

22 - Ideal gases

Q-1) Brownian motion.

- > Observing smoke particles in a dark cell lit from the side shows the haphazard motion of the molecules.

This suggests that the particles move in a random motion. They collide with each other and the walls of the container, exerting a pressure.

The properties of a gas are affected by:

- pressure
- temperature
- mass
- volume.

Q-2) What is the mole?

- > One mole is the amount of a substance which contains the same number of particles as there are in 0.012 kg of carbon-12.

$$1 \text{ mol} = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ particles}$$

↳ N_A ; Avogadro's constant

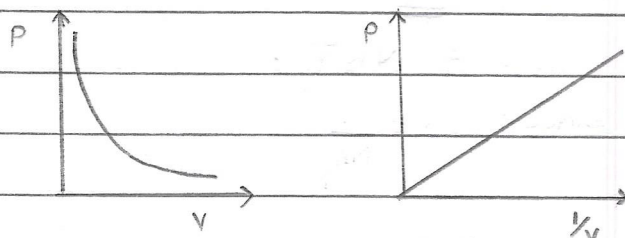
Q-3) What is Boyle's law?

- > The pressure exerted by a fixed mass of gas is inversely proportional to its volume, provided the temperature remains constant.

$$P \propto \frac{1}{V} \text{ at a constant } T$$

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$PV = \text{constant}$$



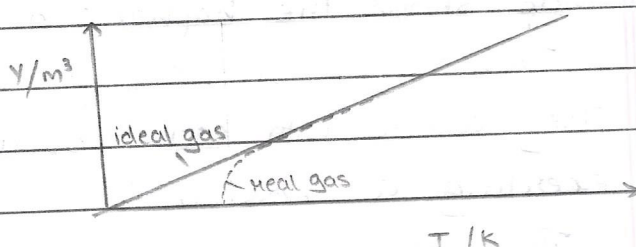
Q-4) What is Charles's law?

- > The volume of a fixed mass of a gas is directly proportional to its temperature at constant pressure.

$$V \propto T \text{ at constant } P$$

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{V}{T} = \text{constant}$$



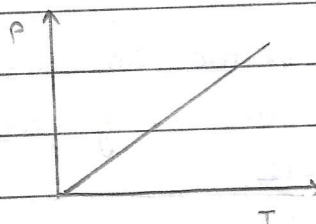
Q-5) What is pressure law?

- > The pressure of a fixed mass of a gas is directly proportional to its temperature at constant volume.

$$P \propto T \text{ at constant } V$$

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{P}{T} = \text{constant}$$



Q-6) Ideal gas equation.

$$PV = nRT$$

OR

$$\frac{PV}{T} = \text{constant}$$

P = pressure (Pa)

V = volume (m^3)

n = moles

R = 8.31 (constant)

T = temperature (K)

OR

$$PV = NkT$$

N = no. of molecules

k = 1.38×10^{-23} (constant)

since: $n = \frac{N}{N_A}$

$$k = \frac{R}{N_A}$$

Q-7) What is absolute zero?

> Absolute zero is the temperature at which the internal energy of a gas is minimum and no energy can be taken out of the gas.

It's the lowest possible temperature (-273°C or 0K).

Q-8) What are the assumptions of the kinetic theory of gases?

* The molecules of gas are in random motion, colliding with each other and the walls of the container. These collisions are perfectly elastic; no k.e. is lost.

$\rightarrow \therefore$ no change in temperature or internal energy.

* The volume of the particles is negligible compared to the volume occupied by the gas.

* The forces of attraction between the molecules (intermolecular forces) are negligible, except during collisions.

$\rightarrow \therefore p_E = 0$ and $du = \text{k.e.}$

* The time of collision is negligible compared with the time between collisions.

* Between collisions, the molecules travel in a straight line at a constant velocity.

Q-9) The pressure exerted by a gas.

Consider one molecule

> initial momentum = mc

final momentum = $-mc$

change in momentum = $-2mc$

change in momentum of wall = $2mc$

> time between collisions = $\frac{2l}{c}$

> Force = $\frac{\Delta \text{momentum}}{\text{time}} = \frac{mc^2}{l}$ = due to 1 molecule.

$\frac{Nmc^2}{l}$ = Force due to N molecules

Assuming $\frac{1}{3}$ molecules travel in one plane of the cube

$F = \frac{Nm\langle c^2 \rangle}{3l}$

> Pressure = $\frac{F}{A} = \frac{Nm\langle c^2 \rangle}{3l} \div l^2$

$P = \frac{Nm\langle c^2 \rangle}{3l^3} \equiv \frac{Nm\langle c^2 \rangle}{3V}$

If $N \times m$ = mass of total gas (M), then;

$P = \frac{M\langle c^2 \rangle}{3V}$

Note: $\langle c^2 \rangle$ = mean value

i.e. $\frac{c_A^2 + c_B^2 + c_C^2}{3}$

$\therefore P = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle$

CRMS = $\sqrt{\langle c^2 \rangle}$

Q-10) The average translational kinetic energy

$$P = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle$$

$$P = \frac{\frac{1}{3} N m \langle c^2 \rangle}{V}$$

$$P V = \frac{1}{3} N m \langle c^2 \rangle \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$P V = n R T \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$> \quad \frac{1}{3} N m \langle c^2 \rangle = n R T$$

$$m \langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3 n R T}{N} \quad \text{--- divide both sides by } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3 n R T}{2 N} \quad \text{--- } \frac{N}{n} = N_A \text{ (avogadro's constant)}$$

$$E_k = \frac{3 R T}{2 N_A} \quad \text{--- } \frac{R}{N_A} = k \text{ (Boltzman constant)}$$

$$\therefore E_k = \frac{3}{2} k T$$

$$E_k \propto T$$

The mean translational kinetic energy of an atom (or molecule) of an ideal gas is proportional to the thermodynamic temperature (K)