

5 (a) Define *electric potential* at a point.

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(b) Two point charges A and B are separated by a distance of 12.0 cm in a vacuum, as illustrated in Fig. 5.1.

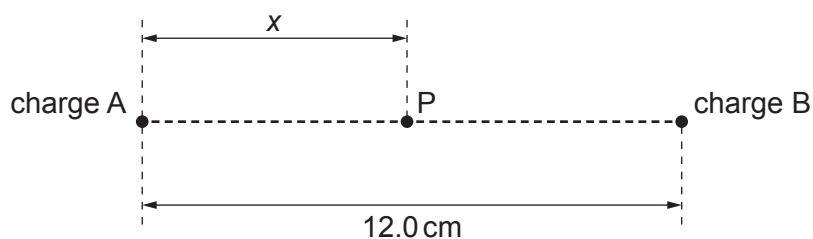


Fig. 5.1

The charge of A is $+2.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C}$.

A point P lies on the line joining charges A and B. Its distance from charge A is x .

The variation with distance x of the electric potential V at point P is shown in Fig. 5.2.

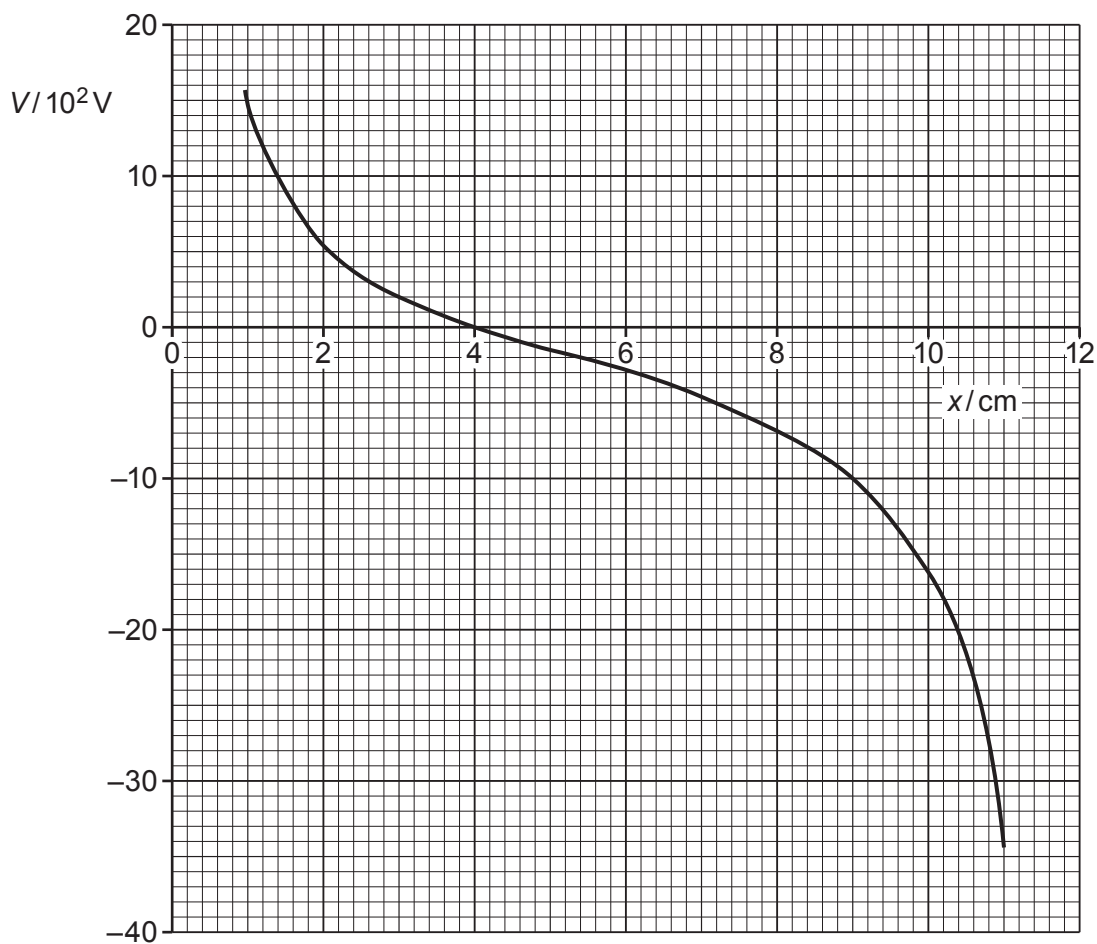


Fig. 5.2

Use Fig. 5.2 to determine:

- (i) the charge of B

charge = C [3]

- (ii) the change in electric potential when point P moves from the position where $x = 9.0$ cm to the position where $x = 3.0$ cm.

change = V [1]

- (c) An α -particle moves along the line joining point charges A and B in Fig. 5.1.

The α -particle moves from the position where $x = 9.0$ cm and just reaches the position where $x = 3.0$ cm.

Use your answer in (b)(ii) to calculate the speed v of the α -particle at the position where $x = 9.0$ cm.

$v =$ ms^{-1} [3]