

- 2 (a) A cube of volume V contains N molecules of an ideal gas. Each molecule has a component c_x of velocity normal to one side S of the cube as shown in Fig. 2.1.

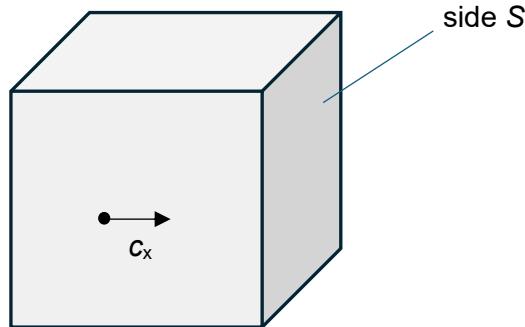


Fig. 2.1

The pressure due to one molecule with the component c_x of velocity is given by the expression

$$\frac{m}{V} c_x^2$$

where m is the mass of one molecule.

Explain how the expression leads to the relation

$$pV = \frac{1}{3} Nm \langle c^2 \rangle$$

where p is the pressure due to N molecules.

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- (b) Three moles of an ideal gas are in a rigid cubical box with sides of length 0.200 m.

- (i) Calculate the force that the gas exerts on one side of the box when the gas temperature is 20.0 °C.

force = N [3]

- (ii) Kinetic theory of gases assumes that the intermolecular forces between the gas particles are negligible.

Suggest and explain how your answer in (b)(i) may change if there are intermolecular forces between particles.

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