

Textbook: *Condensed matter physics*, 2nd ed. By M. Marder

References: *Solid state physics*, by Ashcroft and Mermin
Principles of the theory of solids, by Ziman

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Grading: homework: 60% final exam: 40%

Prerequisites:

Introduction to solid state, Quantum mechanics, Statistical mechanics

Part I: **ATOMIC STRUCTURE**

Ch 1: The Idea of Crystals

Ch 2: Three-Dimensional Lattices

Ch 3: Scattering and Structures

Ch 4: Surfaces and Interfaces

Ch 5: Beyond Crystals

Part II: **ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE**

Ch 6: The Free Fermi Gas and Single Electron Model

Ch 7: Non--Interacting Electrons in a Periodic Potential

Ch 8: Nearly Free and Tightly Bound Electrons

Ch 9: Electron--Electron Interactions

Ch 10: Realistic Calculations in Solids

Part III: **MECHANICAL PROPERTIES**

Ch 11: Cohesion of Solids

Ch 12: Elasticity

Ch 13: Phonons

Ch 14: Dislocations and Cracks

Ch 15: Fluid Mechanics

Lecture files available at

<http://phy.ntnu.edu.tw/~changmc/>

The scope of solid state physics (< condensed matter physics)
Solid state physics studies physical properties of materials

<u>Material</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Properties</u>
metal semiconductor insulator <i>superconductor</i> <i>magnetic</i> ... etc	crystal amorphous ... etc	bulk surface interface nano-cluster ... etc	electrical optical thermal mechanical ... etc

$$\text{Solid state physics} = \{A\} \times \{B\} \times \{C\} \times \{D\}$$

- Always try to understand a physics phenomenon from the microscopic point of view (atoms plus electrons).

Chap 1 The idea of crystals



- Introduce 2D crystals in Ch 1; 3D crystals in Ch 2.
- Most of the concepts introduced here for 2D can be easily extended to 3D

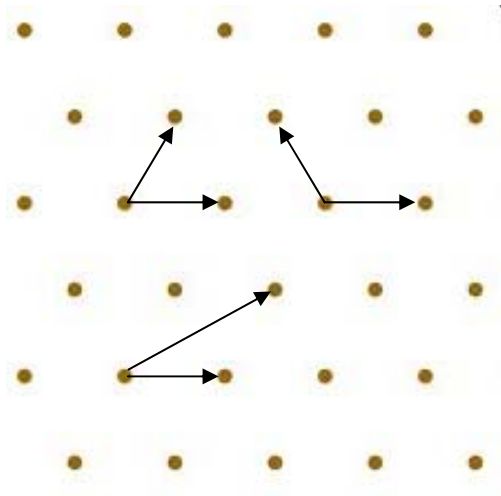
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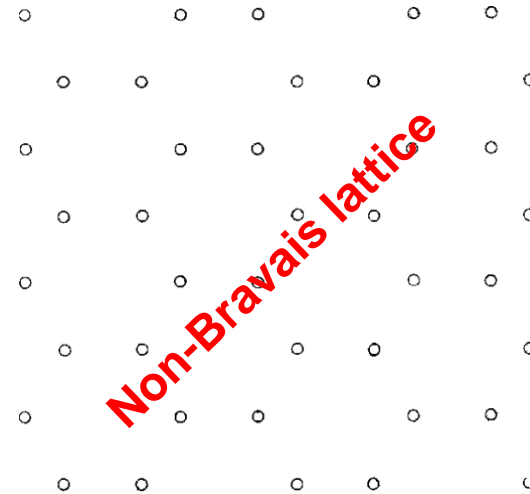
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- A **Bravais lattice** = a set of points in which every point has exactly the same environment

Hexagonal (or triangular) lattice

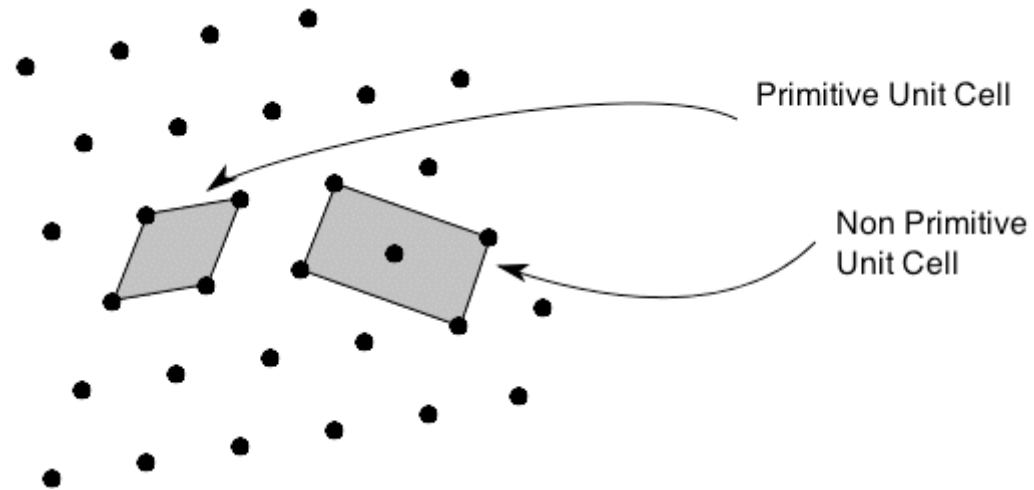


Honeycomb lattice



- Bravais lattice point can be expanded as $R = n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2$ (n_1, n_2 are integers) where \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 are called **primitive vectors**

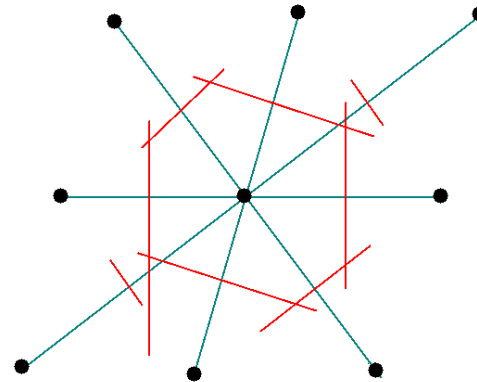
An unit cell can be primitive or non-primitive



- a primitive cell contains a lattice point
- a non-primitive cell contains 2 or more lattice points (sometimes it's more convenient to use this one)

A special primitive cell: **Wigner-Seitz cell**

- The WS cell enclosing a lattice point is the region of space that is closer to that lattice point than to any others.
- Method of construction



- why using a WS cell?

It has the same symmetry as the Bravais lattice

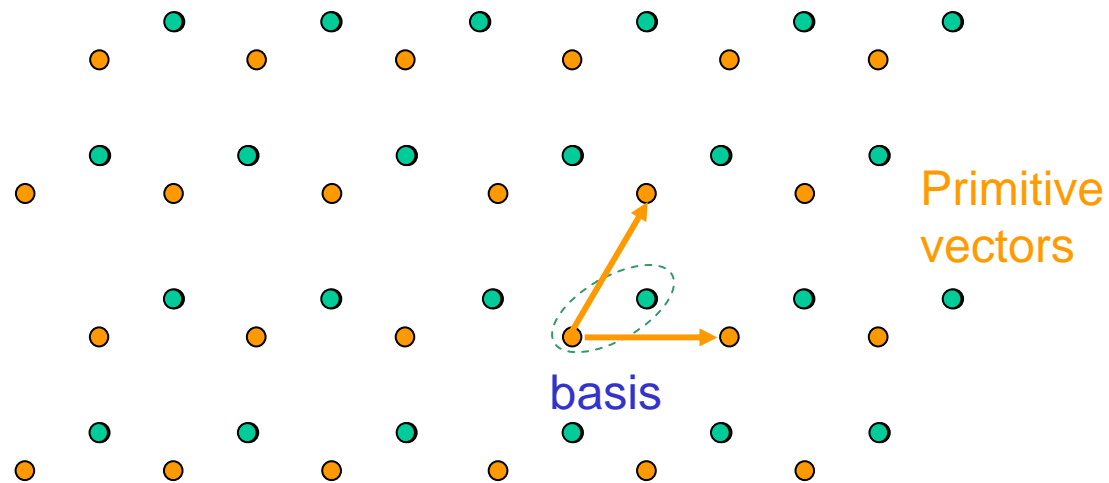
(symmetry here means inversion, translation, and rotation)

Non-Bravais lattices, how do we describe them?

Method 1: $\mathbf{R} = n_1\mathbf{a}_1 + n_2\mathbf{a}_2$ (with some n_1, n_2 missing)

Method 2: Bravais lattice + basis ✓

Ex: honeycomb lattice



honeycomb lattice = hexagonal lattice + 2-point basis

(i.e. superposition of 2 hexagonal lattices)

Lattices can be classified by their symmetries

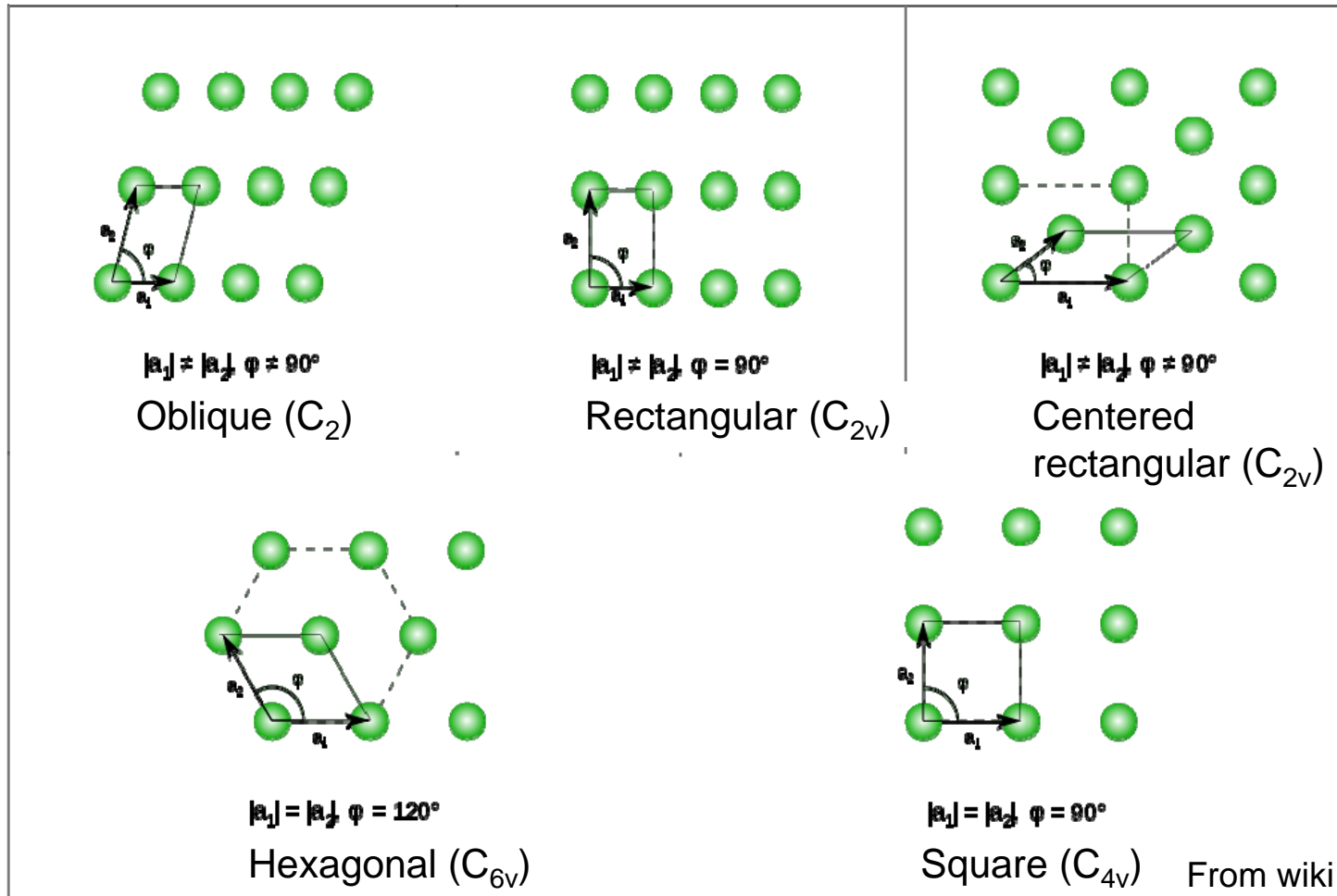
- Symmetry operation: a rigid operation that takes the lattice into itself
- For a Bravais lattice, the symmetry operation can only be

- an inversion (every BL has it)
- a translation
- a rotation
- combination of above

For non-Bravais lattices, it's possible to have extra symmetries involving glide plane and screw axis. (later)

- The collection of symmetry operations form a **space group**
- A subset of symmetry operations (inversion, rotation) that **leave a lattice point fixed** form a **point group**

For 2D Bravais lattices, there are 5 space groups



Q: How many different point groups? 4

C_n : n -fold rotation axis.

C_{nv} (C_{nh}) : C_n with a mirror plane

// (\perp) to the axis of rotation.

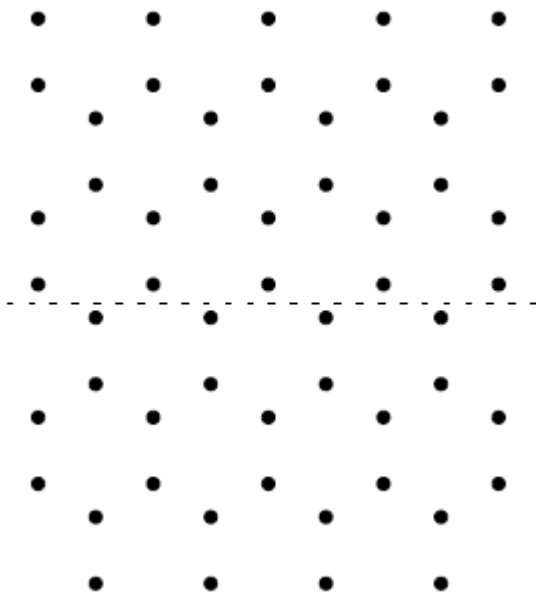
Glide line in 2D and glide plane (滑移對稱面) in 3D

Not a Bravais-lattice vector



A glide plane consists of a translation parallel to a given plane, followed by a reflection in that plane

Glide line

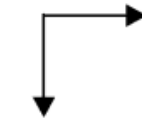


Glide plane



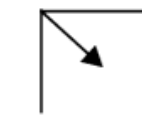
Axial glide plane

Glide $a/2$ along arrow



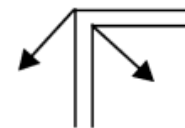
Double glide plane

2 glide directions



Diagonal glide plane

Glide along $(a+b)/2$,
 $(a+b+c)/2$... etc



Diamond glide plane

Glide along $(a+b)/4$,
 $(a+b+c)/4$... etc

Screw axes (螺旋對稱軸), only in 3D

Not a Bravais lattice vector



A screw axis is a translation along an axis about which a rotation is simultaneously occurring

2-fold, 3-fold, 4-fold, and 6-fold

