

Homework 2 Solutions

Physics 406.

1. 0 chap. 2 Q1

It is assumed that the detector is located very far away from the crystal.

2. 0 chap. 2 Q5.

The lattice structure factor S will be the same for diamond and silicon since they are both fcc, but the atomic form factors will be different.

3. 0. chap. 2 Q9.

For crystal diffraction we need $\lambda \sim 1 \text{ \AA} \equiv \lambda_0$

Since we need $\lambda \sim$ interatomic spacing.

Using the de Broglie relation

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}} \Rightarrow \text{Needed: } E = \frac{h^2}{2m\lambda_0^2}$$

$$m_{\text{neutron}} > m_{\text{electron}}$$

\Downarrow

$$E_{\text{neutron}} < E_{\text{electron}} \quad \left(E \sim \frac{1}{m} \right)$$

4. 0 chap. 2 Q 10

For crystal diffraction to occur we would like

$$\lambda \sim d$$

where we note that from Bragg's law

$$\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

there is no diffraction for $\lambda > 2d$ (since $\sin \theta \leq 1$)

Thus visible green ($\sim 5100 \text{ \AA}$) light could

provide diffraction spots when scattered from a

crystal with lattice constant $d \sim 5000 \text{ \AA}$; this

is three orders of magnitude greater than that of

crystals we see in Nature

5. 0. chapter 2 P1.

From (2.1) we have

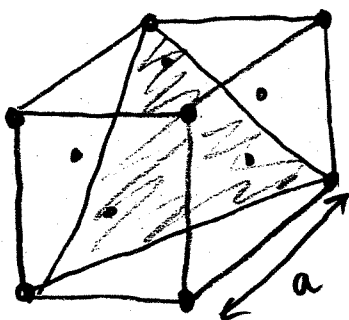
$$V(\text{kV}) = \frac{12.3}{1.23} = 10 \text{ kV} = 10^4 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{KE} = eV = 10^4 \text{ eV}$$

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$$\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$$

a) $\theta = 19.2^\circ$ for (111) plane $\Rightarrow d_{111}$



(111)

Bragg's Law

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

We assume $n=1$

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{1.54}{2 \sin 19.2}$$

$$d_{111} = 2.34 \text{ \AA}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\# \text{ Al atoms}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}} \times \frac{\text{molecular weight of Al (g-atom)}}{N (\# \text{ atoms in 1 g-atom})}$$

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$$N = \frac{\# \text{ Al atoms}}{\text{volume of unit cell}} \times \frac{M(\text{Al})}{\rho}$$

Al is fcc

• # atoms / unit cell

$$= \frac{8 \text{ corner atoms}}{8 \text{ cells}} + \frac{6 \text{ face atoms}}{2 \text{ cells}}$$

$$= 1 + 3 = 4 \text{ atoms / cell}$$

$$V = a^3$$

For fcc lattice

$$d = \frac{a}{\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}}$$



$$a = d_{111} \sqrt{3} = 2.34 \sqrt{3} = 4.05 \text{ \AA}$$



$$N = \frac{4 \text{ atoms}}{(4.05 \times 10^{-8})^3 \text{ cm}^3} \times \frac{27 \text{ g}}{2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(4.05)^3} \times 10^{25} \text{ atoms} = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$$

$N = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$

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The plane (hkl) is defined by the intercepts

$$\frac{\vec{a}_1}{h}, \frac{\vec{a}_2}{k}, \frac{\vec{a}_3}{l}$$

(a) We take 2 vectors in this plane

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\vec{a}_1}{h} - \frac{\vec{a}_2}{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{a}_1}{h} - \frac{\vec{a}_3}{l}$$

⇓

$$\vec{G} = h\vec{a}_1 + k\vec{a}_2 + l\vec{a}_3$$

$$\vec{G} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

⇒ G must be perpendicular

$$\vec{G} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

to (hkl)

(b) Let \hat{n} be the unit normal to the plane

⇓

$$\text{interplanar spacing is } \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \vec{a}_1}{h} = d(hkl)$$

However

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{G}}{|\vec{G}|}$$

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$$d(hkl) = \frac{G \cdot \hat{a}_1}{h|\vec{G}|} = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{G}|}$$

(c) For a simple cubic lattice

$$\vec{G} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (h\hat{x} + k\hat{y} + l\hat{z})$$

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$$\frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{G^2}{4\pi^2} = \frac{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}{a^2}$$

⇓

$$d^2 = \frac{a^2}{h^2 + k^2 + l^2}$$

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Hexagonal lattice

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{x} + \frac{a}{2} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{x} + \frac{a}{2} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = c \hat{z}$$

$$(a) \text{ cell volume} = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)$$

$$= \vec{a}_1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a & \frac{a}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \hat{x} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{ac}{2} \hat{x} \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{a}{2} \hat{y} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} ac \hat{y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2 c = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a^2 c$$

$$(h) \quad \vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{V_c} (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a^2 c} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a & \frac{a}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3} a} \hat{x} + \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{V_c} (\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3} a^2 c} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a & \frac{a}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = +\frac{2\pi}{a} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{x} + \hat{y} \right)$$

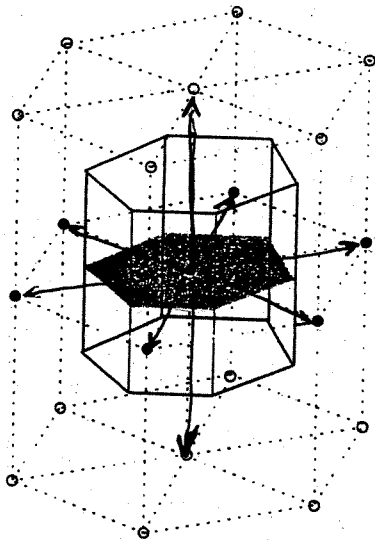
$$\vec{k}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{V_c} (\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3} a^2 c}$$

\hat{x}	\hat{y}	\hat{z}
$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a$	$\frac{a}{2}$	0
$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a$	$\frac{a}{2}$	0

$$\vec{k}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{c} \hat{z}$$

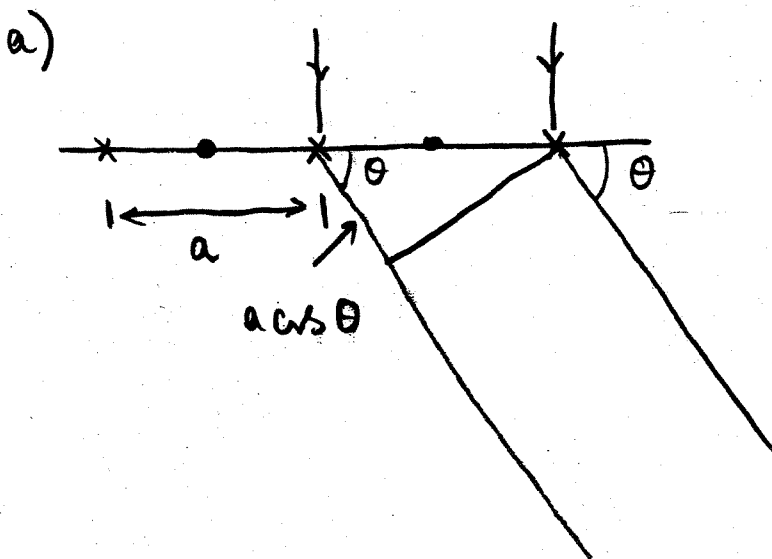
(c)



The reciprocal lattice is shown as dots and is shifted by an angle of 30° from the real-space lattice. The shaded BZ is also shown; it is oriented w/ the real space lattice (shifted from the reciprocal lattice by 30°).

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Let $x = A$, $\bullet = B$



Constructive interference iff

$$n\lambda = a \cos \theta$$

b)

$$\Delta_G = \sum_j f_j e^{-i2\pi v_j x_j}$$

$$= f_A + f_B e^{-i4\pi}$$

$$v_j \text{ even} \quad e^{-i4\pi} = +1$$

$$v_j \text{ odd} \quad e^{-i4\pi} = -1$$

$$x_A = 0$$

$$x_B = 1/2$$

Therefore

$$\Delta_G = f_A - f_B \quad \nu_1 \text{ odd}$$

$$\Delta_G = f_A + f_B \quad \nu_2 \text{ even}$$

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$$I \propto |\Delta_G|^2 = \begin{cases} |f_A - f_B|^2 & \nu_1 \text{ odd} \\ |f_A + f_B|^2 & \nu_1 \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

c) $f_A = f_B$

No reflection w/ ν_1 odd

Same reflections as for monatomic lattice
w/ $a/2$ lattice spacing.

10. Key points of Donev et al. paper.

- Key result: oblate spheroids (M+Ms) pack differently (more densely) than do spheres when poured randomly and shaken
- Extensions of work w/ more experiments on spheroids w/ different aspect ratios and w/ computer simulations \Rightarrow random packing densities approach those of perfectly ordered arrangements of spheres.
- Use MRI to check that there was no periodic ordering in center
- Always assumed that periodic orderings are denser than random ones \Rightarrow true for spheres but may not be the case for all spheroids
- Shape change sphere \rightarrow spheroids leads to major change in random in random packing densities (such shape changes have minimal effects on non-random packings)