

Section A – Short essays. Answer as concisely as possible. Write equations or use drawings where appropriate. [10 points each].

- (1) Draw a 2D lattice with $a=b$; $\alpha=90^\circ$. Draw and label the following lattice planes in the lattice: $[2;1]$; $[3;2]$; $[-1;2]$
- (2) Explain why do crystals diffract X rays into "spots"?
- (3) What is non-isomorphism? Why can't we combine X-ray data from non-isomorphous crystals, even if they contain the exact same molecules?
- (4) Why do we need to scale diffraction data? How are diffraction data sets scaled? Write the equation for the scaling R factor.
- (5) What is the resolution of the following reflections: $[7;0;0]$, $[0;10;0]$, $[0;0;154]$, from a unit cell with parameters: $a=456 \text{ \AA}$, $b=213 \text{ \AA}$, $c=254 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$. Does the resolution of the reflections depend on the wavelength used for the diffraction? If yes, what happens if the wavelength is decreased to $1/2$? Explain all your answers.
- (6) How is the "free R-factor" calculated? Why do we use it?
- (7) How is Fourier shell correlation (FSC) calculated?
- (8) Why do we use electrons in electron microscopes?
- (9) What is Rayleigh criterion?
- (10) What is underfocus? – Use a drawing for the explanation. How does it contribute to increased contrast?
- (11) What are preferential orientations in EM? Do they constitute a problem for obtaining 3D reconstruction?

Section B – "Long" exercises. Please answer as concisely as possible. Write equations where appropriate. [20 points each]

- (12) Demonstrate the systematic absences for space group with $2(1)$ screw axis along b. Symmetry operators are: $(x; y; z)$ and $(-x; y+1/2; -z)$.
- (13) Explain amplitude and phase contrast. Use drawings. Explain how do the different types of contrast contribute to image contrast.
- (14) Write an equation representing non-periodic object with Fourier transform – explain the differences to the periodic situation applied in X-ray crystallography.
- (15) A cubic crystal of iridium (Ir) is analyzed by X-ray diffraction through exposure to molybdenum $K\alpha$ radiation, for which $\lambda_{K\alpha} = 0.721 \text{ \AA}$. Calculate the angle of reflection, θ , of the Bragg plane $[1; 1; 0]$. The unit cell length $a = 3.84 \text{ \AA}$.
If you wanted to increase the angle at which the reflection described in question (1) is observed, would you use X-rays with shorter or longer wavelength? Explain the reasoning behind your choice.

Section C – Equations. Write the equations. Define all the variables. [10 points each]

- (16) Equation to calculate standard electron density map.
- (17) R factor for comparing the intensity of symmetry-related reflections.
- (18) Crystallographic R-factor indicating correctness of a structure.
- (19) Equation to calculate $2F_{\text{Obs}} - F_{\text{Calc}}$ map.
- (20) The inverse Fourier transform to calculate structure factors from electron density distribution.