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(57) ABSTRACT

A discrete pattern, formed by dots discretely arranged in two dimensions, is provided wherein the dots included in a rectangular area having a longitudinal length of Lx and a transverse length of Ly satisfy expression (1),

$$D \le 0.13N^{-1} \ ^{15} \tag{1}$$

(in expression (1), N denotes the number of dots included in a predetermined area, and D is obtained by expression (2), wherein A(x,y) defines the number of dots, of a total of N dots, included in a rectangular area for which a line segment extended from reference coordinates (0,0) to an arbitrary coordinate point (x,y) is a diagonal line), [Ex. 2]

$$D(L_x, L_y; N) = \int \int_{L_x x L_y} \left[\frac{A(x, y)}{N} - \frac{xy}{L_x L_y} \right]^2 \frac{dx dy}{L_x L_y}$$
 (2)

and wherein S₁ that is obtained by expression (3) [Ex. 3]

$$S_1(r_1, r_2) = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} dr |g_1(r; r_1, r_2) - g_{av}| \tag{3}$$

is equal to or smaller than 0.7. (In expression (3), g_1 is obtained by dividing the average radial distribution function g(r) of each dot in the area by an integration value of g(r) over a range of from r_1 to r_2 , and g_{av} is the average value of g_1 within the range of from r_1 to r_2 . When the dots are arranged in a square lattice to satisfy a given filling rate, r_1 and r_2 are chosen as one and four times the value of the lattice constant Dr respectively. The dot filling rate is a value obtained by multiplying the square of the maximum diameter of a dot by the number of dots, and dividing the product by the size of the area.

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