

9. Crystallography symmetry

Ref: Dresselhaus. Chap 5-13 ;
Bradley & Cracknell.

"The mathematical theory of
symmetry in solids"

$$\text{In } E^3 \cdot \vec{r}' = R(g) \cdot \vec{r} \quad g \cdot \hat{e}_j = \sum_i R(g)_{ij} \hat{e}_i$$

length/angle invariant after symmetry operation

$$\langle \vec{r}', \vec{s}' \rangle = \vec{r}'^T \cdot \vec{s}' = \vec{r}^T \cdot R(g)^T \cdot R(g) \cdot \vec{s} = \vec{r}^T \cdot \vec{s} \quad (\langle \vec{r}, \vec{s} \rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(g)^T \cdot R(g) = \mathbb{1} \quad R \in O(3, \mathbb{R})$$

$R \in SO(3)$ $\det = 1$ proper rotation.

$R \in PO(3)$ $\det = -1$ improper rotation:

prop. rot. \circ inversion

Point groups: subgroups of rotation group $O(3)$.

9.1. Symmetry operations (Dresselhaus 3.9)

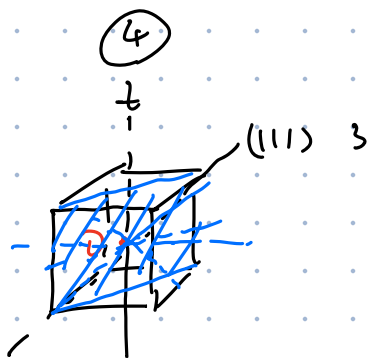
• E identity

• C_n rotations of $\frac{2\pi}{n}$

$$C_2: \pi \quad C_3: \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad C_3^2: \frac{4\pi}{3} \text{ etc.}$$

in crystalline systems:

$$n = 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ or } 6$$



• σ : reflection in a plane

σ_h	horizontal perp to	} principal rot. axis (highest order)
σ_v	vertical contains	
σ_d	"dihedral plane"	

bisects the angle between

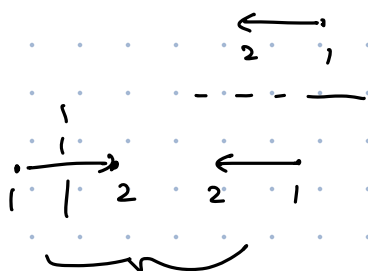
2-fold axes perp. to

principal axis

• i: inversion $\vec{r} \rightarrow -\vec{r}$

$$i = \sigma C_2 (= S_2)$$

$$S_n := \sigma C_n$$



• S_n : $2\pi/n$ rotation + σ_h

$$n \text{ odd: } iC_n^k = \sigma C_2 C_n^k = \sigma (C_{2n}^n C_{2n}^{2k}) = \sigma C_{2n}^{n+2k} \\ = S_{2n}^{n+2k}$$

$$n \text{ even: } iC_n^k = \sigma C_2 C_n^k = \sigma C_{\frac{n}{2}}^{\frac{n}{2}+k}$$

$$iC_3^{\pm} = S_6^{\pm} = S_6^{\mp}$$

$$iC_4^{\pm} = S_4^{\mp}$$

$$iC_6^{\mp} = S_3^{\mp} (= \sigma C_6^{3\pm} = \sigma C_3^{\mp})$$

Above are Schönflies notations

often see Hermann-Mauguin notations

("international notations")

Schönflies	\rightarrow μ
C_n	n
iC_n	\bar{n}
σ	m
σ_h	n/m
σ_v	nm
σ_v'	$nm\bar{m}$

Examples.	proper		improper	
	S	HM	S	HM
$C_1 = E$		1	$i = S_2$	$\bar{1}$
C_2		2	$iC_2 = \sigma$	$\bar{2}$
C_3^+		3	S_6^-	$\bar{3}$
$C_3^2 = C_3^-$		3_2	S_6	$\bar{3}_2$
C_4		4	S_4^-	$\bar{4}$
C_4^-		4_3	S_4	$\bar{4}_3$
C_6		6	S_3^-	$\bar{6}$
C_6^-		6_5	S_3	$\bar{6}_5$

9.2 Point groups

proper point groups

(P.G. of the first kind)

① Cyclic groups. sym. elements. only n-fold rot.

$$n(C_n)$$

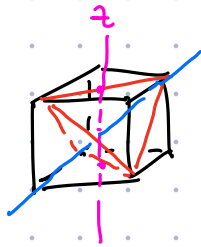
② dihedral: n-sided prism

(D_n) { even: n^2

odd: n^2



③ tetrahedral regular tetrahedron.



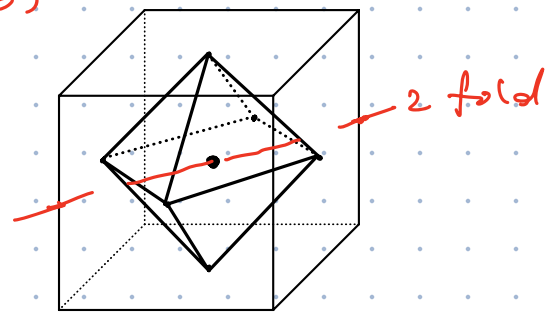
23 (T)
 3 2-fold // x.y.z. 4 3-fold.

$$12 : E + C_{3j}^{\pm} + C_{2x/y/z} = 12$$

$$1 + 8 + 3$$

④ octahedral group

432 (O)
 4-fold (x.y.z) 3-fold (4)
 2-fold (6)

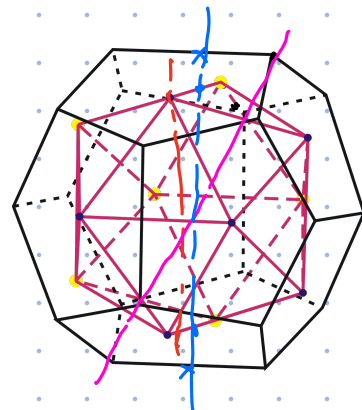


$$E + C_{4x/y/z}^{\pm} + C_{2x/y/z} + C_{3j}^{\pm} + C_{2p} = 24$$

$$1 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 8 \quad 6$$

⑤ icosahedral group.
 (= + 二十面体)

532 (I)
 #6 #10 #15



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V = 12 \\ F = 20 \\ E = 30 \end{array} \right.$$

$$|I| = 1 + 4 \times 6 + 2 \times 10 + 15 = 60$$

A. add in inversion. $P\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow P\mathbb{Q} \otimes \bar{1}$
 $\{1, i\}$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad C_n: \quad \text{odd } n \rightarrow \bar{n} \quad (S_{2n})$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{even} \rightarrow n/m \quad (C_{nh})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad D_n: \quad \text{odd } n \rightarrow \bar{n}m \quad (D_{nd})$$

$$\quad \quad \quad (\bar{n} \ 2/m)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{even } n \rightarrow n/m \quad \underline{\underline{mm}} \quad (D_{nh})$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad (2/m)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 23 \quad (T) \rightarrow m3 \quad (T_h)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad (2/m \ \bar{3})$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 432 \quad (O) \rightarrow m3m \quad (O_h)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad (4/m \ \bar{3} \ 2/m)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad 532 \quad (I) \rightarrow 53m \quad (I_h)$$

B. $P\mathbb{Q}$. P has a normal subgroup Q
of index 2

$$P = Q + RQ \quad \text{for some } Q$$

$$\Rightarrow P' = \underline{\underline{Q + iRQ}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad n \triangleleft 2n \quad n \text{ odd} \quad 2n \rightarrow \bar{2n} \quad (C_{nh})$$

$$\quad \quad \quad (C_n \triangleleft C_{2n})$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{even} \quad 2n \rightarrow \bar{2n} \quad (S_{2n})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad n \triangleleft n22 \text{ or } n22 \rightarrow nmm \text{ (Cnv)}$$

$$n2 \rightarrow nm$$

(C_n & D_n)

$$n22 \triangleleft (2n)22 \quad (2n)22 \rightarrow (\bar{2}n)2m \quad D_{nh} \text{ odd } n$$

$$n2 \quad D_{nd} \text{ even}$$

$\textcircled{3} \quad T. (23) \quad \text{no subgroup of index 2}$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 23 \triangleleft 432 \quad \bar{4}3m \text{ (Td)}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \bar{5}32 \quad X$$

	C _n	D _n	T	O	I
	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	222, 32, 422, 622	23	432	$\bar{5}32$
A.	$\bar{1} \quad 2/m \quad \bar{3} \quad 4/m \quad 6/m$	$2/mmm \quad \bar{3}m \quad 4/mmm \quad 6/mmm$	$m\bar{3}; m\bar{3}m$		$\bar{5}3m$
		(mmm)			
B.	$\bar{2} \quad \bar{4} \quad \bar{6} \quad mmm$	$3m \quad 4mm \quad 6mm$	X	$\bar{4}3m$	
	(m)	$\bar{4}2m \quad \bar{6}2m$			

\Rightarrow 3.2 crystalline point groups (Bilbao database)

9.3. irreducible representations

HW29

$$D_4 = \langle rs \mid r^4 = s^2 = (rs)^2 = 1 \rangle$$

$$= \{ e, r, r^2, r^3, s, rs, r^2s, r^3s \}$$

$$\boxed{r^m s = s r^{4-m}}$$

↓

$$D_4 = \underbrace{\{ e \}}_{\textcircled{1}} \cup \underbrace{\{ r, r^3 \}}_{\textcircled{2}} \cup \underbrace{\{ r^2 \}}_{\textcircled{3}} \cup \underbrace{\{ s, r^2s \}}_{\textcircled{4}} \cup \underbrace{\{ rs, r^3s \}}_{\textcircled{5}}$$



$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{r} s = s^{-1} \underline{r^{-1}} = s \underline{r^3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad r^2 s = s r^2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{r s r^{-1}} = r \cdot r s = r^2 s$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad r (r s) r^{-1} = r^3 s$$

class operators.

$$C_1 = e \quad C_2 = r + r^3 \quad C_3 = r^2$$

$$C_4 = s + r^2 s \quad C_5 = r s + r^3 s$$

	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4	C_5
C_1	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4	C_5
C_2		$2C_1 + 2C_3$	C_2	$2C_5$	$2C_4$
C_3			C_1	C_4	C_5
C_4				$2C_1 + 2C_3$	$2C_2$
C_5					$2C_1 + 2C_3$

$$\hat{C}_i \hat{C}_j = \sum_k D_{ij}^k \hat{C}_k$$

$$L_{ijk} = \sum_i D_{ij}^k \psi^i$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^1 & \psi^2 & \psi^3 & \psi^4 & \psi^5 \\ 2\psi^2 & \psi^1 + \psi^3 & 2\psi^2 & 2\psi^5 & 2\psi^6 \\ \psi^3 & \psi^2 & \psi^1 & \psi^4 & \psi^5 \\ 2\psi^4 & 2\psi^5 & 2\psi^4 & \psi^1 + \psi^3 & 2\psi^2 \\ 2\psi^5 & 2\psi^4 & 2\psi^5 & 2\psi^2 & \psi^1 + \psi^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_a = \psi^1 - \psi^3$$

$$\lambda_b = \psi^1 + 2\psi^2 + \psi^3 - 2\psi^4 - 2\psi^5$$

$$\lambda_c = \psi^1 - 2\psi^2 + \psi^3 + 2\psi^4 - 2\psi^5$$

$$\lambda_d = \psi^1 - 2\psi^2 + \psi^3 - 2\psi^4 + 2\psi^5$$

$$m_1 = 1$$

$$m_2 = 2$$

$$m_3 = 1$$

$$m_4 = 2$$

$$m_5 = 2$$

$$\chi_e = y^1 + 2y^2 + y^3 + 2y^4 + 2y^5$$

$$\chi_\mu [C_i] = n_\mu \frac{\lambda_i^{n_\mu}}{m_i}$$

m_i 1 2 1 2 2

$$\chi_a = n_a (1, 0, -1, 0, 0)$$

$$\chi_b = n_b (1, 1, 1, -1, -1)$$

$$\chi_c = n_c (1, -1, 1, 1, -1)$$

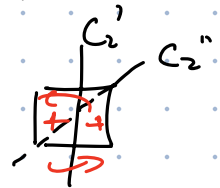
$$\chi_d = n_d (1, -1, 1, -1, 1)$$

$$\chi_e = n_e (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$\langle \chi_\mu, \chi_\mu \rangle = 1 \Rightarrow n_a = 2$$

$$n_b = n_c = n_d = n_e = 1$$

$$|D_4| = 1^2 \times 4 + 2^2 \times 1$$



$$[C] = C_4(z) \quad [C^2] = C_2(z) \quad [C'] = C_2' \quad [C''] = C_2''$$

Character table for point group D₄

D ₄	E	2C ₄ (z)	C ₂ (z)	2C' ₂	2C'' ₂	linear functions, rotations	quadratic functions	cubic functions
A ₁	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-	x ² +y ² , z ²	-
A ₂	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	z, R _z	-	z ³ , z(x ² +y ²)
B ₁	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	-	x ² -y ²	xyz
B ₂	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-	xy	z(x ² -y ²)
E	+2	0	-2	0	0	(x, y) (R _x , R _y)	(xz, yz)	(xz ² , yz ²) (xy ² , x ² y) (x ³ , y ³)

Mulliken symbols:

A/B : 1D irreps.

symmetric / antisymmetric
w.r.t. principal rotation

$$\chi(C_n) = \pm 1$$

E : 2D irrep.

T 3D

G 4D

H 5D

Subscript:

$\frac{1}{2}$: symm / antisymm. w.r.t. vertical mirror plane

g/u : $A_1 \rightarrow A_{1g} / A_{1u}$
 $E \rightarrow E_g / E_u$

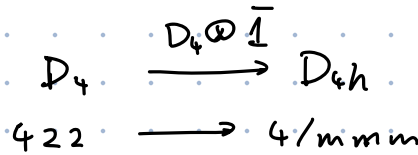
"g" gerade even

"u" ungerade odd.

$$\chi(i) = \pm 1$$

'/' : sym / antisym σ_h

Examples



Character table for point group D_{4h}

(x axis coincident with C_2 axis)

D_{4h}	E	$2C_4(z)$	C_2	$2C'_2$	$2C''_2$	i	$2S_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$	linear functions, rotations	quadratic functions	cubic functions
A_{1g}	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-	x^2+y^2, z^2	-
A_{2g}	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	R_z	-	-
B_{1g}	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	-	x^2-y^2	-
B_{2g}	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-	xy	-
E_g	+2	0	-2	0	0	+2	0	-2	0	0	R_x, R_y	(xz, yz)	-
A_{1u}	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-	-	-
A_{2u}	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1	-	$z^3, z(x^2+y^2)$	-
B_{1u}	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-	xyz	-
B_{2u}	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-1	-	$z(x^2-y^2)$	-
E_u	+2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	+2	0	0	(x, y)	-	$(xz^2, yz^2), (xy^2, x^2y), (x^3, y^3)$

Character table for point group D_{3h}

(x axis coincident with C_2 axis)

D_{3h}	E	$2C_3(z)$	$3C_2$	$\sigma_h(xy)$	$2S_6$	$3\sigma_v$	linear functions, rotations	quadratic functions	cubic functions
A_1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-	x^2+y^2, z^2	$x(x^2-3y^2)$
A_2	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	R_z	-	$y(3x^2-y^2)$
E'	+2	-1	0	+2	-1	0	(x, y)	(x^2-y^2, xy)	$(xz^2, yz^2) [x(x^2+y^2), y(x^2+y^2)]$
A_1'	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	-	-	-
A_2'	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	z	-	$z^3, z(x^2+y^2)$
E''	+2	-1	0	-2	+1	0	(R_x, R_y)	(xz, yz)	$[xyz, z(x^2-y^2)]$

$$\bar{6} \supset (D_6) \quad D_3 \triangleleft D_6$$

$$D_6 = D_3 \vee \sigma D_3$$

$$\rightarrow D_{3h} = D_3 \vee i \sigma D_3$$

Character table for point group D_4

D_4	E	$2C_4(z)$	$C_2(z)$	$2C_2'$	$2C_2''$	linear functions, rotations	quadratic functions	cubic functions
A_1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-	x^2+y^2, z^2	-
A_2	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	z, R_z	-	$z^3, z(x^2+y^2)$
B_1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	-	x^2-y^2	xyz
B_2	+1	-1	+1	-1	+1	-	xy	$z(x^2-y^2)$
E	+2	0	-2	0	0	$(x, y), (R_x, R_y)$	(xz, yz)	$(xz^2, yz^2) (xy^2, x^2y) (x^3, y^3)$

functions

1. linear functions

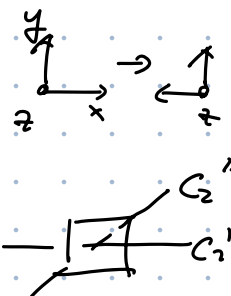
$$\text{Rep in } \mathbb{R}^3 = \text{span} \{ \hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3 \}$$

$$\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$$

	e	$2C_4(z)$	$C_2(z)$	$2C_2'$	$2C_2''$
χ_{R_3}	3	1	-1	-1	-1

$$n_{A_1} = \langle \chi_{R_3}, \chi_{A_1} \rangle = 0$$

$$n_{A_2} = 1, \quad n_E = 1$$



$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3 \cong A_2 \oplus E$$

The rep matrix $e = \begin{array}{c} \underbrace{E}_{x \ y \ z} \quad \underbrace{A_2} \\ \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ \hline 0 & & & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$

$$C_4 = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$x, y, z \rightarrow$ vector

$R_x, R_y, R_z \rightarrow$ axial vector

$\boxed{\sigma}$ different

2. Quadratic functions.

$$xy, xz, yz, x^2, y^2, z^2$$

$$C_4(z) \quad xy \rightarrow y(-x) = \underline{-xy}$$

$$x^2 \rightarrow y^2$$

$$xz \rightarrow yz$$

$$y^2 \rightarrow x^2$$

$$yz \rightarrow -xz$$

$$\underline{z^2 \rightarrow z^2}$$

$$\chi(C_4) = 0$$

$$C_2(z) \quad \chi = 2$$

$$C_2'(x) \quad \chi = 2$$

$$C_2'' \quad \chi = 2$$

$$Q \cong 2A_1 \oplus B_1 \oplus B_2 \oplus E$$

(recall $P^M = \int_G dg \chi(g)^M \mu(g) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \chi(g)^M \mu(g))$

$$A_1: x^2 + y^2, z^2$$

$$B_1: x^2 - y^2$$

$$B_2: xy$$

$$E: (yz, xz)$$