

Miller Indices

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→ A crystal lattice may be considered as a set of parallel equally spaced planes passing through lattice points. These planes are called lattice planes.

→ Perpendicular distance between adjacent planes is called as interplanar space.

→ The position and orientation of lattice planes in a crystal are determined by three smallest numbers, these numbers are denoted by h, k, l known as Miller Indices of given plane or any parallel plane to it.

→ Finally plane is specified by (h, k, l)

Steps to Find Miller indices

- 1] Find the intercepts of given planes along three axes.
- 2] Take reciprocals of these intercepts.
- 3] Find L.C.M. of denominators of these reciprocals.
- 4] Multiply reciprocal of intercept by L.C.M.
- 5] Reduce resultant fraction to smallest three integers and write in close bracket without commas (,) and we have Miller indices (hkl) eg (431)

Steps to draw lattice plane from given Miller indices

- 1] Draw cube with three co-ordinate axes.
- 2] Take reciprocal of h, k and l value from (h, k, l) .
- 3] Take $\frac{1}{h}, \frac{1}{k},$ and $\frac{1}{l}$ as intercepts.
- 4] Mark the intercept and draw line we get a plane.

To Draw direction from given miller indices

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Note : $(hkl) \Rightarrow$ Plane
 $[hkl] \Rightarrow$ Direction.

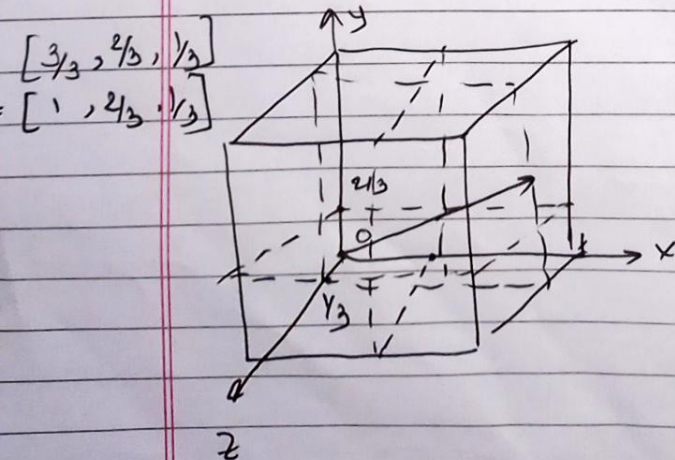
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Steps to Draw lattice direction

- 1] Divide all indices (hkl) by the highest index
- 2] Draw, a cube.
- 3] Start from origin O , move along X -direction by a distance equal to $h / \text{highest index}$.
- 4] Move along Y direction by a distance equal to $k / \text{highest index}$.
- 5] Move along Z direction by a distance equal to $l / \text{highest index}$.

Note : Consider only magnitude while deciding highest No.

1] $[3, 2, 1]$



Join O , and the intersection of 3 planes and we get the required direction

Interplaner Distance

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Page (h k l)

length of unit cell along x axis is a

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But in cubic system.

$$a = b = c$$

$$\therefore OA \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} \quad OB = a/k \quad OC = a/l$$

\therefore In $\triangle ONA$
 $\angle ONA = 90^\circ$
 $\angle NOA = 2$

In $\triangle ONB$
 $\angle ONB = 90^\circ$
 $\angle NOB = 13$

In $\triangle ONC$
 $\angle ONC = 90^\circ$
 $\angle NOC = x$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{ON}{OA}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{ON}{OB}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{ON}{OC}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 2 + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 \gamma = 1.$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2}{(a/h)^2} + \frac{d^2}{(a/k)^2} + \frac{d^2}{(a/l)^2} = 1$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{e^2 + h^2 + k^2}}$$

$$\therefore d^2 = \frac{a^2}{x^2 + h^2 + k^2}$$