

3 Planet Z is spherical and has a uniform density. It has only argon in its atmosphere.

- (a) The escape velocity is the minimum velocity required to escape the gravitational pull of a celestial body.

Show that the escape velocity v of Planet Z is given by

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3} G \pi \rho r^2}$$

where r is the radius, and ρ is the density of Planet Z.

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- (b) Given that Planet Z has a mean density of 5500 kg m^{-3} and radius of 413 km , calculate the escape velocity of the argon gas molecules at its surface.

$$v = \dots \text{ m s}^{-1} [1]$$

- (c) Argon gas behaves as an ideal monatomic gas on Planet Z, and it has a molar mass of 40 g mol^{-1} .

Assume that the root-mean-square speed of the argon molecules is equal to the escape velocity.

Using Kinetic Theory, determine the absolute temperature of the atmosphere on Planet Z.

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- (d) Suppose the atmosphere of Planet Z is 100 K lower than the temperature calculated in (c). Suggest a reason whether argon gas molecules would be able to escape from the atmosphere of Planet Z.

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