

Gas Laws

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Ideal Gas

Assumptions:

- Large # of identical molecules
- Volume of molecules is negligible
- Motion is random
- No forces between molecules
- All collisions are elastic

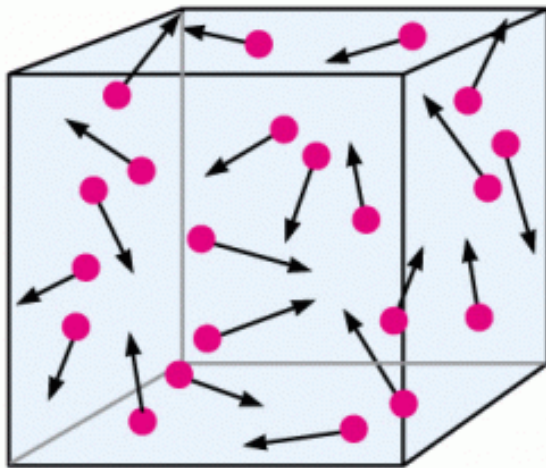
No longer ideal when...

- **Compressed**

- Molecules close together

- **Close to Phase Change**

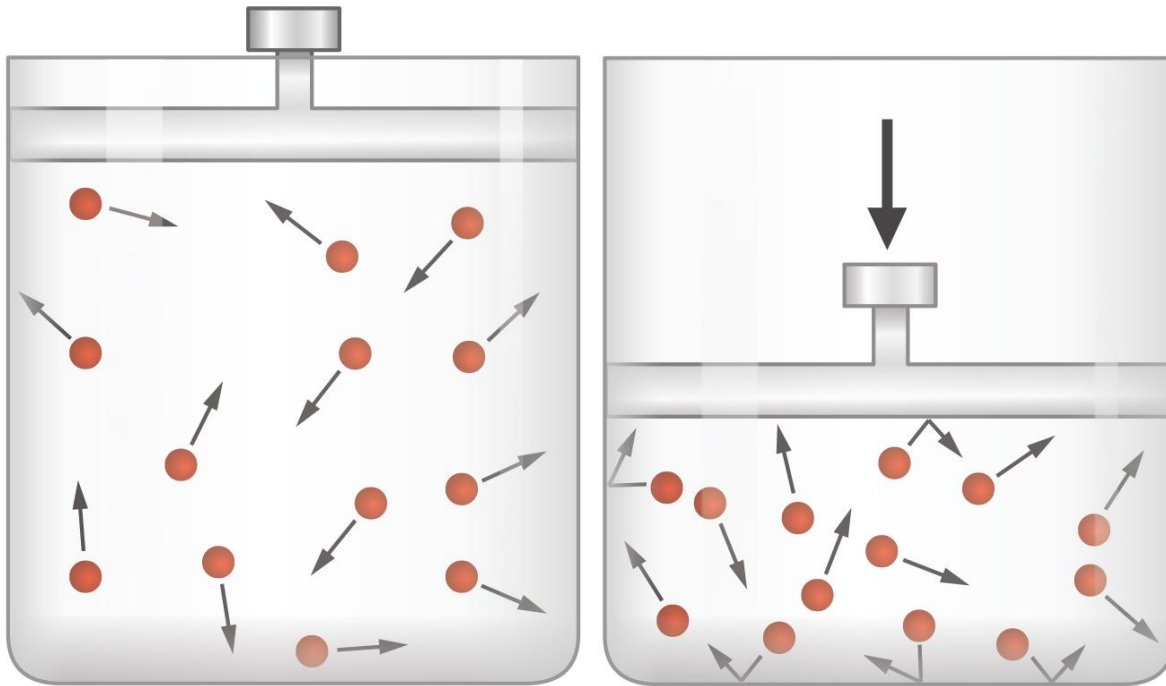
- All internal energy is from E_k



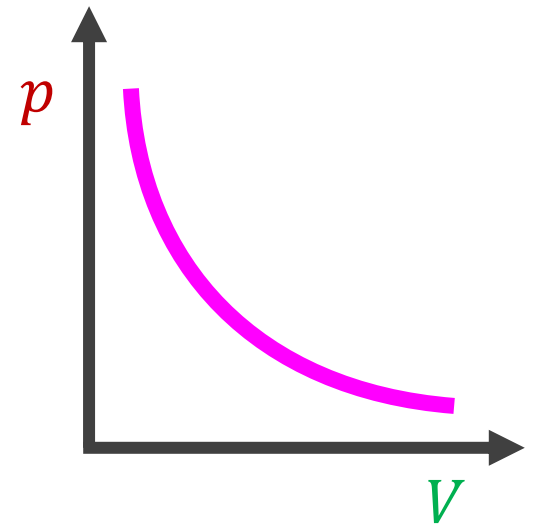
Boyle's Law | Volume and Pressure

⬇ Volume

⬆ Pressure

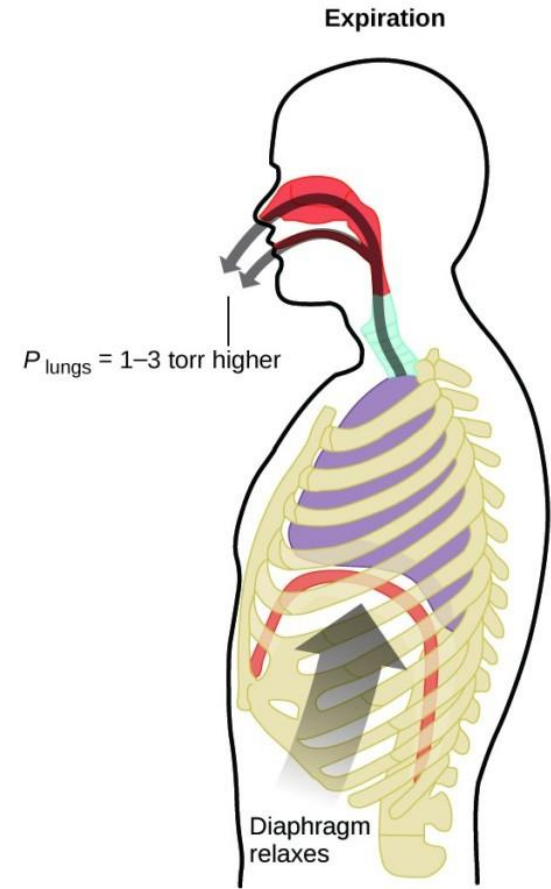
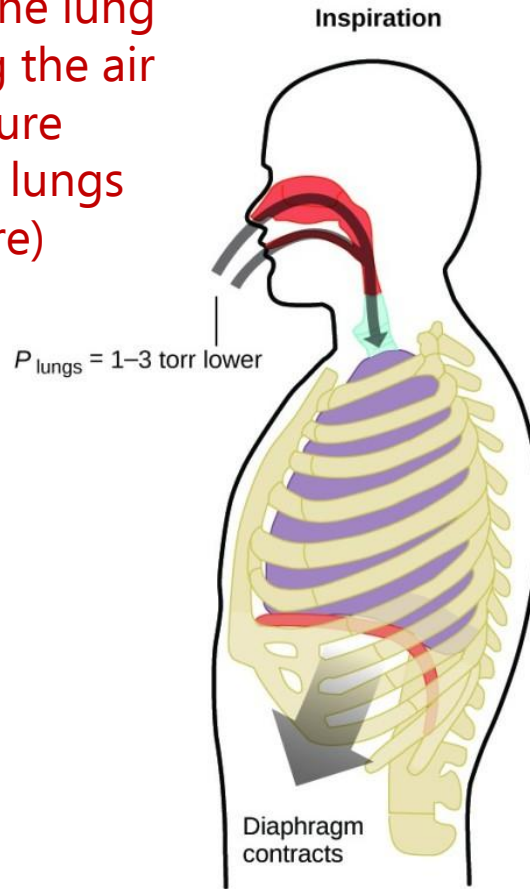
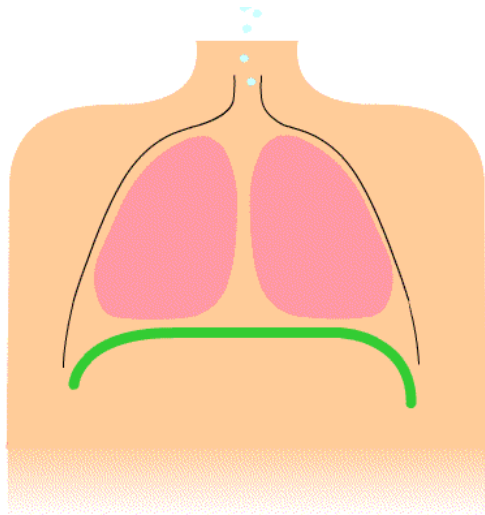


$$p \propto \frac{1}{V}$$



Boyle's Law | Volume and Pressure

When diaphragm contracts the lung volume increases, decreasing the air pressure inside. With a pressure differential, air flows into the lungs (high pressure to low pressure)

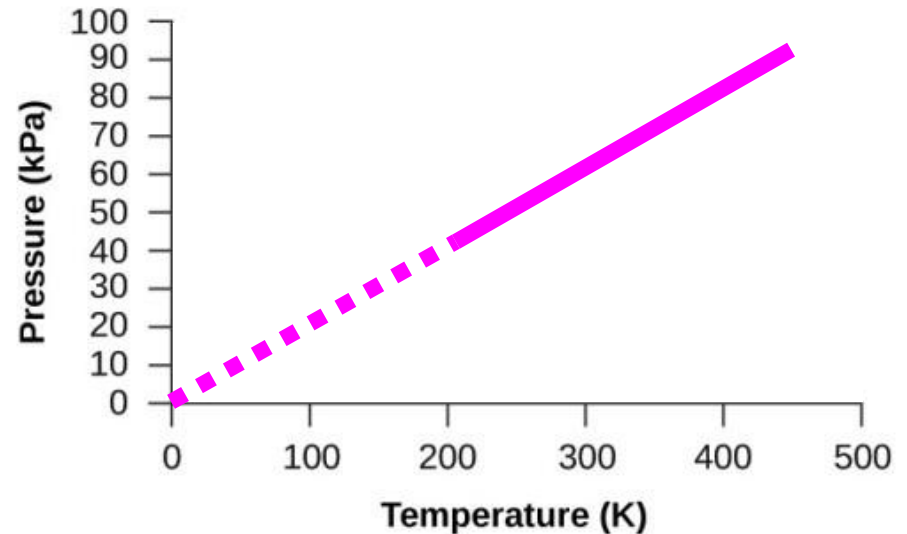
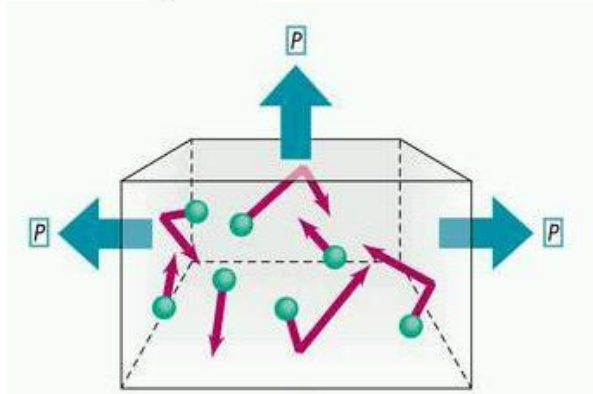
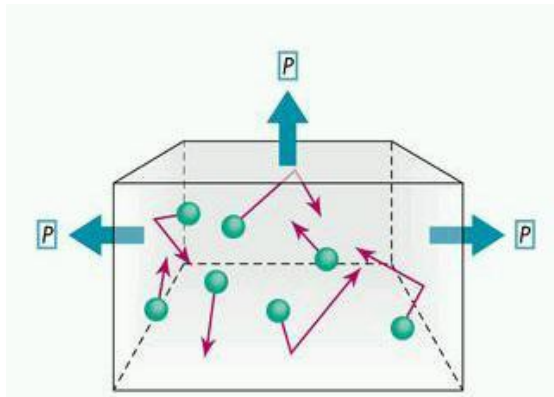


Pressure Law | Temp and Pressure

⬆ Temperature

⬆ Pressure

$$p \propto T$$



Pressure Law | Temp and Pressure



When you spray, the pressure decreases dramatically and the temperature drops



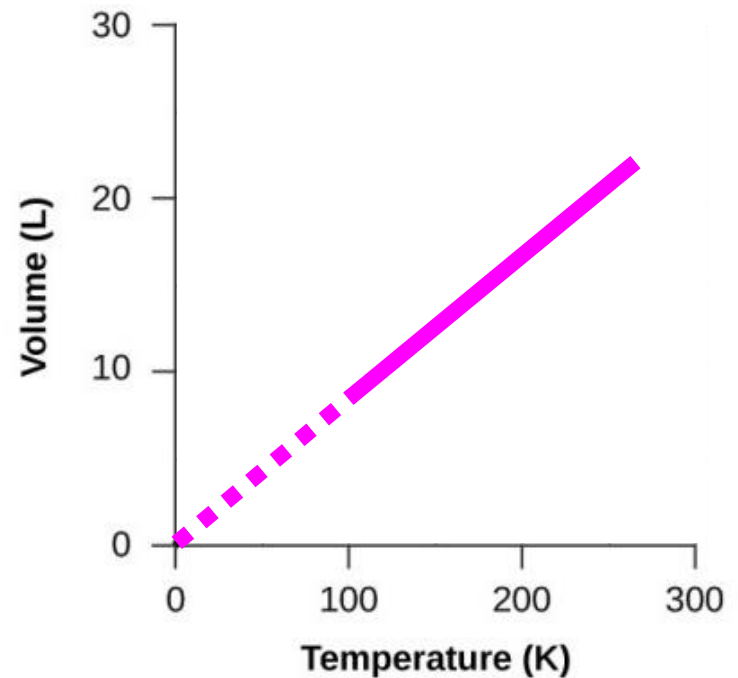
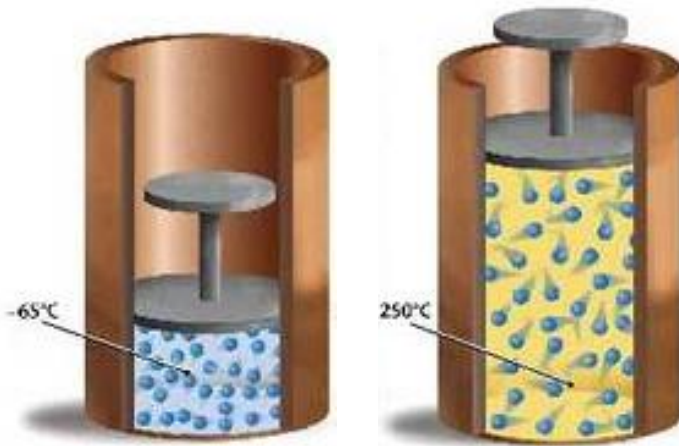
If temperature exceeds a certain amount, the increasing pressure could make a pressurized container explode!

Charles's Law | Temp and Volume

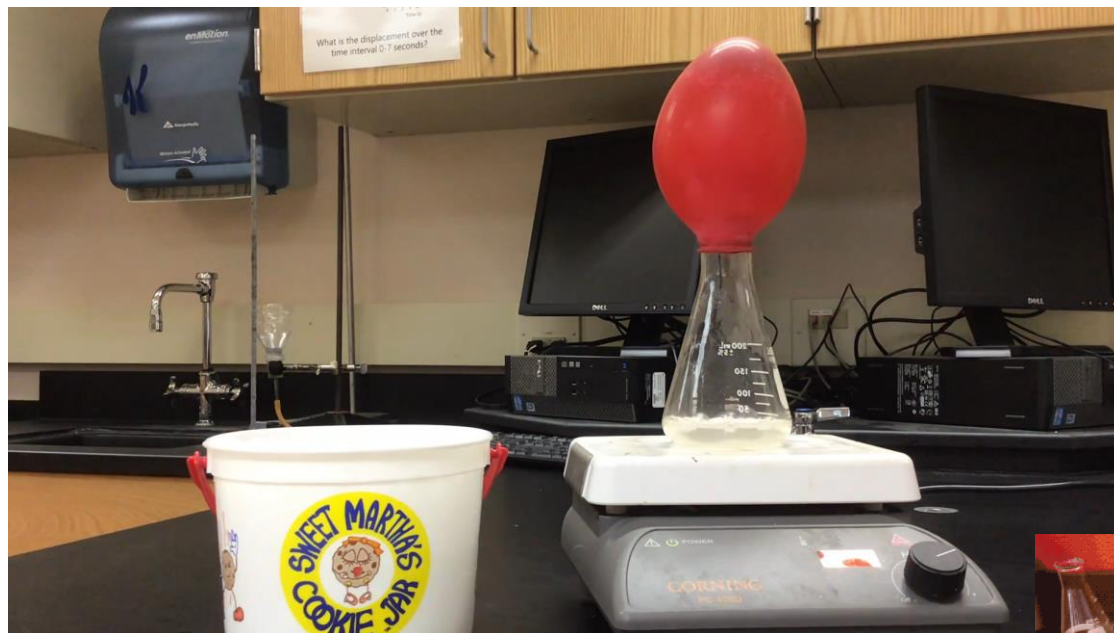
⬆ Temperature

⬆ Volume

$$V \propto T$$



Charles's Law | Temp and Volume



When the temperature of the air inside a balloon decreases, so does the volume. (this effect is even more dramatic when the gas condenses into a liquid)



Ideal Gas Law

$$p \propto \frac{1}{V} \quad p \propto T \quad V \propto T$$

$$pV = nRT$$

Ideal Gas Law

Quantity	Symbol	Unit
Pressure	p	[Pa]
Volume	V	[m ³]
Amount	n	[mol]
Temperature	T	[K]

$$pV = nRT$$

[atm]

[L]

Gas Constant

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

IB Physics Data Booklet

Sub-topic 3.1 – Thermal concepts	Sub-topic 3.2 – Modelling a gas
$Q = mc\Delta T$ $Q = mL$	$p = \frac{F}{A}$ $n = \frac{N}{N_A}$ $pV = nRT$ $\bar{E}_K = \frac{3}{2}k_B T = \frac{3}{2} \frac{R}{N_A} T$

Quantity	Symbol	Approximate value
Acceleration of free fall (Earth's surface)	g	9.81 m s^{-2}
Gravitational constant	G	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Avogadro's constant	N_A	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Gas constant	R	$8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Boltzmann's constant	k_B	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$

Try This

What is the pressure of 23 mol of a gas behaving ideally in a 0.25 m³ container at 310 K?

$$p = ?$$

$$V = 0.25 \text{ m}^3$$

$$n = 23 \text{ mol}$$

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$T = 310 \text{ K}$$

$$pV = nRT$$

$$p(0.25) = (23)(8.31)(310)$$

$$p = 237,000 \text{ Pa}$$

Change in Volume

A **fixed mass** of an ideal gas has a volume of 0.14 m^3 at 301 K . If its temperature is increased to 365 K at the **same pressure**, what is its new volume, V_2 ?

$$pV = nRT$$

*Rearrange so constants
are on one side*

$$\frac{V}{T} = \frac{nR}{p}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2} \rightarrow \frac{0.14 \text{ m}^3}{301 \text{ K}} = \frac{V_2}{365 \text{ K}}$$

$$V_2 = 0.17 \text{ m}^3$$

Try This

A sample of ammonia is found to occupy 0.250 L under laboratory conditions of 27 °C and 0.850 atm. Find the volume of this sample at 0 °C and 1.00 atm.

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$$\frac{pV}{T} = nR$$

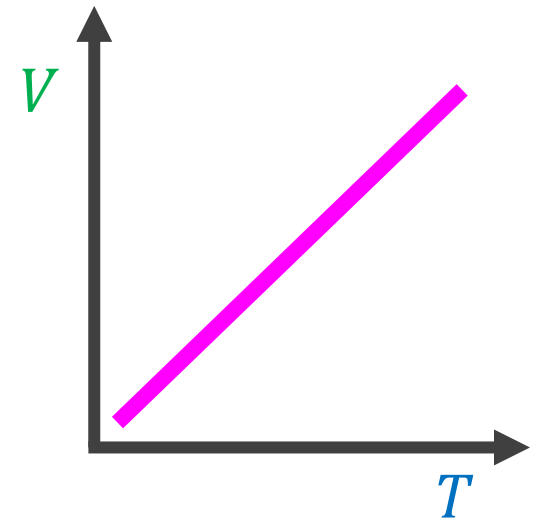
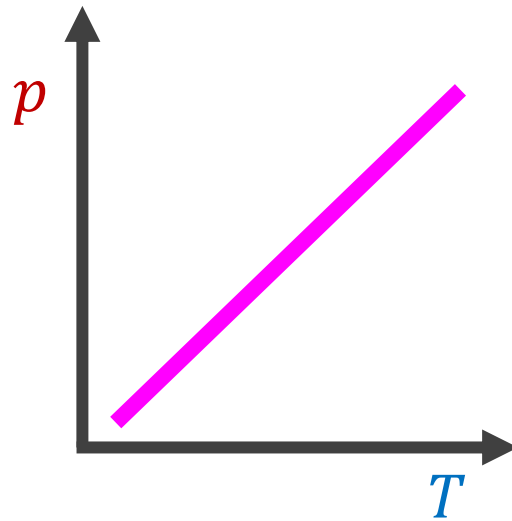
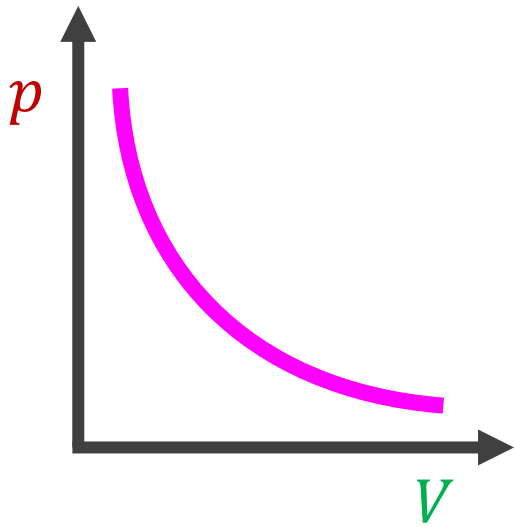
$$\frac{p_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{(0.850)(0.250)}{(27 + 273)} = \frac{(1.00)(V_2)}{(0 + 273)}$$

$$V_2 = 0.19 \text{ L}$$

Draw these graphs

$$pV = nRT$$



Related Constants

Gas Constant

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{R}{k_B} = \frac{8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}} = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

N_A
↓

Boltzmann's constant

$$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

Average Kinetic Energy

$$\bar{E}_K = \frac{3}{2} k_B T = \frac{3}{2} \frac{R}{N_A} T$$

Same Constant Value

Boltzmann's constant

$$k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

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Lesson Takeaways

- I can identify conditions when a substance is no longer considered an ideal gas
- I can describe the relationships between volume, temperature, and pressure in an ideal gas
- I can use the Ideal Gas Law to solve for pressure, volume, amount, or temperature
- I can use the Ideal Gas Law to describe how changing one or more variable(s) would affect another