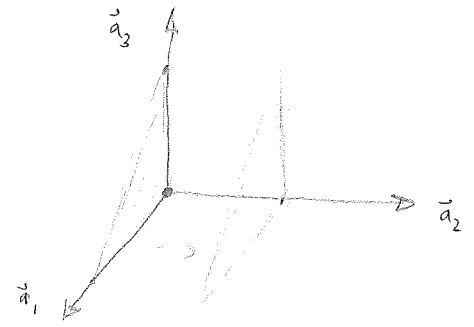


HOMEWORK #1 SOLUTIONS

1a) Plane intersects at $1\vec{a}_1, 0\vec{a}_2, 4\vec{a}_3$ $1, 0, 4$



you can move it to the right, so it intersects at

$$\vec{a}_1: \infty$$

$$\vec{a}_2: 1$$

$$\vec{a}_3: \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow (hkl) = \underline{(0, 1, 0)}$$

b)

$$\vec{a}_1: 1 \quad \frac{1}{1} \quad 12$$

$$\vec{a}_2: -3 \xrightarrow{()^{-1}} -\frac{1}{3} \rightarrow -4 \Rightarrow (hkl) = \underline{(12, \bar{4}, 3)}$$

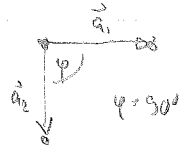
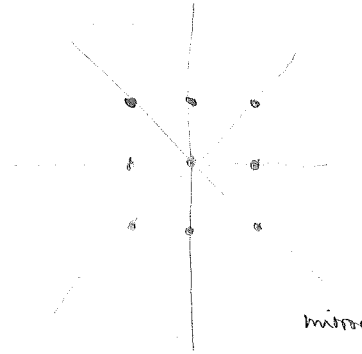
$$\vec{a}_3: 4 \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad 3$$

2)

a) square lattice

$$\varphi = 90^\circ$$

$$|\vec{a}_1| = |\vec{a}_2|$$



rotation-symmetries: $2\pi, \pi, \frac{\pi}{2}$

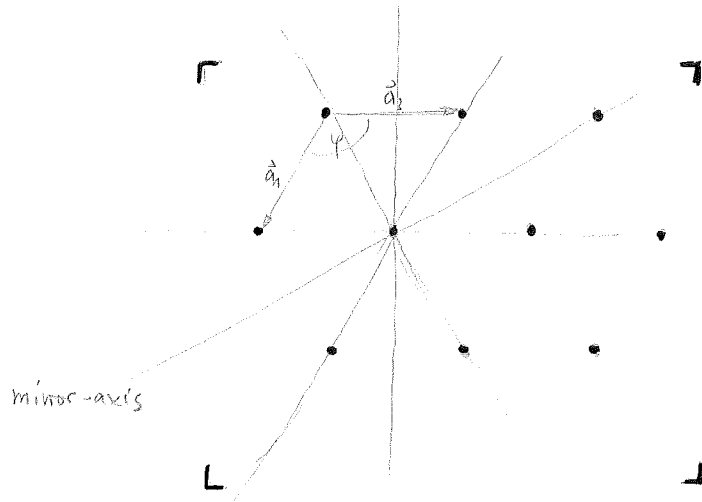
$$n: 1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad \left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$$

mirror symmetric

b) Hexagonal lattice

$$|\vec{a}_1| = |\vec{a}_2| \quad \varphi = 120^\circ$$

mirror-symmetric



rotation symmetric:

$$2\pi, \frac{2\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{6}$$

$$1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 6$$

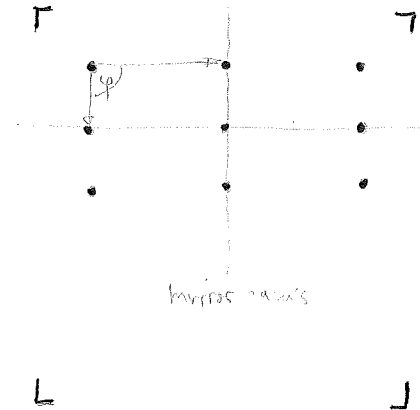
c)

$$|\vec{a}_1| \neq |\vec{a}_2| \quad \varphi = 90^\circ$$

rotation-symmetric:

$$2\pi, \frac{2\pi}{2}$$

$$1 \quad 2$$

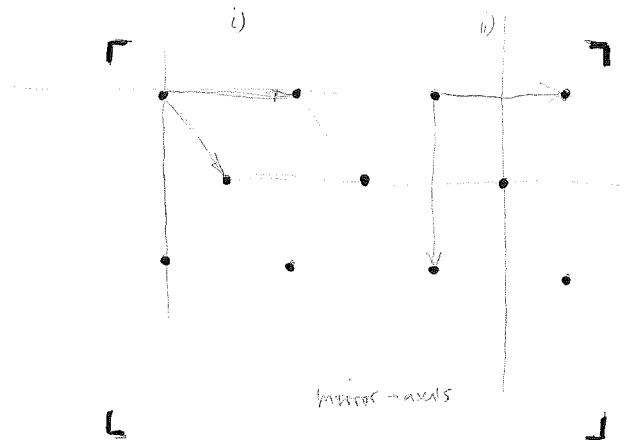


d) i)

rotation-symmetric:

$$2\pi, \frac{2\pi}{2}$$

$$1 \quad 2$$



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Ionic radii:

$$r_{Cs^+} = 167 \text{ pm}$$

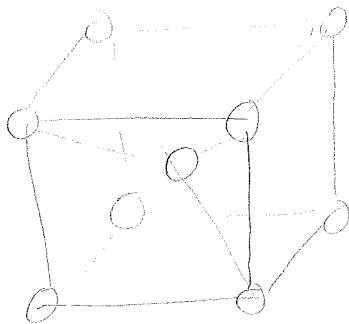
$$r_{Cl^-} = 181 \text{ pm}$$

$$r_{Na^+} = 102 \text{ pm}$$

$$r_{Cs^+} \approx r_{Cl^-}$$

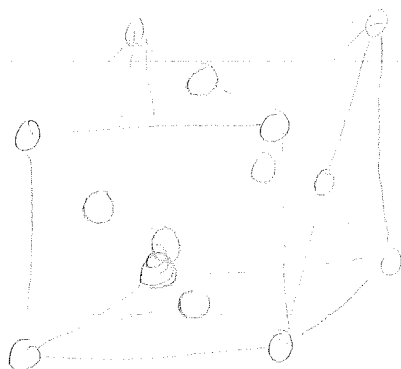
$$2 \cdot r_{Na^+} \approx r_{Cl^-}$$

CsCl



the difference in the atomic radii causes the different structures

NaCl



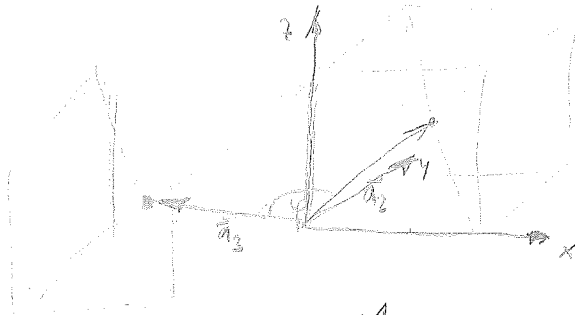
b) in hcp - two Na^+ ions would be nearest neighbours.

1) Tetrahedral angles:

angles between the tetrahedral bonds of diamond

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angles between body-diagonals of a cube



$$\vec{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\vec{a}_2| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (-1 - 1 + 1) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

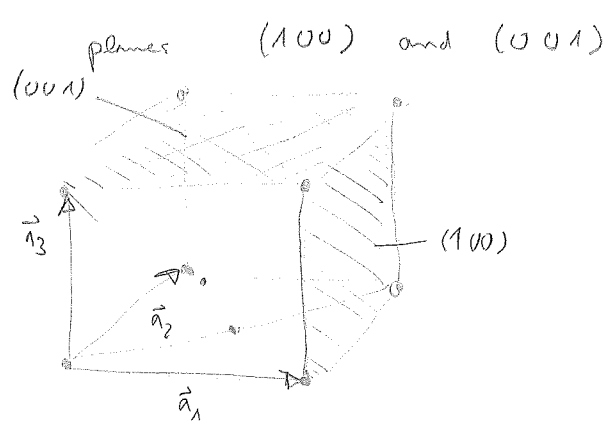
$$|\vec{a}_3| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$|\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3| = |\vec{a}_2| \cdot |\vec{a}_3| \cdot \cos \varphi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varphi = \arccos \left(\frac{\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3}{|\vec{a}_2| \cdot |\vec{a}_3|} \right)$$

$$\arccos \left(\frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \arccos \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) = \underline{\underline{109,5^\circ}}$$

3) Indices of planes:



indices refer to conventional cube

plane: (100) $\rightarrow \frac{1}{n_i} : 1, \infty, \infty \rightarrow 1, 0, 0$
 (001) $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0, 0, 1$

$1\vec{a}_1, 0\vec{a}_2, 0\vec{a}_3$

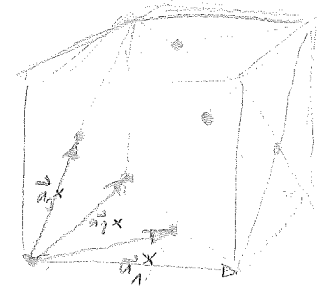
$0\vec{a}_1, 0\vec{a}_2, 1\vec{a}_3$

primitive axis

$$\vec{a}_1^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_2^* = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_3^* = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



the (100) plane has intersection

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_1^* &: 1 \\ \vec{a}_2^* &: 1 \\ \vec{a}_3^* &: \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow \underline{(110)}$

the (001) plane:

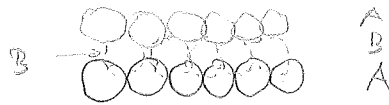
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_1^* &: \infty \\ \vec{a}_2^* &: 1 \\ \vec{a}_3^* &: 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow \underline{(011)}$

3) Hcp - structure

Show $\frac{c}{a} = \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \approx 1.633$

the hcp layers are in the order ABAB... (compare Kittel)

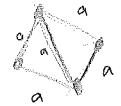


if you look from above:



the B layer is positioned so that it fills up the holes

this forms a tetrahedron with an atom at each point



the height of the tetrahedron is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the height of the primitive cell c

$$c = 2 \cdot h$$

since the atoms touch (dense packing)

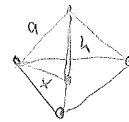
$$a = 2 \cdot r$$

r : atomic radius

Pythagoras:

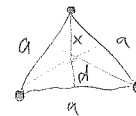
$$x^2 + h^2 = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$



$$\Rightarrow x + d = \sqrt{\frac{2}{4}} a$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} a$$



$$(x+d)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}a\right)^2 = a^2$$

$x = 2d$ (relation for triangles with the same angles)

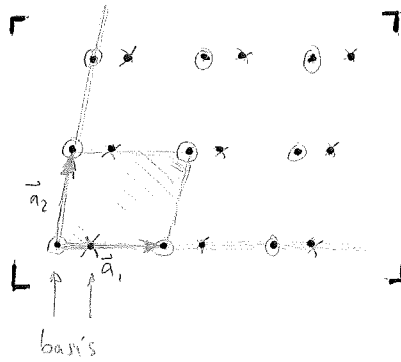
$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} a$$

$$c = 2 \cdot h = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$$

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Sketch in on the figure: a set of lattice points, a choice of primitive axes, a primitive cell and the basis of atoms associated with a lattice point



basis: (00)
 $(\frac{1}{3}0)$

Problem 1: plane indices (hkl) a plane parallel to the (hkl) -plane has the intersection with the $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$ -axis at

Chapter 2

$$\left(\frac{1}{h}, \frac{1}{k}, \frac{1}{l}\right)$$

with the 3 points $\frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1, \frac{1}{k}\vec{a}_2$ and $\frac{l}{l}\vec{a}_3$ you can write the plane in the form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{s} + r\vec{u} + s\vec{v}$$

with \vec{x} being a point on the plane and $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$

\vec{s} : basis point of the plane

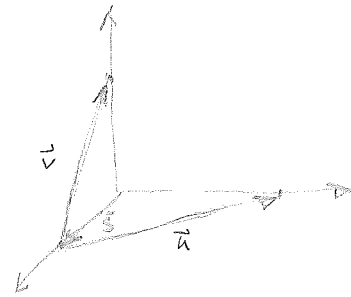
\vec{u}, \vec{v} : two different directions on the plane ($\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \neq 0$)

given the 3 points you can calculate $\vec{s}, \vec{u}, \vec{v}$

choose $\vec{s} = \frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{k}\vec{a}_2 - \vec{s} = \frac{1}{k}\vec{a}_2 - \frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{l}{l}\vec{a}_3 - \vec{s} = \frac{l}{l}\vec{a}_3 - \frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1$$



the reciprocal lattice vector $\vec{G} = h\vec{b}_1 + k\vec{b}_2 + l\vec{b}_3$ is perpendicular to the plane

(check) if $\vec{G} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ and $\vec{G} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

relation between lattice vectors \vec{a}_i and reciprocal lattice vectors \vec{b}_i

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \vec{G} \cdot \vec{u} = (h\vec{b}_1 + k\vec{b}_2 + l\vec{b}_3) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{k}\vec{a}_2 - \frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1\right)$$

$$= \frac{h}{k}\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 + \vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2 + \frac{l}{k}\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{a}_2 - \vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_1 - \frac{l}{h}\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_1 - \frac{l}{h}\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{a}_1 = 2\pi - 2\pi = \underline{0}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \vec{G} \cdot \vec{v} = (h\vec{b}_1 + k\vec{b}_2 + l\vec{b}_3) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\vec{a}_2 - \frac{1}{h}\vec{a}_1\right) = \dots = 2\pi - 2\pi = \underline{0}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{G}$ is perpendicular to the (hkl) -plane

b) Since $\vec{G} \perp (hkl)$ -plane you can describe the plane with the following expression

$$\left| \frac{\vec{G}}{|\vec{G}|} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{s}) \right| = d$$

with \vec{s} being a point on the hkl -plane

d : distance of the point \vec{x} to the plane

$\forall \vec{x}$ with $d=0 \rightarrow \vec{x}$ is on the plane

to calculate the distance of two adjacent parallel planes you just have to choose two points, one on the first plane (\vec{s}) and one on the second plane (\vec{x})

to make the calculation more easy I choose $\vec{s} = \frac{1}{h} \vec{a}_1$

$$\vec{x} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{h} \vec{a}_1$$

$$d = \left| \frac{\vec{G}}{|\vec{G}|} \cdot \left(2 \frac{1}{h} \vec{a}_1 - \frac{1}{h} \vec{a}_1 \right) \right| = \left| \frac{\vec{G} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \vec{a}_1}{|\vec{G}|} \right| = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{G}|}$$

c) for a simple cubic lattice: $\vec{a}_1 = a\hat{e}_1 = a\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{a}_2 = a\hat{e}_2 = a\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{a}_3 = a\hat{e}_3 = a\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

the volume of the cell is $V = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3) = a^3$



\Rightarrow reciprocal lattice vectors:

$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a^3} (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3) = \frac{2\pi}{a} (\hat{e}_2 \times \hat{e}_3) = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{e}_1$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{e}_2$$

$$\vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{e}_3$$

$$d(hkl) = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{G}|} \quad (b)$$

$$\vec{G} = h\vec{b}_1 + k\vec{b}_2 + l\vec{b}_3$$

$$|\vec{G}| = \frac{2\pi}{a} \sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{\frac{4\pi^2}{a} (h^2 + k^2 + l^2)} = \frac{a^2}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

Problem 2: Hexagonal Space Lattice

$$\hat{a}_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = c \hat{e}_z$$

a) the volume of the cell is $V = |\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)|$

$$= \left| \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \cdot \left[\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \times (c \hat{e}_z) \right] \right|$$

$$= a^2 c \left| \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{e}_x + \frac{1}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \cdot \left[\underbrace{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{e}_x \times \hat{e}_z \right)}_{= -\hat{e}_y} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{e}_y \times \hat{e}_z \right)}_{= \hat{e}_x} \right] \right|$$

$$= a^2 c \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a^2 c = \underline{\underline{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) a^2 c}}$$

b) primitive translations:

$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{V} (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3) = \frac{2\pi}{V} \left(\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \times (c \hat{e}_z) \right)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{V} a c \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{e}_y + \frac{1}{2} \hat{e}_x \right) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3} a} \hat{e}_x + \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{e}_y$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{V} (\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1) = \frac{2\pi}{V} \left(c \hat{e}_z \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \right) = \frac{2\pi}{V} a c \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{e}_y - \frac{1}{2} \hat{e}_x \right)$$

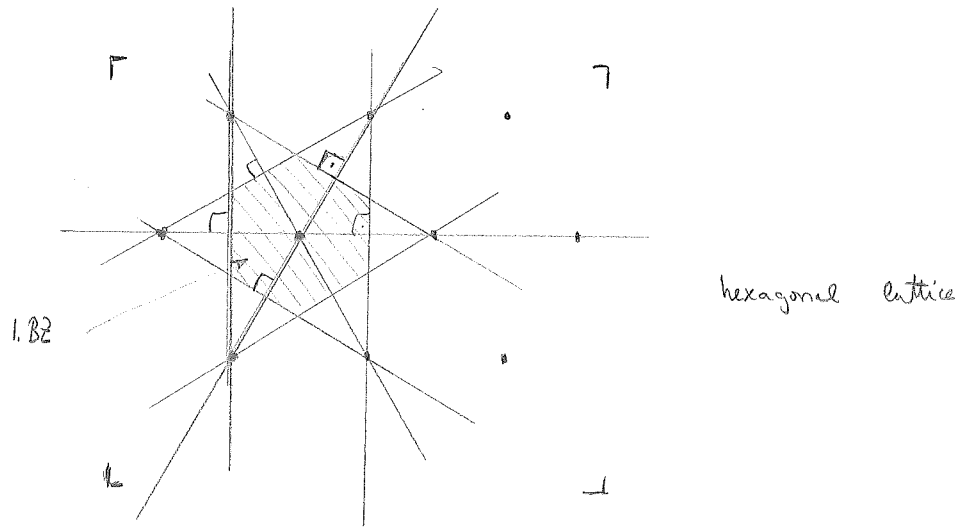
$$= \underline{\underline{-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3} a} \hat{e}_x + \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{e}_y}}$$

$$\vec{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{V} (\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2) = \frac{2\pi}{V} \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \times \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{e}_x + \frac{a}{2} \hat{e}_y \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{V} a^2 \left(\underbrace{-\frac{3}{4} \hat{e}_x \times \hat{e}_x}_{=0} + \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \hat{e}_x \times \hat{e}_y}_{= \hat{e}_z} + \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \hat{e}_y \times \hat{e}_x}_{= -\hat{e}_z} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \hat{e}_y \times \hat{e}_y}_{=0} \right)$$

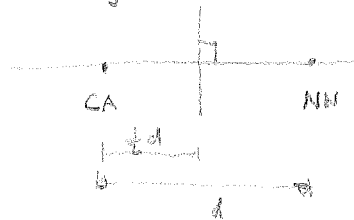
$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{2\pi}{V} a^2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{e}_z}} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2\pi}{c} \hat{e}_z}}$$

c) the reciprocal lattice of an hexagonal lattice is also hexagonal



Notice:

You construct the 1.BZ by connecting the center atom with its nearest neighbors and then drawing the perpendicular line at the middle of the connecting line.



It is just a coincidence that the perpendicular line crosses two nearest neighbors. This is just the case for a hexagonal lattice.