

LONG ANSWER SECTION

1. Consider a large two-dimensional array of N coupled harmonic oscillators in area A that lie in the $x - y$ plane when at rest. The oscillator's movement is also confined to the $x - y$ plane. In the absence of the coupling, each oscillator has a fundamental frequency ω_0 . After coupling both the longitudinal and transverse sound modes have a speed c_s .

(a) (10 pts) Solve for the Debye frequency, ω_D , in terms of ω_0 , N , A and c_s .

(b) (10 pts) For $T \ll \hbar\omega_D$, find the specific heat per unit area,

$$C \equiv (1/A)d\langle E \rangle/dT.$$

(c) (5 pts) What is $C(T \rightarrow \infty)$?