

- 2 A constant mass of an ideal gas has a volume of $3.49 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$ at a temperature of 21.0°C . When the gas is heated, 565 J of thermal energy causes it to expand to a volume of $3.87 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^3$ at 53.0°C . This is illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

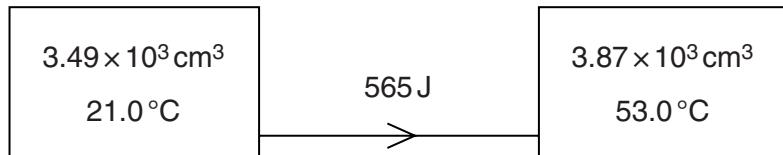


Fig. 2.1

- (a) Show that the initial and final pressures of the gas are equal.

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- (b) The pressure of the gas is $4.20 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$.

For this heating of the gas,

- (i) calculate the work done by the gas,

work done = J [2]

- (ii) use the first law of thermodynamics and your answer in (i) to determine the change in internal energy of the gas.

change in internal energy = J [2]

- (c) Explain why the change in kinetic energy of the molecules of this ideal gas is equal to the change in internal energy.

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