1. BULK AND SURFACE SYMMETRY ENERGY FOR THE NUCLEI FAR FROM THE VALLEY OF STABILITY

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The direct variational method have been applied to the calculation of the symmetry energy for medium and heavy nuclei. The functional of energy of the Thomas - Fermi approximation with the effective Skyrme forces have been used. The behavior of the bulk and the surface symmetry energy as the function of the bulk nucleon density $\rho_{q,0}$ and the neutron excess have been studied for the various sets of Skyrme forces. We have calculated the average number of neutrons in the surface region, N_d , for the nuclei at the line of β -stability and the dependence of N_d on the nucleon density $\rho_{q,0}$ and on the remoteness from the line of β -stability.