

Thermodynamics

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“The subject of thermodynamics is complicated because there are so many different ways of describing the same thing.” – Richard Feynman

Ideal Gas Law

When we connect Boyles law with Charles' law and Avogadro's principle we get an interesting relation called the ideal gas law

$$pV = nRT$$

Kinetic theory of gases

If we imagine particles in an ideal gas as solid balls that collide with the walls of a container and each other with classical mechanics we can derive pressure as

Gas molecules is imagine to be a billiard ball type object that is only moving in the x plane. When it collides with a wall of it's container it collides elastically meaning it has the same momentum but in the other direction The force required to perform this change in momentum is $\vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$ The change in momentum is $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1$ where $\Delta p = -m\vec{v}_x - m\vec{v}_x = -2m\vec{v}_x$ Δt is time time to go a full length L , hit the wall and come back again so $\Delta t = \frac{2L}{v_x}$ $F = \frac{2m\vec{v}_x}{\frac{2L}{v_x}} = > \frac{mv_x^2}{L}$ If we take it that F on each side of the wall should be roughly the same and that we're now operating in 3 dimensions so $v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$