

- 2 (a) A square box of volume V contains N molecules of an ideal gas. Each molecule has mass m .

Using the kinetic theory of ideal gases, it can be shown that, if all the molecules are moving with speed v at right angles to one face of the box, the pressure p exerted on the face of the box is given by the expression

$$pV = Nmv^2. \quad (\text{equation 1})$$

This expression leads to the formula

$$p = \frac{1}{3}\rho\langle c^2 \rangle \quad (\text{equation 2})$$

for the pressure p of an ideal gas, where ρ is the density of the gas and $\langle c^2 \rangle$ is the mean-square speed of the molecules.

Explain how each of the following terms in equation 2 is derived from equation 1:

ρ :

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$\frac{1}{3}$:

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$\langle c^2 \rangle$:

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- (b) An ideal gas has volume, pressure and temperature as shown in Fig. 2.1.

volume $6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$
pressure $3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
temperature 17°C

Fig. 2.1

The mass of the gas is 20.7 g.

Calculate the mass of one molecule of the gas.

mass = g [4]