

**PHY 752 Solid State Physics**  
**11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

**Plan for Lecture 19:**

**Review of Chapters 1-10**

1. Brief review
2. Discussion of some HW problems
3. Distribute exam

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9	Wed: 02/04/2015	Chap. 8	Electronic structure, LCAO and tight binding	#9	02/06/2015
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**Review**

**Introduction to crystalline solids**

- An ideal crystal fills all space
  - Limited possibilities for crystalline forms –
    - Only 14 Bravais lattices
    - Only 32 crystallographic point groups
    - Only 230 distinct crystallographic structures

Bravais lattice translation vectors

$$\mathbf{T} = n_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{T}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{T}_3$$

Reciprocal lattice vectors

$$\mathbf{G} = n_1 \mathbf{G}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{G}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{G}_3$$

$$\mathbf{G}_1 = 2\pi \frac{\mathbf{T}_2 \times \mathbf{T}_3}{\mathbf{T}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{T}_2 \times \mathbf{T}_3)}$$

Note that:  $\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{G}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$

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Specification of an atom within the lattice

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{type}} + n_{1i}\mathbf{a}_1 + n_{2i}\mathbf{a}_2 + n_{3i}\mathbf{a}_3$$

basis vector
Bravais lattice

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**Short digression on abstract group theory**  
 What is group theory ?

**A group is a collection of “elements” –  $A, B, C, \dots$  and a “multiplication” process. The abstract multiplication ( $\cdot$ ) pairs two group elements, and associates the “result” with a third element. (For example  $(A \cdot B = C)$ .) The elements and the multiplication process must have the following properties.**

1. The collection of elements is closed under multiplication. That is, if elements  $A$  and  $B$  are in the group and  $A \cdot B = C$ , element  $C$  must be in the group.
2. One of the members of the group is a “unit element” ( $E$ ). That is, for any element  $A$  of the group,  $A \cdot E = E \cdot A = A$ .
3. For each element  $A$  of the group, there is another element  $A^{-1}$  which is its “inverse”. That is  $A \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot A = E$ .
4. The multiplication process is “associative”. That is for sequential multiplication of group elements  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ,  $(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$ .

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Example of a 6-member group  $E, A, B, C, D, F, G$

**Group multiplication table**

**Group of order 6**

	E	A	B	C	D	F
E	E	A	B	C	D	F
A	A	E	D	F	B	C
B	B	F	E	D	C	A
C	C	D	F	E	A	B
D	D	C	A	B	F	E
F	F	B	C	A	E	D

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	E	A	B	C	D	F
E	E	A	B	C	D	F
A	A	E	D	F	B	C
B	B	F	E	D	C	A
C	C	D	F	E	A	B
D	D	C	A	B	F	E
F	F	B	C	A	E	D

Check on group properties:

1. Closed; multiplication table uniquely generates group members.
2. Unit element included.
3. Each element has inverse.
4. Multiplication process is associative.

**Definitions**

**Subgroup:** members of larger group which have the property of a group

**Class:** members of a group which are generated by the construction

$$\mathcal{C} = X_i^{-1} Y X_i$$

where  $X_i$  and  $Y$  are group elements

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Group theory – some comments

- The elements of the group may be abstract; in general, we will use them to describe symmetry properties of our system

Representations of a group

A representation of a group is a set of matrices (one for each group element) –  $\Gamma(A), \Gamma(B) \dots$  that satisfies the multiplication table of the group. The dimension of the matrices is called the dimension of the representation.

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**Example:**

	E	A	B	C	D	F
E	E	A	B	C	D	F
A	A	E	D	F	B	C
B	B	F	E	D	C	A
C	C	D	F	E	A	B
D	D	C	A	B	F	E
F	F	B	C	A	E	D

Note that the one-dimensional "identical representation"

$$\Gamma^1(A) = \Gamma^1(B) = \Gamma^1(C) = \Gamma^1(D) = \Gamma^1(E) = \Gamma^1(F) = 1$$

is always possible

Another one-dimensional representation is

$$\Gamma^2(A) = \Gamma^2(B) = \Gamma^2(C) = -1$$

$$\Gamma^2(E) = \Gamma^2(D) = \Gamma^2(F) = 1$$

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Example:

	E	A	B	C	D	F
E	E	A	B	C	D	F
A	A	E	D	F	B	C
B	B	F	E	D	C	A
C	C	D	F	E	A	B
D	D	C	A	B	F	E
F	F	B	C	A	E	D

A two-dimensional representation is

$$\Gamma^3(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Gamma^3(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma^3(B) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Gamma^3(C) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma^3(D) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Gamma^3(F) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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The great orthogonality theorem

Notation:  $h \equiv$  order of the group  
 $R \equiv$  element of the group  
 $\Gamma^i(R)_{\alpha\beta} \equiv$   $i$ th representation of  $R$   
 $\alpha\beta$  denote matrix indices  
 $l_i \equiv$  dimension of the representation

$$\sum_R (\Gamma^i(R)_{\mu\nu})^* \Gamma^j(R)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{h}{l_i} \delta_{ij} \delta_{\mu\alpha} \delta_{\nu\beta}$$

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Analysis shows that

$$\sum_i l_i^2 = h$$

Simplified analysis in terms of the “characters” of the representations

$$\chi^j(R) \equiv \sum_{\mu=1}^{l_j} \Gamma^j(R)_{\mu\mu}$$

Character orthogonality theorem

$$\sum_R (\chi^i(R))^* \chi^j(R) = h \delta_{ij}$$

Note that all members of a class have the same character for any given representation  $i$ .

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Summary of relationships between the characters and classes of a group which follow from the great orthogonality theorem

$$\sum_e N_e (\chi^i(e))^* \chi^j(e) = h \delta_{ij}$$

$$\sum_i (\chi^i(e_a))^* \chi^i(e_b) = \frac{h}{N_{e_a}} \delta_{ab}$$

These results also imply that the number of classes is the same as the number of characters in a group.

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Character table for this group:

	E	A,B,C	D,F
$\chi^1$	1	1	1
$\chi^2$	1	-1	1
$\chi^3$	2	0	-1

Use of character table for analyzing matrix elements:

Suppose that it is necessary to evaluate a matrix element

$$\langle \Psi_1 | O | \Psi_2 \rangle = \int d^3r \Psi_1^*(\mathbf{r}) O \Psi_2(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \sum_R (\Gamma^i(R))^* \Gamma^j(R) \Gamma^k(R) = 0$$

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Matrix element example -- continued

$$\langle \Psi_1 | O | \Psi_2 \rangle = \int d^3r \Psi_1^*(\mathbf{r}) O \Psi_2(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \sum_R (\Gamma^i(R))^* \Gamma^j(R) \Gamma^k(R) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sum_e N_e (\chi^i(e))^* \chi^j(e) \chi^k(e) = 0$$



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Use of character table analysis in crystal field splitting

Question: What happens to a spherical atom when placed in a crystal?

In a spherical environment, an atomic wave function has the form:

$$\Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{nl}(r)Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

with  $m = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, l-1, l$   $2l+1$  values

The group which describes the general rotations in 3-dimensions has an infinite number of members, but an important representation of this group is the matrix which rotates to coordinate system about the origin  $\mathcal{R}$ , transforming  $Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \rightarrow Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$ .

It can be shown that:  $\mathcal{R}Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R})Y_{lm'}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$

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Analysis of the 3-dimensional rotation group -- continued

$$\mathcal{R}Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R})Y_{lm'}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$

$$\chi^l(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{m=-l}^l \Gamma_{mm}^l(\mathcal{R})$$

Note that for  $\mathcal{R}$  corresponding to a rotation of  $\phi$  about the  $z$ -axis,

$$\Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R}) = e^{im\phi} \delta_{mm'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^l(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{m=-l}^l e^{im\phi} = \frac{\sin((l + \frac{1}{2})\phi)}{\sin(\frac{\phi}{2})}$$

Note that the character for inversion is  $\chi^l(\mathcal{I}) = (2l+1)(-1)^l$

and  $\chi^l(\mathcal{J}\mathcal{R}) = (-1)^l \frac{\sin((l + \frac{1}{2})\phi)}{\sin(\frac{\phi}{2})}$

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$\Gamma, \mathcal{R}, H$	$E$	$3C_4^2$	$6C_4$	$6C_2$	$8C_3$	$J$	$3JC_4^2$	$6JC_4$	$6JC_2$	$8JC_3$
$\Gamma_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\Gamma_2$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1
$\Gamma_{12}$	2	2	0	0	-1	2	2	0	0	-1
$\Gamma_{15}^l$	3	-1	1	-1	0	3	-1	1	-1	0
$\Gamma_{15}^s$	3	-1	-1	1	0	3	-1	-1	1	0
$\Gamma_1^f$	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\Gamma_2^f$	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1
$\Gamma_{12}^f$	2	2	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	0	1
$\Gamma_{15}^f$	3	-1	1	-1	0	-3	1	-1	1	0
$\Gamma_{25}^f$	3	-1	-1	1	0	-3	1	1	-1	0

$l=0$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\Gamma_1$
$l=1$	3	-1	1	-1	0	-3	1	-1	1	0	$\Gamma_{15}$
$l=2$	5	1	-1	1	-1	5	1	-1	1	-1	$\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{25}$

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Linear combinations of atomic orbitals (LCAO) methods for analyzing electronic structure

Bloch wave:  

$$\Psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} u_{nk}(\mathbf{r})$$
 periodic function

Let  $\mathbf{R}^a = \boldsymbol{\tau}^a + \mathbf{T}$   
 basis vector lattice translation

Bloch wave identity: LCAO basis functions with Bloch symmetry:  

$$\Psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{T}} \Psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{a,nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{T}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}^a + \mathbf{T})} \phi_{nlm}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \mathbf{T})$$

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LCAO methods -- continued – Slater-Koster analysis

LCAO basis functions with Bloch symmetry:  

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{a,nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{T}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\tau}^a + \mathbf{T})} \phi_{nlm}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \mathbf{T})$$

Approximate Bloch wavefunction:  

$$\Psi_{\alpha\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{a,nlm} X_{\alpha\mathbf{k}}^{a,nlm} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{a,nlm}(\mathbf{r})$$

In this basis, we can estimate the electron energy by variationally computing the expectation value of the Hamiltonian:  

$$E_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\langle \Psi_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} | H | \Psi_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} | \Psi_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} \rangle}$$

Terms in this expansion have the form:  

$$\sum_{\mathbf{T}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \boldsymbol{\tau}^b + \mathbf{T})} \langle \phi_{n'l'm'}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^b) | H | \phi_{nlm}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \mathbf{T}) \rangle$$

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Example

Terms in the expansion have the form:  

$$\sum_{\mathbf{T}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \boldsymbol{\tau}^b + \mathbf{T})} \langle \phi_{n'l'm'}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^b) | H | \phi_{nlm}^a(\mathbf{r} - \boldsymbol{\tau}^a - \mathbf{T}) \rangle$$

For nearest neighbor contributions:  

$$(e^{ik_x a} + e^{-ik_x a} + e^{ik_y a} + e^{-ik_y a} + e^{ik_z a} + e^{-ik_z a}) \beta =$$

$$(2\cos(k_x a) + 2\cos(k_y a) + 2\cos(k_z a)) \beta$$

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