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Implications of time-reversal symmetry for band structure of single-wall carbon nanotubes SERGUEI GOUPALOV¹, Jackson State University — When electron states in carbon nanotubes are characterized by two-dimensional wave vectors with the components K_1 and K_2 along the nanotube circumference and cylindrical axis, respectively, then two such vectors symmetric about a \mathbf{M} -point in the reciprocal space of graphene are shown to be related by the time-reversal operation. To each nanotube there correspond five relevant \mathbf{M} -points with the following coordinates: $K_1^{(1)} = \mathcal{N}/2R$, $K_2^{(1)} = 0$; $K_1^{(2)} = \mathcal{M}/2R$, $K_2^{(2)} = -\pi/T$; $K_1^{(3)} = (2\mathcal{N} - \mathcal{M})/2R$, $K_2^{(3)} = \pi/T$; $K_1^{(4)} = (\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{N})/2R$, $K_2^{(4)} = -\pi/T$, and $K_1^{(5)} = (\mathcal{N} - \mathcal{M})/2R$, $K_2^{(5)} = \pi/T$, where \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{M} are the integers relating the chiral, \mathbf{C}_h , symmetry, \mathbf{R} , and translational, \mathbf{T} , vectors of the nanotube by $\mathcal{N}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}_h + \mathcal{M}\mathbf{T}$, $T = |\mathbf{T}|$, and R is the nanotube radius. We show that the states at the edges of the one-dimensional Brillouin zone which are symmetric about the \mathbf{M} -points with $K_2 = \pm\pi/T$ are degenerate due to the time-reversal symmetry. Explicit expressions are obtained for the coordinates of the \mathbf{K} -points in the reciprocal space of graphene relevant to a given nanotube.

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