

Ideal gas equation.

(1) The simple gas laws relating gas volume to pressure, temperature and amount of gas, respectively, are stated below :

$$\text{Boyle's law: } P \propto \frac{1}{V} \text{ or } V \propto \frac{1}{P} \quad (\text{n and T constant})$$

$$\text{Charle's law: } V \propto T \quad (\text{n and P constant})$$

$$\text{Avogadro's law: } V \propto n \quad (\text{T and P constant})$$

If all the above law's combines, then

$$V \propto \frac{nT}{P}$$

$$\text{or } V = \frac{nRT}{P}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{PV = nRT}$$

This is called **ideal gas equation**. R is called **ideal gas constant**. This equation is obeyed by isothermal and adiabatic processes.

(2) **Nature and values of R :** From the ideal gas equation, $R = \frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{\text{Pressure} \times \text{Volume}}{\text{mole} \times \text{Temperature}}$

$$= \frac{\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} \times \text{Volume}}{\text{mole} \times \text{Temperature}} = \frac{\text{Force} \times \text{Length}}{\text{mole} \times \text{Temperature}} = \frac{\text{Work or energy}}{\text{mole} \times \text{Temperature}} .$$

So, R is expressed in the unit of work or energy $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$.

Different values of R are summarized below:

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 0.0821 \text{ L atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.3143 \times 10^7 \text{ erg mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.3143 \text{ joule mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad (\text{S.I. unit}) \\ &= 8.3143 \text{ Nm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.3143 \text{ KPa dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.3143 \text{ MPa cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 8.3143 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 5.189 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ &= 1.99 \text{ cal mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1.987 \times 10^{-3} \text{ K cal mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Note: Although R can be expressed in different units, but for pressure-volume calculations, R must be taken in the same units of pressure and volume.

(3) Gas constant, R for a single molecule is called Boltzmann constant (k)

$$k = \frac{R}{N} = \frac{8.314 \times 10^7}{6.023 \times 10^{23}} \text{ ergs mole}^{-1} \text{ degree}^{-1}$$

$$= 1.38 \times 10^{-16} \text{ ergs mol}^{-1} \text{ degree}^{-1} \text{ or } 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ joule mol}^{-1} \text{ degree}^{-1}$$

(4) Calculation of mass, molecular weight and density of the gas by gas equation

$$PV = nRT = \frac{m}{M} RT \quad \left(\because n = \frac{\text{mass of the gas (m)}}{\text{Molecular weight of the gas (M)}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{M = \frac{mRT}{PV}}$$

$$\boxed{d = \frac{PM}{RT}} \quad \left(\because d = \frac{m}{V} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dT}{P} = \frac{M}{R}$$

Since M and R are constant for a particular gas,

Thus, $\frac{dT}{P} = \text{constant}$

Thus, at two different temperature and pressure

$$\boxed{\frac{d_1 T_1}{P_1} = \frac{d_2 T_2}{P_2}}$$

(5) Gas densities differ from those of solids and liquids as,

(i) Gas densities are generally stated in g/L instead of g/cm^3 .

(ii) Gas densities are strongly dependent on pressure and temperature as,

$$d \propto P$$

$$d \propto \frac{1}{T}$$

Densities of liquids and solids, do depend somewhat on temperature, but they are far less dependent on pressure.

(iii) The density of a gas is directly proportional to its molar mass. No simple relationship exists between the density and molar mass for liquid and solids.

(iv) Density of a gas at STP = $\frac{\text{molar mass}}{22.4}$

$$d(N_2) \text{ At STP} = \frac{28}{22.4} = 1.25 \text{ g L}^{-1}$$

$$d(O_2) \text{ At STP} = \frac{32}{22.4} = 1.43 \text{ g L}^{-1}$$