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6. List two definitions of the primitive unit cell.
7. Draw the basic vector that represents the primitive unit cell in the following 3D order
 - Body-Centered Cubic (BCC)
 - Face-Centered Cubic (FCC)
 - Hexagonal-Closed Packed (HCP)
8. Give full atomic coordinates of NaCl structure.
9. Derive the atomic coordinates of the HCP structure other than the method used in class.
10. Calculate the atomic packing fraction of
 - Hexagonal Crystal lattice
 - Hexagonal-Closed Packed structure
11. Given the basic vector of Body-Centered Cubic lattice in real space with the expression.

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= \frac{a}{2}x + \frac{a}{2}y - \frac{a}{2}z \\a_2 &= -\frac{a}{2}x + \frac{a}{2}y + \frac{a}{2}z \\a_3 &= \frac{a}{2}x - \frac{a}{2}y + \frac{a}{2}z\end{aligned}$$

- Determine the reciprocal lattice vectors.
- Draw the diagram of the Body-Centered System, showing the appropriate primitive basis vectors.

Answers

1. Give all possible definitions of Crystal that you know.

- A crystal or crystalline solid is a solid material whose constituents (such as atoms, molecules, or ions) are arranged in a highly ordered microscopic structure, forming a crystal lattice that extends in all directions.
- A crystal is a solid material in which atoms, ions and molecules are arranged in regularly repeating pattern that extends in all three spatial dimensions,
- A crystal is any solid crystalline substance, and thus has a regular and ordered internal arrangement of atoms, ions or molecules.
- A crystal is a solid substance that is composed of atoms, ions, and molecules that are arranged in a regular geometric pattern. In general, “crystal” is used to describe materials that have a regular repeating and symmetrical atomic structure

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2. Give two definitions of amorphous materials.

- An amorphous material is a solid material that lacks long-range order in its atomic structure.
- A solid in which the constituent particles do possess regular three-dimensional arrangement.
- An amorphous material can also be defined as a solid that has a somewhat random internal arrangement of atoms, ions and molecules, which gives them a glassy appearance. Examples of amorphous solids include glass, plastics, and many types of rubber.

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3. Give three definitions of a lattice.

- A lattice is a regularly repeating arrangement of points in three-dimensional space, that is usually occupied by atoms, ions or molecules.
- A lattice can also be defined as a three-dimensional array of points that form a regular and repeating pattern. ***Reference** Open AI Chat GPT-3*
- A set of mathematical points to which the crystal is attached.

***Reference** Solid State Physics Kittel*

4. Give two definitions of Bravais lattice.

- A Bravais Lattice is an array of discrete points that look the same in all directions and orientations that look the same in all directions.
Reference byjus.com
- A Bravais Lattice is the basic building block from which all crystals can be constructed. *Reference libretexts.org*

5. Define what is meant by basic/basis cell.

A basic cell or basis cell is the smallest unit cell that can be used to construct the entire crystal lattice without gaps or overlaps. It is a three-dimensional structure that is repeated in a crystal lattice to create the overall crystal structure. The basic cell is characterized by the lengths of its sides and the angles between them, and it is used to define the fundamental geometry of the crystal lattice. The arrangement of atoms within the basic cell determines the overall properties of the crystal, such as its hardness, electrical conductivity, and thermal conductivity.

6. List two definitions of the primitive unit cell.

- A primitive unit cell is a basic building block of a crystal lattice. It is the smallest unit cell that can be used to construct the entire crystal lattice without gaps or overlaps.
- A primitive unit cell is a three-dimensional structure that is repeated in a crystal lattice to create the overall crystal structure. It is the smallest unit cell that can be used to construct the entire crystal lattice without gaps or overlaps, and it is characterized by the lengths of its sides and the angles between them. *Reference Open AI Chat GPT-3*

10. Calculate the atomic packing fraction of

- Hexagonal Crystal lattice
- Hexagonal-Closed Packed structure

Hexagonal-Closed Packed structure the packing fraction of a Hexagonal-Closed Packed structure is given by

$$PF = \frac{\text{volume occupied by the atoms}}{\text{volume of the unit cell}}$$

$$\text{volume occupied by the atoms} = z \times \text{volume of an atom}$$