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Ideal gases

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Use

- 3 (a) (i) The kinetic theory of gases leads to the equation

$$\frac{1}{2} m \langle c^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT.$$

Explain the significance of the quantity $\frac{1}{2} m \langle c^2 \rangle$.

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- (ii) Use the equation to suggest what is meant by the absolute zero of temperature.

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- (b) Two insulated gas cylinders A and B are connected by a tube of negligible volume, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

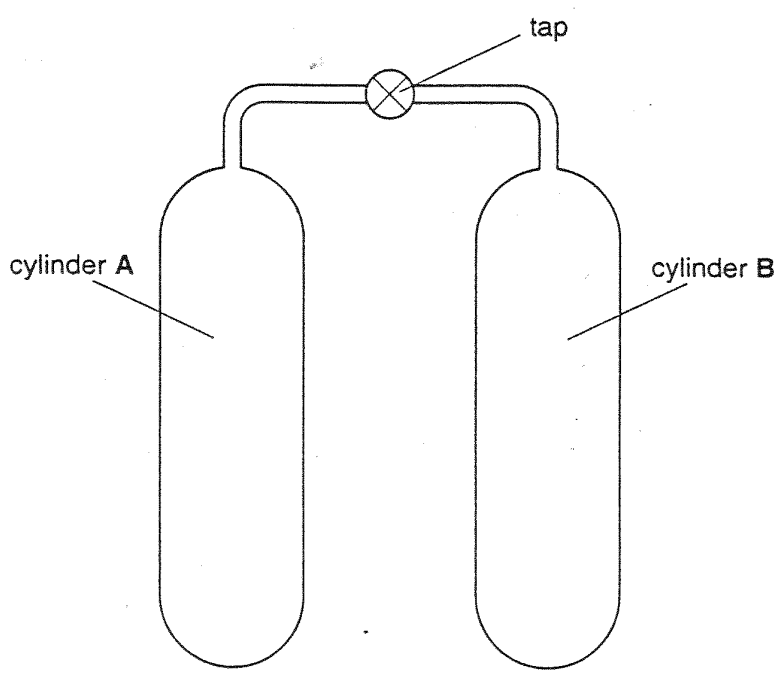


Fig. 3.1

Each cylinder has an internal volume of $2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$. Initially, the tap is closed and cylinder A contains 1.2 mol of an ideal gas at a temperature of 37°C . Cylinder B contains the same ideal gas at pressure $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and temperature 37°C .

- (i) Calculate the amount, in mol, of the gas in cylinder B.

amount = mol

- (ii) The tap is opened and some gas flows from cylinder A to cylinder B. Using the fact that the total amount of gas is constant, determine the final pressure of the gas in the cylinders.

pressure = Pa
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- 5 (a) What is meant, in molecular terms, by the *internal energy* of a gas? [2]
- (b) State qualitatively and explain in molecular terms, what happens to the internal energy of a fixed mass of an ideal gas when, separately,
- the temperature of the gas is raised,
 - the volume is decreased at constant temperature,
 - the gas as a whole is moving at a certain speed. [6]
- (c) The quantity of gas in an engine is 5.2×10^{-3} mol. It has volume $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$ and pressure $6.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. Assume the gas to be ideal.
- Calculate the temperature of the gas. [3]
 - The gas is then heated at constant volume, so raising its temperature by 800 K. This is done by supplying 85 J of energy to the gas. Calculate
 - the molar heat capacity of the gas at constant volume,
 - the final pressure of the gas. [5]
 - During the power stroke of the engine, the gas expands, doing 62 J of work, but no thermal energy enters or leaves the gas.
 - State the first law of thermodynamics.
 - By applying the law to this process, find the change in the internal energy of the gas during the power stroke. [4]

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- (b) (i) What is meant by an *ideal* gas?
- (ii) The pressure p of an ideal gas of density ρ is given by the expression

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle.$$

- Identify the quantity $\langle c^2 \rangle$.
- Deduce an expression for the average translational kinetic energy of a gas molecule in terms of the thermodynamic temperature T . [5]

- 5 (a) Some cars are fitted with bags packed into the steering column. In an accident, gas is forced under pressure into the bag and the bag of gas quickly acts as a cushion between the driver and the steering wheel. In one such system, the volume of gas used in the bag is 0.037 m^3 when the pressure is $1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and the temperature of the gas is 6°C . Calculate
- the temperature of the gas in kelvins,
 - the amount of gas used, in moles,
 - the pressure in the bag when the temperature rises to 18°C assuming the volume to remain constant while the temperature rises.
- (b) Explain why the use of the bag described in (a) can reduce injuries.
- (c) Consider a cubical box of side l which contains N molecules, each of mass m , all moving horizontally with speed u at right angles to wall A. See Fig. 5.1.

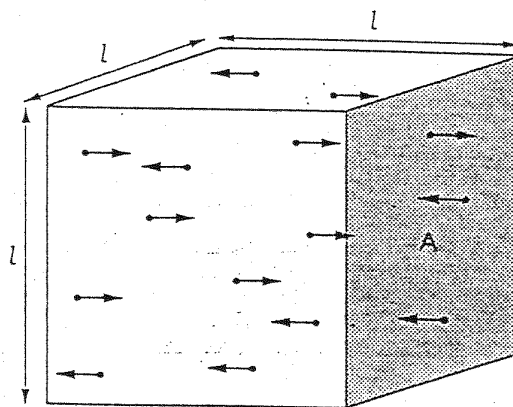


Fig. 5.1

When a molecule hits a wall, it bounces off with no loss of speed and travels in the opposite direction. Deduce

- the momentum of a molecule just before a collision with the wall,
 - the change in momentum of a molecule when it collides with the wall,
 - the time taken by one molecule between collisions with wall A,
 - the total number of collisions per unit time made with wall A by all the molecules,
 - the rate of change of momentum for all the molecules colliding with wall A.
- (d) Use your answer to (c) to show that the pressure p on wall A is given by

$$p = \frac{Mu^2}{V},$$

where M is the total mass of all the molecules and V is the internal volume of the box.

- (e) The conditions considered in (c) are highly improbable. Explain briefly how the conditions may be altered to provide a better model of an ideal gas. State, without proof, how the equation in (d) might be modified.

- 4 An ideal gas has volume 0.50 m^3 at pressure $1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ and temperature 17°C .

(a) (i) Define *pressure*.

(ii) State a unit, other than pascal, for pressure.

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(b) Calculate, for this gas, the number of

(i) moles,

number =

(ii) molecules.

number = [5]

- (c) Each molecule may be considered to be a sphere of radius 1.2×10^{-10} m. Calculate
- (i) the volume of one molecule of the gas,

volume =m³

- (ii) the volume of all the molecules.

volume =m³ [2]

- (d) (i) State the assumption made in the kinetic theory of gases for the volume of the molecules of an ideal gas.

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- (ii) Comment on your answer to (c)(ii) with reference to this assumption.

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- 5 A student sets up the apparatus illustrated in Fig. 5.1 in order to demonstrate Brownian motion.

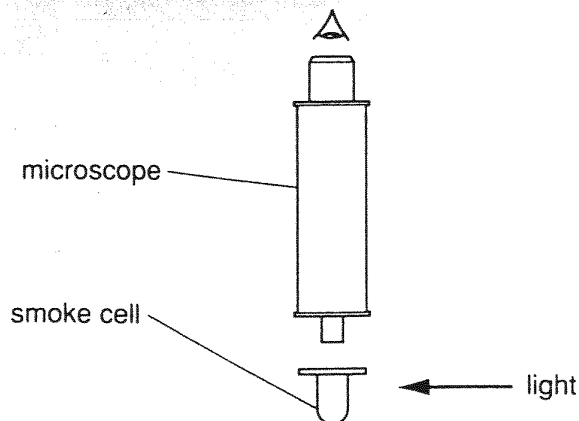


Fig. 5.1

(a) State

- (i) the evidence provided by the experiment for the movement of gas molecules,

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- (ii) the nature of the movement of gas molecules.

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- (b) State and explain the effect on the observations made if larger smoke particles are used.

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