

- 2 An ideal gas is contained in a cylinder by means of a movable frictionless piston, as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

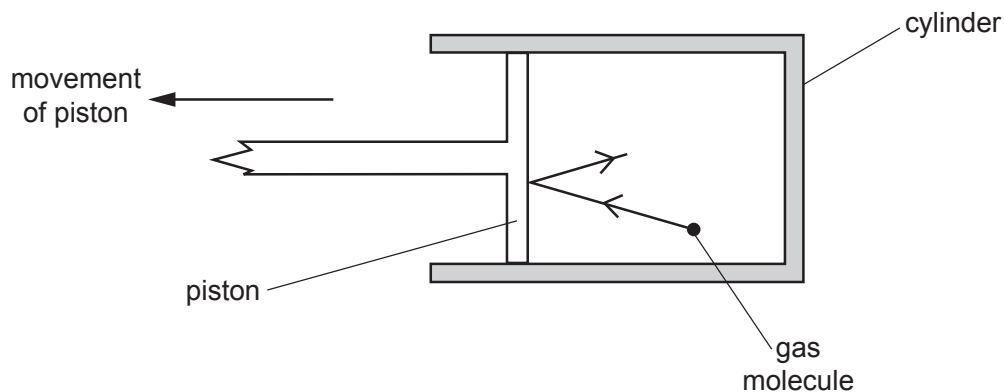


Fig. 2.1

Initially, the gas has a volume of $1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ at a pressure of $3.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and a temperature of 310 K .

- (a) Show that the number of gas molecules in the cylinder is 1.4×10^{23} .

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- (b) Use kinetic theory to explain why, when the piston is moved so that the gas expands, this causes a decrease in the temperature of the gas.

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- (c) The gas expands so that its volume increases to $2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ at a pressure of $2.3 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and a temperature of 288 K , as shown in Fig. 2.2.

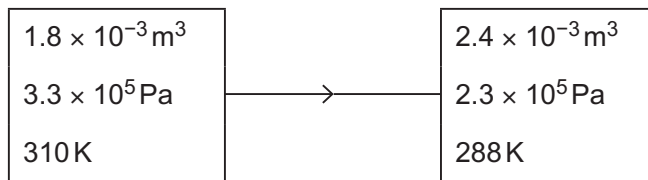


Fig. 2.2

- (i) The average translational kinetic energy E_K of a molecule of an ideal gas is given by

$$E_K = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

where k is the Boltzmann constant and T is the thermodynamic temperature.

Calculate the increase in internal energy ΔU of the gas during the expansion.

$$\Delta U = \dots\dots\dots \text{ J [3]}$$

- (ii) The work done by the gas during the expansion is 76 J .

Use your answer in (i) to explain whether thermal energy is transferred to or from the gas during the expansion.

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