

# \* Lattice Parameter OR Lattice Constant:-

It is the characteristic of particular lattice.

\* Distance between two consecutive lattice point is lattice parameter or lattice constant.

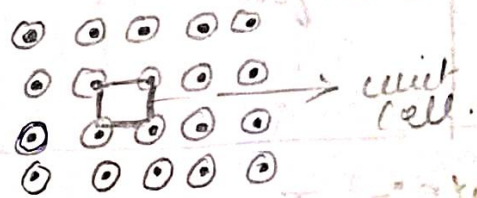
eg. In 3-dimension  $a$  (along  $x$ ),  $b$  (along  $y$ ),  $c$  (along  $z$ ) are lattice parameter or lattice vector.  $\vec{R} = a\hat{x} + b\hat{y} + c\hat{z}$ .

## \* Unit cell:-

Unit cell is smallest unit of crystal lattice which on continuous repetition can generate the whole lattice.

Unit cell is representative of crystal structure.

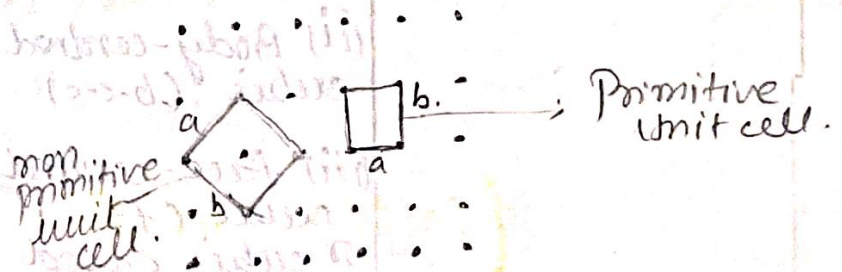
It is categorised into two type.



### (1) Primitive:-

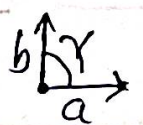



If effective no. of lattice point per unit cell is one it primitive unit cell.

(2) Non Primitive:- If effective no. of lattice point per unit cell is more than one it is non primitive.



## ⇒ Type of Crystal System in 2-D:-



Crystal System	Bravais Lattice	Condition
(1) Square	(i) Square	$a=b$ $\gamma=90^\circ$ 
(2) Rectangular	(i) Rectangular primitive	$a \neq b, \gamma=90^\circ$
	(ii) Rectangular centered	
(3) Hexagonal	(i) Hexagonal	$a=b, \gamma=120^\circ$ 
(4) Oblique	(i) Oblique	$a \neq b, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$ 

Note:- For 2-D we have 4 types of crystal lattice and 5 types of Bravais lattice.

⇒ Types of the system in 3-D:-

Crystal System	Bravais Lattice	Condition
(1) Cubic	(i) Simple cubic (primitive) (ii) Body-centred cubic (b-c-c) (iii) face-centred cubic (f-c-c) or cubic closed packed (c-c-p)	(i) $a=b=c; \alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$ 