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Boyle's Law (P and V)
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General: When P , V (inversely proportional)
Formula: $P \cdot V = \text{constant}$ or $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

Restrictions: P_1 and P_2 must be in the same units
 V_1 and V_2 must be in the same units

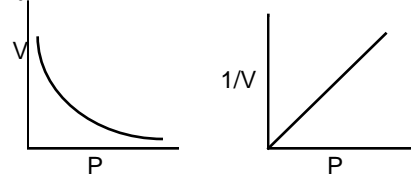
Convert pressures using conversion factors using the fact that $1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 760 \text{ torr} = 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 14.7 \text{ psi}$

$$\text{psi} = \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}$$

Example: $730 \text{ mmHg} \times \frac{101.3 \text{ kPa}}{760 \text{ mmHg}} = 97.3 \text{ kPa}$

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Boyle's Law Lab
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Graphically:



In our lab, we had to **add** the **atmospheric pressure** to our measurements because tire **gauges** only measure the pressure **ABOVE** atmospheric pressure.

Consistent (“good”) data form a **straight** line (P vs. $\frac{1}{V}$).

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Kelvin Temperature Scale
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$$\mathbf{K} = \text{°C} + 273 \qquad \text{°C} = \mathbf{K} - 273$$

Examples: $0 \text{ °C} + 273 = 273 \text{ K}$
 $25 \text{ °C} + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$
 $100 \text{ °C} + 273 = 373 \text{ K}$
 $300 \text{ K} - 273 = -27 \text{ °C}$

The **Kelvin** scale is used in gas law problems because the pressure and volume of a gas depend on the **kinetic energy** or **motion** of the particles.

The **Kelvin** scale is **proportional** to the **KE** of the particles... that is, **0 K (absolute zero)** means **0 kinetic energy**. **0 °C** is simply the **freezing point** of water.

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Charles' Law (V and T)
Gay-Lussac's Law (P and T)
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Charles' Law

General: When T , V (directly proportional)

Formula: $\frac{V}{T} = \text{constant}$ or $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$

Restrictions: T must be in Kelvins
 V_1 and V_2 must be in the same units

Gay-Lussac's Law

General: When T , P (directly proportional)

Formula: $\frac{P}{T} = \text{constant}$ or $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$

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The Combined Gas Law
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Formula: $\frac{P \cdot V}{T} = \text{constant}$ or $\frac{P_1 \cdot V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 \cdot V_2}{T_2}$

Restrictions: T must be in Kelvins
 V_1 and V_2 must be in the same units
 P_1 and P_2 must be in the same units

STP (“standard temperature and pressure”) is often used as one of the two conditions

$T = 0^\circ\text{C} = 273\text{ K}$ $P = 1\text{ atm} = 760\text{ mmHg} = 101.3\text{ kPa}$

Each of the **three gas laws** is really a **special case** of this law.

Example: If $T_1 = T_2$, the law becomes $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

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The Ideal Gas Law
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Formula: $P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T$ or $PV = nRT$

where P = pressure
V = volume
n = number of moles
R = the ideal gas constant
T = temperature (in Kelvins)

The value of R depends on the P and V units used.

$R = \frac{PV}{nT}$ so you can use the molar volume info to calculate R

$R = \frac{(101.3\text{ kPa})(22.4\text{ L})}{(1\text{ mole})(273\text{ K})} = 8.31 \frac{\text{L} \cdot \text{kPa}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$

$R = 62.4 \frac{\text{L} \cdot \text{mmHg}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} = 0.0821 \frac{\text{L} \cdot \text{atm}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$

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Dalton’s Law of Partial Pressure
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When you have a **mixture** of gases, you can determine the pressure exerted by each gas separately. This is called the **partial pressure** of each gas.

Since each gas has the same power to cause pressure (see card #8) the partial pressure of a gas depends on how much of the mixture is composed of each gas (in moles)

Example: Consider air, a mixture of mostly O_2 and N_2

$\frac{\text{moles } \text{O}_2}{\text{moles total}} = \frac{P_{\text{O}_2}}{P_{\text{total}}}$ $\frac{\text{moles } \text{N}_2}{\text{moles total}} = \frac{P_{\text{N}_2}}{P_{\text{total}}}$

Also: $P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{O}_2} + P_{\text{N}_2}$

This idea is used when a **gas is collected over water**

$P_{\text{atm}} = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is found on a **chart**

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Why Do All Gases Cause the Same Pressure?
Graham’s Law
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The gas laws work (to 3 significant digits) for **all** gases... that is, all gases have the same **power** to cause **pressure**.

At the **same temperature**, the **KE** of each gas is the **same**. **KE = 1/2 mass·velocity²**... if two particles have different masses, their **velocities** are also different. So...

SMALL particles move **FAST** $m v^2$

LARGE particles move **SLOWLY** $m v^2$

We can use this idea with numbers as well: (Graham’s Law)

$KE_A = KE_B$ $m_A v_A^2 = m_B v_B^2$

[another version of this formula is on pg 323 of the text]