

Ideal Gas Law Problems

- 1) How many molecules are there in 985 mL of nitrogen at 0.0°C and $1.00 \times 10^{-6}\text{ mm Hg}$?

- 2) Calculate the mass of 15.0 L of NH_3 at 27°C and 900. mm Hg.

- 3) An empty flask has a mass of 47.392 g and 47.816 g when filled with acetone vapor at $100.^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 745 mm Hg. If the volume of the flask is 247.3 mL, what is the molar mass of the acetone?

- 4) Calculate the density in g/L of 478 mL of krypton at 47°C and 671 mm Hg.

- 5) 6.3 mg of a boron hydride is contained in a flask of 385 mL at 25.0°C and a pressure of 11 torr.
 - (a) Determine the molar mass of the hydride.
 - (b) Which of the following hydrides is contained in the flask, BH_3 , B_2H_6 , or B_4H_{10} ?

- 6) A volume of 26.5 mL of nitrogen gas was collected in a tube at a temperature of 17°C and a pressure of 737 mm Hg. The next day the volume of the nitrogen was 27.1 mL with the barometer still reading 737 mm Hg. What was the temperature on the second day?

Solutions

1) $P = 1.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm Hg}$ $T = 0.0^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$

$V = 985 \text{ mL}$ $R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$n = PV/RT$$

$$n = 1.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ atm}/760 \text{ mm} \times 985 \text{ mL} \times 1 \text{ L}/10^3 \text{ mL}/$$

$$(0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 273 \text{ K}) = 5.78 \times 10^{-11} \text{ moles N}_2$$

$$n_{\text{molecules}} = 5.78 \times 10^{-11} \text{ moles N}_2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ N}_2 \text{ molecules}/1 \text{ mol N}_2$$

$$= 3.48 \times 10^{13} \text{ N}_2 \text{ molecules}$$

2) $P = 900. \text{ mm Hg}$ $T = 27^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 300 \text{ K}$

$V = 15.0 \text{ L}$ $R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$n = PV/RT$$

$$n = 900. \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ atm}/760 \text{ mm} \times 15.0 \text{ L}/(0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 300 \text{ K}) =$$

$$n = 0.721 \text{ moles NH}_3 \times 17.04 \text{ g NH}_3/1 \text{ mol NH}_3 = 12.3 \text{ g NH}_3$$

3) $P = 745 \text{ mm Hg}$ $T = 100.^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 373 \text{ K}$

$V = 247.3 \text{ mL}$ $R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$

$m_{\text{vapor}} = 47.392 \text{ g} - 47.816 \text{ g} = 0.424 \text{ g}$

$PV = nRT$

$n = m/MM$

$PV = mRT/MM$

$MM = mRT/PV$

$MM = 0.424 \text{ g} \times 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 373 \text{ K} / (745 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ atm}/760 \text{ mm} \times 247.3 \text{ mL} \times 1 \text{ L}/10^3 \text{ mL}) = 53.6 \text{ g/mol}$

4) $P = 671 \text{ mm Hg}$ $T = 47^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 320. \text{ K}$

$V = 478 \text{ mL}$ $R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$

$PV = nRT$

$n = m/MM$

$D = m/V = P \times MM/R \times T$

$D = 671 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ atm}/760 \text{ mm} \times 83.80 \text{ g/mol} / (0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 320. \text{ K})$
 $= 2.82 \text{ g/L}$

5) $P = 11 \text{ torr}$ $T = 25.0^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$
 $V = 385 \text{ mL}$ $R = 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$
 $m = 6.3 \text{ mg}$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$n = m/MM$$

$$PV = mRT/MM$$

$$MM = 6.3 \text{ mg} \times 1 \text{ g}/10^3 \text{ mg} \times 0.0821 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 298 \text{ K} /$$

$$(11 \text{ torr} \times 1 \text{ mm}/1 \text{ torr} \times 1 \text{ atm}/760 \text{ mm} \times 385 \text{ mL} \times 1 \text{ L}/10^3 \text{ mL})$$

$$= 27.7 \text{ g/mol}$$

B₂H₆ because its molar mass is 27.7 g.

6) $P_1 = 737 \text{ mm Hg}$ $P_2 = 737 \text{ mm Hg}$
 $V_1 = 26.5 \text{ mL}$ $V_2 = 27.1 \text{ mL}$
 $T_1 = 17^\circ \text{ C} + 273 = 290. \text{ K}$ $T_2 = ?$

$$P_1V_1 = nRT_1$$

$$P_2V_2 = nRT_2$$

$$P_1V_1 / P_2V_2 = nRT_1 / nRT_2$$

$$V_1/V_2 = T_1/T_2 \quad (\text{Charles's Law})$$

$$T_2 = V_2/V_1 \times T_1$$

$$T_2 = 27.1 \text{ mL}/26.5 \text{ mL} \times 290. \text{ K} = 297 \text{ K} = 24^\circ \text{ C}$$