

- A. 10 nm of a thin film consisting of 50% Fe and 50% Ni atoms is deposited. Calculate its magnetization in μ_B/atom , emu/cm^3 , and A/m . You may assume the volume of both Ni and Fe atoms is 11 \AA^3 . (1 point)
- B. The thin film is shaped like a cross as shown on the last (tear-off) page of this test. The $[100]$ easy axes are along x and y . In the top figure, show a zero field domain pattern that has no surface or interior poles. In the bottom figure, show a pattern that reduces the magnetoelastic energy relative to the pattern in the top figure. (1 point)
- C. 5 nm of a granular antiferromagnetic material (Neel Temperature = 600 K) is deposited atop the ferromagnetic thin film. The grains are 10 nm in diameter. The uniaxial anisotropy of $10^6 \text{ ergs}/\text{cm}^3$ produces an exchange bias of 500 Oe. The system is cooled to 0 K under a 20 kOe field applied along x . Describe the magnetization in the ferromagnet after the cooling field is removed. (0.5 point)
- D. If the thickness of the ferromagnetic thin film doubles, what will the exchange bias become? (0.5 points)
- E. Refrigeration fails overnight and the system reaches room temperature. How does the exchange bias and domain pattern change? (1.0 points)

Note: Use the answer sheet provided for answering this problem.