1. INTRODUCTION TO SPACE-GROUP SYMMETRY

Table 1.3.3.2
Automorphism groups of three-dimensional primitive lattices

Lattice	Metric tensor	Bravais group Hermann–Mauguin symbol	Bravais group Generators
Triclinic	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ & & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}$: $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$
Monoclinic	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & g_{13} \\ & g_{22} & 0 \\ & & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$	$2/m$	2_{010}: $\bar{x}, y, \bar{z}$ m_{010}: $x, \bar{y}, z$
Orthorhombic	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ & g_{22} & 0 \\ & & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$	mmm	m_{100}: $\bar{x}, y, z$ m_{010}: $x, \bar{y}, z$ m_{001}: $x, y, \bar{z}$
Tetragonal	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ & g_{11} & 0 \\ & & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$	$4/mmm$	4_{001}: $\bar{y}, x, z$ m_{001}: $x, y, \bar{z}$ m_{100}: $\bar{x}, y, z$
Hexagonal	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & -\tfrac{1}{2}g_{11} & 0 \\ & g_{11} & 0 \\ & & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$	$6/mmm$	6_{001}: $x - y, x, z$ m_{001}: $x, y, \bar{z}$ m_{100}: $\bar{x} + y, y, z$
Rhombohedral	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{12} \\ & g_{11} & g_{12} \\ & & g_{11} \end{pmatrix}$	$\bar{3}m$	$\bar{3}_{111}$: $\bar{z}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}$ $m_{1\bar{1}0}$: y, x, z
Cubic	$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ & g_{11} & 0 \\ & & g_{11} \end{pmatrix}$	$m\bar{3}m$	m_{001}: $x, y, \bar{z}$ $\bar{3}_{111}$: $\bar{z}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}$ m_{110}: $\bar{y}, \bar{x}, z$

Table 1.3.3.3
Right-coset decomposition of $\mathcal{G}$ relative to $\mathcal{T}$

$W_1 = e$	W_2	W_3	$\ldots$	$W_{[i]}$
t_1	$t_1 W_2$	$t_1 W_3$	$\ldots$	$t_1 W_{[i]}$
t_2	$t_2 W_2$	$t_2 W_3$	$\ldots$	$t_2 W_{[i]}$
t_3	$t_3 W_2$	$t_3 W_3$	$\ldots$	$t_3 W_{[i]}$
t_4	$t_4 W_2$	$t_4 W_3$	$\ldots$	$t_4 W_{[i]}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\vdots$

Remark: We can assume some enumeration $t_1, t_2, t_3, \ldots$ of the operations in $\mathcal{T}$ because the translation vectors form a lattice. For example, with respect to a primitive basis, the coordinate vectors of the translations in $\mathcal{G}$ are simply columns $\begin{pmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{pmatrix}$ with integral components l, m, n. A straightforward enumeration of these columns would start with

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \ldots$$

Writing out the matrix–column pairs, the coset $\mathcal{T}(W, w)$ consists of the operations of the form $(I, t)(W, w) = (W, w + t)$ with t running over the lattice translations of $\mathcal{T}$. This means that the operations of a coset with respect to the translation subgroup all have the same linear part, which is also evident from a listing

of the cosets as columns of an infinite array, as in the example above.

Proposition
Let $W = (W, w)$ and $W' = (W', w')$ be two operations of a space group $\mathcal{G}$ with translation subgroup $\mathcal{T}$.
(1) If $W \neq W'$, then the cosets $\mathcal{T}W$ and $\mathcal{T}W'$ are disjoint, *i.e.* their intersection is empty.
(2) If $W = W'$, then the cosets $\mathcal{T}W$ and $\mathcal{T}W'$ are equal, because WW'^{-1} has linear part I and is thus an operation contained in $\mathcal{T}$.

The one-to-one correspondence between the point-group operations and the cosets relative to $\mathcal{T}$ explicitly displays the isomorphism between the point group $\mathcal{P}$ of $\mathcal{G}$ and the factor group $\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{T}$. This correspondence is also exploited in the listing of the general-position coordinates. What is given there are the coordinate triplets for coset representatives of $\mathcal{G}$ relative to $\mathcal{T}$, which correspond to the first row of the array in Table 1.3.3.3. As just explained, the other operations in $\mathcal{G}$ can be obtained from these coset representatives by adding a lattice translation to the translational part.

Furthermore, the correspondence between the point group and the coset decomposition relative to $\mathcal{T}$ makes it easy to find a system of coset representatives $\{W_1, \ldots, W_m\}$ of $\mathcal{G}$ relative to $\mathcal{T}$. What is required is that the linear parts of the W_i are precisely the operations in the point group of $\mathcal{G}$. If $W_1, \ldots, W_m$ are the different operations in the point group $\mathcal{P}$ of $\mathcal{G}$, then a system of coset representatives is obtained by choosing for every linear part W_i a translation part w_i such that $W_i = (W_i, w_i)$ is an operation in $\mathcal{G}$.

It is customary to choose the translation parts w_i of the coset representatives such that their coordinates lie between 0 and 1,

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