

3. To what temperature must  $2000\text{cm}^3$  of a gas at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  be heated at constant pressure in order to raise its volume to  $2500\text{cm}^3$

Soln

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$$

$$V_1 = 2000\text{cm}^3$$

$$V_2 = 2500\text{cm}^3$$

$$T_1 = 27 + 273$$

$$T_2 = ?$$

$$= 300\text{K}$$

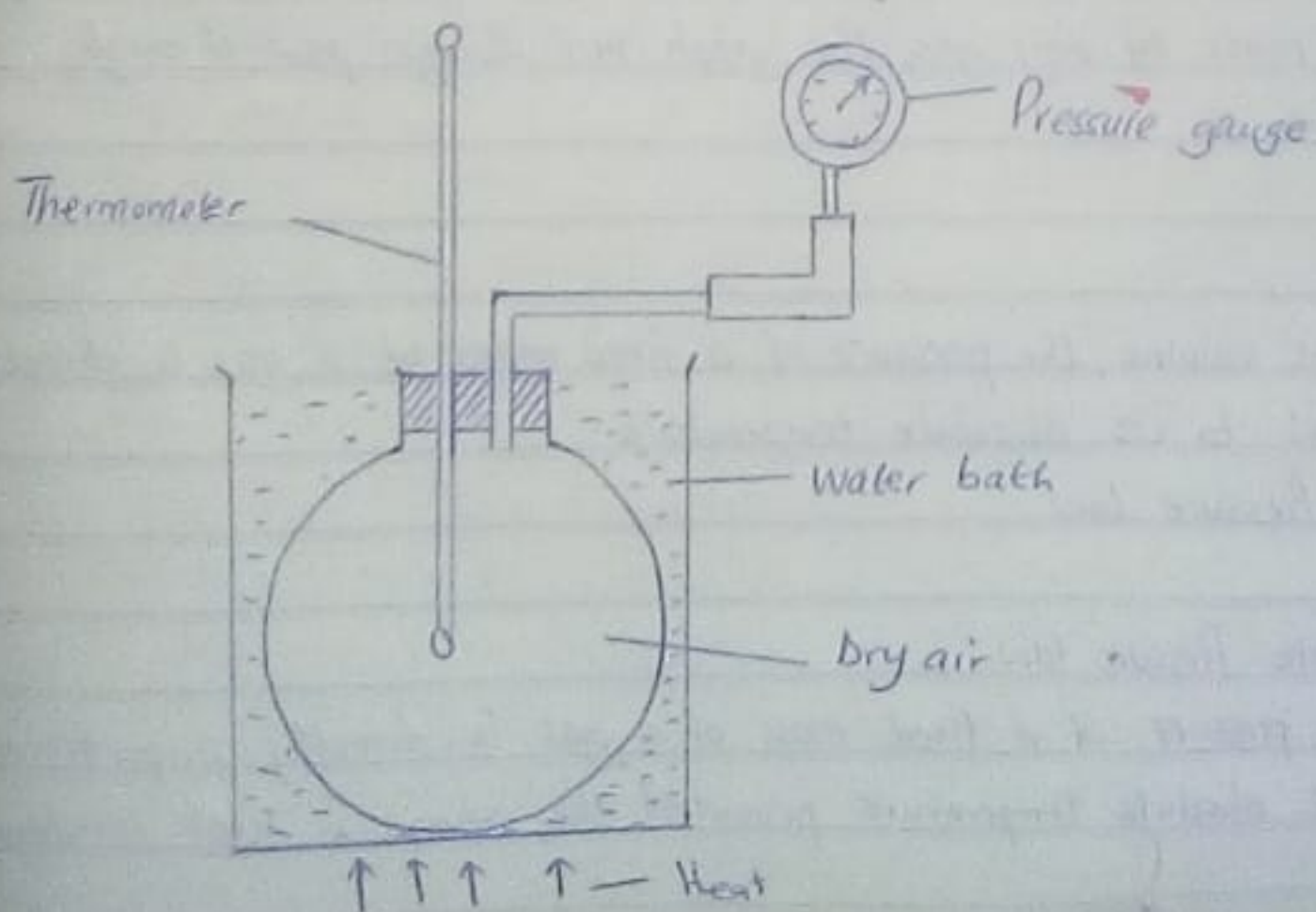
$$T_2 = \frac{V_2 T_1}{V_1} = \frac{2500\text{cm}^3 \times 300\text{K}}{2000\text{cm}^3}$$
$$= 375\text{K}$$

$$T^\circ\text{C} = 375 - 273$$

$$T = 102^\circ\text{C}$$

### PRESSURE LAW

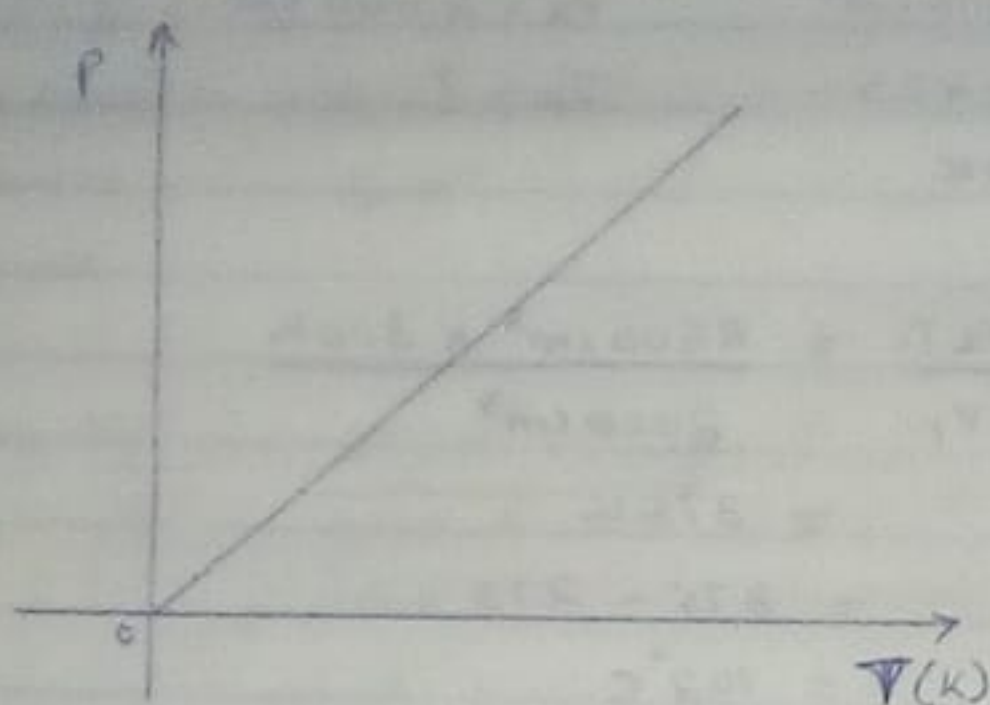
- The law relates pressure of a fixed mass of a gas to its absolute temperature at constant volume.



### Experimental Description:

- Dry air is enclosed in a flask and therefore fixed mass and volume.
- The water bath is slowly and steadily heated.
- At some convenient temperature, pressure readings are taken.
- The graph of pressure against absolute temperature is then plotted.

### Graph of Pressure against Absolute Temperature



- The graph is a straight line passing through the origin.
- This shows that the gas pressure is proportional to its absolute temperature.

### Comments

- With any mass of any gas, the graph will always pass through absolute zero.

### Conclusion:

- At constant volume, the pressure of a fixed mass of a gas is directly proportional to its absolute temperature.
- This is Pressure law.

### Quiz: State Pressure law.

Ans: The pressure of a fixed mass of a gas is directly proportional to its absolute temperature provided the volume is kept constant.

- In symbol form  $P \propto T$  or  $P = kT$  where  $k$  is a constant.

- From  $P = kT$  it implies that  $\frac{P}{T} = k = \text{Constant}$

- Hence  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_3}{T_3} = \text{Constant}$ .

1. A container contains oxygen at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and one atmosphere pressure. What will be the pressure in the container if the temperature rise to  $100^\circ\text{C}$ .

Soln

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

$$P_1 = 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$T_1 = 0 + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 100 + 273 = 373 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 T_2}{T_1} = \frac{1 \times 373}{273} = 1.37 \text{ atmospheres.}$$

2. At  $30^\circ\text{C}$ , the pressure of a gas is  $70 \text{ cmHg}$ . At what temperature would the pressure of the gas be  $20 \text{ cmHg}$ .

Soln

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

$$P_1 = 70 \text{ cmHg}$$

$$P_2 = 20 \text{ cmHg}$$

$$T_1 = 30 + 273 = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = \frac{P_2 T_1}{P_1} = \frac{20 \text{ cmHg} \times 303 \text{ K}}{70 \text{ cmHg}}$$

$$= \frac{20 \times 303}{70} = 86.6 \text{ K or } 359.6^\circ\text{C} - 156.4^\circ\text{C}$$

3. A cylinder contains oxygen at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  and pressure 2 atmospheres. What will be the pressure if the gas is heated to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  at constant volume.

Soln

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

$$P_1 = 2 \text{ atm}$$

$$T_1 = 0 + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 100 + 273 = 373 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 T_2}{T_1} = \frac{2 \times 373}{273} = 2.73 \text{ atmospheres}$$

### EQUATION OF STATE

i) Boyle's law  $PV = \text{constant}$

ii) Charles law  $\frac{V}{T} = \text{constant}$

iii) Pressure law  $\frac{P}{T} = \text{constant}$

- Combining the three  $\frac{PV}{T} = \text{constant}$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_3 V_3}{T_3} = \text{constant}$$

- In general  $\frac{PV}{T} = k$  where  $k$  is a constant. This is the equation

of state where  $k$  depends on the type and quantity of the gas.

- The equation changes to  $\frac{PV}{T} = R$  when the amount of gas is

1 mole.

- The constant  $R$  is the same for all gases and is called Universal gas constant.

1. A mass of  $1200\text{cm}^3$  of oxygen at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  and pressure 1.2 atmosphere is compressed until its volume is  $600\text{cm}^3$  and its pressure 3 atmospheres. What is its temperature in degree Celsius after compression.

Soln

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} \quad \begin{array}{lll} P_1 = 1.2 \text{ atm} & V_1 = 1200 \text{ cm}^3 & T_1 = 27 + 273 \\ P_2 = 3 \text{ atm} & V_2 = 600 \text{ cm}^3 & T_2 = ? \end{array}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{P_2 V_2 T_1}{P_1 V_1} = \frac{3 \times 600 \times 300}{1.2 \times 1200} = 375 \text{ K}$$

$$T^\circ\text{C} = 375 - 273 = 102^\circ\text{C}$$

2.  $100\text{cm}^3$  of nitrogen is collected at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and 75 cmHg pressure. What is its volume at s.t.p.

Soln

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} \quad \begin{array}{lll} P_1 = 75 \text{ cmHg} & T_1 = 293 \text{ K} & V_1 = 100 \text{ cm}^3 \\ P_2 = 76 \text{ cmHg} & T_2 = 273 \text{ K} & V_2 = ? \end{array}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{P_2 T_1} = \frac{75 \text{ cmHg} \times 100 \text{ cm}^3 \times 273 \text{ K}}{76 \text{ cmHg} \times 293 \text{ K}} = 91.95 \text{ cm}^3$$

3. The volume of a mass of air at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  and 75 cmHg pressure is  $200\text{cm}^3$ . Find the volume of air at  $-73^\circ\text{C}$  and 80 cmHg pressure.

Soln

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2} \quad \begin{array}{lll} P_1 = 75 \text{ cmHg} & T_1 = 300 \text{ K} & V_1 = 200 \text{ cm}^3 \\ P_2 = 80 \text{ cmHg} & T_2 = 200 \text{ K} & V_2 = ? \end{array}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{P_2 T_1} = \frac{75 \text{ cmHg} \times 200 \text{ cm}^3 \times 200 \text{ K}}{80 \text{ cmHg} \times 300 \text{ K}} = 125 \text{ cm}^3$$

## GAS LAWS AND KINETIC THEORY

- The main assumptions made when explaining gas laws in terms of Kinetic Theory are

- (i) Gases are made up of particles which are usually molecules.
- (ii) Gas molecules are in constant random motion
- (iii) Gas molecules collide elastically with each other and with the walls of the container.
- (iv) The intermolecular forces of attraction between molecules is negligible.
- (v) The total volume of all gas molecules is negligible compared with the volume of the container.

### 1. BOYLE'S LAW ( $V \propto 1/p$ at constant temperature)

- Reducing the volume means
  - (i) reducing surface area
  - (ii) increasing the frequency of collisions
- Higher frequency of collisions implies bigger force
- Bigger force with a small surface area means higher pressure
- Thus the pressure has increased as the volume decreases.
- So volume of a gas at constant temperature is inversely proportional to the pressure.

### 2. CHARLES LAW ( $V \propto T$ at constant pressure)

- Increasing temperature implies bigger molecular force.
- To keep the pressure constant, the bigger force must be exerted on a bigger surface area.
- A bigger surface area means the volume should be increased.
- So the volume of the gas at constant pressure increases with its temperature.

### 3. PRESSURE LAW ( $P \propto T$ at constant volume)

- Increasing temperature increases average molecular kinetic energy
- Bigger kinetic energy means bigger force exerted by molecules
- But constant volume means constant surface area
- Thus a bigger force with the same area implies a bigger pressure
- Hence the pressure of a gas at a constant volume increases with increase in temperature

### LIMITATIONS OF GAS LAWS

1. The laws assume the volume and intermolecular forces of the molecules to be zero, yet real gases have definite volumes.
2. Real gases liquify before zero volume is reached and the laws would become invalid

NB:

A gas that would obey the gas laws completely is called ideal or perfect gas.