

Worksheet #2 (Total number of points you can get is 3 pts)

1. Suppose we have three containers, filled with three types of gas, H_2 , N_2 , and O_2 , but you do not know which container is filled with which gas. Pressure P and total mass m of the included gas are the same in each container. Measuring volume V and temperature T allows you to draw the following graph:



$$PV = nRT \Rightarrow V = \frac{nR}{P} T = \frac{1}{M} \frac{mR}{P} T$$

$$\frac{1}{M_1} > \frac{1}{M_2} > \frac{1}{M_3} \Rightarrow M_3 > M_2 > M_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gas 1} = H_2$$

$$\text{gas 2} = N_2$$

$$\text{gas 3} = O_2$$

Find out the type (H_2 , N_2 , or O_2) of gas 1, 2, and 3. Hint: Use what you know about the relation between the molar masses M of the three gases.

2. An ideal gas occupies a volume V of 0.75 dm^3 at a pressure P of $3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$. What is the new volume of the gas maintained at the same temperature T if the pressure P is reduced to $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$?

$$PV = nRT \Rightarrow V = nRT \frac{1}{P}$$

$$P_{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{3} P_{\text{old}} \Rightarrow V_{\text{new}} = 3 V_{\text{old}} = 2.25 \text{ dm}^3$$

3. A certain substance, used as a manometer fluid, has a density of 1.047 g/cm^3 . What pressure P will lead to a column of 4.0 mm ? ($g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$)

$$\begin{aligned} P = \rho g h &= \frac{1.047 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{10^{-6} \text{ m}^3} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot 4.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m} \\ &= 1.047 \cdot 9.8 \cdot 4.0 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \\ &= 41.04 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$