

1. (i) The diamond lattice consists of two interpenetrating fcc lattices, where the 2nd basis point is located at $(a/4, a/4, a/4)$ (the first is at the origin). So we can define the unit cell to have 2 atoms — one from each fcc lattice, + one displaced

$$\vec{c} = \left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}\right)$$

from the other.

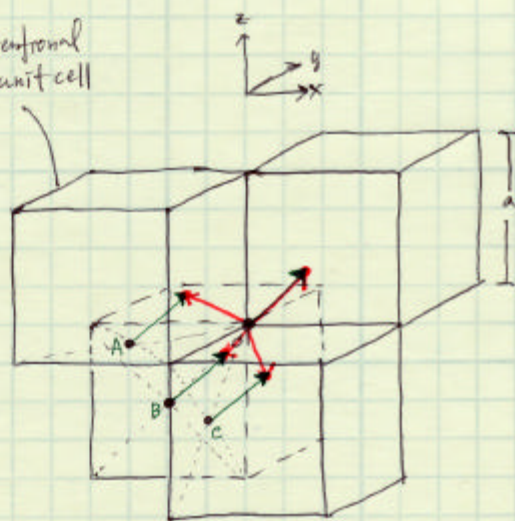
Each atom has 4 NNs — one in the same unit cell & the other three in 3 different adjacent unit cells, which have the following coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R}_1 &= \left(-\frac{a}{4}, -\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}\right) - \vec{c} \\ &= \frac{a}{2}(-1, -1, 0) \quad \dots (\text{Pt. A})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R}_2 &= \left(-\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}, -\frac{a}{4}\right) - \vec{c} \\ &= \frac{a}{2}(-1, 0, -1) \quad \dots (\text{Point B})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R}_3 &= \left(\frac{a}{4}, -\frac{a}{4}, -\frac{a}{4}\right) - \vec{c} \\ &= \frac{a}{2}(0, -1, -1) \quad \dots (\text{Point C})\end{aligned}$$

Conventional
fcc unit cell



→ : NNs
→ : $\vec{c} = \left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}\right)$

Get the Hamiltonian:

$$H_{11} = H_{22} = \epsilon_s$$

$$H_{12} = t \sum_{\vec{R}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}}$$

$$= t \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{i\vec{a}}{2} \cdot (\vec{k}_x + \vec{k}_y)\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{i\vec{a}}{2} \cdot (\vec{k}_z + \vec{k}_x)\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{i\vec{a}}{2} \cdot (\vec{k}_y + \vec{k}_z)\right] + 1 \right\}$$

$$H_{21} = H_{12}^*$$

$$S. H = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Get the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \epsilon_s - E & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & \epsilon_s - E \end{vmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow E^2 + 2E\epsilon_s + \epsilon_s^2 - |H_{12}|^2 = 0 \rightarrow E = \epsilon_s \pm \sqrt{|H_{12}|^2}$$

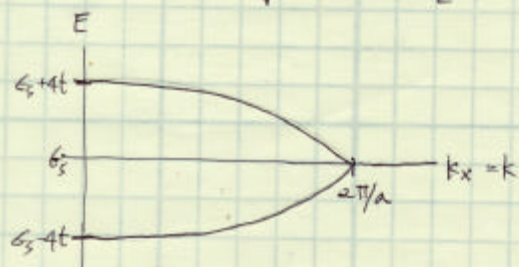
$$\begin{aligned}|H_{12}|^2 &= \left[t + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_x + k_y) + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_y + k_z) + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_z + k_x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_x - k_y) + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_y - k_z) + 2\cos\frac{a}{2}(k_z - k_x) \right] t^2 \\ &= 4t^2 \left(\cos\frac{ak_x}{2} \cos\frac{ak_y}{2} + \cos\frac{ak_y}{2} \cos\frac{ak_z}{2} + \cos\frac{ak_z}{2} \cos\frac{ak_x}{2} + 1 \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E = \epsilon_s \pm 2t \sqrt{\cos \frac{ak_x}{2} \cos \frac{ak_y}{2} + \cos \frac{ak_x}{2} \cos \frac{ak_z}{2} + \cos \frac{ak_y}{2} \cos \frac{ak_x}{2} + 1}$$

Plot along (100): $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(2\pi/a, 0, 0)$

$$\text{set } k_y = k_z = 0$$

$$E = \epsilon_s \pm 2t \sqrt{2 + 2\cos \frac{ak_x}{2}}$$

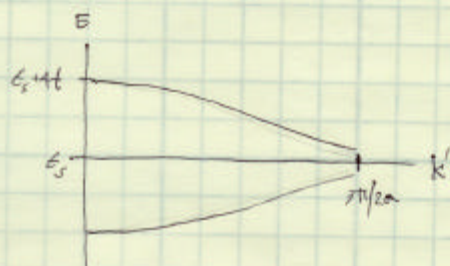


Plot along (110): $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(3\pi/2a, 3\pi/2a, 0)$

$$k_z = 0, \quad k_x = k_y = k'$$

$$E = \epsilon_s \pm 2t \sqrt{1 + 4\cos^2 \frac{ak'}{2} + 2\cos \frac{ak'}{2}}$$

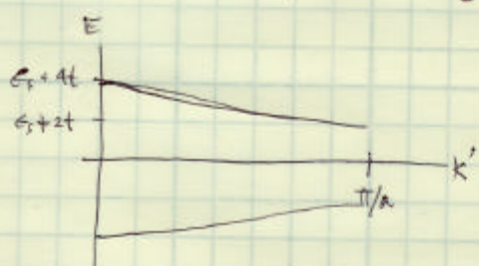
$$= \epsilon_s \pm 2t (1 + \cos \frac{ak'}{2})$$



Plot along (111): $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(\pi/a, \pi/a, \pi/a)$

$$k_x = k_y = k_z = k'$$

$$E = \epsilon_s \pm 2t \sqrt{1 + 3\cos^2 \frac{ak'}{2}}$$



$$\text{ii) } S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{s}{t} H_{12} \\ \frac{s}{t} H_{21} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\hat{H} - E\hat{S}| = 0.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \epsilon_s - E & (1 - \frac{s}{t}) H_{12} \\ (1 - \frac{s}{t}) H_{21} & \epsilon_s - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore (\epsilon_s - E)^2 = 4(t-s)^2 \left(1 + \cos \frac{ak_x}{2} \cos \frac{ak_y}{2} + \cos \frac{ak_y}{2} \cos \frac{ak_z}{2} + \cos \frac{ak_z}{2} \cos \frac{ak_x}{2} \right)$$