

1. Please (a) draw an illustration to indicate the coordination number (4%) and (b) calculate the packing factor (6%) in the body-centered cubic (BCC) unit cell.
2. The crystal shown in Figure 1 contains two dislocations A and B.
  - (a) Please indicate the Burgers vectors of A and B, respectively. (5%)
  - (b) If a shear stress  $\tau$  is applied to the crystal as shown, what will happen to dislocations A and B? (5%)

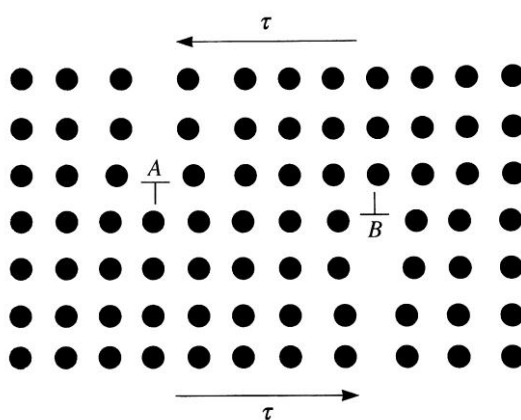


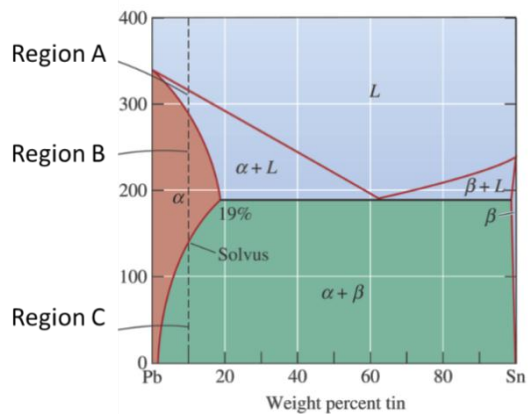
Figure 1. A schematic diagram of two dislocation in a crystal

3. In the solidification of a metal,
  - (a) what is the difference between an embryo and a nucleus? (5%)
  - (b) What is the critical radius of a solidifying particle? (5%)
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  - (a) What is solid-solution strengthening? (5%)
  - (b) What are two important factors that affect solid-solution hardening? (5%)
5. Please explain why the conductivity of pure metals decreases with increasing temperature, while the opposite is true for semiconductors and insulators. (10%)

6. Draw (a) the  $[1\ \bar{3}\ 1]$  direction and (b) the  $(\bar{3}10)$  plane in a cubic unit cell. (10%)

7. What are (a) the Hall-Petch equation, and (b) the Critical Resolved Shear Stress. (10%)

8. Describe the microstructures **with schematic diagrams** at Region A, Region B and Region C in the Pb-Sn system at the composition indicated by the dash line. (10%)



9. (a) What are the three steps in the **precipitation hardening** heat treatment process.  
(b) What is the difference between “artificial aging” and “natural aging”? (10%)

10. Describe

- (a) the determination of the 0.2% offset yield strength in typical alloys, and
- (b) the yield point phenomenon in low carbon steels. (respective stress-strain curves should be included) (10%)