

## Week 2

Algebraic structures:

Prime numbers, basics on vectors and 3D geometry

Crystallography

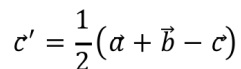
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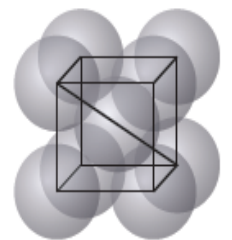
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# Reminder

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- Diagram illustrating the crystallographic planes and directions in a unit cell. The planes shown are:
- Plan (001) (top face)
  - Plan (010) (right face)
  - Plan (100) (front face)
- The crystallographic directions shown are:
- $[110]$  and  $[1\bar{1}0]$  (top face)
  - $[\bar{1}01]$  and  $[101]$  (right face)
  - $[011]$  and  $[01\bar{1}]$  (front face)
- The axes are labeled  $[001]$ ,  $[100]$ , and  $[010]$ .

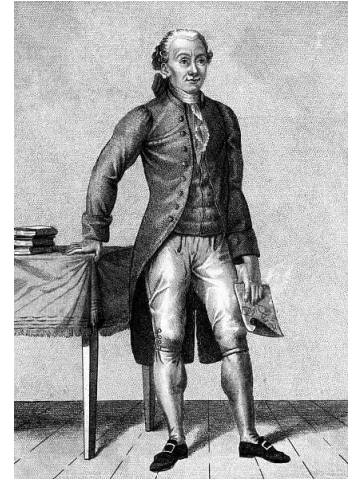


Cubique centré



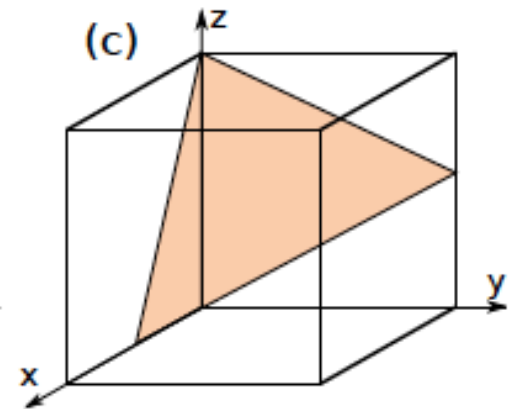
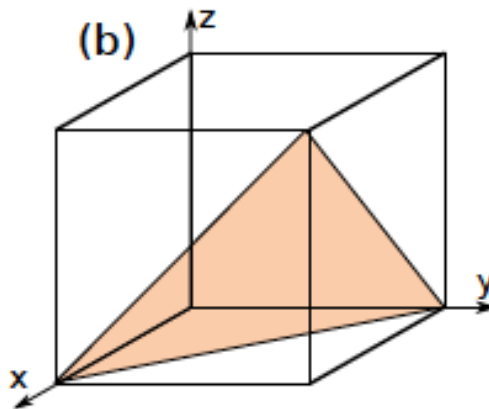
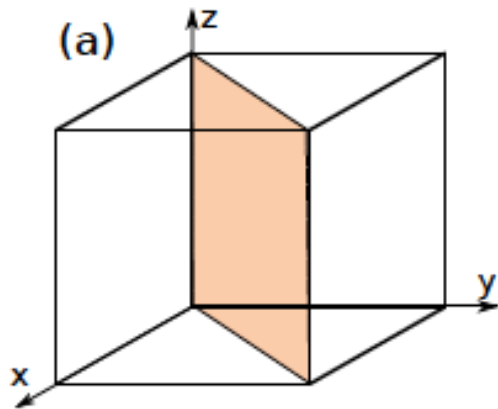
# Overview

- Divisibility
- Prime numbers and Bézout relation
- Vectorial spaces and basic Euclidean geometry



Etienne Bézout 31/03/1730 – 27/09/1783

- Miller indices
- Crystal planes



# Density and Free volume

From basic geometric and vectorial consideration of the unit cell, one can calculate key properties of materials such as density and free volume.

- Density:  $\rho = \frac{N_{atoms\ per\ unit\ cell} \times m_{atoms}}{V_{unit\ cell}}$

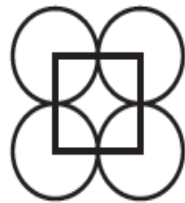
$$\rho = \frac{N_{atomes\ par\ mailles} \times m_{atome}}{V_{maille}}$$

-Packing fraction:

$$c = \frac{N_{atomes\ par\ mailles} \times V_{atome}}{V_{maille}}$$

-Direction and planes of high density

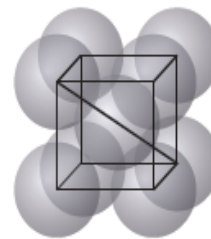
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Cubique faces centrées



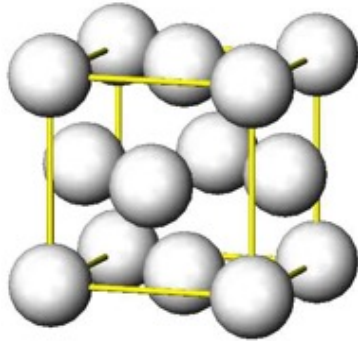
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# Structure of Metals

- Most metals crystalize in the BCC or FCC structure:

## Face-centered Cubic (FCC)

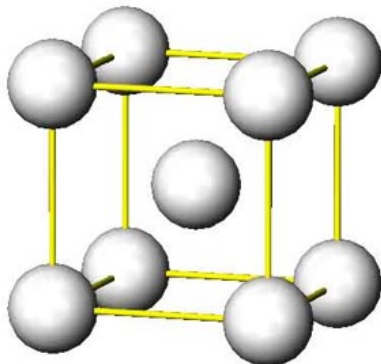


Al – Cu – Ni – Ag – Au – Fe ...

Free volume : **26%**

Iron exhibits polymorphism, ie has different equilibrium structures at different temperatures:

## Body-centered Cubic (BCC)



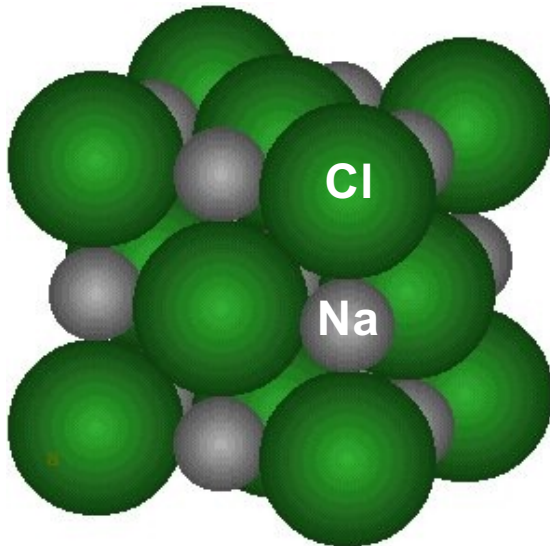
Cr – Fe – Mo – V – W – Ta ...

**Fe:**      bcc      for  $T > 1403^{\circ}\text{C}$   
                 and     $T < 910^{\circ}\text{C}$   
                 fcc      for  $910^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 1403^{\circ}\text{C}$

Free volume : **32%**

# Structure of Ceramics

- Ceramics possess ionic or covalent (or polar) bonds that are very strong.
- The structure can be compact like metals but more complex, as it depends on the ionic radius of the different atoms, and their valence.
- As a result, the crystallographic arrangements can be quite complex and they have a higher ability to be quenched into an amorphous structure.
- Some simple cases where the structure mostly depends on the ratio of the atomic radius:



**NaCl**

$$R_{\text{Na}^+} = 1.02 \text{ \AA}$$

$$R_{\text{Cl}^-} = 1.81 \text{ \AA}$$

**6**

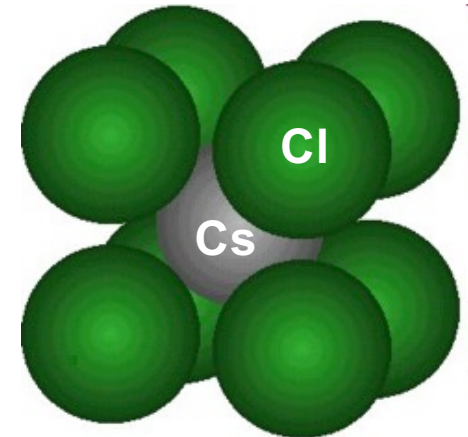
**0.56**

**Coordination**

**Rapport  $R_c/R_a$**

**8**

**0.92**



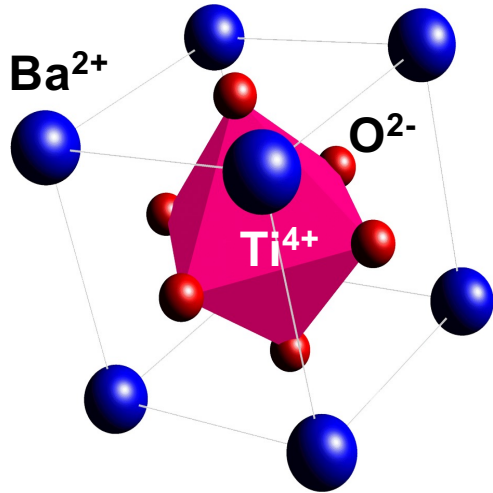
**CsCl**

$$R_{\text{Cs}^+} = 1.67 \text{ \AA}$$

$$R_{\text{Cl}^-} = 1.81 \text{ \AA}$$

# Structure of Ceramics

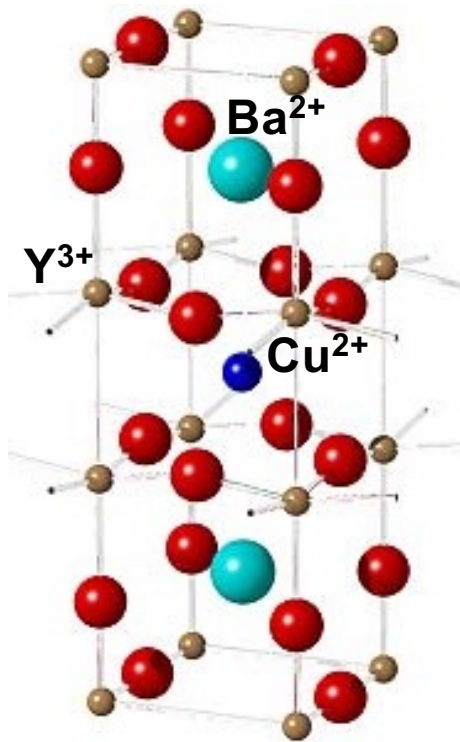
- A few "high tech" ceramics with more complex structures:



$\text{BaTiO}_3$

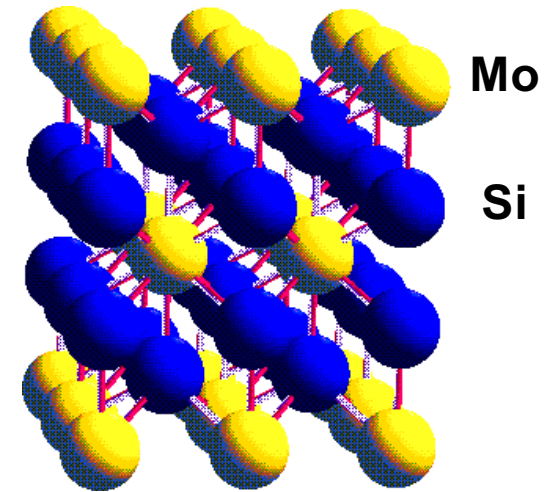
PZT ( $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr},\text{Ti})\text{O}_3$ )

Ferroélectrique



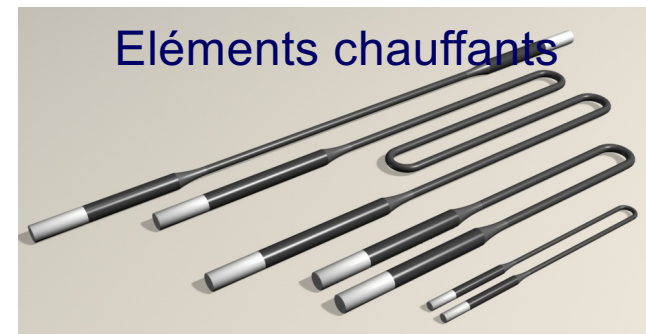
$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$

Supraconducteur



$\text{MoSi}_2$

Eléments chauffants





# Structure of Ceramics

## Argile (kaolin)



## Concrete

gravier + quartz + ciment



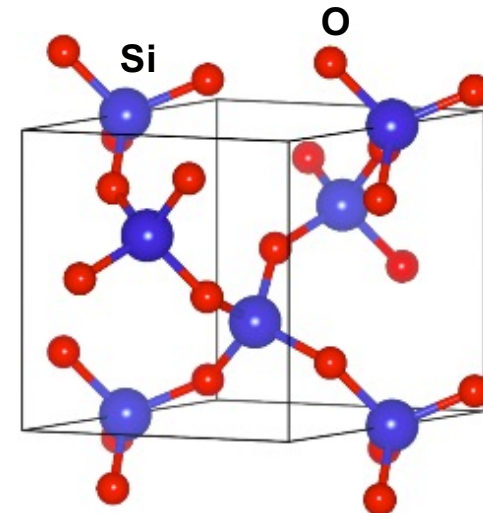
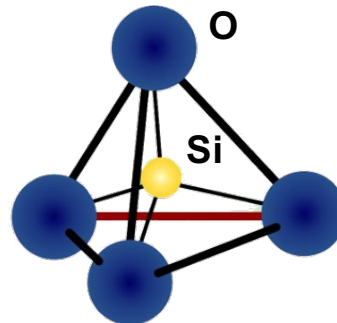
Ciment is a mix of:



## Quartz



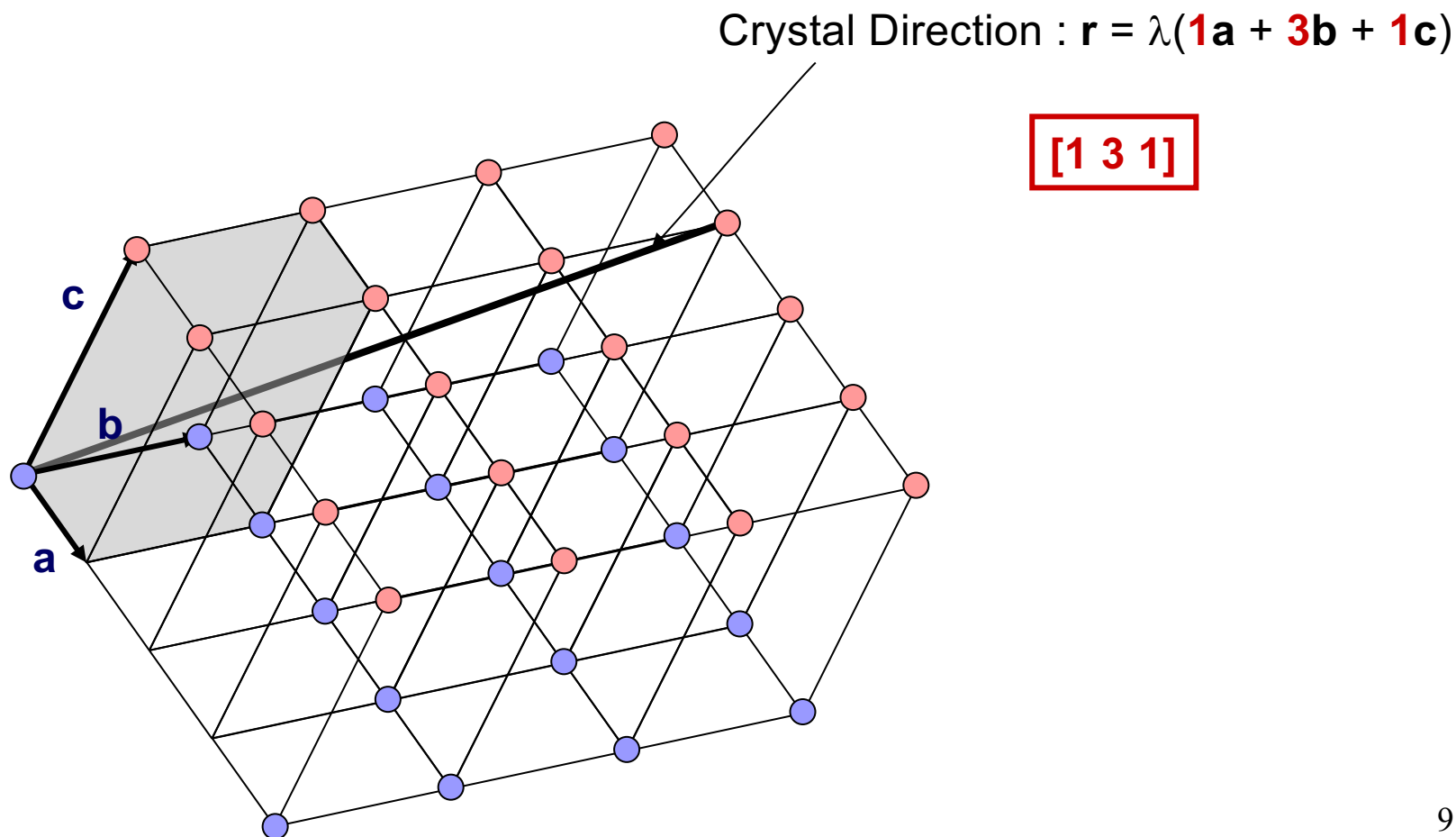
## Tétraèdre $(\text{SiO}_4)^{4-}$





# Crystal directions

- Crystal directions are lines that pass through at least two lattice points.
- The direction can be defined by an origin (all lattice point can be an origin) and the coordinate of the other point in the lattice basis.
- The coordinates, which are relative integers, represent the Miller indices.



# Basics of Euclidean Geometry

- If we define an origin (0,0,0), all vectors are generated by the linear combination of (1,0,0), (0,1,0) and (0,0,1), that in engineering are often referred to as ***i, j, k***.
- A vector ***a*** is then a linear combination:  $\exists (a_x, a_y, a_z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: \quad \mathbf{a} = a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}$

- The following notation will be used:  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$

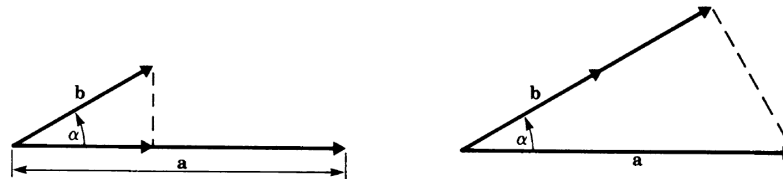
- Reminders:

- The magnitude (or norm) of a vector:  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$
- The scalar (or dot) product: an algebraic operation that provides the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space with an inner product. In cartesian coordinates, for two vectors in the **orthonormal basis *i, j, k***, we have:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

- The dot product brings forward the notions of length, angle and orthogonality. A geometric definition for two vectors that form an angle  $\alpha$  is:
- With  $a = \|\mathbf{a}\|$  and  $b = \|\mathbf{b}\|$ . It is the projection of ***a*** on ***b***, or of ***b*** on ***a***.
- If ***a*** and ***b*** are orthogonal, then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ .

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = ab \cos \alpha$$



# Basics of Euclidean Geometry

## Cross product

- The cross product of two vectors forming an angle  $\alpha$  is a vector perpendicular to these vectors, with the magnitude:

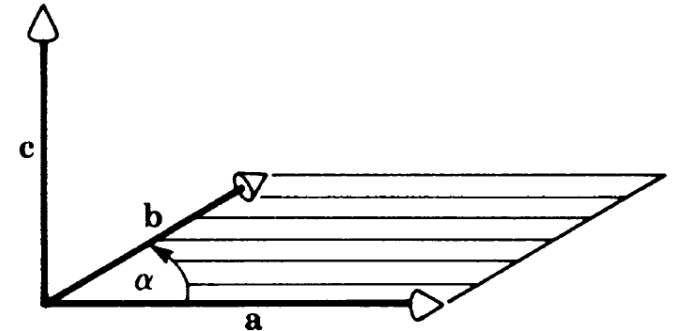
$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = ab \sin \alpha$$

- In an orthonormal basis  $(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k})$ , the Cross product of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is:

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (a_y b_z - a_z b_y) \mathbf{i} + (a_z b_x - a_x b_z) \mathbf{j} + (a_x b_y - a_y b_x) \mathbf{k}$$

- Examples: Torques and the Lorentz force.

- $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$
- $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k}$
- Two parallel vectors have a zero cross product.
- See exercices in chapter 1&2 of the book.



- Calculation methods:

- Determinant:

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix}$$

- Practical way: :

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$

The diagram shows the practical way to calculate the cross product using the determinant method. It shows the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix}$  and the resulting vector  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  as a combination of the cross products of the components. The diagram uses red lines and arrows to show the expansion of the determinant.

# Basics of Euclidean Geometry

## Line:

- A line is defined by 2 points  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \\ z_A \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \\ z_B \end{pmatrix}$  or a point A and a direction  $\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} x_B - x_A \\ y_B - y_A \\ z_B - z_A \end{pmatrix}$ :

- This can be expressed in two ways:

- Parametric equation:  $D = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{AM} = \lambda \mathbf{AB} \right\}$

which we can write:

$$\begin{cases} x = x_A + \lambda (x_B - x_A) \\ y = y_A + \lambda (y_B - y_A) \\ z = z_A + \lambda (z_B - z_A) \end{cases}$$

- A set of linear equations:  $D = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \begin{cases} a_1 x + b_1 y + c_1 z - d_1 = 0 \\ a_2 x + b_2 y + c_2 z - d_2 = 0 \end{cases} \right\}$

## Plane:

- A plane is defined by 3 points  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \\ z_A \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \\ z_B \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} x_C \\ y_C \\ z_C \end{pmatrix}$  or a point A and a normal  $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \end{pmatrix}$

- This can be expressed in a simple way as:  $P = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{AM} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \right\}$

- One can extract the linear equation: for  $(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $P = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, ax + by + cz - d = 0 \right\}$

- Note that  $\gcd(a, b, c, d) = 1$ , or they can be re-scaled, i.e.  $(a, b, c, d)$  are co-prime.

- Note that a line is the intersection of two planes !

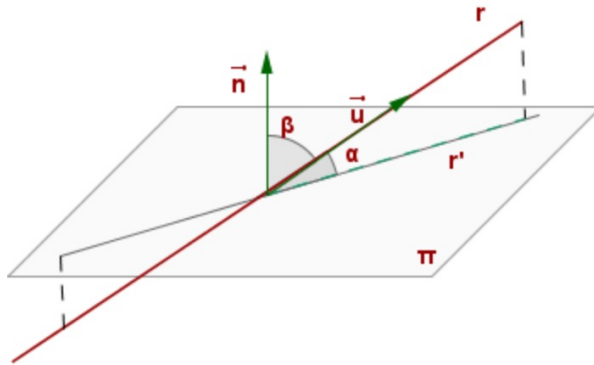
# Basics of Euclidean Geometry

## Angles

- The angle between two vectors can be calculated from the dot or the scalar products.

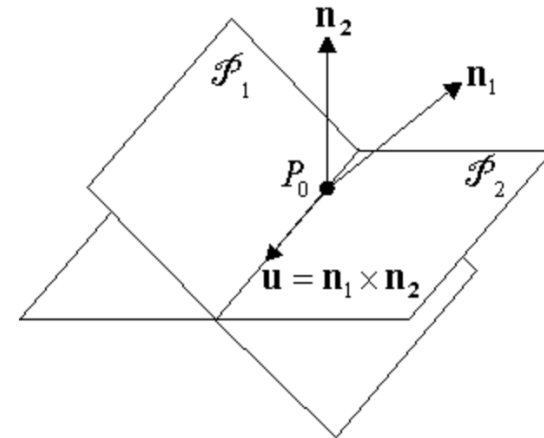
### Angle between a line and a plane:

Complementary of the angle between the line direction and the normal of the plan



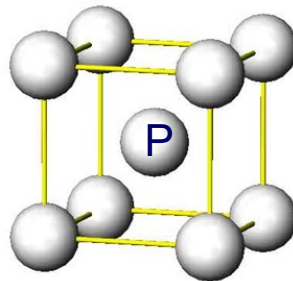
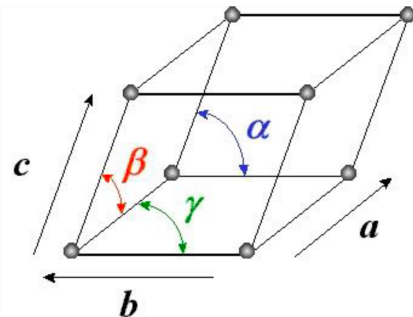
### Angle between two planes:

Angle between their normals:



## Volume

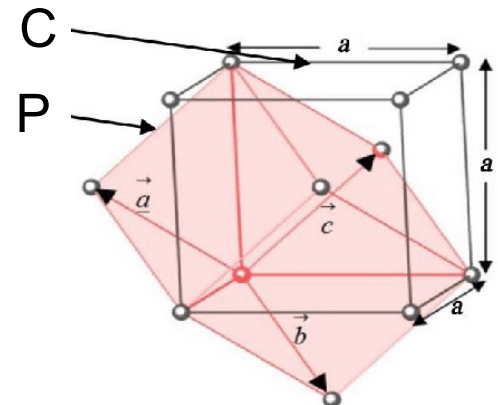
$$V = (\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$



$$a' = \frac{1}{2}(-a + b + c)$$

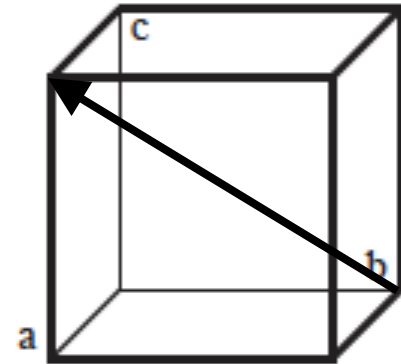
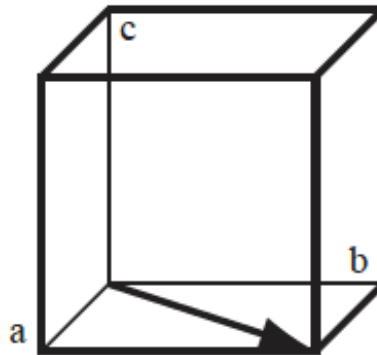
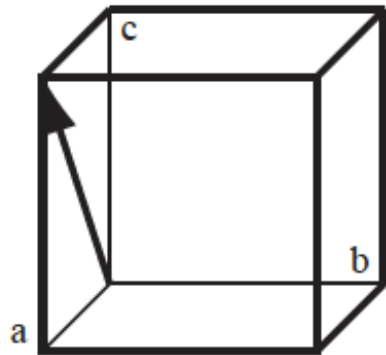
$$b' = \frac{1}{2}(a - b + c)$$

$$c' = \frac{1}{2}(a + b - c)$$



# Crystal directions

- Examples:

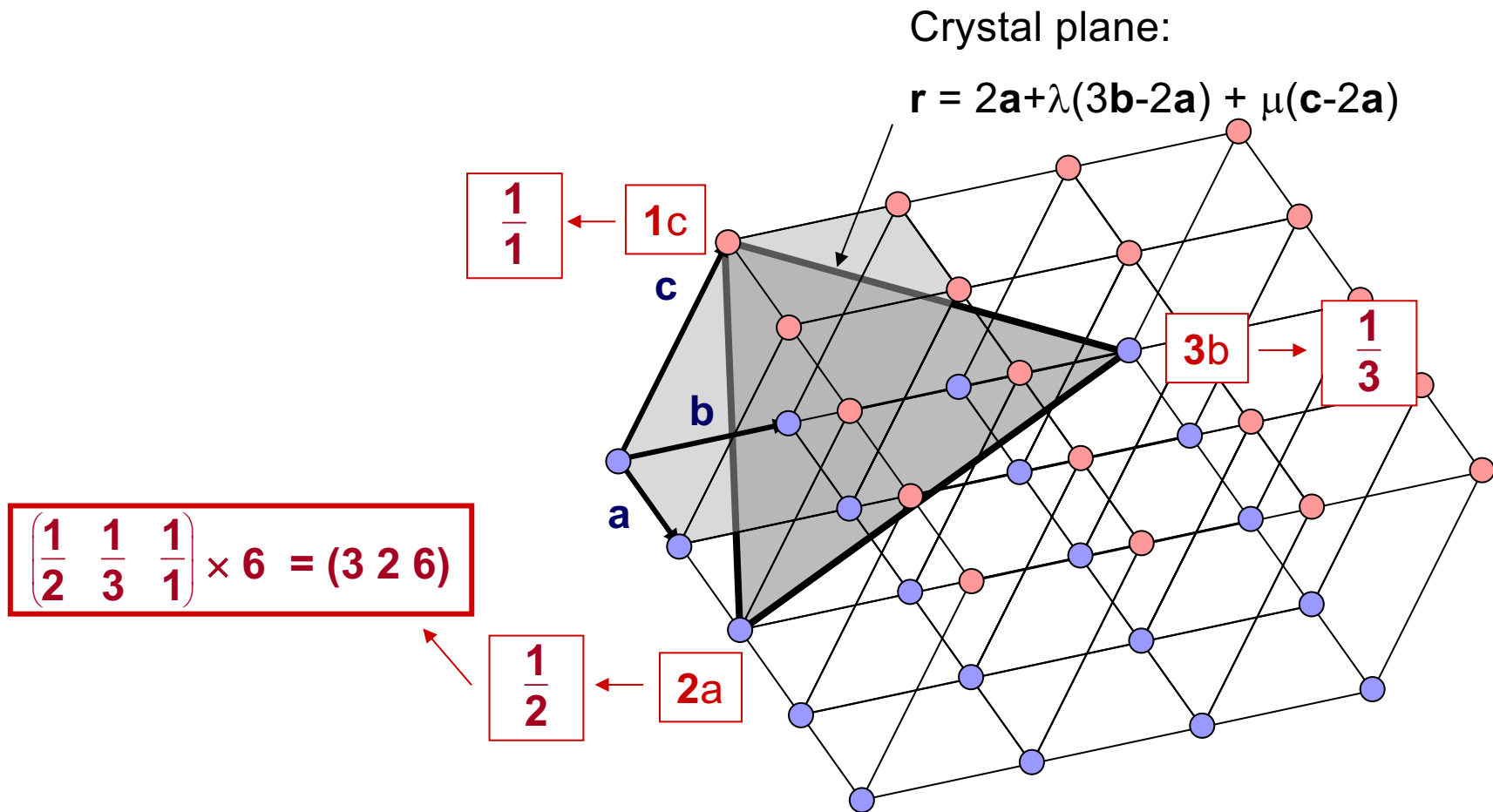


- Negative indices are represented with a barre above the number.
- If the origin is translated, the lines obtained remain parallel.
- If the axis are rotated by  $90^\circ$ , so is the direction. However, the atomic arrangement and physical properties along the direction remains the same from symmetry !



# Crystal planes

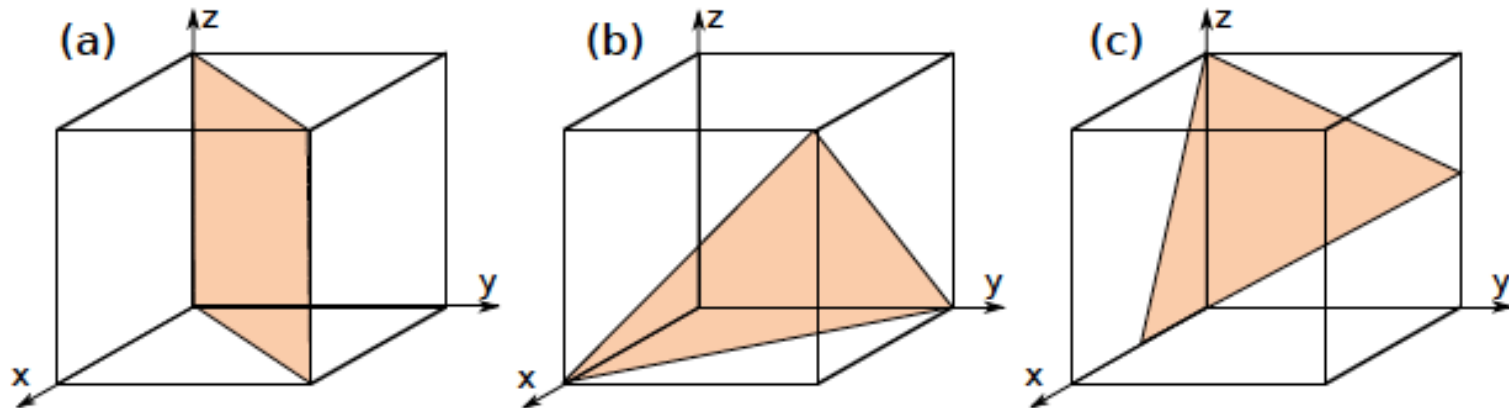
- Crystal planes are planes that pass through at least 2 lattice points.
- They can be defined by the intercept of the plan with the basis axis:



# Crystal planes: Miller indices

- If the plane passes through the origin, one can translate the plane, or translate the origin, by one cell parameter along a basis vector.
- Find the coefficients  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  such that the plane intercepts the axes (x,y,z) at  $(\alpha a, \beta a, \gamma a)$  ( $a$  being the conventional lattice parameter, or the cube edge);
- If the plane is parallel to an axis, the intersection is considered to happen at infinity... (so the inverse will be zero).
- Take the inverse of these coefficients and multiply them by their lowest common multiplier (lcm)  
if one of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is smaller than 1, take the lcm of the coefficients greater than 1.

- The coefficients  $h = \frac{lcm(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}{\alpha}$ ,  $k = \frac{lcm(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}{\beta}$ ,  $l = \frac{lcm(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}{\gamma}$  are the Miller indices of the plane
- These coefficients are co-prime !



# $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ - Divisibility

- Divisibility, congruent and prime numbers are essential parts of number theory.

- Euclidean division:

Given two integers  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , with  $b \neq 0$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that:

$$a = bq + r \text{ and } 0 \leq r < |b|,$$

- Demonstration (hints):

*Existence:* consider  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}^*$ , and the ensemble  $E = \{p \in \mathbb{Z}, a \geq bp\}$

- $E$  is not empty and is bounded.
- $E$  therefore has a maximum  $q$  such that  $q \in E$  and  $\forall p \in E, p \leq q$ .
- We define the relative integer  $r$  as  $r = a - bq$ :
  - $r \geq 0$  since  $q \in E$  and hence  $a \geq bq$ ;
  - $r < b$  since otherwise  $q+1 \in E$  which is impossible.

*Unicity:* let's  $(q,r)$  and  $(q',r')$  verify the relation above, we have:  $b(q'-q) = r-r'$

Since  $r < |b|$  and  $r' < |b|$ ,  $|r-r'| < |b|$ , which implies that  $|q-q'| < 1$ , so  $q = q'$  and also  $r = r'$

- Given two integers  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $a$  divides  $b$  if there exists an integer  $q$  such that  $a = bq$ .
- An equivalent definition is  $a$  divides  $b$  if and only if the rest  $r$  of the Euclidean division is zero.

# $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ - gcd and lcm

- We consider  $\{x_k, k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ and } x_k \in \mathbb{Z}^*\}$ .
- The set of the dividers of the  $x_k$  admits a maximum, called the greatest common divider and defined as  $\gcd(x_k)$ .

It exists because the ensemble is not empty (1 divides all  $x_k$ ) and it is bounded (by any of the  $x_k$ ).

Reminder: every set of finite number of integers admits an upper and lower bound.

- The set of the multiples of the  $x_k$  admits a minimum, called the lowest common multiple and is defined as  $\text{lcm}(x_k)$

It exists since the product of the  $x_k$  is a common multiple, and it is bounded since it is greater than one.

Note that if the  $x_k$  are of different signs, we usually consider the gcd and lcm of their absolute values.

- Modular arithmetic:
  - Given an integer  $n > 1$ , called a modulus, two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be congruent modulo  $n$ , noted  $a \equiv b[n]$  if  $n$  is a divisor of their difference.

# $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ - prime numbers

- A prime number is a number greater than one that is only divided by 1 and itself.
- $p$  is a prime number if and only if  $a$  divides  $p$  implies that  $a = 1$  or  $a = p$ .
- Fundamental theorem of arithmetic (unique factorization, or prime factorization theorem):
  - Every integer greater than 1 can be represented uniquely as a product of prime numbers, up to the order of the factors.  
In other words, for all integers  $n$  there exists prime numbers  $p_i$  and integers  $n_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), such that

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{n_i}$$

- Demonstration:
  - Existence: using strong induction: 2 is a prime. If it is true for all integers  $< n$ , either  $n$  is prime, or there is two integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n=ab$ . Since  $a < n$  and  $b < n$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  have a representation in prime numbers, and so also does  $n$ .
  - Uniqueness: Let's  $n$  be the smallest integer to have two sets of primes  $p_i$  and  $q_i$  such that  $n = p_1 \dots p_k = q_1 \dots q_l$ .  $p_1$  divides  $q_1 \dots q_l$ , so according to the Euclid lemma,  $p_1$  divides one of the  $q_i$ , which by re-ordering could be  $q_1$ . Since they are both primes,  $p_1 = q_1$ . As a result,  $p_2 \dots p_k = q_2 \dots q_l < n$ , which contradicts the hypothesis on  $n$ .
  - Euclid's lemma: If a prime  $p$  divides the product  $ab$  of two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $p$  must divide at least one of those integers  $a$  or  $b$ . We will see it soon using the relation of Bezout.
- Prime numbers are the building blocks, the fundamental particles, of numbers.
- A parallel can be made between prime number and bonds in materials !

# $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ - mutually prime numbers

- Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are mutually prime (or co-prime, relatively prime), if  $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ . In other words, they don't have a common prime number in their factorization.

Example: 6 and 25 are not prime numbers but are mutually prime:  $6 = 2 \times 3$  and  $25 = 5^2$

- This definition can be extended to  $n$  integers  $x_i$ , which are called mutually prime if  $\gcd(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$ .

- Theorem of Bézout:

For  $n$  non zero integers  $x_i$ ,  $\gcd(x_1, \dots, x_n) = d$ . Then,  $\exists (d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i = d$$

- Proof:

Let's consider the ensemble  $S = \{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i x_i, : (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n u_i x_i > 0\}$

$S$  is not empty ( $x_1$  or  $-x_1 \in S$ ) and it is then bounded and has a minimum  $d = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i$ .

$d$  divides all  $x_k$  : if  $x_k = dq_k + r_k$ , and  $0 < r_k < d$ , then  $r_k = (1 - d_k q_k)x_k + \sum_{k \neq i} d_i x_i \in S$  which contradicts that  $d$  is the minimum of  $S$ , so necessarily  $r_k = 0$  and  $d$  divides  $x_k$ .

$d$  is the gcd: if  $\exists c, \forall k, c/x_k$ , then  $c/d$ , and hence necessarily  $c \leq d$ .

So  $d$  is the greatest divider of all  $x_k$ , or  $d = \gcd(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and the  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  verify the proposition.

- No need to know the proofs of theorems, but rather how to apply them to practical problems.



# $\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ - mutually prime numbers

- Important corollary to Bézout's theorem:

If  $n$  non zero integers  $x_i$  are mutually prime, or co-prime, ie if  $\gcd(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$ , then  $\exists (d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i = 1$$

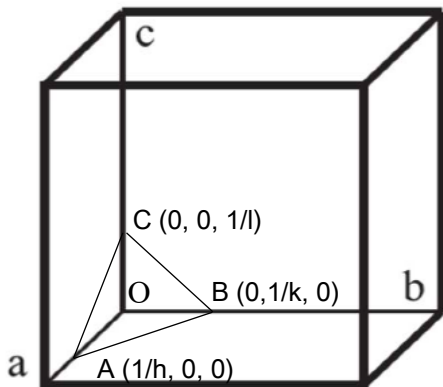
- Important results from Bézout formulation:

- If for  $n$  integers  $x_i$ , there is  $(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i = 1$ , then the  $x_i$  are mutually prime.

Straightforward since if  $\delta = \gcd(x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  then  $\delta \mid \sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i$  and so  $\delta = 1$ .

- Corollary:  $\forall (a, b, c) \in (\mathbb{Z}^*)^3, \{c \mid b \text{ \& } \gcd(a, b) = 1\} \Rightarrow \gcd(a, c) = 1$ .

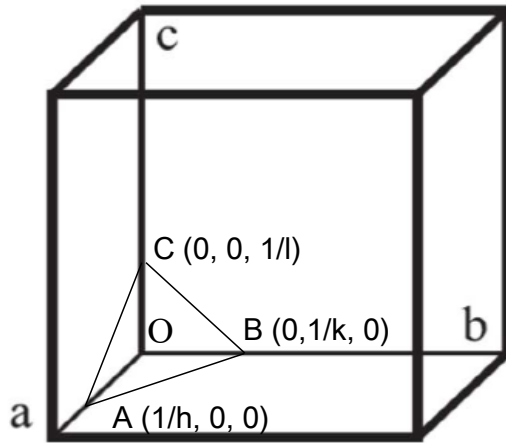
- Gauss Theorem:  $\forall (a, b, c) \in (\mathbb{Z}^*)^3, \{a \mid bc \text{ \& } \gcd(a, b) = 1\} \Rightarrow a \mid c$



- For any three co-prime numbers  $(h, k, l)$ , the plan shown here cutting the axis at points A, B and C is a crystal plan.

This can be shown using Bézout relation !

# Crystal (or lattice) planes



- This plan can be defined in two ways:

- $P = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{AM} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \right\}$  where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the normal to the plane;

- $P = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{AM} = \lambda \mathbf{AB} + \mu \mathbf{AC}, (\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \right\}$

- The normal to the plane is given by  $\mathbf{N}_{(hkl)} = \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}$
- **In the cubic system, the direction  $[hkl]$  and the planes  $(hkl)$  are perpendicular !**
- In an orthonormal basis, the equation of the plane is obtained as follow:

$$\mathcal{P}_1^{(hkl)} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 / hx + ky + lz = a\}$$

- Does it really intercept lattice points ?
- Using Bézout on the co-prime h,k and l numbers defined previously, we hence know that:  

$$\exists (n_1, n_2, n_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3, hn_1 + kn_2 + ln_3 = 1$$

- We can deduct that the point  $P(n_1a, n_2a, n_3a) \in \mathcal{P}_1^{(hkl)}$ .

# SUMMARY

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- We introduced the basic notions of divisibility, prime and co-prime numbers, and discussed several important concepts like the Bézout relation, or the Euclid lemma, that can be useful in understanding discrete configurations such as Bravais lattices.
- We also reviewed basic calculation in 3D geometry involving vectors, directions and planes.
- We use all these notions to review a foundational aspect of Materials Science that is crystallography and the structure of materials. Notions discussed:
  - Bravais lattices;
  - Crystal directions and planes, Miller indices
  - The cubic structure
  - The hard sphere model
- Next week
  - We will show a few examples of using number theory to approach crystal planes, reciprocal spaces and X-ray diffraction.
  - We will review some properties of real and complex numbers;
  - We will give some examples as to how to manipulate them, and of their use in Materials Science and engineering.