



6 The variation with nucleon number  $A$  of the radius  $r$  of a nucleus is shown in Fig. 6.1.

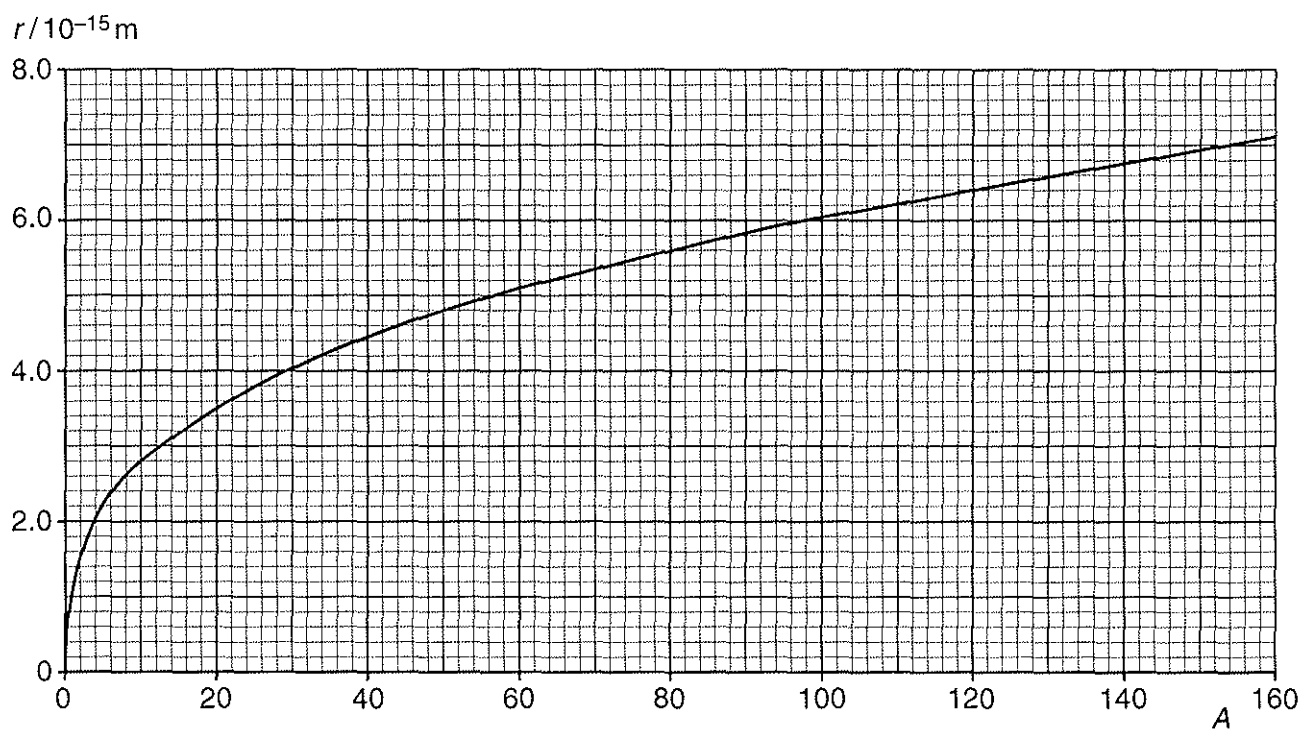


Fig. 6.1

The relation between  $r$  and  $A$  is thought to follow the expression

$$r = kA^n$$

where  $k$  and  $n$  are constants.

Data from Fig. 6.1 are used to obtain values for  $\ln r$  and  $\ln A$ . These are plotted on the graph of Fig. 6.2.

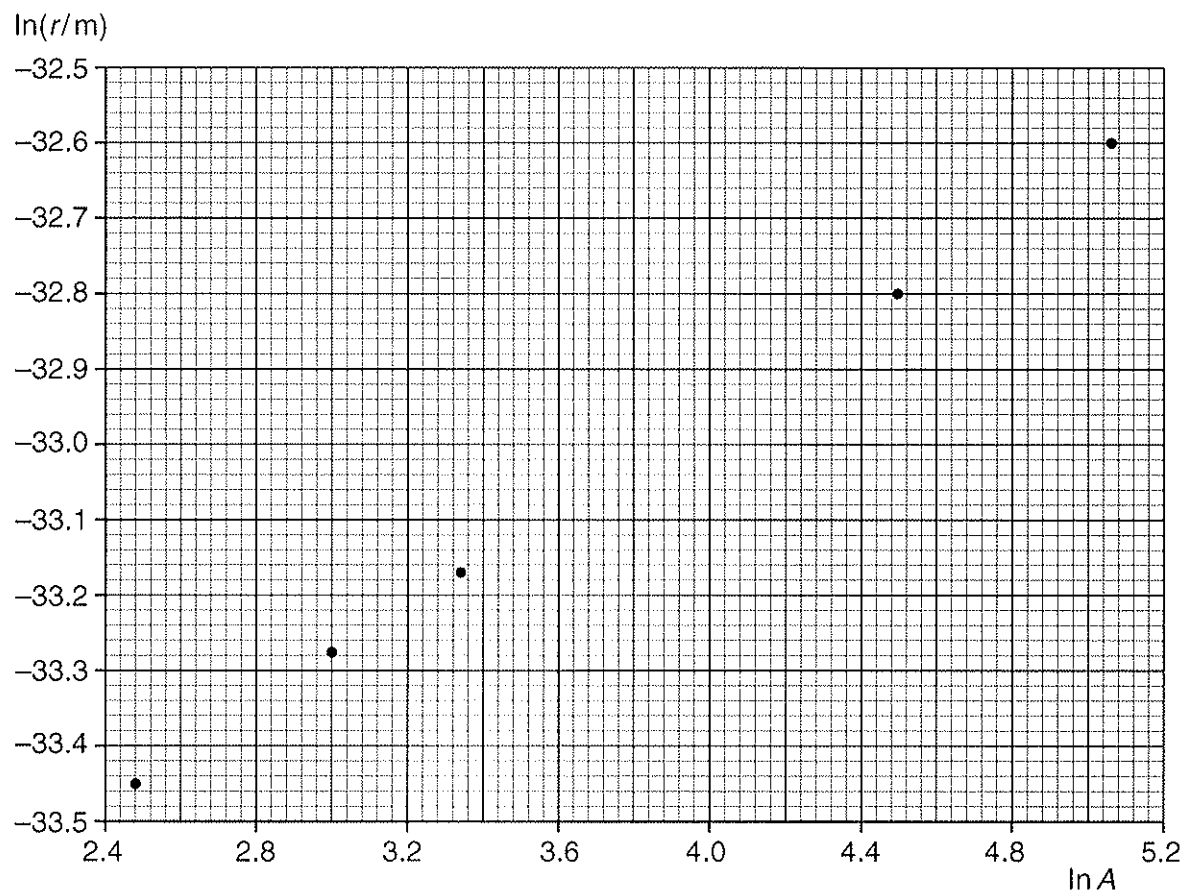


Fig. 6.2

(a) (i) Determine  $\ln r$  for  $A = 60$ .

$\ln r$  ..... [1]

(ii) On Fig. 6.2,

1. plot the point corresponding to  $A = 60$ ,
2. draw the line of best fit for all the points.

[2]

(iii) Use Fig. 6.2 to determine the gradient of the line drawn in (ii).

gradient = ..... [2]





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(iv) Show that the magnitude of  $k$  is  $1.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ .

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(v) Suggest what the value of  $k$  represents.

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(b) Use your answers in part (a) to determine

(i) the radius of a uranium-235 nucleus,

radius = ..... m [3]



(ii) the ratio

$$\frac{\text{density of a hydrogen-1 nucleus}}{\text{density of a uranium-235 nucleus}}$$

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ratio = ..... [3]

(c) The ratio

$$\frac{\text{density of hydrogen gas}}{\text{density of uranium metal}}$$

is  $5 \times 10^{-6}$ .

Give two reasons why the answer to part (b)(ii) is different from this ratio.

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2. ....  
..... [2]

