

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

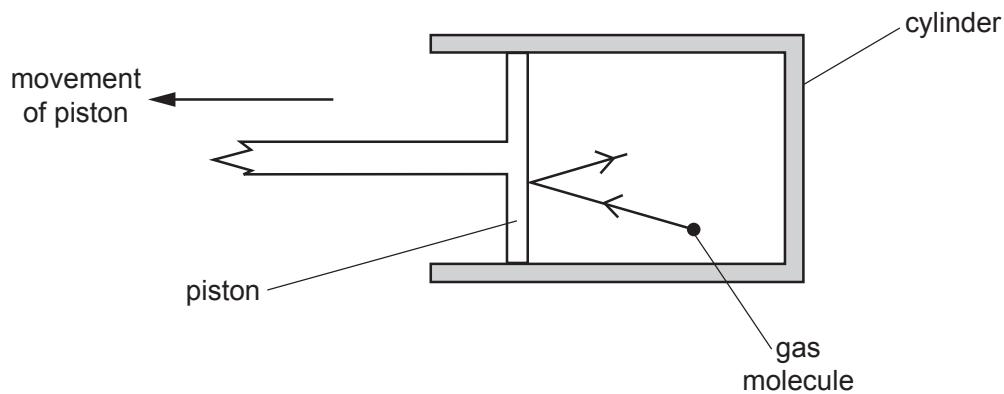


Fig. 2.1

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 310K.

- (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 288K, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

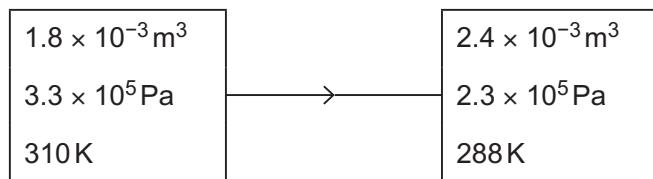


Fig. 2.2

- (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.

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

- (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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