

Phys 771

Condensed Matter Physics

Problem Set # 1

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1. Marder 1.1
2. Marder 1.2
3. Marder 1.4
4. (a) Draw the lattice vectors and the primitive unit cell of the 2D lattice shown in **Figure 1**. How many lattice points are there in the primitive cell?
(b) Show that the 2D lattice shown in figure is not Bravais lattice
(c) Show that this non-Bravais lattice may be expressed in terms of three Bravais lattices

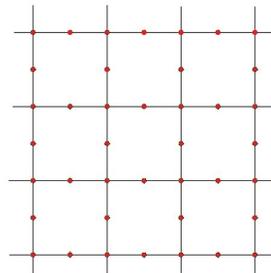


Figure 1:

5. (a) Draw the lattice vectors and the primitive unit cell of the honeycomb lattice (Graphene lattice) shown in **Figure 2**. How many lattice points are there in the primitive cell?
(b) Show that the lattice is not Bravais lattice
(c) Show that this non-Bravais lattice may be expressed in terms of two Bravais lattices

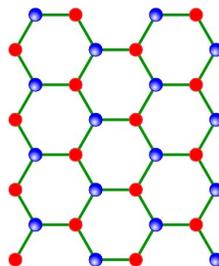


Figure 2:

6. Consider a cube of side length 2 as shown in **Figure 3**, with the origin of coordinates at the center. Write down the transformation matrix that takes the point $(1, -1, 1)$ into the point $(1, -1, -1)$ using the following symmetry operations in order: first, a 90-degree clockwise rotation around the z-axis, then a reflection across the xz-plane, and finally an inversion about the cube's center.

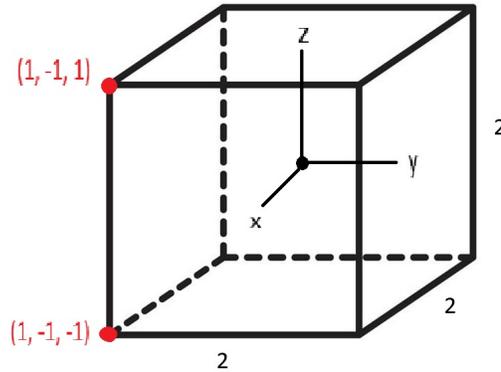


Figure 3:

7. Consider the following matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Verify that the matrix is a rotational matrix by proving that its determinant = +1
 - Find the axis and angle of rotation
 - Work out the effect of the matrix on the unit vectors i , j , and k separately
8. To reflect a point through a plane $hx + ky + lz = 0$ (which passes through the origin), where (h, k, l) are Miller indices that represent the vector normal to the plane, one can use the following matrix form

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} \begin{pmatrix} -h^2 + k^2 + l^2 & -2hk & -2hl \\ -2hk & h^2 - k^2 + l^2 & -2kl \\ -2hl & -2kl & h^2 + k^2 - l^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Set up the reflection matrices for the xy, xz, and yz planes shown in **Figure 4**.
- set up the reflection matrix through the plane $-x + y = 0$ shown in **Figure 4**. Use the resulting matrix to verify that the matrix represents a reflection through the plane $-x + y = 0$
- Find the image of the point $(1, 0, 1/2)$

Hint : to visualize planes in crystals, use the following webpages

https://www.doitpoms.ac.uk/tlplib/miller_indices/lattice_draw.php

<https://technology.cpm.org/general/3dgraph/>

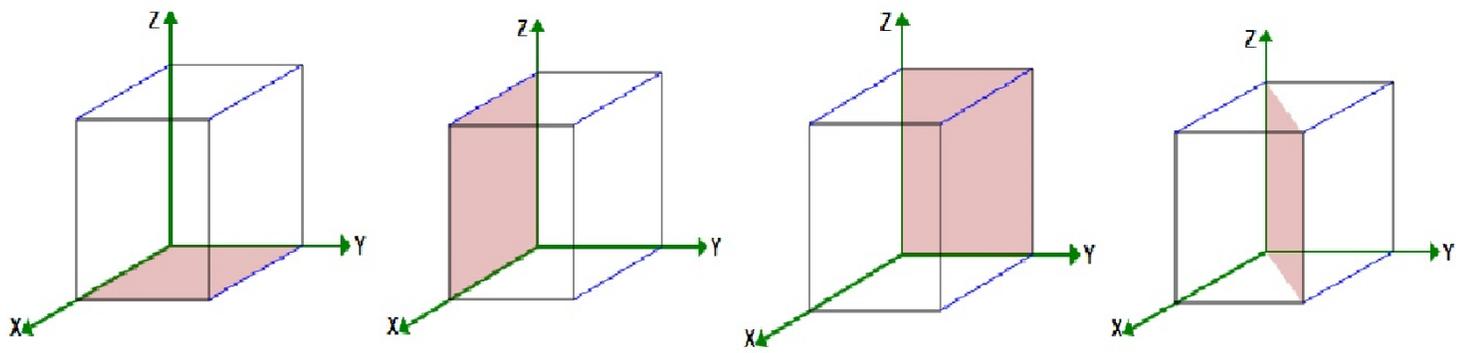


Figure 4: