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Sheet 2

Problem on Dielectric Materials

1. Assuming a material has a FCC crystal structure, an electric field is then applied on the material with an atomic number 29 and lattice constant of 3.6 \AA . The average displacement of electron relative to the nucleus is $1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ \AA}$. Calculate the polarization. (Comment on your results).
2. Design a parallel plate capacitor using Mica that will have a capacitance of 0.0252 \mu F . We are able to obtain the Mica only in a thickness of 0.000254 cm . The Mica has a dielectric constant of 7 and dielectric strength of $40 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m}$. Also comment about how to get a capacitor with a high voltage.
3. Potential difference of 15 kV is applied across the terminals of a capacitor consisting of two circular plates, each having an area of 200 cm^2 separated by 1 mm of dielectric. The capacitance is $4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ \mu F}$.

Calculate the following:

- a) The charge density.
 - b) The electric field.
 - c) The dielectric constant of the dielectric.
4. The dipole moment for a general distribution of charges is defined as the sum

$$P = \sum_i q_i r_i$$

Where q_i and r_i are the charge and position respectively, of the i^{th} charge and summation is overall the charges present. The choice of the origin coordinate is arbitrary.

- (a) Show that the above reduced to $(p=qd)$ for the special case of two equal and opposite charges (Take arbitrary origin).
- (b) If the charges system has an overall electrical neutrality, then the dipole moment is independent of the choice of origin.

5. The field E_3 due to dipole inside the cavity depends on the symmetry of the crystal and in general does not vanish in a non cubic crystal. Assuming that this field has the form:

$$E_3 = (b/E_0)P$$

Where b is a constant, calculate the dielectric constant ϵ_r in such a substance.

6. Show that this equation

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3\epsilon_0} N\alpha}{1 - \frac{N\alpha}{3\epsilon_0}}$$

Can be reduced to,

$$\epsilon_r = 1 + \frac{N\alpha}{\epsilon_0}$$

In gaseous substance (i.e. substance in which N is very small).