

Problem Set 8: Partial Pressures and Kinetic Molecular Theory

HCHE 111L: Introduction to Elementary Inorganic Chemistry

Due Date: Friday October 27th, 2017

Problem 1

- a) Calculate the root mean square velocity of CH_4 at 273 K.
- b) Calculate the root mean square velocity of N_2 at 546 K
- c) Calculate the root mean square velocity of UF_6 at 500 K

Problem 2

The partial pressure of $\text{O}_2(g)$ is 0.623 atm and that of $\text{Ne}(g)$ is 0.210 atm in a mixture of the two gases.

- a) Calculate the mole fraction of each gas in the mixture
- b) If the mixture occupies 20.3 L at 70°C, calculate the total number of moles of gas in the mixture.
- c) Calculate the number of grams of each gas.

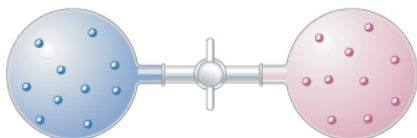
Problem 3

A study of the effects of certain gases on plant growth requires a synthetic atmosphere composed of 1.5 mol percent CO_2 , 18.0 mol percent O_2 , and 80.5 mol percent Ar.

- a) Calculate the partial pressure of O_2 in the mixture if the total pressure of the atmosphere is to be 745 torr.
- b) If this atmosphere is to be held in a 120-L space at 295 K, how many moles of O_2 are needed?

Problem 4

The figure below shows flasks connected by a stopcock such that the gases inside initially do not interact. The left side contains 2.00 L H_2 at a pressure of 360 torr and the right side contains 1.70 L of N_2 at an unknown pressure. If the total pressure in the flasks is 320 torr after the stopcock is opened, determine the initial pressure of N_2 in the 1.70 L flask



Problem 5

The density of an unknown gas is 2.3 g L^{-1} at STP. Calculate the root mean square velocity of this unknown gas.

Problem 6

A steel cylinder contains 5.00 moles of solid carbon ($\text{C}(s)$) and 5.00 moles of O_2 gas. The mixture is ignited and all the carbon reacts completely. This combustion produces a mixture of CO gas and CO_2 gas. The final gas mixture in the cylinder will include the two products as well as the excess O_2 that is left unreacted.

- Write a balanced chemical equation to describe this process.
- Determine the amount of O_2 left unreacted in the container.
- Calculate the mole fractions of CO , CO_2 , and O_2 left in the container.
- The steel cylinder is originally at a pressure of 6.76 bar. After the ignition, the cylinder is cooled back down to its original temperature and the pressure is found to have dropped by 17%. Calculate the partial pressure of each of the gases in the mixture after this pressure drop.