

A Fibre Bundle Approach to the Description of the Symmetry of Magnetic Structures in a 6-dimensional Space

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We consider the magnetic symmetry groups in terms of the fibre bundles. To describe magnetic symmetry one needs a 6-dimensional space E_6 . This space has the structure of the **fibre bundle** with R_3 as a **base space**, and a 3-dimensional vector space V_3 as a **fibre**. R_3 is the position space of the magnetic structure, while V_3 is spanned by the orthogonal unit vectors e_1, e_2, e_3 and is the space of the magnetization vector. In the simplest case the space E_6 becomes the Cartesian product of the R_3 and V_3 . In this formalism one can describe a magnetic structure as a certain subspace S of E_6 . The subspace S in terms of the fibre bundles is called the **section of E_6** . Therefore the corresponding magnetic symmetry group becomes a symmetry group of S . In this case the problem of formulating the different magnetic symmetry groups consists in searching the corresponding symmetry groups of S . These symmetry groups are defined as groups, which conserve the unique structure defined by the magnetization vector. The magnetic symmetry group in this approach is the **structure group of the bundle E_6** . To illustrate the above approach a ferromagnetic, an antiferromagnetic and both different spiral magnetic structures and spin waves are considered. This approach can serve for the determination of all the other magnetic symmetry groups as well as for the determination of the symmetry groups of all the other aperiodic structures (like the modulated nonmagnetic structures, quasicrystals etc.).

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