

- 7 When some substances are in the solid state, they exist as positively-charged and negatively-charged ions arranged in a cubic lattice, as illustrated in Fig. 7.1.

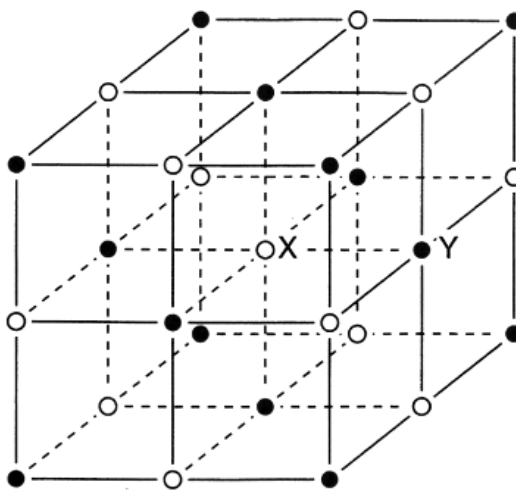


Fig. 7.1

A starting point for the understanding of lattice energies is to consider the potential energy E_p between two ions X and Y.

Fig. 7.2 shows the variation with the distance r between X and Y of E_p .

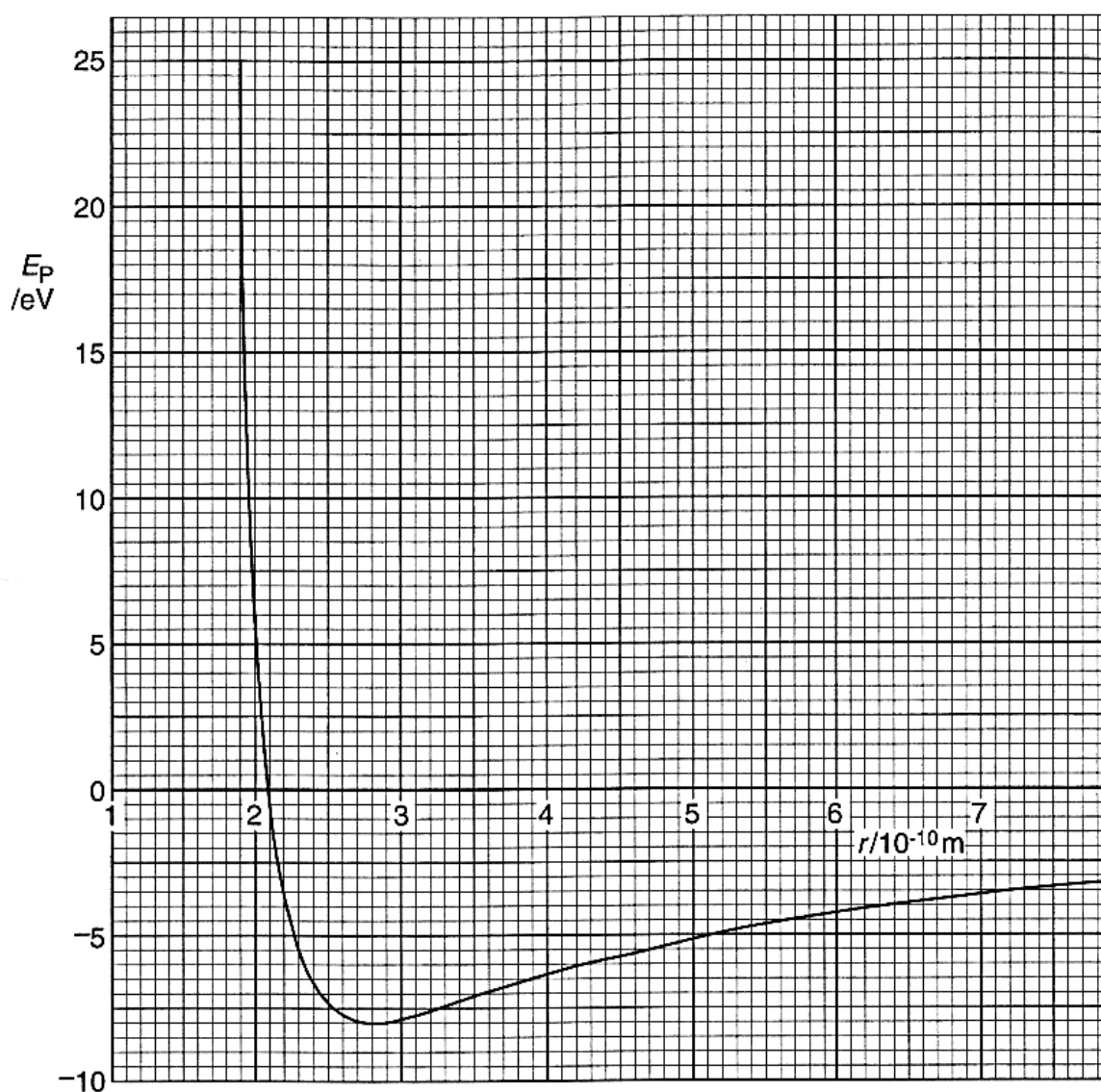


Fig. 7.2

- (a) (i) The gradient G of the graph varies with the distance r . Show that, starting from the definition of work done, for any value of r the magnitude of the force F between X and Y is given by the expression

$$F = G.$$

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- (ii) Suggest how Fig. 7.2 indicates that, for some values of r , the force between X and Y is attractive and, for other distances, the force is repulsive.

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- (iii) Use Fig. 7.2 and the expression in (a)(i) to determine the magnitude of the force, in newton, for distance r at

1. 2.8×10^{-10} m,

force =N [1]

2. 5.0×10^{-10} m.

force =N [3]

- (b) The variation with distance r of the potential energy E_p may be represented by the expression

$$E_p = -\frac{A}{r} + \frac{B}{r^8}$$

where A and B are constants.

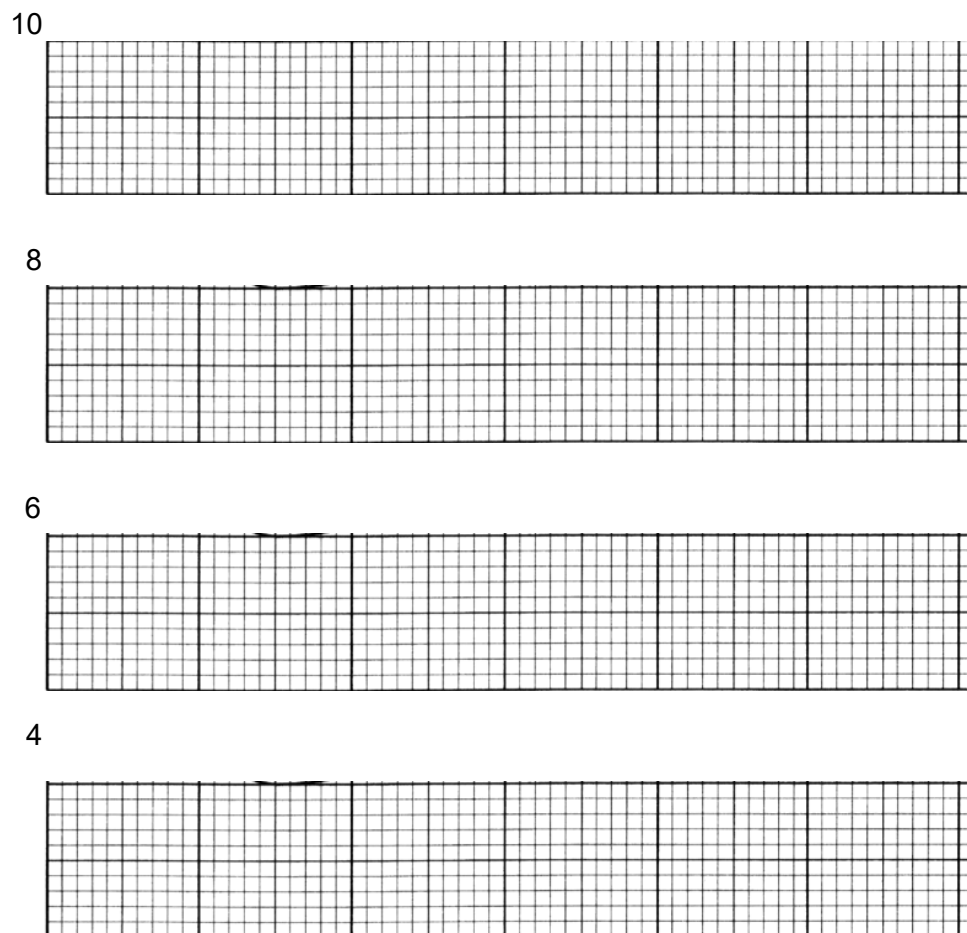
By reference to Fig. 7.2, state two features of the force represented by the term $\frac{B}{r^8}$ in this expression.

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(c) Fig. 7.3 shows part of Fig. 7.2, drawn on a larger scale.



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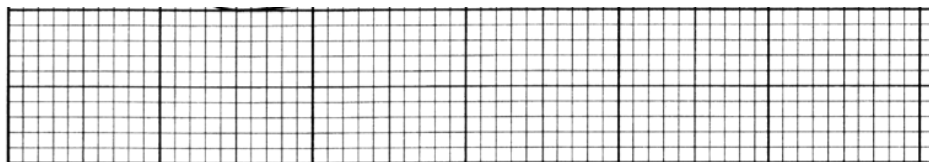


Fig 7.3

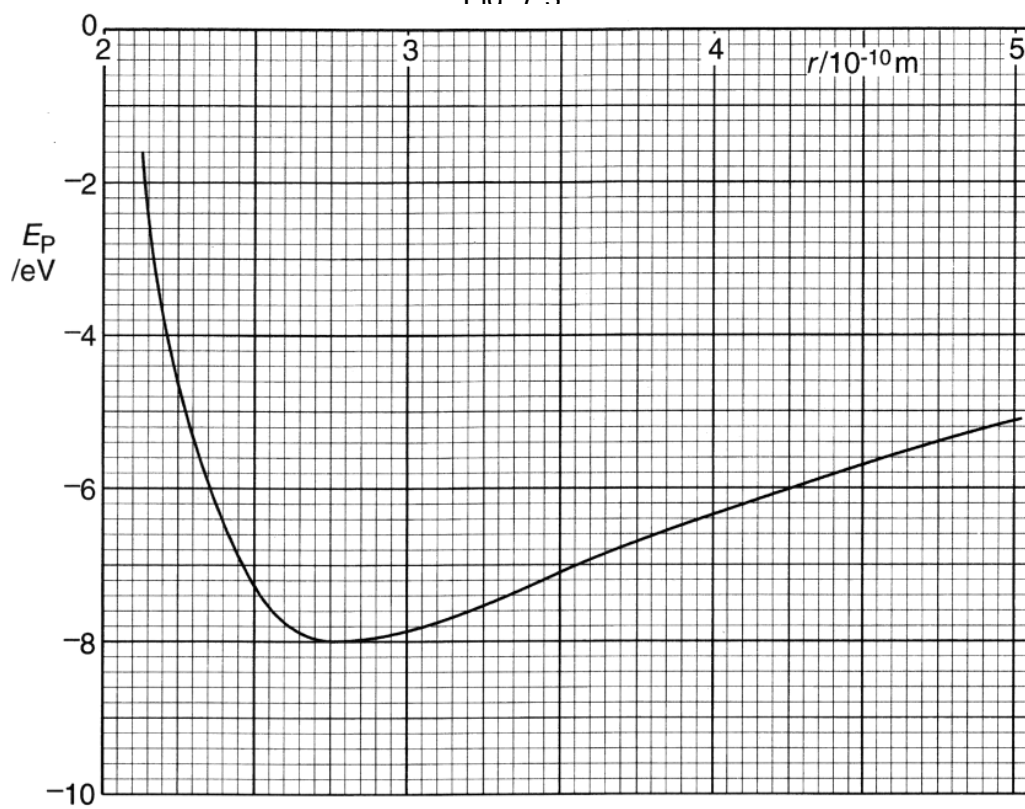


Fig. 7.3

- (i) Thermal energy of the ions causes them to vibrate.

The ions have a total energy of -6.0 eV .

On Fig. 7.3,

1. draw the variation with the distance r of the total energy of the ions. Label the line T.

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2. draw the variation with the distance r of the kinetic energy of the ions. Label the line K.

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- (ii) Use Fig. 7.3 to determine, for these ions, the values of r between which they vibrate.

minimum value of $r = \dots\dots\dots\text{m}$

maximum value of $r = \dots\dots\dots\text{m}$ [2]

- (iii) State and explain whether the oscillations of the ions are simple harmonic.

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(d) By reference to Fig. 7.3, suggest why the dimensions of the whole lattice increase as it is heated.

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