

1.5. TRANSFORMATIONS OF COORDINATE SYSTEMS

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

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

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':