

This specially designed column will help you to brush up your concepts by practicing questions. You can mail us your queries and doubts related to this topic at editor@mtg.in. The queries will be entertained by the author.*

STATES OF MATTER

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Forces

- Molecules of gases may have three types of weak van der Waals' forces :
 - Induced dipole-induced dipole interactions also called as London forces or dispersion forces, as in O_2 , CH_4 , CO_2 , etc.
 - Dipole-dipole interactions as in HCl gas.
 - Dipole-induced dipole interactions as in Xe and H_2O during dissolution of Xe.

- In general, interactional energy $\propto \frac{1}{[r \text{ (distance)}]^6}$

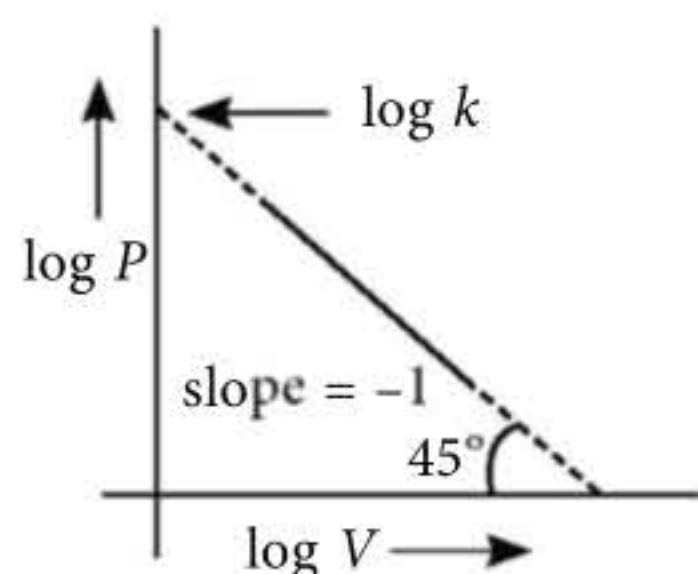
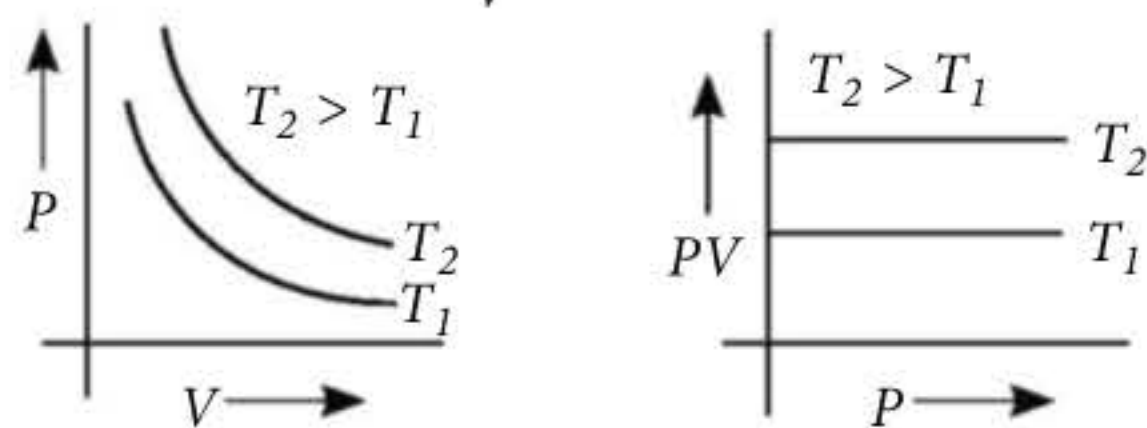
- For stationary units having dipole-dipole interaction, the interactional energy $\propto \frac{1}{r^3}$

Laws

- Boyle's law** : At constant temperature, for a given mass of a gas

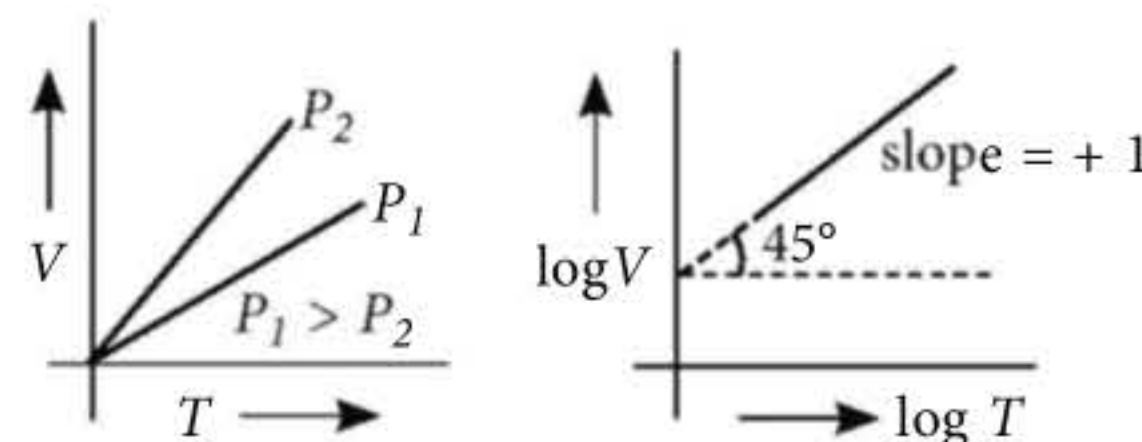
$$P_1V_1 = P_2V_2 = k \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{P_1}{d_1} = \frac{P_2}{d_2} = k'$$

$$PV = k \Rightarrow P = \frac{k}{V} \Rightarrow \log P = (-1)\log V + \log k$$



- Charles' law** : At constant pressure, for a given mass of a gas

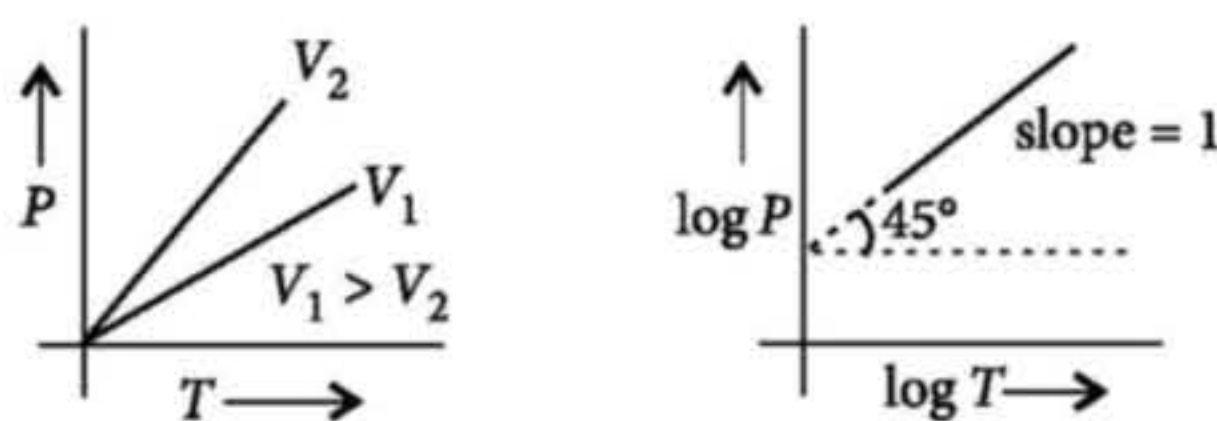
$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2} = k \quad \text{or} \quad T_1d_1 = T_2d_2 = k'$$



- Gay-Lussac's or Amonton's law** : At constant volume, for a given mass of a gas,

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2} = k$$

$$\frac{P}{T} = k \Rightarrow \log P = \log T + \log k$$



- Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures** : Total pressure of a mixture of non-reacting gases, in a chamber, at a specific temperature is the sum of their partial pressures.

$$P_{\text{Total}} = p_1 + p_2 + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = \frac{n_1RT}{V} + \frac{n_2RT}{V} + \dots = (\sum \text{moles}) \frac{RT}{V}$$

$$x_i = \frac{n_i}{n_{\text{total}}} = \frac{p_i}{P_{\text{total}}} \Rightarrow p_i = x_i P_{\text{total}}$$

$$P_{\text{dry gas}} = P_{\text{wet gas}} - \text{Aq. tension}$$

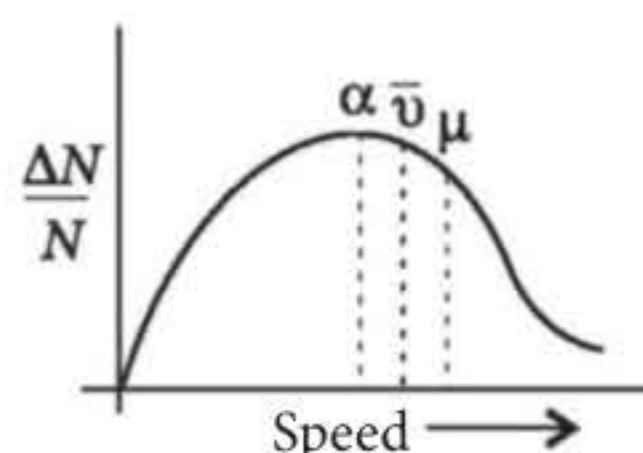
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Ideal Gas Equation

- $PV = nRT \Rightarrow R$ (molar gas constant) = $\frac{PV}{nT}$
 $= P - V$ work $\text{K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$
 $PV = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass } (M)} \times RT \Rightarrow PM = dRT$

Molecular Speeds

- **Most probable speed** (α or u_{mp} or c^*): It is speed of maximum fraction $\frac{\Delta N}{N}$ of molecules at a given temperature.



$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{2PV}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{2P}{d}}$$

- **Average speed** (\bar{v} or u_{av} or \bar{c}): It is the average of speeds of different molecules of a gas at a given temperature.

$$\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} = \sqrt{\frac{8PV}{\pi M}} = \sqrt{\frac{8P}{\pi d}} = \frac{n_1 v_1 + n_2 v_2 + \dots}{n_1 + n_2 + \dots}$$

- **Root mean square speed** (μ or u_{rms} or c): It is the square root of mean of squares of speeds of different molecules of a gas at a given temperature.

$$\mu = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{3PV}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{3P}{d}} = \sqrt{\frac{n_1 v_1^2 + n_2 v_2^2 + \dots}{n_1 + n_2 + \dots}}$$

- **Relations**

$$c^* : \bar{c} : c \text{ or } \alpha : \bar{v} : \mu = 1 : 1.128 : 1.224$$

Kinetic Gas Equation

- For N_A molecules, each of mass m of a gas

$$PV = \frac{1}{3} m N_A \mu^2 = \frac{1}{3} M \mu^2 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} M \mu^2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} M \mu^2 = \frac{3}{2} PV \text{ [From eqn. (i)]}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} RT$$

$$\Rightarrow K.E. \propto T; \text{ i.e., } \frac{1}{2} M \mu^2 \propto T \Rightarrow \mu \propto \sqrt{T}$$

$$K.E. \text{ of one molecule} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{RT}{N_A} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

$$k = \frac{R}{N_A} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ molecule}^{-1}$$

[k is Boltzmann constant]

Compressibility Factor

- Ideal gas obeys all gas laws and postulates of kinetic theory of gases.

$$PV = nRT$$

Compressibility factor, $Z = \frac{PV}{nRT} = 1$, for ideal gas.

For real gas, if $Z > 1$, $V > 22.4 \text{ L}$ at STP
 if $Z < 1$, $V < 22.4 \text{ L}$ at STP

$$Z = \frac{V_{\text{real}}}{\left(\frac{nRT}{P}\right)} = \frac{V_{\text{real}}}{V_{\text{ideal}}}$$

van der Waals' Equation for Real Gas

- For 1 mole: $\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)(V - b) = RT$
- For n moles: $\left(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT$
 $\frac{an^2}{V^2}$ is pressure correction.
 Units of $a = \text{N m}^4 \text{ mol}^{-2}$ or $\text{atm L}^2 \text{ mol}^{-2}$.
 nb is volume correction (co-volume).
 Units of $b = \text{m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ or L mol^{-1}
- Smaller the values of ' a ' and ' b ' closer is the gas to ideal gas behaviour.
- Higher the value of a and lower the value of b easier is the liquefaction of the gas.
- At high temperature or very low pressure, a and b both are neglected.
 $PV = RT$
- At high pressure, b cannot be neglected.
 $P(V - b) = RT \Rightarrow PV - bP = RT$
 $\Rightarrow Z = \frac{PV}{RT} = 1 + \frac{bP}{RT}$, i.e. $Z > 1$
- At moderate pressure, b can be neglected.

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)V = RT \Rightarrow PV + \frac{a}{V} = RT$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \frac{PV}{RT} = 1 - \frac{a}{VRT}, \text{ i.e., } Z < 1$$

Critical Constants

- **Critical temperature (T_c)**: It is the temperature above which a gas cannot be liquefied whatever the pressure be. T_c of $\text{CO}_2 = 303.98 \text{ K}$.
 The decreasing order of critical temperatures of various gases is
 $\text{H}_2\text{O} (559.73 \text{ K}) > \text{NH}_3 (405.5 \text{ K}) > \text{O}_2 (154.4 \text{ K}) > \text{N}_2 (126 \text{ K})$
- **Critical pressure (P_c)**: It is the pressure required to liquefy a gas at T_c . $P_c(\text{CO}_2) = 73 \text{ atm}$.
- **Critical volume (V_c)**: It is the volume of 1 mole of a gas at T_c and P_c . $V_c(\text{CO}_2) = 95.6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$.