

3.49 This problem asks for the determination of Bravais-Miller indices for several planes in hexagonal unit cells.

(a) For this plane, intersections with the  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $z$  axes are  $\infty a$ ,  $-a$ , and  $\infty c$  (the plane parallels both  $a_1$  and  $z$  axes). In terms of  $a$  and  $c$  these intersections are  $\infty$ ,  $-1$ , and  $\infty$ , the respective reciprocals of which are  $0$ ,  $-1$ , and  $0$ . This means that

$$h = 0$$

$$k = -1$$

$$l = 0$$

Now, from Equation 3.7, the value of  $i$  is

$$i = -(h + k) = -[0 + (-1)] = 1$$

Hence, this is a  $(0\bar{1}10)$  plane.

(b) For this plane, intersections with the  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $z$  axes are  $-a$ ,  $-a$ , and  $c/2$ , respectively. In terms of  $a$  and  $c$  these intersections are  $-1$ ,  $-1$ , and  $1/2$ , the respective reciprocals of which are  $-1$ ,  $-1$ , and  $2$ . This means that

$$h = -1$$

$$k = -1$$

$$l = 2$$

Now, from Equation 3.7, the value of  $i$  is

$$i = -(h + k) = -(-1 - 1) = 2$$

Hence, this is a  $(\bar{1}\bar{1}22)$  plane.

(c) For this plane, intersections with the  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $z$  axes are  $a/2$ ,  $-a$ , and  $\infty c$  (the plane parallels the  $z$  axis). In terms of  $a$  and  $c$  these intersections are  $1/2$ ,  $-1$ , and  $\infty$ , the respective reciprocals of which are  $2$ ,  $-1$ , and  $0$ . This means that

$$h = 2$$

$$k = -1$$

$$l = 0$$

Now, from Equation 3.7, the value of  $i$  is

$$i = -(h + k) = -(2 - 1) = -1$$