

9. Crystallography symmetry

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

"The mathematical theory of
symmetry in solids";

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

length/angle invariant after symmetry operation

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

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

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

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

prop. rot. \circ inversion

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

9.1. Symmetry operations

(Dresselhaus 3.9)

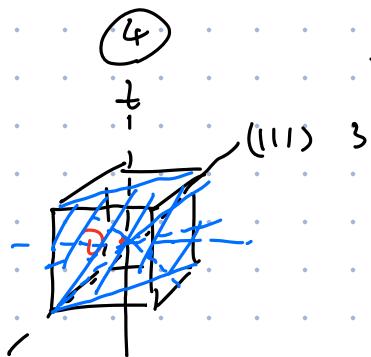
- E identity

- 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

σ_v vertical contains not. axis

σ_d "dihedral plane" (highest order)

bisects the angle between

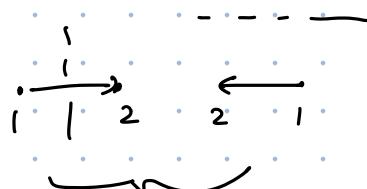
2-fold axes perp. to

principal axis

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

$$\xleftarrow[2]{2},$$

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



$$S_n := \sigma C_n$$



• S_n : $2\pi/n$ rotation + σ_h

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

$$= S_{2n}^{n+2k}$$

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

$$iC_3^\pm = S_6^5 = S_6^\mp$$

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

$$iC_6^\pm = S_3^\mp (= \sigma C_6^{3\pm 1} = \sigma C_3^\mp)$$

Above are Schönflies notations

often see Hermann - Mauguin notations
 ("international notations")

Schönflies

H-M

C_n

n

iC_n

\bar{n}

σ

m

σ_h

n/m

σ_v

nm

σ_v'

nmm

proper		improper	
S	Hμ	S	Hμ
$C_1 = E$	1	$i = S_2$	$\bar{1}$
C_2	2	$iC_2 = \bar{G}$	$\bar{2}$
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

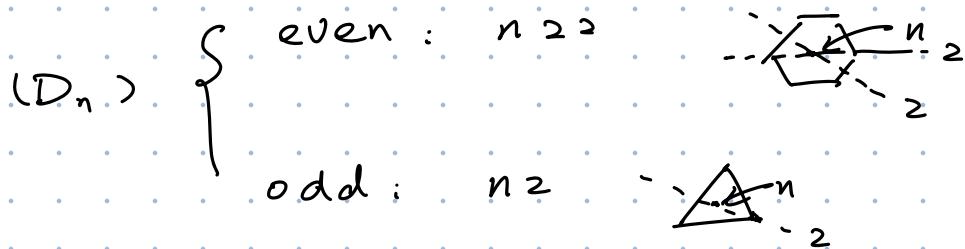
proper point groups

(P.G. of the first kind)

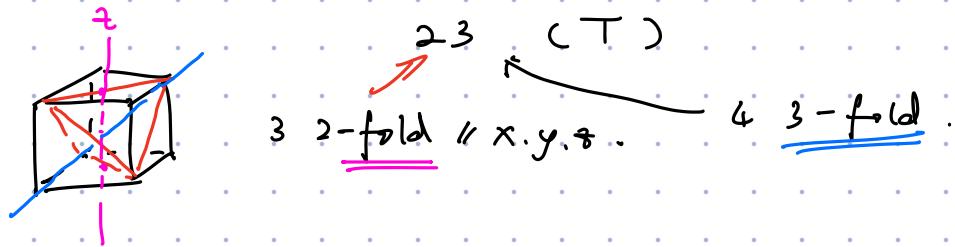
① cyclic groups. sym. elements. only n-fold rot.

$n(C_n)$

② dihedral : n-sided prism



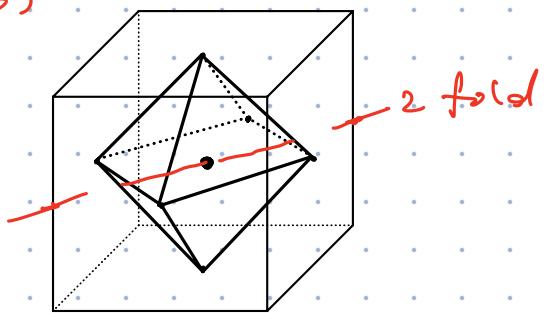
③ tetrahedral regular tetrahedron



$$12 : E + C_{3j}^{\pm} + C_{2x/y/z} = 12 \\ 1 + 8 + 3$$

④ octahedral group

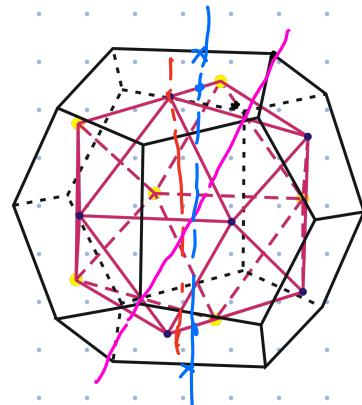
2-fold (6)
432 (O)
4-fold
3-fold
(4)
(x,y,z)



$$E + C_{4x/yz}^{\pm} + C_{2x/y/z} + C_{3j}^{\pm} + C_{2p} = 24 \\ 1 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 8 \quad 6$$

⑤ icosahedral group.
(二十面体)

532 (I)
#10
#6
#15



$$\begin{cases} V = 12 \\ F = 20 \\ E = 30 \end{cases}$$

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

A. add in inversion. $P_G \rightarrow P_G \otimes \bar{1}$
 $\{1, i\}$

① C_n : odd $n \rightarrow \bar{n} (S_{2n})$
even $\rightarrow n/m (C_{nh})$

② D_n : odd $n^2 \rightarrow \bar{n}_m (D_{nd})$
 $(\bar{n}^{2/m})$
even $n^2 \rightarrow \underline{n/m} \underline{mm} (D_{th})$
 $(2/m)$

③ $23 (T) \rightarrow m\bar{3} (T_h)$
 $(\bar{3}/m \bar{3})$

④ $432 (O) \rightarrow m\bar{3}m (D_h)$
 $(4/m \bar{3} 2/m)$

⑤ $532 (I) \rightarrow 5\bar{3}m (I_h)$

B. P has a normal subgroup Q
of index 2

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

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

① $n \triangleleft 2n$ n odd $2n \rightarrow \bar{2n} (C_{nh})$
 $(C_n \triangleleft C_{2n})$ even $2n \rightarrow \bar{2n} (S_{2n})$

② $n \triangleleft n_{22}$ or $n_{22} \rightarrow nm$ (C_{nv})

n_2

$(C_n \triangleleft D_n)$

$n_{22} \triangleleft (2n)_{22}$

n_2

$n_2 \rightarrow nm$

$(2n)_{22} \rightarrow (\bar{2n})_{\infty m}$ D_{nh} odd n

D_{nd} even

③ $T, (23)$ no subgroup of index 2

④ $23 \triangleleft 432$

$\bar{4}3m$ (T_d)

⑤ $532 \quad X$

C_n

1, 2, 3, 4, 6; $222, 32, 422, 622; 23; 432; 532$

D_n

A. $\bar{T}, \bar{2}/m, \bar{4}/m, \bar{6}/m; \bar{3}mm, \bar{4}mm, \bar{6}mm; m\bar{3}; \bar{m}3m$
 $(mm\bar{m})$

T, O

I

B. $\bar{\bar{2}}, \bar{\bar{4}}, \bar{\bar{6}}, mm\bar{2}, \bar{3}m, \bar{4}mm, \bar{6}mm; X; \bar{\bar{4}}3m$
 $(m\bar{m}\bar{m})$

$\bar{\bar{4}}2m, \bar{\bar{6}}2m$

$\Rightarrow 32$ crystalline point groups (Bilbao database)

9.3. irreducible representations

HW 29

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



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

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

$$D_4 = \{e\} \cup \{r, r^3\} \cup \{r^2\} \cup \{s, r^2s\} \cup \{rs, r^3s\}$$

①

②

③

④

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

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

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

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

class operators. $C_1 = e$ $C_2 = r + r^3$. $C_3 = r^2$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\lambda_a = y^1 - y^3 \quad m_1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_b = y^1 + 2y^2 + y^3 - 2y^4 - 2y^5 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$\lambda_c = y^1 - 2y^2 + y^3 + 2y^4 - 2y^5 \quad m_3 = 1$$

$$\lambda_d = y^1 - 2y^2 + y^3 - 2y^4 + 2y^5 \quad m_4 = 2$$

$$m_5 = 2$$

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

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

$m_i \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 2$

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

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

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

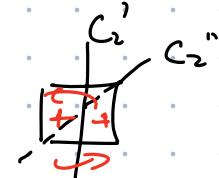
$$\chi_d = n_d (1, -1, 1, 1, 1)$$

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

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

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

$$(1D_4) = 1^2 \times 4 + 2^2 \times 1$$



$$[E] = C_4(2) \quad [r^2] = C_2(2) \quad [S] = C_2' \quad [rs] = C_2''$$

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 / antisym. w.r.t. vertical mirror plane

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

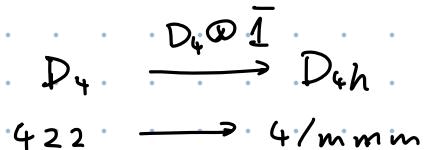
"g" gerade even

"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	$z^3, z(x^2+y^2)$	-
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	$2C_3(z)$	$3C_2'$	$\sigma_h(xy)$	$2S_3$	$3\sigma_v$	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)	$[xyz, z(x^2-y^2)]$

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

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

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

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	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

Rep in $\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{span} \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$

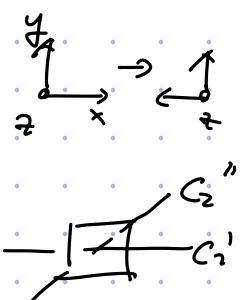
$\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$

e $2C_4(z)$ $C_2(z)$ $2C_2'$ $2C_2''$

χ_{R_3} 3 1 -1 -1 -1

$n_{A_1} = \langle \chi_{R^3}, \chi_{A_1} \rangle = 0$

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



$$\Rightarrow R_3 \cong A_2 \oplus E$$

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \hline x & y & z \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} A_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The rep matrix $e = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

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

$x, y, z \rightarrow \text{vector}$

$R_x, R_y, R_z \rightarrow \text{axial vector}$

15 different

2. quadratic functions.

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

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

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

$$xz \rightarrow yz$$

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

$$yz \rightarrow -xz$$

$$z^2 \rightarrow z^2$$

$$X(C_4) = 0$$

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

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

$$C_2'' \quad x = 2$$

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

$$(\text{recall } P^M = \int_Q df X(f) M(f) = \frac{1}{16\pi} \sum_f X(f) M(f))$$

$$A_1 : x^2 + y^2, z^2 \quad B_1 = x^2 - y^2 \quad B_2 = xy$$

$$E : (yz, xz)$$