Problem 1

Xylose is metabolized in *E. coli* via two different uptake mechanisms:

- 1) an ABC transporter: xylose (extracellular) + ATP → xylose (intracellular) + ADP + Pi
- 2) ATP-independent transport via either a proton symporter or a promiscuous transporter: xylose (extracellular) → xylose (intracellular)

Then, intracellular xylose is metabolized to the PP pathway intermediate xylulose-5P by two steps:

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xylose → xylulose ATP + xylulose → ADP + xylulose-5P
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- A) Write the overall stoichiometric equation for xylose to pyruvate via the ABC transporter.
- B) Write the overall stoichiometric equation for xylose to pyruvate via ATP-independent transport.

NOTE: Pyruvate is the only metabolic product