Homework 4 Properties of Materials

- 1) Aluminum displays an FCC crystal structure.
 - a) Sketch the FCC structure showing the (111) plane and the [110] direction.
 - b) Why are this plane and this direction important do deformation of aluminum?

c) What evidence exists that FCC crystals do not deform by motion of an entire plane of atoms?

d) Show how a disclination and an interstitial impurity can interact.

e) List the types of crystalline defects that can be involved in deformation of metals and ceramics.

2) Most metals that are encountered in everyday life are composed of grains.

- a) What is a grain and how do grains form when a metal crystallizes from the melt?
- b) How does the yield stress scale with grain size?

c) Explain the following three diffraction patterns in terms of the structure of the grains in aluminum.



d) Explain how a grain boundary interacts with motion of disclinations.

e) When metals approach their failure stress they can often be heard to creak as twinning occurs. Explain what is meant by twinning.

3) a) Sketch engineering stress versus engineering strain for copper showing the yield point and failure stress.

b) Using the sketch of part a show how strain hardening occurs (pick several paths of strain hardening in the sketch of part a and explain differences in the mechanical properties when the stress is relieved.)

- c) Show how the yield stress depends on the disclination density.
- d), e) Describe two metal shaping operations that involve strain hardening.