

AP Physics - Temp - Heat - Kinetic Theory - Ideal Gases

Note Title

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A gas may be treated as an Ideal Gas when it is far away from vaporization (liquid \rightarrow gas) or from sublimation (solid \rightarrow gas). Specifically, this means at:

- low density
- low pressure
- high temperature

Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = nRT$$

P = absolute pressure (not gage)

V = volume

T = absolute temperature (Kelvin)

n = # moles

$$n = \frac{\# \text{ molecules}}{\text{Avogadro's \#}} = \frac{N}{N_A} = \frac{N}{6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}$$

$$n = \frac{\text{mass of substance}}{\text{molar mass}}$$

R = Ideal Gas Constant = $8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$

or

$$R = 0.0821 \frac{\text{L} \cdot \text{atm}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$$

Alternative Form: $PV = Nk_B T$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$PV = \frac{N}{N_A} RT$$

$$PV = N \left(\frac{R}{N_A} \right) T$$

$$\rightarrow PV = Nk_B T$$

$$\text{where } k_B = \frac{R}{N_A} = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

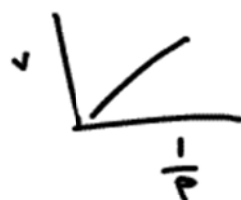
k_B = Boltzmann's Constant

How we came up with ideal gas law...

Boyle's Law: $V \propto \frac{1}{P}$ at a constant temp



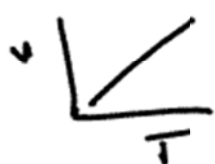
or



$$V \propto \frac{1}{P}$$
$$V = (\text{constant}) \cdot \frac{1}{P}$$

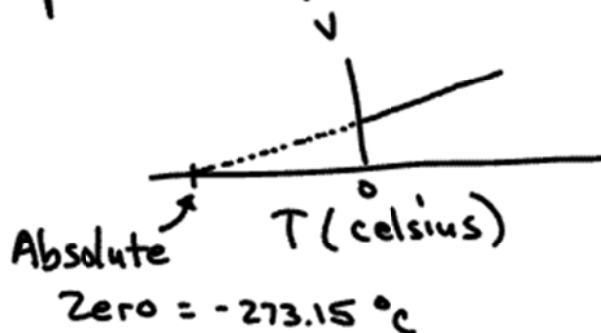
$$\rightarrow P \cdot V = \text{constant}$$

Charles's Law: $V \propto T$ at constant pressure



$$V \propto T$$
$$V = (\text{constant}) T$$

* Note that with Charles's Law we can trace the straight line down to a temperature where volume = 0. Since volume can't possibly be negative, this temperature must be the minimum possible. This is how we can experimentally determine Absolute zero



Gay-Lussac's Law: $P \propto T$ at a constant volume



$$P \propto T$$
$$P = (\text{constant}) T$$

Putting all three laws together

$$v \cdot P = \text{constant}_1$$

$$v = \text{constant}_2 \cdot T$$

$$P = \text{constant}_3 \cdot T$$

} These constants
are all different

We get $PV = \text{constant}_4 \cdot T$

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This constant is nR

STP (Standard Temperature and Pressure)

$$T = 273.15 \text{ K } (0^\circ\text{C})$$

$$P = 1.00 \text{ ATM} = 1.013 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = 1.013 \text{ kPa}$$