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# OVERVIEW OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT SYMMETRY

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# GROUP THEORY

(few basic facts)

# I. Crystallographic symmetry operations

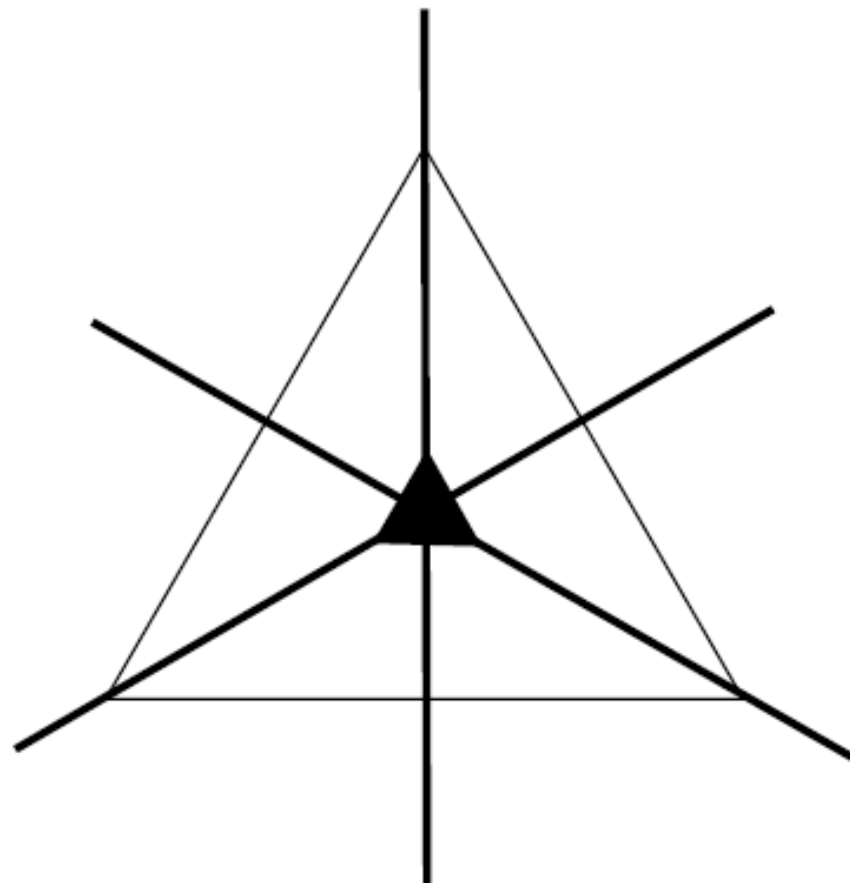
## Symmetry operations of an object

The symmetry operations are *isometries*, *i.e.* they are special kind of *mappings* between an object and its image that leave all distances and angles invariant.

The isometries which map the object onto itself are called *symmetry operations of this object*. The *symmetry* of the object is the set of all its symmetry operations.

## Crystallographic symmetry operations

If the object is a crystal pattern, representing a real crystal, its symmetry operations are called *crystallographic symmetry operations*.



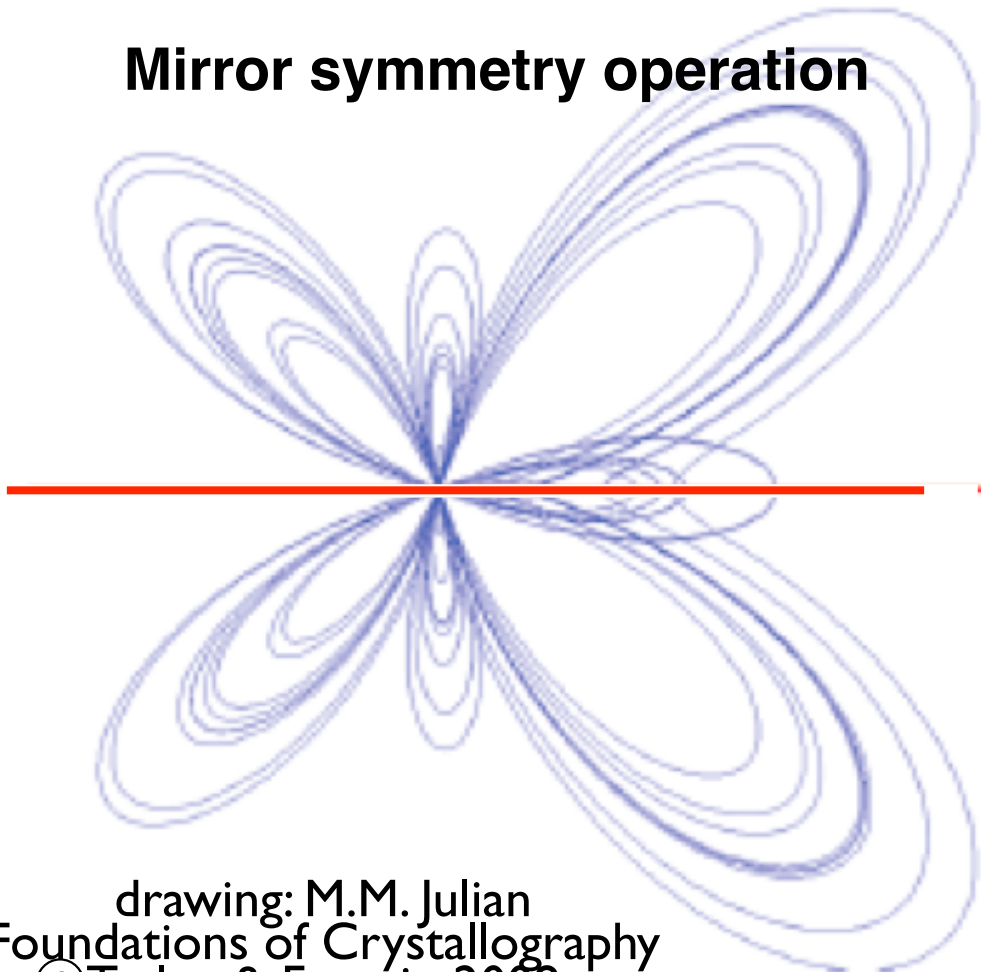
## Symmetry operations?

The equilateral triangle allows **six** symmetry operations: **rotations** by 120 and 240 around its centre, **reflections** through the three thick lines intersecting the centre, and the identity operation.

# Symmetry operations in the plane

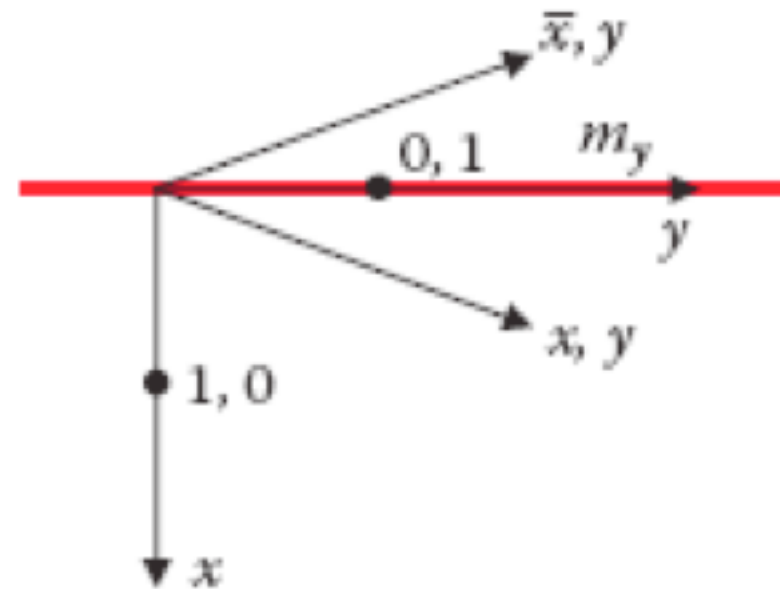
## Matrix representations

### Mirror symmetry operation



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### Mirror line $m_y$ at $0,y$



### Matrix representation

$$m_y \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ? \quad \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

### Fixed points

$$m_y \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \end{bmatrix}$$

### Geometric element and symmetry element



## 2. Group axioms

**DEFINITION.** The symmetry operations of an object constitute its **symmetry group**.

**DEFINITION.** A **group** is a set  $G = \{e, g_1, g_2, g_3 \dots\}$  together with a product  $\circ$ , such that

- i)  $G$  is "closed under  $\circ$ ": if  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are any two members of  $G$  then so are  $g_1 \circ g_2$  and  $g_2 \circ g_1$ ;
- ii)  $G$  contains an identity  $e$ : for any  $g$  in  $G$ ,  
 $e \circ g = g \circ e = g$ ;
- iii)  $\circ$  is associative:  $(g_1 \circ g_2) \circ g_3 = g_1 \circ (g_2 \circ g_3)$ ;
- iv) Each  $g$  in  $G$  has an inverse  $g^{-1}$  that is also in  $G$ :  $g \circ g^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ g = e$ .

# Group properties

1. **Order of a group**  $|G|$  : number of elements

crystallographic point groups:  $1 \leq |G| \leq 48$

space groups:  $|G| = \infty$

2. **Abelian group G:**

$$g_i \cdot g_j = g_j \cdot g_i \quad \forall g_i, g_j \in G$$

3. **Cyclic group G:**

$$G = \{g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^n\}$$

finite:  $|G| = n, g^n = e$

infinite:  $G = \langle g, g^{-1} \rangle$

order of a group element:  $g^n = e$

## 4. How to define a group

### Multiplication table

	$E$	$A$	$B$
$E$	$E$	$A$	$B$
$A$	$A$	$B$	$E$
$B$	$B$	$E$	$A$

### Group generators

a set of elements such that each element of the group can be obtained as a product of the generators



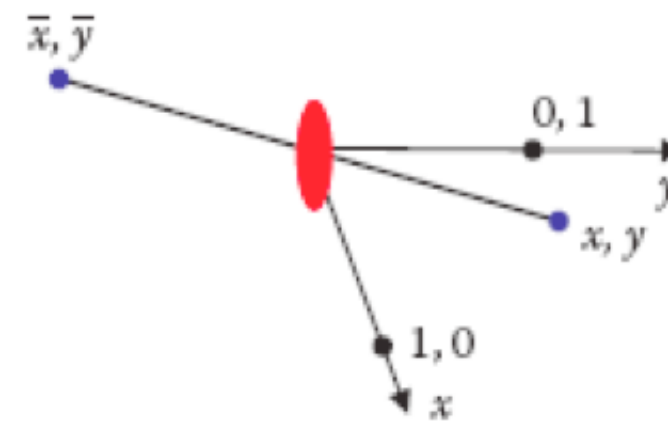
# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **2** = {1,2}

Motif with symmetry of **2**



Where is the two-fold point?



$$2_z \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **2** = {1,2}

Motif with  
symmetry of **2**



-group axioms?

$$2 \times 2 = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & -1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & -1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-order of **2**?

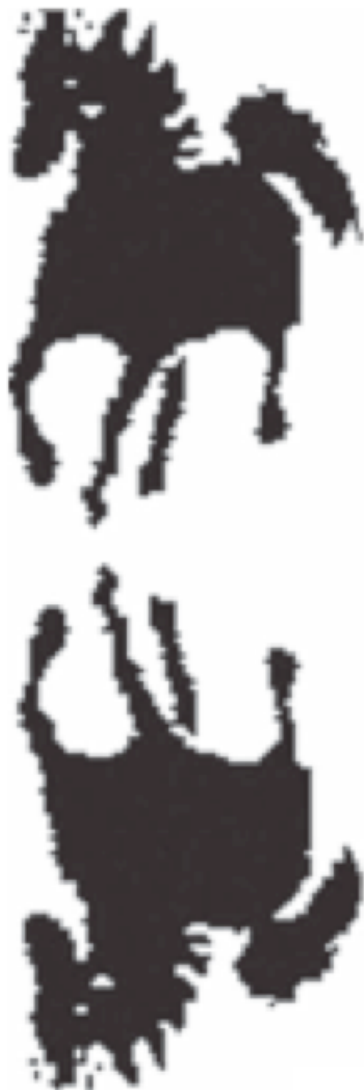
-multiplication table

	×	1	2
1		1	2
2		2	1

-generators of **2**?

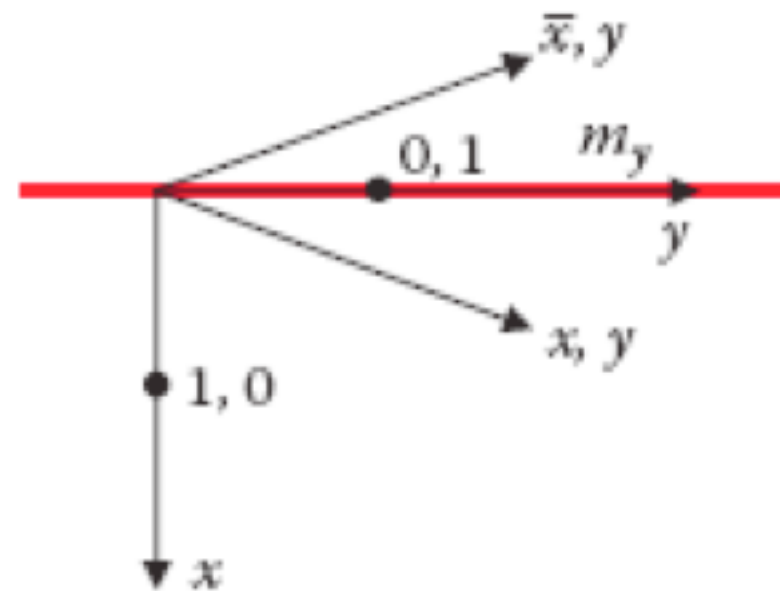
# Crystallographic symmetry operations in the plane

## Mirror symmetry operation



Where is the mirror line?

## Mirror line $m_y$ at $0, y$



## Matrix representation

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# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group  $m = \{1, m\}$

Motif with symmetry of  $m$



-group axioms?

$$m \times m = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

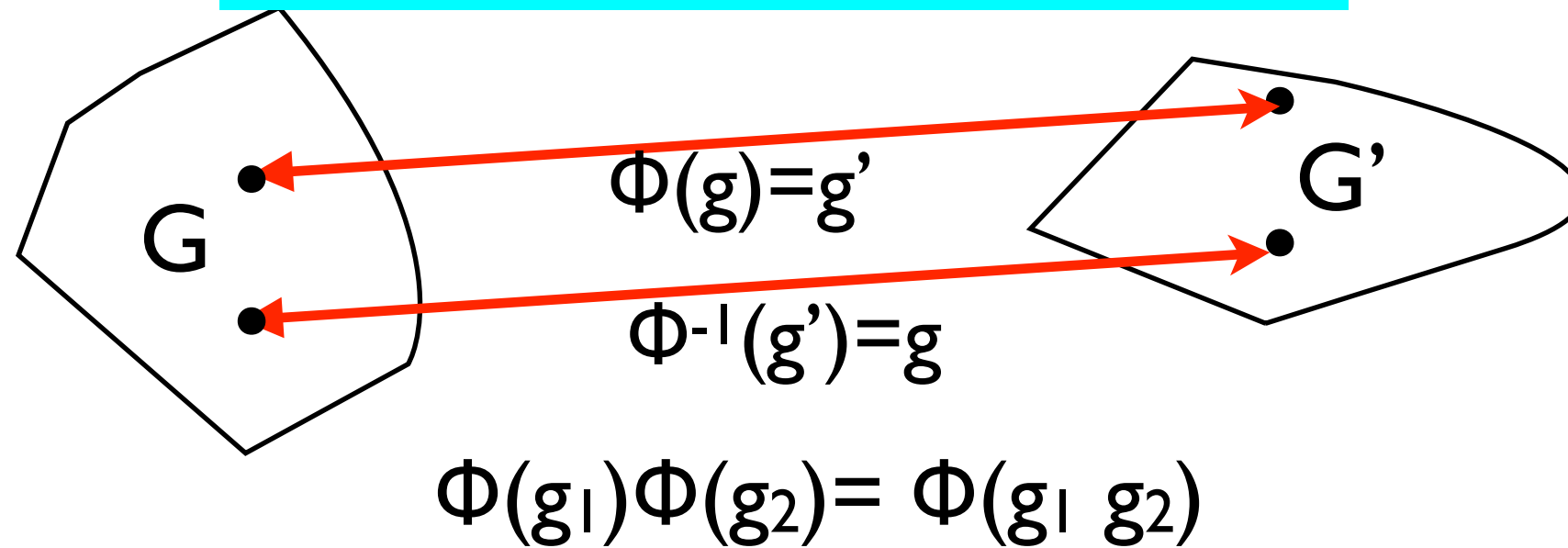
-order of  $m$ ?

-multiplication table

$\times$	1	$m_y$
1	1	$m_y$
$m_y$	$m_y$	1

-generators of  $m$ ?

# Isomorphic groups



Point group  $\mathbf{2} = \{1, 2\}$

$\times$	1	2
1	1	2
2	2	1

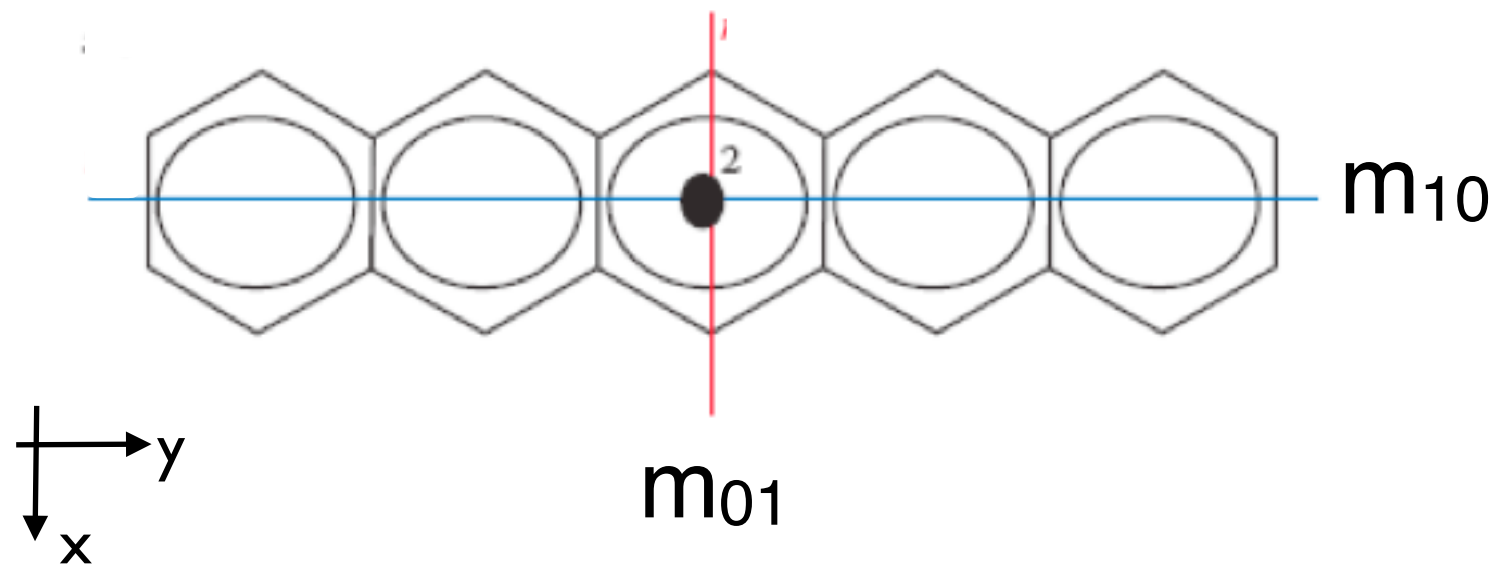
Point group  $\mathbf{m} = \{1, m\}$

$\times$	1	$m_y$
1	1	$m_y$
$m_y$	$m_y$	1

-groups with the same multiplication table

## Example (Problem 1.6.1.1)

Consider the model of the molecule of the organic semiconductor pentacene ( $C_{22}H_{14}$ ):



**Determine:**

- symmetry operations:  
matrix and  $(x,y)$  presentation
- generators
- multiplication table



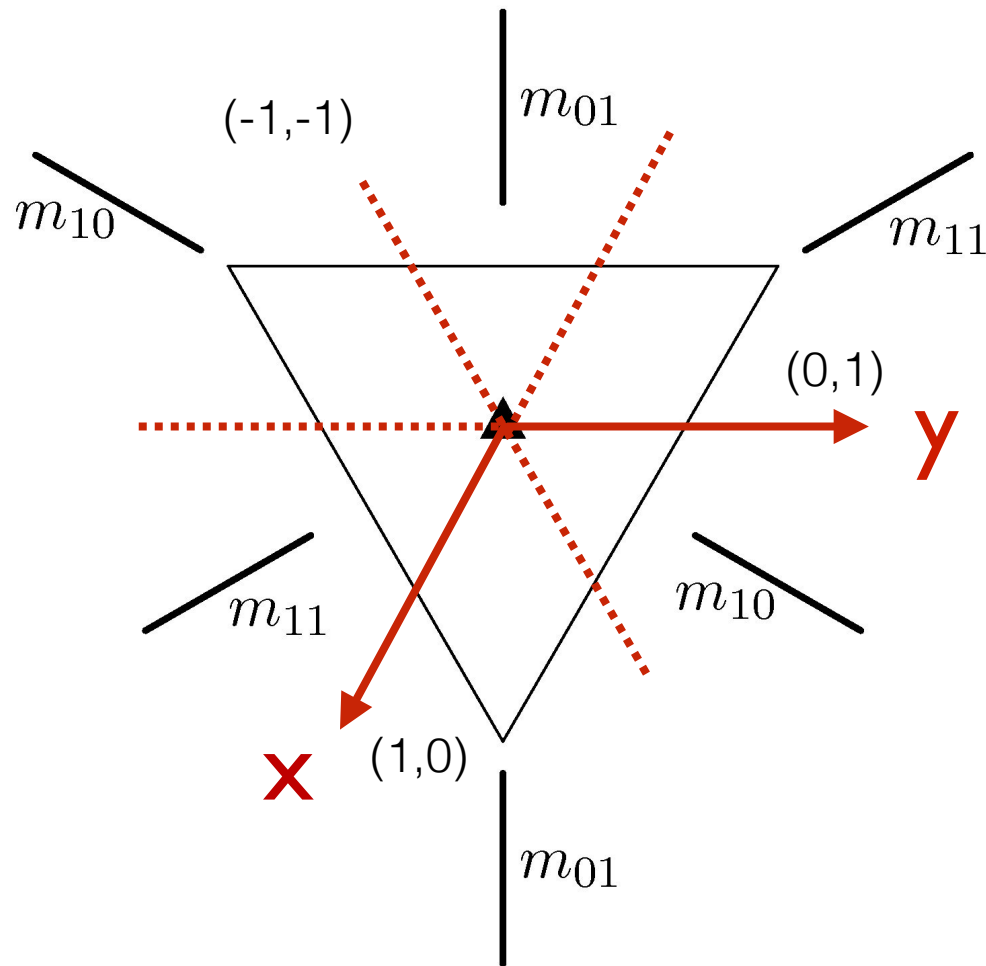
## Exercise 1.6.1.3

Consider the symmetry group of the equilateral triangle. Determine:

-symmetry operations:  
matrix and  $(x,y)$   
presentation

-generators

-multiplication table



# SEITZ SYMBOLS FOR SYMMETRY OPERATIONS

point-group  
symmetry operation

- specify the type and the order of the symmetry operation

1 and $\bar{1}$	identity and inversion
m	reflections
2, 3, 4 and 6	rotations
$\bar{3}$ , $\bar{4}$ and $\bar{6}$	rotoinversions

- orientation of the symmetry element by the direction of the axis for rotations and rotoinversions, or the direction of the normal to reflection planes.

## SHORT-HAND NOTATION OF SYMMETRY OPERATIONS

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

notation:

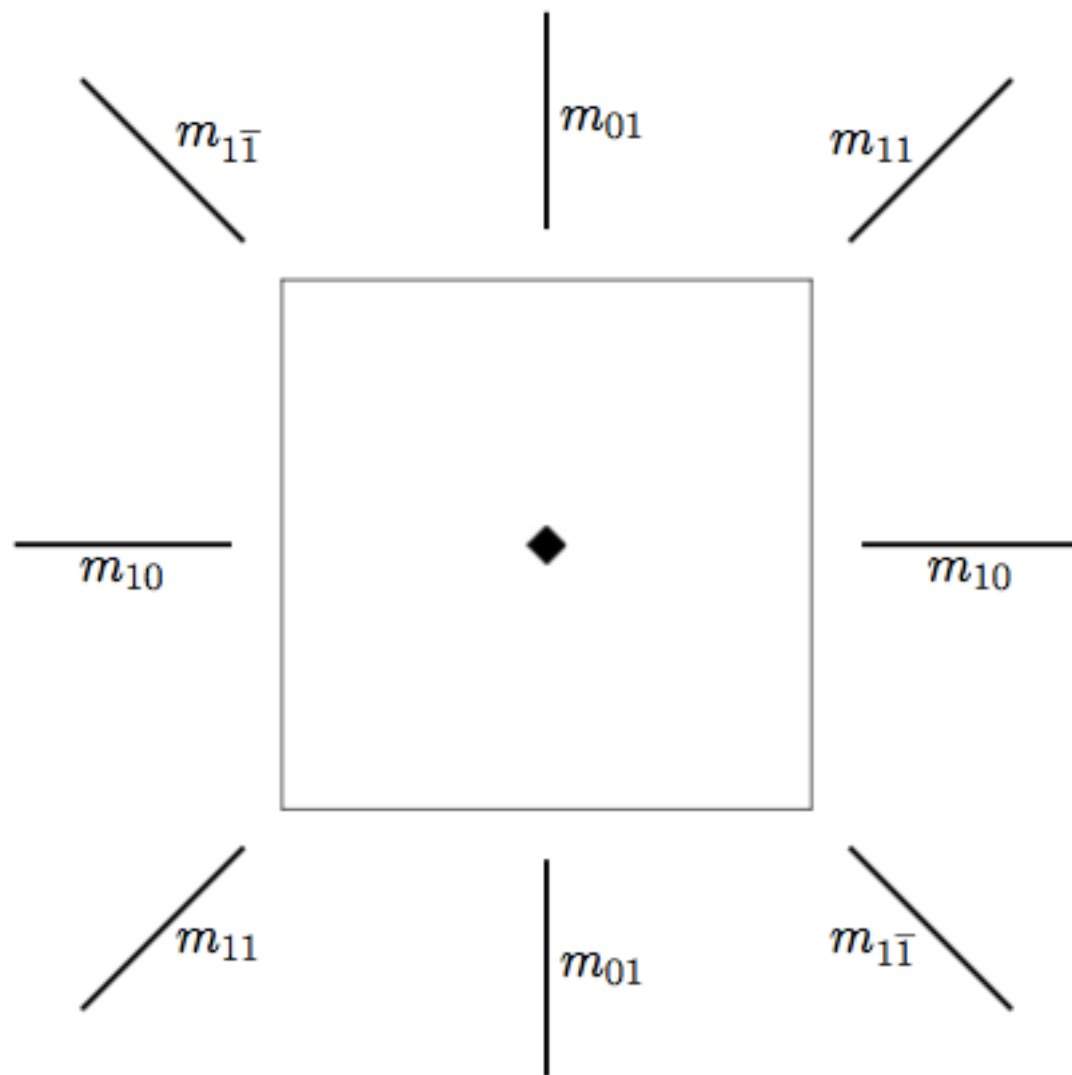
- left-hand side: omitted
- coefficients 0, +1, -1
- different rows in one line, separated by commas

$$\begin{cases} x' = R_{11}x + R_{12}y \\ y' = R_{21}x + R_{22}y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} -y, -x+y \\ \bar{y}, \bar{x}+y \end{cases}$$

## Problem 1.6.1.2

Consider the symmetry group of the square. Determine:



symmetry operations:  
matrix and  $(x,y)$   
presentation

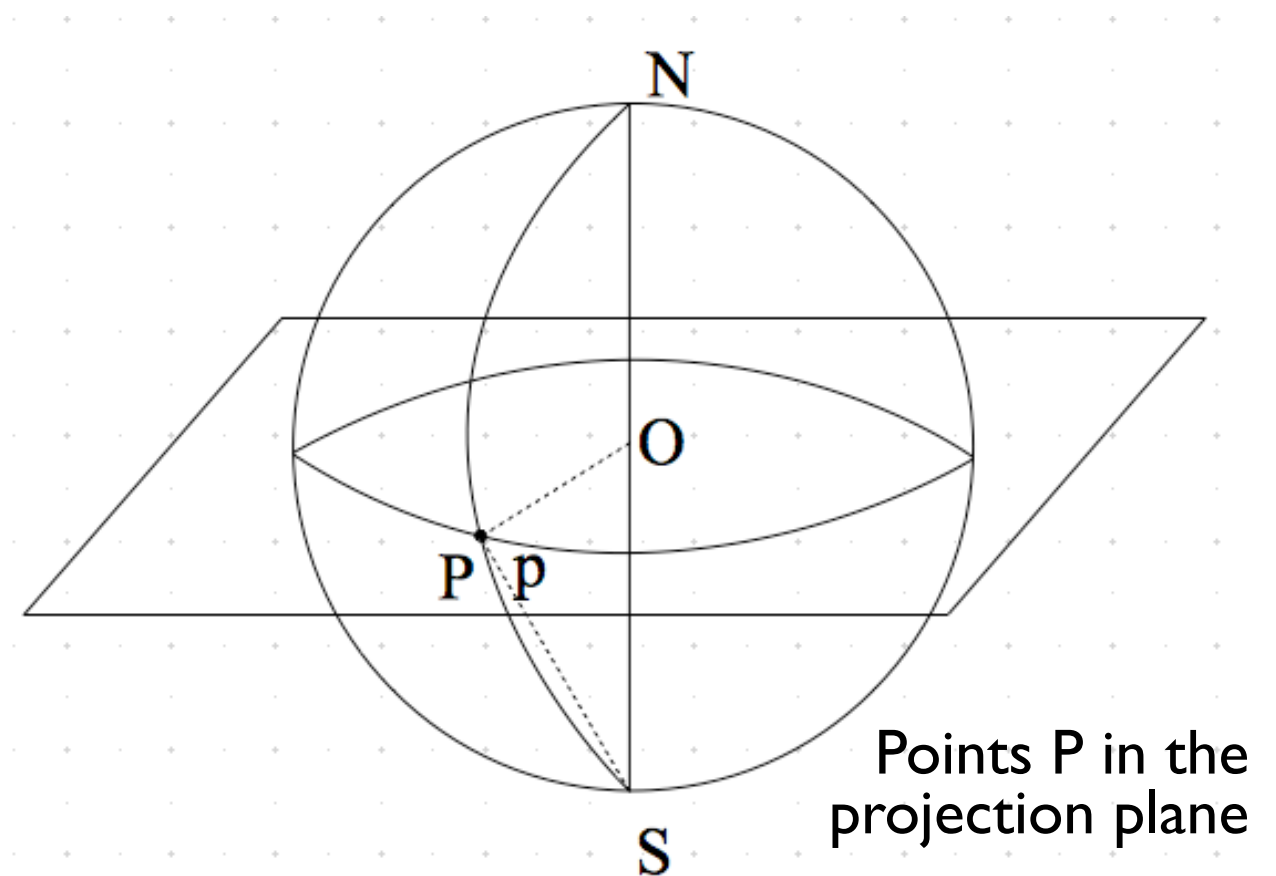
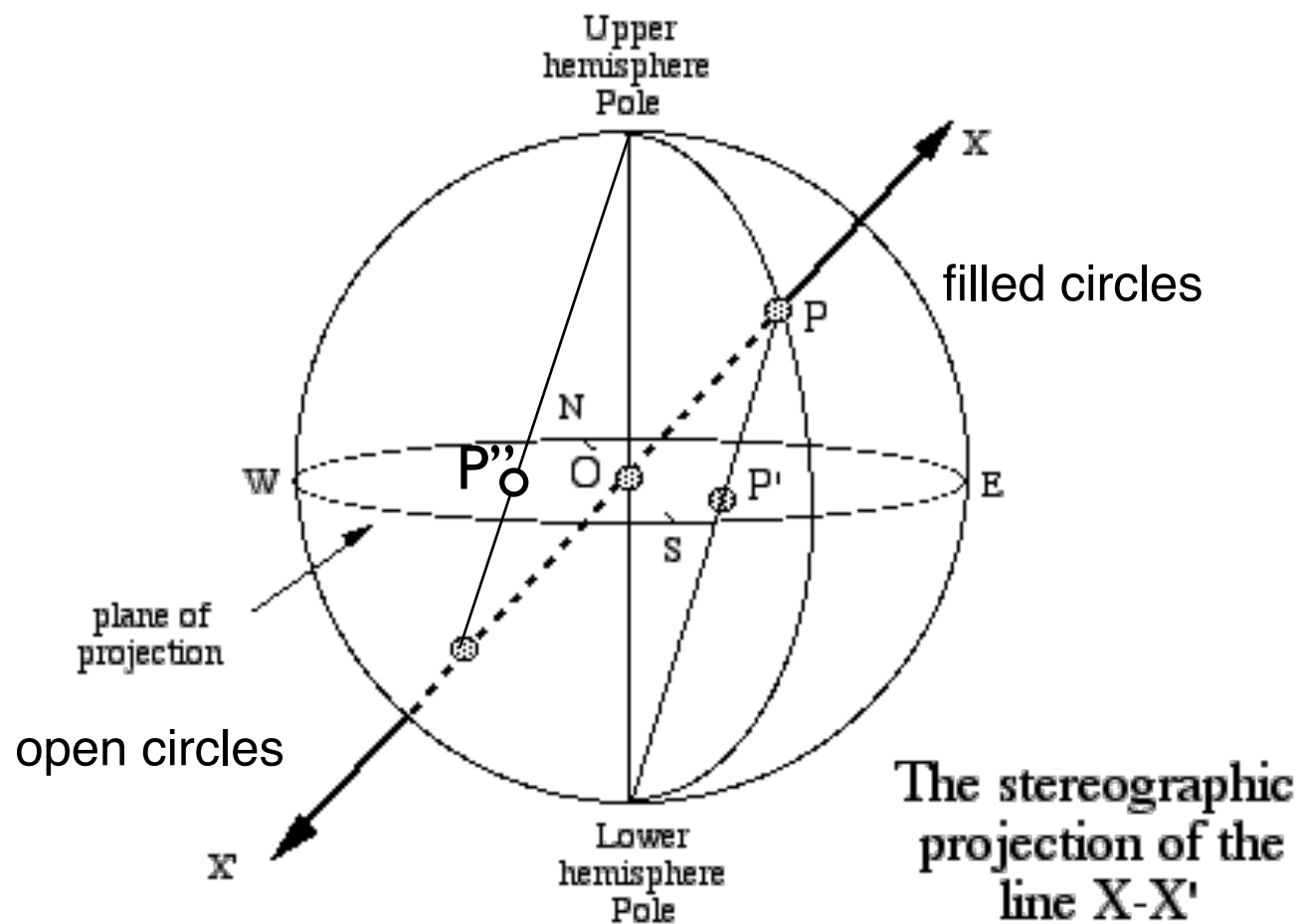
generators

multiplication table

# Visualization of Crystallographic Point Groups (3D)

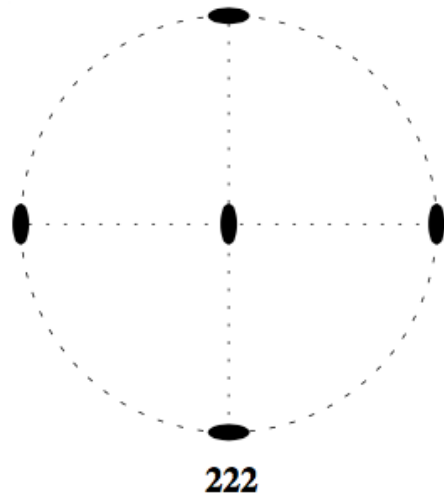
- general position diagram
- symmetry elements diagram

## Stereographic Projections







# Symmetry-elements diagrams

## Rotation axes



-are lines which intersect the upper hemisphere as points

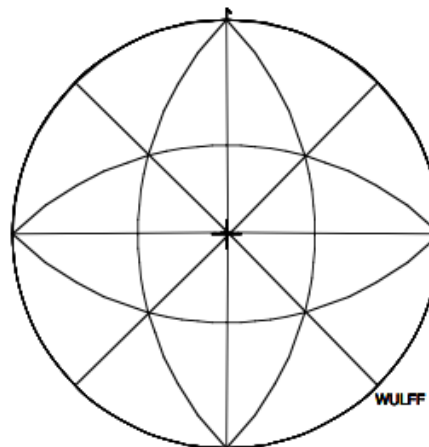
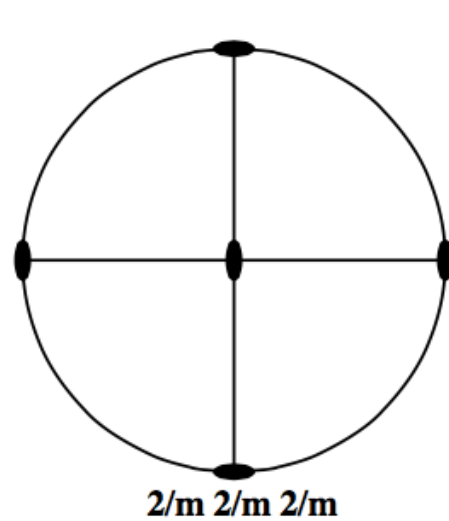
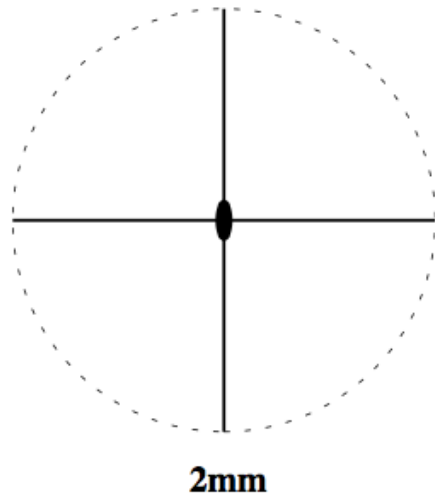
	<b>6-fold</b>	filled polygons with the same number of sides as the foldness of the axes
	<b>4-fold</b>	
	<b>3-fold</b>	
	<b>2-fold</b>	

-symmetry point of the point group is placed in the centre of the sphere

-intersections of the upper hemisphere of the symmetry elements of the point group (rotation axes, mirror planes) are projected on the stereonet plane

## Mirror planes

-intersect the upper hemisphere as great circles: horizontal and vertical mirror planes



## Combinations of symmetry elements

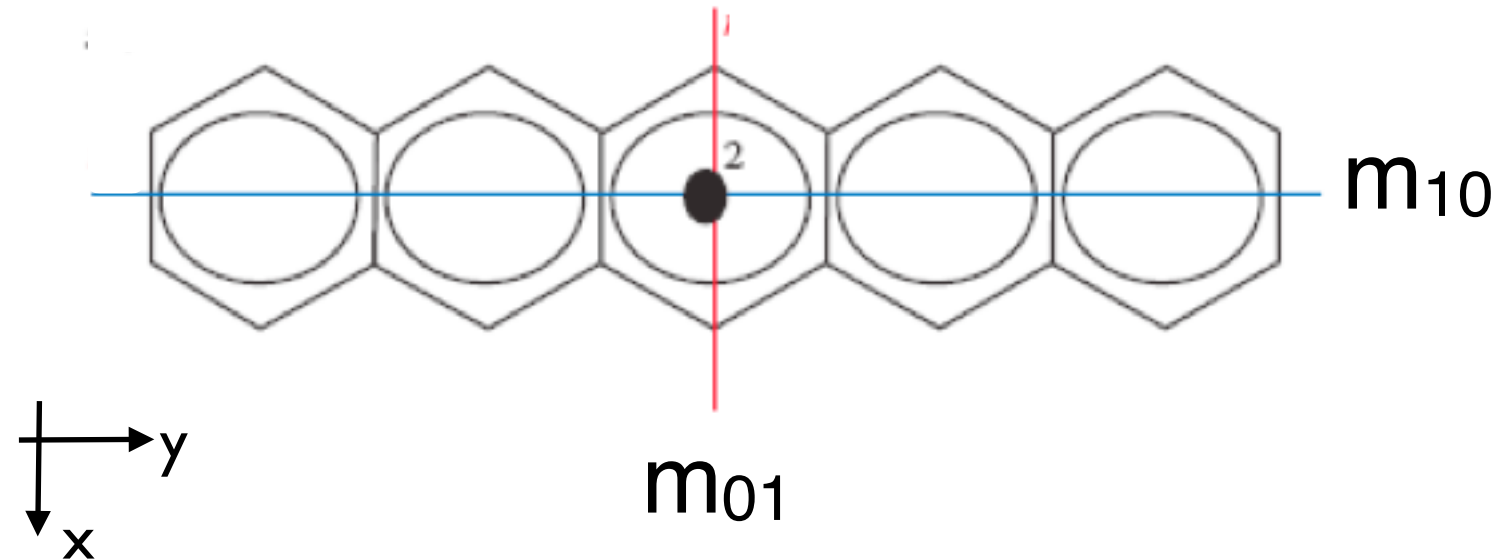
- line of intersection of any two mirror planes must be a rotation axis.

# EXAMPLE

## Stereographic Projections of $mm2$ (3D)

Point group  $mm2 = \{1, 2, m_{10}, m_{01}\}$

Molecule of pentacene



Stereographic projections diagrams

general position

?

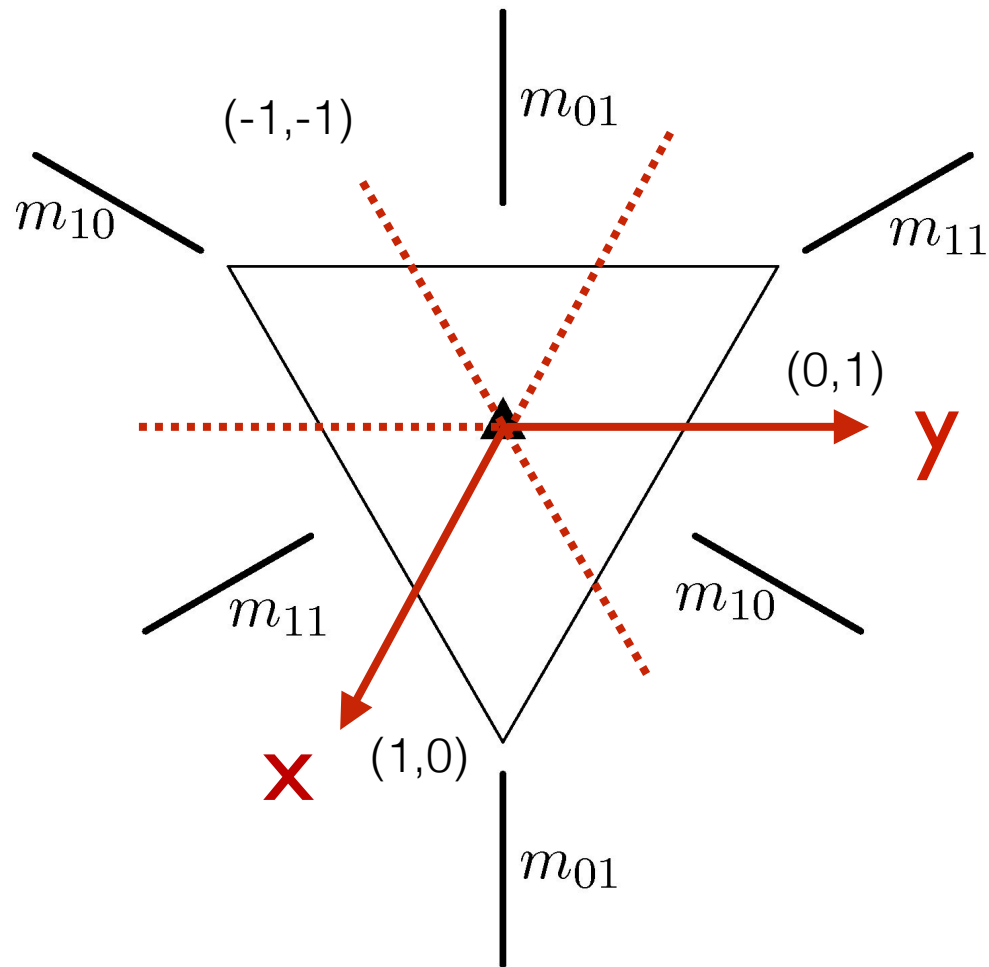
symmetry elements

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# EXAMPLE

## Stereographic Projections of $3m$ (3D)



Point group  $3m =$   
 $\{1, 3^+, 3^-, m_{10}, m_{01}, m_{11}\}$

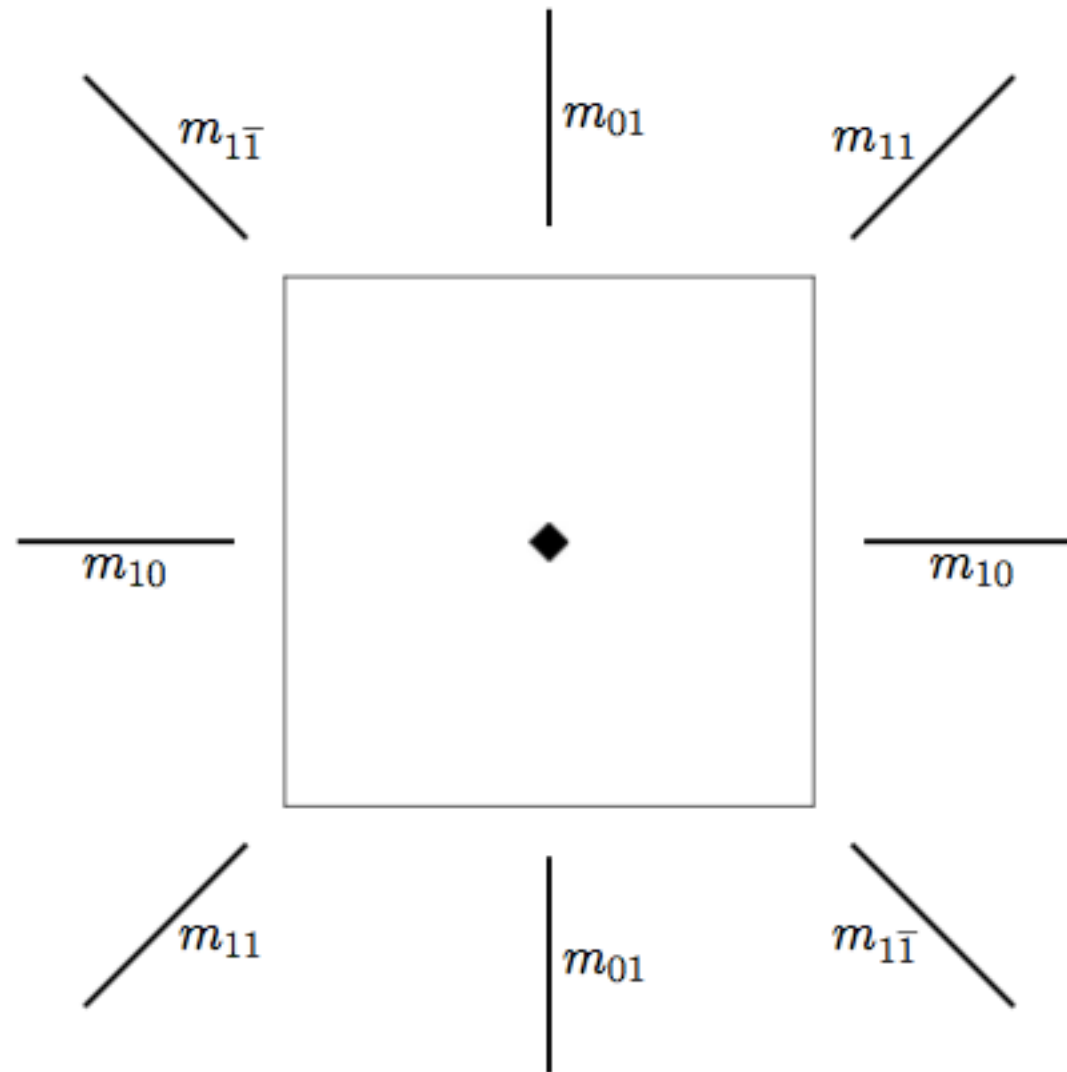
Stereographic projections diagrams

general position ?

? symmetry elements

Problem 1.6.1.2 (cont.)

# Stereographic Projections of $4mm$



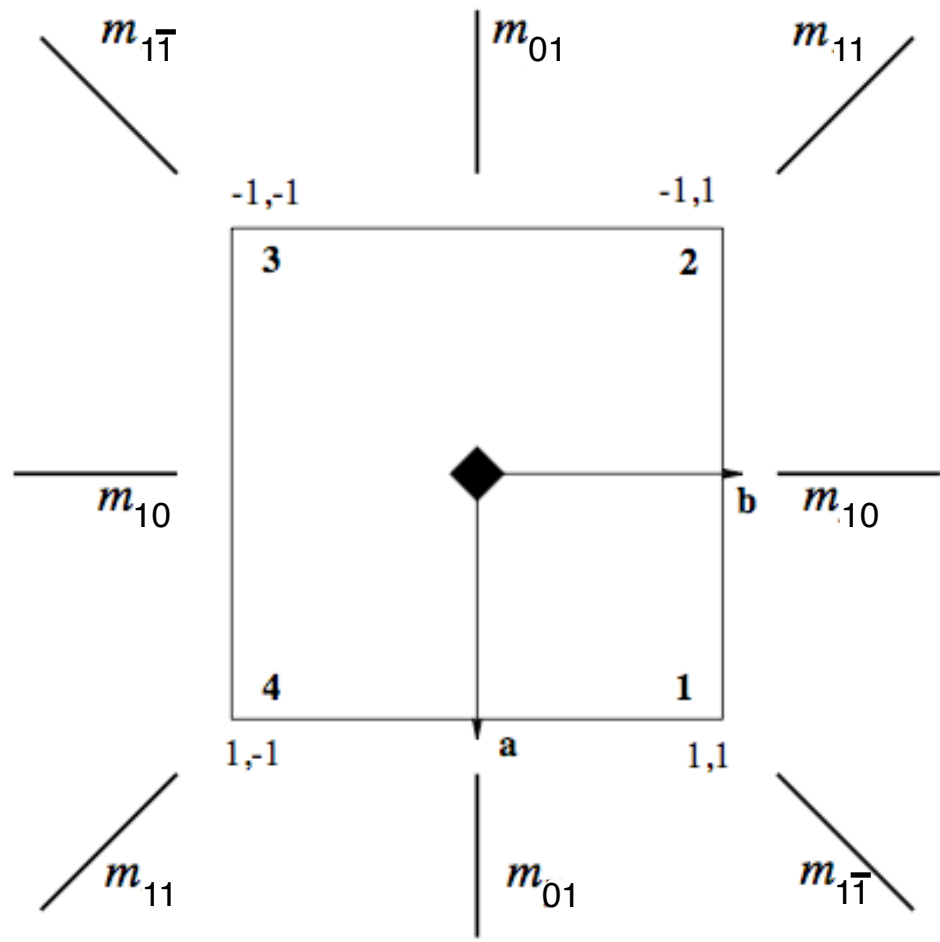
general position  
diagram

symmetry elements  
diagram

?

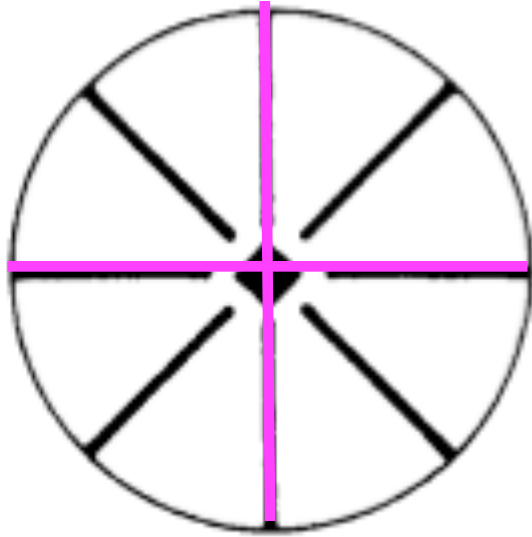
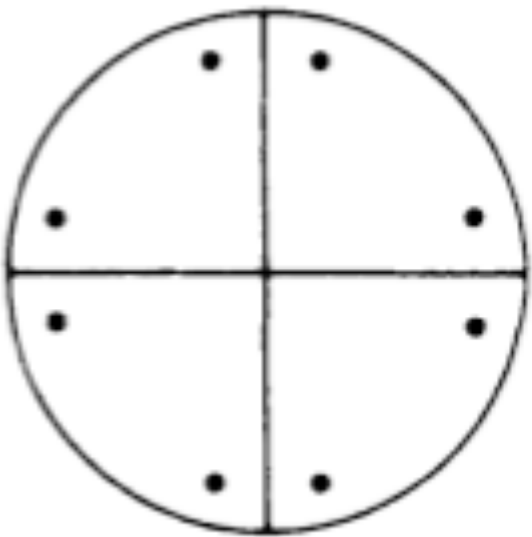
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# Conjugate elements



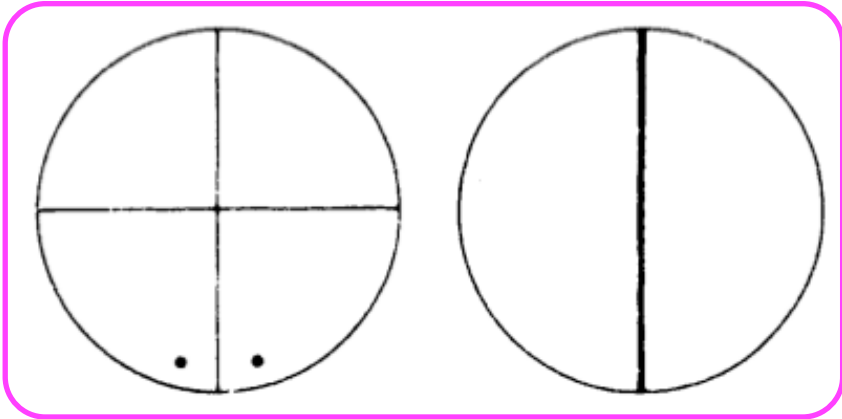
$4^+$   
 $m_{10} \sim m_{01}$

**4mm**

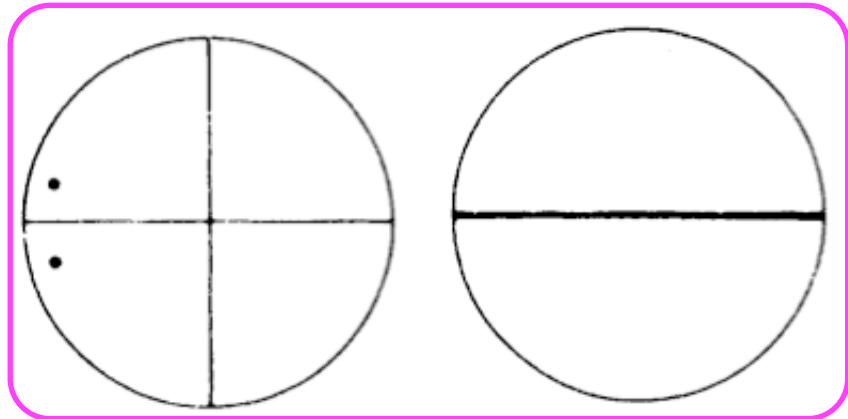


$m_{01}$

$m_{10}$



$m_{01}$



$m_{10}$

# Conjugate elements

## Conjugate elements

$g_i \sim g_k$  if  $\exists g: g^{-1}g_i g = g_k$ ,  
where  $g, g_i, g_k, \in G$

## Classes of conjugate elements

$L(g_i) = \{g_j \mid g^{-1}g_i g = g_j, g \in G\}$

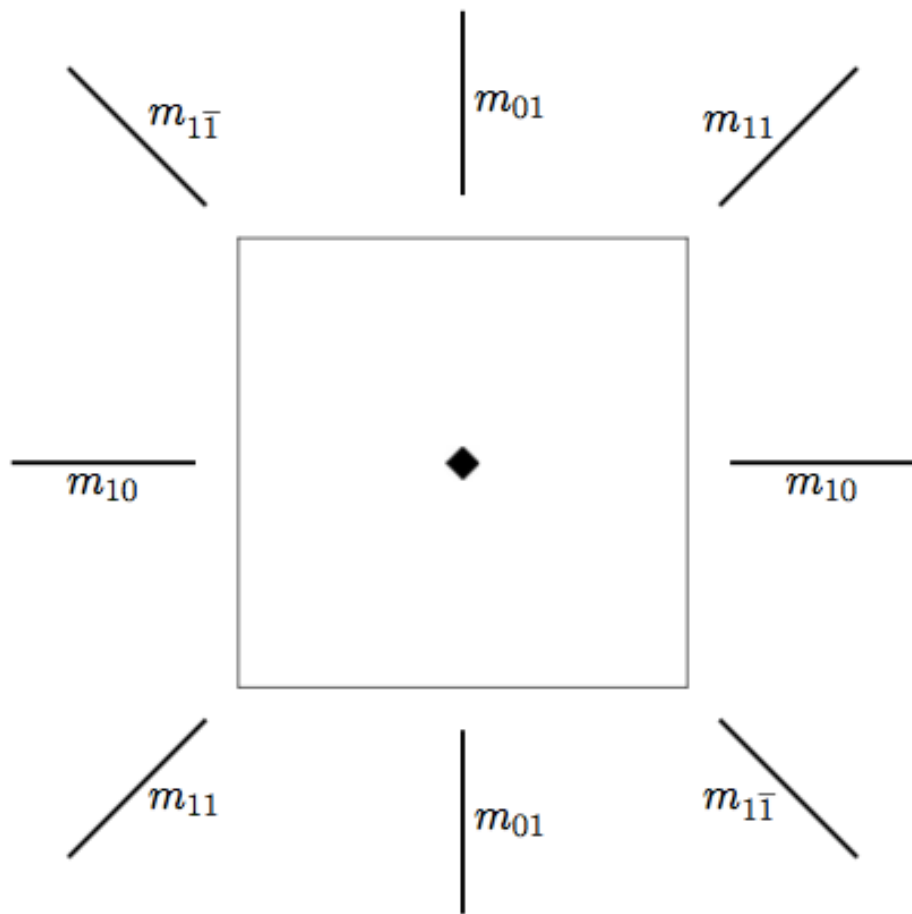
## Conjugation-properties

- (i)  $L(g_i) \cap L(g_j) = \{\emptyset\}$ , if  $g_i \notin L(g_j)$
- (ii)  $|L(g_i)|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$
- (iii)  $L(e) = \{e\}$
- (iv) if  $g_i, g_j \in L$ , then  $(g_i)^k = (g_j)^k = e$

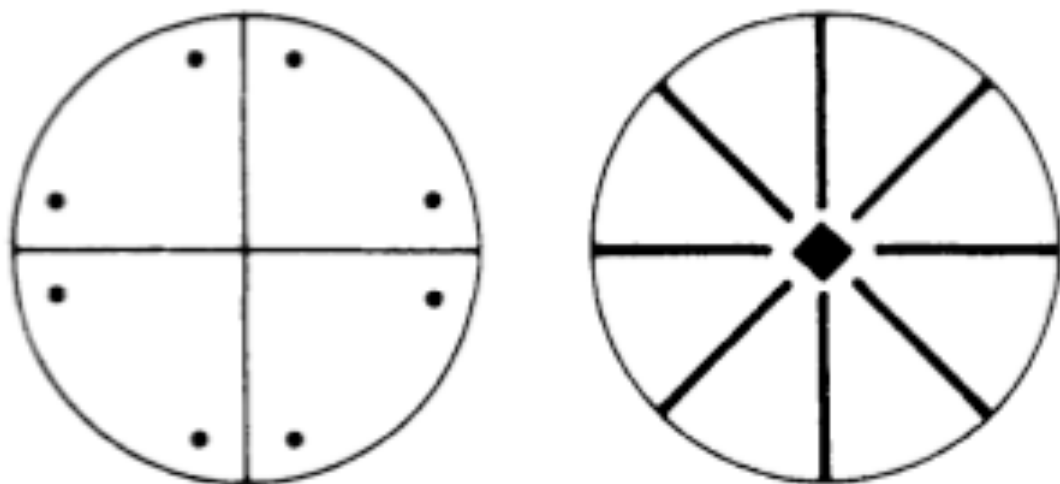
# Problem 1.6.1.2 (cont.)

# Classes of conjugate elements

Distribute the symmetry operations of the group of the square **4mm** into classes of conjugate elements



	1	2	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>
1	1	2	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>
2	2	1	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>11</sub>
4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	2	1	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>
4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	1	2	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>
m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>11</sub>	1	2	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>
m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	2	1	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>
m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	1	2
m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	2	1

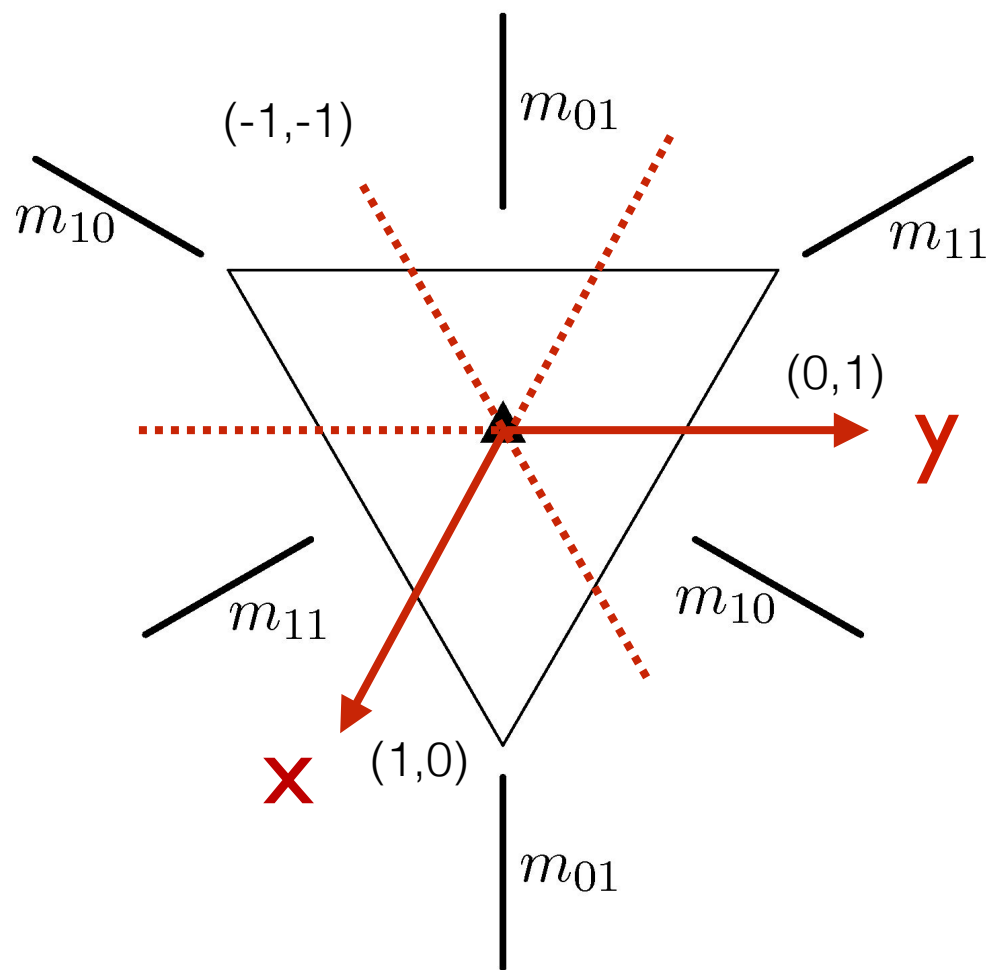


Hint:  $g_i \sim g_k$  if  $\exists g: g^{-1}g_i g = g_k$

# Example (Problem 1.6.1.3 (cont.))

## Classes of conjugate elements

Distribute the symmetry operations of the group of the equilateral triangle  $3m$  into classes of conjugate elements



Point group  $3m =$

$$\{1, 3^+, 3^-, m_{10}, m_{01}, m_{11}\}$$

Multiplication table of  $3m$

	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1



# GROUP-SUBGROUP RELATIONS

- I. Subgroups: index, coset decomposition and normal subgroups
- II. Conjugate subgroups
- III. Group-subgroup graphs

# Subgroups: Some basic results (summary)

## Subgroup $H < G$

1.  $H = \{e, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k\} \subset G$
2.  $H$  satisfies the group axioms of  $G$

**Proper** subgroups  $H < G$ , and  
trivial subgroup:  $\{e\}$ ,  $G$

**Index** of the subgroup  $H$  in  $G$ :  $[i] = |G|/|H|$   
(order of  $G$ )/(order of  $H$ )

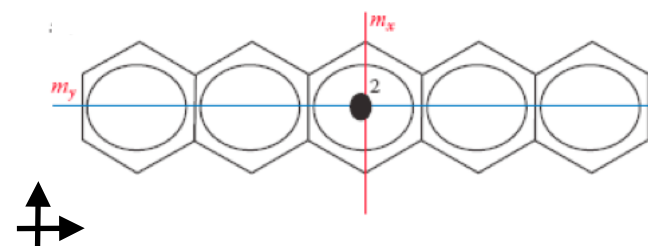
**Maximal** subgroup  $H$  of  $G$

NO subgroup  $Z$  exists such that:  
 $H < Z < G$

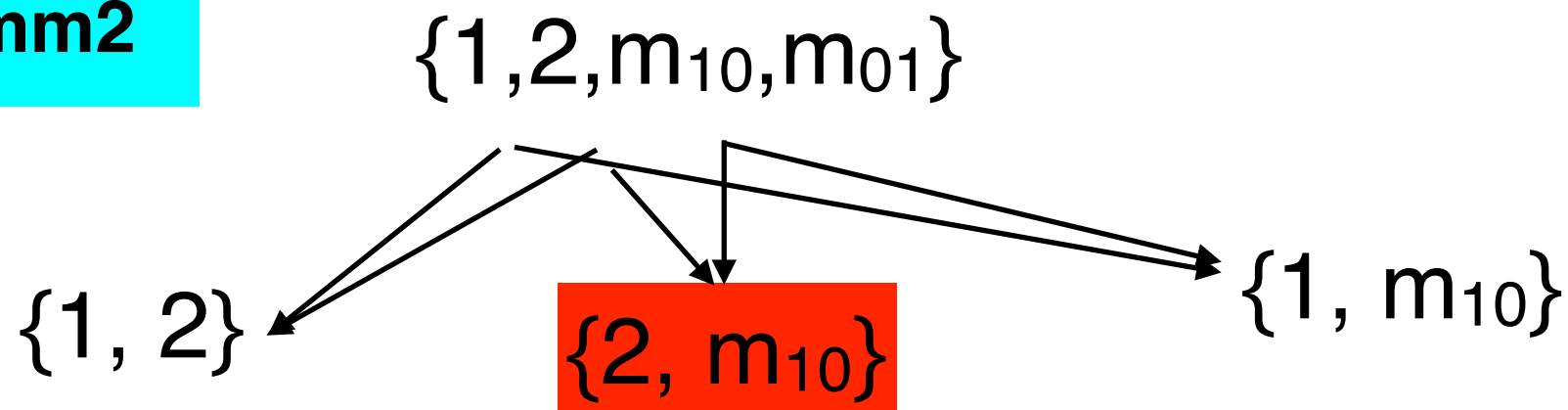
# Example

# Subgroups of point groups

Molecule of pentacene



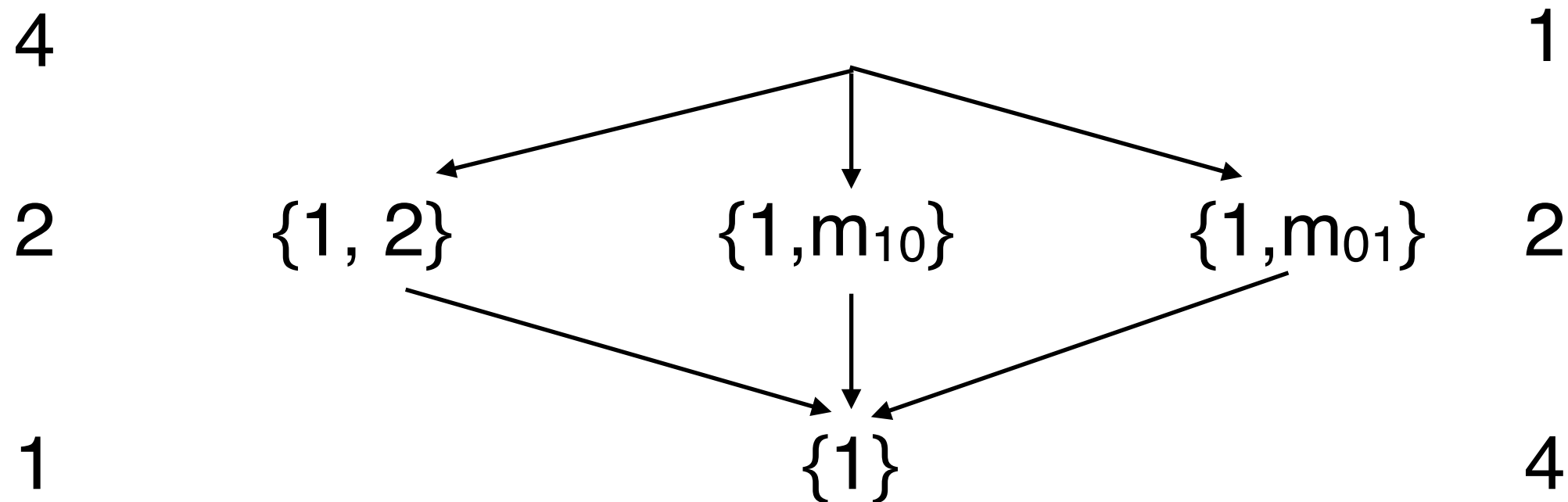
## Subgroups of $mm2$



## Subgroup graph

$$mm2 = \{1, 2, m_{10}, m_{01}\}$$

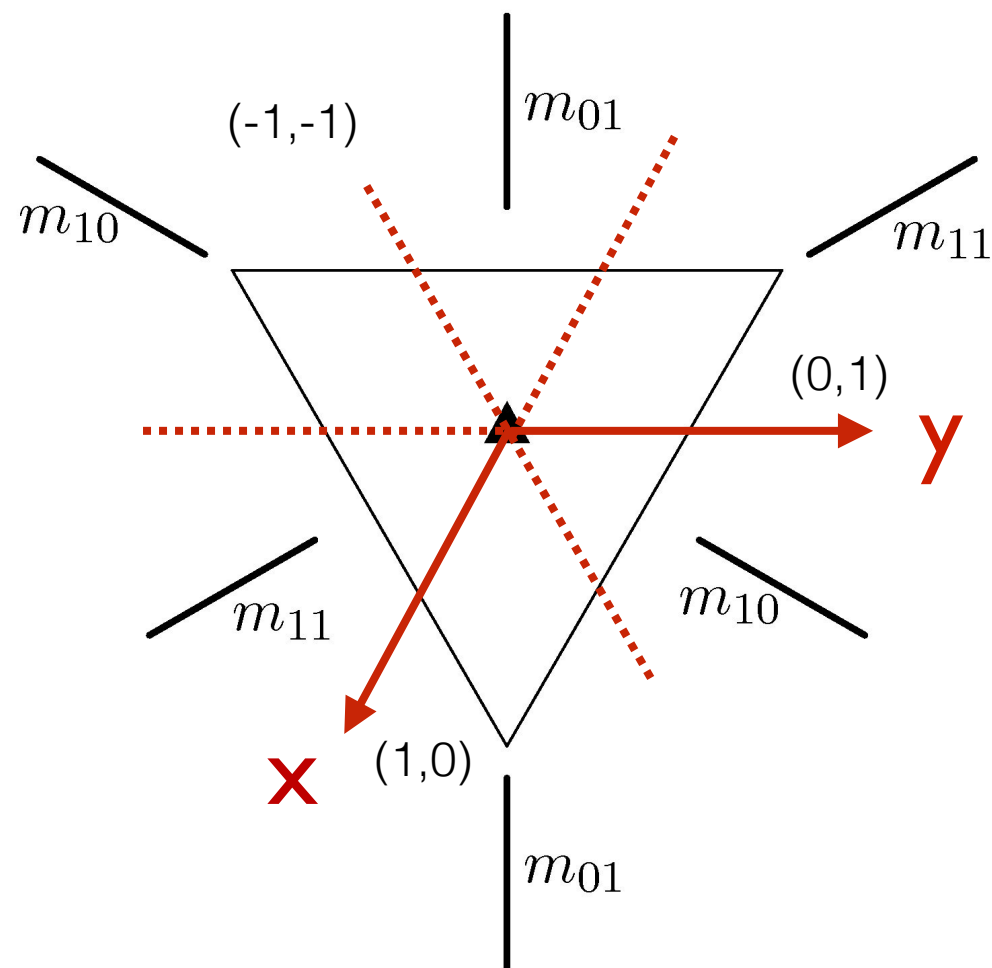
## Index



# Problem 1.6.1.5

(i) Consider the group of the equilateral triangle and determine its subgroups;

(ii) Construct the maximal subgroup graph of  $3m$



	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1

Multiplication table of  $3m$

# Coset decomposition $G:H$

Group-subgroup pair  $H < G$

left coset  
decomposition

$$G = H + g_2H + \dots + g_mH, \quad g_i \notin H, \\ m = \text{index of } H \text{ in } G$$

right coset  
decomposition

$$G = H + Hg_2 + \dots + Hg_m, \quad g_i \notin H \\ m = \text{index of } H \text{ in } G$$

## Coset decomposition-properties

- (i)  $g_iH \cap g_jH = \{\emptyset\}$ , if  $g_i \notin g_jH$
- (ii)  $|g_iH| = |H|$
- (iii)  $g_iH = g_jH$ ,  $g_i \in g_jH$

# Coset decomposition $G:H$

Normal  
subgroups

$$Hg_j = g_jH, \text{ for all } g_j = 1, \dots, [i]$$

## Theorem of Lagrange

group  $G$  of order  $|G|$   
subgroup  $H < G$  of order  $|H|$

then

$|H|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$   
and  $[i] = |G:H|$

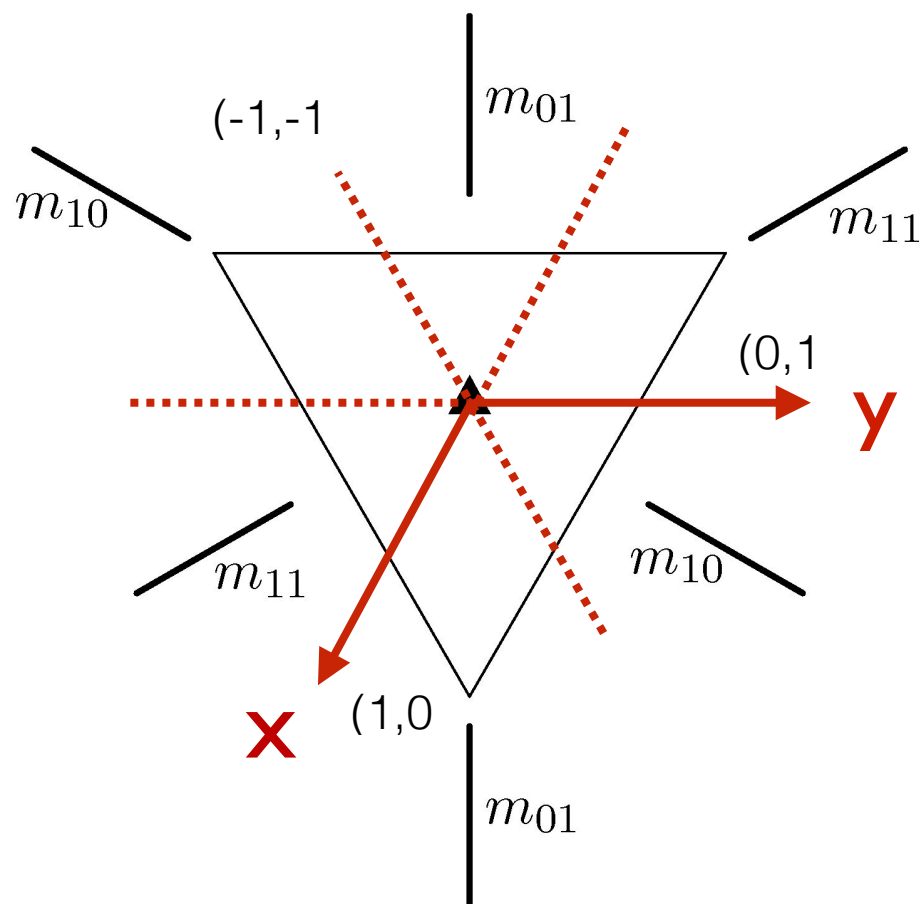
Corollary

The order  $k$  of any  
element of  $G$ ,  
 $g^k = e$ , is a divisor of  $|G|$



# Example:

# Coset decompositions of $3m$



	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1

Multiplication table of  $3m$

Consider the subgroup  $\{1, m_{10}\}$  of  $3m$  of index 3. Write down and compare the right and left coset decompositions of  $3m$  with respect to  $\{1, m_{10}\}$ .

## Problem 1.6.1.7

Demonstrate that  $H$  is always a normal subgroup if  $|G:H|=2$ .

# Conjugate subgroups

## Conjugate subgroups

Let  $H_1 < G, H_2 < G$

then,  $H_1 \sim H_2$ , if  $\exists g \in G: g^{-1}H_1g = H_2$

(i) Classes of conjugate subgroups:  $L(H)$

(ii) If  $H_1 \sim H_2$ , then  $H_1 \cong H_2$

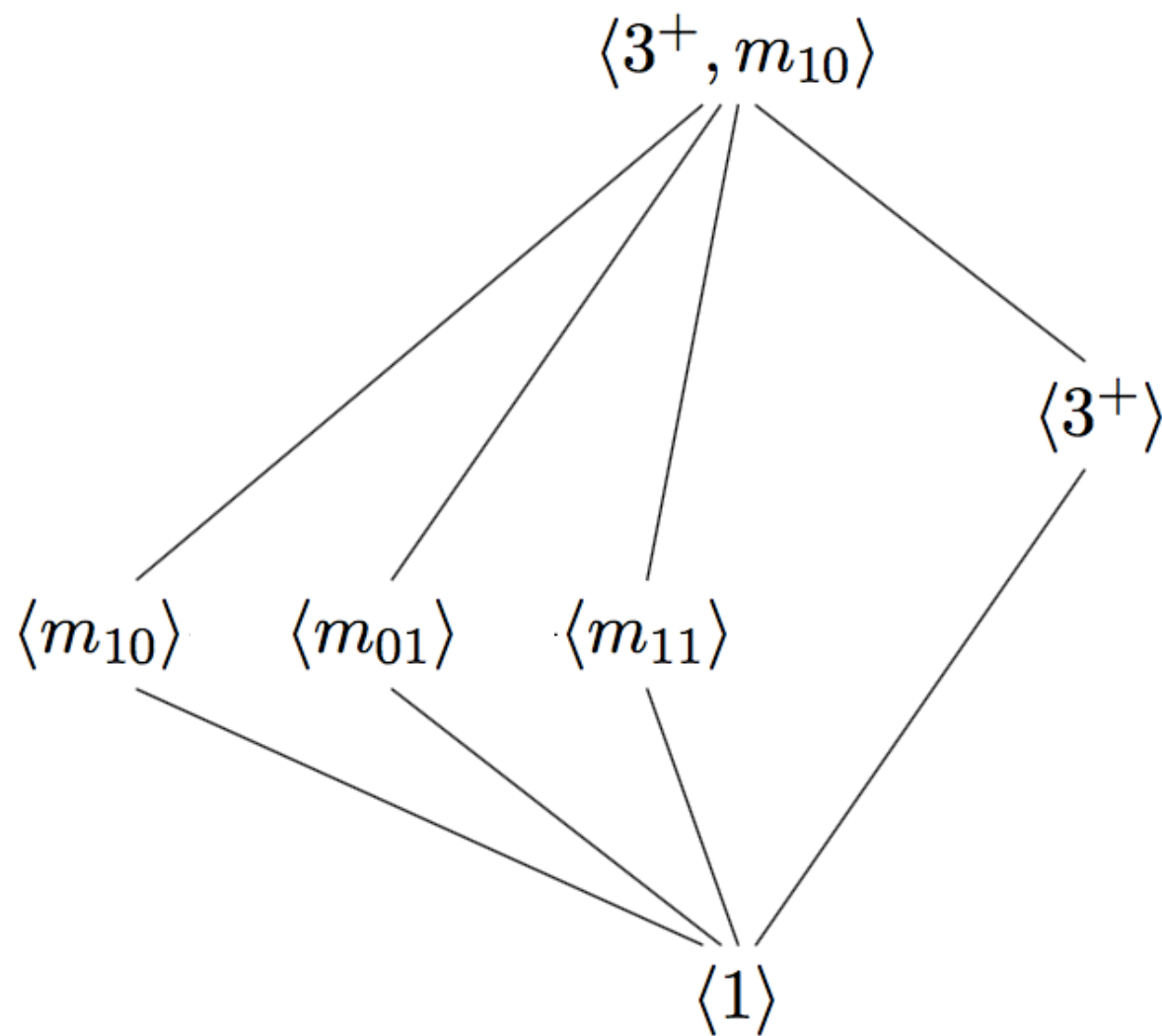
(iii)  $|L(H)|$  is a divisor of  $|G|/|H|$

## Normal subgroup

$H \triangleleft G$ , if  $g^{-1}Hg = H$ , for  $\forall g \in G$

## Problem 1.6.1.5 (cont.)

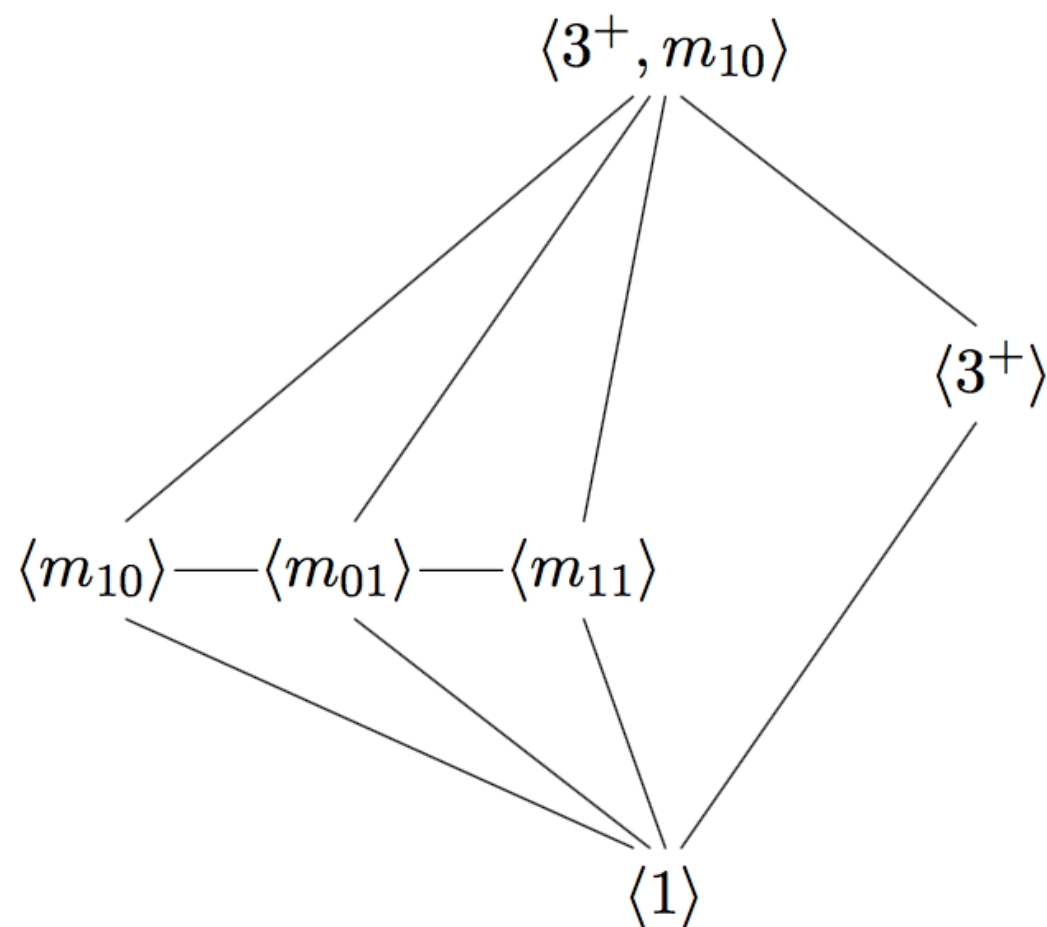
Consider the subgroups of  $3m$  and distribute them into classes of conjugate subgroups



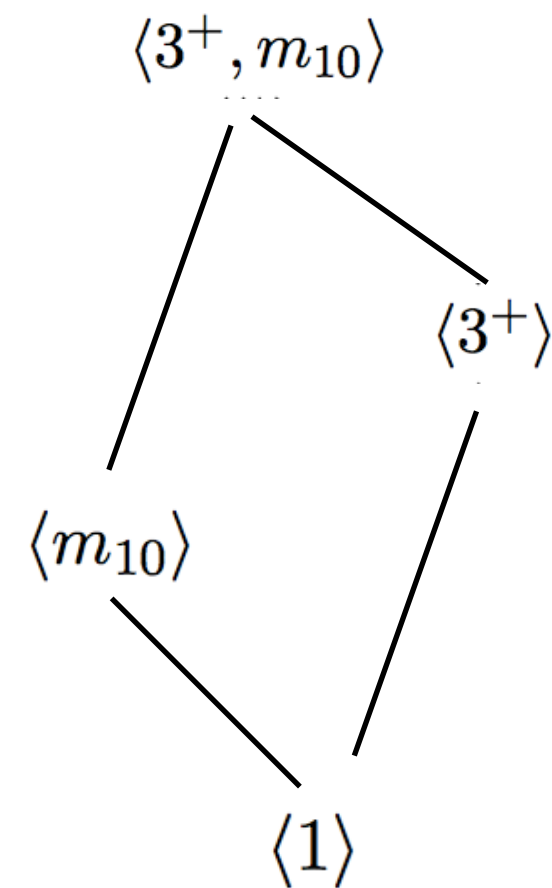
	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1

Multiplication table of  $3m$

# Complete and contracted group-subgroup graphs



Complete graph of maximal subgroups



Contracted graph of maximal subgroups

# Group-subgroup relations of point groups

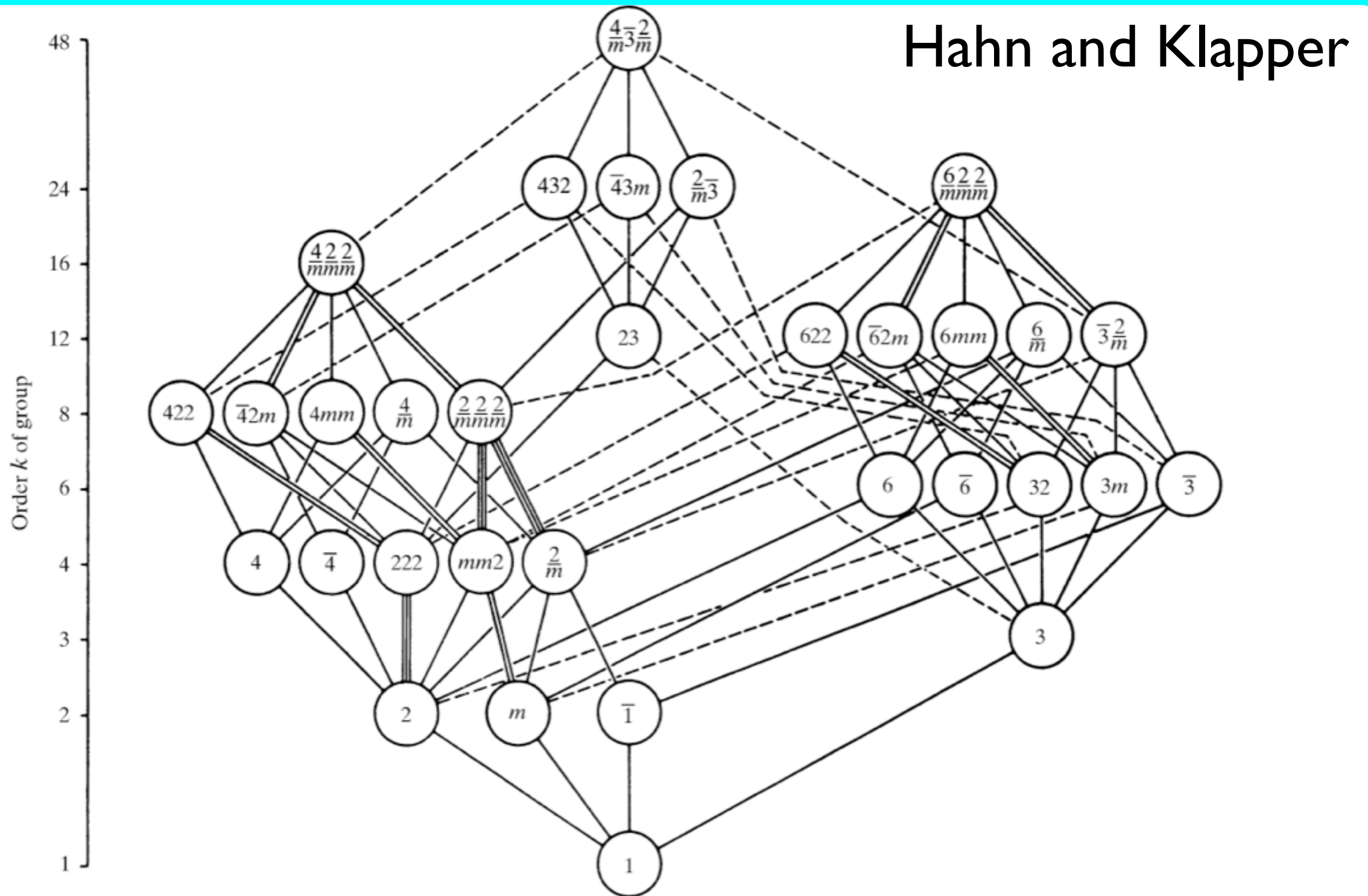
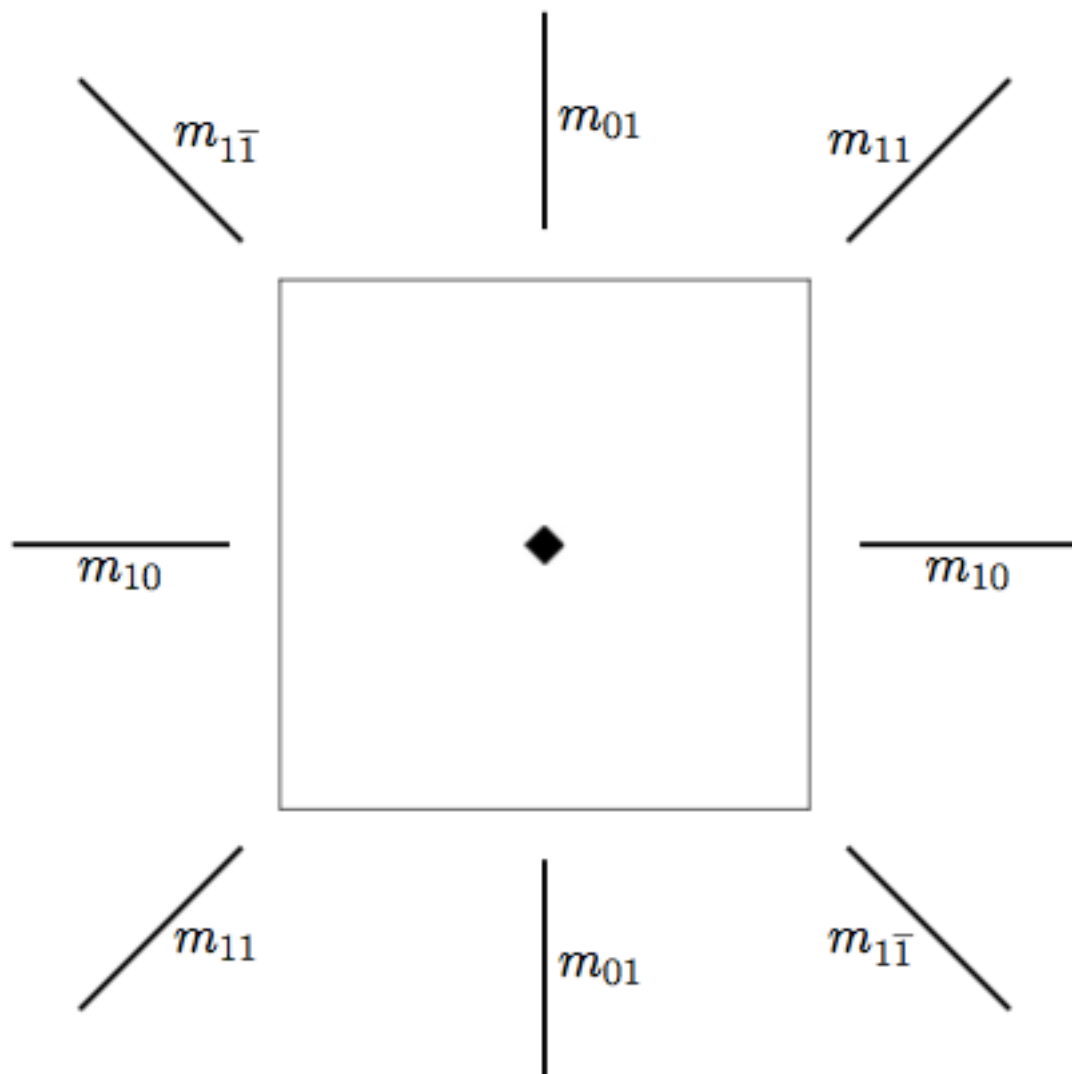


Fig. 10.1.3.2. Maximal subgroups and minimal supergroups of the three-dimensional crystallographic point groups. Solid lines indicate maximal normal subgroups; double or triple solid lines mean that there are two or three maximal normal subgroups with the same symbol. Dashed lines refer to sets of maximal conjugate subgroups. The group orders are given on the left. Full Hermann–Mauguin symbols are used.

# EXERCISES

## Problem 1.6.1.4

Consider the group of the square and determine its subgroups



	1	2	$4^+$	$4^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$
1	1	2	$4^+$	$4^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$
2	2	1	$4^-$	$4^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$
$4^+$	$4^+$	$4^-$	2	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$
$4^-$	$4^-$	$4^+$	1	2	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$n_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	1	2	$4^-$	$4^+$
$n_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	2	1	$4^+$	$4^-$
$n_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$4^+$	$4^-$	1	2
$n_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$4^-$	$4^+$	2	1

Multiplication table of  $4mm$

# FACTOR GROUP

# Factor group

product of sets:

$$G = \{e, g_2, \dots, g_p\}$$

$$\begin{cases} K_j = \{g_{j1}, g_{j2}, \dots, g_{jn}\} \\ K_k = \{g_{k1}, g_{k2}, \dots, g_{km}\} \end{cases}$$

$$K_j K_k = \{g_{jp} g_{kq} = g_r \mid g_{jp} \in K_j, g_{kq} \in K_k\}$$

Each element  $g_r$  is taken only once in the product  $K_j K_k$

factor group  $G/H$ :

$$H \triangleleft G$$

$$G = H + g_2 H + \dots + g_m H, g_i \notin H,$$

$$G/H = \{H, g_2 H, \dots, g_m H\}$$

group axioms:

$$(i) (g_i H)(g_j H) = g_{ij} H$$

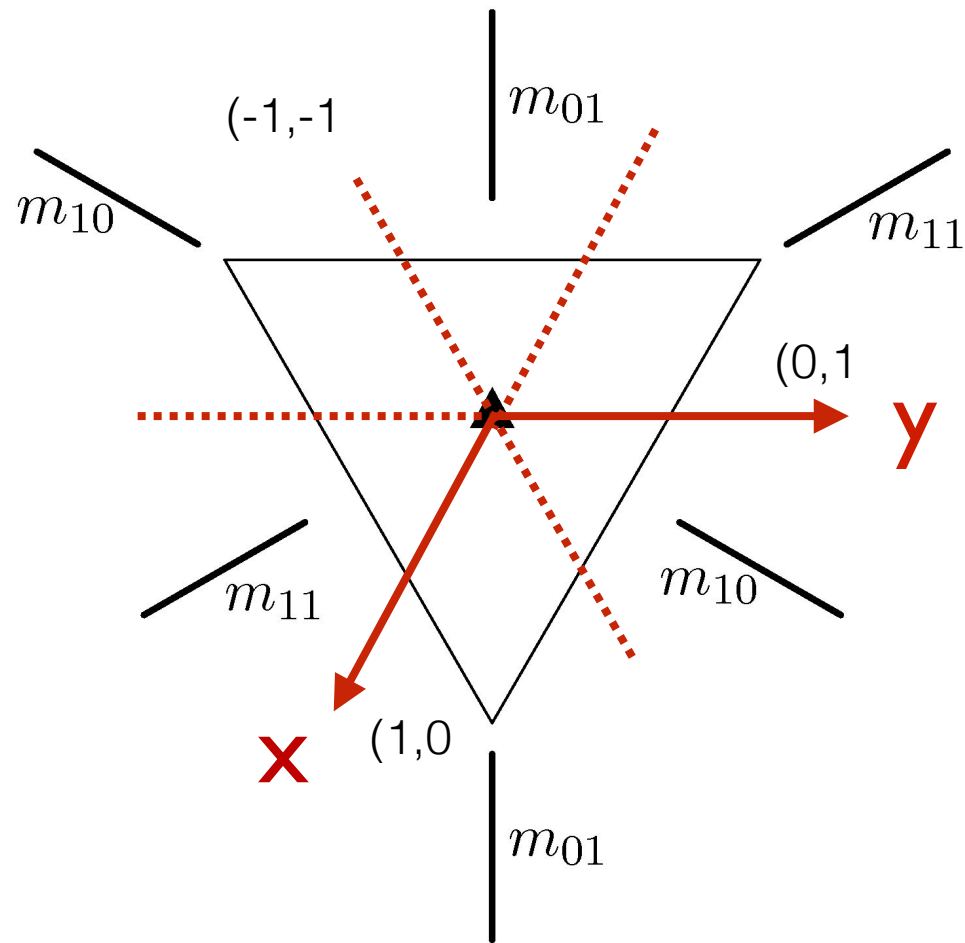
$$(ii) (g_i H)H = H(g_i H) = g_i H$$

$$(iii) (g_i H)^{-1} = (g_i^{-1})H$$



Example:

Factor group  $3m/3$



	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1

Multiplication table of  $3m$

(i) coset decomposition  
 $\{1, 3^+, 3^-\}, \{m_{10}, m_{01}, m_{11}\}$

E

A

(ii) factor group and multiplication table

	E	A
E	E	A
A	A	E

## Problem 1.6.1.6

Consider the normal subgroup  $\{e, 2\}$  of  $4mm$ , of index 4, and the coset decomposition  $4mm: \{e, 2\}$ :

- (3) Show that the cosets of the decomposition  $4mm: \{e, 2\}$  fulfill the group axioms and form a factor group
- (4) Multiplication table of the factor group
- (5) A crystallographic point group isomorphic to the factor group?

**GENERAL  
AND SPECIAL  
WYCKOFF POSITIONS**

# General and special Wyckoff positions

Orbit of a point  $X_0$  under  $P$ :  $P(X_0) = \{W X_0, W \in P\}$   
 Multiplicity

Site-symmetry group  $S_0 = \{W\}$  of a point  $X_0$

$$W X_0 = X_0$$

a	b	c	x <sub>0</sub>
d	e	f	y <sub>0</sub>
g	h	i	z <sub>0</sub>

=

x <sub>0</sub>
y <sub>0</sub>
z <sub>0</sub>

Multiplicity:  $|P|/|S_0|$

General position  $X_0$

$$S_0 = 1 = \{1\}$$

Multiplicity:  $|P|$

Special position  $X_0$

$$S_0 > 1 = \{1, \dots, \}$$

Multiplicity:  $|P|/|S_0|$

Site-symmetry groups: oriented symbols

# Example

# General and special Wyckoff positions

Point group  $2 = \{1, 2_{001}\}$

Site-symmetry group  $S_o = \{W\}$  of a point  $X_o = (0, 0, z)$

$$S_o = 2$$

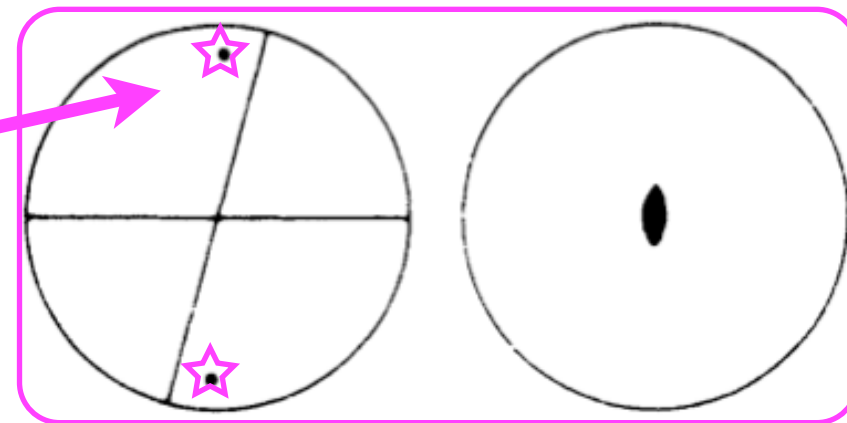
$$WX_o = X_o$$

$$2_{001}: \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & & & 0 \\ \hline & -1 & & 0 \\ \hline & & 1 & z \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 0 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline z \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Multiplicity:  $|P|/|S_o|$

2 b 1  $(x, y, z)$   $(-x, -y, z)$

1 a 2  $(0, 0, z)$



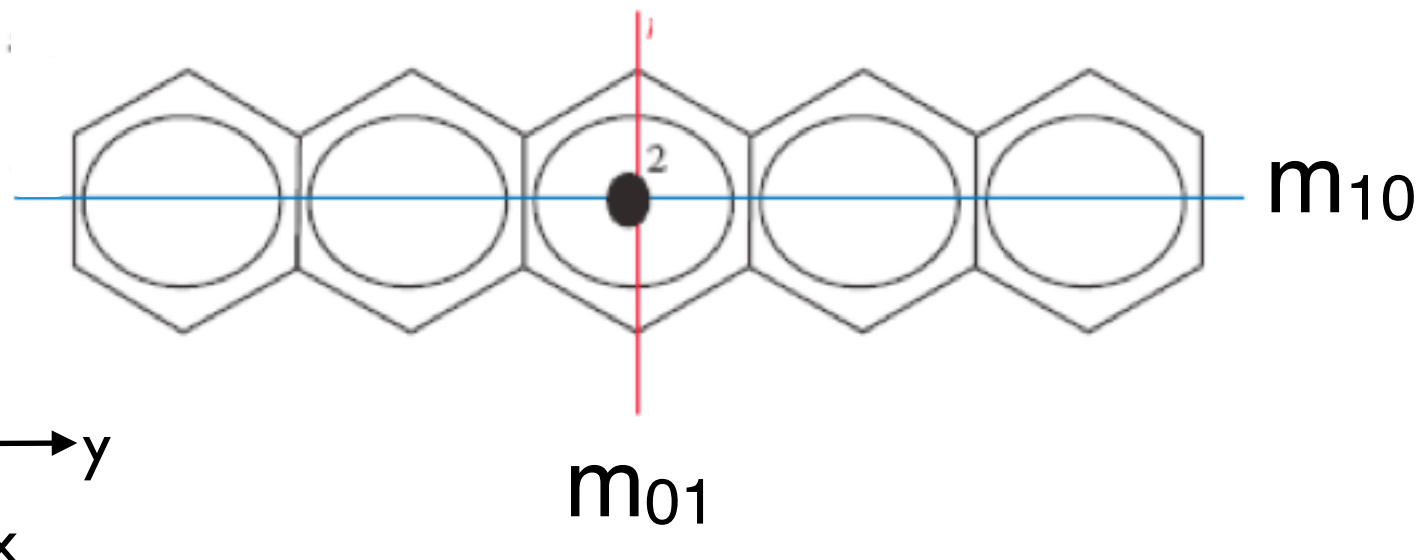
# Problem 1.6.1.8

# General and special Wyckoff positions

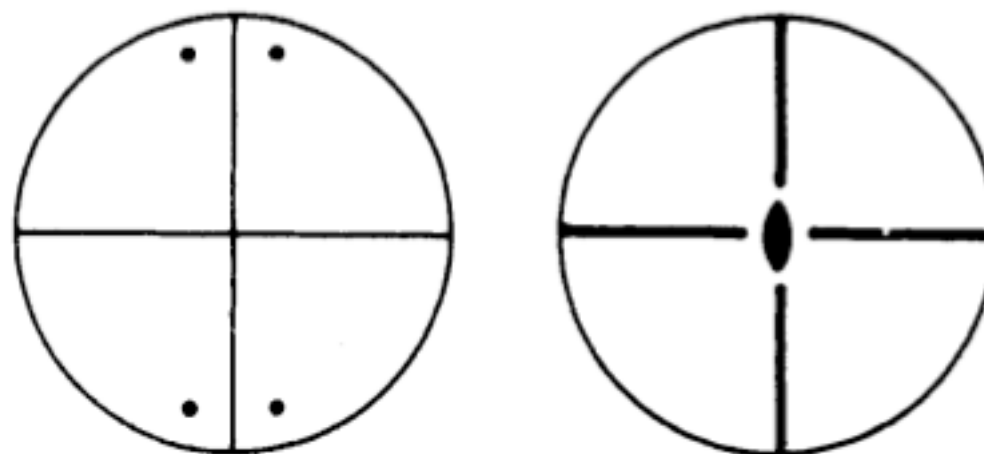
Determine the general and special Wyckoff positions of the group **mm2**

Point group **mm2** =  $\{1, 2, m_{10}, m_{01}\}$

Molecule of pentacene



Stereographic projections diagrams



general position

symmetry elements

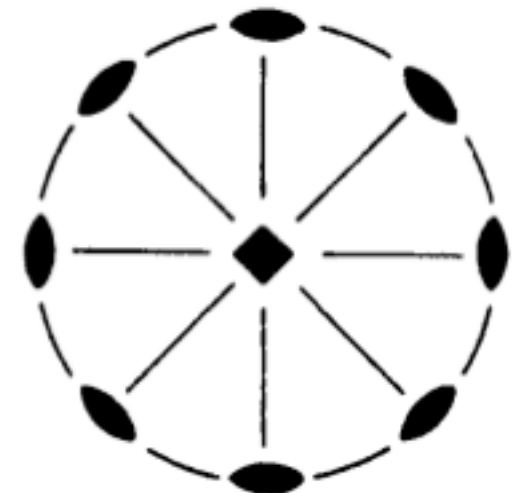
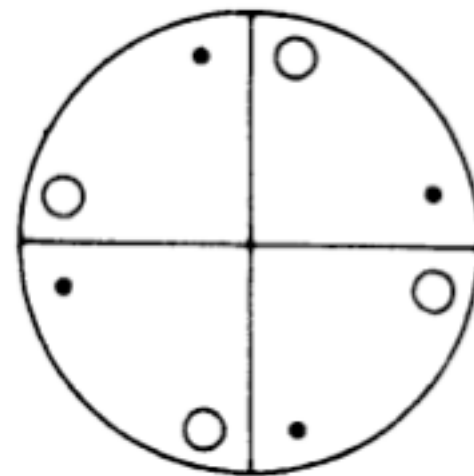
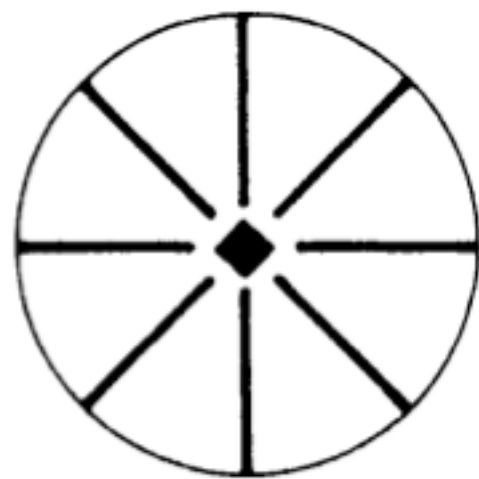
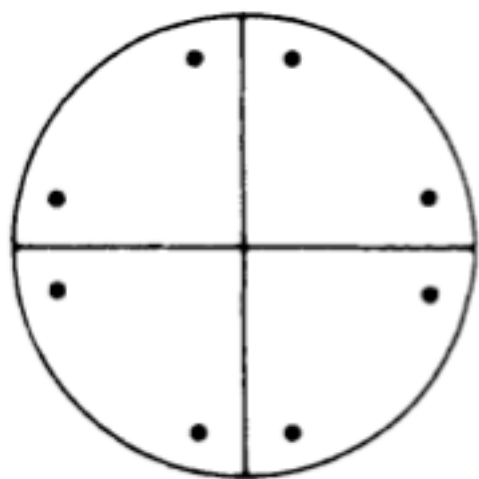
# EXERCISES

## Problem 1.6.1.9

Consider the symmetry group of the square  $4mm$  and the point group  $422$  that is isomorphic to it.

Determine the general and special Wyckoff positions of the two groups.

*Hint:* The stereographic projections could be rather helpful



Problem 1.6.1.10

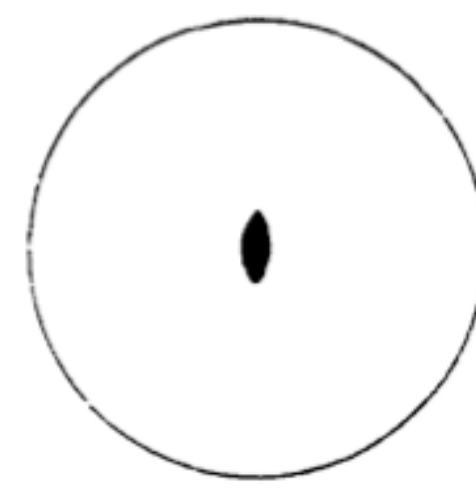
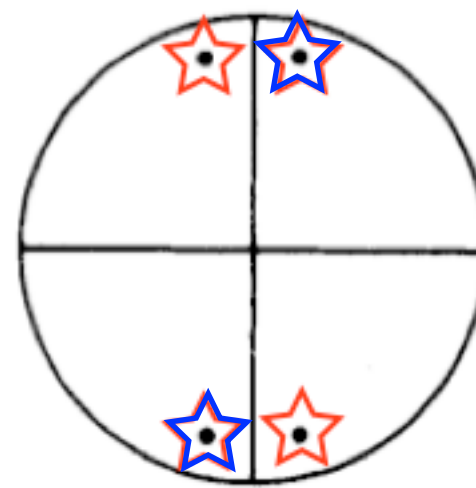
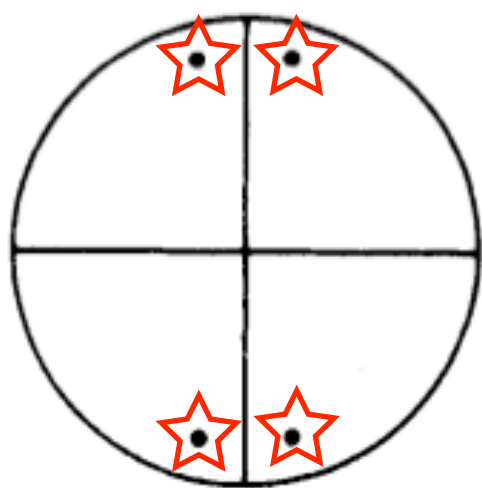
Group-subgroup relations

Wyckoff positions splitting schemes

Group-subgroup pair  $mm2 \supset 2$ ,  $[i]=2$

$mm2$

$2$



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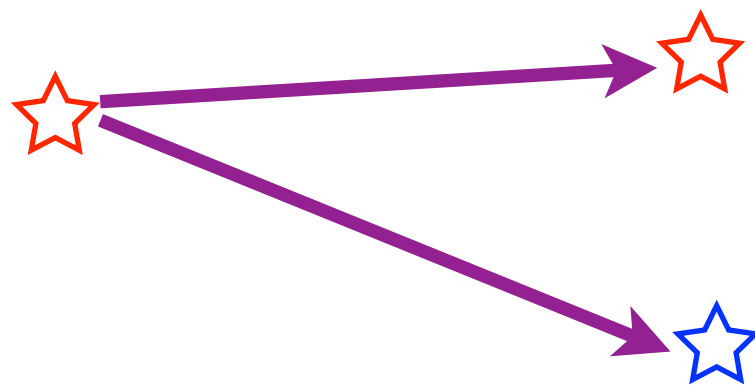
- $(x, y, z)$
- $(-x, -y, z)$
- $(x, -y, z)$
- $(-x, y, z)$



$x, y, z = x_1, y_1, z_1$  2 b 1  
 $-x, -y, z = -x_1, -y_1, z_1$



$x, -y, z = x_2, y_2, z_2$  2 b 1  
 $-x, y, z = -x_2, -y_2, z_2$





# GROUP- SUPERGROUP RELATIONS

# Supergroups: Some basic results (summary)

Supergroup  $G > H$

$$H = \{e, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k\} \subset G$$

Proper supergroups  $G > H$ , and  
trivial supergroup:  $H$

Index of the group  $H$  in supergroup  $G$ :  $[i] = |G|/|H|$   
(order of  $G$ )/(order of  $H$ )

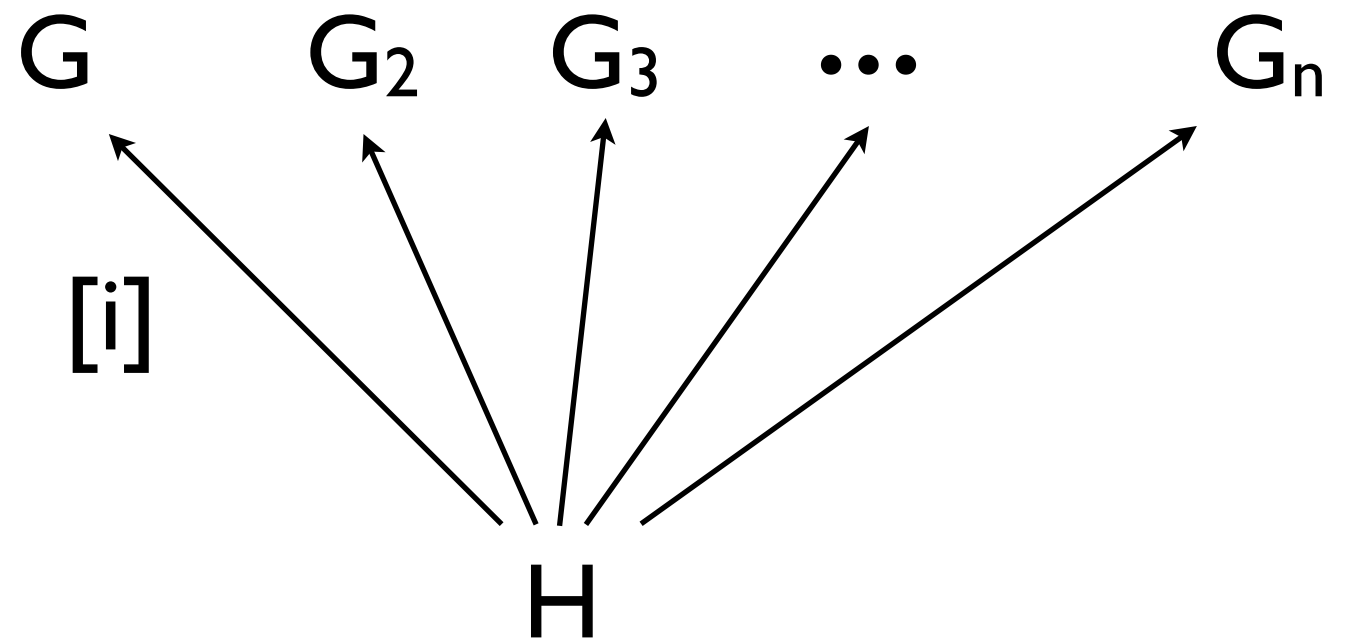
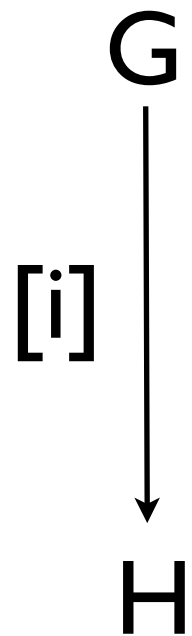
Minimal supergroups  $G$  of  $H$

NO subgroup  $Z$  exists such that:  
 $H < Z < G$

# The Supergroup Problem

Given a group-subgroup pair  $G > H$  of index  $[i]$

Determine: all  $G_k > H$  of index  $[i]$ ,  $G_i \cong G$

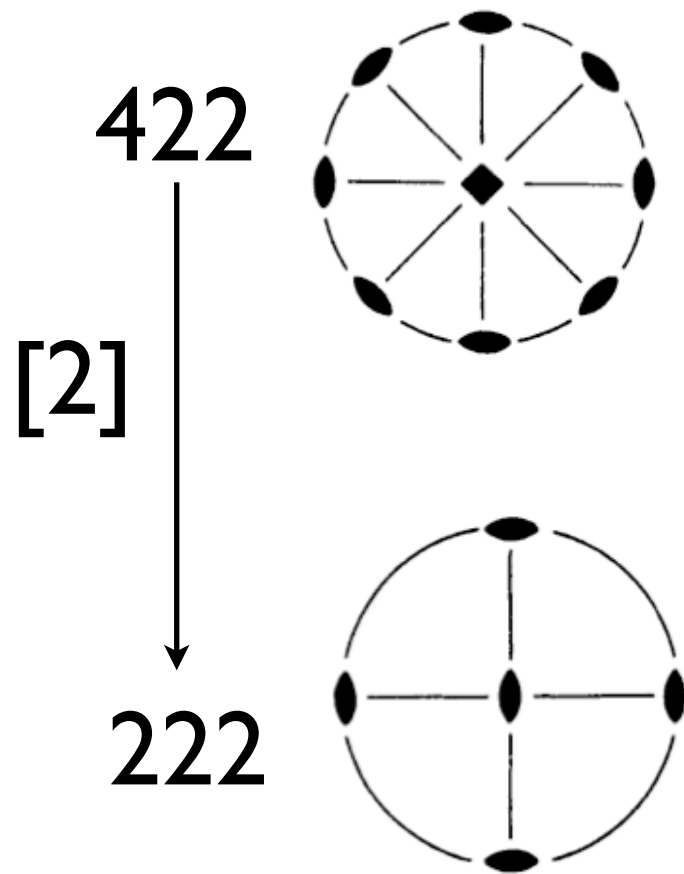


all  $G_k > H$  contain  $H$  as subgroup

$$G_k = H + g_2H + \dots + g_{ik}H$$

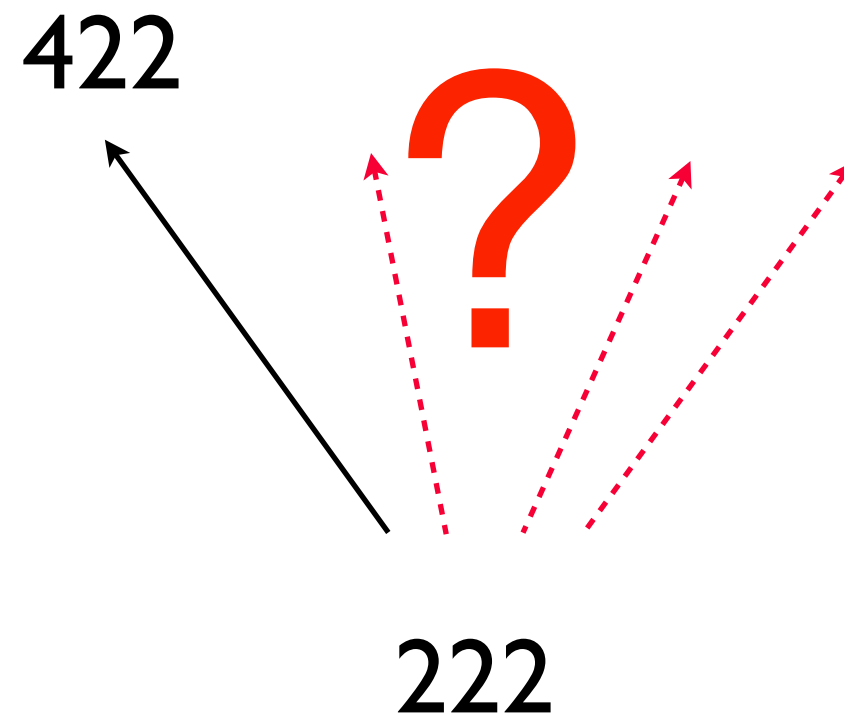
# Example: Supergroup problem

Group-subgroup pair  
 $422 > 222$



How many are  
the subgroups  
 $222$  of  $422$ ?

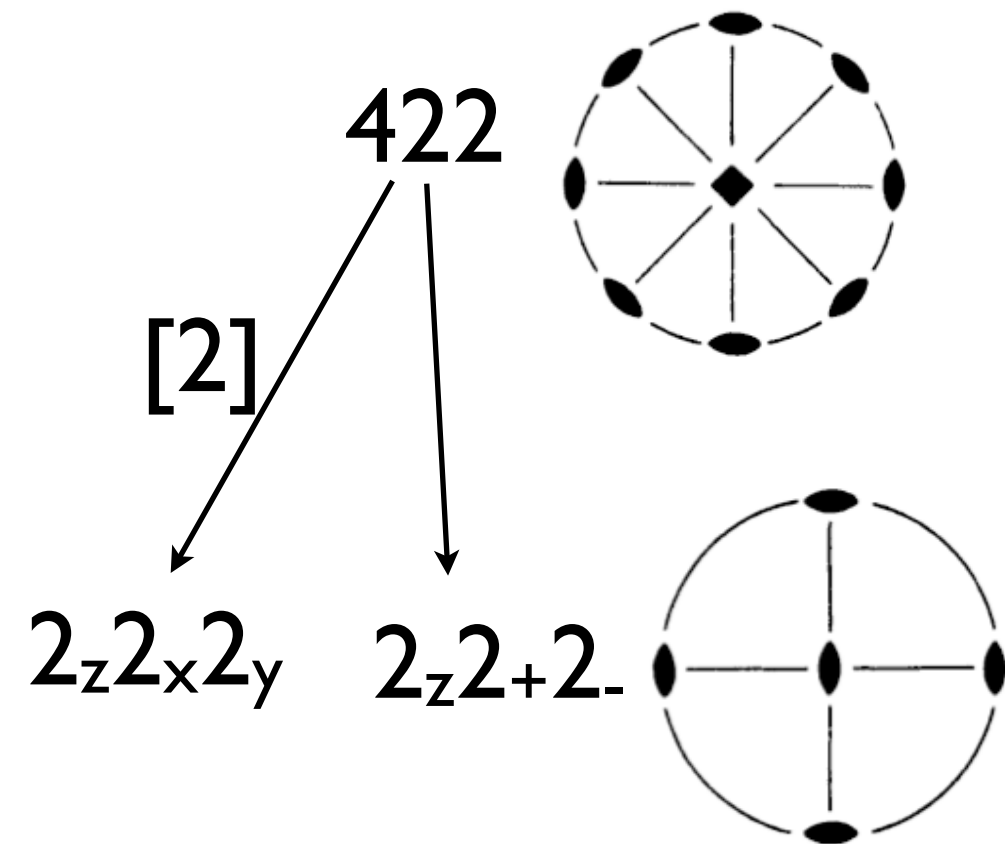
Supergroups  $422$  of  
the group  $222$



How many are  
the supergroups  
 $422$  of  $222$ ?

# Example: Supergroup problem

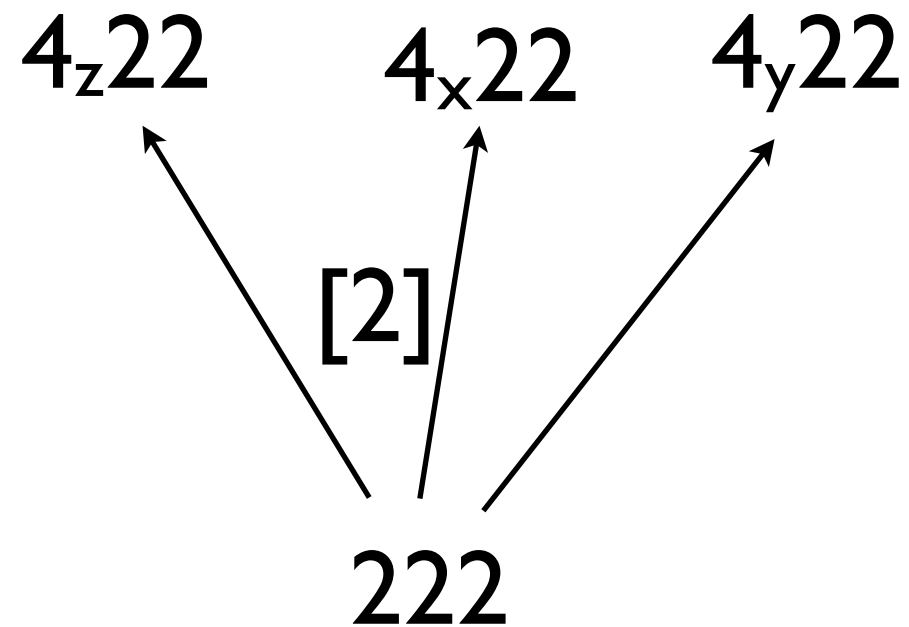
Group-subgroup pair  
422 > 222



$$4_z 22 = 2_z 2_x 2_y + 4_z (2_z 2_x 2_y)$$

$$4_z 22 = 2_z 2_+ 2_- + 4_z (2_z 2_+ 2_-)$$

Supergroups 422 of  
the group 222



$$4_z 22 = 222 + 4_z 222$$

$$4_y 22 = 222 + 4_y 222$$

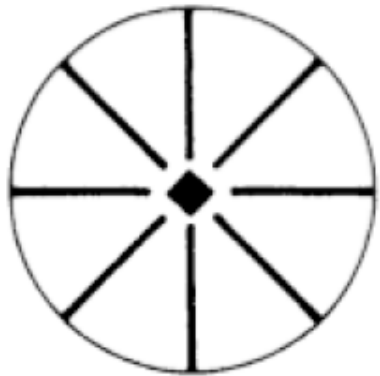
$$4_x 22 = 222 + 4_x 222$$

# NORMALIZERS

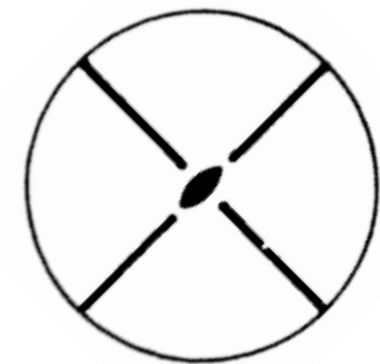
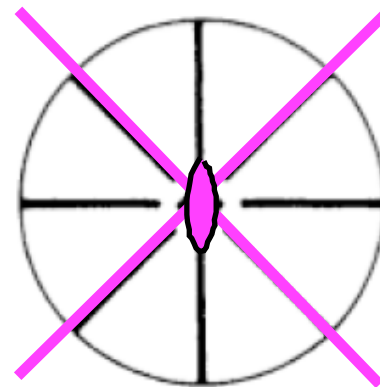
# Normalizer of $H < G$

$\{e, 2, 4, 4^{-1}, m_x, m_y, m_+, m_-\}$

$4mm$

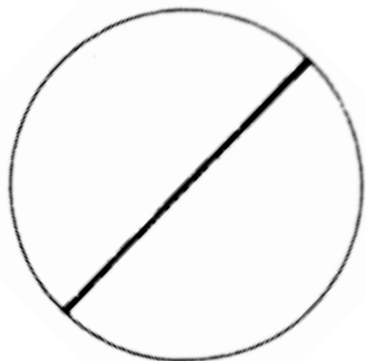


Normalizer of  $\{I, m_+\}$   
in  $4mm$



$2mm = \{e, 2, m_+, m_-\}$

$m$



$\{I, m_+\}$

# Normalizer of H in G

## Normal subgroup

$H \triangleleft G$ , if  $g^{-1}Hg = H$ , for  $\forall g \in G$

## Normalizer of H in G, $H < G$

$N_G(H) = \{g \in G, \text{ if } g^{-1}Hg = H\}$

$G \geq N_G(H) \geq H$

What is the normalizer  $N_G(H)$  if  $H \triangleleft G$ ?

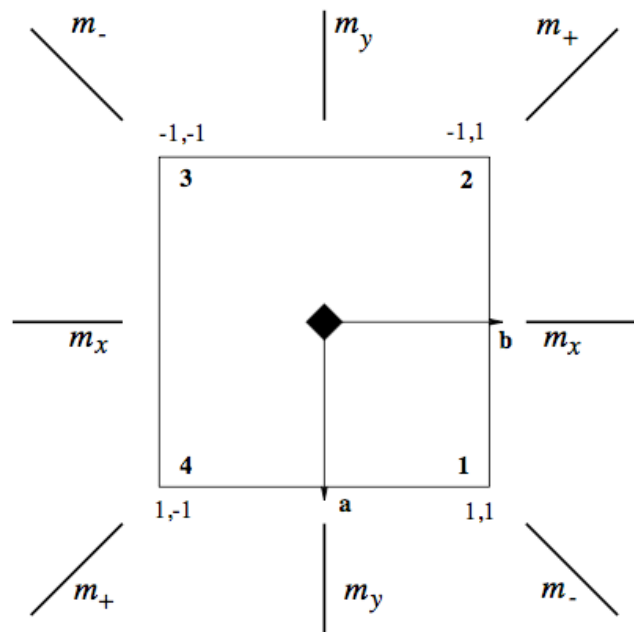
Number of subgroups  $H_i < G$  in a conjugate class

$$n = [G : N_G(H)]$$



# Problem 1.6.1.15

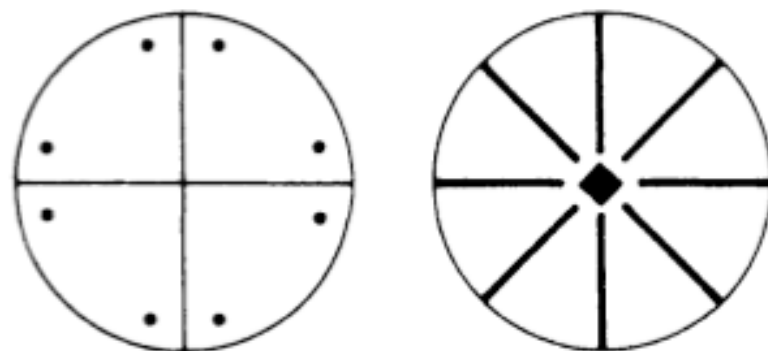
Consider the group  $4mm$  and its subgroups of index 4. Determine their **normalizers** in  $4mm$ . Distribute the subgroups into conjugacy classes with the help of their normalizers in  $4mm$ .



	1	2	4	$4^{-1}$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$
1	1	2	4	$4^{-1}$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$
2	2	1	$4^{-1}$	4	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_+$
4	4	$4^{-1}$	2	1	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_x$
$4^{-1}$	$4^{-1}$	4	1	2	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$
$m_x$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_+$	1	$4^{-1}$	2	4
$m_+$	$m_+$	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_y$	4	1	$4^{-1}$	2
$m_y$	$m_y$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_-$	2	4	1	$4^{-1}$
$m_-$	$m_-$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_x$	$4^{-1}$	2	4	1

Multiplication table of  $4mm$

*Hint:* The stereographic projections could be rather helpful



CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC  
POINT GROUPS IN  
2D AND 3D  
(BRIEF OVERVIEW)

# Crystallographic symmetry operations

## Problem 1.6.1.1

Crystallographic restriction theorem

The rotational symmetries of a crystal pattern are limited to 2-fold, 3-fold, 4-fold, and 6-fold.

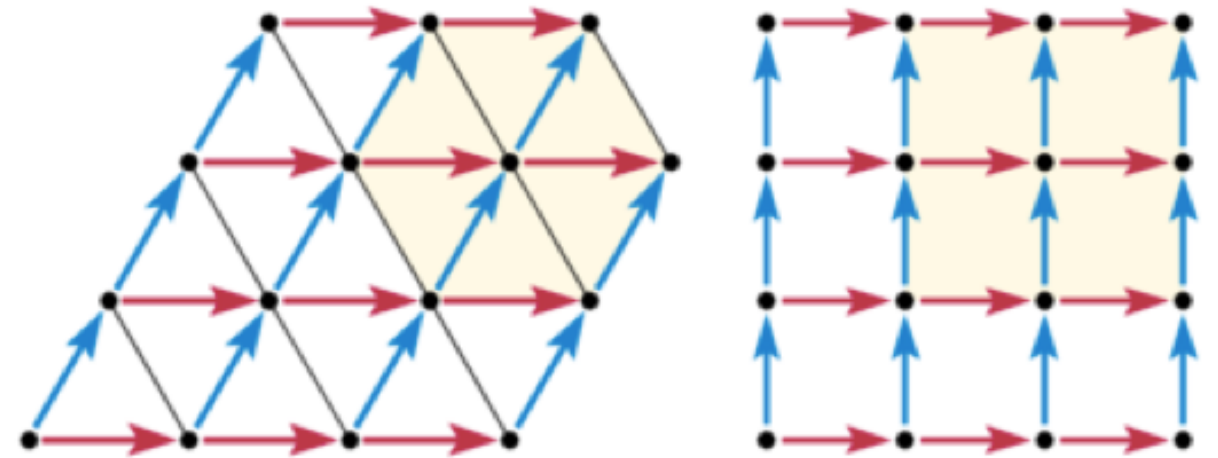
Matrix proof:

Rotation with respect to orthonormal basis

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation with respect to lattice basis

$R$ : integer matrix



In a lattice basis, because the rotation must map lattice points to lattice points, each matrix entry — and hence the trace — must be an integer.

$$\text{Tr } R = 2\cos\theta = \text{integer}$$

$m$	$m/2 = \cos\theta$	$\theta$ ( $^\circ$ )	$n = 360^\circ/\theta$
0	0	90	Fourfold
1	1/2	60	Sixfold
2	1	0 = 360	Identity (onefold)
-1	-1/2	120	Threefold
-2	-1	180	Twofold

# CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS IN THE PLANE

# Crystallographic symmetry operations in 2D

Operations of the first kind  
(no change of handedness)

Element	Operation
<i>Rotation point</i>	<i>Rotation</i>
1	$2\pi/1$
2	$2\pi/2$
3	$2\pi/3$
4	$2\pi/4$
6	$2\pi/6$

Operations of the second kind  
(change of handedness)

Element	Operation
<i>Reflection line</i> <i>(mirror)</i>	
<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>

**Crystallographic point groups in 2D?**

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **1** = {1}

Motif with  
symmetry of **1**



-group axioms?

$$1 \times 1 = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-order of **1**?

-multiplication table

	x		1
1			1

-generators of **1**?

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **2** = {1,2}

Motif with  
symmetry of **2**



Where is the two-fold  
point?

-group axioms?

$$2 \times 2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

-order of **2**?

-multiplication table

	×	1	2
1		1	2
2		2	1

-generators of **2**?

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group  $\mathbf{m} = \{1, m\}$

Motif with symmetry of  $\mathbf{m}$



Where is the mirror line?

-group axioms?

$$m \times m = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-order of  $\mathbf{m}$ ?

-multiplication table

$\times$	1	$m_y$
1	1	$m_y$
$m_y$	$m_y$	1

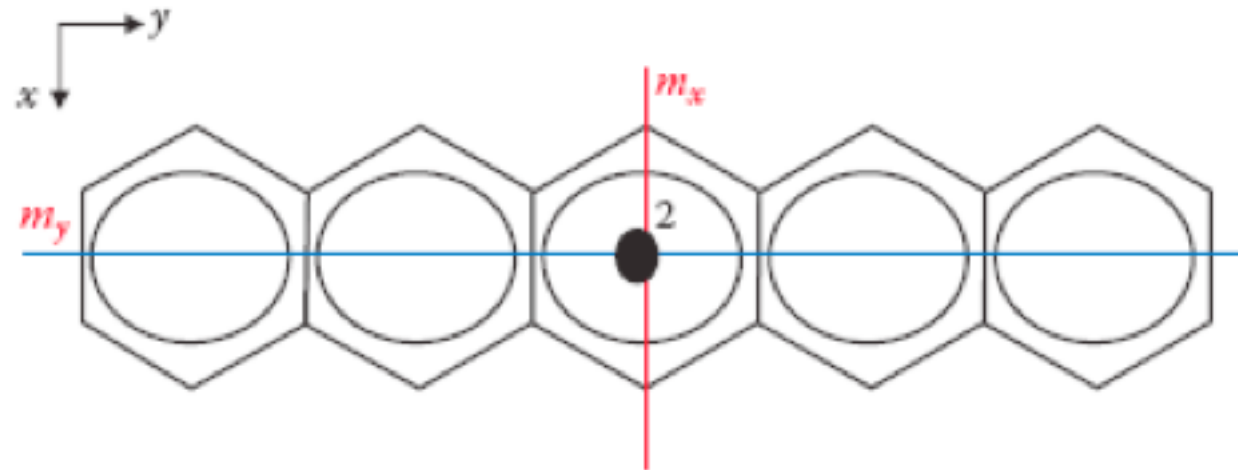
-generators of  $\mathbf{m}$ ?



# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group  $2mm = \{1, 2, m_x, m_y\}$

Molecule of pentacene



-order of  $2mm$ ?

-group axioms?

$$m_y \times 2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = m_x$$

-multiplication table

$\times$	1	2	$m_x$	$m_y$
1	1	2	$m_x$	$m_y$
2	2	1	$m_y$	$m_x$
$m_x$	$m_x$	$m_y$	1	2
$m_y$	$m_y$	$m_x$	2	1

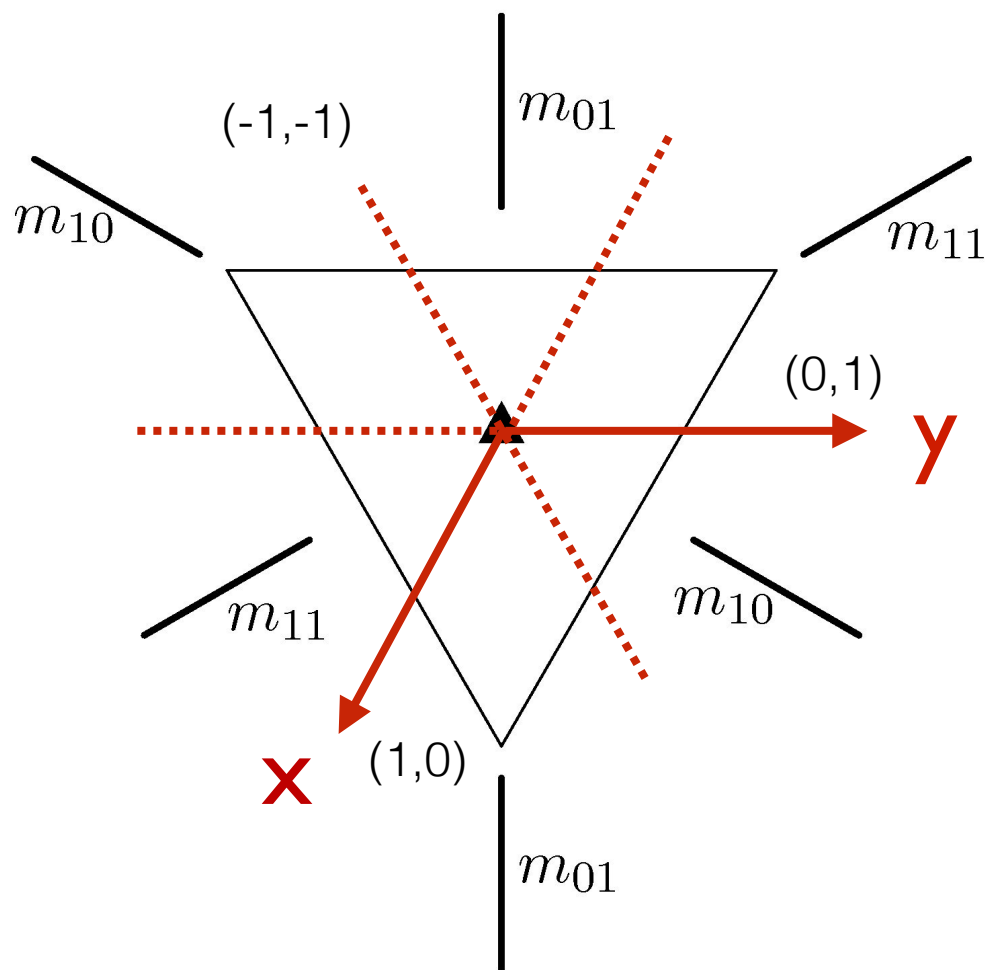
-generators of  $mm2$ ?

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Group of the  
equilateral triangle

Point group

$$3m = \{1, 3^+, 3^-, m_{10}, m_{01}, m_{11}\}$$



	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	$3^+$	$3^-$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$
$3^+$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$3^-$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	1	$3^+$	$3^-$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$3^-$	1	$3^+$
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$3^+$	$3^-$	1

Multiplication table of  $3m$

# Hermann-Mauguin symbolism (International Tables A)

A direction is called a **symmetry direction** of a crystal structure if it is parallel to an axis of rotation or to the normal of a reflection.

A symmetry direction is thus the **direction of the geometric element** of a symmetry operation, when the normal of a symmetry plane is used for the description of its orientation.

-symmetry elements along **primary**, **secondary** and **tertiary** symmetry directions

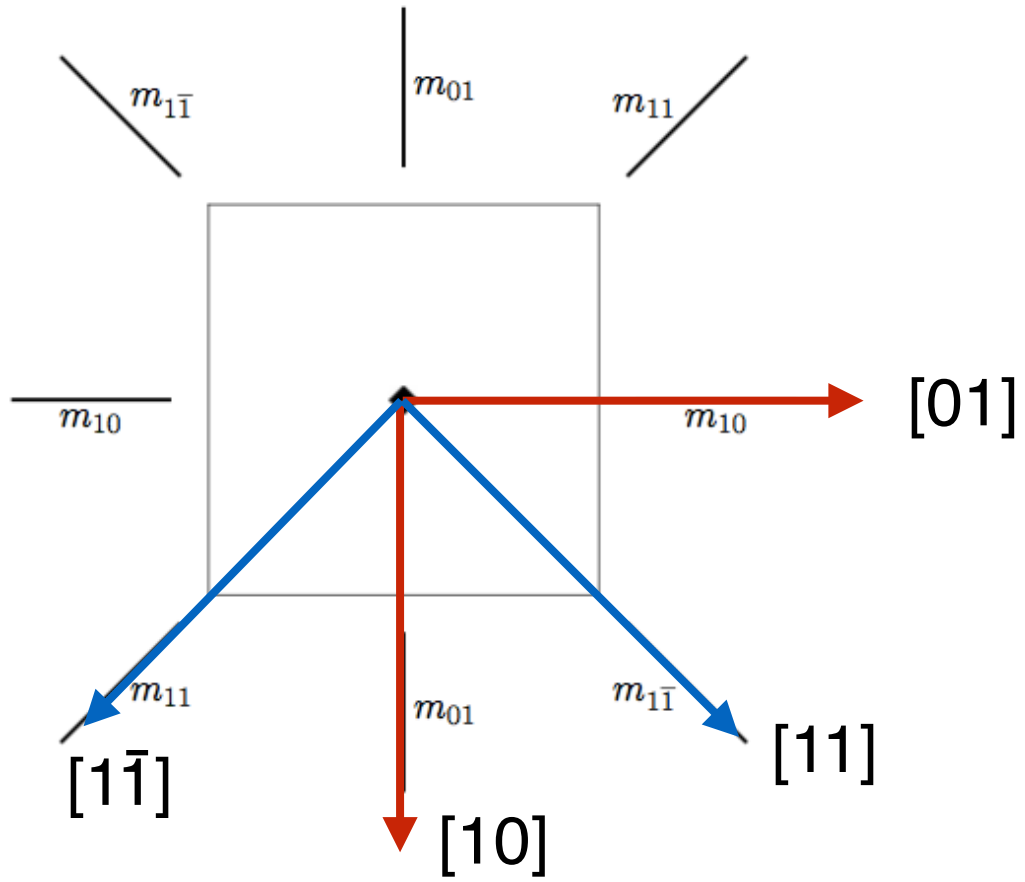
**rotations:**  
by the axes of rotation

**reflections:**  
by the normals to the planes

Lattice	Symmetry direction (position in Hermann–Mauguin symbol)			
	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	
<i>Two dimensions</i>				
Oblique	<b>1, 2</b>	Rotation point in plane		
Rectangular	<b>m, 2mm</b>		[10]	[01]
Square	<b>4, 4mm</b>		$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [10] \\ [01] \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [1\bar{1}] \\ [11] \end{matrix} \right\}$
Hexagonal	<b>3, 3m</b> <b>6, 6mm</b>		$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [10] \\ [01] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}] \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [1\bar{1}] \\ [12] \\ [2\bar{1}] \end{matrix} \right\}$

# Symmetry Directions

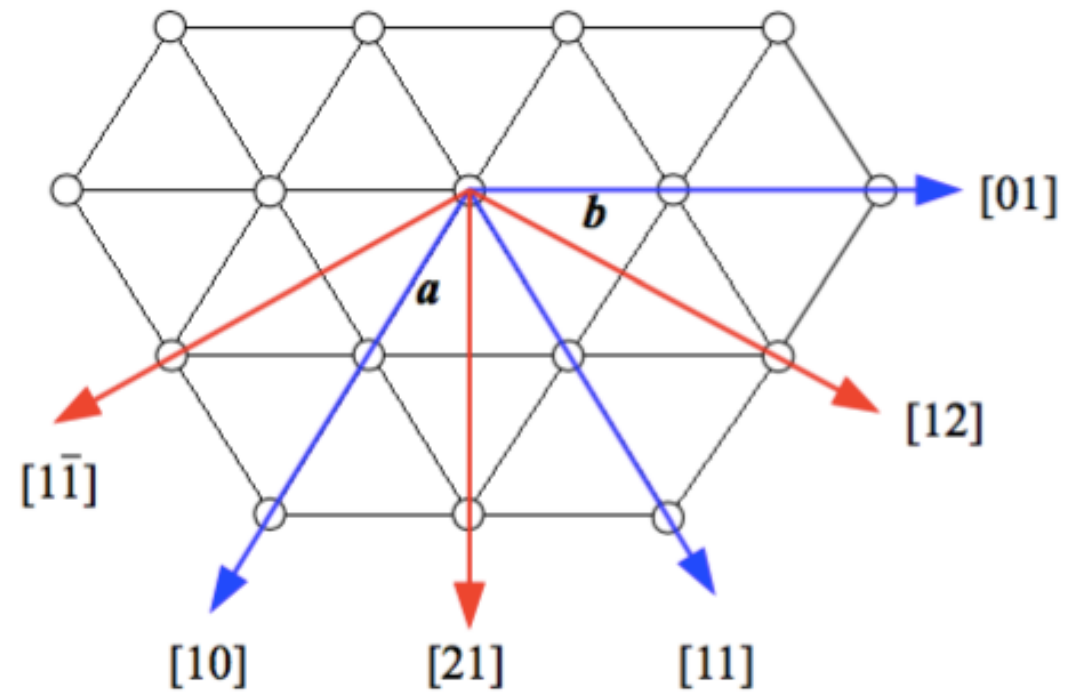
## tetragonal



symmetry directions

- <10> <11-bar>
- [10] [11-bar]
- [01] [11]

## hexagonal

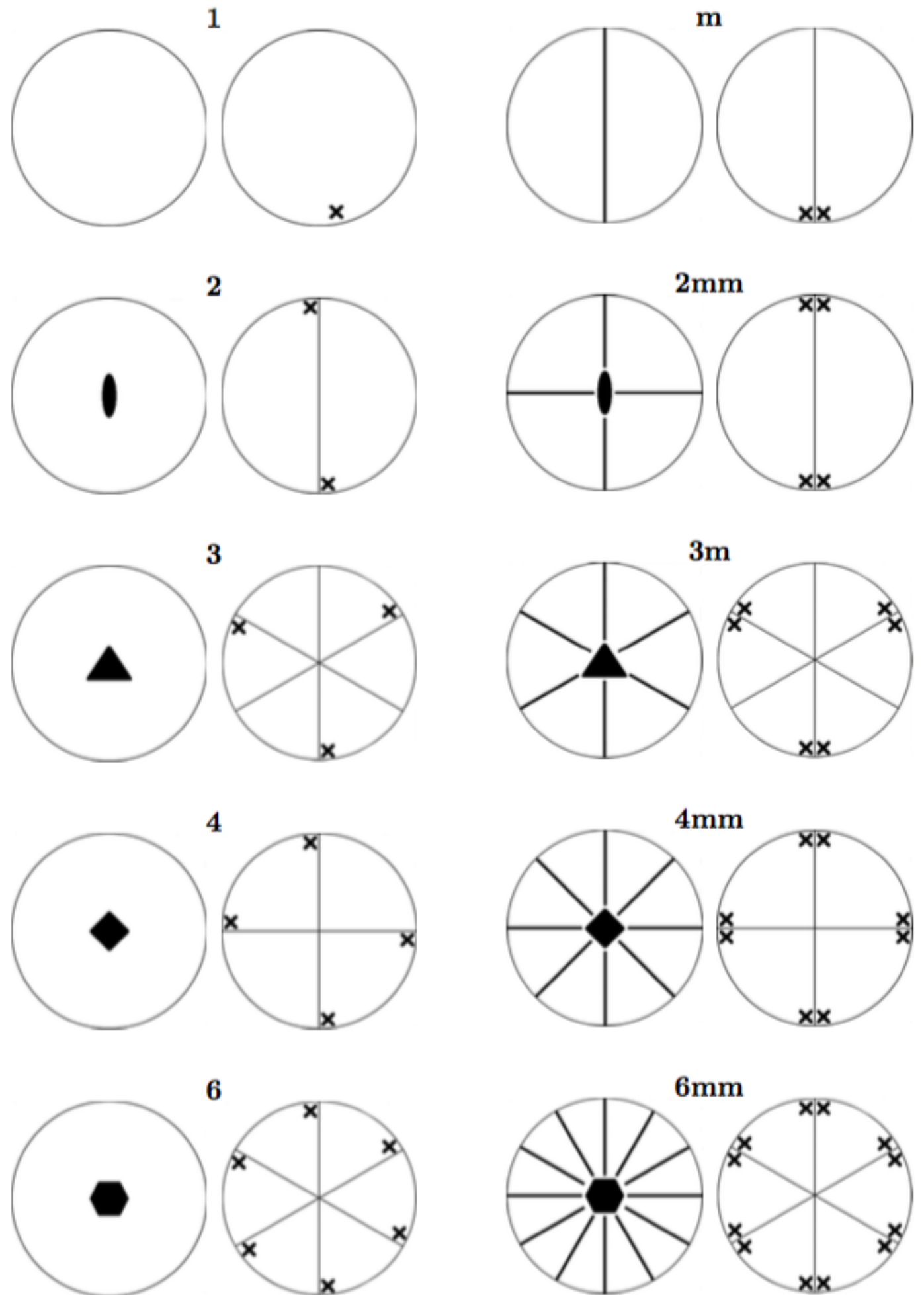


symmetry directions

- <10> <11-bar>
- [10] [11-bar]
- [01] [21]
- [11] [12]

# Example

Symmetry-elements  
diagrams  
and  
General-positions  
diagrams  
of the  
plane point groups.



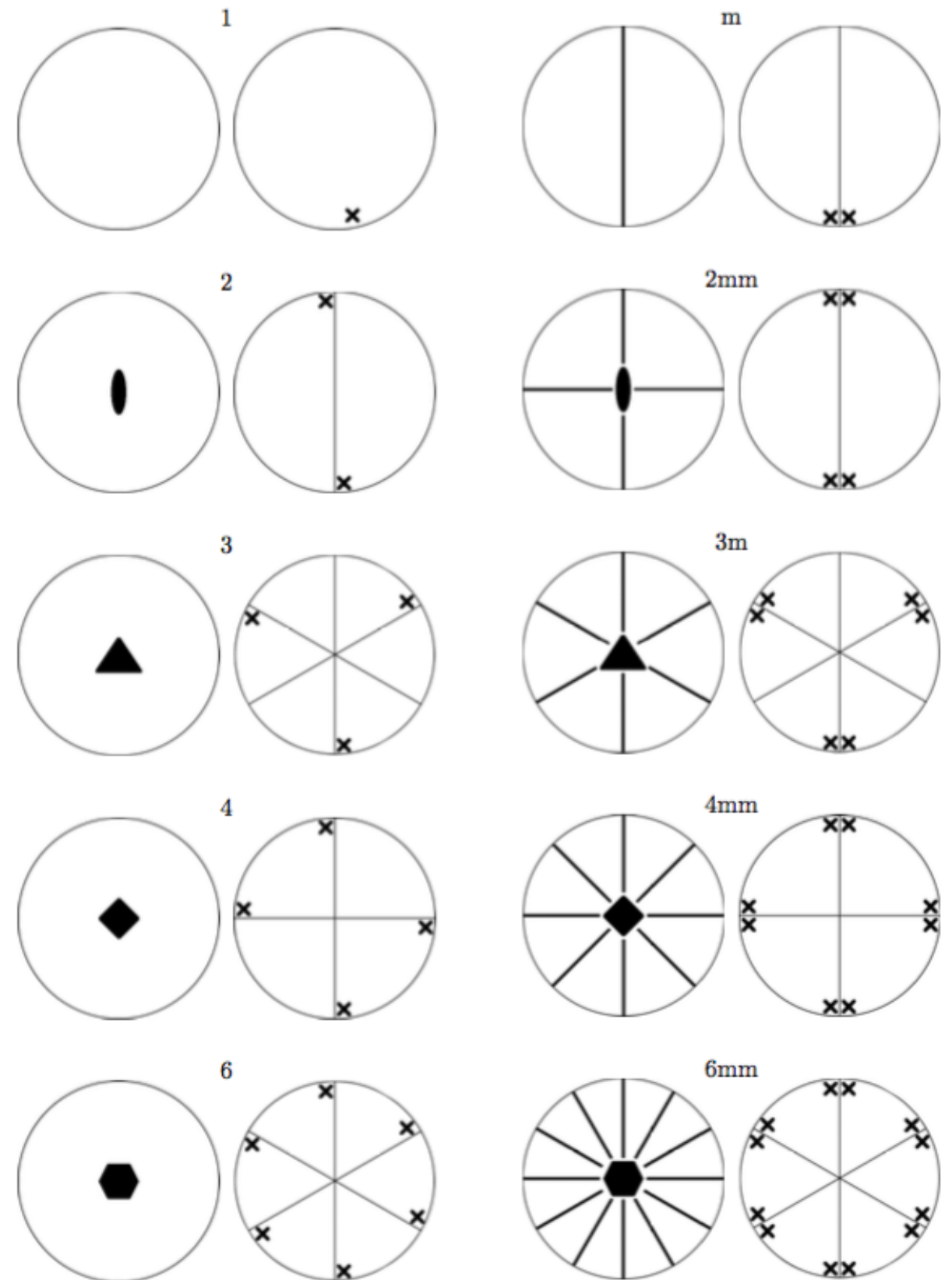
# Problem 1.6.1.14

Consider the following 10 figures of the symmetry elements and the general positions of the plane point groups.

1. Determine the order of the point groups and arrange them vertically by descending point-group orders (i.e. the point group of highest order at the top, and that of lowest order at the bottom).

2. Determine the complete group-subgroup graph for all plane point groups.

3. Consider the point group  $2mm$ . Determine its maximal subgroups, its minimal supergroups and the corresponding indices.



# CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS IN 3D (brief overview)



# Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

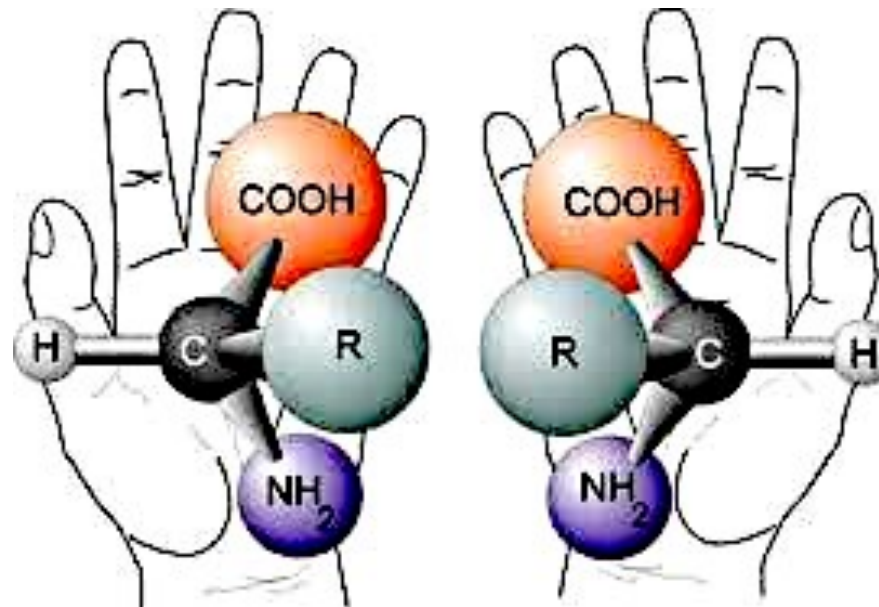
Proper rotations:  $\det = +1$ : 1 2 3 4 6

chirality preserving



Improper rotations:  $\det = -1$ :  $\bar{1}$   $\bar{2}=m$   $\bar{3}$   $\bar{4}$   $\bar{6}$

chirality non-preserving

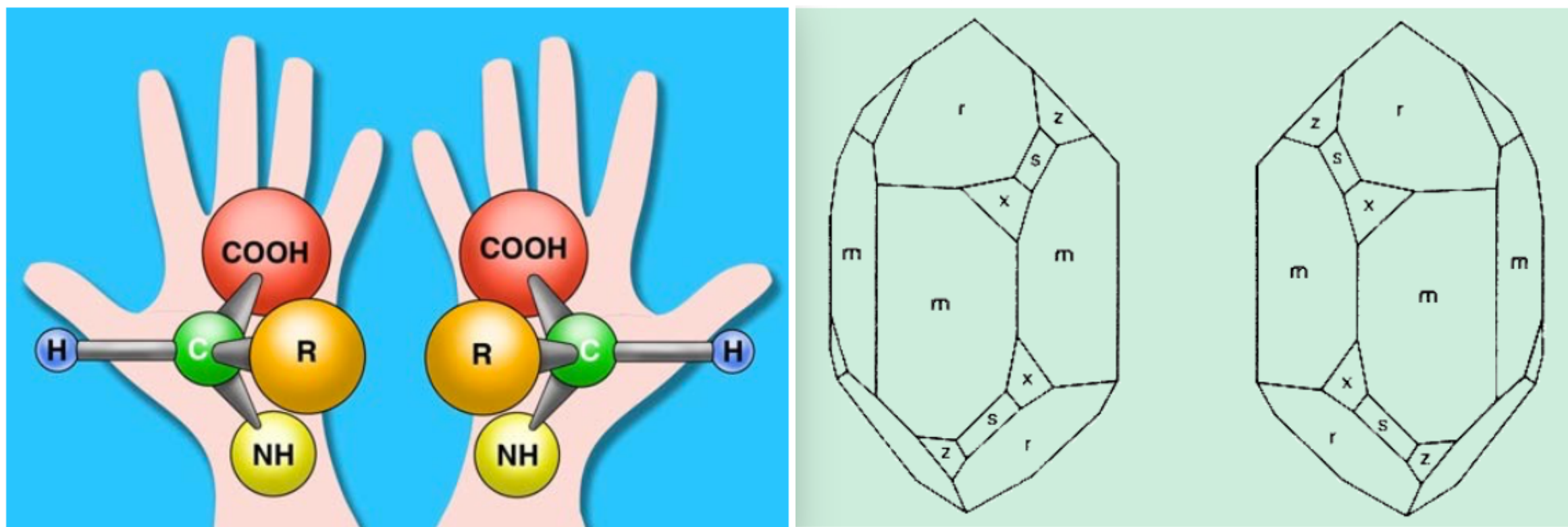




# Chirality and chiral objects

Lord Kelvin (1884) “I called any geometrical figure or group of points ‘chiral’ and say it has chirality if its image in a plane mirror ideally realized, cannot be brought to coincide with itself.”

A chiral molecule/object is non-superimposable on its mirror image.  
The mirror images of a chiral molecule/object are called enantiomers.



The term *chirality* is derived from the Greek word for hand,  $\chi\epsilon\iota\rho$  (kheir).

symmetry operations:

first kind ( $\det=+1$ ): does not change the chirality of a chiral object  
second kind ( $\det = -1$ ): change the chirality of a chiral object

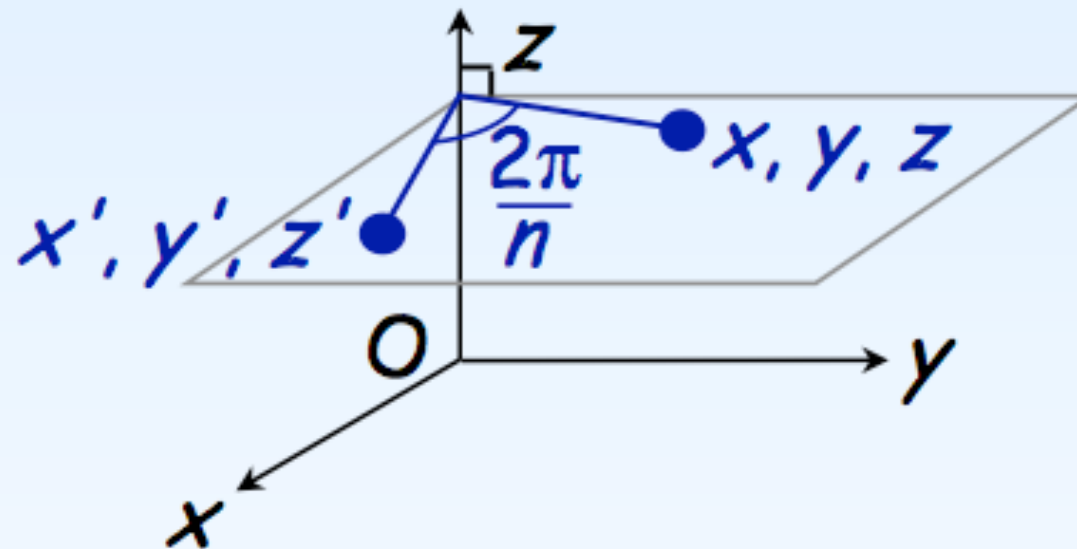
Symmetry groups of chiral objects:

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotations

**Rotation** (around an axis)

*Rotation of order  $n$  = rotation by  $\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{n}$*

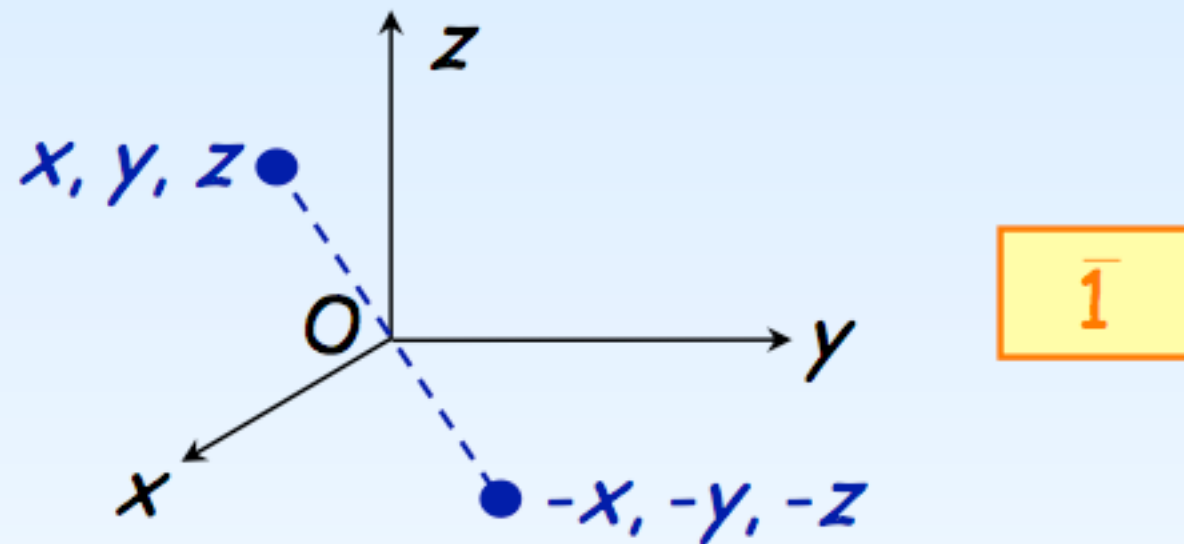


$$\alpha(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Det} = +1$$

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Inversion

**Inversion** (through a point)



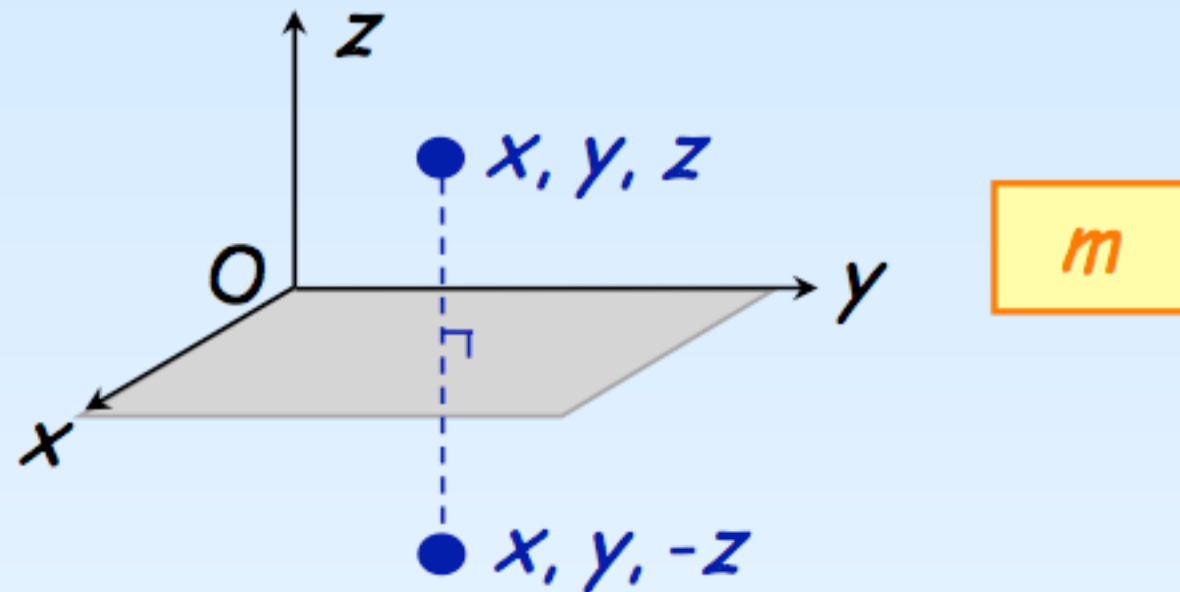
*a crystal which has the inversion symmetry is called **centrosymmetrical**.*

$$\alpha(\bar{1}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Det} = -1$$

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Reflection

Reflection (through a mirror plane)

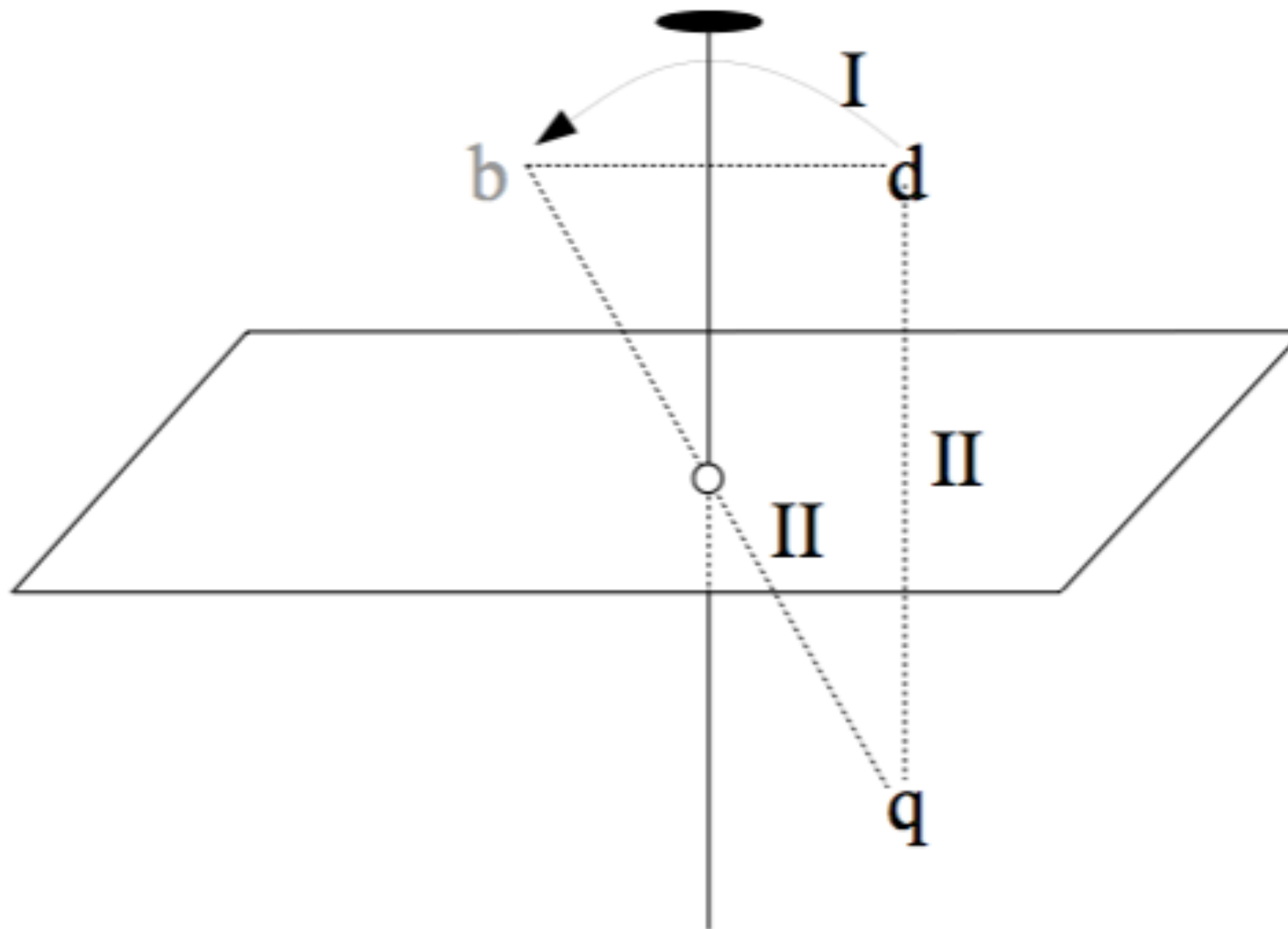


Note that:  $m = \bar{2}$  !

$$\alpha(\bar{1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} = -1$$

# Equivalence of $\bar{2}$ and $m$



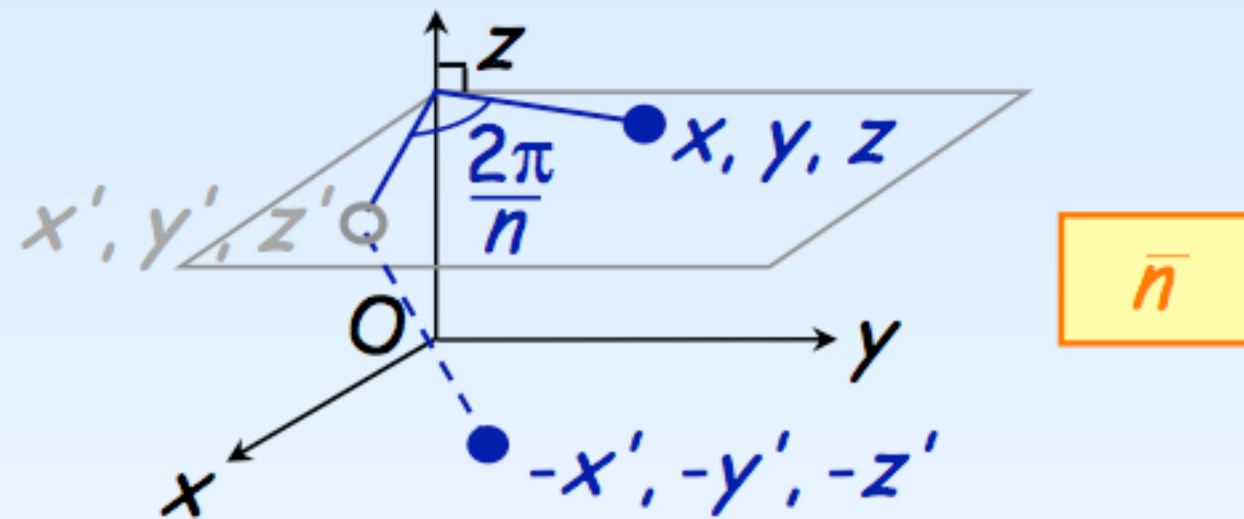
# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotoinversions

### Roto-inversion

(around an axis and through a point)

*Rotation followed by an inversion*



$$\alpha(\bar{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos\varphi & \sin\varphi & 0 \\ -\sin\varphi & -\cos\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Det} = -1$$

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

				Trigonal			
System used in this volume	Point group		Schoenflies symbol				
	International symbol						
	Short	Full					
Triclinic	1 $\bar{1}$	1 $\bar{1}$	$C_1$ $C_i(S_2)$				$C_3$ $C_{3i}(S_6)$ $D_3$
Monoclinic	2 $m$ $2/m$	2 $m$ $\frac{2}{m}$	$C_2$ $C_s(C_{1h})$ $C_{2h}$		$3m$	$3m$	$C_{3v}$
Orthorhombic	222 $mm2$ $mmm$	222 $mm2$ $\frac{2\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$D_2(V)$ $C_{2v}$ $D_{2h}(V_h)$		$\bar{3}m$	$\bar{3}\frac{2}{m}$	$D_{3d}$
Tetragonal	4 $\bar{4}$ $4/m$ 422 $4mm$ $\bar{4}2m$ $4/mmm$	4 $\bar{4}$ $\frac{4}{m}$ 422 $4mm$ $\bar{4}2m$ $\frac{4\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$C_4$ $S_4$ $C_{4h}$ $D_4$ $C_{4v}$ $D_{2d}(V_d)$ $D_{4h}$	Hexagonal	6 $\bar{6}$ $6/m$ 622 $6mm$ $\bar{6}2m$ $6/mmm$	6 $\bar{6}$ $\frac{6}{m}$ 622 $6mm$ $\bar{6}2m$ $\frac{6\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$C_6$ $C_{3h}$ $C_{6h}$ $D_6$ $C_{6v}$ $D_{3h}$ $D_{6h}$
				Cubic	23 $m\bar{3}$ 432 $\bar{4}3m$ $m\bar{3}m$	23 $\frac{2}{m}\bar{3}$ 432 $\bar{4}3m$ $\frac{4}{m}\bar{3}\frac{2}{m}$	$T$ $T_h$ $O$ $T_d$ $O_h$

*International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A*



# Hermann-Mauguin symbolism (International Tables A)

- symmetry elements along *primary, secondary* and *ternary **symmetry directions***
    - rotations:** by the axes of rotation
    - planes:** by the normals to the planes
  - **rotations/planes** along the same direction
  - **full/short** Hermann-Mauguin symbols
- 
- symmetry elements in decreasing order of symmetry (except for two cubic groups:  $23$  and  $m\bar{3}$ )



# Crystal systems and Crystallographic point groups

Crystal system	Crystallographic point groups†	Restrictions on cell parameters	primary	secondary	ternary
Triclinic	1, $\bar{1}$	None	None		
Monoclinic	2, $m$ , $2/m$	<i>b</i> -unique setting $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[010] ('unique axis <i>b</i> ')		
		<i>c</i> -unique setting $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$	[001] ('unique axis <i>c</i> ')		
Orthorhombic	222, $mm2$ , $mmm$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[100]	[010]	[001]
Tetragonal	4, $\bar{4}$ , $4/m$ 422, $4mm$ , $\bar{4}2m$ , $4/mmm$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [110] \end{array} \right\}$

# Crystal systems and Crystallographic point groups

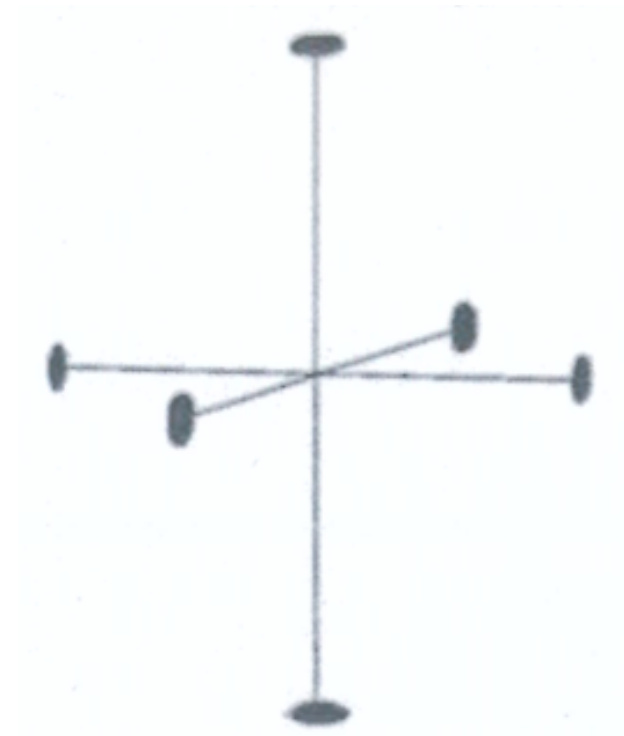
Crystal system	Crystallographic point groups†	Restrictions on cell parameters	primary	secondary	ternary
Trigonal	3, $\bar{3}$ 32, 3m, $\bar{3}m$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$ <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> $a = b = c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$ (rhombohedral axes, primitive cell)	[111]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [01\bar{1}] \\ [\bar{1}01] \end{array} \right\}$	
		$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$ (hexagonal axes, triple obverse cell)	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$	
Hexagonal	6, $\bar{6}$ , $6/m$ 622, 6mm, $\bar{6}2m$ , $6/mmm$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [120] \\ [\bar{2}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$
Cubic	23, $m\bar{3}$ 432, $\bar{4}3m$ , $m\bar{3}m$	$a = b = c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [001] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [111] \\ [1\bar{1}\bar{1}] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}1] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [1\bar{1}0] & [110] \\ [01\bar{1}] & [011] \\ [\bar{1}01] & [101] \end{array} \right\}$

# Rotation Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

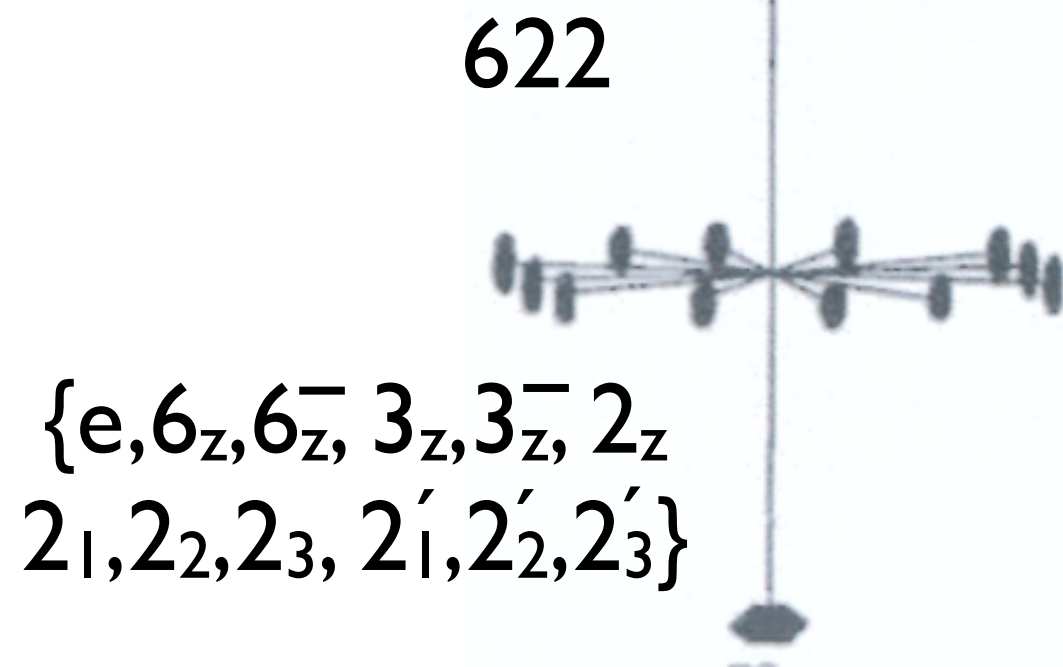
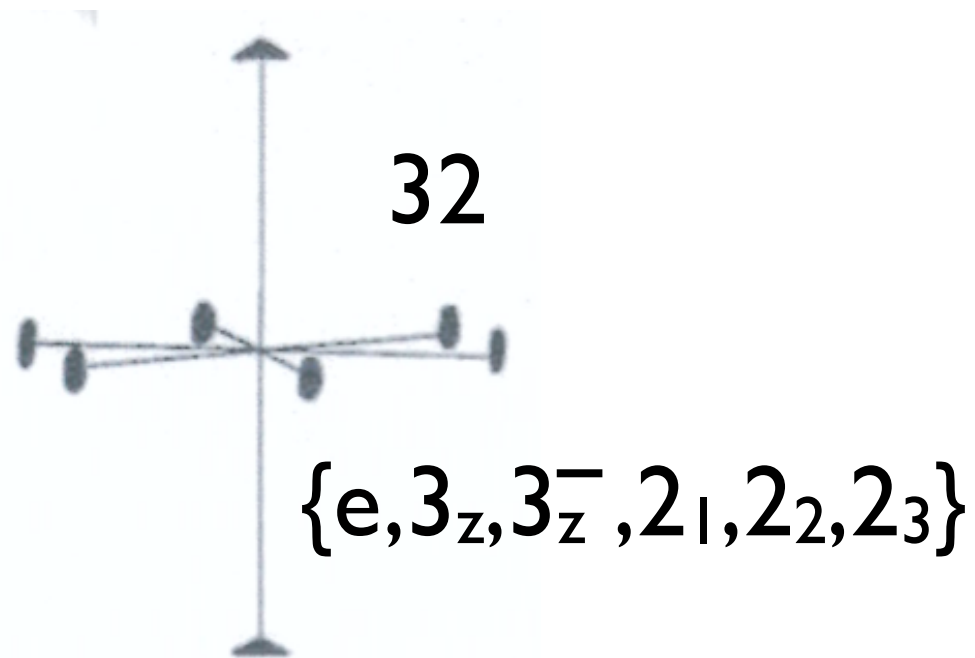
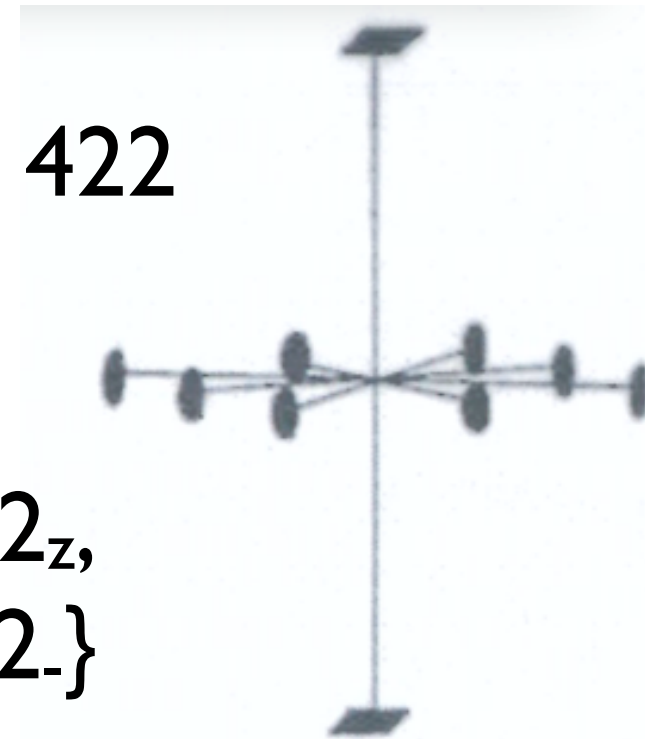
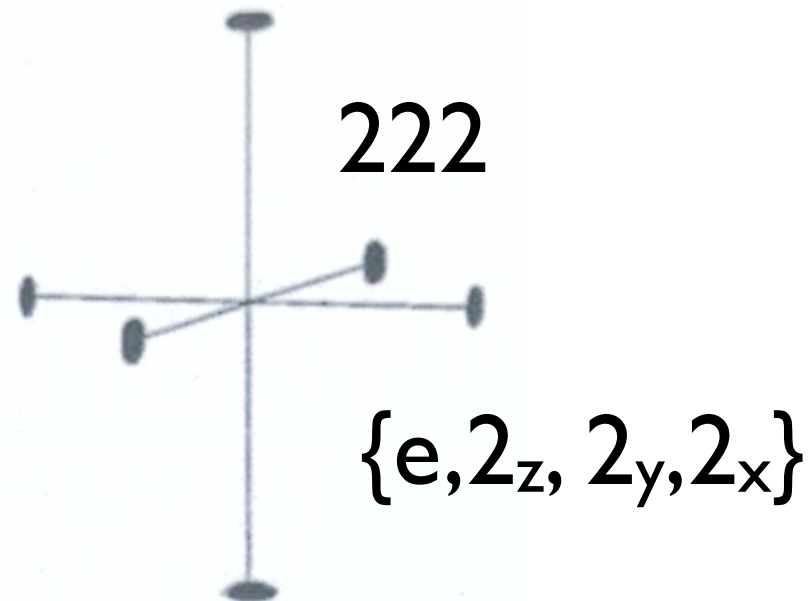
Cyclic: 1 ( $C_1$ ), 2 ( $C_2$ ), 3 ( $C_3$ ), 4 ( $C_4$ ), 6 ( $C_6$ )

Dihedral: 222 ( $D_2$ ), 32 ( $D_3$ ), 422 ( $D_4$ ), 622 ( $D_6$ )

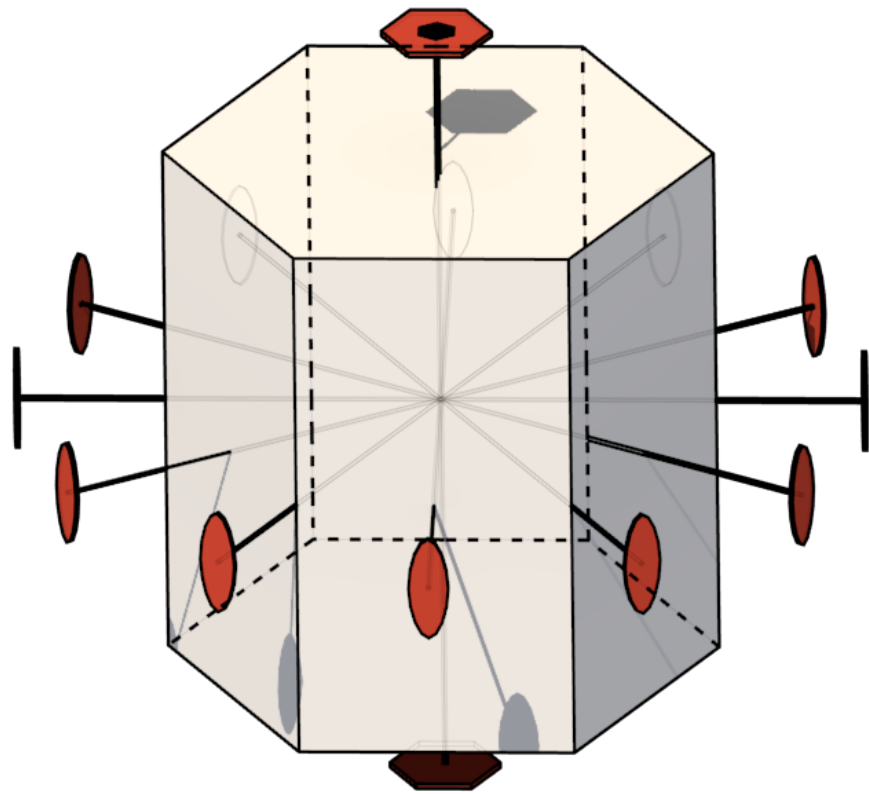
Cubic: 23 ( $T$ ), 432 ( $O$ )



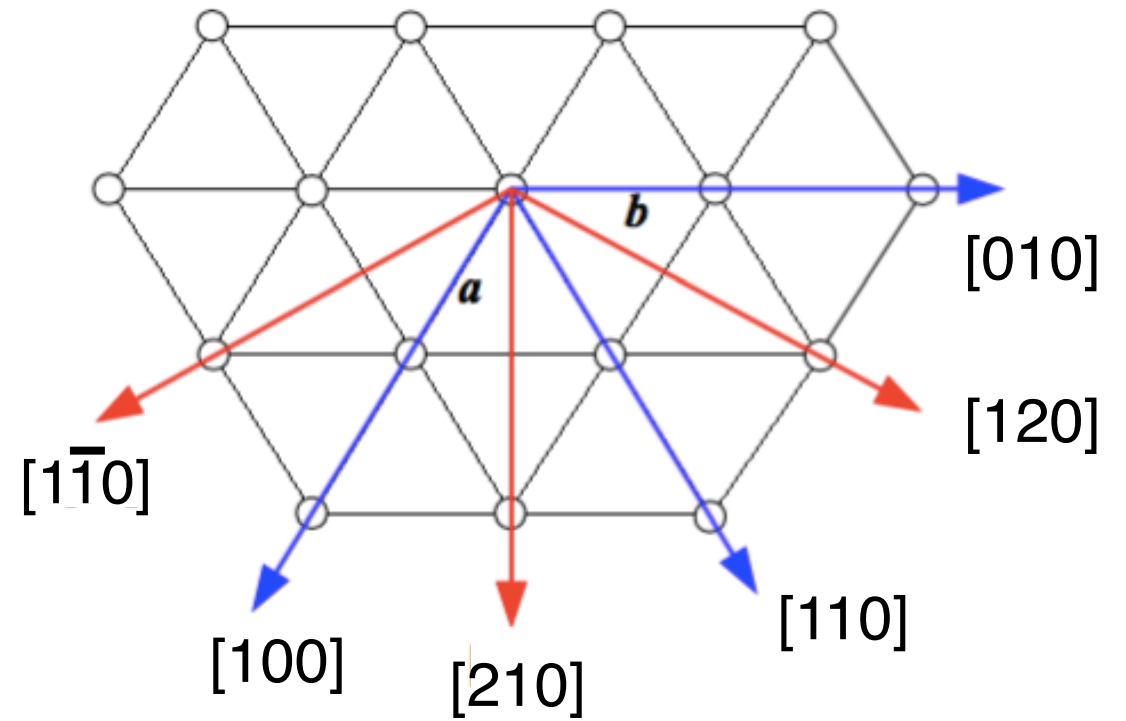
# Dihedral Point Groups



622 ( $D_6$ )



regular  
hexagonal prism



1

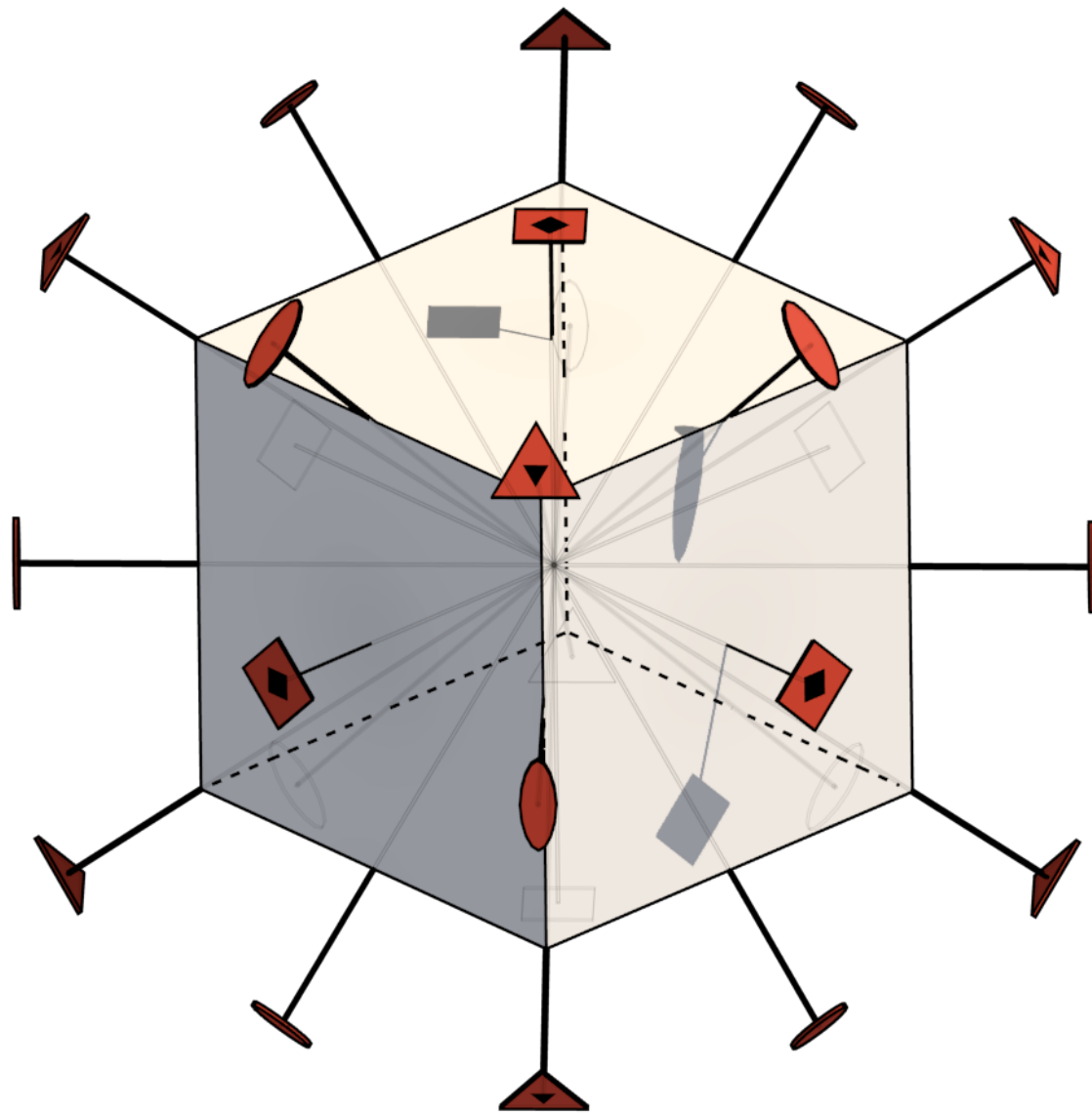
$6_{001}, 6_{00\bar{1}}, 3_{001}, 3_{00\bar{1}}, 2_{001}$

$2_{100}, 2_{010}, 2_{110},$

$2_{1\bar{1}0}, 2_{210}, 2_{120}$

# Cubic Rotational Point Groups

432(O)

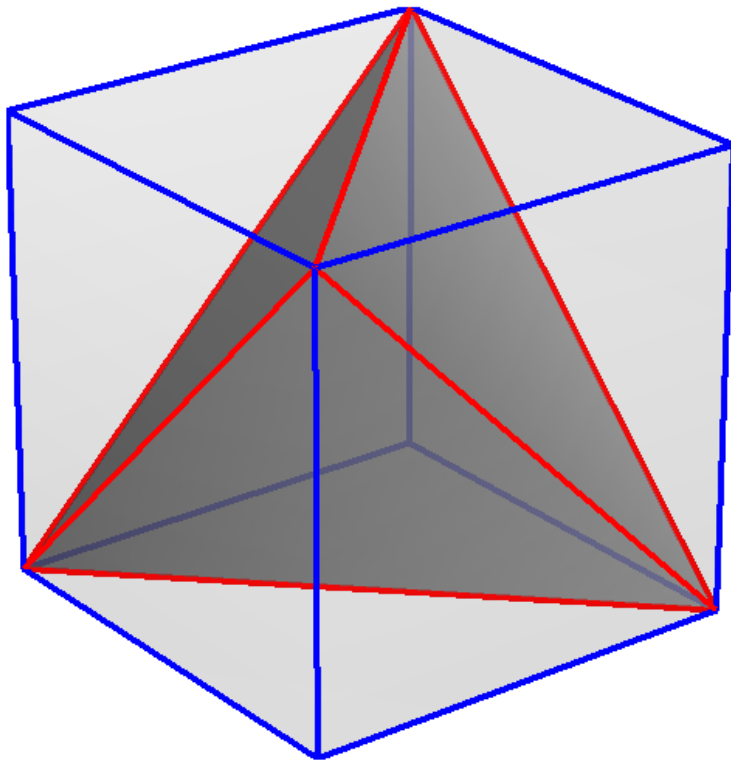


Cube

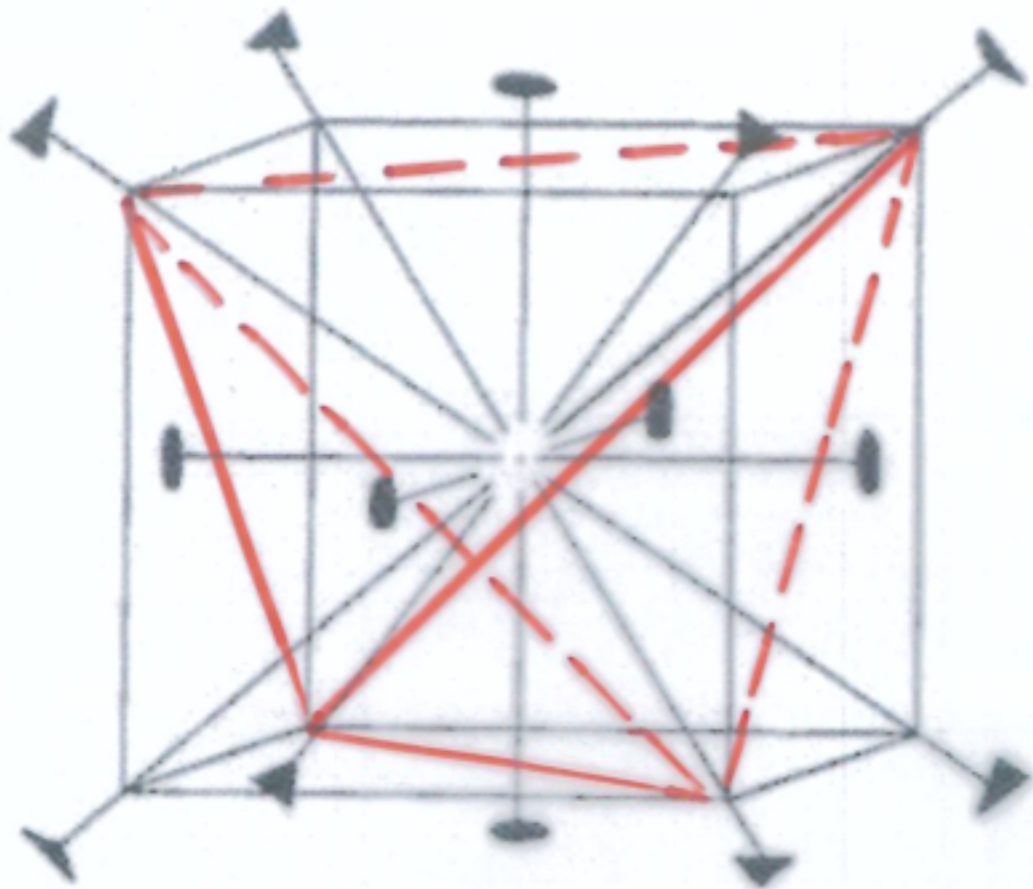
1  
 $4_{100}, 4_{\bar{1}00}, 4_{010}, 4_{\bar{0}10}, 4_{001}, 4_{\bar{0}01}$   
 $2_{100}, 2_{010}, 2_{001}$   
 $3_{111}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}}, 3_{1\bar{1}\bar{1}}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}1}$   
 $3_{1\bar{1}1}, 3_{\bar{1}1\bar{1}}, 3_{11\bar{1}}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}1}$   
 $2_{1\bar{1}0}, 2_{\bar{1}10}, 2_{01\bar{1}}, 2_{0\bar{1}1}, 2_{\bar{1}01}, 2_{10\bar{1}}$

23 (T)

# Cubic Rotational Point Groups



regular tetrahedron



1

$2_{100}, 2_{010}, 2_{001}$

$3_{111}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}}, 3_{1\bar{1}\bar{1}}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}1}$

$3_{11\bar{1}}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}1}, 3_{1\bar{1}\bar{1}}, 3_{\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}}$

## Centro-symmetrical groups

$G_1$ : rotational groups     $G_2 = \{I, \bar{I}\}$  group of inversion

$$G_1 \otimes \{I, \bar{I}\} = G_1 + \bar{I}.G_1$$

2/m

$$\begin{aligned} & \{1, 2_{001}\} \otimes \{I, \bar{I}\} = \\ & \{1.1, 2_{001}.1, 1.\bar{I}, 2_{001}.\bar{I}\} \\ & \{1, 2_{001}, \bar{I}, m_{001} = 2/m\} \end{aligned}$$

mmm

$$\begin{aligned} & \{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}\} \otimes \{I, \bar{I}\} = \\ & \{1.1, 2_{001}.1, m_{100}.1, m_{010}.1, 1.\bar{I}, 2_{001}.\bar{I}, m_{100}.\bar{I}, m_{010}.\bar{I}\} \\ & \{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}, \bar{I}, m_{001}, 2_{100}, 2_{010}\} = 2/m 2/m 2/m \text{ or } mmm \end{aligned}$$



# Direct-product groups

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two groups. The set of all pairs  $\{(g_1, g_2), g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2\}$  forms a group  $G_1 \otimes G_2$  with respect to the product:  $(g_1, g_2)(g'_1, g'_2) = (g_1 g'_1, g_2 g'_2)$ .

The group  $G = G_1 \otimes G_2$  is called a **direct-product** group

Point group **mm2** =  $\{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}\}$

$$G_1 = \{1, 2_{001}\} \quad G_2 = \{1, m_{100}\}$$

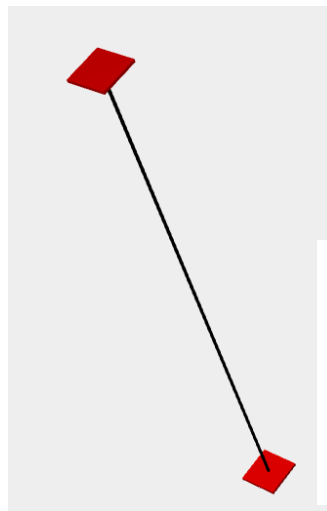
$$G_1 \otimes G_2 = \{1.1, 2_{001}.1, 1.m_{100}, 2_{001}m_{100} = m_{010}\}$$

# Crystallographic Point Groups

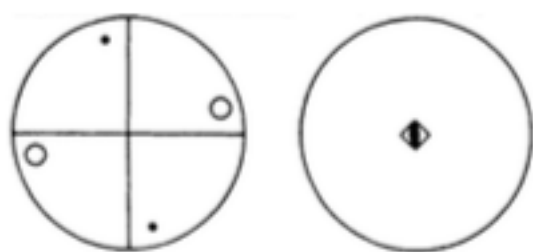
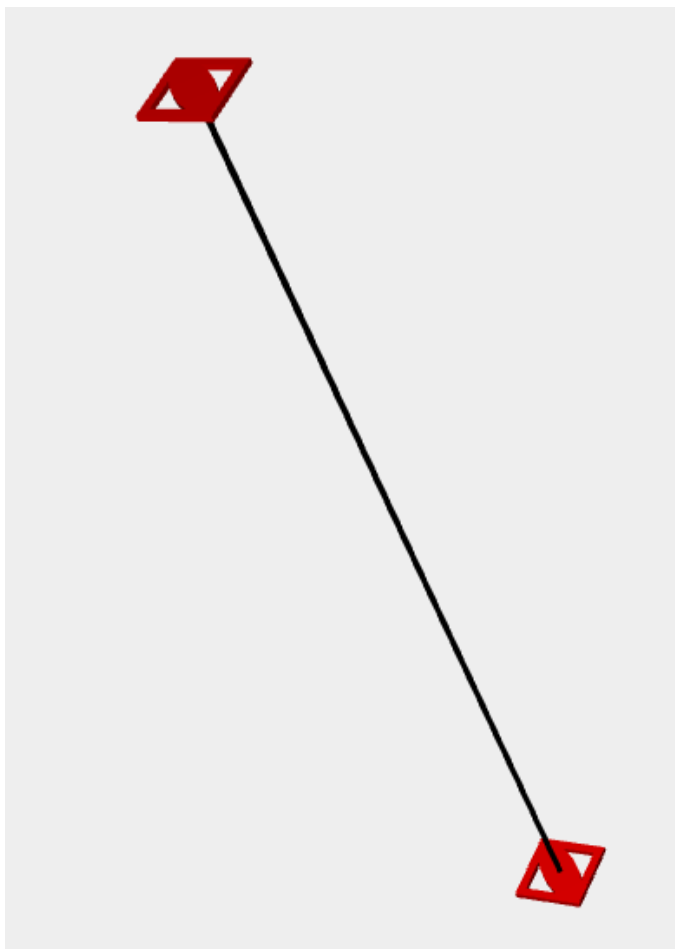
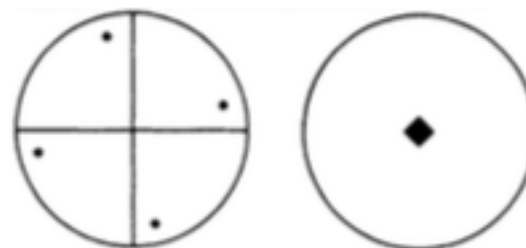
G	$G+\bar{1}G$	$G(G')$	$G'+\bar{1}(G-G')$
1 ( $C_1$ )	$1+\bar{1}.1=\bar{1}$ ( $C_i$ )	----	-----
2 ( $C_2$ )	$2+\bar{1}.2=2/m$ ( $C_{2h}$ )	2(1)	m ( $C_s$ )
3 ( $C_3$ )	$3+\bar{1}.3=\bar{3}$ ( $C_{3i}$ or $S_6$ )	----	-----
4 ( $C_4$ )	$4+\bar{1}.4=4/m$ ( $C_{4h}$ )	4(2)	$\bar{4}$ ( $S_4$ )
6 ( $C_6$ )	$6+\bar{1}.6=6/m$ ( $C_{6h}$ )	6(3)	$\bar{6}$ ( $C_{3h}$ )

Problem 1.6.1.12

Show that the symmetry operations of the point groups  $\bar{6}$  and  $3/m$  are identical

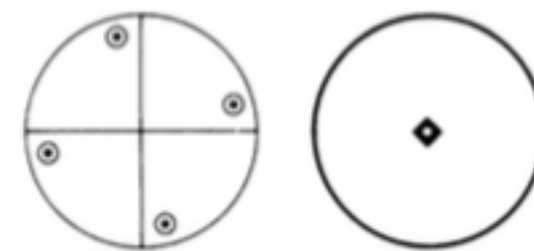
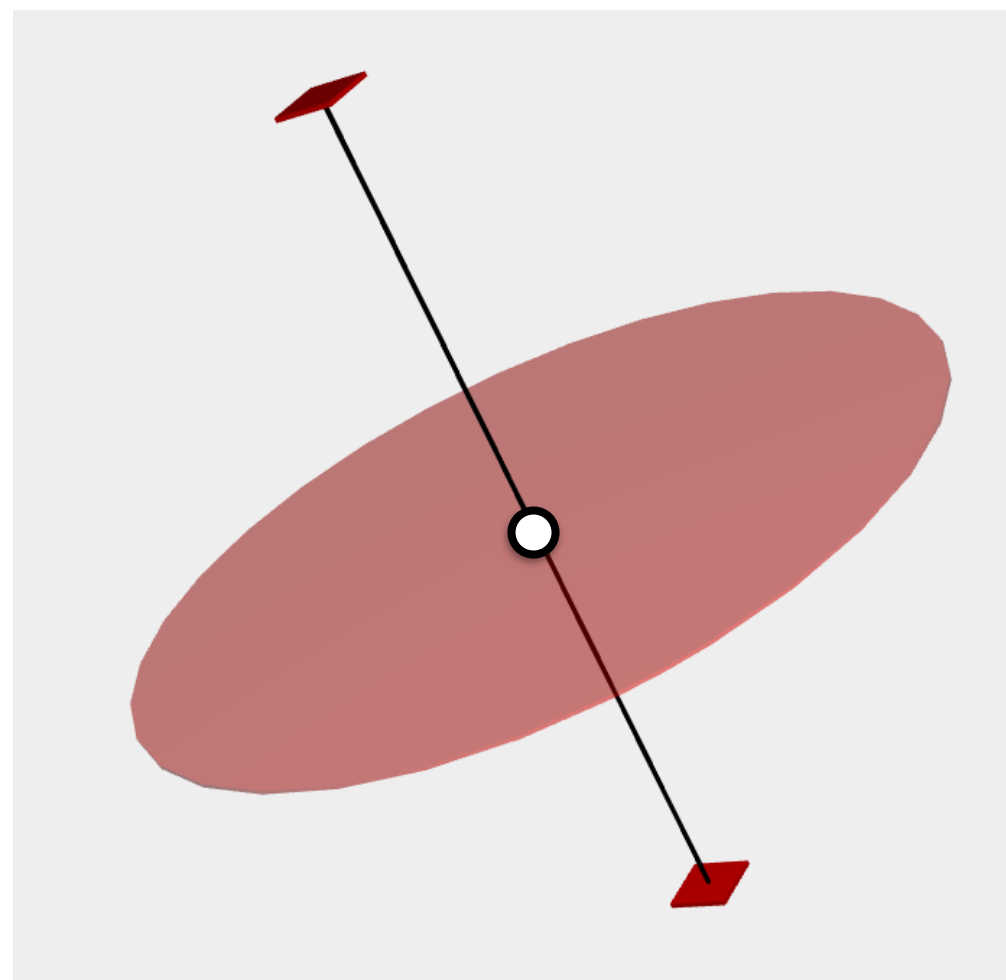


4 ( $C_4$ )



4(2)

$\bar{4}$  ( $S_4$ )

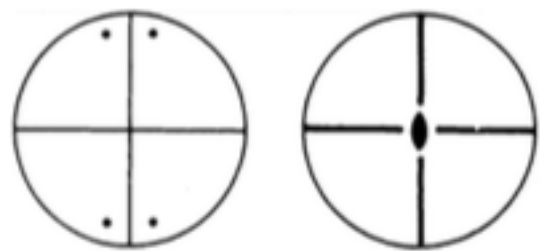
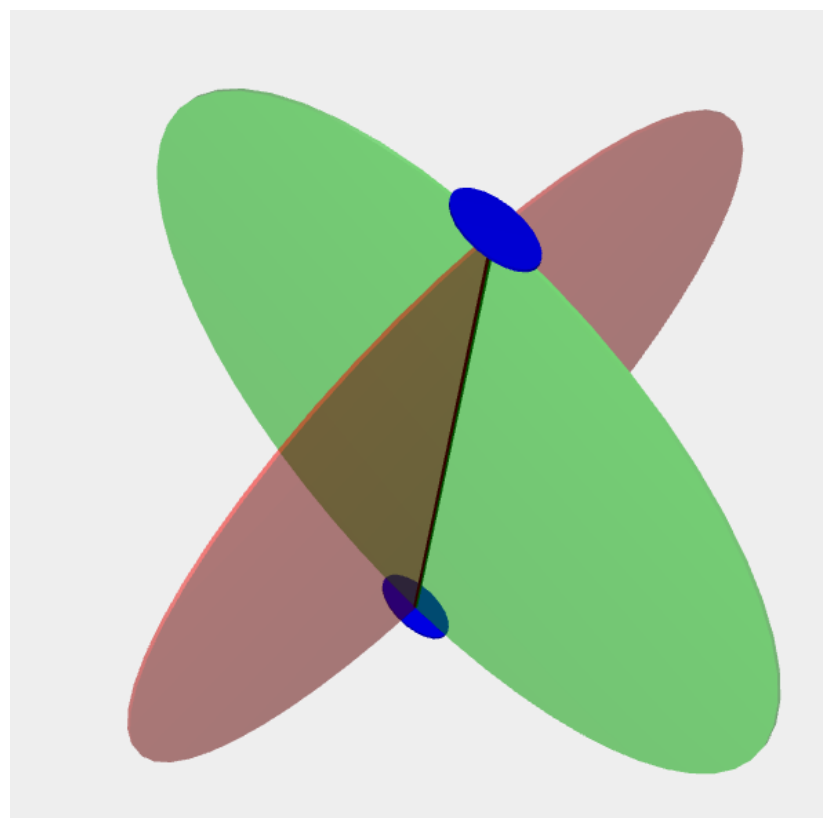
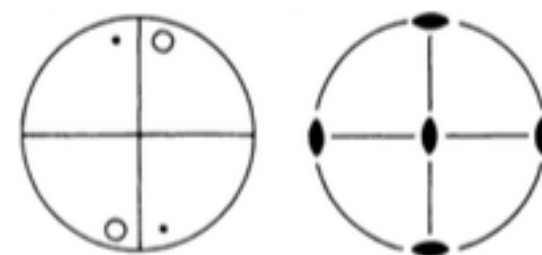
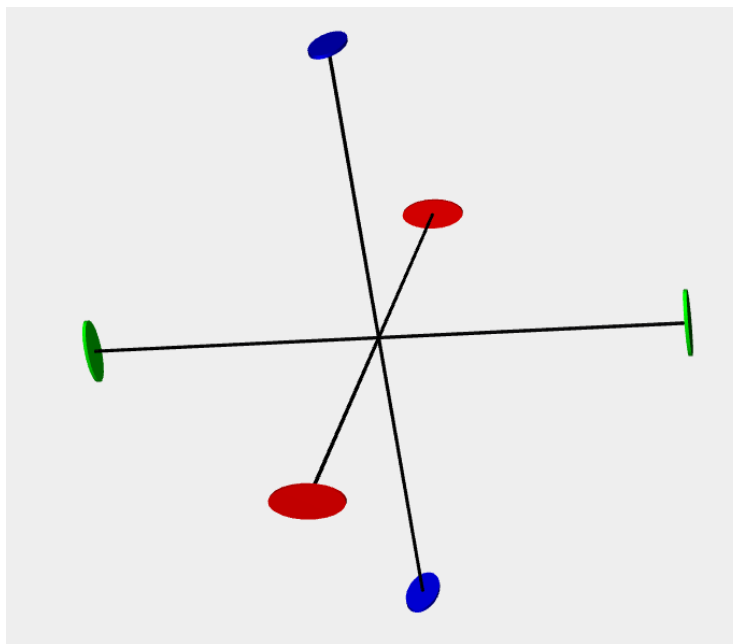


$4 + \bar{1}.4 = 4/m$  ( $C_{4h}$ )

# Crystallographic Point Groups

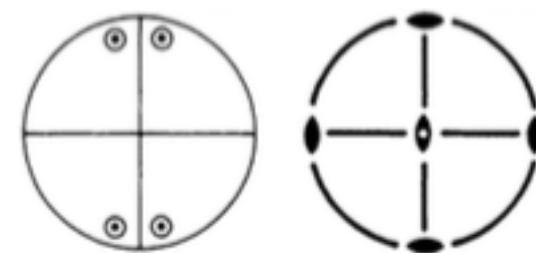
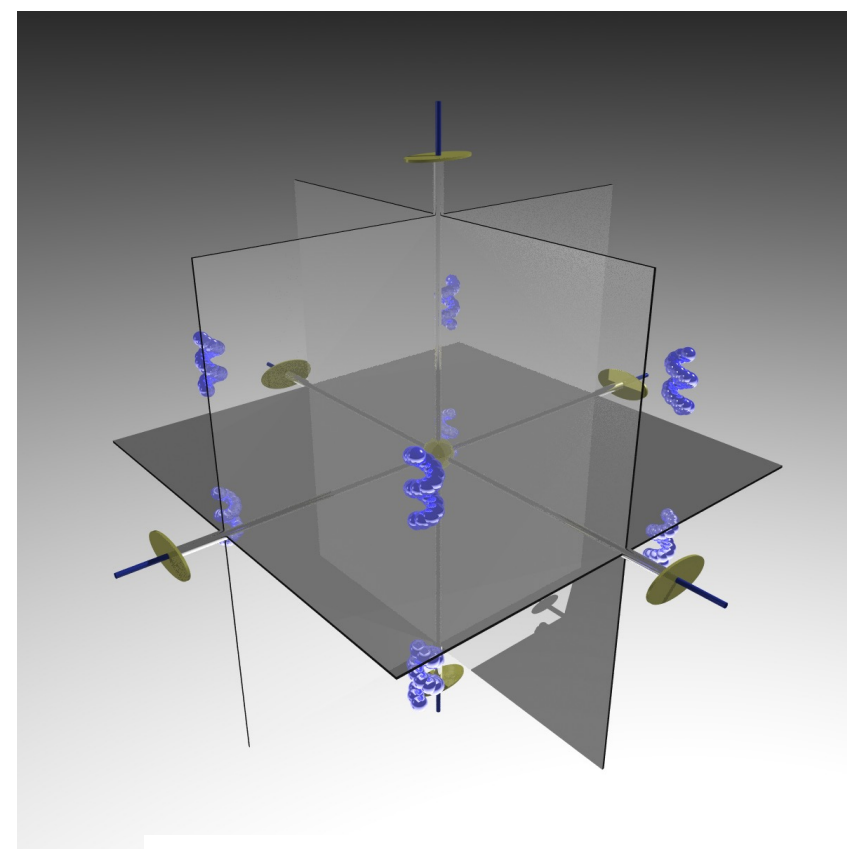
G	$G + \bar{1}G$	$G(G')$	$G' + \bar{1}(G - G')$
222 ( $D_2$ )	$222 + \bar{1}.222 = 2/m2/m2/m$ $mmm (D_{2h})$	222(2)	2mm ( $C_{2v}$ )
32 ( $D_3$ )	$32 + \bar{1}.32 = \bar{3}2/m$ $\bar{3}m (D_{3d})$	32(3)	3m ( $C_{3v}$ )
422 ( $D_4$ )	$422 + \bar{1}.422 = 4/m2/m2/m$ $4/mmm (D_{4h})$	422(4) 422(222)	4mm ( $C_{4v}$ ) $\bar{4}2m (D_{2d})$
622 ( $D_6$ )	$622 + \bar{1}.622 = 6/m2/m2/m$ $6/mmm (D_{6h})$	622(6) 622(32)	6mm ( $C_{6v}$ ) $\bar{6}2m (D_{3h})$
23 (T)	$23 + \bar{1}.23 = 2/m\bar{3}$ $m\bar{3} (T_h)$	----	----
432 (O)	$432 + \bar{1}.432 = 4/m\bar{3}2/m$ $m\bar{3}m (O_h)$	432(23)	$\bar{4}3m (T_d)$

222 ( $D_2$ )



222(2)

2mm ( $C_{2v}$ )

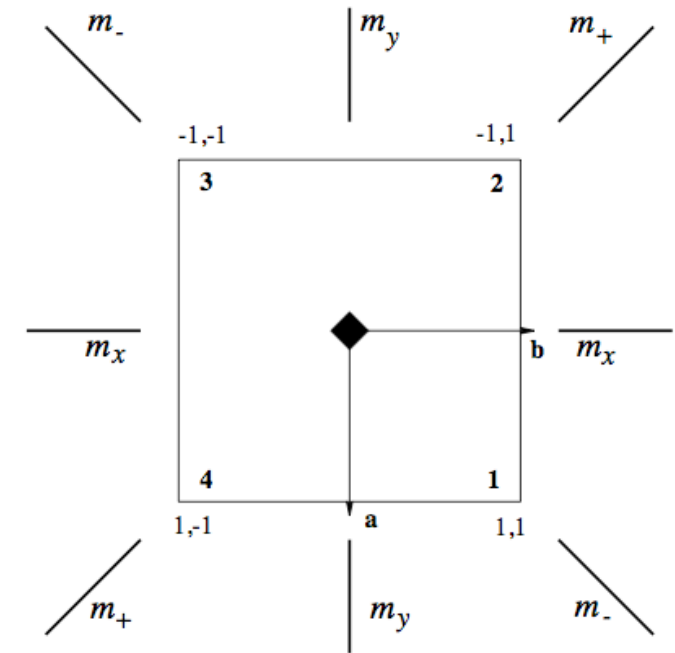


$222 + \bar{1} \cdot 222 = 2/m2/m2/m$   
 $mmm$  ( $D_{2h}$ )

# Crystallographic Point Groups

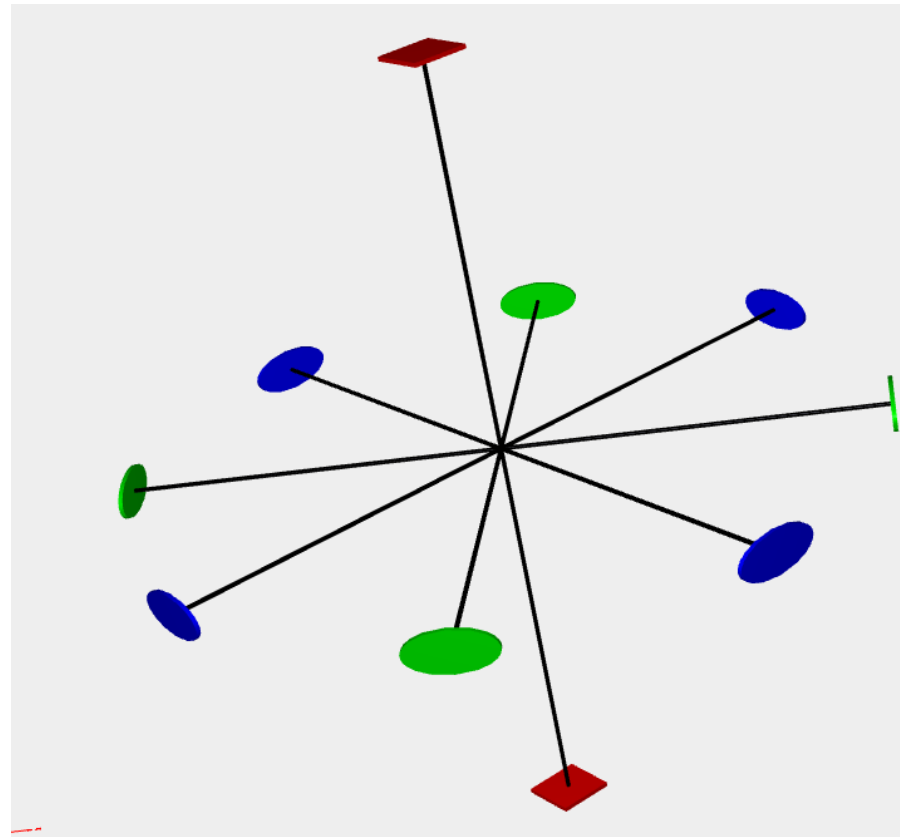
## Groups isomorphic to 422

422	e	$4_z$	$4_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_x$	$2_y$	$2+2-$
4mm	e	$4_z$	$4_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$m+m-$
$\bar{4}2m$	e	$\bar{4}_z$	$\bar{4}_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_x$	$2_y$	$m+m-$
$\bar{4}m2$	e	$\bar{4}_z$	$\bar{4}_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$2+2-$

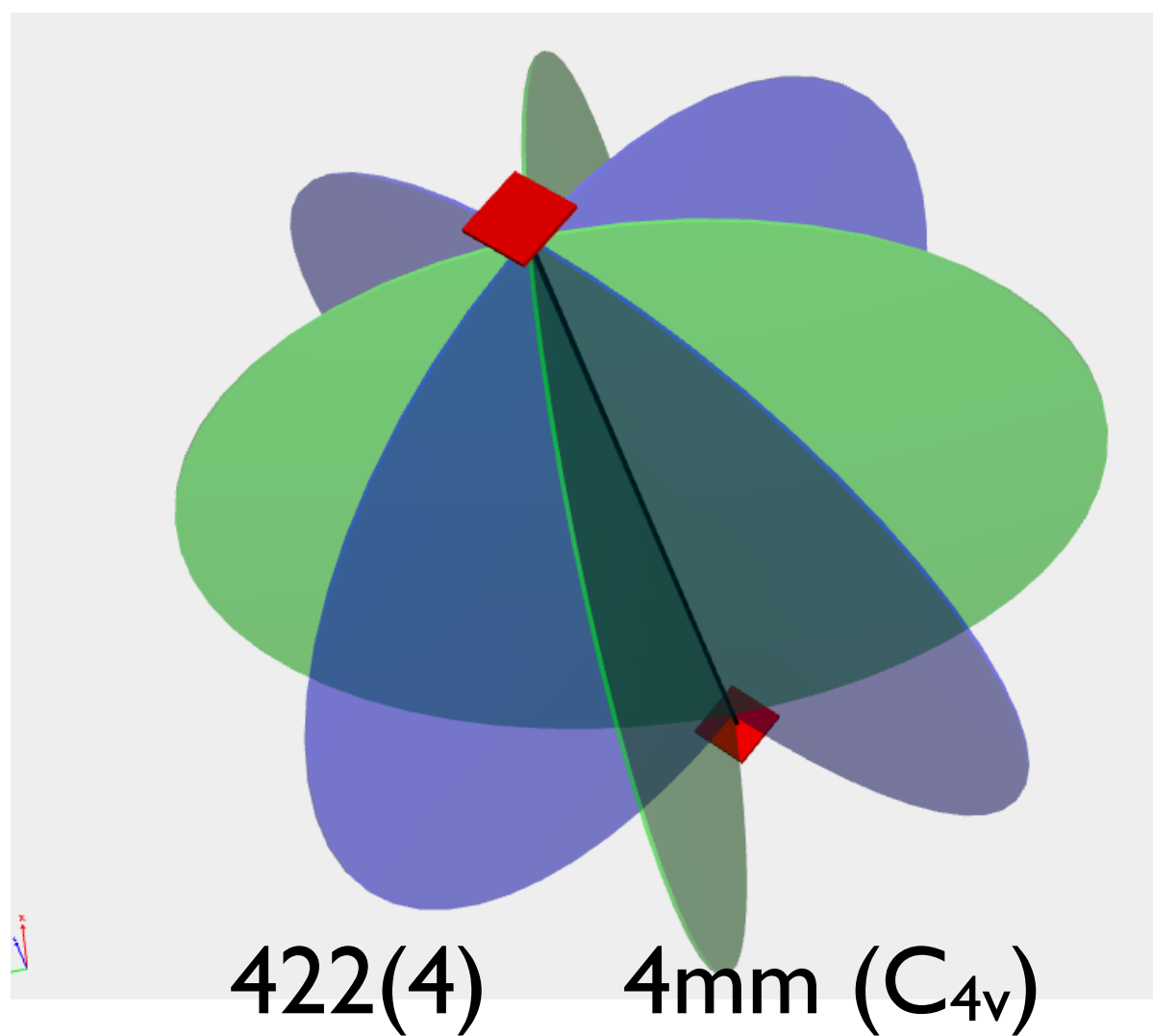


## Groups isomorphic to 622

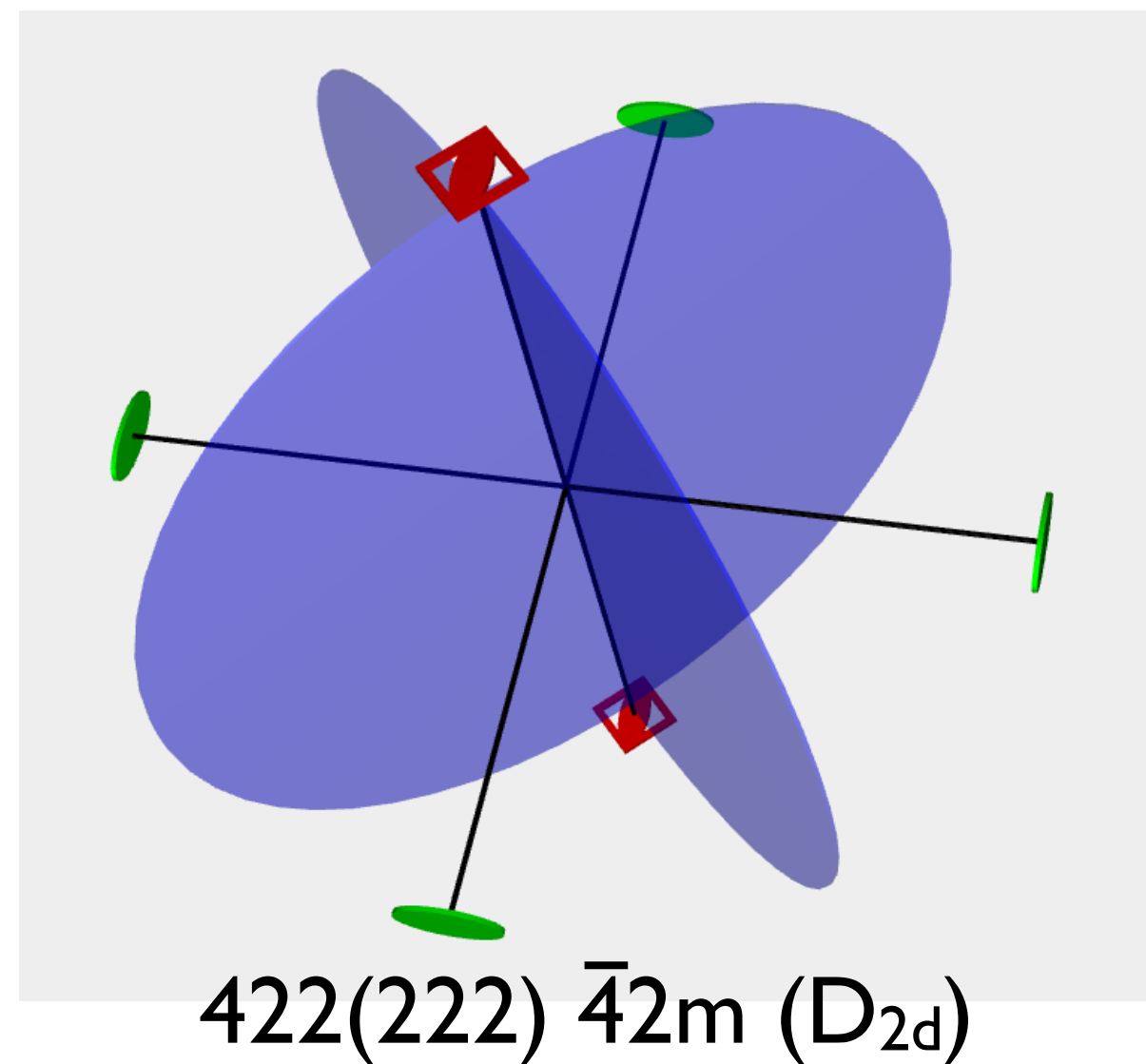
622	e	$6_z$	$6_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_1 2_2 2_3$	$2'_1 2'_2 2'_3$
6mm	e	$6_z$	$6_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_1 m_2 m_3$	$m'_1 m'_2 m'_3$
$\bar{6}2m$	e	$\bar{6}_z$	$\bar{6}_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$m_z$	$2_1 2_2 2_3$	$m'_1 m'_2 m'_3$
$\bar{6}m2$	e	$\bar{6}_z$	$\bar{6}_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$m_z$	$m_1 m_2 m_3$	$2'_1 2'_2 2'_3$



422 ( $D_4$ )



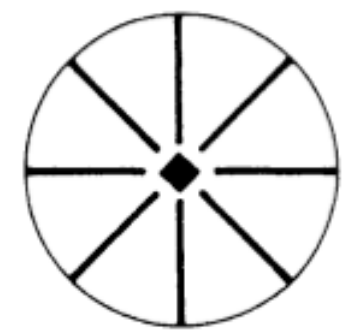
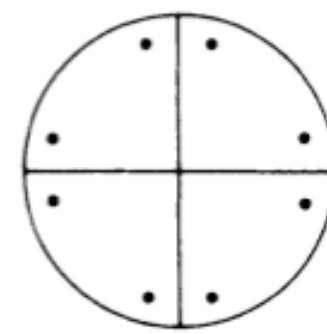
422(4) 4mm ( $C_{4v}$ )



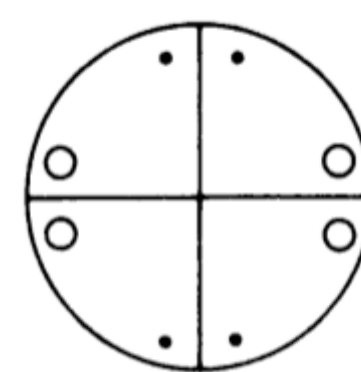
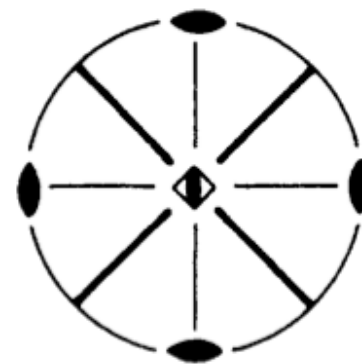
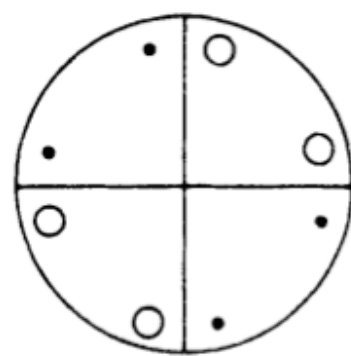
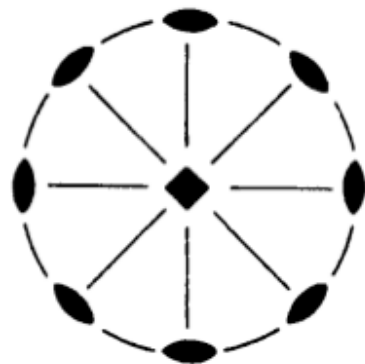
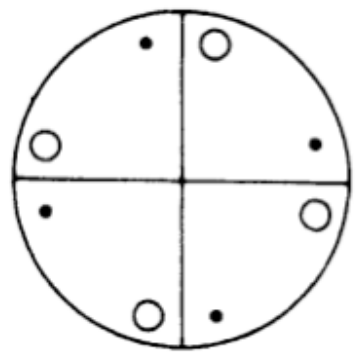
422(222)  $\bar{4}2m$  ( $D_{2d}$ )

# Problem 1.6.1.13

**4mm**



Consider the following three pairs of stereographic projections. Each of them correspond to a crystallographic point group isomorphic to **4mm**:



- (i) Determine those point groups by indicating their symbols, symmetry operations and possible sets of generators;
- (ii) Construct the corresponding multiplication tables;
- (iii) For each of the isomorphic point groups indicate the one-to-one correspondence with the symmetry operations of **4mm**.



# GENERATION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS

# Generation of point groups

Crystallographic groups are **solvable** groups

**Composition series:**  $I \triangleleft Z_2 \triangleleft Z_3 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G$   
index 2 or 3

**Set of generators** of a group is a set of group elements such that each element of the group can be obtained as an ordered product of the generators

$$W = (g_h)^{k_h} * (g_{h-1})^{k_{h-1}} * \dots * (g_2)^{k_2} * g_1$$

$g_1$  - identity

$g_2, g_3, \dots$  - generate the rest of elements

# Example

## Generation of the group of the square

**Composition series:**  $I \triangleleft_{[2]}^{2_z} \mathbf{2} \triangleleft_{[2]}^{4_z} \mathbf{4} \triangleleft_{[2]}^{m_x} \mathbf{4mm}$

Step 1:

$$I = \{1\}$$

Step 2:

$$\mathbf{2} = \{1\} + 2_z \{1\}$$

Step 3:

$$\mathbf{4} = \{1, 2\} + 4_z \{1, 2\}$$

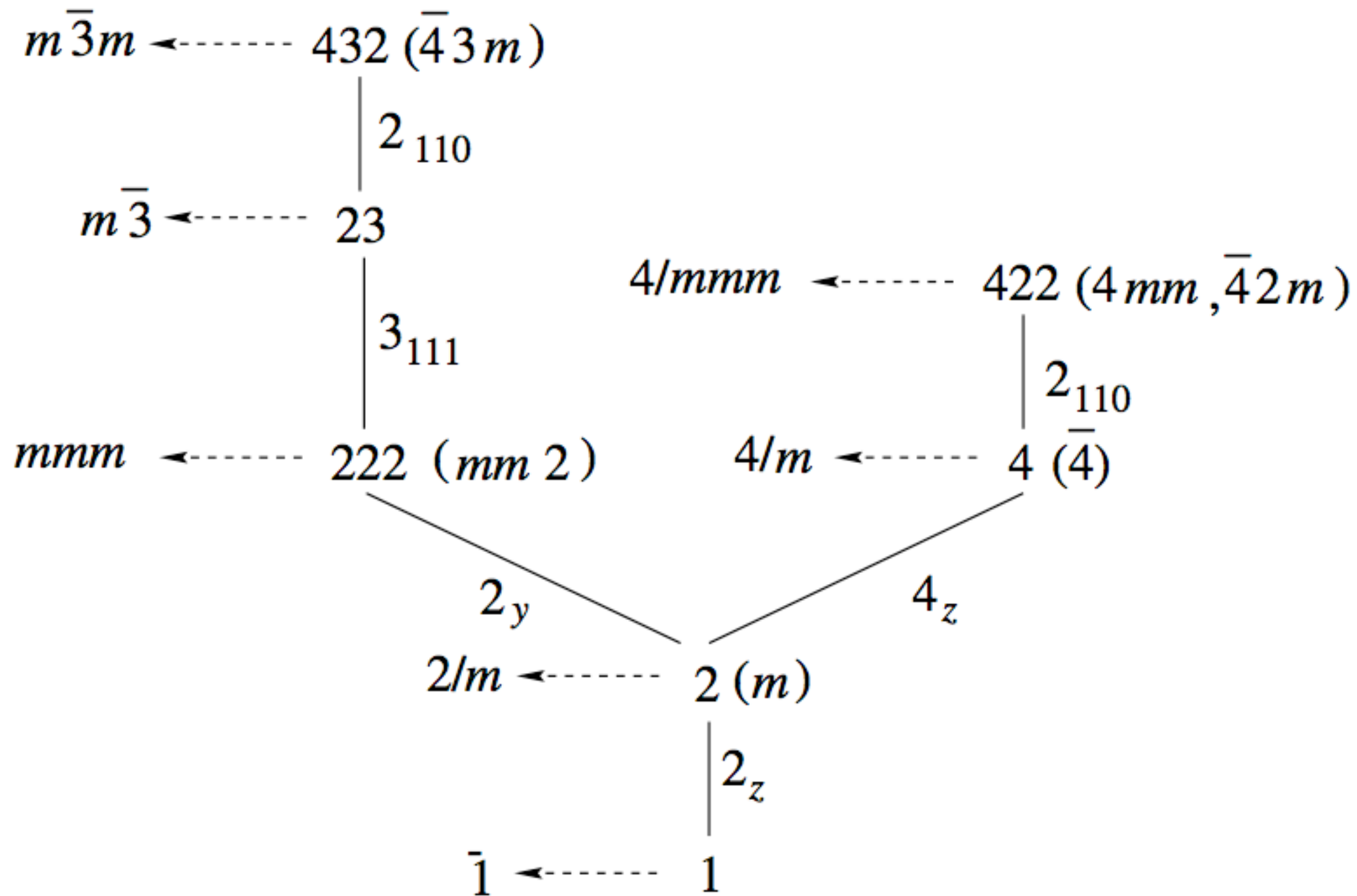
Step 4:

$$\mathbf{4mm} = \mathbf{4} + m_x \mathbf{4}$$

	1	2	4	$4^{-1}$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$
1	1	2	4	$4^{-1}$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$
2	2	1	$4^{-1}$	4	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_+$
4	4	$4^{-1}$	2	1	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_x$
$4^{-1}$	$4^{-1}$	4	1	2	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_y$
$m_x$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$m_-$	$m_+$	1	$4^{-1}$	2	4
$m_+$	$m_+$	$m_-$	$m_x$	$m_y$	4	1	$4^{-1}$	2
$m_y$	$m_y$	$m_x$	$m_+$	$m_-$	2	4	1	$4^{-1}$
$m_-$	$m_-$	$m_+$	$m_y$	$m_x$	$4^{-1}$	2	4	1

Multiplication table of  $4mm$

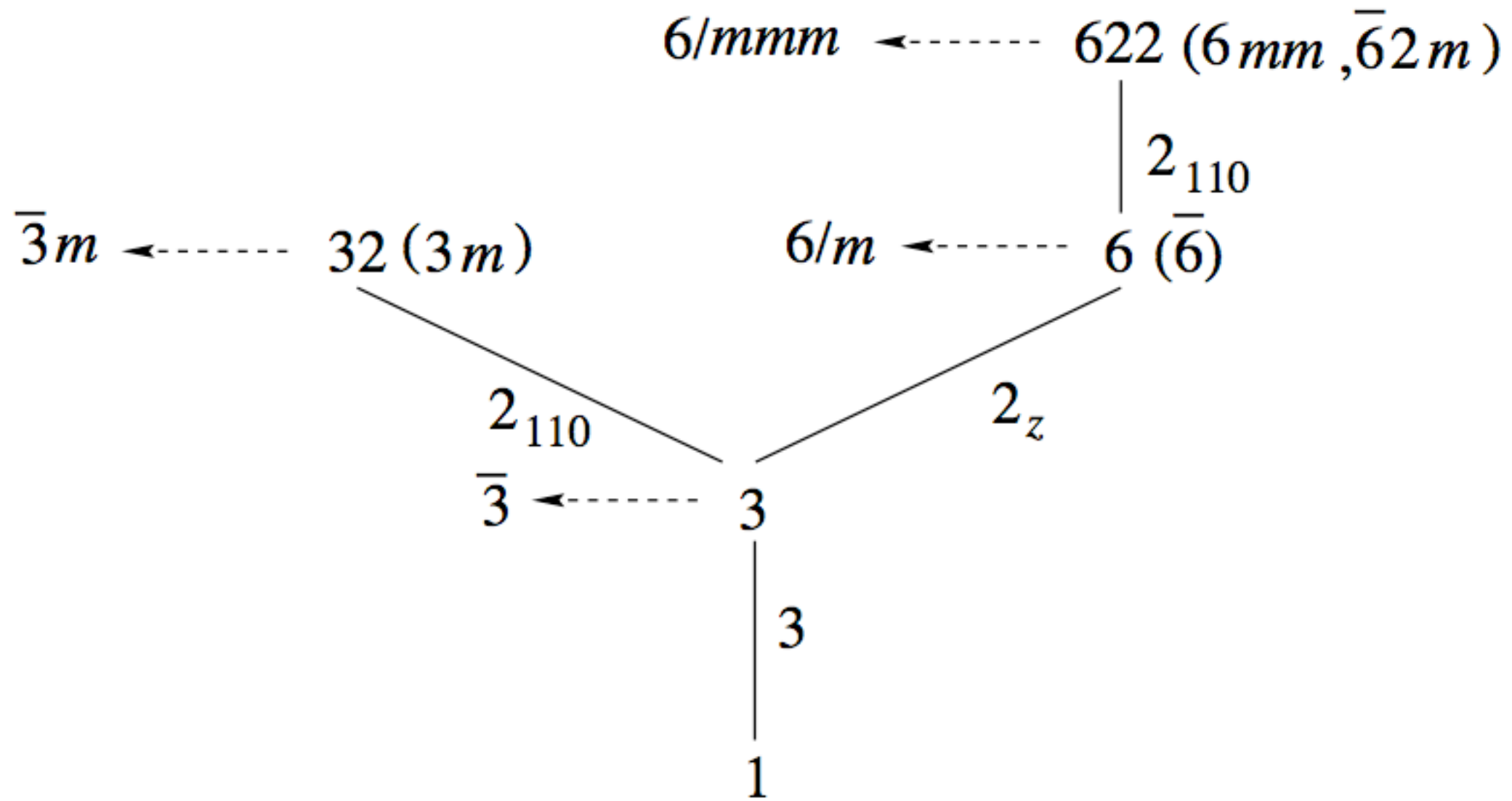
# Generation of sub-cubic point groups



# Composition series of cubic point groups and their subgroups

HM Symbol	SchoeSy	generators	compos. series
1	$C_1$	1	1
$\bar{1}$	$C_i$	1, $\bar{1}$	$\bar{1} \triangleright 1$
2	$C_2$	1, 2	$2 \triangleright 1$
$m$	$C_s$	1, $m$	$m \triangleright 1$
$2/m$	$C_{2h}$	1, 2, $\bar{1}$	$2/m \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
222	$D_2$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$	$222 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$mm2$	$C_{2v}$	1, $2_z$ , $m_y$	$mm2 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$mmm$	$D_{2h}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $\bar{1}$	$mmm \triangleright 222 \triangleright \dots$
4	$C_4$	1, $2_z$ , 4	$4 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{4}$	$S_4$	1, $2_z$ , $\bar{4}$	$\bar{4} \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$4/m$	$C_{4h}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $\bar{1}$	$4/m \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
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422	$D_4$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $2_y$	$422 \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
$4mm$	$C_{4v}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $m_y$	$4mm \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{4}2m$	$D_{2d}$	1, $2_z$ , $\bar{4}$ , $2_y$	$\bar{4}2m \triangleright \bar{4} \triangleright \dots$
$4/mmm$	$D_{4h}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $2_y$ , $\bar{1}$	$4/mmm \triangleright 422 \triangleright \dots$
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23	$\mathcal{T}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$	$23 \triangleright 222 \triangleright \dots$
$m\bar{3}$	$\mathcal{T}_h$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}, \bar{1}$	$m\bar{3} \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
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432	$\mathcal{O}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $2_{110}$	$432 \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{4}3m$	$\mathcal{T}_d$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $m_{1\bar{1}0}$	$\bar{4}3m \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
$m\bar{3}m$	$\mathcal{O}_h$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $2_{110}$ , $\bar{1}$	$m\bar{3}m \triangleright 432 \triangleright \dots$

# Generation of sub-hexagonal point groups



# Composition series of hexagonal point groups and their subgroups

HM Symbol	SchoeSy	generators	compos. series
1	$\mathcal{C}_1$	1	1
3	$\mathcal{C}_3$	1, 3	$3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{3}$	$\mathcal{S}_6$	1, 3, $\bar{1}$	$\bar{3} \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
.....			
32	$\mathcal{D}_3$	1, 3, $2_{110}$	$32 \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$3m$	$\mathcal{C}_{3v}$	1, 3, $m_{110}$	$3m \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{3}m$	$\mathcal{D}_{3d}$	1, 3, $2_{110}, \bar{1}$	$\bar{3}m \triangleright 32 \triangleright \dots$
.....			
6	$\mathcal{C}_6$	1, 3, $2_z$	$6 \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{6}$	$\mathcal{C}_{3h}$	1, 3, $m_z$	$\bar{6} \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$6/m$	$\mathcal{C}_{6h}$	1, 2, $2_z, \bar{1}$	$6/m \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
.....			
622	$\mathcal{D}_6$	1, 3, $2_z, 2_{110}$	$622 \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
$6mm$	$\mathcal{C}_{6v}$	1, 3, $2_z, m_{110}$	$6mm \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{6}2m$	$\mathcal{D}_{3h}$	1, 3, $m_z, 2_{110}$	$\bar{6}2m \triangleright \bar{6} \triangleright \dots$
$6/mmm$	$\mathcal{D}_{6h}$	1, 3, $2_z, 2_{110}, \bar{1}$	$6/mmm \triangleright 622 \triangleright \dots$

## Problem 1.6.1.16

Generate the symmetry operations of the group  $4/mmm$  following its composition series.

Generate the symmetry operations of the group  $\bar{3}m$  following its composition series.