

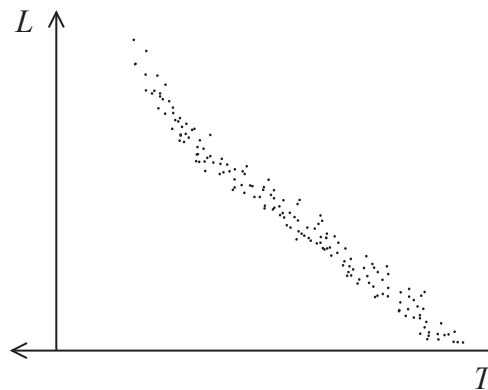
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9 A Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram shows how the luminosity L depends on the surface temperature T for a group of stars.

The HR diagram below is for a young star cluster.



(a) (i) Explain how we can tell that the young star cluster is in the early stages of its evolution.

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(ii) Explain why the most massive stars in the cluster have the greatest luminosities.

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(b) The HR diagram on the previous page shows an approximately linear relationship for stars in this cluster.

(i) It is suggested that the relationship between luminosity L and surface temperature T is of the form

$$L = kT^n$$

where k and n are constants.

Explain why a graph of $\log L$ against $\log T$ would give a straight line.

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(ii) The table shows data for stars in this cluster.

L/L_{Sun}	T/K		
39.5	10 600		
545	16 400		
20 600	26 800		
535 000	44 900		
1 770 000	53 300		

Plot a graph of $\log L$ against $\log T$ on the grid opposite. Use the columns provided to show any processed data.

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(iii) Determine a value for n .

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$n =$

