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Exam #3

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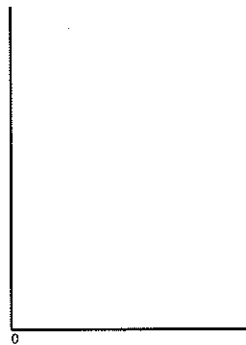
All answers should be given in eV or Å and related units where appropriate, and SI unless otherwise specified. All answers should be given numerically wherever possible unless otherwise stated.

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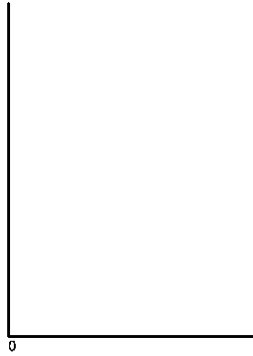
1. a. For a 1D triatomic lattice, evenly spaced atoms, lattice constant  $a$  ( $a/3$  between atoms); force constant  $C$ , masses  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $M_3$ . Assume in the  $n$ th unit cell the atoms are described by positions  $u_n$ ,  $v_n$ , and  $w_n$ . Set up the appropriate equations you would need to find the frequency as a function of  $k$  and get it down to a determinant but don't solve it. (20)

b. Sketch the phonon dispersion in the 1st BZ. (10)



2. A beam of neutrons of wavelength  $5.00 \text{ \AA}$  is incident normally on a cube face (call this the x-direction) of a monoatomic SCC crystal (lattice constant  $3.50 \text{ \AA}$ ). Some neutrons are scattered in a single phonon event and exit along the diagonal of the y-z face of the cube with wavelength  $4.00 \text{ \AA}$ . Find the energy (eV) and momentum (SI units) of the phonon involved in this process. (20)

3. a. For the 1D case in the Debye Model, find and plot the density of states.  
(15)



b. Find the Debye frequency in terms of atomic density and the velocity of sound.  
(10)

4. For a velocity of sound in lead of 1158 m/s, find the force constant. (10)

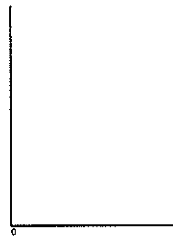
5. Calculate Plank distribution for 1000K given a frequency of  $10^{14}$  rad/s<sup>-1</sup>. (10)

6. a. Find Debye frequency and temperature for germanium. Assume a velocity of sound of 5400 m/s. Compare the Debye temperature to the experimental value. (10)

b. For 1 mole of atoms, find the thermal conductivity at 100 K ("high T limit") and compare to experiment (for "normal" germanium-see Figure). (10)

7. Assume that  $k = B\omega^{\frac{3}{2}}$  for  $\omega \leq \omega_0$   
 $= 0$  for  $\omega > \omega_0$ .

Find the density of states for the 2D case and plot it. Find  $\omega_0$ . (20)



8. For an ideal monatomic gas at STP (standard temperature and pressure) find the Debye frequency and temperature. Use 319 m/s as the velocity of sound (corresponding to argon). (10)

9. Given the dispersion of Na in the [100] direction (Figure 11), estimate a. the force constant from the zone boundary data and b. the velocity of sound from the low frequency data. (20) Note: be careful of the units on the plot.

10. For 1 mole of atoms, find the specific heat of K at high T in the Debye model. (10)





