STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY Final Exam Questions 27th May 2009

- **1.** The star below has been deformed by simple shear.
 - a) Calculate the longitudinal and angular changes along AB.
 - b) Make a plot of shear strain versus longitudinal and angular changes along AB.
 - d) Using the diagram below find out the ellipticity values associated with the first two deformed stars.



2. a) The following strike and dip readings have been measured around a fold: 32/48NW, 127/69SW, 35/43NW, 31/48NW, 131/72SW. Using stereographic projection find out the trend and the plunge of the fold axis.

b) Find out the strike and dip of the plane that includes the lines 168/88SE and 15/14NE.

3. The following maximum, indermediate and minimum axis of ooids have been measured in a deformed limestone:

	max	interm	min
ooid 1:	1.1 mm	1.0 mm	0.3 mm
ooid 2:	3.0 mm	2.7 mm	0.5 mm
ooid 3:	2.5 mm	2.3 mm	0.4 mm

- a) Determine the principal axial ratios and show them on a Flinn diagram.
- b) What are the k-values of the deformed oolites?
- c) Assuming that there has been no volume change during the deformation calculate the e_1 , e_2 and e_3 values.

4. a) What is the relation between cleavage, mineral stretching lineation and the finite strain ellipsoid.

- b) How would you differentiate a normal fault from a reverse fault in the field?
- c) With the help of diagrams explain as how transtension and transtensional structures form within a strike-slip fault zone.
- d) With the help of diagrams explain the difference between a parallel fold and similar fold.
- e) What are the factors that control brittle versus ductile deformation?

Bonus questions:

- 1. What are the differences between continental and oceanic crust?
- 2. What is the main mineral in the upper mantle?
- 3. What is the commonest element in the continental upper crust?





