1.4. Graphical symbols for symmetry elements in one, two and three dimensions

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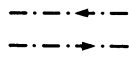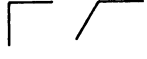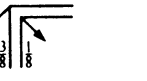## 1.4.1. Symmetry planes normal to the plane of projection (three dimensions) and symmetry lines in the plane of the figure (two dimensions)

Symmetry plane or symmetry line	Graphical symbol	Glide vector in units of lattice translation vectors parallel and normal to the projection plane	Printed symbol
Reflection plane, mirror plane Reflection line, mirror line (two dimensions)		None	*m*
'Axial' glide plane Glide line (two dimensions)		$\frac{1}{2}$ lattice vector along line in projection plane $\frac{1}{2}$ lattice vector along line in figure plane	*a*, *b* or *c* *g*
'Axial' glide plane		$\frac{1}{2}$ lattice vector normal to projection plane	*a*, *b* or *c*
'Double' glide plane* (in centred cells only)		*Two* glide vectors: $\frac{1}{2}$ along line parallel to projection plane and $\frac{1}{2}$ normal to projection plane	*e*
'Diagonal' glide plane		*One* glide vector with *two* components: $\frac{1}{2}$ along line parallel to projection plane, $\frac{1}{2}$ normal to projection plane	*n*
'Diamond' glide plane† (pair of planes; in centred cells only)		$\frac{1}{4}$ along line parallel to projection plane, combined with $\frac{1}{4}$ normal to projection plane (arrow indicates direction parallel to the projection plane for which the normal component is positive)	*d*

* For further explanations of the 'double' glide plane *e* see Note (iv) below and Note (x) in Section 1.3.2.
† See footnote § to Section 1.3.1.

1.4.2. Symmetry planes parallel to the plane of projection

Symmetry plane	Graphical symbol*	Glide vector in units of lattice translation vectors parallel to the projection plane	Printed symbol
Reflection plane, mirror plane		None	*m*
'Axial' glide plane		$\frac{1}{2}$ lattice vector in the direction of the arrow	*a*, *b* or *c*
'Double' glide plane† (in centred cells only)		*Two* glide vectors: $\frac{1}{2}$ in either of the directions of the two arrows	*e*
'Diagonal' glide plane		*One* glide vector with *two* components $\frac{1}{2}$ in the direction of the arrow	*n*
'Diamond' glide plane‡ (pair of planes; in centred cells only)		$\frac{1}{2}$ in the direction of the arrow; the glide vector is always half of a centring vector, *i.e.* one quarter of a diagonal of the conventional face-centred cell	*d*

* The symbols are given at the upper left corner of the space-group diagrams. A fraction *h* attached to a symbol indicates two symmetry planes with 'heights' *h* and $h + \frac{1}{2}$ above the plane of projection; *e.g.* $\frac{1}{8}$ stands for $h = \frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$. No fraction means $h = 0$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ (*cf.* Section 2.2.6).
† For further explanations of the 'double' glide plane *e* see Note (iv) below and Note (x) in Section 1.3.2.
‡ See footnote § to Section 1.3.1.

references