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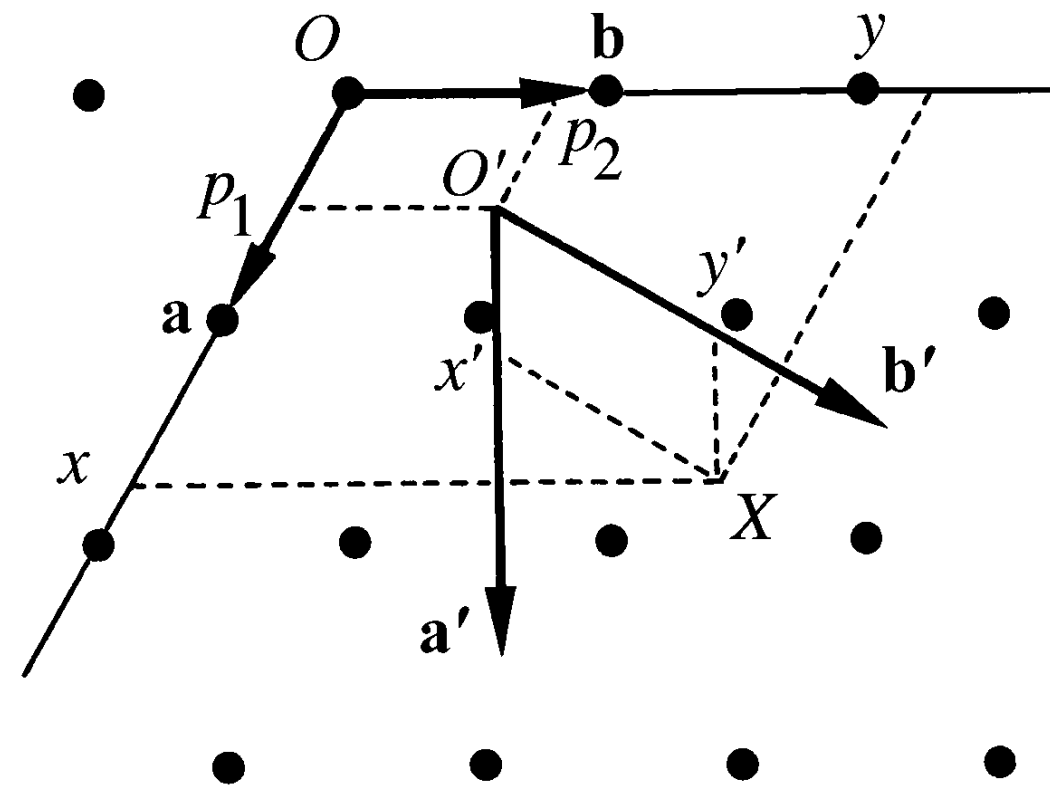
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# CO-ORDINATE TRANSFORMATIONS IN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY



# Co-ordinate transformation



## 3-dimensional space

$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$ , origin  $O$ : point  $X(x, y, z)$

$(P, \mathbf{p})$

$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}')$ , origin  $O'$ : point  $X(x', y', z')$

## Transformation matrix-column pair $(P, \mathbf{p})$

(i) linear part: change of orientation or length:

$$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}') = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})P$$

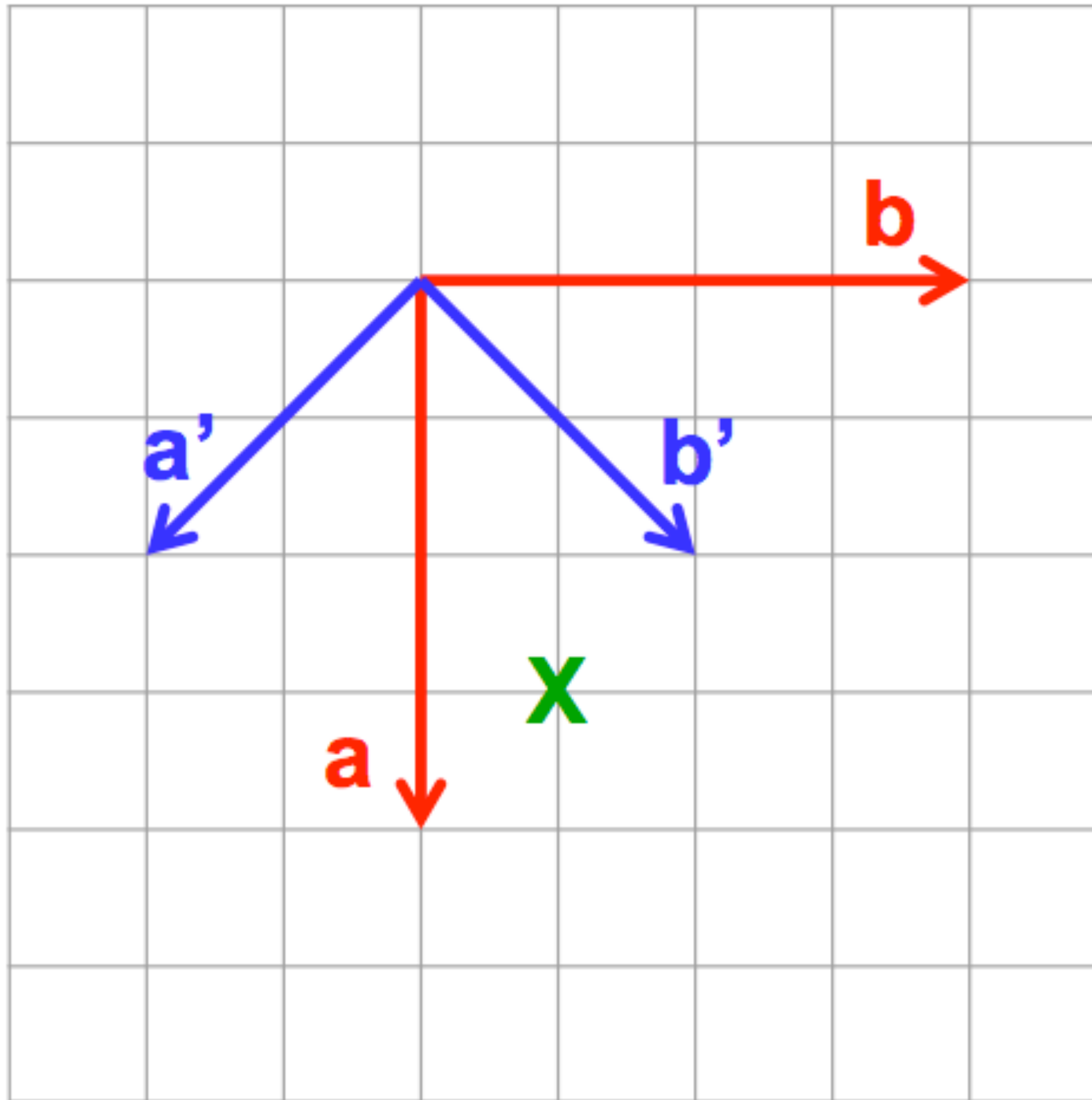
$$= (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{pmatrix} = (P_{11}\mathbf{a} + P_{21}\mathbf{b} + P_{31}\mathbf{c}, \\ P_{12}\mathbf{a} + P_{22}\mathbf{b} + P_{32}\mathbf{c}, \\ P_{13}\mathbf{a} + P_{23}\mathbf{b} + P_{33}\mathbf{c}).$$

(ii) origin shift by a shift vector  $\mathbf{p}(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ :

$$\mathbf{O}' = \mathbf{O} + \mathbf{p}$$

the origin  $\mathbf{O}'$  has coordinates  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  in the old coordinate system

# EXAMPLE



$$(a', b', c') = (a, b, c) \begin{pmatrix} \text{?} \end{pmatrix}$$

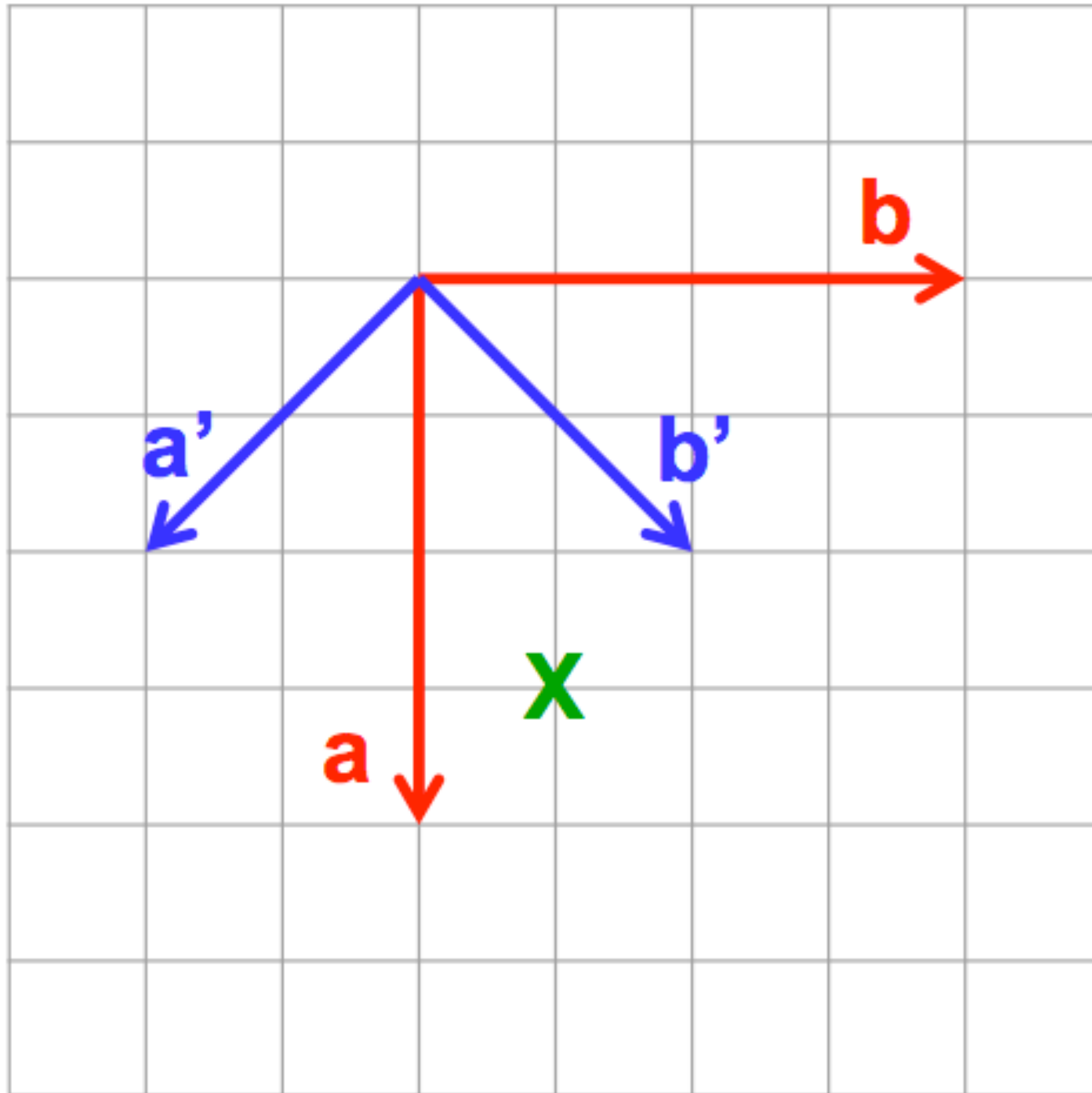
$$(a, b, c) = (a', b', c') \begin{pmatrix} \text{?} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = (3/4, 1/4, 0)$$

$$X' = (\text{?})$$

Write “new in terms of old” as column vectors.

## QUICK QUIZ



## SOLUTION

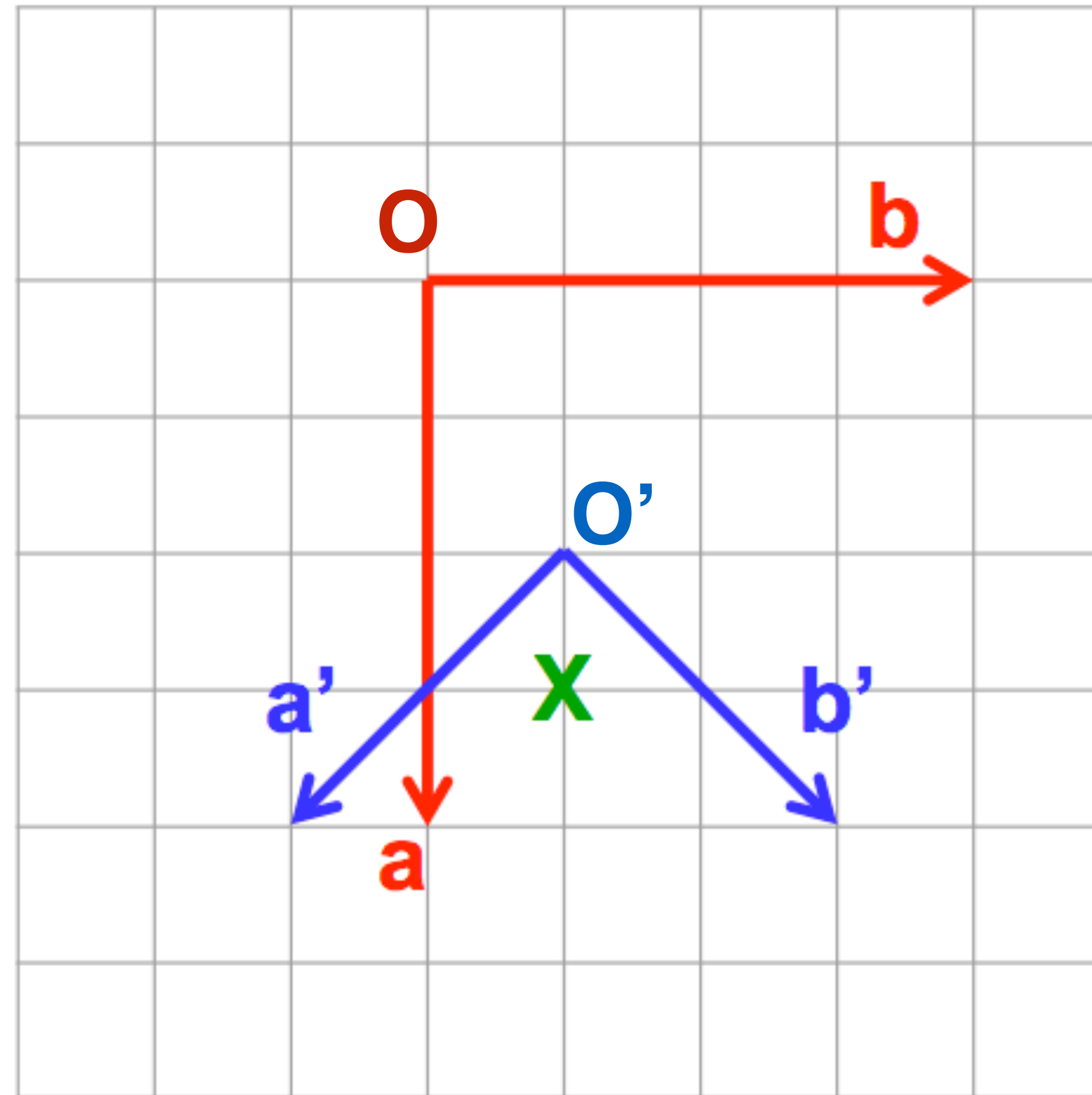
$$(a', b', c') = (a, b, c) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(a, b, c) = (a', b', c') \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = (3/4, 1/4, 0)$$

$$X' = (1/2, 1, 0)$$

# EXAMPLE



$$O' = O + p$$

Linear parts as before.

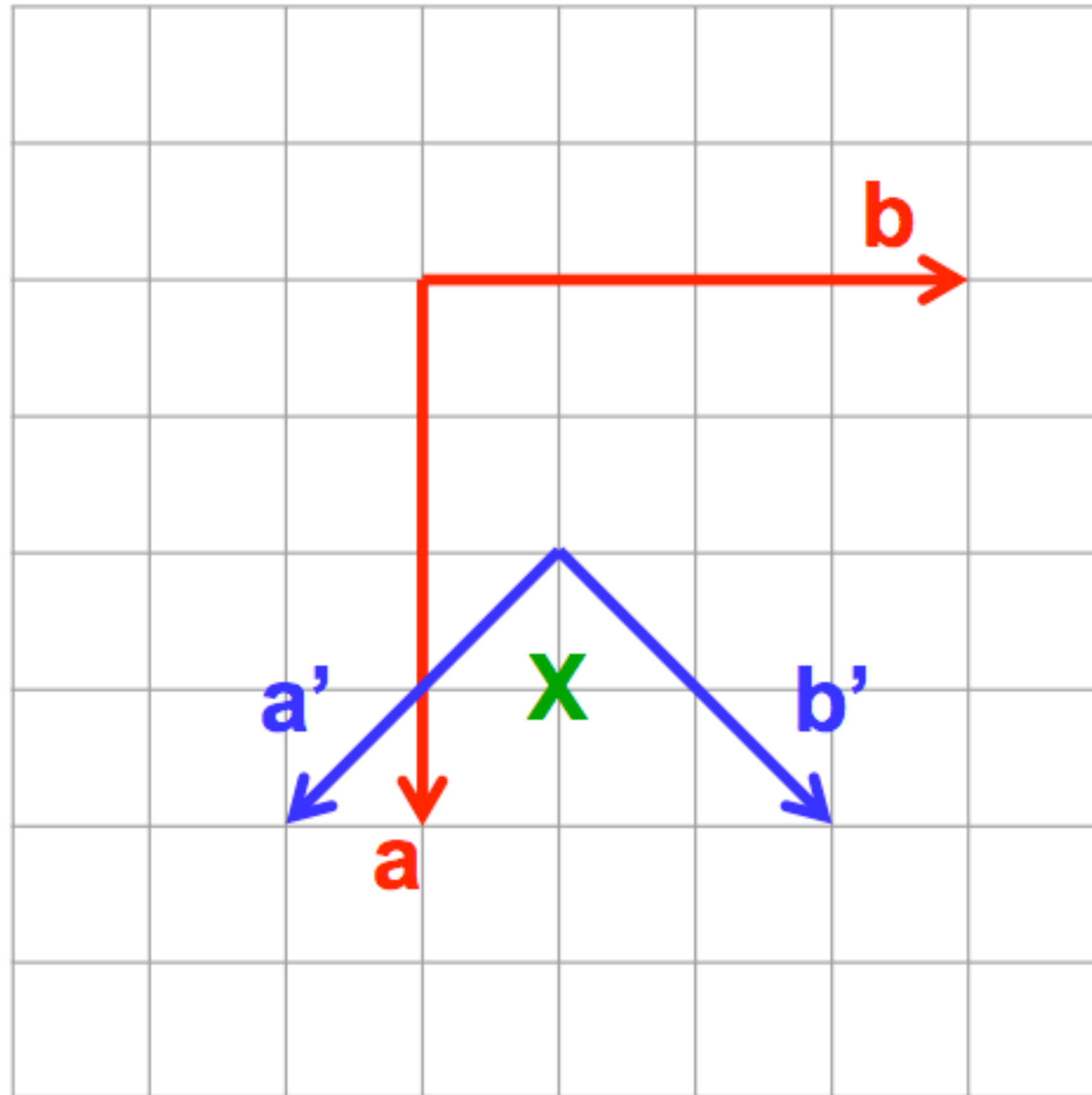
$$p = \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = (3/4, 1/4, 0)$$

$$X' = ( ? , ? , ? )$$

## QUICK QUIZ



Linear parts as before.

## SOLUTION

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} -1/4 \\ -3/4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = (3/4, 1/4, 0)$$

$$X' = (1/4, 1/4, 0)$$

# Transformation matrix-column pair $(P,p)$

$$(P,p) = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ \hline -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1/2 \\ \hline 1/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

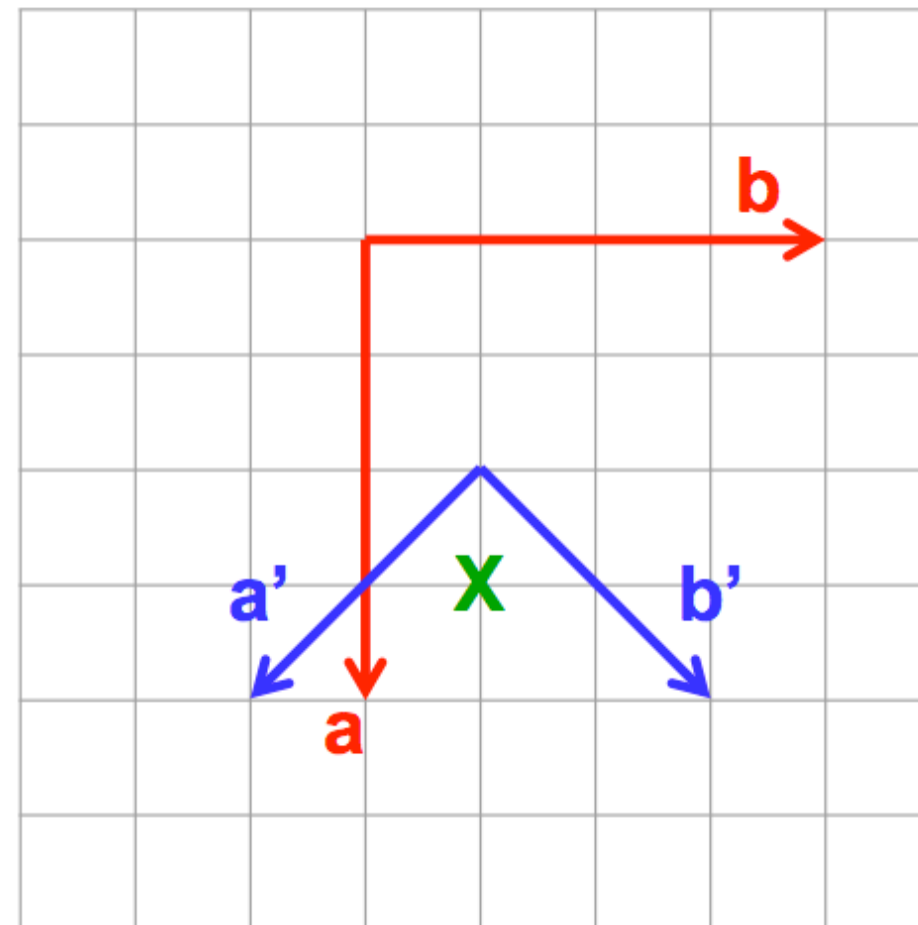
$$(P,p)^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & -1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -1/4 \\ \hline -3/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{a}' = 1/2\mathbf{a} - 1/2\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{b}' = 1/2\mathbf{a} + 1/2\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{O}' = \mathbf{O} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1/2 \\ \hline 1/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}' + \mathbf{b}'$$

$$\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{a}' + \mathbf{b}'$$

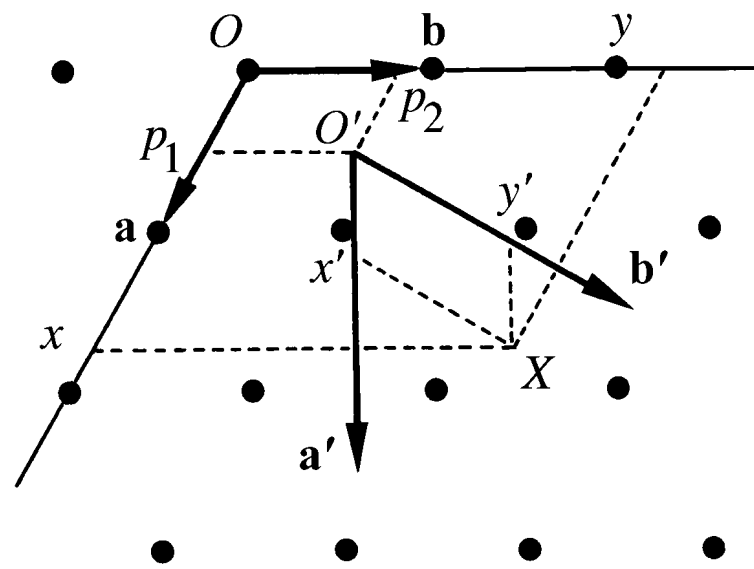
$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}'$$

$$\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{O}' + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -1/4 \\ \hline -3/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# Short-hand notation for the description of transformation matrices

## Transformation matrix:



$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$ , origin  $O$

$$(P, p) = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & p_1 \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} & p_2 \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & p_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}')$ , origin  $O'$

## notation rules:

- written by **columns**
- coefficients 0, +1, -1
- different **columns** in one line
- origin shift

## example:

1	-1		-1/4
1	1		-3/4
		1	0

$$\longrightarrow \left\{ a+b, -a+b, c; -1/4, -3/4, 0 \right.$$

## Transformation of the coordinates of a point $X(x,y,z)$ :

$$(X') = (P, p)^{-1}(X) \\ = (P^{-1}, -P^{-1}p)(X)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline x' \\ \hline y' \\ \hline z' \\ \hline \end{array} = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & p_1 \\ \hline P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} & p_2 \\ \hline P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & p_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^{-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline y \\ \hline z \\ \hline \end{array}$$

### special cases

-origin shift ( $P=I$ ):

$$x' = x - p$$

-change of basis ( $p=0$ ):

$$x' = P^{-1}x$$

### EXAMPLE

$$X' = (P, p)^{-1}X = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & -1 & 0 & -1/4 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & -3/4 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^{-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3/4 \\ \hline 1/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1/4 \\ \hline 1/4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

## QUICK QUIZ

Determine the coordinates  $X'$  of a point  $X =$   
with respect to the new basis  
 $(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}') = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})\mathbf{P}$ , with  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ .

0,70
0,31
0,95

*Hint*

$$(X') = (P, p)^{-1} (X)$$

# Covariant and contravariant crystallographic quantities

direct or crystal basis

$$(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}') = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) P = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

reciprocal or dual basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^{*'} \\ \mathbf{b}^{*'} \\ \mathbf{c}^{*'} \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^* \\ \mathbf{b}^* \\ \mathbf{c}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^* \\ \mathbf{b}^* \\ \mathbf{c}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

covariant to crystal basis: Miller indices

$$(h', k', l') = (h, k, l) P$$

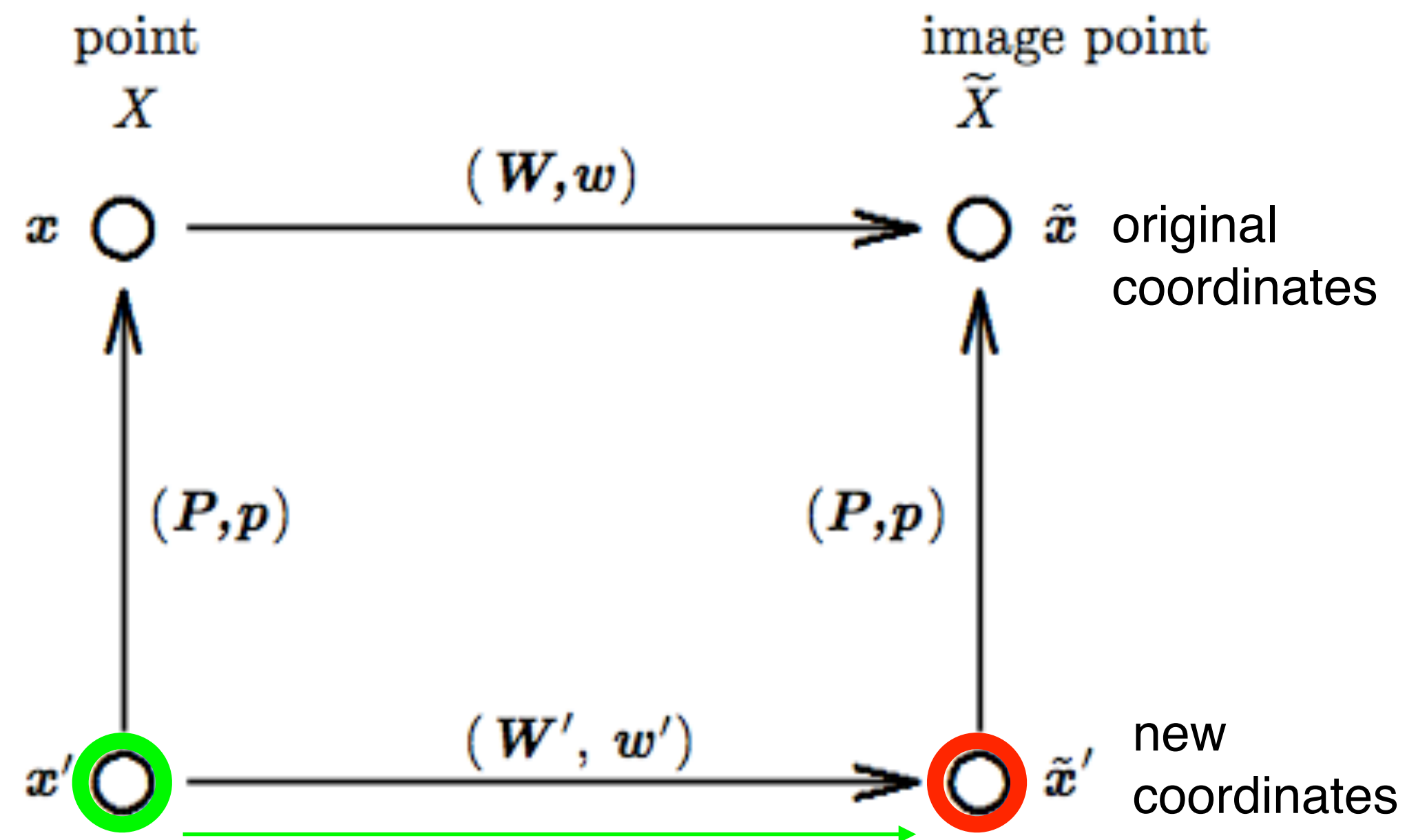
contravariant to crystal basis: indices of a direction [u]

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$



## Transformation of symmetry operations $(W, w)$

$$(W', w') = (P, p)^{-1} (W, w) (P, p)$$



- i.  $\tilde{x}' = (W', w')x'$ ,
- ii.  $\tilde{x}' = (P, p)^{-1}\tilde{x} = (P, p)^{-1}(W, w)x = (P, p)^{-1}(W, w)(P, p)x'$ .

Transformation of the coordinates of a point  $X(x,y,z)$ :

$$(X') = (P, p)^{-1} (X) \\ = (P^{-1}, -P^{-1}p)(X)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline x' \\ \hline y' \\ \hline z' \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & p_1 \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} & p_2 \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & p_3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline y \\ \hline z \\ \hline \end{array}$$

special cases

-origin shift ( $P=I$ ):

$$x' = x - p$$

-change of basis ( $p=0$ ):

$$x' = P^{-1} x$$

Transformation of symmetry operations ( $W, w$ ):

$$(W', w') = (P, p)^{-1} (W, w) (P, p)$$

Transformation by  $(P, p)$  of the unit cell parameters:

metric tensor  $G$ :  $G' = P^t G P$

# Problem: SYMMETRY DATA ITA SETTINGS

## 530 ITA settings of **orthorhombic** and **monoclinic** groups

### 4. SYNOPTIC TABLES OF SPACE-GROUP SYMBOLS

Table 4.3.1 (cont.)

#### MONOCLINIC SYSTEM

No. of space group	Schoenflies symbol	Standard short Hermann-Mauguin symbol	Extended Hermann-Mauguin symbols for various settings and cell choices						Unique axis <i>b</i> Unique axis <i>c</i> Unique axis <i>a</i>
			$\underline{abc}$	$\underline{c\bar{b}a}$	$\underline{abc}$	$\underline{ba\bar{c}}$	$\underline{abc}$	$\underline{\bar{a}cb}$	
3	$C_2^1$	$P2$	$P121$	$P121$	$P112$	$P112$	$P211$	$P211$	Cell choice 1 Cell choice 2 Cell choice 3
4	$C_2^2$	$P2_1$	$P12_11$	$P12_11$	$P112_1$	$P112_1$	$P2_111$	$P2_111$	
5	$C_2^3$	$C2$	$C121$	$A121$	$A112$	$B112$	$B211$	$C211$	
			$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	
			$A121$	$C121$	$B112$	$A112$	$C211$	$B211$	
			$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	
			$I121$	$I121$	$I112$	$I112$	$I211$	$I211$	Cell choice 1 Cell choice 2 Cell choice 3
			$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	$2_1$	
6	$C_s^1$	$Pm$	$P1m1$	$P1m1$	$P11m$	$P11m$	$Pm11$	$Pm11$	
7	$C_s^2$	$Pc$	$P1c1$	$P1a1$	$P11a$	$P11b$	$Pb11$	$Pc11$	
			$P1n1$	$P1n1$	$P11n$	$P11n$	$Pn11$	$Pn11$	
			$P1a1$	$P1c1$	$P11b$	$P11a$	$Pc11$	$Pb11$	
8	$C_s^3$	$Cm$	$C1m1$	$A1m1$	$A11m$	$B11m$	$Bm11$	$Cm11$	Cell choice 1 Cell choice 2 Cell choice 3
			$a$	$c$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$b$	
			$A1m1$	$C1m1$	$B11m$	$A11m$	$Cm11$	$Bm11$	
			$c$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$c$	
			$I1m1$	$I1m1$	$I11m$	$I11m$	$Im11$	$Im11$	
			$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	
9	$C_s^4$	$Cc$	$C1c1$	$A1a1$	$A11a$	$B11b$	$Bb11$	$Cc11$	Cell choice 1 Cell choice 2 Cell choice 3
			$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	
			$A1n1$	$C1n1$	$B11n$	$A11n$	$Cn11$	$Bn11$	
			$a$	$c$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$b$	
			$I1a1$	$I1c1$	$I11b$	$I11a$	$Ic11$	$Ib11$	
			$c$	$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$c$	
10	$C_{2h}^1$	$P2/m$	$P1\frac{2}{m}1$	$P1\frac{2}{m}1$	$P11\frac{2}{m}$	$P11\frac{2}{m}$	$P\frac{2}{m}11$	$P\frac{2}{m}11$	
11	$C_{2h}^2$	$P2_1/m$	$P1\frac{2}{m}1$	$P1\frac{2}{m}1$	$P11\frac{2}{m}$	$P11\frac{2}{m}$	$P\frac{2}{m}11$	$P\frac{2}{m}11$	

Monoclinic descriptions

	Transf.	abc	cba	abc	ba $\bar{c}$	abc	$\bar{a}cb$	Monoclinic axis $b$ Monoclinic axis $c$ Monoclinic axis $a$
HM	$C2/c$	$C12/c1$	$A12/a1$	$A112/a$	$B112/b$	$B2/b11$	$C2/c11$	Cell type 1
		$A12/n1$	$C12/n1$	$B112/n$	$A112/n$	$C2/n11$	$B2/n11$	Cell type 2
		$I12/a1$	$I12/c1$	$I112/b$	$I112/a$	$I2/c11$	$I2/b11$	Cell type 3

Orthorhombic descriptions

No.	HM	abc	ba $\bar{c}$	cab	$\bar{c}ba$	bca	a $\bar{c}b$
33	$Pna2_1$	$Pna2_1$	$Pbn2_1$	$P2_1nb$	$P2_1cn$	$Pc2_1n$	$Pn2_1a$





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### News:

- **New Article in Nature**  
07/2017: Bradlyn et al. "Topological quantum chemistry" *Nature* (2017). **547**, 298-305.
- **New program: BANDREP**  
04/2017: Band representations and Elementary Band representations of Double Space Groups.
- **New section: Double point and space groups**
  - **New program: DGENPOS**  
04/2017: General positions of Double Space Groups
  - **New program: REPRESENTATIONS DPG**  
04/2017: Irreducible representations of

## Space-group symmetry

<b>GENPOS</b>	Generators and General Positions of Space Groups
<b>WYCKPOS</b>	Wyckoff Positions of Space Groups
<b>HKLCOND</b>	Reflection conditions of Space Groups
<b>MAXSUB</b>	Maximal Subgroups of Space Groups
<b>SERIES</b>	Series of Maximal Isomorphic Subgroups of Space Groups
<b>WYCKSETS</b>	Equivalent Sets of Wyckoff Positions
<b>NORMALIZER</b>	Normalizers of Space Groups
<b>KVEC</b>	The k-vector types and Brillouin zones of Space Groups
<b>SYMMETRY OPERATIONS</b>	Geometric interpretation of matrix column representations of symmetry operations
<b>IDENTIFY GROUP</b>	Identification of a Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting

## Structure Utilities

## Subperiodic Groups: Layer, Rod and Frieze Groups

## Structure Databases

## Raman and Hyper-Raman scattering

## Point-group symmetry

## Plane-group symmetry

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Problem: Coordinate transformations  
Generators  
General positions

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Generators/General Positions

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## Generators and General Positions

**How to select the group**

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space group

Transformation  
of the basis

ITA-settings  
symmetry data



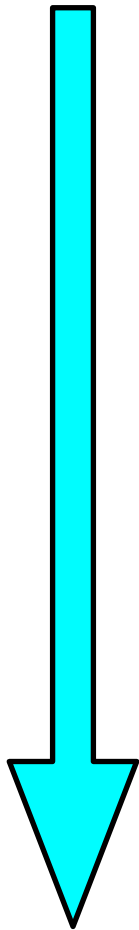
ITA-Settings for the Space Group 15

Note: The transformation matrices must be read by columns. **P** is the transformation from standard to the ITA-setting.

Example GENPOS:

default setting C12/c1

$$(W,w)_{A112/a} = (P,p)^{-1} (W,w)_{C12/c1} (P,p)$$



final setting A112/a

$$(a, b, c)_n = (a, b, c)_s P$$

ITA number	Setting	P	P <sup>-1</sup>
15	C 1 2/c 1	a,b,c	a,b,c
15	A 1 2/n 1	-a-c,b,a	c,b,-a-c
15	I 1 2/a 1	c,b,-a-c	-a-c,b,a
15	A 1 2/a 1	c,-b,a	c,-b,a
15	C 1 2/n 1	a,-b,-a-c	a,-b,a-c
15	I 1 2/c 1	-a-c,-b,c	-a-c,-b,c
15	A 1 1 2/a	c,a,b	b,c,a
15	B 1 1 2/n	a,-a-c,b	a,c,-a-b
15	I 1 1 2/b	-a-c,c,b	-a-b,c,b
15	B 1 1 2/b	a,c,-b	a,-c,b
15	A 1 1 2/n	-a-c,a,-b	b,-c,-a-b
15	I 1 1 2/a	c,-a-c,-b	-a-b,-c,a
15	B 2/b 1 1	b,c,a	c,a,b
15	C 2/n 1 1	b,a,-a-c	b,a,-b-c
15	I 2/c 1 1	b,-a-c,c	-b-c,a,c
15	C 2/c 1 1	-b,a,c	b,-a,c
15	B 2/n 1 1	-b,-a-c,a	c,-a,-b-c
15	I 2/b 1 1	-b,c,-a-c	-b-c,-a,b

# Example GENPOS: ITA settings of C2/c(15)

## The general positions of the group 15 (A 1 1 2/a)

N	Standard/Default Setting C2/c			ITA-Setting A 1 1 2/a		
	(x,y,z) form	matrix form	symmetry operation	(x,y,z) form	matrix form	symmetry operation
1	x, y, z	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1	x, y, z	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	1
2	-x, y, -z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	2 0,y,1/4	-x+1/2, -y, z	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	2 1/4,0,z
3	-x, -y, -z	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 0,0,0	-x, -y, -z	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 0,0,0
4	x, -y, z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	c x,0,z	x+1/2, y, -z	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	a x,y,0
5	x+1/2, y+1/2, z	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	t (1/2,1/2,0)	x, y+1/2, z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	t (0,1/2,1/2)
6	-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	2 (0,1/2,0) 1/4,y,1/4	-x+1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	2 (0,0,1/2) 1/4,1/4,z
7	-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 1/4,1/4,0	-x, -y+1/2, -z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	-1 0,1/4,1/4
8	x+1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	n (1/2,0,1/2) x,1/4,z	x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	n (1/2,1/2,0) x,y,1/4

default setting

A 1 1 2/a setting



Problem: Coordinate transformations  
Wyckoff positions WYCKPOS

### Wyckoff Positions

space group

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Standard/Default Setting

Non Conventional Setting

ITA Settings

### ITA-Settings for the Space Group 68

es must be read by columns. **P** is the transformation f

$$(a, b, c)_n = (a, b, c)_s P$$

ITA number	Setting	P	P <sup>-1</sup>
68	C c c e [origin 1]	a,b,c	a,b,c
68	A e a a [origin 1]	c,a,b	b,c,a
68	B b e b [origin 1]	b,c,a	c,a,b
68	C c c e [origin 2]	a,b,c	a,b,c
68	A e a a [origin 2]	c,a,b	b,c,a
68	B b e b [origin 2]	b,c,a	c,a,b

Transformation  
of the basis

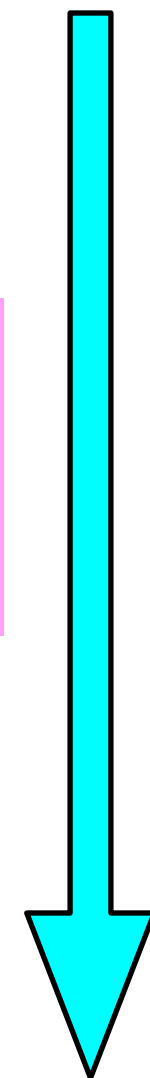
ITA  
settings

## Problem: UNIT CELL TRANSFORMATION **CELLTRAN**

lattice parameters  
hexagonal cell

$$G' = P^T G P$$

lattice parameters  
monoclinic cell



Transform Unit Cell

Cell Parameters:  Centering

Please, define the rotational part of the [transformation](#) matrix that relates the group and the subgroup bases

in abc form:  Ex: c,a,b (read by columns)

or in matrix form:

Rotational part

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(P,p) Transformation matrix

METRIC TENSOR

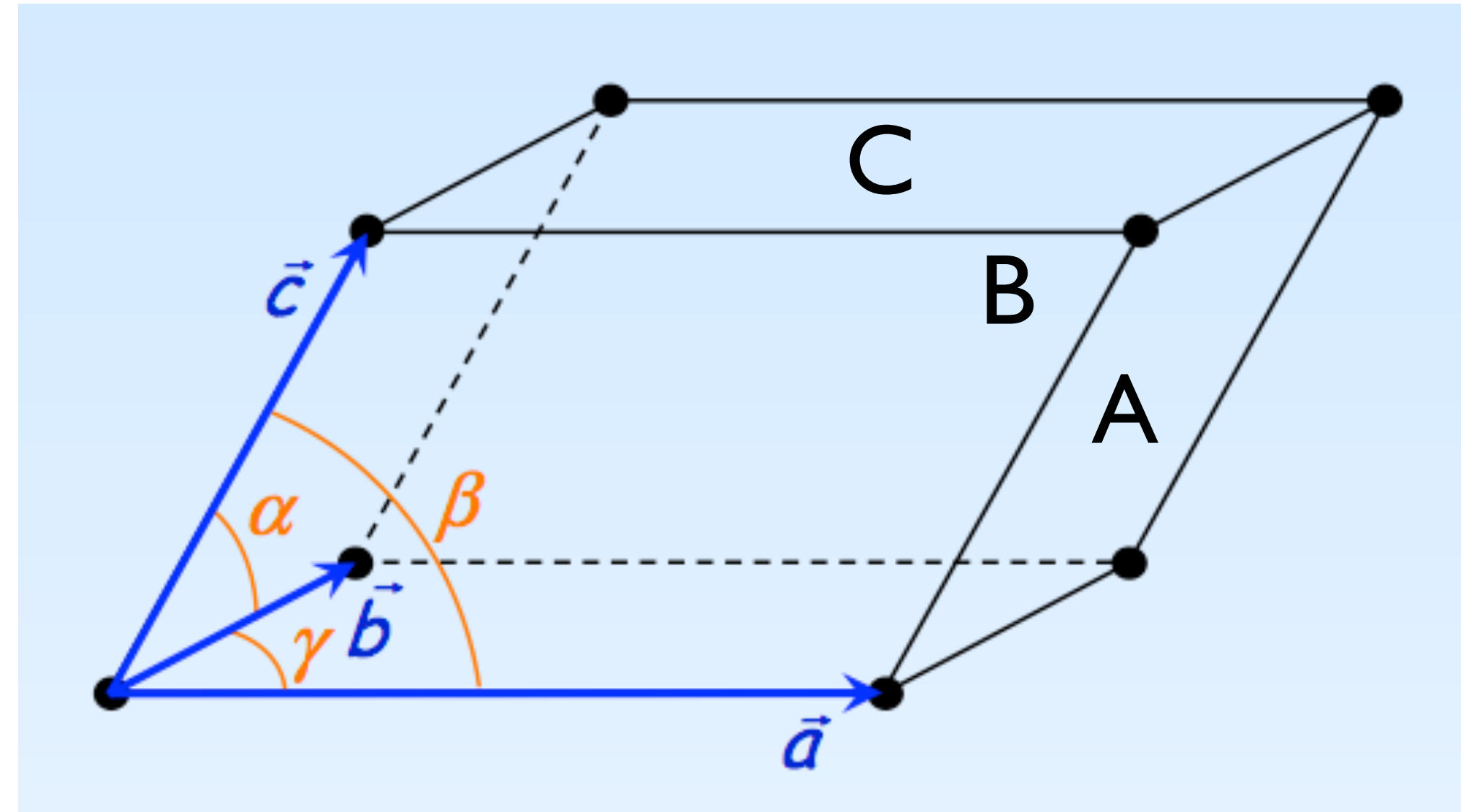
BOND LENGTHS

BONDING ANGLES

# 3D-unit cell and lattice parameters

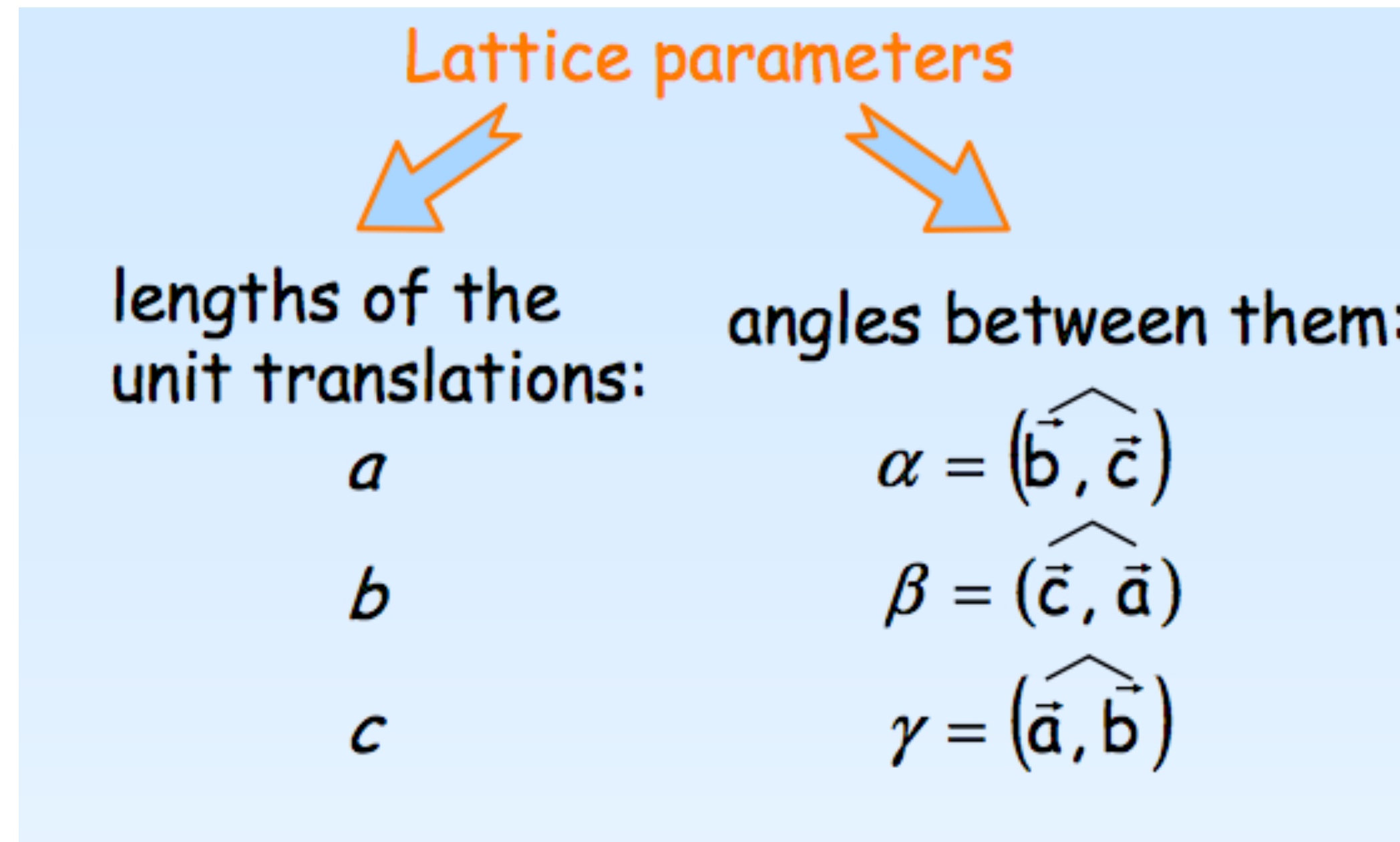
lattice basis:  
 $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$

*unit cell:*  
the parallelepiped  
defined by the  
basis vectors



primitive P and  
centred unit cells:  
A, B, C, F, I, R

number of  
lattice points per  
unit cell





# METRIC TENSOR (FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX)

Given a lattice with a basis:  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$

Metric tensor **G**

$$\mathbf{G} = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}^T \cdot \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \hline \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \hline \mathbf{a}_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ \hline G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ \hline G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ik} = (\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_k) = a_i a_k \cos \alpha_{ij}$$

Metric tensor **G** is *symmetric*:  $\mathbf{G}_{ik} = \mathbf{G}_{ki}$

Metric tensor **G** in terms of lattice parameters

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab \cos \gamma & ac \cos \beta \\ ab \cos \gamma & b^2 & bc \cos \alpha \\ ac \cos \beta & bc \cos \alpha & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## EXERCISE (Problem 2.4.5)

Write down the metric tensors of the seven crystal systems in parametric form using the general expressions for their lattice parameters. For each of the cases, express the volume of the unit cell as a function of the lattice parameters.

For example:

tetragonal crystal system:  $a=b$ ,  $c$ ,  $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90$

**G** =

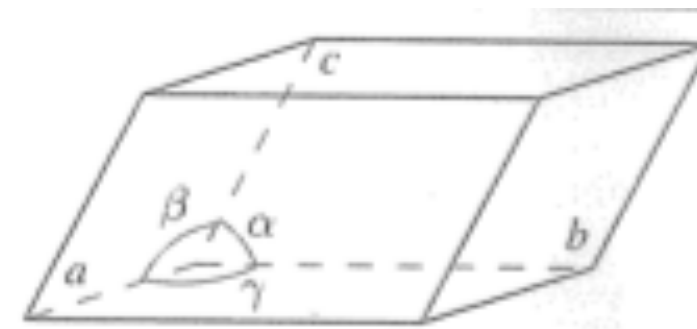
$a^2$	0	0
0	$a^2$	0
0	0	$c^2$

**V=?**

# The seven 3D-crystal systems

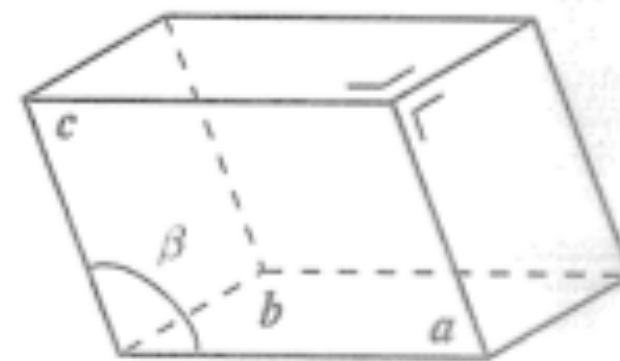
no conditions  
 $\{a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

**TRICLINIC**  
**(ANORTHIC)**



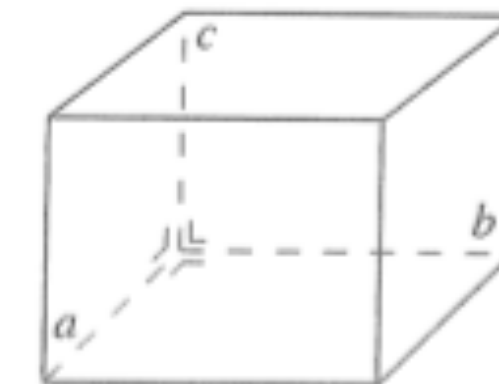
$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ \neq \beta$   
 $\{a, b, c, 90, \beta, 90\}$

**MONOCLINIC**



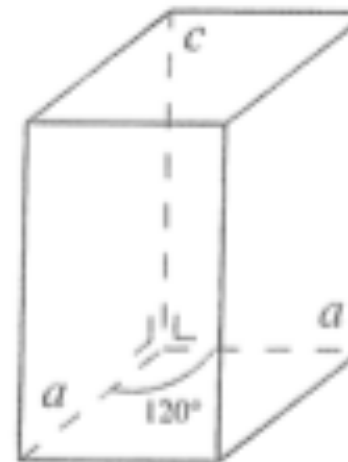
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$   
 $\{a, b, c, 90, 90, 90\}$

**ORTHORHOMBIC**



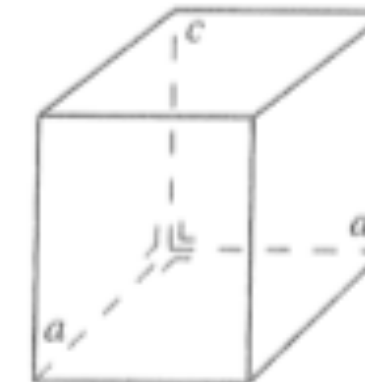
$a = b \neq c$ ,  
 $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ \neq \gamma$   
 $\{a, a, c, 90, 90, 120\}$

**HEXAGONAL**



$a = b \neq c$ ,  
 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$   
 $\{a, a, c, 90, 90, 90\}$

**TETRAGONAL**



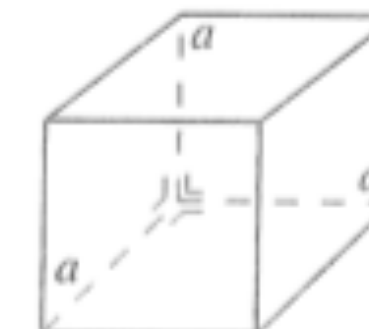
$a = b = c$ ,  
 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \neq 90^\circ$   
 $\{a, a, a, \alpha, \alpha, \alpha\}$

**RHOMBOHEDRAL**  
**(TRIGONAL)**



$a = b = c$ ,  
 $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$   
 $\{a, a, a, 90, 90, 90\}$

**CUBIC**

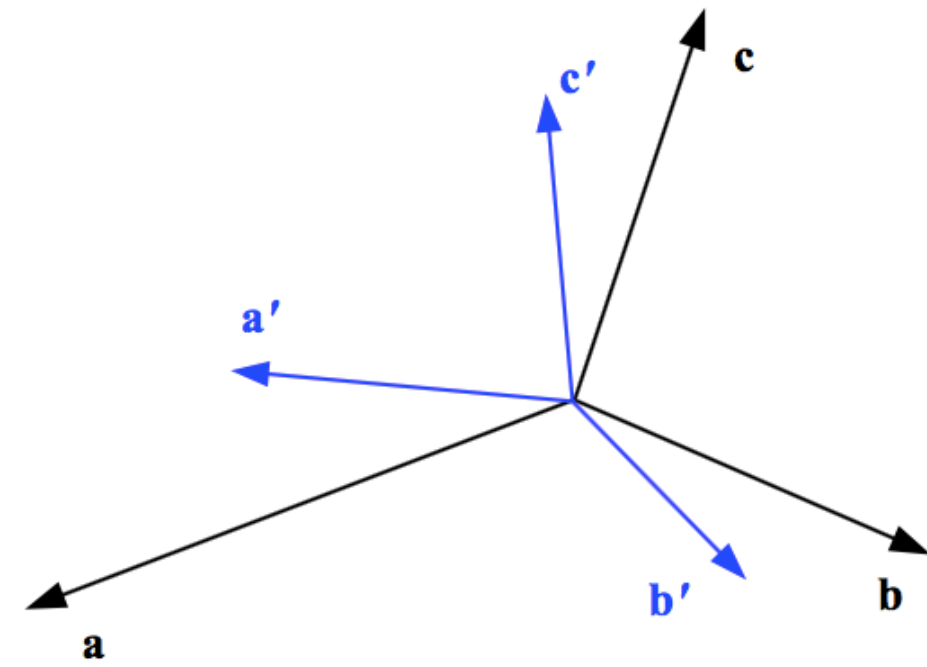


$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab \cos \gamma & ac \cos \beta \\ ab \cos \gamma & b^2 & bc \cos \alpha \\ ac \cos \beta & bc \cos \alpha & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V^2 = \det \mathbf{G} =$$

$$= a^2 b^2 c^2 (1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos^2 \gamma + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma).$$

# Transformation properties of $\mathbf{G}$ under basis transformation



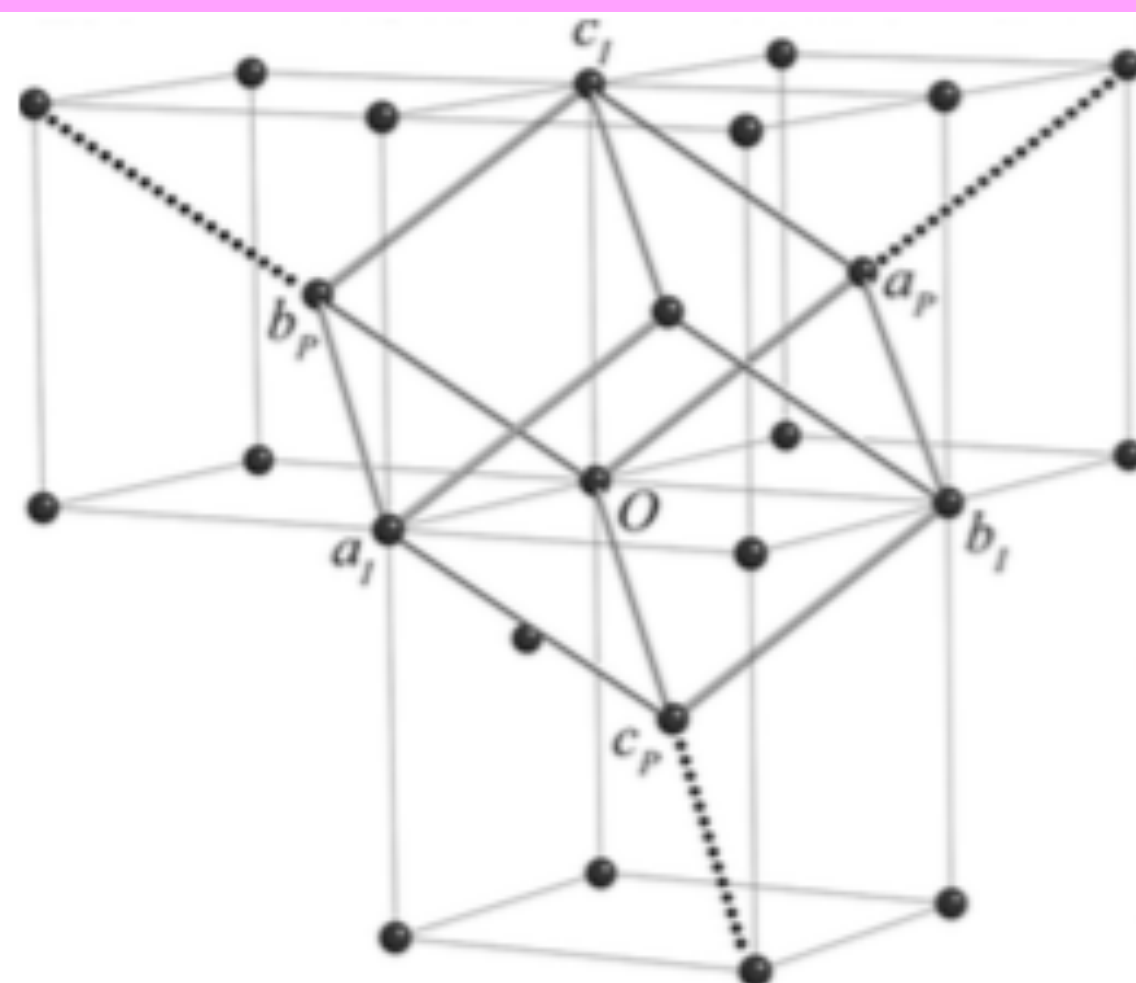
basis transformation:

$$\{\mathbf{a}'_1, \mathbf{a}'_2, \mathbf{a}'_3\} = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{G}' = \{\mathbf{a}'_1, \mathbf{a}'_2, \mathbf{a}'_3\}^T \cdot \{\mathbf{a}'_1, \mathbf{a}'_2, \mathbf{a}'_3\} = \mathbf{P}^T \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}^T \cdot \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{G}' = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{P}$$

## Example



$$cI \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P} = 1/2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}} cP$$

$$\mathbf{G}_I = a^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_P = a^2/4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Examples

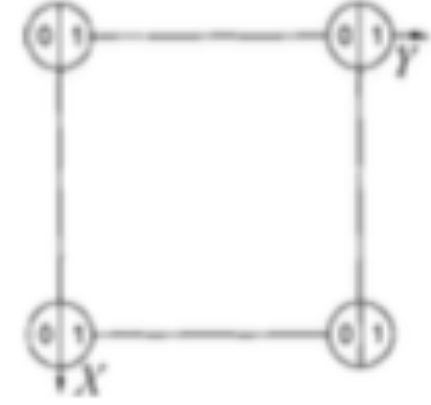
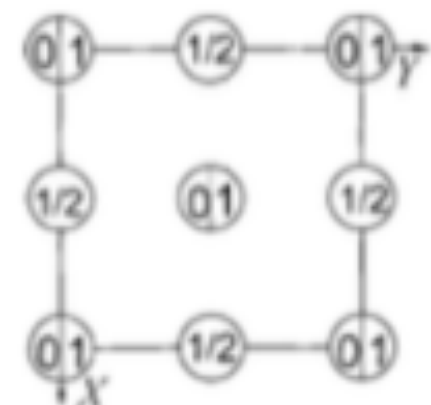
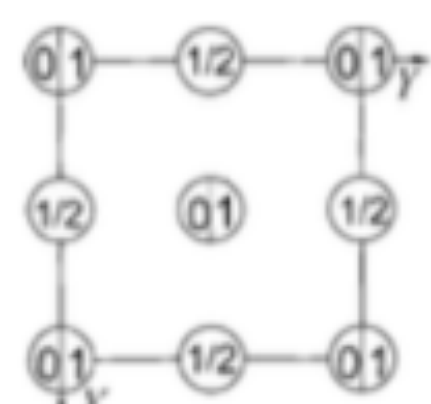
## METRIC TENSORS

Bravais lattice*	Lattice parameters		Metric tensor			Projections
	Conventional	Primitive	Conventional	Primitive/transf.†	Relations of the components	
<i>oP</i>	$a, b, c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$a, b, c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$g_{11} \quad 0 \quad 0$ $g_{22} \quad 0$ $g_{33}$	$g_{11} \quad 0 \quad 0$ $g_{22} \quad 0$ $g_{33}$		
<i>oC</i> ( <i>oS</i> )		$a_1 = a_2, c$ $\gamma, \alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$		$P(C)$ $g'_{11} \quad g'_{12} \quad 0$ $g'_{12} \quad g'_{11} \quad 0$ $g_{33}$	$g'_{11} = \frac{1}{4}(g_{11} + g_{22})$ $g'_{12} = \frac{1}{4}(g_{11} - g_{22})$ $g_{11} = 2(g'_{11} + g'_{12})$ $g_{22} = 2(g'_{11} - g'_{12})$	
<i>oI</i>		$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = -1$		$P(I)$ $-\tilde{g} \quad g'_{12} \quad g'_{13}$ $-\tilde{g} \quad g'_{23}$ $-\tilde{g}$ $\tilde{g} = g'_{12} + g'_{13} + g'_{23}$	$g'_{12} = \frac{1}{4}(-g_{11} - g_{22} + g_{33})$ $g'_{13} = \frac{1}{4}(-g_{11} + g_{22} - g_{33})$ $g'_{23} = \frac{1}{4}(g_{11} - g_{22} - g_{33})$ $g_{11} = -2(g'_{12} + g'_{13})$ $g_{22} = -2(g'_{12} + g'_{23})$ $g_{33} = -2(g'_{13} + g'_{23})$	
<i>oF</i>		$a, b, c$ $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ $\cos \alpha = \frac{-a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2bc}$ $\cos \beta = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2ac}$ $\cos \gamma = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$		$P(F)$ $\tilde{g}_1 \quad g'_{12} \quad g'_{13}$ $\tilde{g}_2 \quad g'_{23}$ $\tilde{g}_3$ $\tilde{g}_1 = g'_{12} + g'_{13}$ $\tilde{g}_2 = g'_{12} + g'_{23}$ $\tilde{g}_3 = g'_{13} + g'_{23}$	$g'_{12} = \frac{1}{4}g_{33}$ $g'_{13} = \frac{1}{4}g_{22}$ $g'_{23} = \frac{1}{4}g_{11}$ $g_{11} = 4g'_{23}$ $g_{22} = 4g'_{13}$ $g_{33} = 4g'_{12}$	



# Example

## METRIC TENSORS

Bravais lattice*	Lattice parameters		Metric tensor			Projections
	Conventional	Primitive	Conventional	Primitive/transf.†	Relations of the components	
$cP$	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$g_{11} \quad 0 \quad 0$ $g_{11} \quad 0$ $g_{11}$	$g_{11} \quad 0 \quad 0$ $g_{11} \quad 0$ $g_{11}$		
$cI$		$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 109.5^\circ$ $\cos \alpha = -\frac{1}{3}$		$P(I)$ $g'_{11} \quad -\frac{1}{3}g'_{11} \quad -\frac{1}{3}g'_{11}$ $g'_{11} \quad -\frac{1}{3}g'_{11}$ $g'_{11}$	$g'_{11} = \frac{3}{4}g_{11}$ $g_{11} = \frac{4}{3}g'_{11}$	
$cF$		$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 60^\circ$		$P(F)$ $g'_{11} \quad \frac{1}{2}g'_{11} \quad \frac{1}{2}g'_{11}$ $g'_{11} \quad \frac{1}{2}g'_{11}$ $g'_{11}$	$g'_{11} = \frac{1}{2}g_{11}$ $g_{11} = 2g'_{11}$	

\* See footnote to Table 9.1.7.1. Symbols in parentheses are standard symbols, see Table 2.1.2.1.

†  $P(C) = \frac{1}{2}(110/\bar{1}10/002)$ ,  $P(I) = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{1}\bar{1}1/1\bar{1}1/11\bar{1})$ ,  $P(F) = \frac{1}{2}(011/101/110)$ ,  $P(R) = \frac{1}{3}(\bar{1}2\bar{1}/\bar{2}11/111)$ .

## Crystallographic calculations: Volume of the unit cell

The volume  $V$  of the unit cell of a crystal structure, *i.e.* the body containing all points with coordinates  $0 \leq x_1, x_2, x_3 < 1$ , can be calculated by the formula

$$\det(\mathbf{G}) = V^2.$$

In the general case one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} V^2 &= \begin{vmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= a^2 b^2 c^2 (1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos^2 \gamma + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma). \end{aligned}$$

# Volume of the unit cell in terms of lattice parameters (Buerger, 1941)

Basis vectors with respect to Cartesian basis

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{i}a_x + \mathbf{j}a_y + \mathbf{k}a_z, \\ \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{i}b_x + \mathbf{j}b_y + \mathbf{k}b_z, \\ \mathbf{c} &= \mathbf{i}c_x + \mathbf{j}c_y + \mathbf{k}c_z, \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad V = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^T)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V^2 &= \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c} \end{vmatrix} = \det(\mathbf{G}) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & ab \cos \gamma & ac \cos \beta \\ ba \cos \gamma & b^2 & bc \cos \alpha \\ ca \cos \beta & cb \cos \alpha & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$V = abc(1 - \cos^2 \alpha - \cos^2 \beta - \cos^2 \gamma + 2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma)^{1/2}$$

# Crystallographic calculations: Distances or Lengths

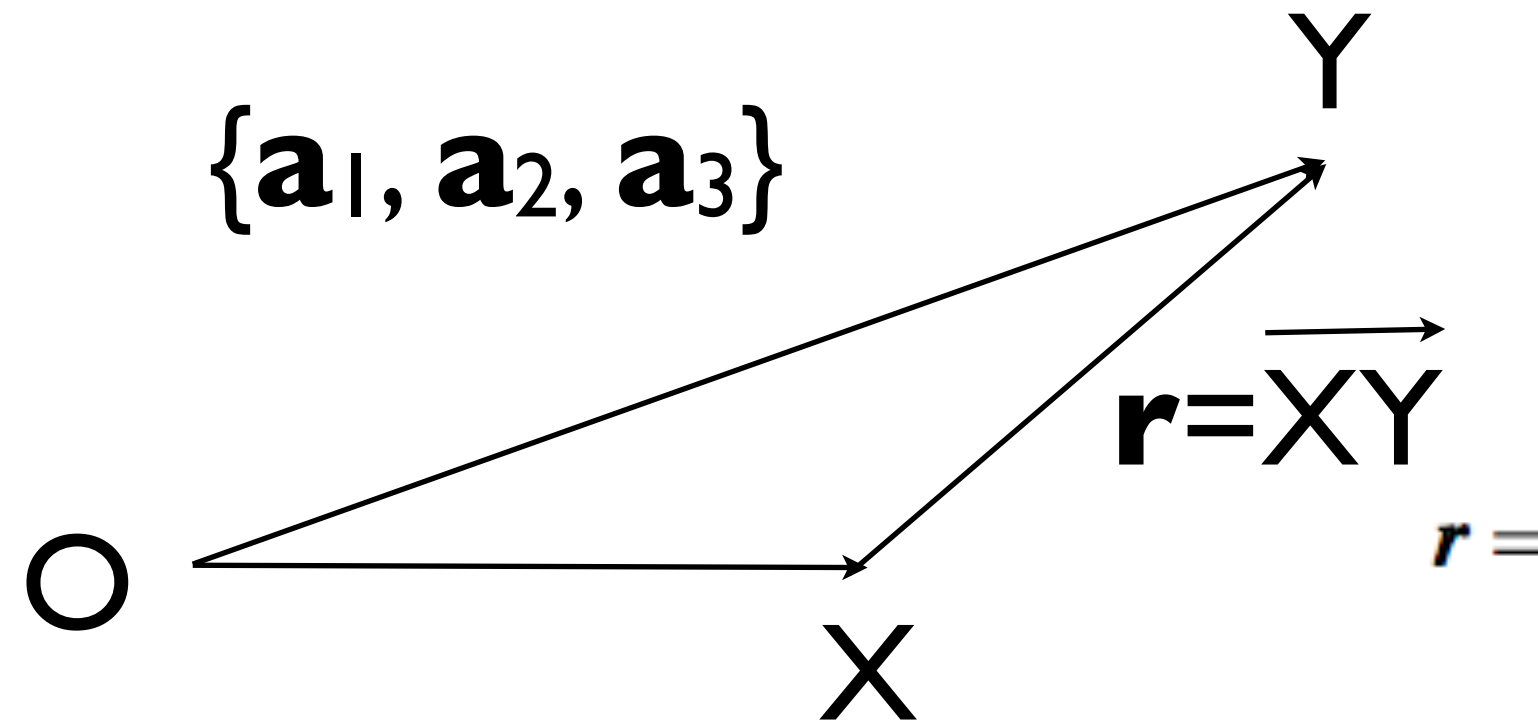


Diagram illustrating the vector  $\mathbf{r} = \overrightarrow{XY}$  in a 3D coordinate system defined by basis vectors  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ . The origin is  $O$ , and points  $X$  and  $Y$  are shown. The vector  $\mathbf{r}$  is the displacement from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

$$\mathbf{r} = \overrightarrow{XY} = r_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{a}_3, \quad r_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 - x_1 \\ y_2 - x_2 \\ y_3 - x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**length  $r$  of  $\mathbf{r}$ :**  $r^2 = (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = (r_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{a}_3, r_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{a}_3)$

$$r^2 = (r_1 \mathbf{a}_1, r_1 \mathbf{a}_1) + (r_2 \mathbf{a}_2, r_2 \mathbf{a}_2) + (r_3 \mathbf{a}_3, r_3 \mathbf{a}_3) + 2(r_2 \mathbf{a}_2, r_3 \mathbf{a}_3) + 2(r_3 \mathbf{a}_3, r_1 \mathbf{a}_1) + 2(r_1 \mathbf{a}_1, r_2 \mathbf{a}_2)$$

$$r^2 = r_1^2 a_1^2 + r_2^2 a_2^2 + r_3^2 a_3^2 + 2r_2 r_3 a_2 a_3 \cos \alpha_1 + 2r_3 r_1 a_3 a_1 \cos \alpha_2 + 2r_1 r_2 a_1 a_2 \cos \alpha_3$$

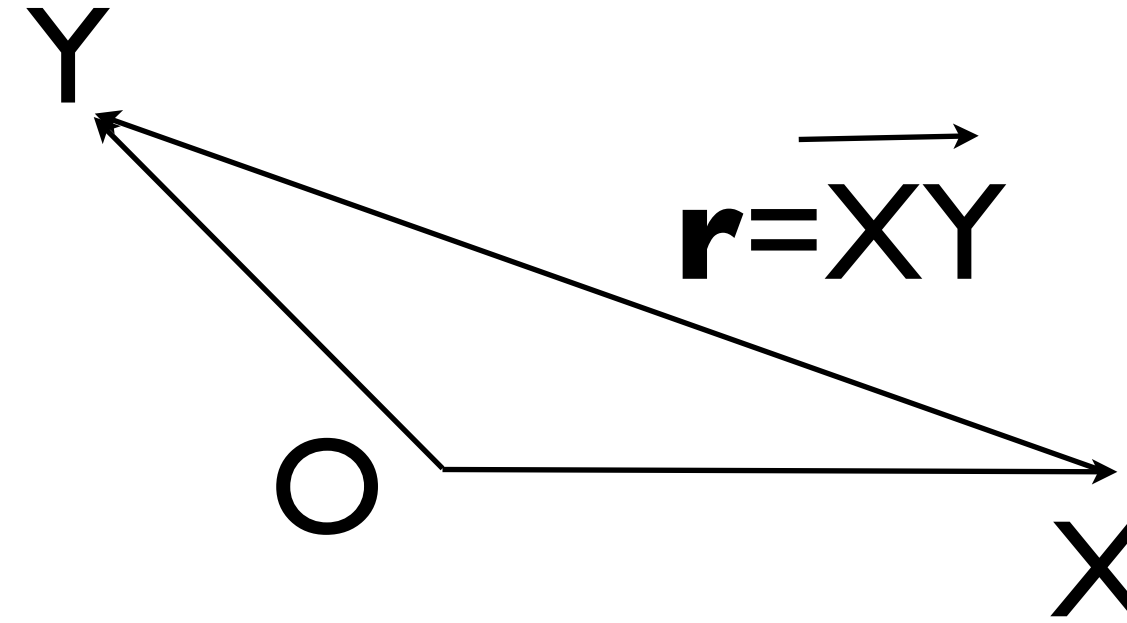
**orthonormal basis** ( $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 90^\circ$ ):

$$r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2$$



# Crystallographic calculations: Distances or Lengths

Given a basis:  
 $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$



length  $r$  of  $\mathbf{r}$ :  $r^2 = (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r})$

$$r^2 = r_1^2 a_1^2 + r_2^2 a_2^2 + r_3^2 a_3^2 + 2r_2 r_3 a_2 a_3 \cos \alpha_1 + 2r_3 r_1 a_3 a_1 \cos \alpha_2 + 2r_1 r_2 a_1 a_2 \cos \alpha_3$$

Fundamental matrix  
(metric tensor)

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

length of a vector:

$$r^2 = (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{r}$$

orthonormal basis

( $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 90^\circ$ ):  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ik} = (\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_k) = a_i a_k \cos \alpha_j$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ik} = \mathbf{G}_{ki}$$

$$r^2 = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{r}$$



# Crystallographic calculations: Bonding angle

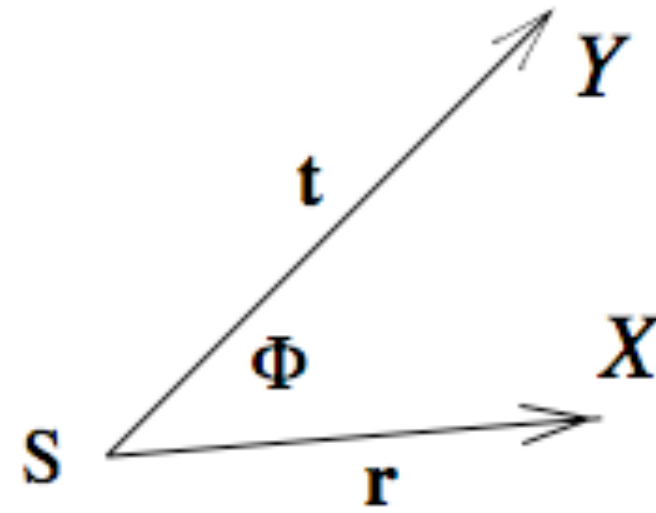


Fig. 1.6.1 The bonding angle  $\Phi$  between the bond vectors  $\vec{SX} = \mathbf{r}$  and  $\vec{SY} = \mathbf{t}$ .

$$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t}) = |\mathbf{r}| |\mathbf{t}| \cos \Phi = r t \cos \Phi,$$

$$r_1 t_1 a_1^2 + r_2 t_2 a_2^2 + r_3 t_3 a_3^2 + (r_2 t_3 + r_3 t_2) a_2 a_3 \cos \alpha_1 + \\ + (r_3 t_1 + r_1 t_3) a_1 a_3 \cos \alpha_2 + (r_1 t_2 + r_2 t_1) a_1 a_2 \cos \alpha_3.$$

$$\cos \Phi = \left( \sum_{i,k=1}^3 G_{ik} r_i r_k \right)^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{i,k=1}^3 G_{ik} t_i t_k \right)^{-1/2} \sum_{i,k=1}^3 G_{ik} r_i t_k$$

orthonormal basis:

$$r t \cos \Phi = r_1 t_1 + r_2 t_2 + r_3 t_3,$$

$$\cos \Phi = \frac{r_1 t_1 + r_2 t_2 + r_3 t_3}{r t}$$

# Crystallographic calculations: Bonding angle

Given a basis:

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$$

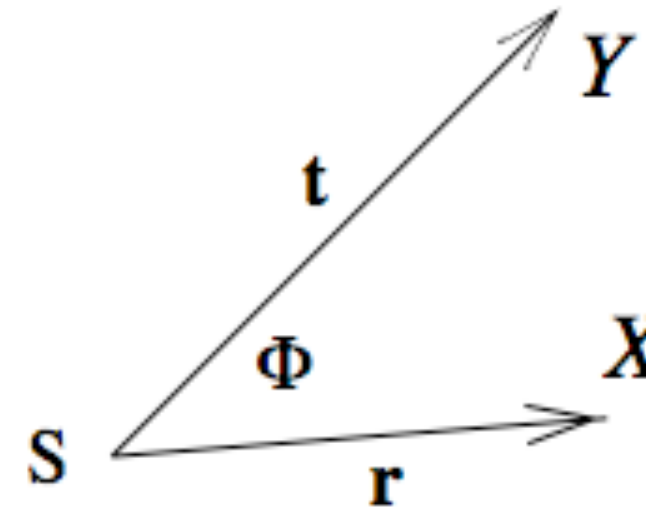


Fig. 1.6.1 The bonding angle  $\Phi$  between the bond vectors  $\overrightarrow{SX} = \mathbf{r}$  and  $\overrightarrow{SY} = \mathbf{t}$ .

Fundamental matrix  
(metric tensor)

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ \hline G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ \hline G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

bonding angle:

$$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t}) = |\mathbf{r}| |\mathbf{t}| \cos \Phi = r t \cos \Phi,$$

$$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{t}$$

$$\cos \Phi = (\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{r})^{-1/2} (\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{t})^{-1/2} \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{t}.$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ik} = (\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_k) = a_i a_k \cos \alpha_j,$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ik} = \mathbf{G}_{ki}$$