

$$\vec{R}_1 \times \vec{R}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \times \frac{a^2}{4} = (0, -2, -2) \frac{a^2}{4}$$

Reciprocal lattice vectors:

$$\vec{g}_1 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{R}_3}{\vec{R}_1 \cdot (\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{R}_3)} = 2\pi \frac{(-2, -2, 0) \frac{a^2}{4}}{-a^3/2} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (1, 1, 0)$$

$$\vec{g}_2 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{R}_3 \times \vec{R}_1}{\vec{R}_1 \cdot (\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{R}_3)} = 2\pi \frac{(-2, 0, -2) \frac{a^2}{4}}{-a^3/2} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (1, 0, 1)$$

$$\vec{g}_3 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{R}_1 \times \vec{R}_2}{\vec{R}_1 \cdot (\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{R}_3)} = 2\pi \frac{(0, -2, -2) \frac{a^2}{4}}{-a^3/2} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (0, 1, 1)$$

(b) bcc lattice vectors:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{R}_1 = (1, 1, -1) \frac{a}{2} \\ \vec{R}_2 = (1, -1, 1) \frac{a}{2} \\ \vec{R}_3 = (-1, 1, 1) \frac{a}{2} \end{cases}$$

bct lattice vectors =

$$\begin{cases} \vec{R}'_1 = (1, 0, 0) a \\ \vec{R}'_2 = (0, 1, 0) a \\ \vec{R}'_3 = (1, 1, 1) \frac{a}{2} \end{cases}$$

We can use a set of lattice vectors to represent all the points of this lattice.

$$(i) \begin{cases} \vec{R}'_3 = \frac{a}{2} (1, 1, 1) = \vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 + \vec{R}_3 \\ \vec{R}'_2 = a (0, 1, 0) = \vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_3 \\ \vec{R}'_1 = a (1, 0, 0) = \vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{R}'_1, \vec{R}'_2$ and \vec{R}'_3 can be represented as linear combinations of \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2 and \vec{R}_3 .