Finding the k-grid points inside the reciprocal cell

Let L_K be the k-grid lattice. Let \mathbb{K} be a matrix where the columns are the vectors of the generating grid. The matrix \mathbb{S} that transforms the k-grid vectors into the reciprocal vectors must have all integer elements. Its determinant is equal to the number of reducible k-points. Then, the recriprocal lattice, L_R , is given by $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{K}\mathbb{S}$ (where the columns of \mathbb{R} are the reciprocal lattice vectors). With no loss of generality, we may choose \mathbb{S} as Hermite Normal Form matrix.

We want to know which points of L_K are within the first unit cell of L_R . Let a point within the cell be denoted \vec{x} . The (lattice) components of \vec{x} must be $0 \le x_i < 1$. Since we are interested in points in the cell that are also points of L_K , we have $\mathbb{R}\vec{x} = \mathbb{K}\vec{z}$ where the components of z are integers. (If so, then \vec{x} is obviously a lattice point of the k-grid [that is, $\vec{x} \in L_k$].)

But since $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{KS}$,

$$\mathbb{R}\vec{x} = \mathbb{K}\vec{z}
\mathbb{K}\mathbb{S}\vec{x} = \mathbb{K}\vec{z}
\mathbb{K}^{-1}\mathbb{K}\mathbb{S}\vec{x} = \mathbb{K}^{-1}\mathbb{K}\vec{z} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So,

$$ax_1 = z_1$$

$$bx_1 + cx_2 = z_2$$

$$dx_1 + ex_2 + fx_3 = z_3$$

Since the components of \vec{x} must be [0,1),

$$0 \le x_1 = z_1/a < 1 \quad \to \quad \boxed{0 \le z_1 < a}$$

$$0 \le x_2 = \frac{z_2}{c} - \frac{b}{ca} z_1 < 1 \quad \to \quad \frac{b}{ca} z_1 \le \frac{z_2}{c} < 1 + \frac{b}{ca} z_1$$

$$\to \quad \boxed{\frac{b}{a} z_1 \le z_2 < c + \frac{b}{a} z_1}$$

$$0 \le x_3 = \frac{z_3}{f} - \frac{d}{f} \frac{z_1}{a} - e[\frac{z_2}{c} - \frac{b}{ca} z_1] < 1$$

$$\frac{d}{f} \frac{z_1}{a} + \frac{e}{f} [\frac{z_2}{c} - \frac{b}{ca} z_1] \le \frac{z_3}{f} < 1 + \frac{d}{f} \frac{z_1}{a} + \frac{e}{f} [\frac{z_2}{c} - \frac{b}{ca} z_1]$$

$$\frac{d}{a} + \frac{e}{c} [z_2 - \frac{b}{a} z_1] \le z_3 < f + z_1 \frac{d}{a} + \frac{e}{c} [z_2 - \frac{b}{a} z_1]$$

$$\boxed{z_1 [\frac{d}{a} - \frac{eb}{ca}] + \frac{e}{c} z_2 \le z_3 < f + z_1 [\frac{d}{a} - \frac{eb}{ca}] + \frac{e}{c} z_2}$$