Input fibres are Corticopontocerebellar fibres which comes through the middle cerebellar peduncle.
- output fibres are Dentatorubrothalamic fibres which eventually goes into the cortex. (cerebral).



Diencephalon:-

Development of CNS In Fetus:-

During development of CNS in fetus, the neural tube at its cranial side gives three swellings:

- Forebrain (Prosencephalon)
- Midbrain (Mesencephalon)
- Hindbrain (Rhombencephalon)

1) PROSENCEPHALON:-

It divides into;

- outer (Bigger) swelling
- inner (smaller) swelling
- The outer swelling divides/multiplies quickly so it becomes a larger swelling & is called Telencephalon.
- The inner swelling divides/multiplies less, so it becomes a smaller swelling & is called Diencephalon.

2) MESENCEPHALON:-

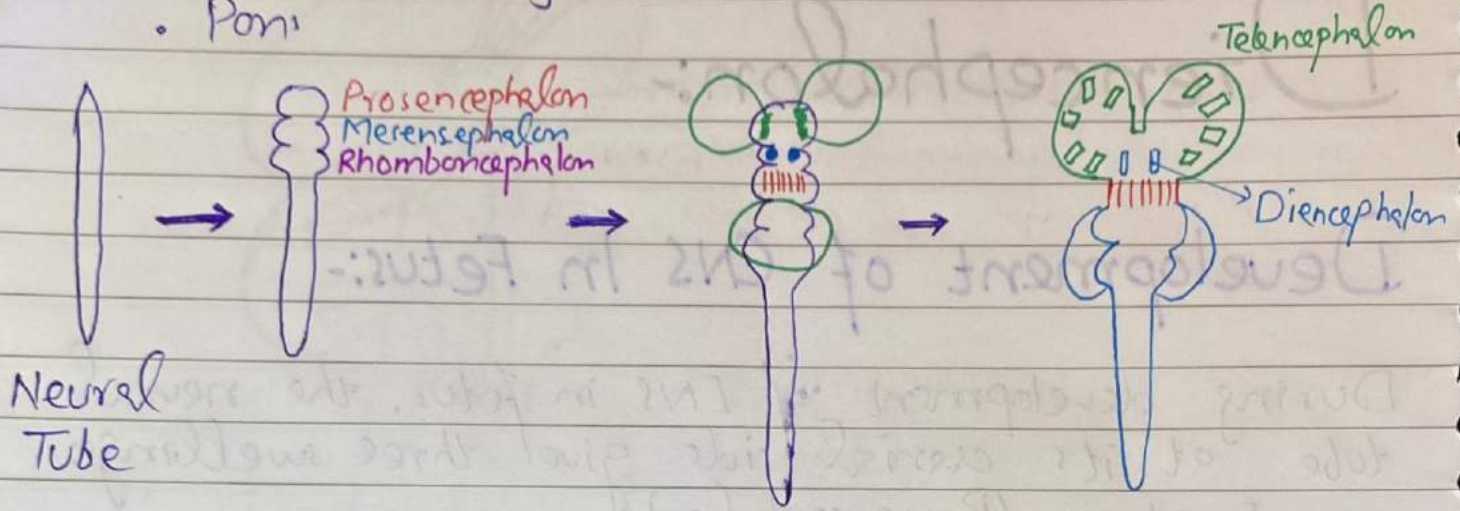
It remains the single swelling as earlier & is called mid-brain.

3) RHOMBOENEPHALON:-

It also divides into two swellings.

- Medulla Oblongata
- Pons

- Cerebellum



Structure Derived From Diencephalon:-

• Thalami:-

Two thalami are present just above the mid-brain.

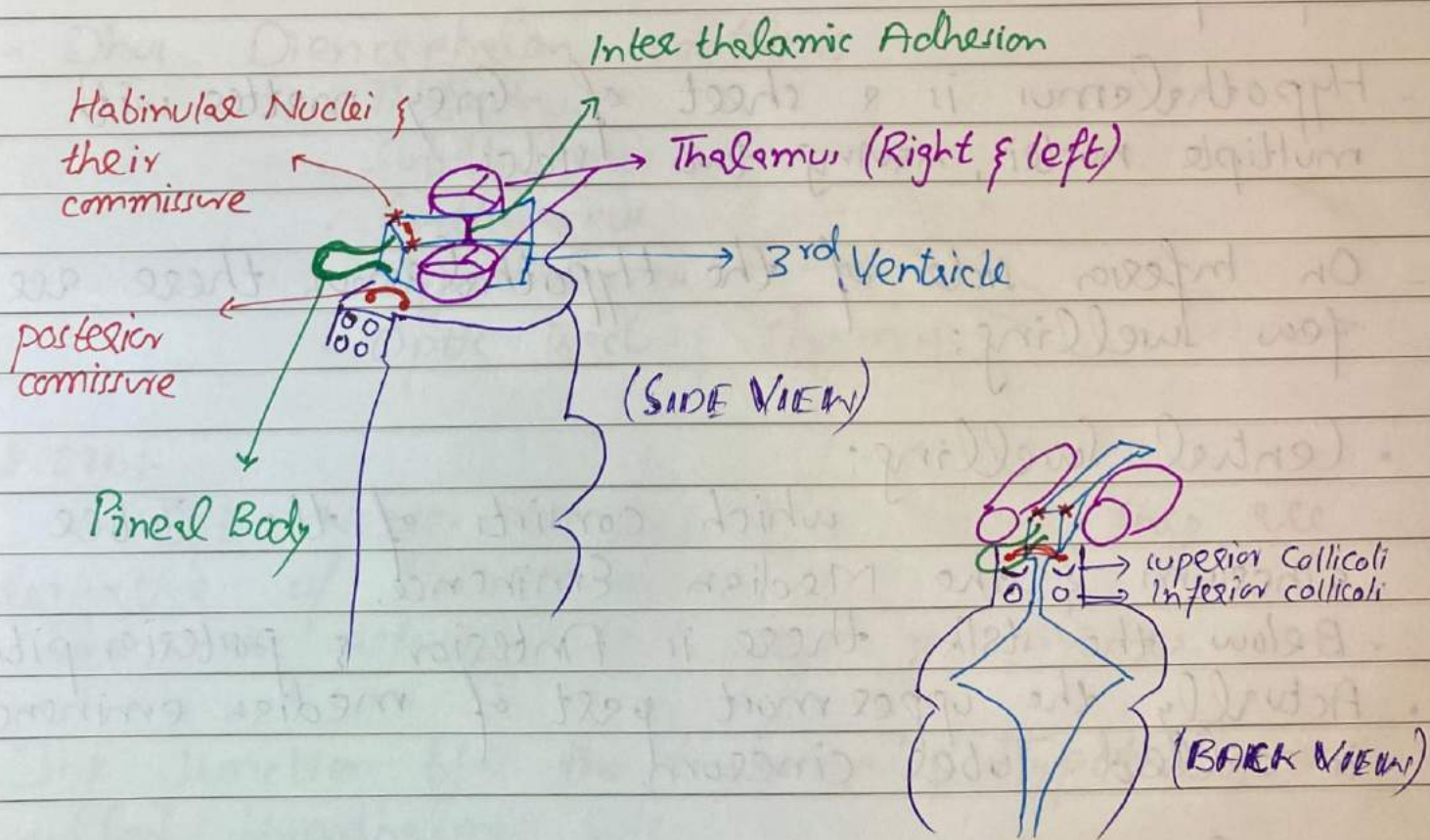
- In Between the thalami, there is **3rd Ventricle**. Actually the cerebral aqueduct of mid-brain, expands into 3rd ventricle above the mid-brain.
- Posteriorly, to the 3rd ventricle, there is **Pineal Gland** which expands centrally & backward & is present on median side.
- On the posterior corners, there are **Hypothalamic Nuclei**, which are two in number.
- The Pineal Gland & these two hypothalamic Nuclei are called **Epi thalamus**.

- ↳ one Median Pineal Body
- ↳ Two Hypothalamic Nuclei

- The two Habenular Nuclei are connected through bundles of fibres, which also pass through stalk of the pineal gland & are called **Habenular commissure**.
- On the back of the thalamus, little grey matter is touching each other & is called **Inter Thalamic Grey matter Adhesion**.

NOTE:-

- Anterior Commissure is present between the two temporal lobes.
- Posterior Commissure is present between the two pre-tectal Nuclei of Midbrain.



Location of Hypothalamus & its relation with Thalamus:

- The Third Ventricle goes forward, unlike the mid-brain which terminates & also the thalami, they also terminate.
- Now the 3rd Ventricle has no thalami on the both sides & mid-brain below it.
- Thus, at its forward position, the 3rd Ventricle has Hypothalamus inferiorly, & also on the right & left position.
- Hypothalamus is a sheet of Grey matter with multiple nuclei, having two sides.
- On inferior side of the Hypothalamus, there are few swellings:
 - Central Swelling: which consists of the Tubercineum & the Median Eminence.
 - Below the stalk, there is Anterior & posterior pituitary.
 - Actually the uppermost part of median eminence is called Tubercineum.
 - Dorsal Swelling: which are mammillary bodies & they are two in number.

- Thalamus has two more swellings called:
 - Lateral Geniculate Body (Seeing)
 - Medial Geniculate Body (Hearing)
- Structure present under the thalamus, is called Subthalamus.
- Optic Nerve comes from the eyes, forms the optic chiasma & then optic tract & then terminates in the Lateral Geniculate Body.
- 3rd Ventricle, is the cavity of the Diencephalon, i.e. 3rd Diencephalon is present around the 3rd ventricle.
- Thus Diencephalon contains:
 - Thalamus
 - Subthalamus
 - Epithalamus
 - Hypothalamus
 - Optic tract & chiasma.

NOTE:-

Optic Nerves are not true nerves, they are derivative of Diencephalon.

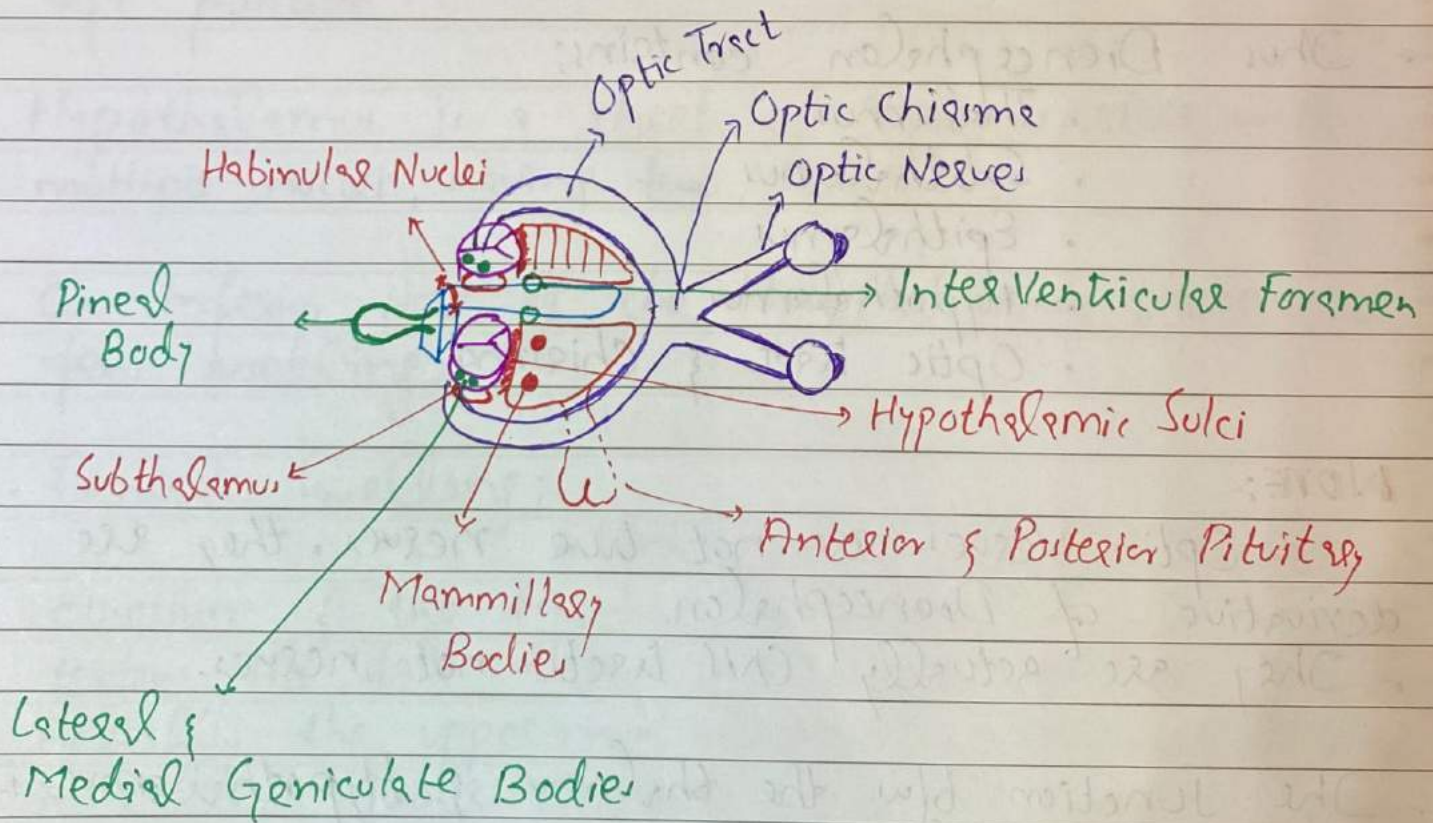
- They are actually CNS tracts, not nerves.

- The Junction b/w the thalamus & Hypothalamus, is called Hypothalamic sulci.

- Superior to the hypothalamic sulci, there are foramen called Interventricular Foramen.

These foramen connects the left & right lateral ventricles to the third ventricle.

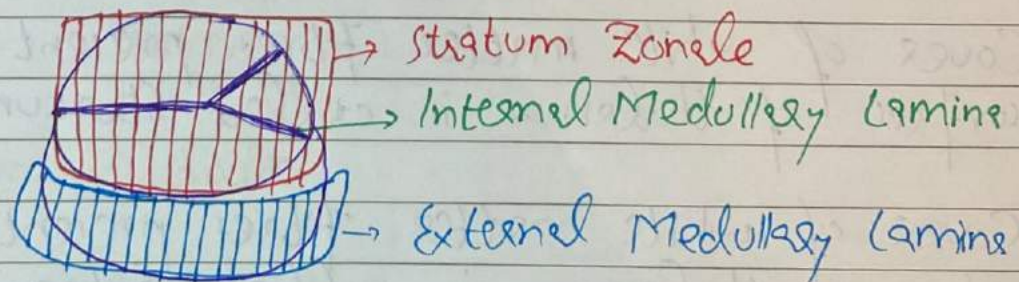
- ⇒ During Development of Anterior & Posterior pituitary, a swelling forms from the inferior of the hypothalamus, which is posterior pituitary. And from epithelium of Neuropharynx, a small pouch called **Ruthke's pouch** develops & combines with posterior pituitary.
- Thus Anterior pituitary is derivative of Ruthke's pouch & posterior pituitary is derivative of Diencephalon.

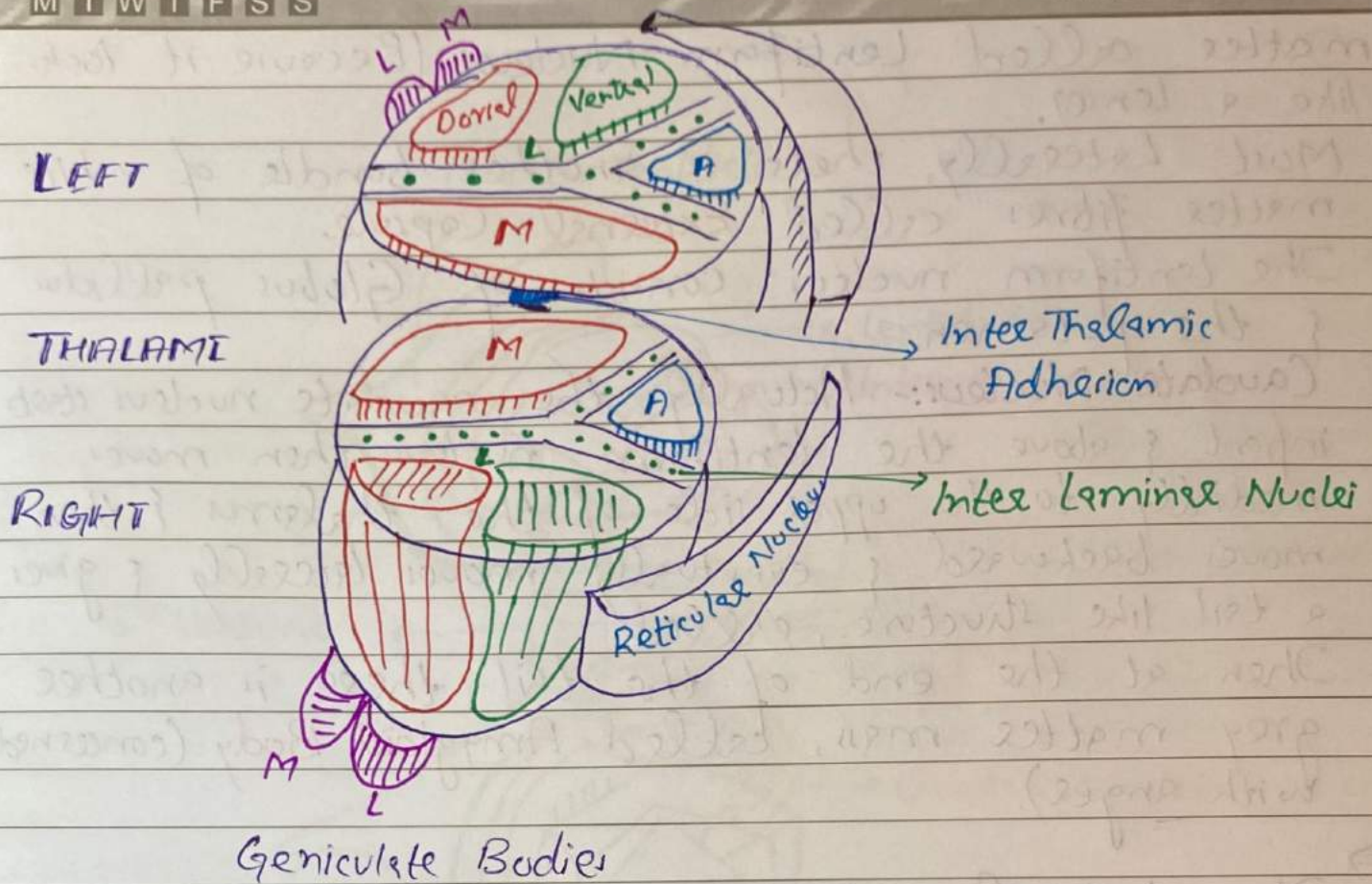


THALAMUS:- (Dorsal Thalamus)

- Thalamus is a large grey matter mass i.e. neuronal cell bodies mass.
- Within the Grey matter mass of the thalamus, there is internal Y-shaped white matter called **Internal Medullary Lamina**, which is formed by the axons.
- Internal Medullary Lamina divides the thalamus into:
 - Medial Thalamus
 - Anterior Thalamus
 - Lateral Thalamus
- Lateral Thalamus is further divided into:
 - Ventral area
 - Dorsal area
- Nuclei present in ventral area are called **Ventral Ties Nuclei** & that of dorsal area are called **Dorsal Ties Nuclei**.
- Cover of white matter fibres present on the upper surface of thalamus is called **Stratum Zona**.
- Cover of white matter fibres present on the lateral side of thalamus, is called **External Medullary Lamina**.

- Internal Medullary Lamina consists of those neuronal fibres which are produced as result of an inter-connection of one nucleus group to another, within the thalamus.
- Within the internal medullary lamina, there is small groups of grey matter, called **Internal Laminar Nuclei**.
- Within the thalamus, there is small grey matter connection, called **Interthalamic Adhesion**.
- On the Lateral Thalamus, postero-inferiorly, there is **Lateral Geniculate Body** connected with **Visual System**.
& little bit medially, there is **Medial Geniculate Body** connected with **Auditory System**.
- outside to the external Medullary Lamina, there is another sheet of grey matter, which makes a nuclei on both the thalamus, called the **Reticular Nucleus**.





Relation Of Other Parts to the Thalamus:-

- Lateral to the Thalami on both sides, there are bundles of white matter, formed by the ascending & descending Tracts fibres.
- In the centre of Both the Thalami, there is 3rd Ventricle.
- The white bundle fibres lateral to the thalami is actually called the Internal capsule.
- Then more laterally, there is mass of grey

matter called Lenticular Nucleus. (Because it looks like a lens).

- Most Laterally, there is another bundle of white matter fibres called **External Capsule**.
- The lenticular nucleus consists of Globus pallidus & the putamen.
- **Caudate Nucleus**:- Actually, the caudate nucleus starts in front & above the lenticular nucleus then moves medially to the upper side of the thalamus & then moves backward & eventually moves laterally & gives a tail like structure, called ~~tail~~.
- Then at the end of the tail there is another grey matter mass, called **Amygdaloid Body** (concerned with anger).

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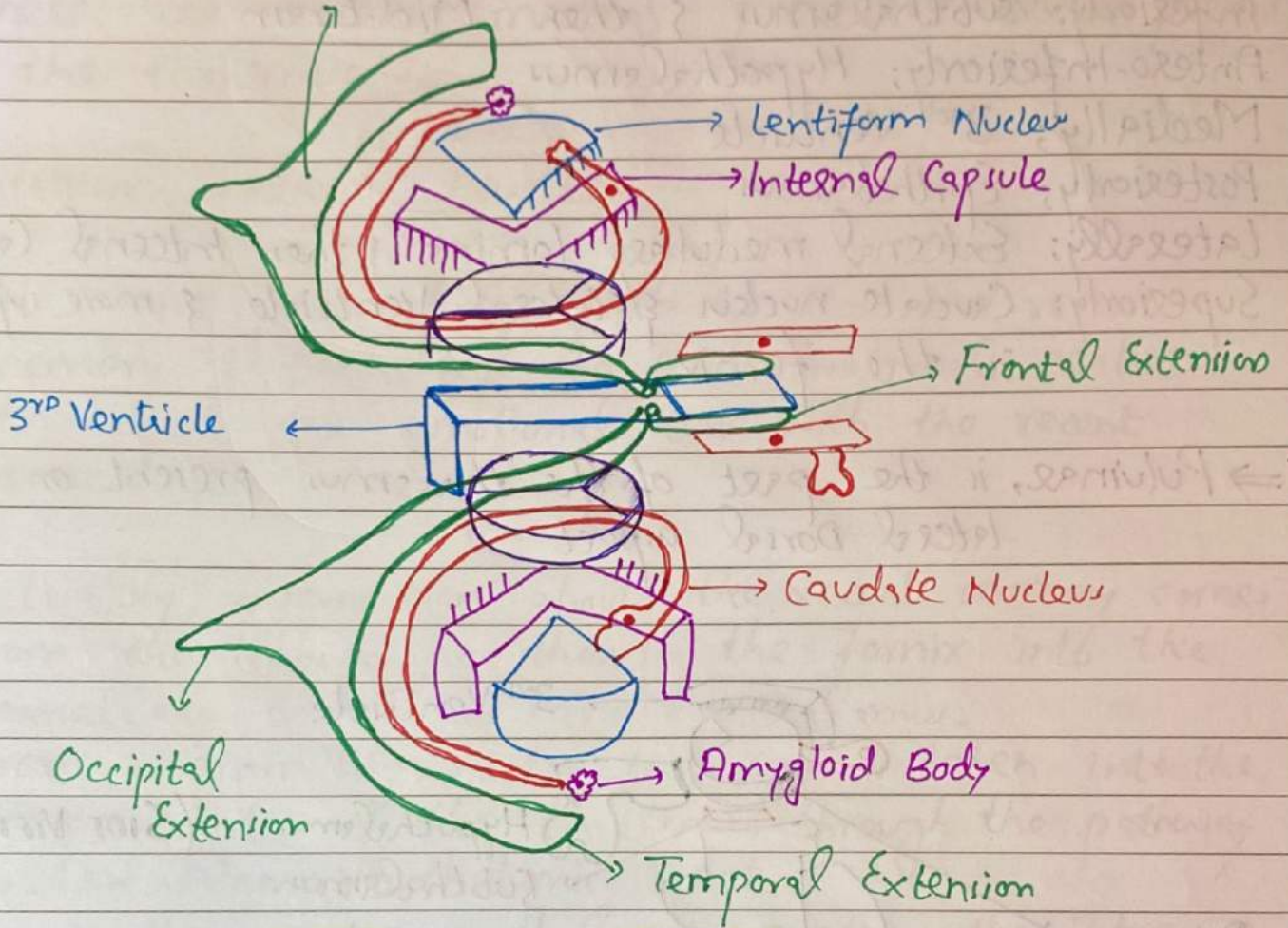
The Lateral ventricle, coming from interventricular foramen on both sides, gives its frontal extension anteriorly & occipital & temporal extensions, posteriorly & laterally.

- The lateral ventricle runs along the caudate nuclei above the thalamus.

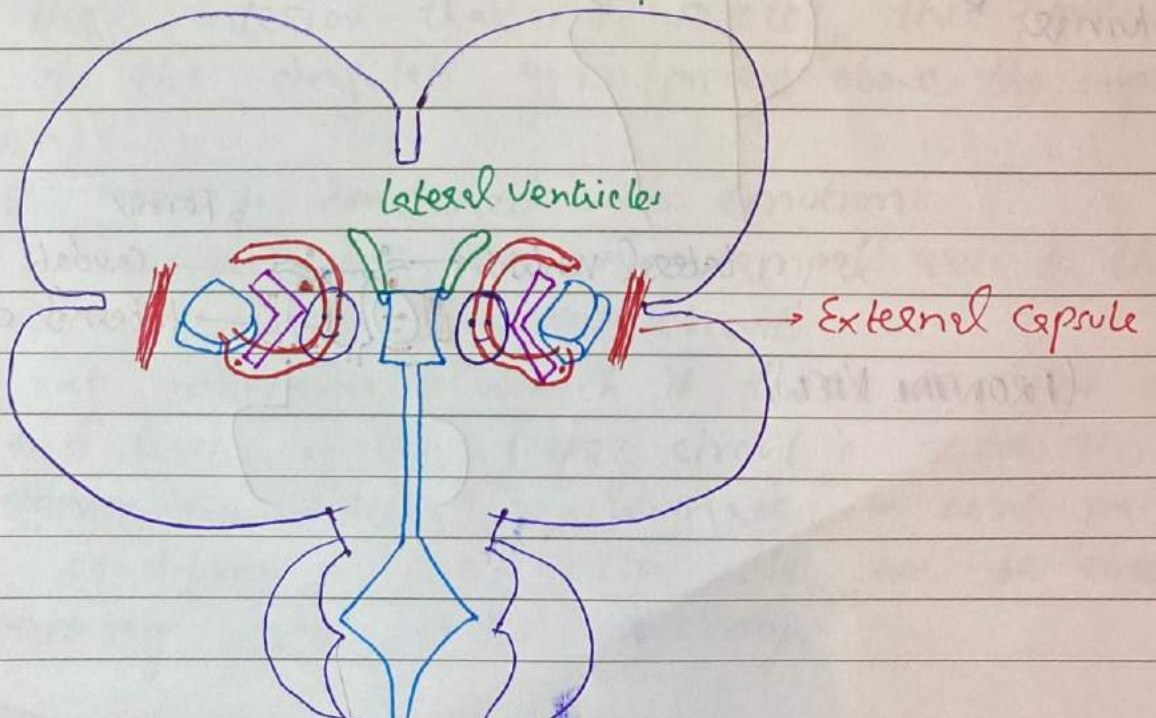
⇒ In the Temporal lobe, there is another grey matter mass, called **Hippocampus & perhippocampal area**.

- From this hippocampus & perhippocampal area lots of white fibres are going to the mammillary bodies of the hypothalamus & these white fibres are called **Fornix**.
- This Fornix moves above the lateral ventricle.

Lateral Ventricle



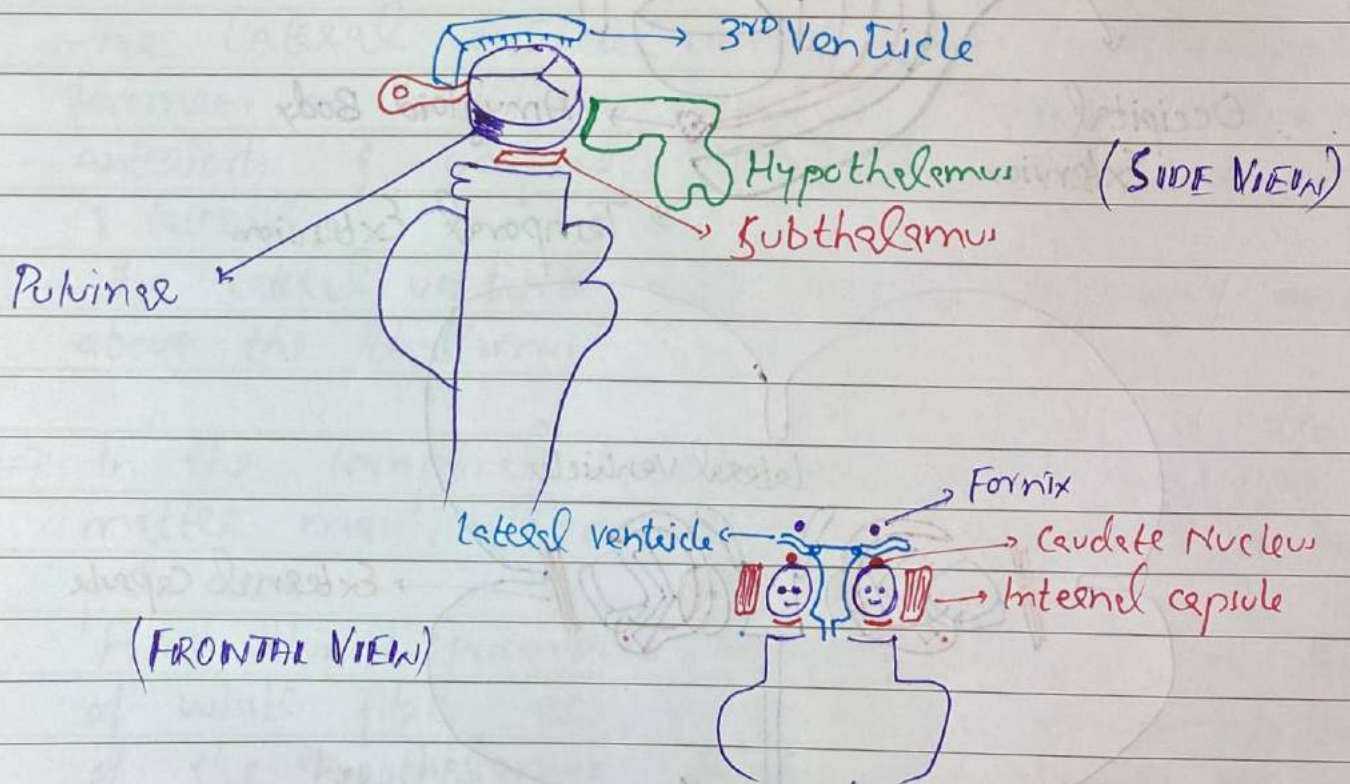
Lateral Ventricles



Boundaries Of THE THALAMUS:-

- Inferiorly; subthalamus & then Mid-Brain
- Antero-Inferiorly; Hypothalamus
- Medially; 3rd Ventricle
- Posteriorly; Epithalamus
- Laterally; External medullary lamina & then Internal Capsule.
- Superiorly; Caudate nucleus & lateral Ventricle & more superiorly is the fornix.

⇒ Pulvinar, is the part of the thalamus present on the lateral dorsal aspect



Thalamic Nuclei:-

- There are anterior, medial & lateral Nuclei present in the thalamus.

1). Anterior Thalamic Nuclei:-

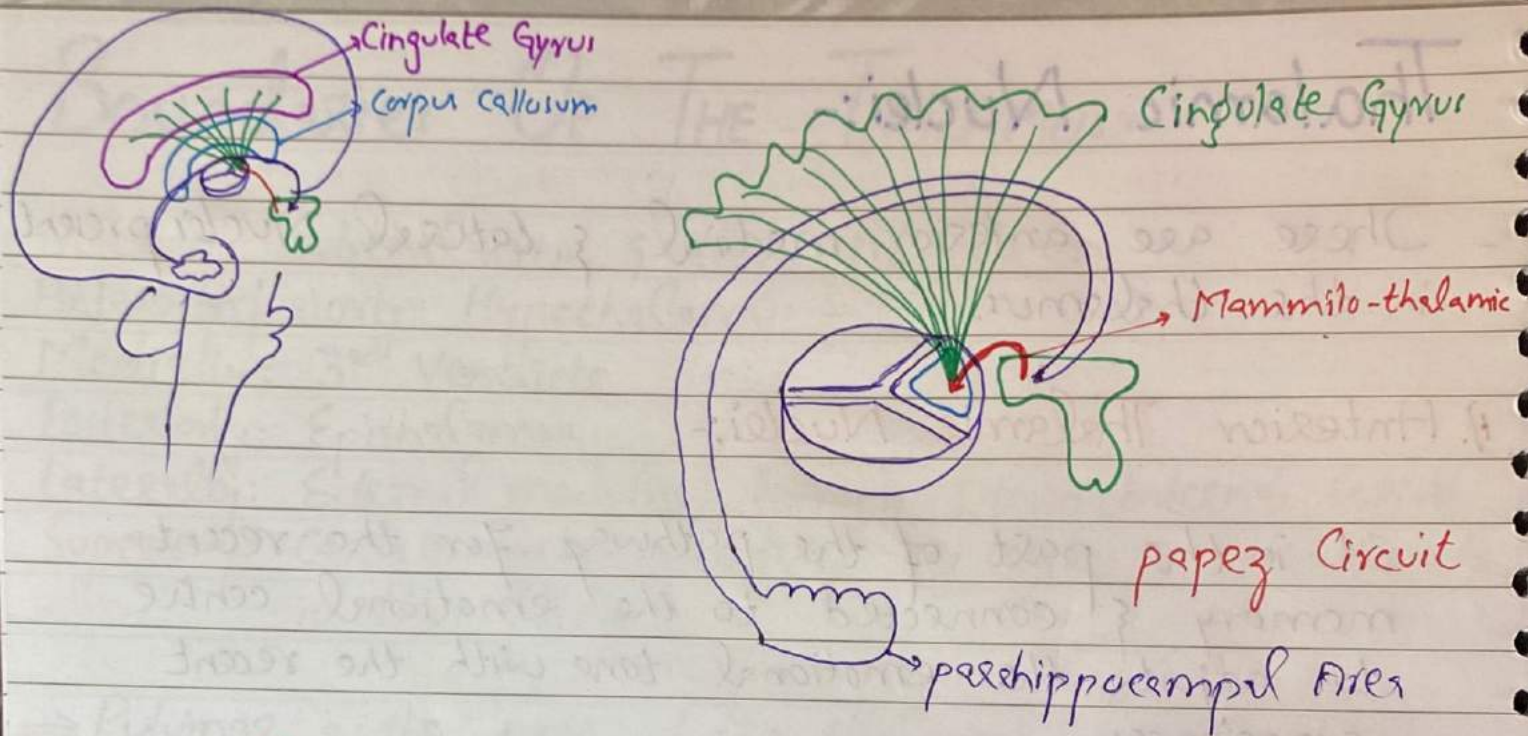
It is the part of the pathway for the recent memory & connected to the emotional centre to adjust the emotional tone with the recent experiences.

- Actually, information about the recent memory comes from the hippocampus through the fornix into the mammillary bodies of the hypothalamus.

From mammillary bodies the info is taken into the anterior nuclei of the thalamus, through the pathway called **Mammillo-thalamic tract**.

From the anterior thalamic nuclei, the fibre moves to the cingulate gyrus (present above the corpus callosum).

- Cingulate gyrus is concerned with emotions.
 - This whole pathway from hippocampus goes to the cingulate is called **Papez circuit**.
 - In recent memories, in which there is a lot of emotional touch, so this Papez circuit is more active.
- ⇒ If Mammillary Bodies are damaged in some pathological conditions, so the person will not be able to memorize the recent memory.



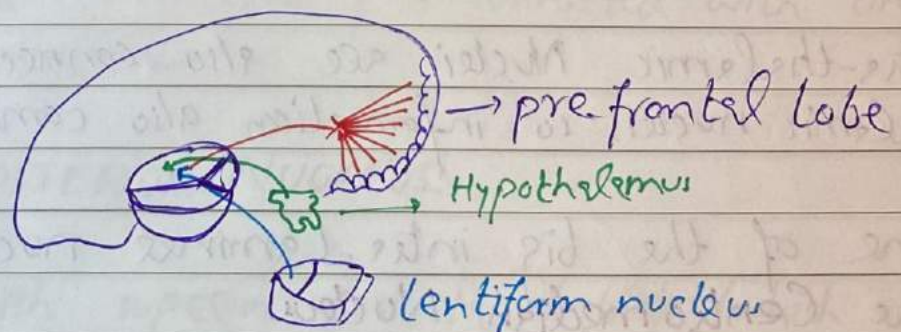
2) Medial Thalamic Nuclei:-

- The Dorsal nuclei of this part is important, so it is also called Dorsomedial thalamus.
- The function of this part is to adjust our behaviour & psychological & physical state according to our mood. e.g. if we are happy our body language is adjusted as such that is different than the state of sadness.
- This Dorsomedial nucleus is connected to the pre-frontal cerebral cortex becoz this cerebral lobe is concerned with
 - Behaviour
 - Thoughts
 - Personality

NOTE:-

All sensory information input has to pass through the thalamus except the olfactory sensations.

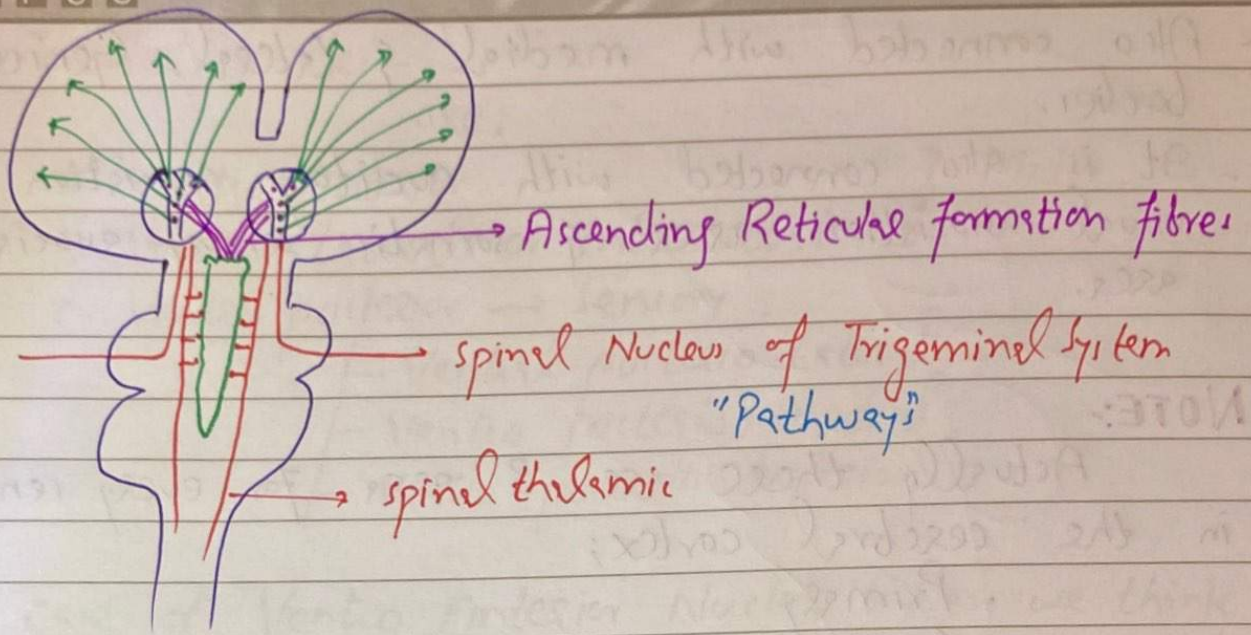
- All the sensory information eg warmth, cold, pain etc are connected to Dorsomedial nuclei through other thalamic nuclei.
- Dorsomedial Nuclei are also connected with Globus pallidus of the lentiform nuclei.
- Dorsomedial Nuclei are also connected to hypothalamus.
- As this Dorsomedial nucleus is concerned with behaviour & thoughts etc & it also guide our body's physical condition during happiness & sadness, so we can say that both Dorsomedial & Anterior nuclei are connected with **Limbic System**.



- Both Anterior & medial Nuclei are damaged in a disease called **Alzheimer's Disease**.

3). Inter-Laminar Nuclei:-

- Inter-Laminar Nuclei of the thalamus is very important connection with the Reticular formation. (ascending fibres)
- It is also connected to pain pathways coming through;
 - Spinal thalamic pathway
 - Spinal Nucleus of the Trigeminal System
- Both these pathway may directly goes to the Intra-laminar nuclei or may be they first goes to the Reticular formation & from there into the intra-laminar nuclei.
- Inter-Laminar Nuclei then carries the info into the cerebral cortex.
- **Ascending Reticular formation** fibres are the main ON/OFF switch for the cerebral cortex.
- Intra-thalamic Nuclei are also connected with other thalamic nuclei, so information also comes from there
- One of the big inter-Laminar nuclei, is called the **Centromedian Nucleus**.
- This centromedian Nucleus is connected with Motor cortex & Basal Ganglia. e.g. if we imagine any motor activity before sleeping, so we can't sleep because the centromedian Nucleus is consistently activating the Motor Cortex.



4) Lateral Nuclei:

i- Dorsal Tice Nuclei:-

a- DORSAL LATERAL NUCLEUS: (Lateral Dorsal Nucleus)

- It is same as anteriorly placed nuclei. i.e. it is also concerned with emotions & is connected with cingulate Gyrus & hypothalamus.

b. LATERAL POSTERIOR NUCLEUS:-

- connected with superior parietal Lobule (which is concerned with analysis alot of information,
- Also connected with other thalamic nuclei

c. PULVINAR:-

- Also connected with all thalamic nuclei.

- Also connected with medial & lateral Geniculate bodies.
- It is also connected with auditory association areas, visual association areas & somatic sensory association areas.

NOTE:-

Actually there are 3 areas for every sensation in the cerebral cortex;

- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary

- Secondary & Tertiary as a whole is also called association areas.
- Primary area is the area where the input comes at very first.
- Secondary area, in the area the analysis of the input takes place.
- Tertiary area, in this area it is compared with the already stored information about any sensations.

- In case of visual sensations;

primary → Area 17

secondary → Area 18

Tertiary → Area 19

- If the Pulvinar gets damaged, so we will be able to hear anything for example but we will not be able to understand it, this is called **Sensory Aphasia**.

ii- Ventral Tice Nuclei:-

are;

- a- Ventro Anterior
 - b- Ventro Lateral or intermedial
 - c- Ventro posterior → Sensory
- } Motor
- Ventro posterior Lateral
 - Ventro posterior medial
 - Ventro posterior inferior

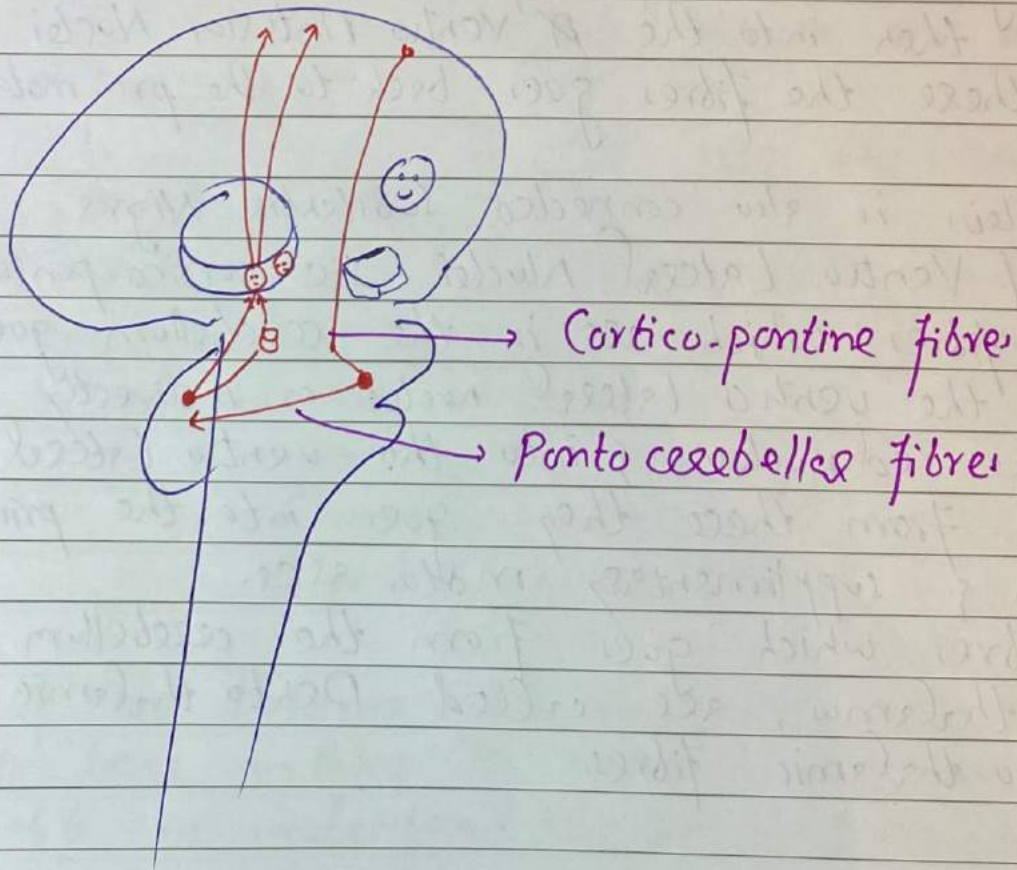
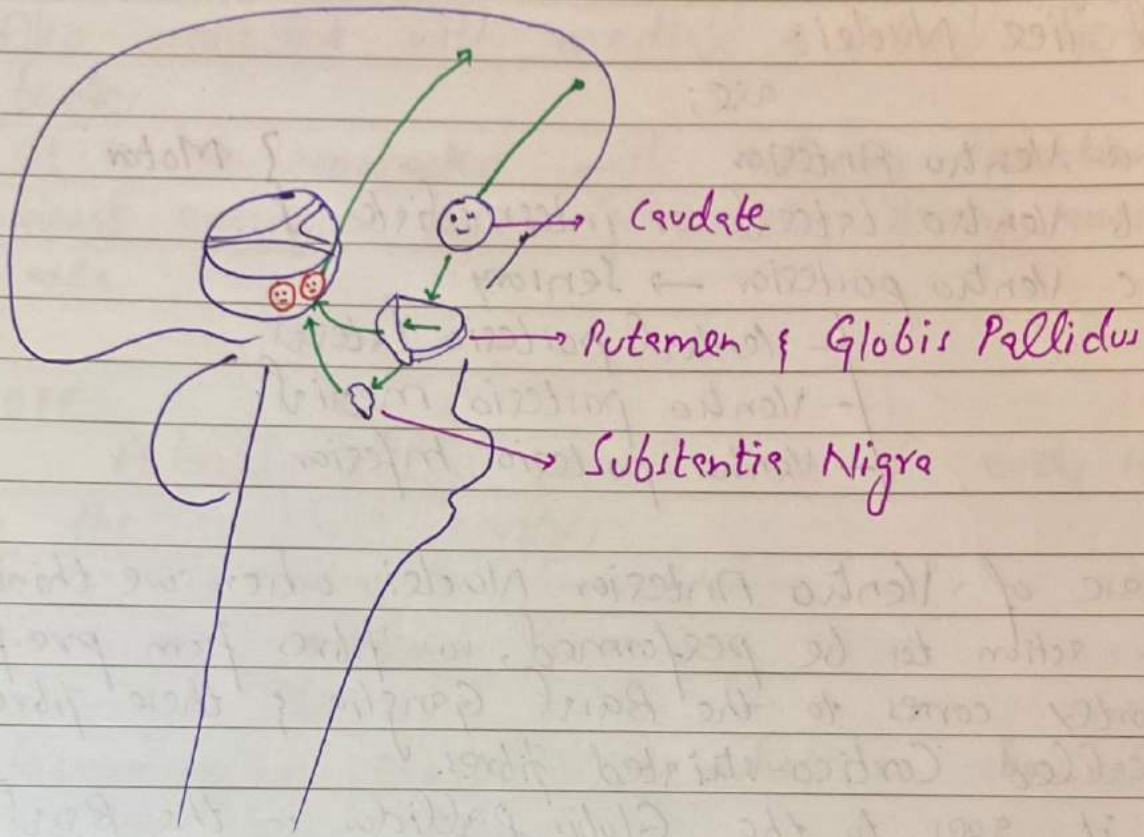
⇒ In case of Ventro Anterior Nuclei, when we think of an action to be performed, so fibres from pre-frontal cortex comes to the Basal Ganglia & these fibres are called **Cortico-striated fibres**.

- Then it goes to the Globus pallidus in the Basal Ganglia & then into the ~~At~~ Ventro Anterior Nuclei & from there the fibres goes back to the pre-motor cortex.

- This Nucleus is also connected Substantia Nigra.

⇒ In case of Ventro Lateral Nuclei, The cortico-ponto cerebellar fibres which are in the cerebellum goes directly to the ventro lateral nuclei or indirectly through the red nucleus & into the ventro lateral Nucleus & from there they goes into the primary motor area & supplementary motor area.

- These fibres which goes from the cerebellum into the thalamus, are called Dento thalamic or Dento-rubro-thalamic fibres.



i- Ventro postero Lateral:-

Receives sensations from Dorsal column Medial Lemniscus System & lateral spinothalamic pathway.

→ If it is damaged so;

- we lose sensations on contralateral side
- Severe burning pain (which may force the patient to suicide).
- Thalamic Hand development i.e Hand becomes pronated, then it becomes flexed & metacarpophalangeal joints become flexed & interphalangeal joints become extended.

ii- Ventro postero Medial:-

It receives sensations from the Head n Neck along the pain, temp, pressure & taste sensations & project them to the primary sensory cortex.

iii- Ventro postero Inferior:-

Receive the fibres from the vestibular nuclei i.e concerned with the balance.

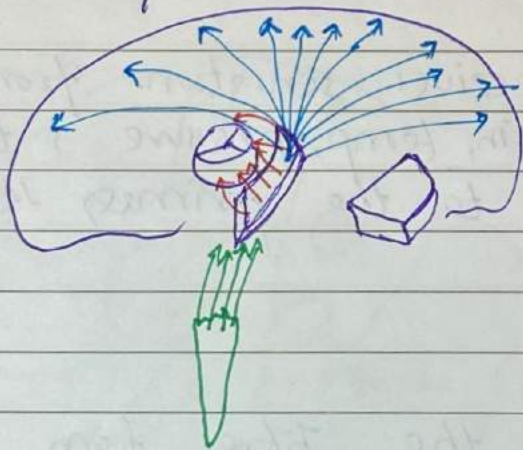
5) Medial & Lateral Geniculate Bodies:-

Medial Geniculate Body → Auditory System
 Lateral Geniculate Body → Visual System

- Already explained earlier.

6) Reticular Nucleus:-

- Main regulator of thalamic activity
- Receives information from all cerebral cortex
- Reticular formation is also connected to Reticular Nucleus.
- Gives fibres to all the thalamic nuclei.

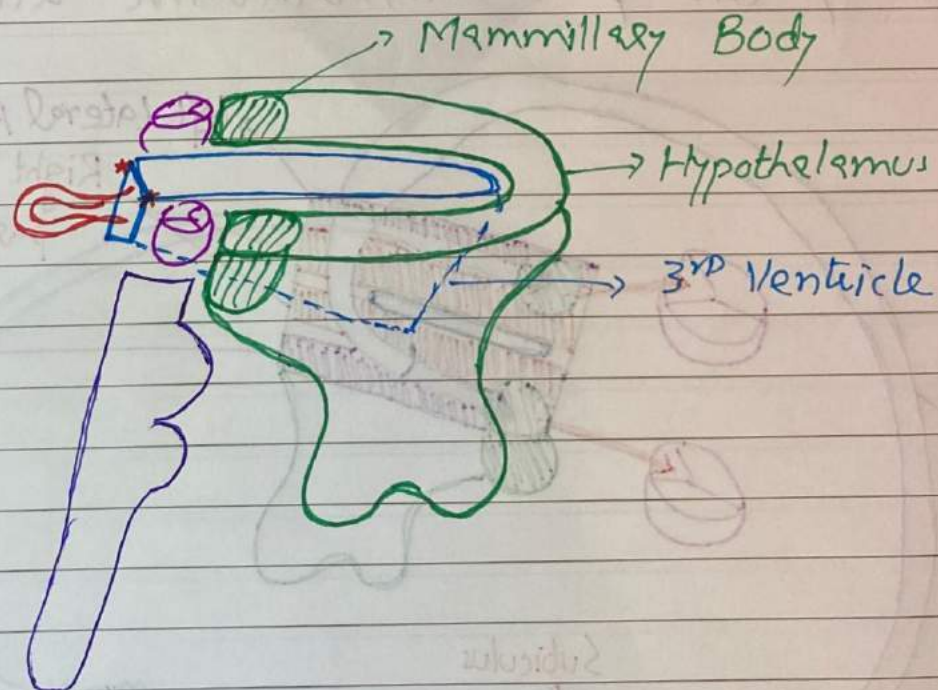


HYPOTHALAMUS:-

- Part of Diencephalon.
- Part of Limbic System
- Role in Autonomic Nervous System.
- Have Endocrine Functions

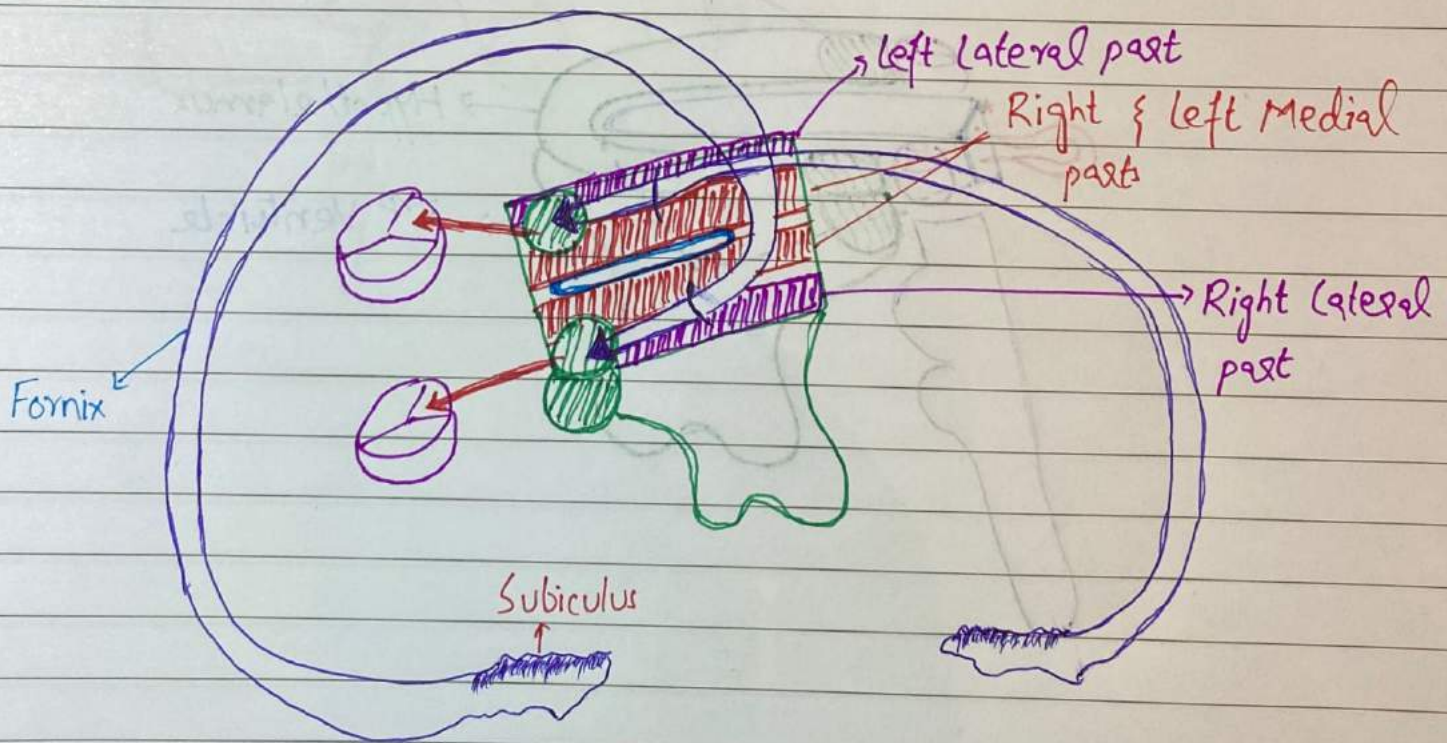
LOCATION:-

Present in the lateral walls of 3rd Ventricle & on the floor of 3rd ventricle.



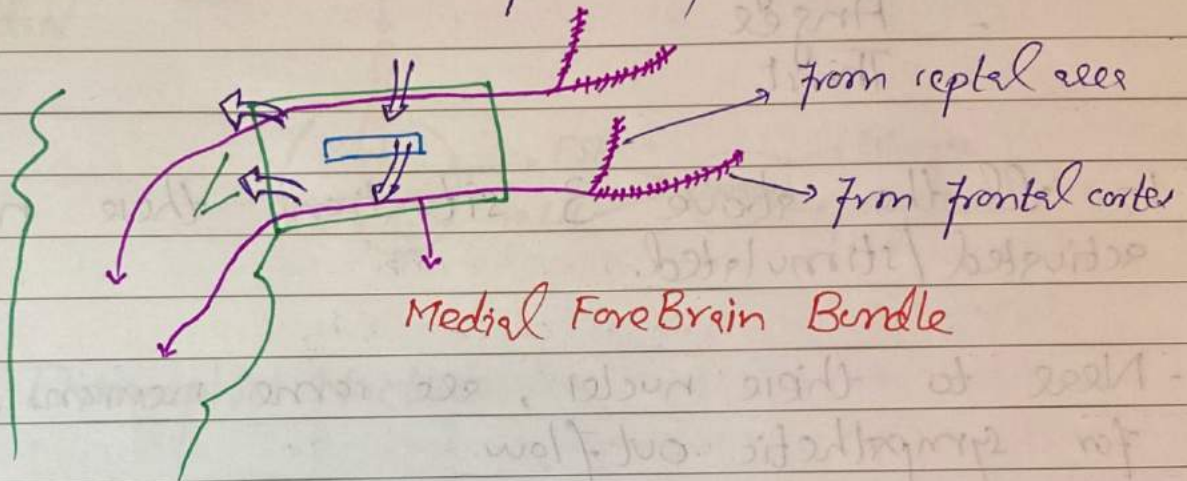
RIGHT & LEFT HYPOTHALAMUS:-

- The 3rd Ventricle divides the hypothalamus into right & left parts.
- Actually from Subiculum of Hippocampus & perhippocampal area, the information is taken through bundles of white fibres called Fornix into the hypothalamus.
- Then within the hypothalamus they go into the Mammillary Bodies.
- And from mammillary bodies they go into the anterior thalamus.
- Now Both left & right half of the hypothalamus is divided into medial & lateral parts the demarcation of imaginary plane formed by the entrance of Fornix & exit of mammillothalamic tract.



NOTE:-

Some fibres come from frontal cortex area & septal area & move through the lateral part of the hypothalamus & go to the brainstem area, These bundles of fibres are called **Medial Forebrain Bundle**.
 - This bundle move antero posteriorly.



HYPOTHALAMUS NUCLEI:-

Pre-Optic Nucleus:-

- present in both medial & lateral hypothalamus.
- Responsible for sexual activities.
- Releases GnRH factors
- which goes to the medial eminence & from there through blood supply goes to the anterior pituitary.
- These in anterior pituitary these releasing substance will acts on specific cells which will release FSH & LH.

- FSH & LH will act on the ovaries.
- Ovaries will then release estrogen & progesterone.

Lateral hypothalamic Nuclei:-

Have the centre for;

- Hunger
- Anger
- Thirst

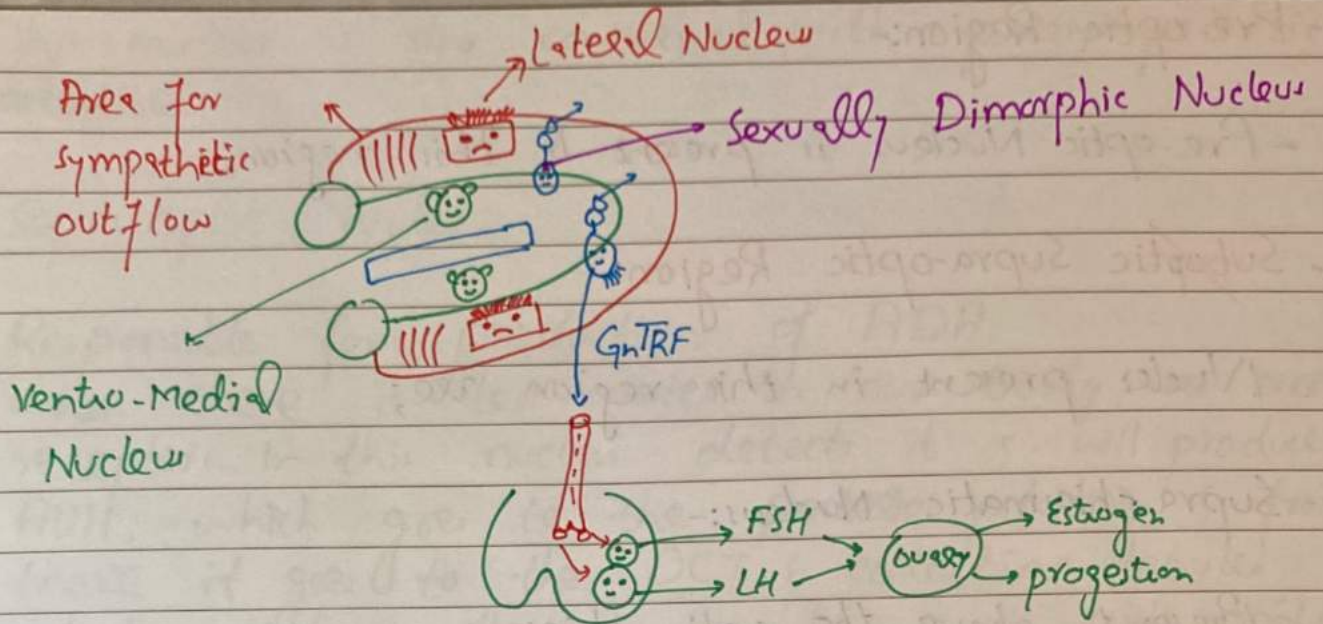
In all the above 3 situations these nuclei are activated/stimulated.

- Near to these nuclei, are some neurons, responsible for sympathetic outflow.
- In these nuclei there is also an area responsible for the checking of glucose level in the blood.
- So when glucose level becomes down, so due to close relation of the sympathetic outflow area, sympathetic system becomes active.

Ventro Medial Nuclei:-

Have the centre responsible

- fullness (after eating)
- Happiness.



- Sexually Dimorphic Nucleus:-

- present in pre-optic Area
- Responsible for sexual attractions
- Homo-sexuals have problems in the development of this nucleus during their development in the uterus.

Medial part:-

- Medial part of hypothalamus is divided into 4 regions from anterior to posteriorly:
 - pre-optic Region
 - supraoptic Region
 - Tuberal Region
 - Mammillary Region

1- Pre-optic Region:-

- Pre-optic Nucleus is present in this region.

2- Suboptic Supra-optic Region:-

- Nuclei present in this region are;

a- Suprachiasmatic Nucleus:-

- Present above the optic chiasm.
- Responsible for circadian rhythms.
- They do so, by calculating the light's ratio i.e. the light coming through the optic pathways goes to this nucleus through some fibres.
- This nucleus is also connected to pineal Gland & habenular nuclei.

b. Anterior Hypothalamic Nucleus:-

- Responsible for keeping the temperature of the body low if the temp in the environment goes high.
- Fibres from this nucleus go to the brainstem, then to the spinal cord & those fibres are connected to sweat glands, thus if the temp goes high, they produce sweating & lower the temp.
- Fibres from this nucleus also dilate the cutaneous blood vessels, thus more blood flow & more heat loss.

- This nucleus is also concerned with parasympathetic activities.

c. Supra-optic Nuclei:-

- Responsible for production of ADH.
- When there is less water in our body, so osmoreceptors in this nucleus detect it & will produce ADH, which goes to the posterior pituitary & from there it goes to the DCT & collecting tubules of the kidneys through the blood & will make them reabsorb more water.
- ADH has also some receptors on the blood vessels, so when it attaches on them, so it constricts them thus it is also called as **Vasopressin**.
- ADH comes to posterior pituitary along with a protein, called **neurophysin**.

d. Para-ventricular Nucleus:-

- Responsible for production of Oxytocin.
- Oxytocin produced in this nucleus go to the posterior pituitary along with a protein called **neurophysin**.
- It has two functions:
 - contraction of uterus during child birth
 - production of milk / release of milk.
- Actually, there are some cells around the areola where milk is stored in the breasts of a female, so when baby suck/press the nipple, sensory info. is sent to the nucleus, which produces oxytocin & oxytocin comes & attach to those cells which are around the milk's areola, thus they press

that seea & milk is released.

- This nucleus also release corticotropin releasing factor.

3- Tuberal Region:-

a- Arcuate Nucleus:-

- Produces release factors or release inhibitory factors.
- which goes into the primary capillaries present in the infundibulum.
- Then these capillaries break into veins & then those veins again forms capillaries in the anterior pituitary.
- This is called **Hypothalamic hypophysial portal system**.
- The products (release factors or release inhibitory factor) comes through the portal system into the anterior pituitary, where they influence the cells of anterior pituitary to produce hormones according to product released by arcuate nucleus.

For example:

GHRF \rightarrow produces \rightarrow Growth Hormone
 GHRIF \rightarrow inhibits \rightarrow GH & IGF
 P-RF \rightarrow produces \rightarrow prolactin
 Dopamine \rightarrow inhibits \rightarrow prolactin
 GnRF \rightarrow produces \rightarrow LH & FSH

- The products from the Arcuate nucleus coming through the fibres, which makes a tract, called **Tuberohypophysial Tract**.

b- Ventro-Medial:-

- Responsible for fullness after eating something enough.
- Receptors for Glucose & hormones coming from GIT.
- Also centre for happiness.
- Thus after more eating, this nucleus inhibits lateral hypothalamic nucleus.

c- Dorso-Medial Nucleus:-

- Responsible for anger & hunger.

4- Mammillary Regions:-

- 1- Responsible for controlling eating mechanisms.

2- Posterior hypothalamic Nucleus:-

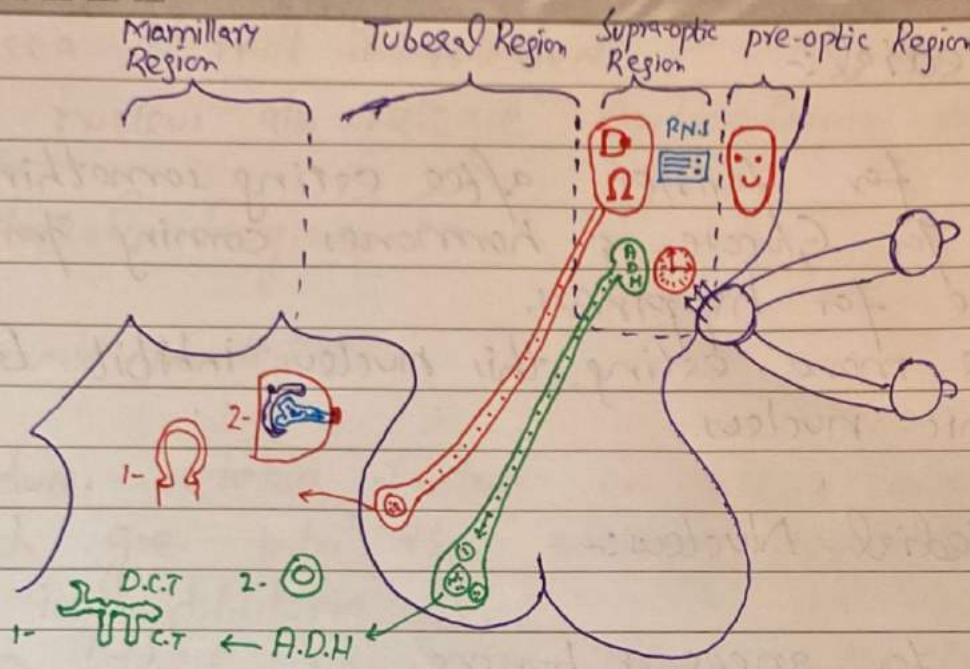
- Responsible for keeping the temp normal, when the outside temp falls.

It is done by:

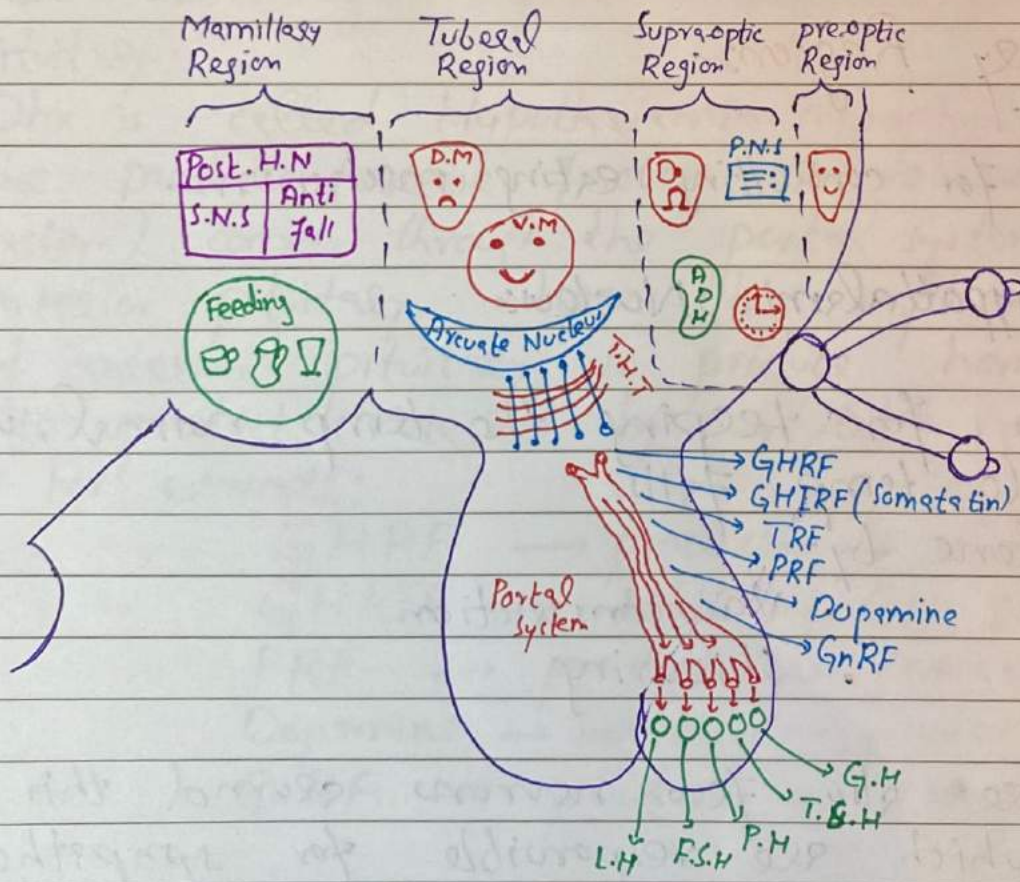
- Vasoconstriction
- Shivering

- There are also few neurons around this nucleus, which are responsible for sympathetic outflow.

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'MEDIAL VIEW' (1), (2)

Functions Of Hypothalamus:-

Autonomic Functions:-

- Anterior hypothalamus → Parasympathetic activity
↳ Anti-rise centre
- Posterior hypothalamus → Sympathetic activity
↳ Anti-fall centre
- Medial hypothalamus → Fullness after eating
- Lateral hypothalamus → Hunger & Anger
- Lower Area → Endocrine activities

Hypothalamus Connections:-

With Temporal Lobe:-

1. Pape hippocampal area → hypothalamus
(connected through fornix)

Damaged to this connected develops "amnesia."

2. Amygdaloid body → hypothalamus
(connected through stria terminalis)

3- Amygdaloid body → hypothalamus
(connected through ventral Amygdaloid fugal pathway)

With pre-frontal Orbital cortex & septal area:-

- Medial forebrain Bundle comes through lateral hypothalamus from these areas & goes to the Brain stem.

With anterior & posterior pituitary:-

- Supra-optic hypophyseal tract
- Tuberal hypophyseal tract

With Thalamus:-

- Mammillo-thalamic pathway (anterior thalamus)
- Inferior thalamic peduncle (Dorsal medial thalamus)

With Tegmentum:-

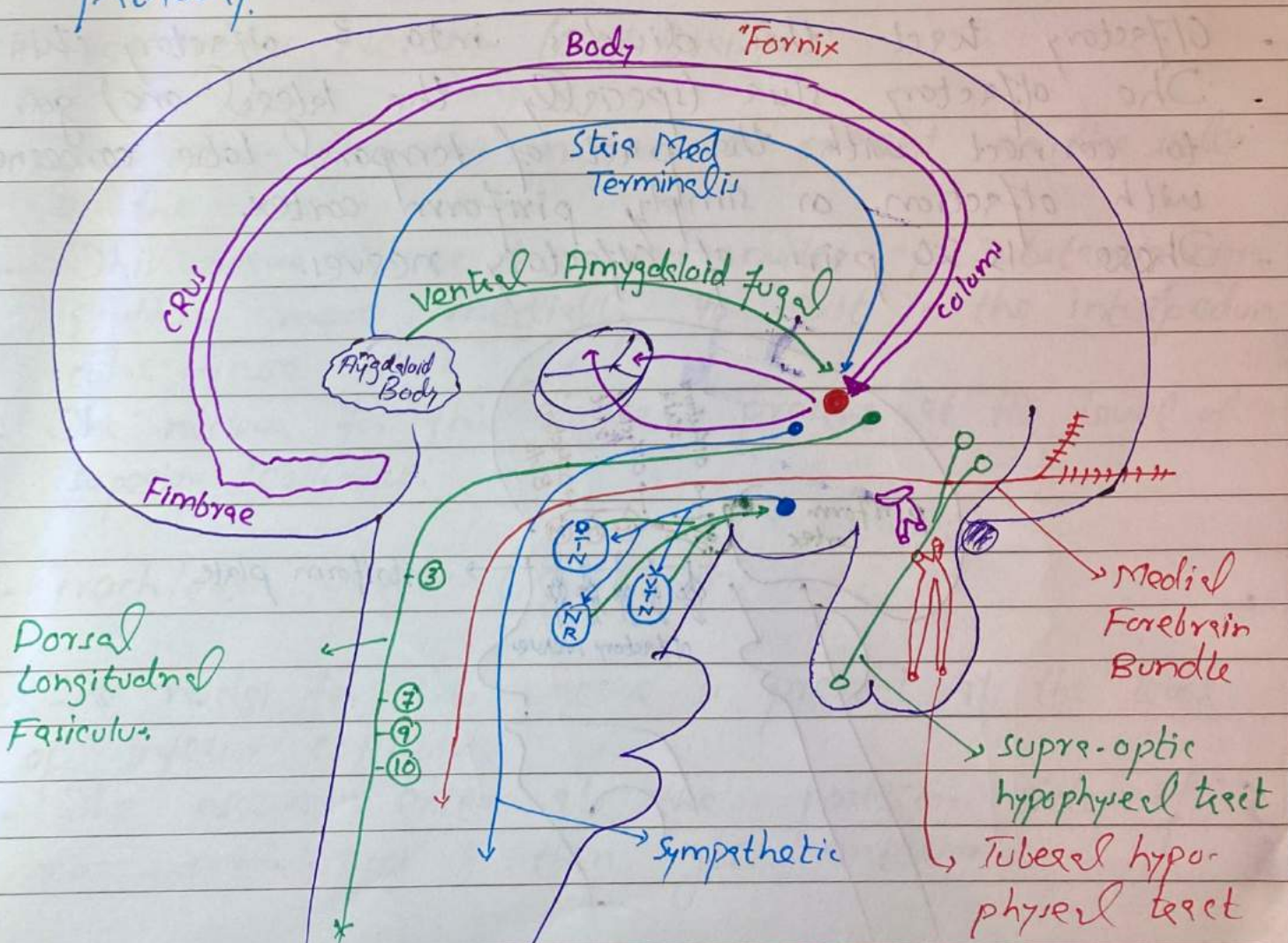
- Ventral Tegmentum & Dorsal Tegmentum Nuclei & Nucleus reticularis are connected to mammillary body through Mammillo tegmentum / tegmental tract
- Fibres from the mammillary body also come to the ventral & dorsal tegmental nuclei & nucleus reticularis & is called "Mammillary peduncle".

Parasympathetic fibres:-

- comes from the anterior hypothalamus
- feeds 3rd, 7th, 9th & 10th cranial nerves
- makes a pathway called Dorsal longitudinal fasciculus.

Sympathetic fibres:-

- comes from the posterior hypothalamus.
- these fibres stimulate the thoraco-lumbar spinal cord i.e their sympathetic outflow.
- These fibres are called hypothalamo spinal pathway.

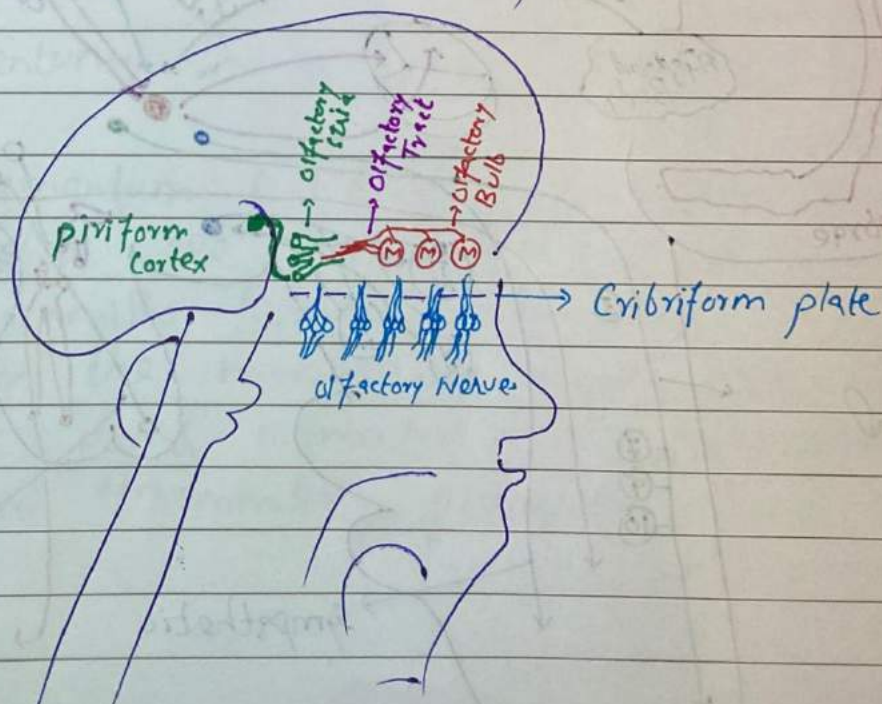


Cranial Nerves:- (Basic Concepts:-)

- Attachment of of Cranial Nerves with C.N.S.

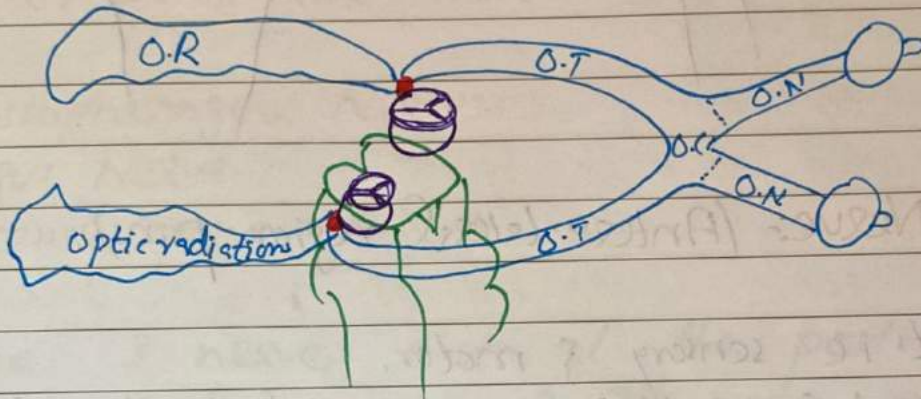
1- Olfactory Nerve:- (Telencephalon)

- Center processes of multipolar neurons of olfactory Nerve cross the cribriform plate & goes to the mitral cells of olfactory bulb.
- These extends from the upper part of nasal mucosa.
- From these mitral cells go centrally to form olfactory bulb & olfactory bulb then makes olfactory tract
- Olfactory tract then divides into 3 olfactory stria
- The olfactory stria (specially the lateral one) goes to connect with the part of temporal lobe concerned with olfaction, or simply **piriform cortex**.
- These 15-20 pairs of olfactory nerves.



2- Optic Nerve :- (Diencephalon)

- Not true Nerves
- They are central tracts
- prolongation of Diencephalon
- Optic Nerve → optic chiasma → optic tract → Lateral Geniculate Body



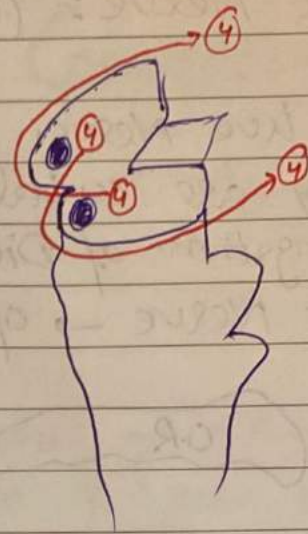
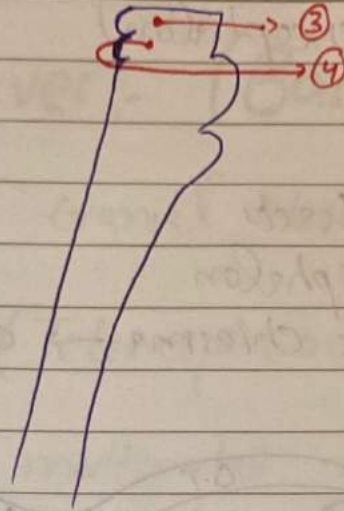
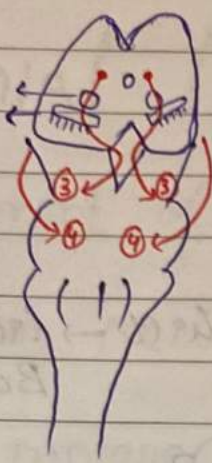
3- Oculomotor Nerve :- (Mid-Brain)

- The nuclei for this nerve are present on the sides of the peri-aqueductal area.
- This nerve crosses the red nucleus & substantia nigra & then move medially to exit in the interpeduncular fossa.
- The nucleus for this nerve is present at the level of superior colliculus.

4- Trochlear Nerve :- (Mid-Brain)

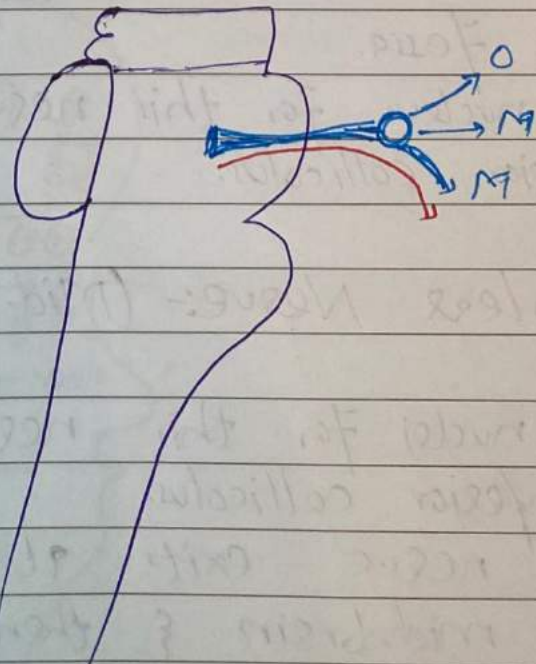
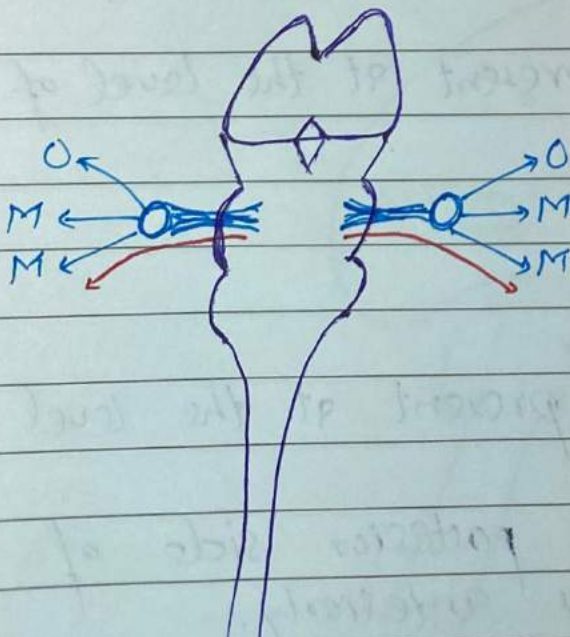
- The nuclei for this nerve is present at the level of inferior colliculus.
- The nerve exits at the posterior side of the mid-brain & then goes anteriorly.

- Red nucleus
- Substantia nigra



5- Trigeminal Nerve: (Antero-lateral region pons)

- Has two roots i.e sensory & motor.
- The sensory root is anteriorly connected with trigeminal ganglion which has 3 divisions
 - ophthalmic
 - maxillary
 - mandibular
- Motor root, all fibre goes along the mandibular division.



NOTE:

- 6- Abducent Nerve:-
- 7- Facial Nerve:-
- 8- Vestibulo cochlear Nerve:-

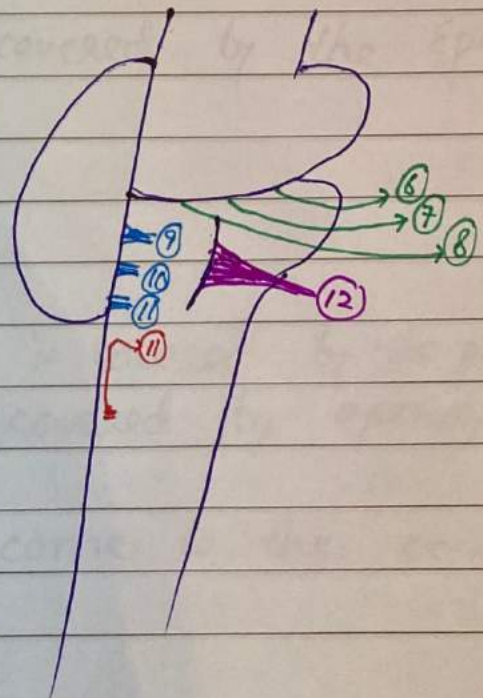
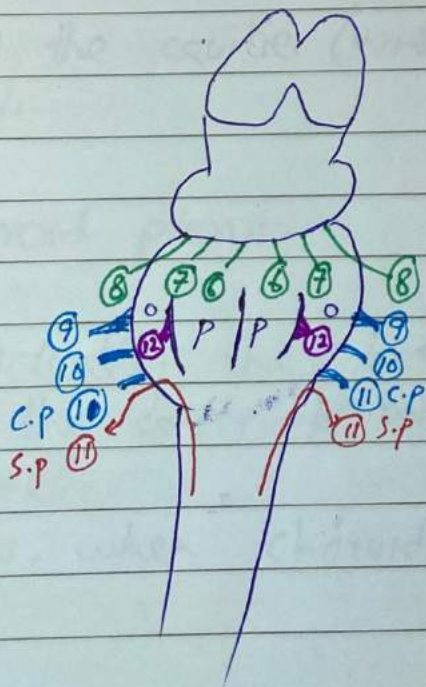
- These 3 nerves exit at ponto-medullary junction. From medial to lateral side & anteriorly. i.e 6th nerve is the most medial one.

- 9- Glossopharyngeal Nerve:-
- 10- Vagus Nerve
- 11- Accessory Nerve

- These 3 nerves exit at the post-olivary sulcus in a vertical manner & 9th nerve is the most superior one.

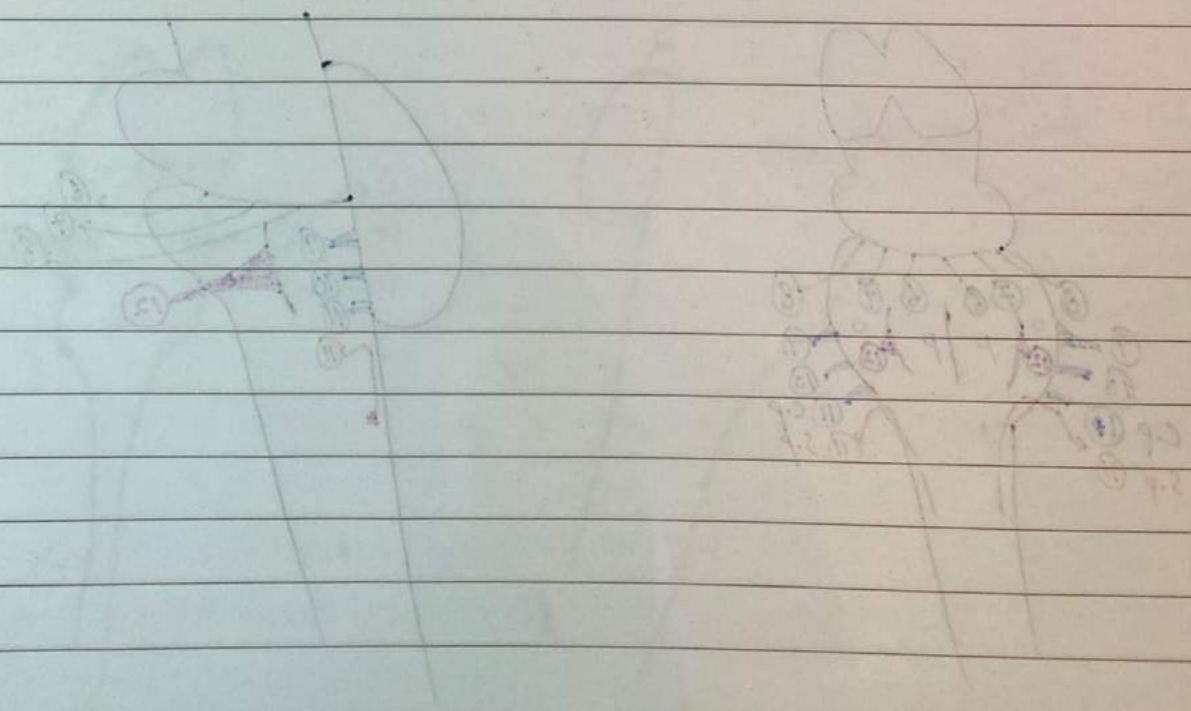
12- ϕ Hypoglossal Nerve:-

- This nerve exit at the pre-olivary sulcus.



NOTE:-

- 1- 1st Cranial Nerve come out through Cribriform plate.
- 2- 2nd Cranial Nerve come out through optic canal.
- 3- 3rd, 4th, ophthalmic division of 5th & 6th cranial nerve come out through superior orbital fissure.
- 4- Maxillary division of 5th cranial nerve come out through foramen rotundum.
- 5- Mandibular division along with motor root of 5th nerve come out through foramen ovale.
- 6- 7th & 8th Nerve passes through auditory canal.
- 7- 9th, 10th & 11th Nerve exit through jugular foramen.
- 8- 12th Nerve exits through hypoglossal canal.



Cerebro Spinal Fluid (CSF):-

- present in the CNS & also around the CNS in the sub-arachnoid space.

- Lateral ventricle are the cavities of Telencephalon.
- 3rd ventricle is the cavity of Diencephalon.
- 4th ventricle is the cavity of proximal pons & mid point of the medulla.

• The CSF runs in these cavities.

Foramen of Monro, is present b/w the 3rd & lateral ventricles of both sides.

• These ^{are} special structures present in 3rd, 4th & both lateral ventricles, called **Choroid plexus** where CSF is formed.

• All the cavities (ventricles) are covered by the **Ependymal cells**.

Choroid plexus:-

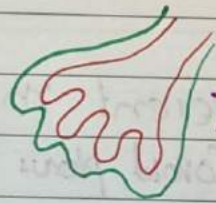
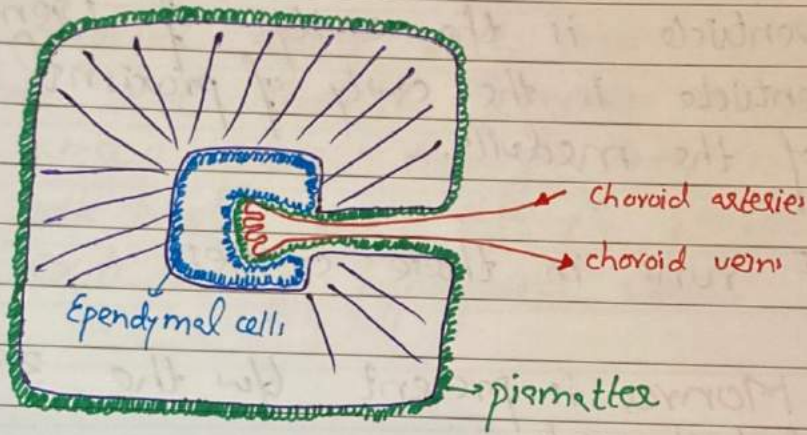
• Actually the brain substance is covered by the pia mater & the cavity b/w within it, is covered by ependymal cells.

• So, when choroid arteries come to the cavity, they

form capillaries, from which veins come out of the cavity & out of the brain substance.

• Now, when the fold of these arteries, when covered by the pia mater, so it is called **Telochoroide**.

• And when Telochoroide is covered by the ependymal cell, it is called choroid Plexus.



Telochoroide :- Double folded layer of vessels with pia mater.

• So Telochoroide + Ependymal cells layer = Choroid Plexus

How CSF is formed?

- The epithelial cells of choroid plexus secrete Na^+ .
- Due to increased Na^+ , Cl^- ions are also passively secreted.
- These ions increase the osmotic pressure, which also causes the movement of H_2O into it.
- These epithelial cells have glucose transporters, which transport glucose from the blood into the CSF, but they are less efficient.

- Thus the glucose level of CSF is less than that of blood glucose level and usually it is $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of blood glucose level.
- K^+ ions are transported from CSF into blood, so K^+ level is less in CSF than the blood.

NOTE:-

CSF is formed in these ventricles & it also moves in these ventricles & sometime the lower end of the spinal canal is dilated due to CSF & it is called **Terminal Ventricule**.

How the CSF moves around the CNS?

Foramen Luschka:-

These are lateral foramen present in the roof of 4th ventricle on the lateral sides, which drain CSF from the ventricle into the sub-arachnoid space.

- These are cerebello pontine cisternae.

Foramen Magendie:-

present in the posterior aspect of the pon, & it also drain CSF out of the ventricles into the sub-arachnoid space.

- present medially.

This is cerebello-medullary cisternae / cisternae magna.

Cisternae:-

Dilated space where more CSF is present.

Tentorium Cerebelli:-

Fold of dura mater present above the cerebellum



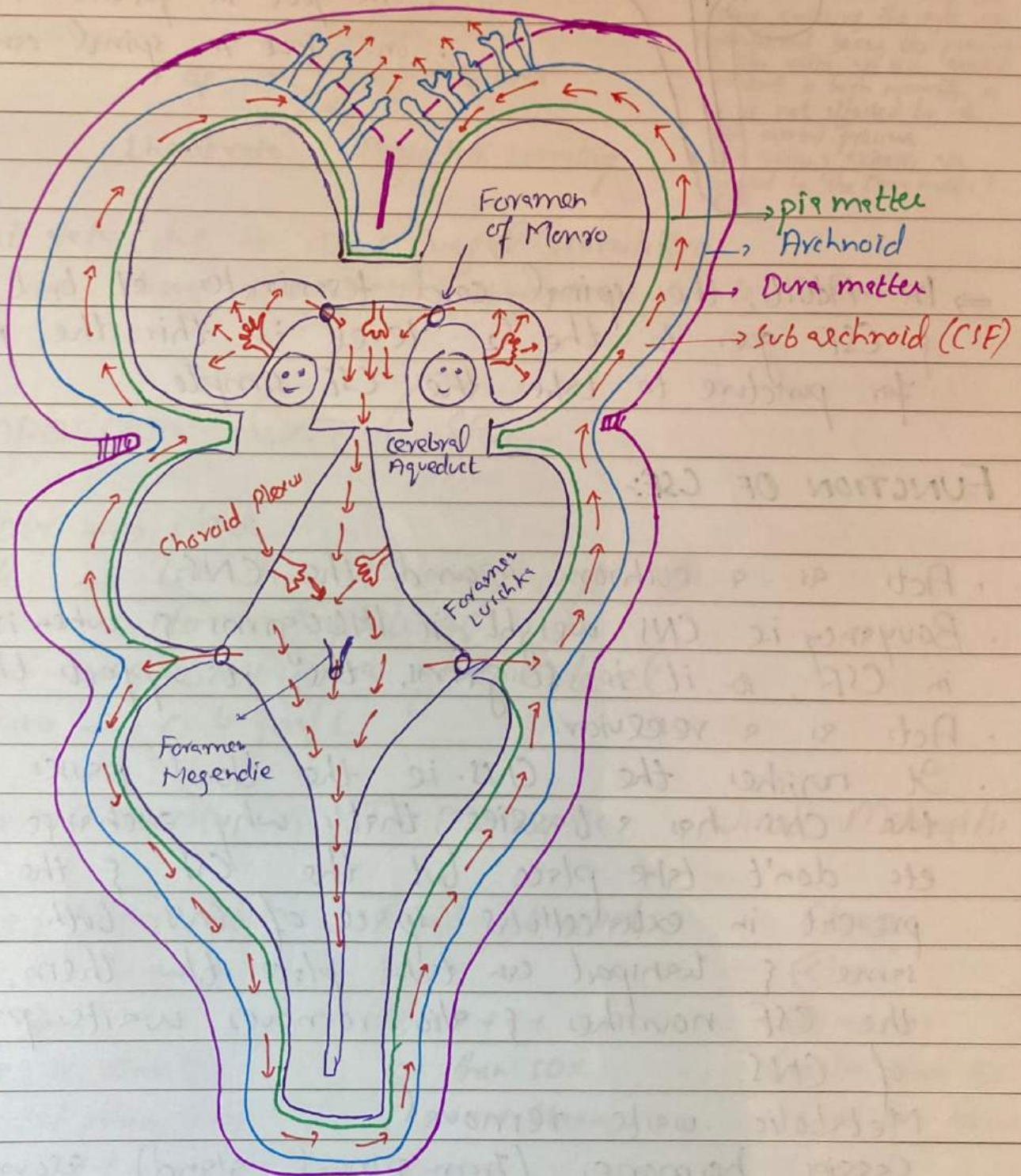
Tentorium cerebelli

⇒ These are two layers of Dura mater.

- At the top of the CNs, these two layers separate & make a triangular structure, called **Superior sagittal Sinus** or **Dural venous sinus**.
- There are few holes in this triangular structure through which sub arachnoid matter passes & make finger like structure called **arachnoid villi**.
- These arachnoid villi as a group are called **arachnoid granulation**.
- So, from these arachnoid granulation, CSF is drained into **Dural venous sinus**.
- These arachnoid granulations only allow one way movement of CSF i.e. from sub arachnoid into the dural venous sinus.
- There are vesicles channels in the endothelial cells of arachnoid villi, which allow movement of large molecules from sub arachnoid into these sinus i.e. RBC, proteins etc.

NOTE:-

- Every minute about 0.5 ml CSF is produced
- In 24hrs, 500ml CSF is produced.
- Total CSF, in the brain & around brain = 130ml





Example:-

- person in 4th ventricle:
- Head in cerebral aqueduct
 - Both hands in foramen Luschka
 - one foot in foramen Megeterie.
 - one foot in spinal canal.

⇒ In Adults, the spinal cord terminates at L_1, L_2
 & CSF goes to the S_2 level i.e. this is the point
 for puncture to take the CSF sample.

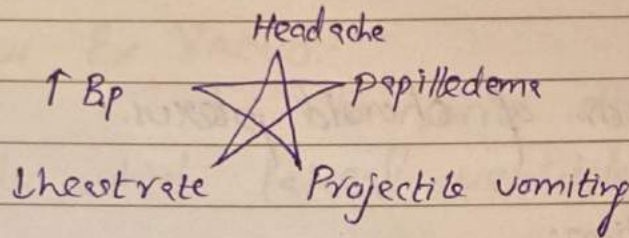
FUNCTION OF CSF:-

- Acts as a cushion around the CNS.
- Bouyancy i.e. CNS weight is 1400 grams & when it is in CSF, so it is 50 grams, then it supports the CNS.
- Acts as a reservoir.
- It nourishes the CNS. i.e. the blood passes through the CNS has a barrier that's why exchange of molecules etc don't take place. but the CSF & the fluid present in extracellular space of CNS, both see the same & transport can take place b/w them, thus the CSF nourishes & also removes waste product of CNS.
- Metabolic waste removal.
- Carries hormone, (from pineal gland) around the CNS.

• CSF pressure → 60 - 160 mm of Hg

NOTE:-

Increased cerebral pressure signs:-



* In papilloedema only the veins entering the eye are constricted becoz the pressure in the veins are less, arterial pressure is high normally, so it is not affected by the high cerebral pressure.
* Both veins & arteries are covered by the Dura matter & CSF.

↓ Heart rate due to strong vagal stimulation,

↑ Bp due strong sympathetic stimulation due to ischemia,

Composition OF CSF:-

- Colour → clear
- Cells → less than 5 Lymphocytes (⊙) No neutrophils. (⊗)
- Glucose → 66% plasma glucose level
- proteins → 0.4 gm/L

Pyogenic Meningitis	T.B Meningitis	Viral Meningitis
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• Colour :- Yellow, Turbid	Turbid + Fibrin web	Clear
• cells :- (⊗) + + + + + (⊙) +	(⊗) + (⊙) + + + + +	(⊗) + (⊙) + + + + +
• Glucose :- less than 50% of plasma Glucose	less than 50% of plasma Glucose	Greater than 50% of plasma Glucose
• proteins :- + + +	+ + + +	+

Hydrocephalus:-

excess CSF builds up within the cerebral cavities.

Due to;

1- ↑ Production:-

Tumor of choroid plexus.

2- Abnormal Circulation:-

Cyst formed in the 3rd ventricle blocks the foramen of Monro.
Thus CSF builds up in the lateral ventricle, so it compresses the brain substance.

- Asymmetrical enlargement i.e. one lateral ventricle enlarges.
- Blockage of cerebral aqueduct, which leads to symmetrical enlargement of both lateral ventricles & 3rd ventricle.
- Blockage of foramen Luschka or Megendie.
- Blockage in the sub-arachnoid space e.g. due to TB meningitis.
- Blockage in the arachnoid granulation
- Thrombosis in the superior sagittal sinus.
- Blockage of internal jugular veins.

3 ↓ Drainage.

⇒ Hydrocephalus
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 → Communicating hydrocephalus
 → non-communicating hydrocephalus.

NOTE:-

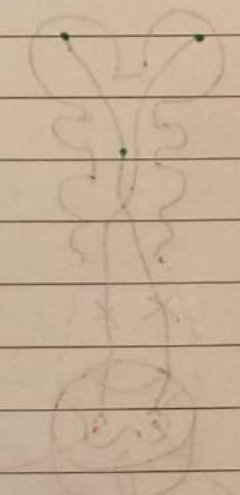
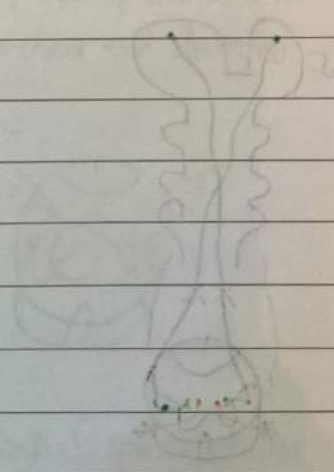
CSF pressure is not increased by its production, but it is increased by the arachnoid villi which acts as valves & when they are closed, so it increases the CSF pressure.

Hydrocephalus Ex Vacuo:-

In some diseases, caudate nucleus shrinks due to which lateral ventricle gets enlarge.



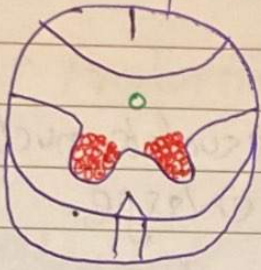
- Blood Brain barrier is due to endothelial cells & tight junctions of the vessels itself.
- Blood CSF barrier is due to epithelial cells & tight junctions of choroid plexus or simply choroidal epithelial cells.
- CSF & extracellular fluid of brain have no barrier.



Spinal Cord Lesions:

"MOTOR LESIONS"

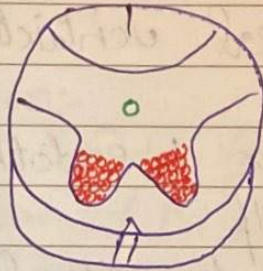
1- Poliomyelitis



- virus, polio
- Lower motor neurons, damaged
- purely motor
- Loss of mass
- Loss of power
- Hypotonia

2- Progressive Infantile muscular atrophy (OR)

- Werdnig Haffman disorder



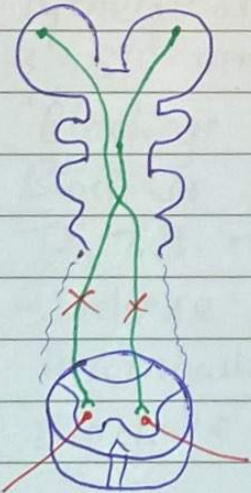
- Lower motor neurons, damaged
- Inherited

3- Juvenile hereditary lower motor neurons disease (OR)

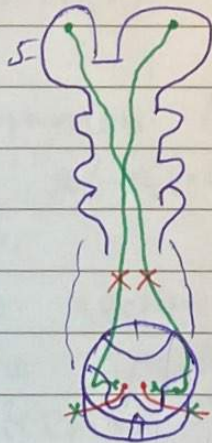
- Kugelberg walerda disease



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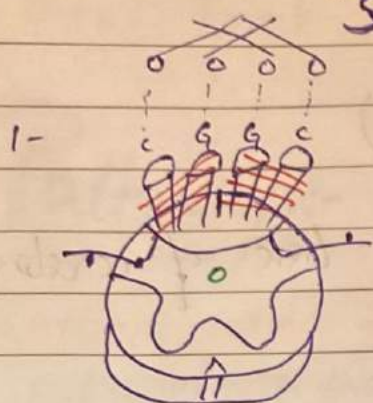


- upper motor, neurons Lesions
- Bilateral (on both sides)
- Hereditary Spastic paraplegia
- corticospinal tract Lesion



- Motor neuron Disease
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Both upper & lower motor neuron lesions.

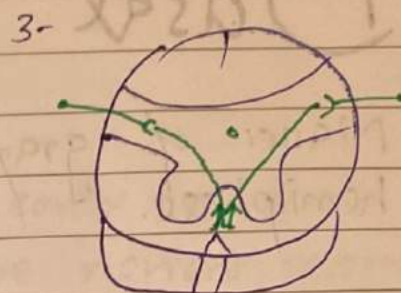
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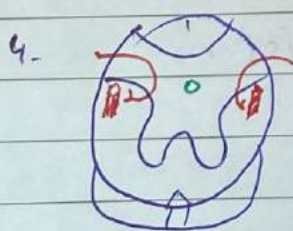
- 1- Bilateral dorsal column lesion then;
- Problem with balance of the body after closing the eyes - Romberg's sign.
 - Dorsal column syndrome
 - Ipsilateral loss.
 - Demyelination



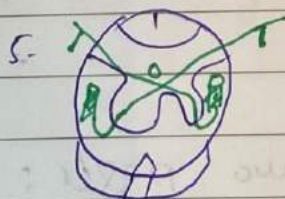
- 2- Lateral spinothalamic tract lesion;
- contralateral loss of pain, temp one segment below the lesion because they cross obliquely i.e. they don't cross horizontally so, one segment is spared & below that others are damaged.



- 3- Anterior spinothalamic tract lesion;
- contralateral loss of crude touch, 4-5 segments below the lesion.



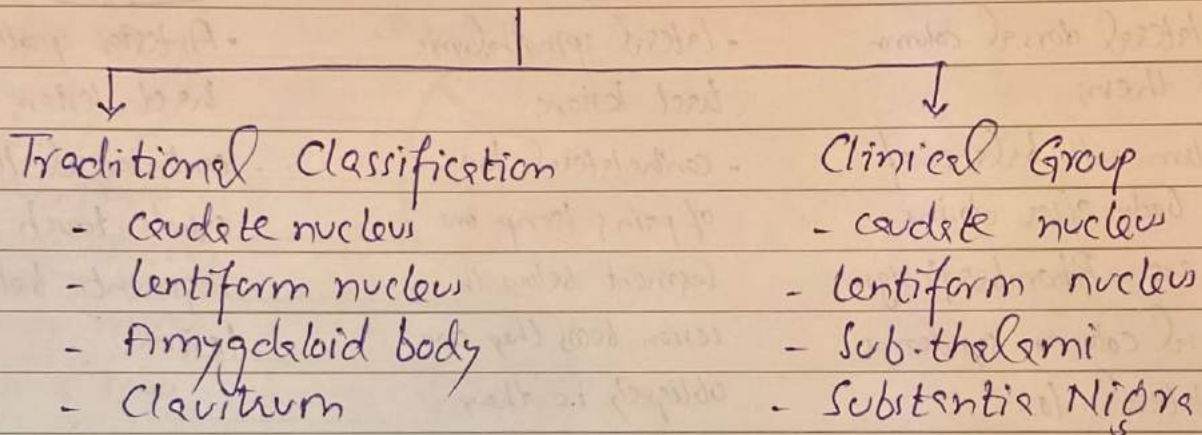
- 4- Dorsal spinocerebellar tract lesion
- Ipsilateral loss of coordination movement of lower limb.



- 5- Ventral spinocerebellar tract lesion
- Contralateral loss of coordination movement of lower limb.

Basal Ganglia: (Nuclei)

- Masses of gray matter present at the base of cerebral hemisphere.



NOTE:-

Caudate + putamen + Globus pallidus = Corpus Striatum
 Caudate + putamen = Neostriatum
 Globus pallidus = Paleostriatum

- Globus pallidus has two parts:
 - Lateral or external
 - Medial or internal

Importance:-

When we think of an action, so first the information about doing that certain action, comes to the Basal ganglia & then it goes back to the cerebral cortex through the thalamus &

then final order comes through corticospinal fibres.

Pathways:-

Corticostriatal fibres come from the cortex to the putamen. & the nerve endings of these neurons release **Glutamate**. (stimulatory)

Striatopallidal fibres go to the internal globus pallidus from the putamen & the nerve endings of these neurons release **GABA + substance P**.

Pallidothalamic fibres, come from internal globus pallidus & goes to the thalamus & the nerve endings of these neurons release **GABA**.

Thalamocortical fibres, come to the cortex from the thalamus & the nerve endings of these neurons release **Glutamate**.

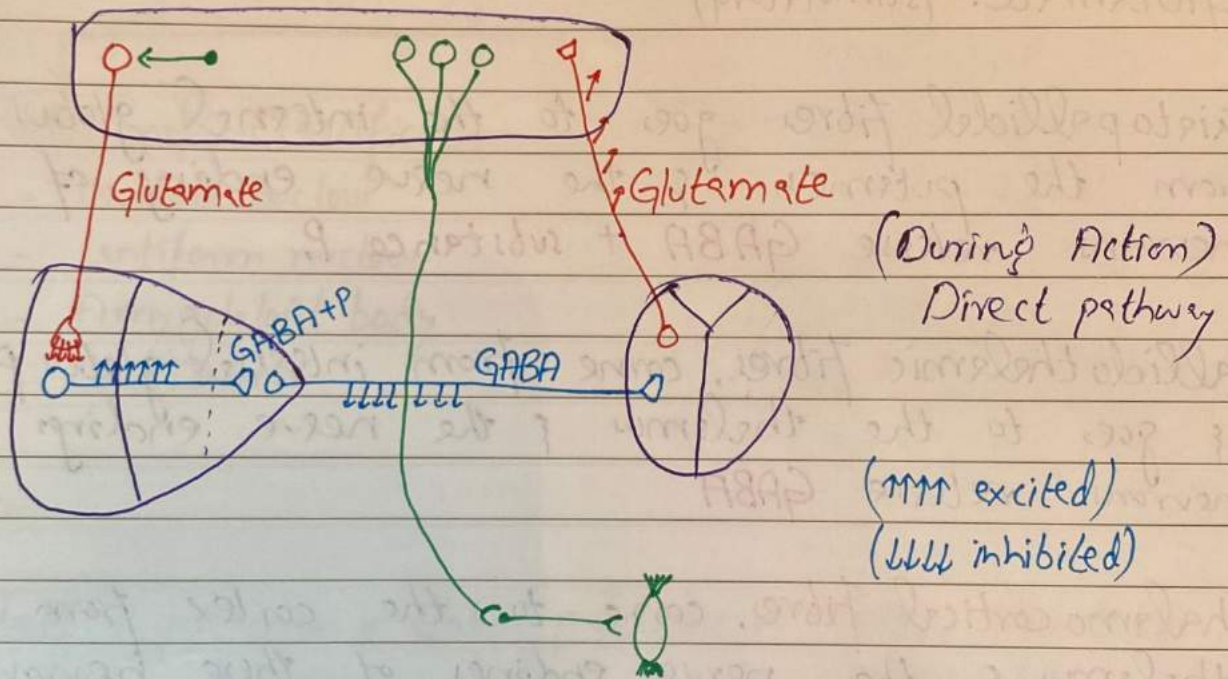
→ AT REST:-

When we are at rest, pallidothalamic fibres are constantly firing GABA & they keep thalamocortical fibres inhibited, thus the **corticospinal fibres** are not stimulated.

→ ACTION:- (Direct pathway)

When we think of an action, so the corticostriatal fibre, are stimulated & they release glutamate to the

striatopallidal fibres which are also stimulated & they release GABA to the pallidothalamic fibres, which are inhibited & thus less GABA released for the thalamocortical fibres, so they escape the inhibition (which were caused by pallidothalamic fibres) & thus they start firing & msg goes to the upper motor neuron & eventually they stimulate lower motor neurons.

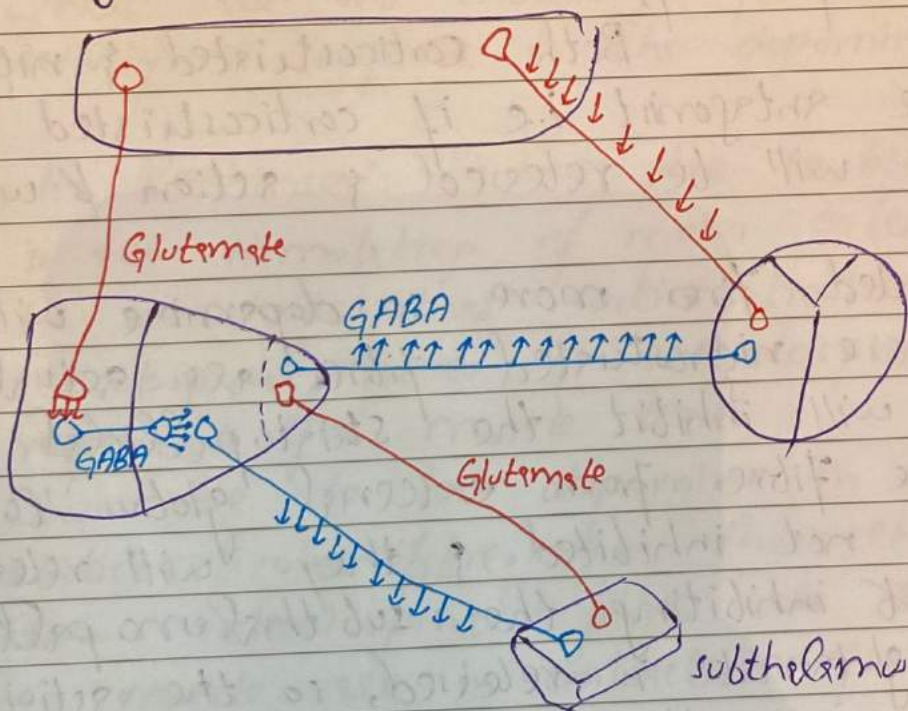


Indirect pathway:-

- In this pathway, the corticostriated fibres are stimulated which release Glutamate, then another fibre called striatopallidal are stimulated with will release the GABA but the difference is that in this pathway, these fibres just go to the external globus pallidus. From external globus fibres goes to the subthalamus which also release GABA are inhibited by GABA released by the striatopallidal fibres. Now the

sub-thalamopallidal which escaped the inhibition over
 fire & they release Glutamate. & thus they stimulated
 pallidothalamic fibre & eventually they release GABA.
 & thus they keep the corticospinal thalamocortical fibre
 inhibited & corticospinal fibres are thus inhibited.

⇒ Actually, when we are doing something, for example
 writing something, so some of our muscles are flexed
 through direct pathway & some extensor are relaxed
 through indirect pathway.



Nigrostriatal Pathway:-

This nigrostriatal pathway is connected with both the
 direct & indirect pathways.

- In case of direct pathway,

Both corticostriated & nigro-striated stimulated the striatopallidal pathway by releasing Glutamate & Dopamine respectively, & then the pallidostriatopallidal after excitation will release GABA & will inhibit the pallidothalamic fibres, thus the thalamocortical fibres will escape the inhibition & action will be performed.

• Thus Nigrostriated fibres enhances the action.

- In case of indirect pathway,

Both corticostriated & nigro-striated fibres are antagonist i.e if corticostriated fire so glutamate will be released & action will be inhibited.

But if nigrostriated fires more, so dopamine will be released. & these nigrostriated fibres are actually **inhibitory**, so they will inhibit the striatopallidal fibres & thus the fibres from external globus to subthalamus are not inhibited & they will release more GABA, ~~not~~ inhibiting the subthalamopallidal fibres, & less glutamate is released, so the activity of pallidothalamic will also be less i.e they can't inhibit thalamocortical fibres & thus action is performed.

NOTE:

D₁ receptors for dopamine in direct pathway
D₂ receptors for dopamine in indirect pathway.

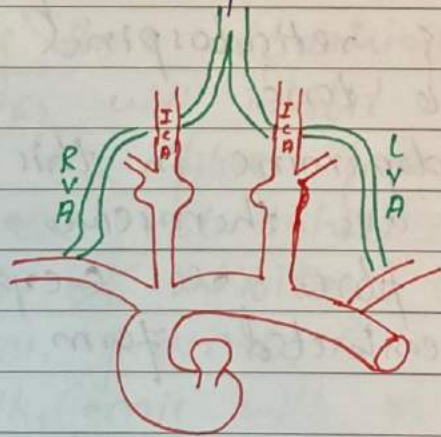
- Pass reticularis is a piece of grey matter functionally placed downwards just under the globus pallidus.
- Dopamine has stimulatory action on direct pathway & inhibitory on indirect pathway.
- ⇒ Direct & Indirect pathways, both of these when lose dopaminergic activity, both of these leads to less stimulation of motor cortex.
- These are also cholinergic fibres in the striatum, whose activity is opposite to the dopamine.
- ⇒ In **Parkinson's Disease**; due to less dopamine, there is less stimulation of motor cortex.
- As we know that corticoreticular fibres inhibits the reticulospinal fibres & reticulospinal fibres are responsible for muscle tone.
- Thus due to less dopamine in this disease, the corticoreticular fibres are themselves inhibited, & thus reticulospinal fibres are escaped from inhibition, & muscle are in contracted form.
- Resting tremors in this disease is due to circular stimulation of neurons & thus causing flexion & extension to occur very quick & in hyped manner.

BLOOD SUPPLY TO THE BRAIN:-

- About 15% of cardiac output goes to the brain.
- Two systems i.e. carotid (internal carotid arteries) & vertebral basilar (vertebral arteries) supplies the brain.

Vertebral arteries arise from subclavian arteries, they move upwards & medially & reach the foramen present in the transverse processes of cervical vertebrae & then through foramen Magnum enters the cranial cavity.

- All the arteries are present in the **Sub-archnoidal space**.



Basilar System:-

- Vertebral arteries are going up through transverse foramen of cervical vertebrae.
- Then they move medially & pass the dura mater & arachnoid & reach subarachnoid space.

- Then they move forward upward & medially & both arteries meet at ponto-medullary junction.
- They then move as a trunk called **basilar arteries**.
- Then just above the 3rd nerve, this basilar artery divides into two terminal arteries which move backward;
 - posterior cerebral arteries (right & left)

Branches:-

- 1- From lower part of vertebral arteries branches come in front of medulla, unit & descend together in the anterior median fissure of spinal cord, called **Anterior spinal artery**.
- 2- Posterior **inferior cerebellar arteries**, also originate from the vertebral arteries on both sides. & it also supplies lateral part of the medulla.

Anterior Spinal Artery:-

- Anterior $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of spinal cord is supplied by the spinal artery.

Posterior Spinal Arteries:-

In some people, they originate from the vertebral arteries but in some they originate from posterior ~~ce~~ inferior cerebellar arteries.

- And then they descend to spinal cord, just behind the posterior root.
- Segmental arteries present on both sides of the spinal cord enter the spinal cord & divide into
 - Anterior vertebral arteries
 - posterior vertebral arteries
- Both of these reinforce the flow of blood in anterior & spinal arteries.

NOTE:

There are two posterior spinal arteries & one anterior spinal artery.

- These segmental arteries may be;
 - Deep cervical arteries
 - Intercostal Arteries
 - Lumbar arteries

Great Medullary Artery of ADAM, is the most important segmental artery for the spinal arteries; i.e. if this artery gets block so major axes of the spinal cord may be infected.

- The area of anterior spinal artery which is very vulnerable to infection, if there is little blood supply, is present at the level of T₄ & L₁.

- And in case of posterior spinal arteries, it is $T_1, T_2 \& T_3$.
- These areas in anterior & posterior spinal arteries have least blood flow due to the placement of segmental arteries, so if further blood decrease so they may be infarcted.

Anterior Inferior cerebellar Arteries:- (AICA)

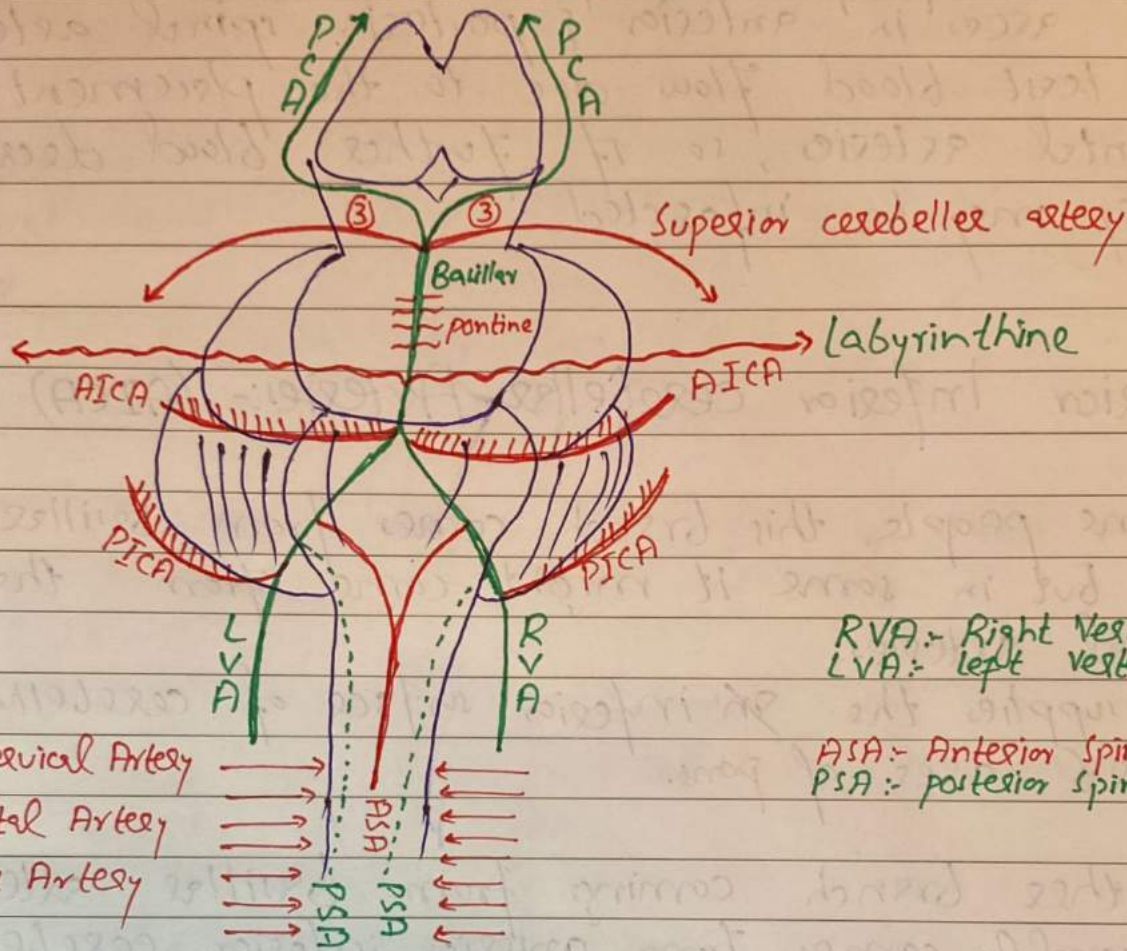
- In some people, this branch comes from basilar artery but in some it might come from the vertebral arteries.
- It supplies the inferior surface of cerebellum & lateral area of pons.

⇒ Another branch coming from basilar artery, occasionally comes from anterior inferior cerebellar artery & move with 7th & 8th nerve & supplies the internal ear, this branch is called **Labyrinthine artery**.

⇒ In Pons, this basilar artery gives small **pontine arteries**.

⇒ Superior Cerebellar Arteries:-

Just below the 3rd nerve, basilar artery give two superior cerebellar arteries to the cerebellum.



RVA:- Right Vertebral Artery
LVA:- left Vertebral Artery

ASA:- Anterior Spinal Artery
PSA:- posterior Spinal Artery

Casotid System:-

- The internal carotid artery enters the carotid canal. & from there it enters the foramen lacerum. & after entering this foramen it reaches middle cranial fossa.
- In the middle cranial fossa, it reaches cavernous sinus & in this sinus it moves forward & upward, & medial to the clinoid process & it turns up.

sharply, facing the dura mater & arachnoid to spread in the sub-arachnoid space.

These arteries are on the sides of the pituitary.

Branches:- (of internal carotid artery)

1. Ophthalmic Artery:-

ophthalmic artery, enters into orbital cavity through optic canal & gives an important branch called central retinal artery to the eye.

* Clinical :- If some thrombus comes through this carotid system & it blocks this central retinal artery to the person will lose his/her vision.

2. Posterior communicating Artery;

Communicates between the carotid & basilar arteries.

3. Anterior Choroidal Arteries:-

move posteriorly & supplies the choroid plexus of lateral ventricles.

4. Terminal Branches:-

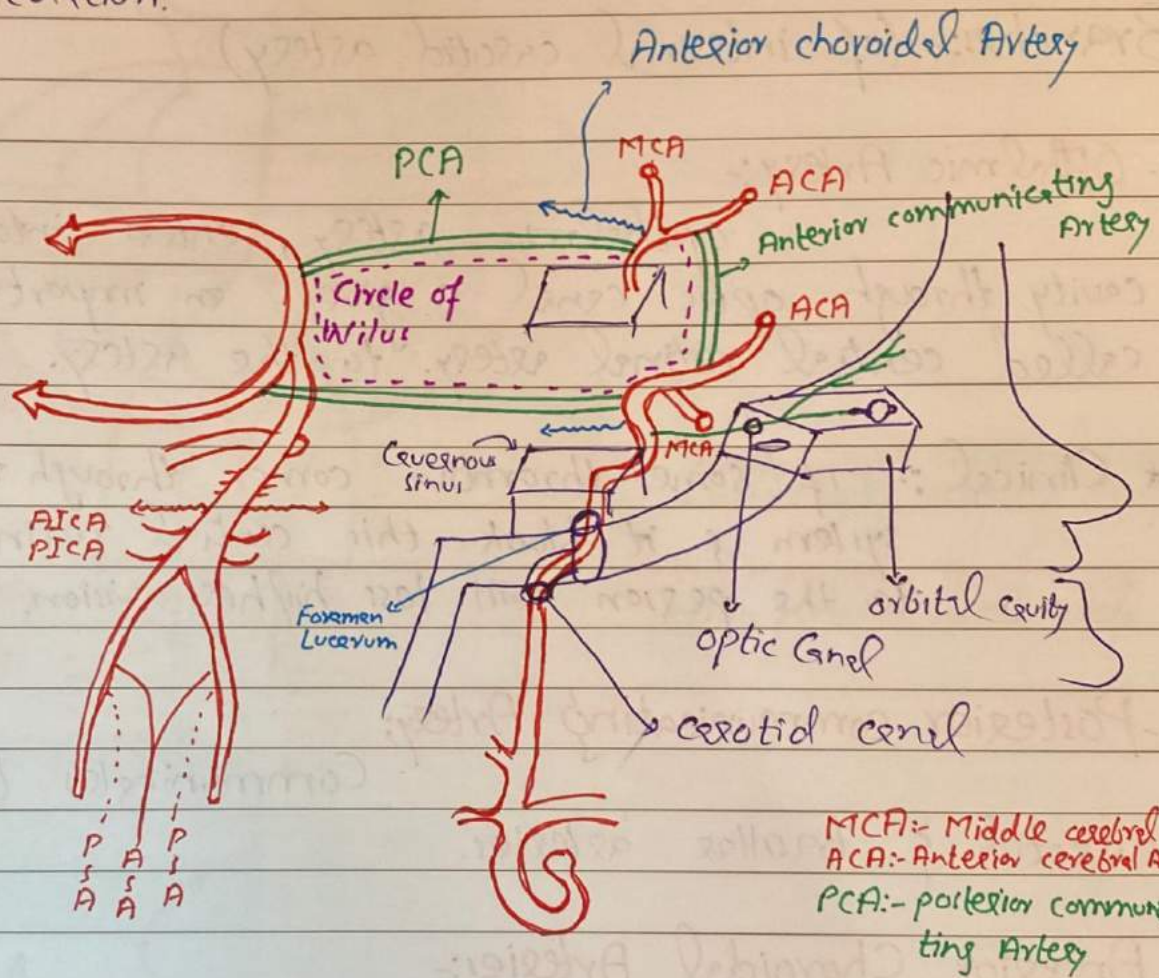
- Anterior cerebral Artery
- Middle cerebral Artery (more laterally)

Anterior communicating Artery:-

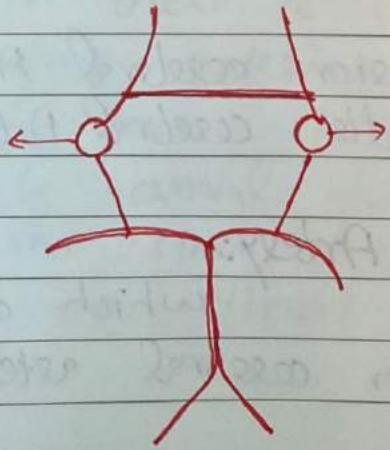
which communicates b/w the right & left anterior cerebral arteries.

Circle of Willis:-

Connects the right carotid with left carotid arteries & carotid (anterior) circulation with vertebral-basilar (posterior) circulation.



Circle of Willis is present in the sub arachnoid space under the base of the brain, in front of the mid-brain & under the cerebral hemisphere.



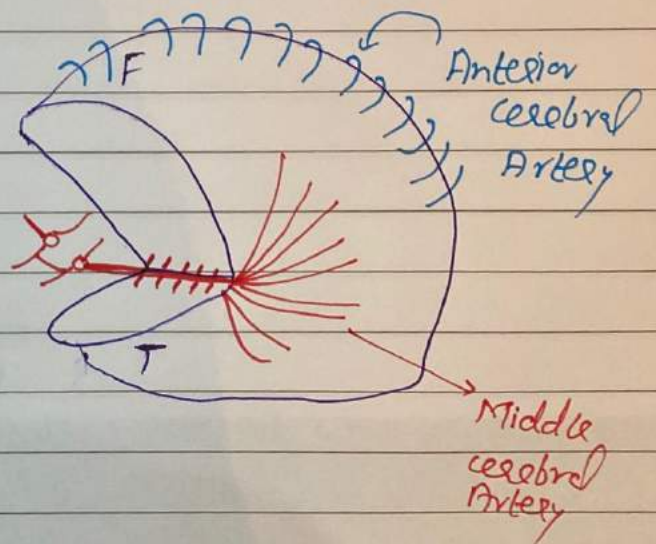
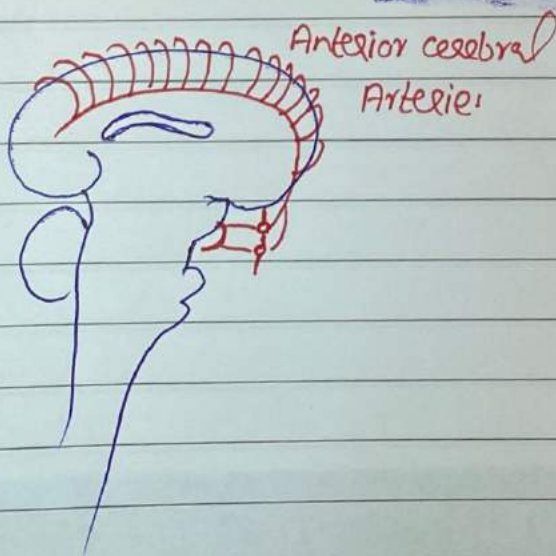
* Advantage of circle of Willis is that it provides collateral blood supplies in case of any blockage in anterior & posterior circulation.

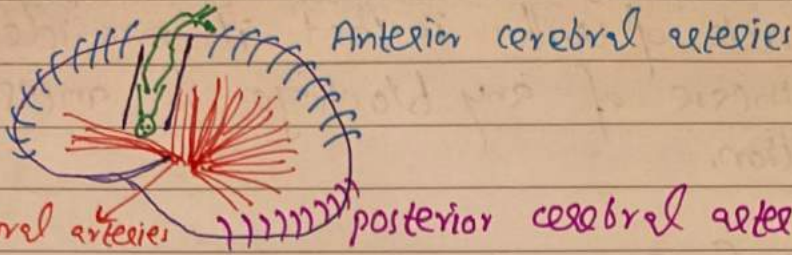
Anterior cerebral Artery:-

- It goes anteriorly then move upward & move above the corpus callosum & then goes back.
- Through out this course it gives branches (cortical branches) to the frontal & parietal lobes.

Middle cerebral Artery:-

- It moves laterally on the stem of the lateral sulcus till it appears on the superior lateral surface of cerebral hemisphere.
- It will give deep branches throughout this course, called **central branches of middle cerebral Artery**.
- These branches will supply the basal Ganglia, internal capsule.

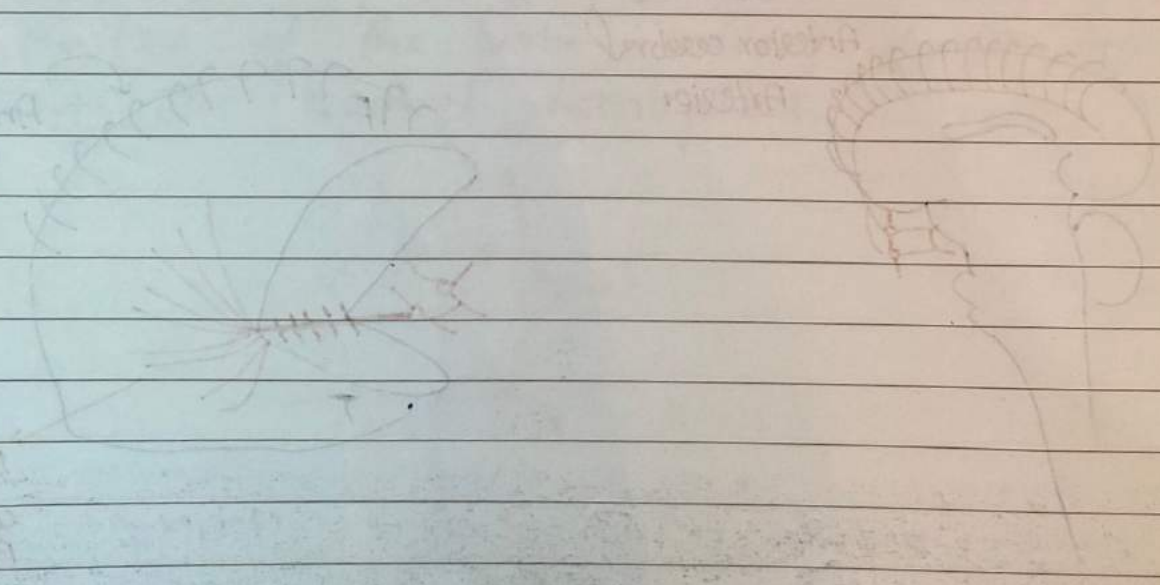




- According to this homunculus, foot & leg areas are supplied by Anterior cerebral Arteries & arm, trunk & head n neck is supplied by Middle cerebral Arteries
- Thus blockage in any artery will cause damage to that area i.e according to the homunculus.

Posterior cerebral artery:-

- Supplies the mid-brain, inferior temporal lobe & occipital lobes.



Meninges:-

1- Pia matter:-

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Soft Mother

- thin layer of connective tissue
- Highly vascular
- covers all CNS.

2- Arachnoid - matter:-

- outside pia matter.
- connective tissue which connects it with pia matters

3- Dura - matter:-

- Strong n tough layer.

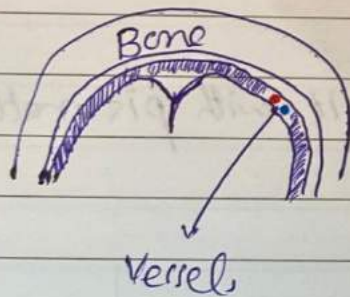
Clinicals:-

1- Epidural Hemorrhage:-

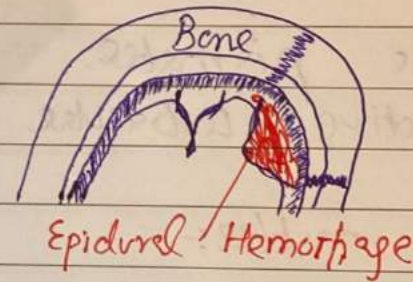
- Present in epidural space.
- ⇒ Dura matter has two layers
 - peri-osteal layer
 - Meningeal layer
- At some point, these two layers get separated

to form **Venous Dural Sinus**. (which is covered by endothelial cells).

- Meningeal veins & Arteries run between these two layers, or more specifically anterior branch of middle meningeal artery runs through this space b/w these layers.
- Now if any injury/trauma occurs to the skull, these arteries get damaged & hemorrhage occurs.
- These hemorrhage are also called **extra-dural hemorrhage**.



After Injury

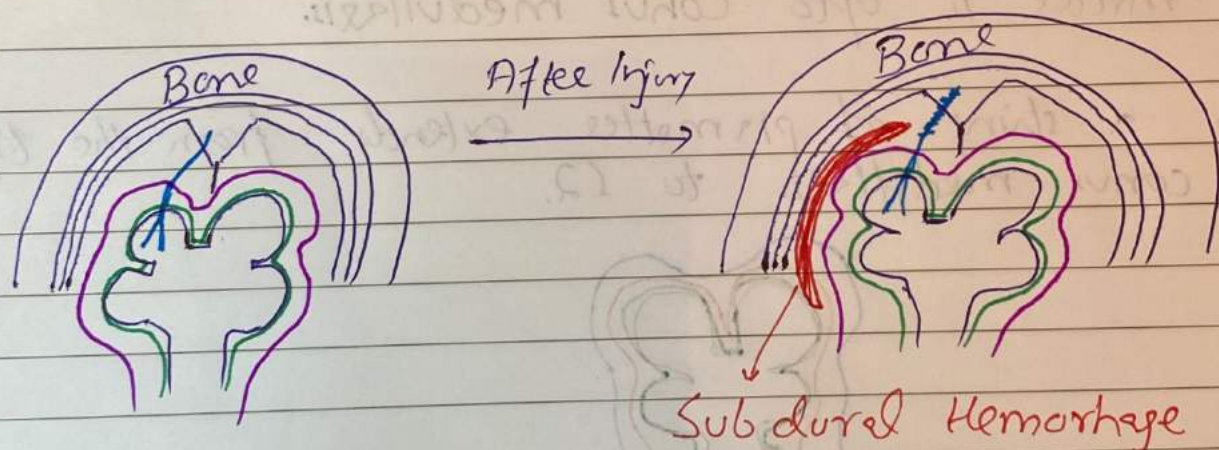


- This hemorrhage may be biconvex lense.
- ⇒ After injury, at first he/she might be at conscious level but slowly & gradually they go to deep unconscious level, this time from conscious to being unconscious is called **Lucid interval**.

2- Subdural Hemorrhage:-

- Cerebral veins drains blood from cerebrum into the venous dural sinus by pressing p.d.m., arachnoid & dura mater.

- Now due to deceleration injury, skull move anteriorly & then brain hit the skull very hardly so due to this injury, these cerebral veins can be damaged.
- And in case of old age, the brain shrinks & become small than before, so more chances of injury.
- Thus when injury occurs, so blood come b/w the dura & arachnoid matter.
- This hemorrhage may be of crescent shape.
- This hemorrhage may be present in patient with unexplained fluctuating level of conscious, specially with history of fall.



3- Sub-arachnoid Hemorrhage:-

- Occur throughout the sub-arachnoid space
- Occurs due to aneurysm (abnormal dilatation of blood vessel) taking place in circle of willis)
- This hemorrhage spread throughout the arachnoid space
- Causes:-
Severe headache (as if someone hit his/her head)

4- Intra cerebral hemorrhage:-

- Blood vessels going through cerebrum, if aneurysm occur in these & then they get damaged so hemorrhage occurs called intra cerebral hemorrhage.

NOTE:-

- There are 21 Denticulate ligaments on each side of the spinal cord, which connect Pia mater to the dura mater by passing the arachnoid mater.
- Pia mater is upto Conus medullaris.
- Only a string of pia mater extends from the tip of conus medullaris to L2.

