

# Lect 4 Crystal lattice (Chap 4 Ashcroft & Mermin) ①

## § Bravais lattice and primitive vectors

discrete translation symmetry:  $\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$

where  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$  are linearly independent,  $(n_1, n_2, n_3)$  are integers, but not necessarily orthogonal

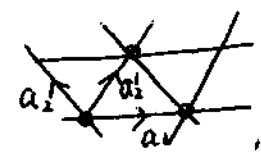
example 2D: square

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \hat{x} + n_2 \hat{y}$$



triangular

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \hat{x} + n_2 \left(-\frac{\hat{x}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{y}\right)$$



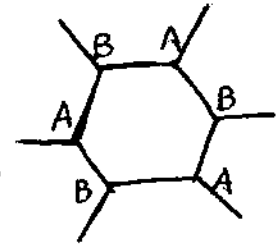
primitive vectors are not unique.

3D simple cubic

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \hat{x} + n_2 \hat{y} + n_3 \hat{z}$$

① Honeycomb lattice is not Bravais lattice

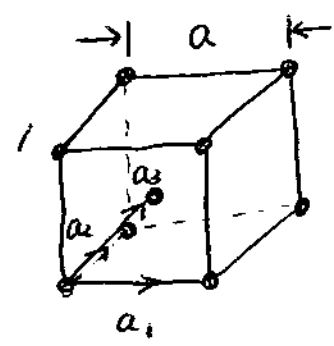
points A and B cannot be related through translation. A & B can be related by rotation or reflection.



② bcc lattice

$$\vec{R} = m_1 \vec{a}_1 + m_2 \vec{a}_2 + m_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = a \hat{x}, \quad \vec{a}_2 = a \hat{y}, \quad \vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})$$



two simple cubic lattices, one is at the center points of the other.

but this set of primitive basis doesn't represent the cubic symmetry well.

Coordination number  $z = 8$ .

bcc is a bipartite lattice.

another better choice

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{y} + \hat{z} - \hat{x})$$

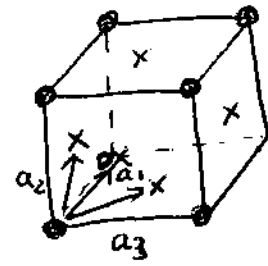
$$\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{z} + \hat{x} - \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2} (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z})$$

③ fcc:  $\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{y} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{z})$ ,

$\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{y})$ .

Coordination number 12.



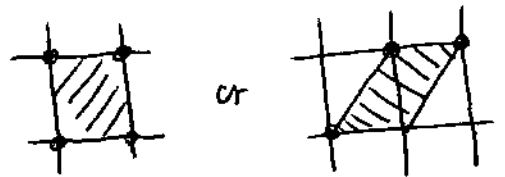
§ primitive unit cell:

A volume of cell can be used by translation to pave the space.

Smallest

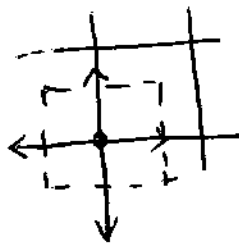
The choice of unit cell isn't unique.

Each unit cell only contains one lattice site of the Bravais lattice.



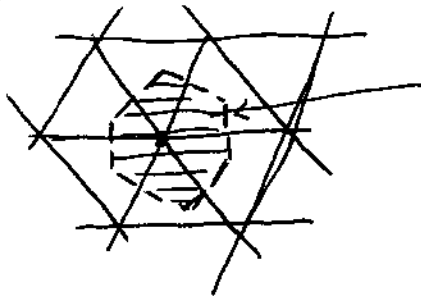
\* Wigner-Seitz unit cell — preserve the lattice symmetry

① square lattice



from one lattice site, draw the lattice vectors to nearest neighbors. Draw the bisect lines, perpendicular they enclose the W-S unit cell.

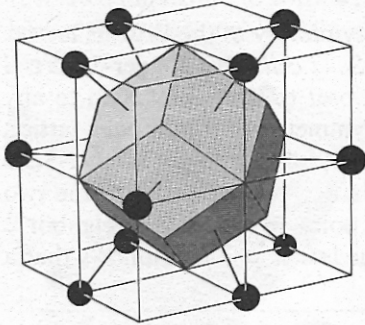
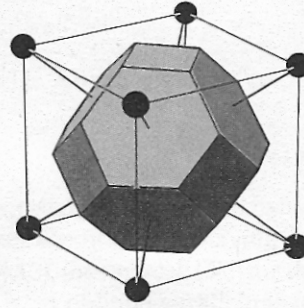
② triangular lattice



six fold rotational symmetry

**Figure 4.15**

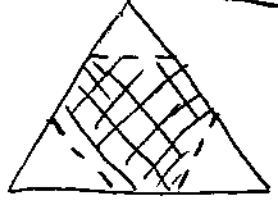
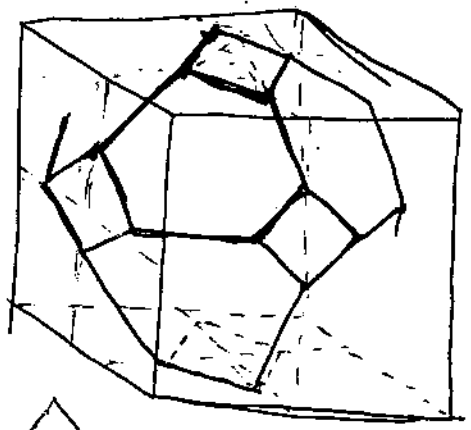
The Wigner-Seitz cell for the body-centered cubic Bravais lattice (a “truncated octahedron”). The surrounding cube is a conventional body-centered cubic cell with a lattice point at its center and on each vertex. The hexagonal faces bisect the lines joining the central point to the points on the vertices (drawn as solid lines). The square faces bisect the lines joining the central point to the central points in each of the six neighboring cubic cells (not drawn). The hexagons are regular (see Problem 4d).



**Figure 4.16**

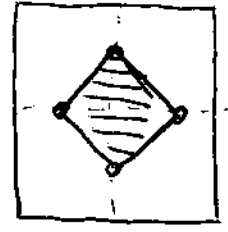
Wigner-Seitz cell for the face-centered cubic Bravais lattice (a “rhombic dodecahedron”). The surrounding cube is *not* the conventional cubic cell of Figure 4.12, but one in which lattice points are at the center of the cube and at the center of the 12 edges. Each of the 12 (congruent) faces is perpendicular to a line joining the central point to a point on the center of an edge.

③ body-centered:



truncated octahedron:

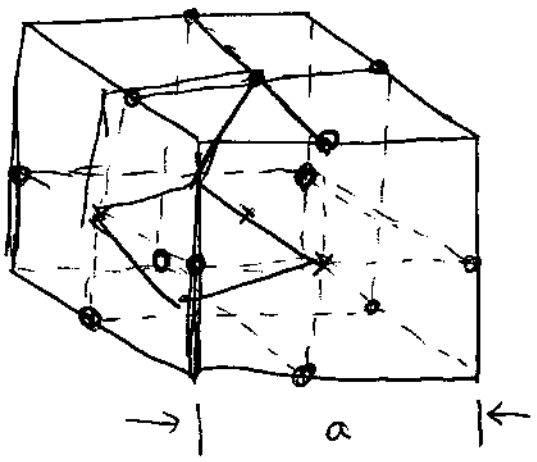
each face has a small square located as  
Connect all the vertices.



excise: prove other 8 faces are regular hexagons.

④ fcc

rhombic dodecahedron



around the center, first construct a small cube with edge length  $\frac{a}{2}$ .  
Connecting the center, and four points of each face, we get a pyramid, do the reflection respect that face, we get the mirror point of the center.  
The six mirror points, and 8 vertices of the small cube  $\Rightarrow$  14 vertices of dodecahedron.

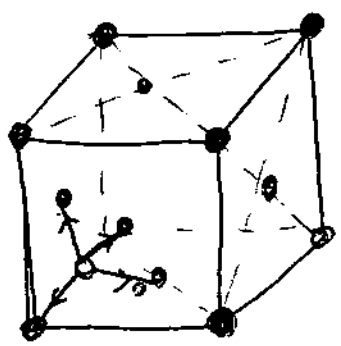
- 1) the 6 mirror points are actually the face centers of the big cube with edge length a.
- 2) The 8 vertices of the small cube are  $(\pm \frac{a}{4}, \pm \frac{a}{4}, \pm \frac{a}{4})$

Ex: prove each rhombic face has the edge length  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a$ . and

angles  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\pi - \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ .

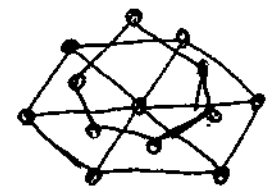
Diamond lattice:

Two interpenetrating fcc lattice with a relative displacement vector  $\frac{1}{4}(\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})$



hexagonal close-pack (hcp)

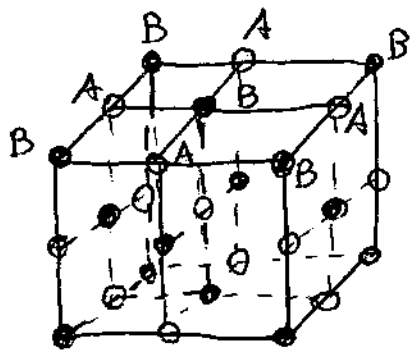
two simple hexagonal Bravais lattice with a relative displacement vector  $\frac{\vec{a}_1}{3} + \frac{\vec{a}_2}{3} + \frac{\vec{a}_3}{2}$



Coordination number  
12

Sodium-Chloride lattice

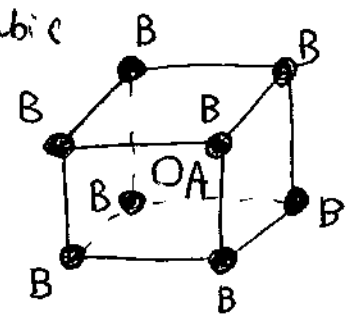
Sodium and chlorine atom alternatively occupies the sites of simple cubic lattice.



the Bravais lattice is fcc.

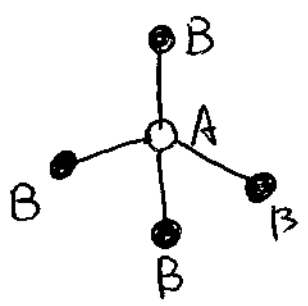
Cesium-Chloride

Ce and Cl atom alternatively occupies sites of bcc lattice. The Bravais lattice is simple cubic



Zinc-blende: ~~Diamond~~ diamond lattice (AB)

Bravais lattice is fcc.



no-inversion symmetry

# The Reciprocal lattice

(1)

For each lattice site of Bravais lattice  $\hat{R}_i$ , if for a wavevector  $\mathbf{K}$  which satisfies  $e^{i\mathbf{K}\hat{R}_i} = 1$ , then  $\mathbf{K}$  is a reciprocal lattice vector.

Let  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$  as a set of basis of primitive vector, and

$\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$  as a set of basis of reciprocal lattice vector.

We have  $\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$ . We write in terms of matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1x} & a_{1y} & a_{1z} \\ a_{2x} & a_{2y} & a_{2z} \\ a_{3x} & a_{3y} & a_{3z} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{1x} & b_{2x} & b_{3x} \\ b_{1y} & b_{2y} & b_{3y} \\ b_{1z} & b_{2z} & b_{3z} \end{pmatrix} = 2\pi \mathbf{I}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{1x} & b_{2x} & b_{3x} \\ b_{1y} & b_{2y} & b_{3y} \\ b_{1z} & b_{2z} & b_{3z} \end{pmatrix} = 2\pi \begin{pmatrix} a_{1x} & a_{1y} & a_{1z} \\ a_{2x} & a_{2y} & a_{2z} \\ a_{3x} & a_{3y} & a_{3z} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = 2\pi \frac{\begin{pmatrix} a_{2y}a_{3z} - a_{2z}a_{3y}, & \dots, & \dots \\ a_{2z}a_{3x} - a_{2x}a_{3z}, & \dots, & \dots \\ a_{2x}a_{3y} - a_{2y}a_{3x}, & \dots, & \dots \end{pmatrix}}{\det(\mathbf{a}_{i,\alpha})}$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{1}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3, & \vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1, & \vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\vec{R} = m_1 \vec{b}_1 + m_2 \vec{b}_2 + m_3 \vec{b}_3$ ,  $\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$

$$\vec{R} \cdot \vec{R} = 2\pi (m_1 n_1 + m_2 n_2 + m_3 n_3)$$

The reciprocal lattice of the reciprocal lattice is the original lattice.

$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1$$

$$\vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2$$

$$\Omega = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)$$

$$\det a \cdot \det b = (2\pi)^3 \Rightarrow \vec{b}_1 \cdot (\vec{b}_2 \times \vec{b}_3) = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}$$

The product of volumes of the unit cells of the primitive & reciprocal lattice is  $(2\pi)^3$ .

Examples: ① Simple cubic lattice  $\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{x}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = a\hat{y}$ ,  $\vec{a}_3 = a\hat{z}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{x}, \vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{y}, \vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{z}.$$

② fcc  $\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{y} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{y})$

$$\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{4}[-\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z}]$$

$$\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{4}[\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z}] \quad \Omega = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)$$

$$= \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^3 \cdot 2 = \frac{a^3}{4}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{4}[\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(-\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z}) \quad \vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z}), \quad \vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z})$$

which is the basis of the bcc lattice with side length  $\frac{4\pi}{a}$ .

③ bcc with  $\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(-\hat{x} + \hat{y} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} - \hat{y} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2}(\hat{x} + \hat{y} - \hat{z})$

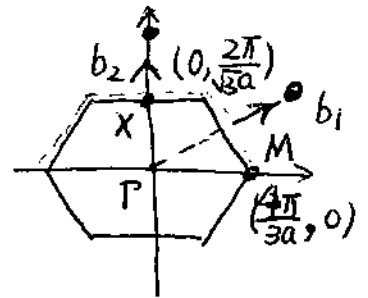
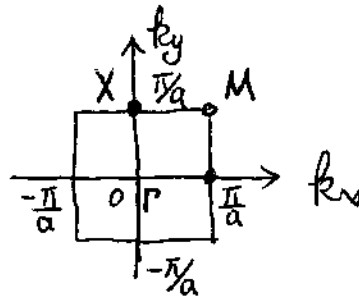
Similarly  $\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(\hat{y} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(\hat{x} + \hat{z})$ ,  $\vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{a}(\hat{x} + \hat{y})$ .

which is the basis of fcc lattice with the side length  $\frac{4\pi}{a}$ .

## § First Brillouin Zone (BZ)

The Wigner-Seitz unit cell of the reciprocal lattice is the first BZ (FBZ)

① Square lattice

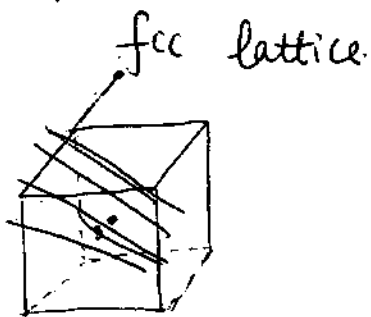


② Triangular lattice

$$a_1 = a(1, 0), \quad a_2 = a(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$$

$$(b_1, b_2) = (2\pi)^2 a^{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{4\pi^2}{a^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

③ FBZ of bcc lattice.



write down the coordinates of each vertex and center points of each face of the FBZs of the reciprocal lattices of bcc and fcc lattice.





# Classification of Bravais lattices

Symmetry operations of a simple Bravais lattice (not diamond, honeycomb NaCl, CsCl, Zn-Blend..)

- ① Translations through Bravais lattice vectors
- ② Operations that leave a particular point fixed (rotation, inversion, reflection, reflection)
- ③ combinations of ① and ②

all of the space operations form the space group ← group: a group of operation

group theory: early 19th century

Abel, Galois, solution of Equations of n-th power ( $n \geq 5$ ).  
permutation group, Lie - continuous group

def: any combination of operations remain in the group.

Weyl, Wigner, (introduce group theory to physics.

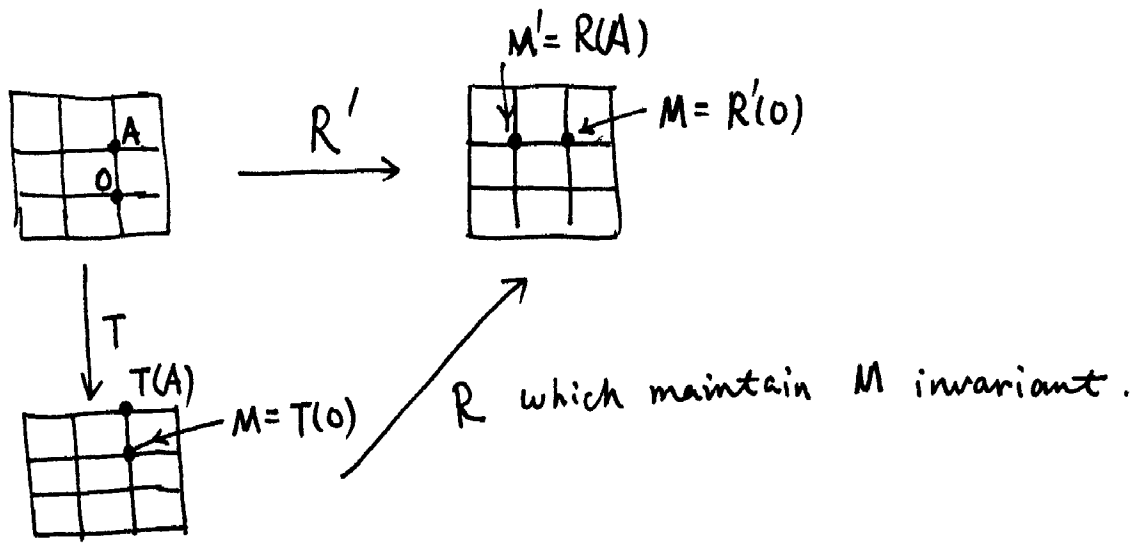
The principle of symmetry is one of the most important principles of physics.

\* there are some operations that leave the lattice invariant, but they do not leave any site fixed.  $R'$  These operations can be decomposed to combinations of translation  $T$  & operations with one sites fixed. ( $R$ )

To be specific, we want fix the origin  $O$ . Suppose in operation  $R'$ , it transfer

$O \rightarrow \vec{M}$ . Then we choose the translation of  $T: O \rightarrow \vec{M}$ , then the image of  $O$  at  $\vec{M}$ .

resulting lattice of this translation, has the same it can be performed a further operation  $R$ , which fixes  $\vec{M}$ .



\* The set of operations in ②  $\Rightarrow$  point group.

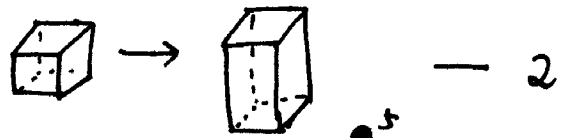
§2. 7 crystal systems and 14 Bravais lattices

point group classification

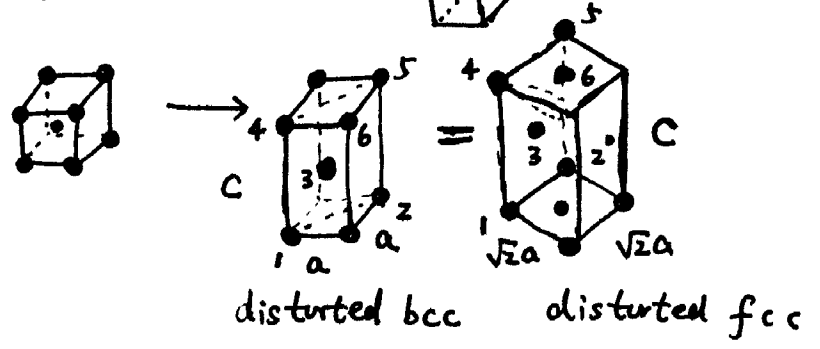
adding different translation pattern

① Cubic : simple cubic, bcc, fcc — 3

② tetragonal:  
 a. Simple tetragonal

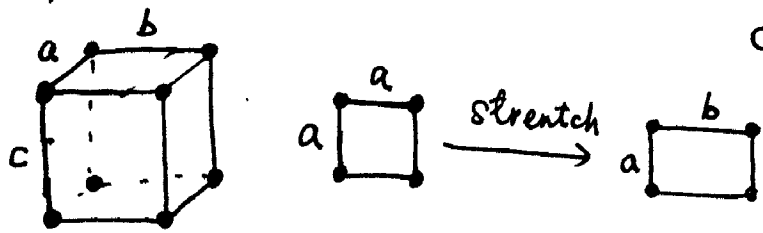


b. Centered tetragonal



③ Orthorhombic

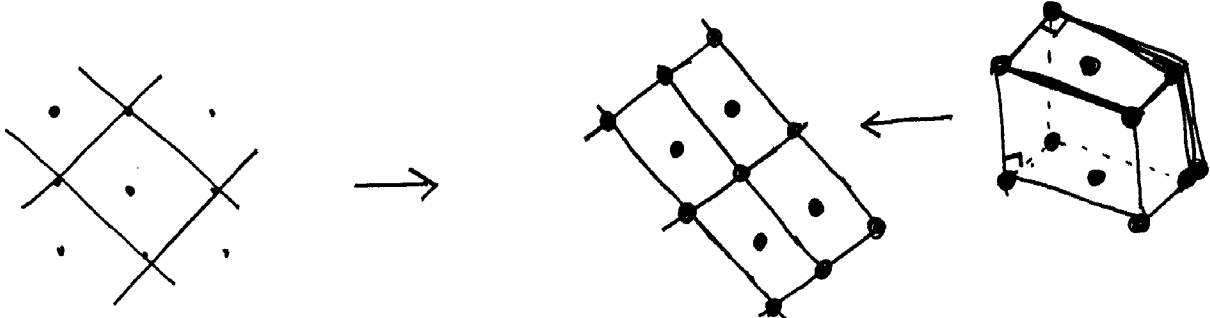
a. Simple orthorhombic



cannot be distinguished

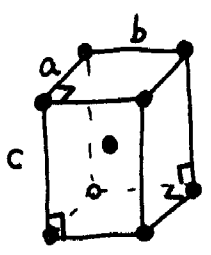
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b: base-centered orthorhombic - distortion along diagonal

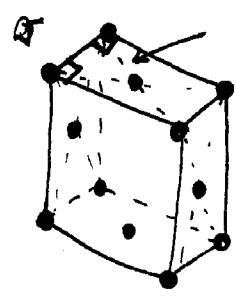


c. body-centered orthorhombic

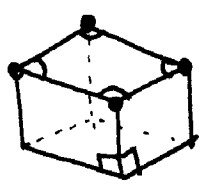
d face-centered orthorhombic



non-equivalent  
again  
because of  
rectangle.  
lattice  $\neq$  square lattice

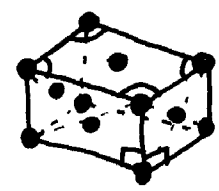


④ monoclinic : distortion of the rectangular faces perpendicular to c-axis into parallelograms.



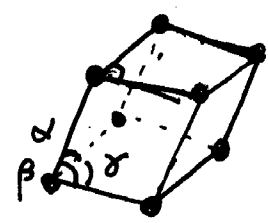
simple monoclinic

(distorted simple orth...  
and base-centered orth...)



centered monoclinic orthorhombic

⑤ triclinic : lowest sym. only inverse

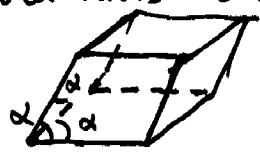


$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$

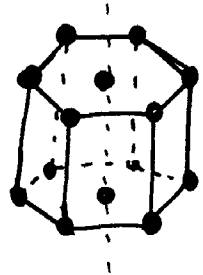
no-need to new sites in the face center

⑥ triagonal - 3-fold axis: distort cube along body diagonal

rhombohedral



7 hexagonal



(hcp is not the simple hexagonal lattice).

← hexagonal Bravais lattice.

total: 7 - crystal systems

14 - Bravais lattice

{ Cubic (3), tetrahedral (2), orthorhombic (4), monoclinic (2)  
 { triclinic (1), trigonal (1), hexagonal (1). — 14.

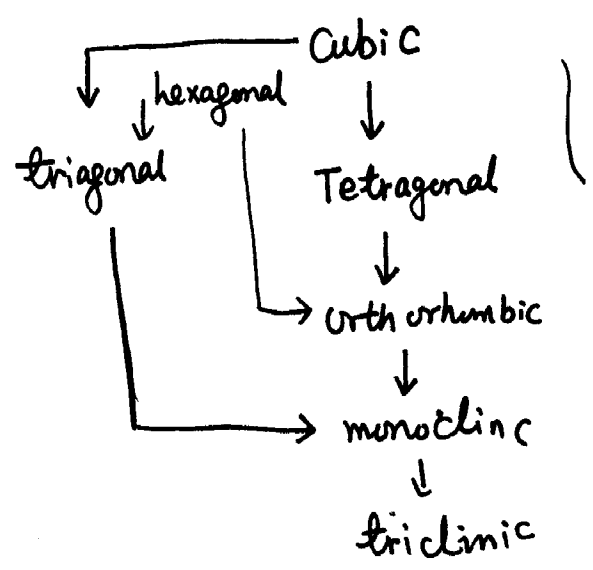
### § Crystallographic point groups

difference between Bravais lattice and crystal structure. We can put

an object at each site of Bravais lattice. — crystal structure.  
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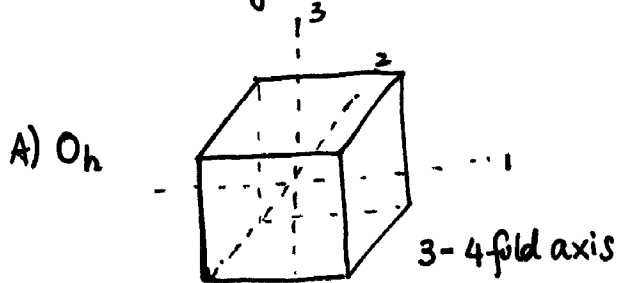
there're 32 crystallographic point group, but only 7 for Bravais lattice.

We can start from 7 Bravais lattice  $\xrightarrow{\text{reduce symmetry}}$  other 25 crystal point group.



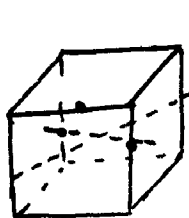
notations of point group:

① Cubic system : 5 different crystallographic point group.



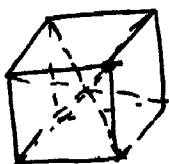
gradually breaks down the symmetry by adding internal structures.

$E; R_4^1(1), R_4^1(2), R_4^1(3); R_4^3(1), R_4^3(2), R_4^3(3), R_4^2(1), R_4^2(2), R_4^2(3);$



6-2 fold axis  $R_2^1(1), R_2^1(2) \dots R_2^1(6)$

4-3 fold axis



$R_3^1(1), R_3^2(1), R_3^1(2), R_3^2(2) \dots R_3^1(4), R_3^2(4)$

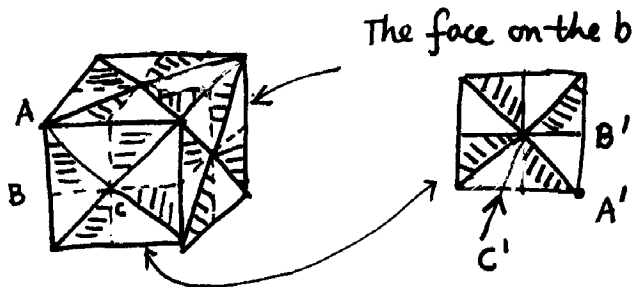
proper - point group operations  $\det R = 1$ , i.e. rotation  
24

inversion  $\otimes$  proper - point group operation 24

}  $O_h$   
48  
operations

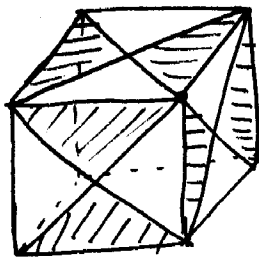
I: (inversion), reflection, rotation-reflection. rotation-inversion

B)  $O$ : only contains proper point group operation



no inversion symmetry

$T_h$



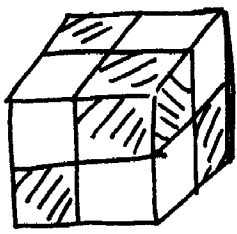
proper operation: E, 4-fold axes  $\rightarrow$  2 fold axis  
3-fold axes, 2 fold axes do not exist

$1 + 3 + 8 = 12$

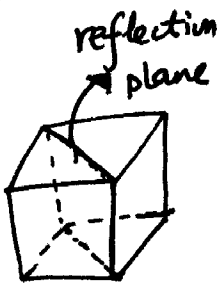
Inversion  $\otimes$  proper operation — in proper operations  $\rightarrow 12$  } 24

I, reflection, reflection-rotation, rotation-inversion

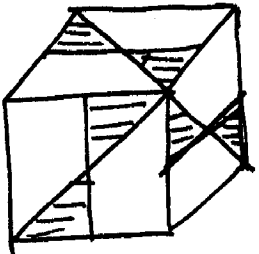
$T_d$



proper operation  $\rightarrow$  12 operations  
reflection planes of face-diagonal & edges  
NO inversion sym



$T$

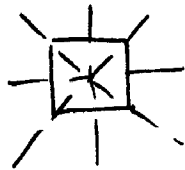
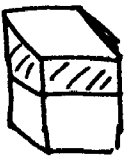
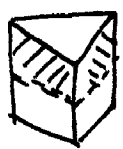


only proper operation.

other point group — dihedron groups

$C_n$ : groups only contains n-fold axis  $n=2, 4, 3, 6, 1$  — +5

$C_{nv}$ : vertical reflection plane; the plane contains the rotation axis



no  $C_{nv}$  move to  $C_{nh}$   
 $n=2, 4, 3, 6$  — +4

$C_{nh}$  a mirror plane perpendicular to rotation axis

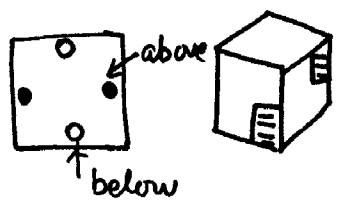
$n=1, 2, 3, 4, 6$

— +5

$\nearrow$   
no other sym. only reflection plane.

$S_n$ : n-fold rotation-reflection axis, n-must be even

deg

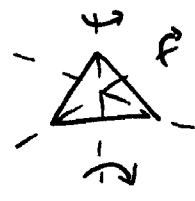
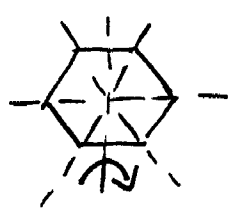
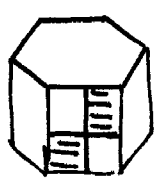


$E, \sigma_h R_n^1, \sigma R_n^2, \dots \rightarrow S_2, S_4, S_6$

+3

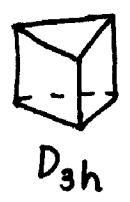
$D_n$  2-fold axis perpendicular to the  $C_n$  axis.  $n=2, 3, 4, 6$

+4

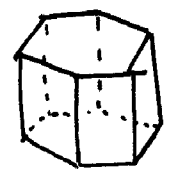


$D_{nh}$ :  $D_n$  + mirror plane  $\leftarrow$  horizontal  $D_{2h}, D_{3h}, D_{4h}, D_{6h}$

$D_{nh}$ : contains vertical reflection planes.   
 also   
 n: even  $\leftarrow$  inversion included   
 n: odd  $\leftarrow$  no inversion



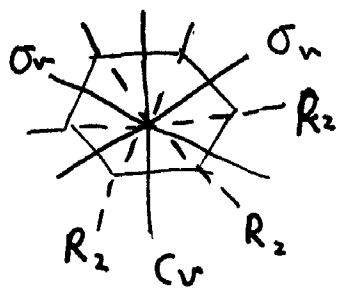
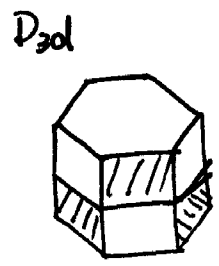
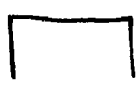
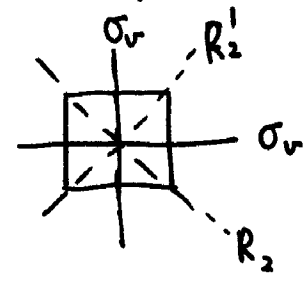
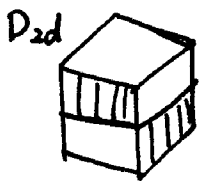
$D_{3h}$



$D_{6h}$

+4

$D_{nd}$ :  $D_n$  + vertical mirror planes (~~half of vertical planes~~), that bisects the 2-fold axis.



+2

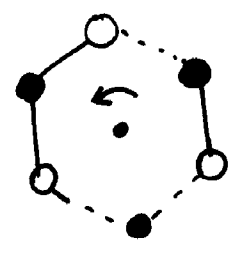
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① Screw axes: translation <sup>of</sup> a vector not in the Bravais lattice defined by the translation, followed by a rotation around the axis

② glide planes: translation of a vector not in the Bravais lattice followed by a reflect plane containing that vector

ex: hcp. ① translation along c-axis, half a lattice const + rotation 30°

② translation along c-axis half a lattice const + reflection



A plane  
● shift along  
○ c-axis by  
B plane  $\frac{c}{2}$

