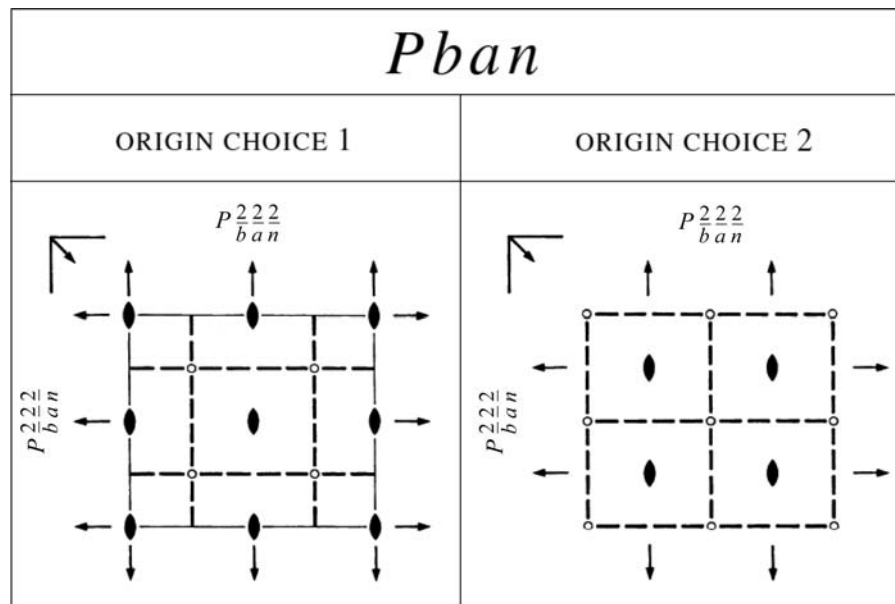


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**Figure 1.5.3.2** Two possible origin choices for the orthorhombic space group *Pban* (50). Origin choice 1 is on 222, whereas origin choice 2 is on  $\bar{1}$ .

hexagonal cell ( $|\mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}}| = |\mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}}|$ ;  $\mathbf{c}_{\text{hex}} \perp \mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}}, \mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}}$ ;  $\gamma = 120^\circ$ ) with a volume three times larger than that of the primitive rhombohedral cell. The second presentation is given with a primitive rhombohedral cell with  $a_{\text{rh}} = b_{\text{rh}} = c_{\text{rh}}$  and  $\alpha_{\text{rh}} = \beta_{\text{rh}} = \gamma_{\text{rh}}$ . The relation between the two types of cell is illustrated in Fig. 1.5.3.3 for the space group *R3m* (160). In the hexagonal cell, the coordinates of the special position with site symmetry  $3m$  are 0, 0,  $z$ , whereas in the rhombohedral cell the same special position has coordinates  $x, x, x$ . If we refer to the transformations of the primitive rhombohedral cell cited in Table 1.5.1.1, we observe two different centring with three possible orientations  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$  which are related by  $\pm 120^\circ$  to each other. The two kinds of centring, called *obverse* and *reverse*, are illustrated in Fig. 1.5.1.6. A rotation of  $180^\circ$  around the rhombohedral axis relates the obverse and reverse descriptions of the rhombohedral lattice. The obverse triple  $R$  cells have lattice points at  $0, 0, 0; \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}; \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ , whereas the reverse  $R$  cells have lattice points at  $0, 0, 0; \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$ . The triple hexagonal cell  $R_1$  of the obverse setting (*i.e.*  $\mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}} = \mathbf{a}_{\text{rh}} - \mathbf{b}_{\text{rh}}, \mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}} = \mathbf{b}_{\text{rh}} - \mathbf{c}_{\text{rh}}, \mathbf{c}_{\text{hex}} = \mathbf{a}_{\text{rh}} + \mathbf{b}_{\text{rh}} + \mathbf{c}_{\text{rh}}$ ) has been used in the description of the rhombohedral space groups in this volume (*cf.* Table 1.5.1.1 and Fig. 1.5.3.3).

The hexagonal lattice can be referred to a centred rhombohedral cell, called the *D* cell (*cf.* Table 1.5.1.1). The centring points of this cell are  $0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ . However, the *D* cell is rarely used in crystallography.

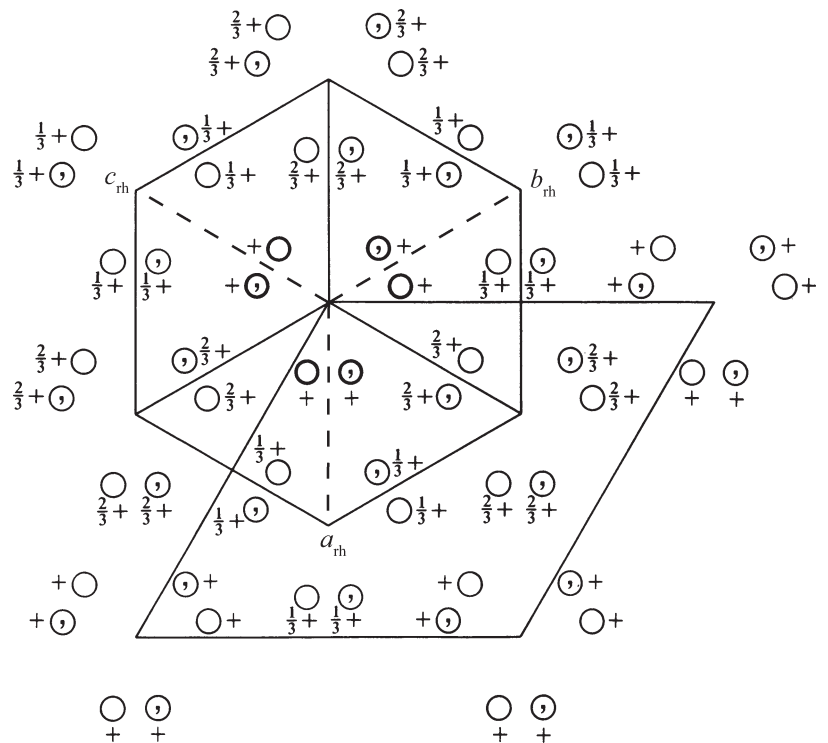
**1.5.3.2. Examples**

*1.5.3.2.1. Transformations between different settings of  $P2_1/c$*

In the space-group tables of this volume, the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$  (14) is described in six different settings: for each of the ‘unique axis *b*’ and ‘unique axis *c*’ settings there are three descriptions specified by different cell choices (*cf.* Section 2.1.3.15). The different settings are identified by the appropriate full Hermann–Mauguin symbols. The basis transfor-

mations ( $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}$ ) between the different settings are completely specified by the linear part of the transformation, the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  [*cf.* equation (1.5.1.4)], as all settings of  $P2_1/c$  refer to the same origin, *i.e.*  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{o}$ . The transformation matrices  $\mathbf{P}$  necessary for switching between the different descriptions of  $P2_1/c$  can either be read off directly or constructed from the transformation-matrix data listed in Table 1.5.1.1.

(A) Transformation from  $P12_1/c1$  (unique axis *b*, cell choice 1) to  $P112_1/a$  (unique axis *c*, cell choice 1). The change of the direction of the screw axis  $2_1$  indicates that the unique direction  $\mathbf{b}$



**Figure 1.5.3.3** General-position diagram of the space group *R3m* (160) showing the relation between the hexagonal and rhombohedral axes in the obverse setting:  $\mathbf{a}_{\text{rh}} = \frac{1}{3}(2\mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}} + \mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}} + \mathbf{c}_{\text{hex}})$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_{\text{rh}} = \frac{1}{3}(-\mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}} + \mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}} + \mathbf{c}_{\text{hex}})$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_{\text{rh}} = \frac{1}{3}(-\mathbf{a}_{\text{hex}} - 2\mathbf{b}_{\text{hex}} + \mathbf{c}_{\text{hex}})$ .

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**Table 1.5.3.1**

Transformation of reflection-condition data for  $P12_1/c1$  to  $P112_1/a$

	$P12_1/c1$ $h_b k_b l_b$	$P112_1/a$ $h_c k_c l_c$
General conditions	$h0l: l = 2n$ $0k0: k = 2n$ $00l: l = 2n$	$hk0: h = 2n$ $00l: l = 2n$ $h00: h = 2n$
Special conditions for the inversion centres	$hkl: k + l = 2n$	$hkl: h + l = 2n$

transforms to the unique direction  $\mathbf{c}$ , while the glide vector along  $\mathbf{c}$  transforms to a glide vector along  $\mathbf{a}$ . These changes are reflected in the transformation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  between the basis  $\mathbf{a}_b, \mathbf{b}_b, \mathbf{c}_b$  of  $P12_1/c1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_c, \mathbf{b}_c, \mathbf{c}_c$  of  $P112_1/a$ , which can be read directly from Table 1.5.1.1:

$$(\mathbf{a}_c, \mathbf{b}_c, \mathbf{c}_c) = (\mathbf{a}_b, \mathbf{b}_b, \mathbf{c}_b)\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{a}_b, \mathbf{b}_b, \mathbf{c}_b) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) *Transformation of point coordinates.* From  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ , cf. equation (1.5.1.5), it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_b \\ y_b \\ z_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_b \\ x_b \\ y_b \end{pmatrix}.$$

For example, the representative coordinate triplets of the special Wyckoff position  $2d \bar{1}$  of  $P12_1/c1$  transform exactly to the representative coordinate triplets of the special

Wyckoff position  $2d \bar{1}$  of  $P112_1/a$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  transform to  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (ii) *Transformation of the indices in the 'Reflection conditions' block.* Under a coordinate transformation specified by a matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , the indices of the reflection conditions (Miller indices) transform according to  $(h'k'l') = (hkl)\mathbf{P}$ , cf. equation (1.5.2.2). The transformation under

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

of the set of general or special reflection conditions  $h_b k_b l_b$  for  $P12_1/c1$  should result in the set of general or special reflection conditions  $h_c k_c l_c$  of  $P112_1/a$ :

$$(h_c k_c l_c) = (h_b k_b l_b) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (l_b h_b k_b),$$

*i.e.*  $h_c = l_b, k_c = h_b, l_c = k_b$  (see Table 1.5.3.1).

- (iii) *Transformation of the matrix-column pairs  $(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w})$  of the symmetry operations.* The matrices of the representatives of the symmetry operations of  $P12_1/c1$  can be constructed from the coordinate triplets listed in the general-position block of the group:

$$(1) x, y, z \quad (2) \bar{x}, y + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2} \quad (3) \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z} \quad (4) x, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$$

Their transformation is more conveniently performed using the augmented-matrix formalism. According to equation (1.5.2.17), the matrices  $\mathbb{W}_c$  of the symmetry operations of

$P112_1/a$  are related to the matrices  $\mathbb{W}_b$  of  $P12_1/c1$  by the equation  $\mathbb{W}_c = \mathbb{Q}\mathbb{W}_b\mathbf{P}$ , where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The unit matrix representing the identity operation (1) is invariant under any basis transformation, *i.e.*  $x, y, z$  transforms to  $x, y, z$ . Similarly, the matrix of inversion  $\bar{1}$  (3) (the linear part of which is a multiple of the unit matrix) is also invariant under any basis transformation, *i.e.*  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$  transforms to  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ . The symmetry operation (2)  $\bar{x}, y + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$ , represented by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

transforms to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

which corresponds to  $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Finally, the symmetry operation (4)  $x, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$  represented by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{transforms to} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & | & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

corresponding to the coordinate triplet  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$  [the matrices of (4) and its transformed are those of (2) and its transformed, multiplied by  $\bar{1}$ ].

The coordinate triplets of the transformed symmetry operations correspond to the entries of the general-position block of  $P112_1/a$  (cf. the space-group tables of  $P2_1/c$  in Chapter 2.3).

- (B) *Transformation from  $P112_1/b$  (unique axis  $c$ , cell choice 3) to  $P12_1/c1$  (unique axis  $b$ , cell choice 1):*  $(\mathbf{a}_{b,1}, \mathbf{b}_{b,1}, \mathbf{c}_{b,1}) = (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3})\mathbf{P}$ . A transformation matrix from  $P112_1/b$  directly to  $P12_1/c1$  is not found in Table 1.5.1.1, but it can be constructed in two steps from transformation matrices that are listed there. For example:

*Step 1.* Unique axis  $c$  fixed: transformation from 'cell choice 3' to 'cell choice 1':

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$$(\mathbf{a}_{c,1}, \mathbf{b}_{c,1}, \mathbf{c}_{c,1}) = (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3})\mathbf{P}_1 = (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 1 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.5.3.1)$$

*Step 2. Cell choice 1 invariant: transformation from unique axis  $c$  to unique axis  $b$ :*

$$(\mathbf{a}_{b,1}, \mathbf{b}_{b,1}, \mathbf{c}_{b,1}) = (\mathbf{a}_{c,1}, \mathbf{b}_{c,1}, \mathbf{c}_{c,1})\mathbf{P}_2 = (\mathbf{a}_{c,1}, \mathbf{b}_{c,1}, \mathbf{c}_{c,1}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.5.3.2)$$

The transformation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  for the change from  $P112_1/b$  to  $P12_1/c1$  is obtained by starting from equation (1.5.3.2) and replacing the expression for  $\mathbf{a}_{c,1}, \mathbf{b}_{c,1}, \mathbf{c}_{c,1}$  with that from equation (1.5.3.1):

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a}_{b,1}, \mathbf{b}_{b,1}, \mathbf{c}_{b,1}) &= (\mathbf{a}_{c,1}, \mathbf{b}_{c,1}, \mathbf{c}_{c,1})\mathbf{P}_2 = (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3})\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2 \\ &= (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 1 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\mathbf{a}_{c,3}, \mathbf{b}_{c,3}, \mathbf{c}_{c,3}) \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The inverse matrix  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$  can be obtained either by inversion or by the product of the factors  $\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2^{-1}$  but in reverse order:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} &= (\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2)^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_2^{-1}\mathbf{P}_1^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}_2\mathbf{Q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 1 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \bar{1} & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The transformation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  determined above and its inverse  $\mathbf{Q}$  permit the transformation of crystallographic data for the change from  $P112_1/b$  to  $P12_1/c1$ .

### 1.5.3.2.2. Transformation between the two origin-choice settings of $I4_1/amd$

The zircon example of Section 1.5.1.1 illustrates how the atomic coordinates change under an origin-choice transformation. Here, the case of the two origin-choice descriptions of the same space group  $I4_1/amd$  (141) will be used to demonstrate how the rest of the crystallographic quantities are affected by an origin shift.

The two descriptions of  $I4_1/amd$  in the space-group tables of this volume are distinguished by the origin choices of the reference coordinate systems: the origin statement of the origin choice 1 setting indicates that its origin  $O_1$  is taken at a point of  $4m2$  symmetry, which is located at  $0, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{8}$  with respect to the origin  $O_2$  of origin choice 2, taken at a centre  $(2/m)$ . Conversely, the origin  $O_2$  is taken at a centre  $(2/m)$  at  $0, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$  from the origin  $O_1$ . These origin descriptions in fact specify explicitly the origin-shift vector  $\mathbf{p}$  necessary for the transformation between the two settings. For example, the shift vector listed for origin choice 2 expresses the

origin  $O_2$  with respect to  $O_1$ , *i.e.* the corresponding transformation matrix

$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{p}) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

transforms the crystallographic data from the origin choice 1 setting to the origin choice 2 setting.

(i) *Transformation of point coordinates.* In accordance with the discussion of Section 1.5.1.1 [*cf.* equation (1.5.1.2)],

the transformation of point coordinates  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}$  of the

origin choice 1 setting of  $I4_1/amd$  to  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$  of the origin choice 2 setting is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{p})^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 = (\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{p})\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 + \frac{1}{4} \\ z_1 - \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.5.3.3)$$

(ii) *Metric tensors and the data for the reflection conditions.* The metric tensors and the data for the reflection conditions are not affected by an origin shift as  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}$ , *cf.* equations (1.5.2.4) and (1.5.2.2).

(iii) *Transformation of the matrix-column pairs  $(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w})$  of the symmetry operations.* The origin-shift transformation  $(\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{p})$  relates the matrix-column pairs  $(\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{w}_1)$  of the symmetry operations of the origin choice 1 setting of  $I4_1/amd$  to  $(\mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{w}_2)$  of the origin choice 2 setting [*cf.* equation (1.5.2.11)]:

$$(\mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{w}_2) = (\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{w}_1)(\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 + [\mathbf{W}_1 - \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{p}). \quad (1.5.3.4)$$

The rotation part of the symmetry operation is not affected by the origin shift, but the translation part is affected, *i.e.*  $\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{W}_1$  and  $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{w}_1 + [\mathbf{W}_1 - \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{p}$ . For example, the translation and unit element generators of  $I4_1/amd$  are not changed under the origin-shift transformation, as  $\mathbf{W}_1 = \mathbf{I}$ . The first non-translation generator given by the coordinate triplet  $\bar{y}, x + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{4}$  and represented by the matrix

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ transforms to } \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

which corresponds to the coordinate triplet  $\bar{y} + \frac{1}{4}, x + \frac{3}{4}, z + \frac{1}{4}$ .

The second non-translation generator  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{4}$  represented by the matrix

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ transforms to } \left( \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

which under the normalization  $0 \leq w_i < 1$  is written as the coordinate triplet  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ . The coordinate triplets of the transformed symmetry operations are the entries of the corresponding generators of the origin choice 2 setting of  $I4_1/amd$  (*cf.* the space-group tables of  $I4_1/amd$  in Chapter 2.3).