

2 A cylinder that contains a fixed amount of an ideal gas is shown in Fig. 2.1.

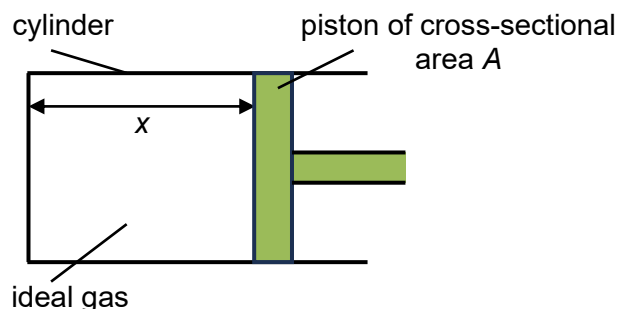


Fig. 2.1

The cylinder is tightly fitted with a piston, of cross-sectional area A . The piston moves freely in the horizontal direction, trapping the gas within a length x .

- (a)** A gas molecule of mass m travels at a speed of u in the horizontal direction and collides elastically with the piston and the walls of the container.
- (i)** State an expression, in terms of some or all of the symbols defined above, for the magnitude of the change in momentum during each collision.

change in momentum = [1]

- (ii)** Hence, show that the average force exerted on the piston by the molecule is $\frac{mu^2}{x}$.

[1]

- (b)** The gas in the cylinder undergoes a cycle of changes $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

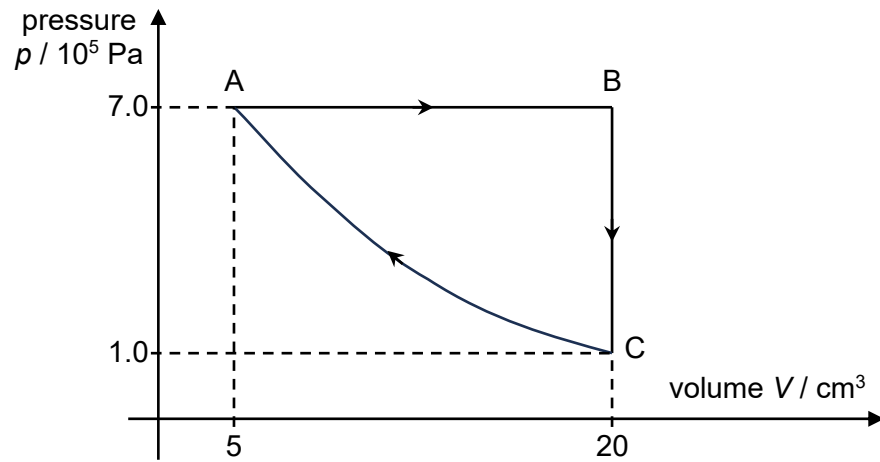


Fig. 2.2

- (i) Calculate the work done by the gas during the change $A \rightarrow B$.

work done by the gas = J [2]

- (ii) Fig. 2.3 is a table of energy changes during one cycle. Complete Fig. 2.3.

section of cycle	heating supplied to gas / J	work done on gas / J	increase in internal energy of gas / J
$A \rightarrow B$			
$B \rightarrow C$	-30		
$C \rightarrow A$	zero	3.7	

Fig. 4.2

[4]

- (iii) The net work done by the gas is considered the useful work done of the cycle.

The efficiency of this cycle is given by

[Turn over

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful work done}}{\text{total energy input}} \times 100\%$$

Determine the efficiency of the cycle.

efficiency = % [2]

[Total: 10]