

Rotations in LAPW

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An element of the space group Γ is composed of a rotation R and translation \mathbf{t} . How does the symmetry operation Γ act on \mathbf{r} is clear. But how does it work on wave functions $\chi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}\rangle \equiv |\mathbf{G}\rangle$? In our notation, the operation acts in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{r} | \Gamma | \mathbf{G} \rangle &= \langle R^{-1} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{t} | \mathbf{G} \rangle = e^{i\mathbf{G}\mathbf{t}} \langle \mathbf{r} | R \mathbf{G} \rangle & (1) \\ \langle \mathbf{r} | \Gamma^{-1} | \mathbf{G} \rangle &= \langle R(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}) | \mathbf{G} \rangle = e^{-iR^{-1}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{t}} \langle \mathbf{r} | R^{-1} \mathbf{G} \rangle & (2) \end{aligned}$$

To compute the electronic charge, or partial density of state, or DMFT local green's function, we need the following matrix elements

$$\langle l, m | i\mathbf{k} \rangle \equiv \int Y_{l,m}^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{i\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \quad (3)$$

The problem is that \mathbf{k} is usually given only in the irreducible Brillouin zone (\mathbf{k}_{IBZ}). Furthermore the projectors should be specified in a local coordinate system attached to a specific atom, which is different from the global coordinate system. The following series of operations is typically performed in the electronic structure codes

$$\langle l, m | R_0 T_{\tau_1} \Gamma_n \Gamma_\alpha | i\mathbf{k}_{IBZ} \rangle \quad (4)$$

Here

- R_0 is a local rotation in which $Y_{l,m}(\mathbf{r})$ is specified. This transformation can be specified by user. Typically user enters a new local z -axis and a new local x -axis. In Wien2K code, this transformation is named *crotloc*(:, :).
- T_{τ_1} shifts the origin of the coordinate system from the origin to the local coordinate system attached to an atom. Here we shift only to the first atom of certain type. In Wien2K code, this shift is named *POS*(:, *lfirst*).

- Γ_n is the transformation from the first atom of a certain type to all equivalent atoms of this type. It is composed of a rotation R_n and a translation τ_n , named *rotij*(:, :, *latom*) and *tauij*(:, *latom*) in Wien2K.
- Γ_α transforms an irreducible \mathbf{k} point to a reducible \mathbf{k} -point in the same star. It is composed of a rotation R_α and translation τ_α , named *tmat*(:, :, γ) and *tau*(:, γ).

Our transformation Eq. (4) is composed of coefficients $\langle \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{k}_{IBZ} \rangle$, which are equal for all points in a star, and do not depend on local coordinate system. The other part of the coefficients depends on symmetry operations and local rotation

$$\sum_{\mathbf{G}} \langle l, m | R_0 T_{\tau_1} \Gamma_n \Gamma_\alpha | \mathbf{G} \rangle \langle \mathbf{G} | \mathbf{k}_{IBZ} \rangle \quad (5)$$

Finally we need to evaluate

$$\langle l, m | R_0 T_{\tau_1} \Gamma_n \Gamma_\alpha | \mathbf{G} \rangle = (6)$$

$$\exp(i\mathbf{G}\tau_\alpha + i(R_\alpha \mathbf{G})\tau_n) \langle l, m | R_0 T_{\tau_1} | R_n R_\alpha \mathbf{G} \rangle = (7)$$

$$\exp(i\mathbf{G}\tau_\alpha + i(R_\alpha \mathbf{G})\tau_n + i(R_n R_\alpha \mathbf{G})\tau_1) \langle l, m | R_0 R_n R_\alpha \mathbf{G} \rangle (8)$$

In Wien2K, we hence need to add the following phase factor

$$G(:)tau(:, \gamma) + tmat(:, :, \gamma)G(:)tauij(:, latom) \quad (9)$$

$$+rotij(:, :, latom)tmat(:, :, \gamma)G(:)POS(:, lfirst) \quad (10)$$

The wave vector \mathbf{G} needs to be rotated by the following sequence of transformations

$$crotloc(:, :)rotij(:, :, latom)tmat(:, :, \gamma)G(:) \quad (11)$$