PHY 752 – Problem Set #19

Read Chapter 10 in GGGPP

1. The graph and table below shows simulated neutron diffraction data for ZnS in the zincblende structure (Fig. 2.9, pg 76-77 in GGGPP) showing the diffraction intensity versus d_{hkl} plane spacing, where the hkl Miller indices are based on the conventional cubic cell.



- (a) Using the fractional atomic positions for the ZnS structure, explain the reason for at least two of the "missing" diffraction peaks.
- (b) From the table of neutron diffraction peaks given below, determine the lattice constant of ZnS and compare your result with that given in GGGPP.