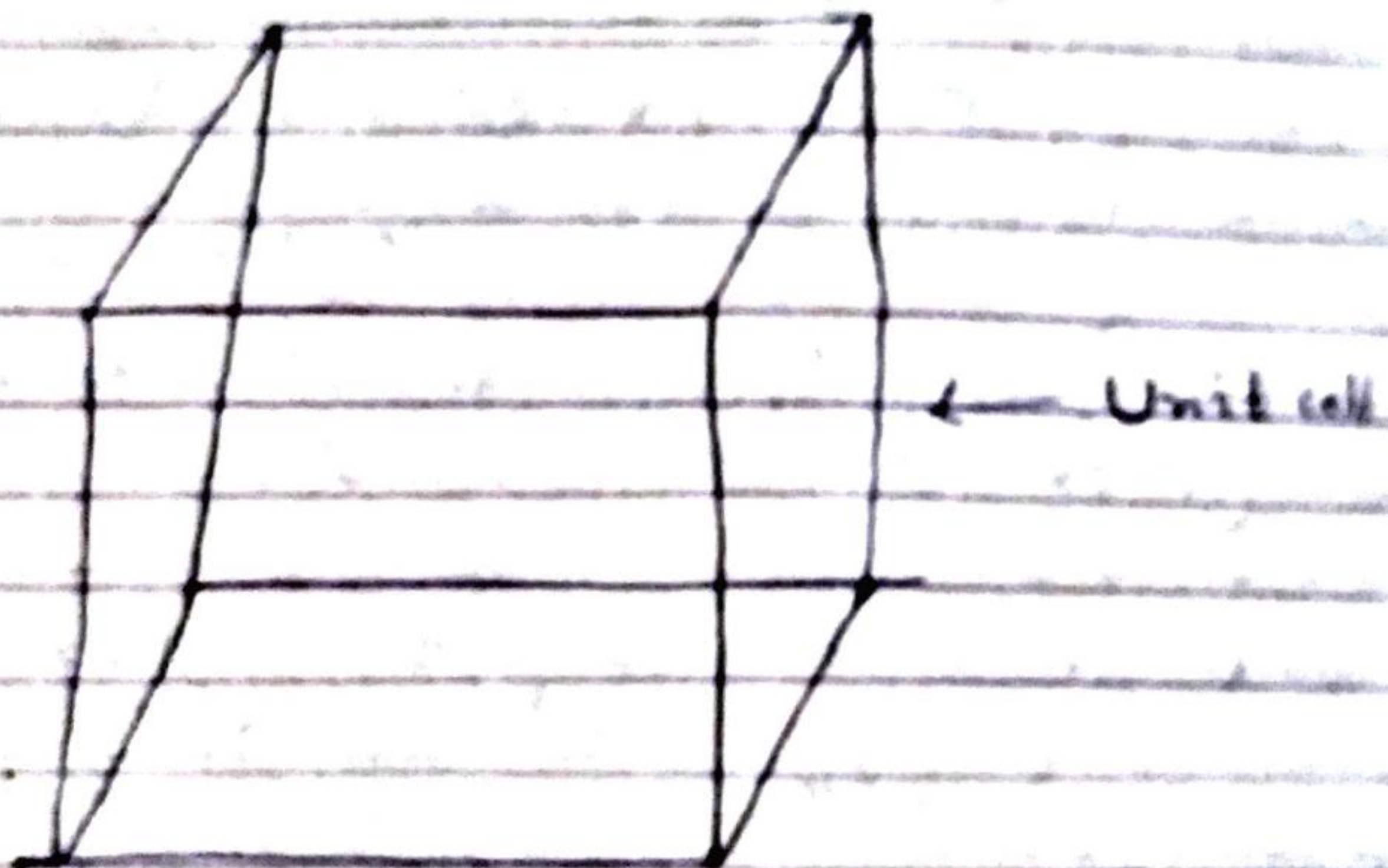


UNIT CELL

Unit cell \rightarrow It is smallest part of the lattice and when the lattice of the full ion space lattice is generated by repeating the unit cell along 3-dimension atoms or ions or molecules occupy certain point of the unit cell. The point occupied are called lattice points and the particles occupying the lattice points are called units.

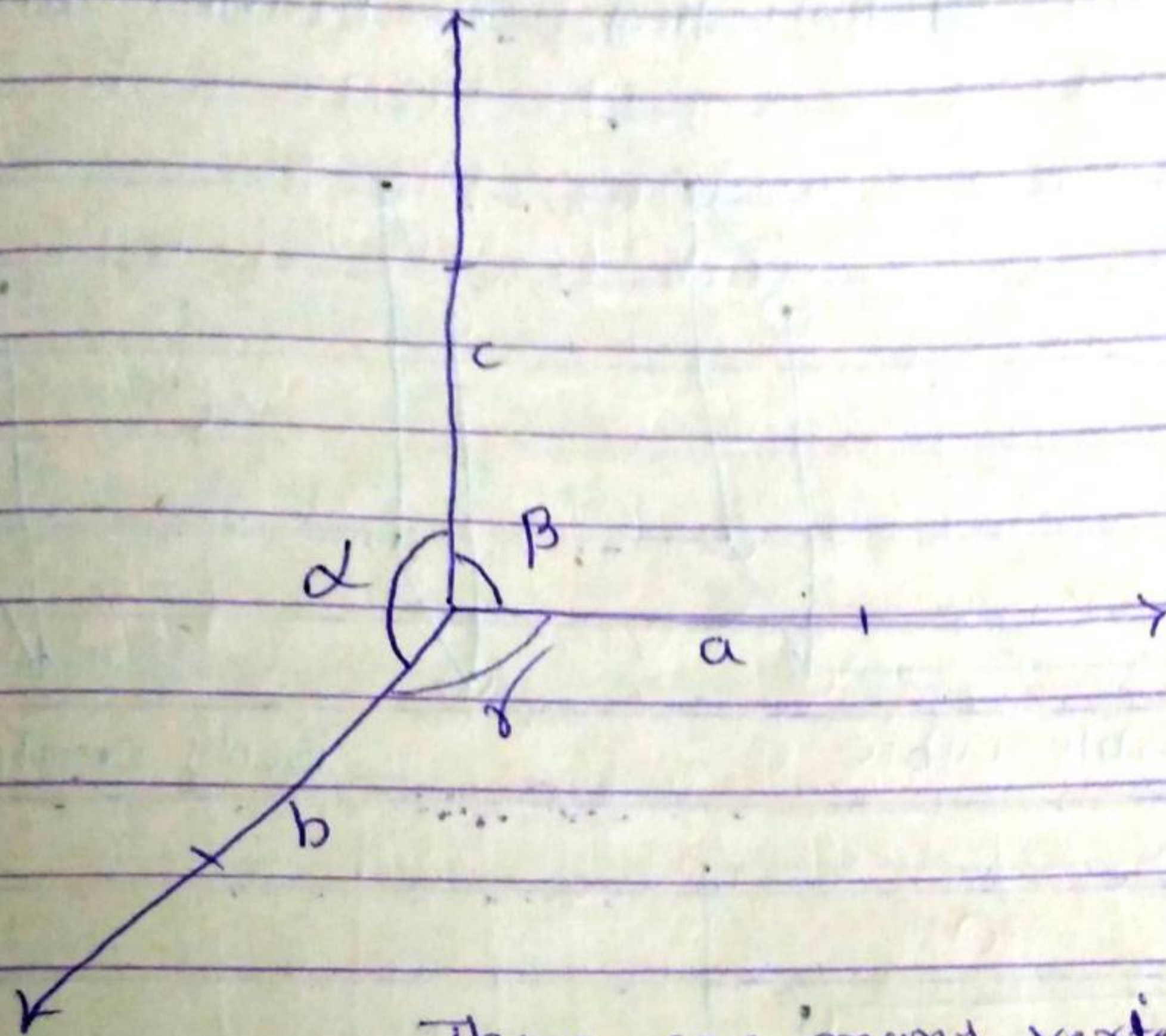


The distance between two adjacent lattice points are called unit lengths. Unit length along x-direction is called termed a, that along y-direction b and that along z-direction termed c. As a, b, c and angles between the axes α, β, γ vary different type of unit cell are formed. Each type is called a crystal system.

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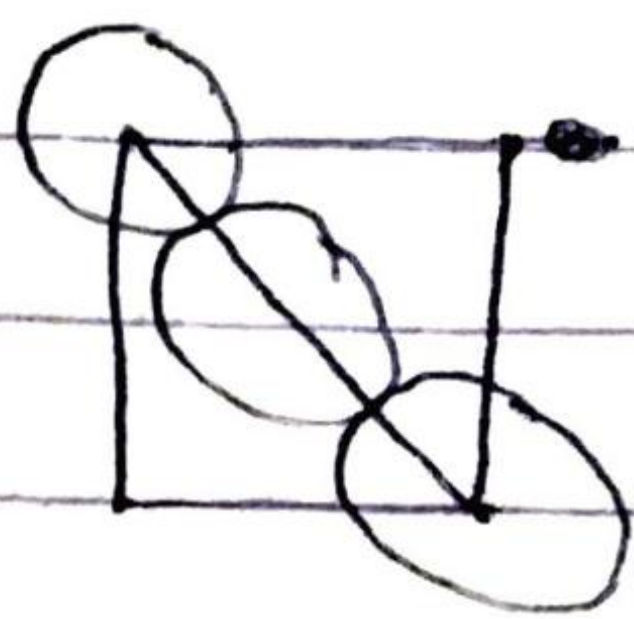
An unit cell is defined by unit lengths a, b, c along the axes and angles, α, β, γ between the axes.



There are many varieties in lattice and unit cells. Each variation is a crystal system. There are seven broad classes of crystal systems. The cubic system is one of them. It is simplest and occurs in ordinary substances.

Crystal	Sides	Angles	Examples
(i) Cubic	$a=b=c$	$\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$	NaCl, Cu
(ii) Tetragonal	$a=b, c$	$\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$	$\text{SnO}_2, \alpha\text{-Sn}$
(iii) Orthorhombic	a, b, c	$\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$	$\alpha\text{-sulphur}$ calcite, BaSO_4
(iv) Rhombohedral	$a=b=c$	$\alpha=\beta \neq \gamma \neq 90^\circ$	$\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4, \text{CuSO}_4$
(v) Triclinic	a, b, c	$\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$	$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7, \text{CuSO}_4$
(vi) Monoclinic	a, b, c	$\alpha=\gamma=90^\circ \neq \beta$	$\beta\text{-sulphur}$ $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$
(vii) Hexagonal	$a=c, b$	$\alpha=\gamma=90^\circ \neq \beta$ $\beta=120^\circ$	graphite Quartz

(212) • Face centred cubic \rightarrow units occupy the corners and face centres such that 3-units touch each other along the face diagonal and $4r = a\sqrt{2}$.



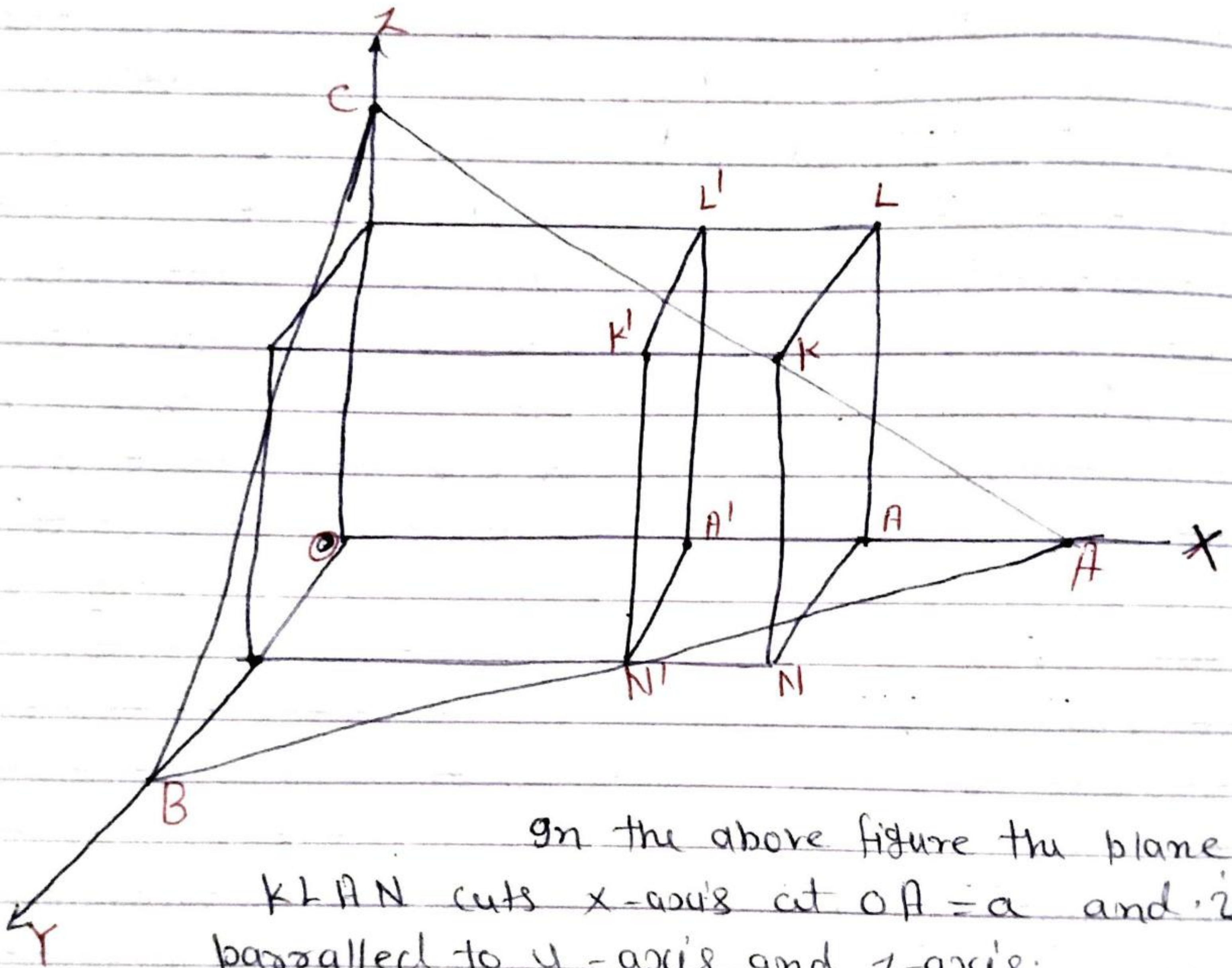
$$4r = a\sqrt{2}$$

Units occupying F.C.C lattice points are the smallest and those occupying simple cube are the largest of the three.

There are in all 14 Bravais lattice in 7 crystal structure.

WEISS INDICES

Weiss indices \Rightarrow It describes the plane in terms of intercepts OA, OB, OC made by the plane along the co-ordinate axes X, Y & Z , respectively of the crystal system. The intercepts are measured in terms of unit length a, b, c respectively.



In the above figure the plane $KLAN$ cuts x -axis at $OA = a$ and is parallel to y -axis and z -axis.

So that $OB = \infty$ and $OC = \infty$

Thus its Weiss indices are a, ∞, ∞

For the plane $K'L'A'N'$

$$OA = OA' = a/2$$

$$OB = \infty$$

$$OC = \infty$$

Its Weiss indices are $a/2, \infty, \infty$.

Miller Indices :->

It is more convenient to designate a given type of a plane with Miller indices. These are smallest set of integers are denoted by h, k, l .

Miller indices are reciprocal of coefficient of Weiss indices and cleared of fractions i.e they are reciprocals of the intercepts of a plane on the axes in terms of unit length.

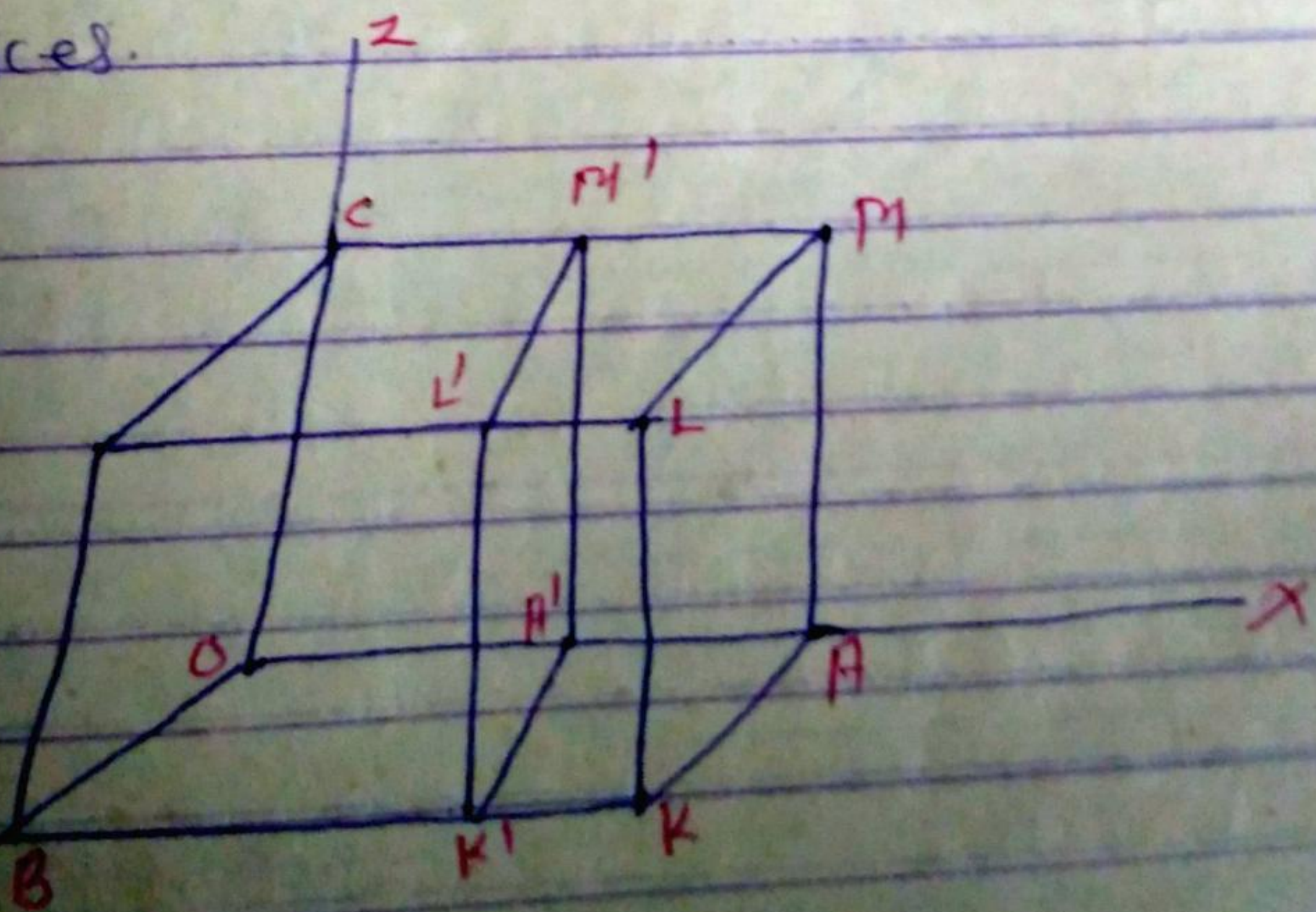
Expressed mathematically as :-

$$h = \frac{a}{OA}$$

$$k = \frac{b}{OB}$$

$$l = \frac{c}{OC}$$

Where a, b, c are unit length and OA, OB, OC intercepts made by the plane along x, y & z axes respectively. Planes have high atomic density have low indices.



For the same AKLM intercepts are

$OA = a$, $OB = \infty$, $OC = \infty$ \therefore M.I. = a, ∞, ∞
coefficient = $1, \infty, \infty$ reciprocal = $1, 0, 0$

Miller indices are $1, 0, 0$ i.e.

$$h = 1, k = 0, l = 0$$

$$h = \frac{a}{OA} = \frac{a}{a} = 1$$

$$k = \frac{b}{OB} = \frac{b}{\infty} = 0$$

$$l = \frac{c}{OC} = \frac{c}{\infty} = 0$$

Miller indices are $1, 0, 0$

similar to plane A', K', L', M'

$$\text{M.I.} = \frac{a}{2}, \infty, \infty$$

coefficient = $2, \infty, \infty$

reciprocal = $2, 0, 0$

$$\text{M.I.} = 2, 0, 0$$