

Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures

Honors Chemistry

1. A container holds 3 gases. The partial pressures are 2.0-atm oxygen, 3.0-atm carbon dioxide, and 4.0-atm helium. What is the total pressure (in kPa and atm) inside the container?

$$P_{O_2} = 2.0 \text{ atm} \quad P_{\text{total}} = P_{O_2} + P_{CO_2} + P_{He} = 2.0 \text{ atm} + 3.0 \text{ atm} + 4.0 \text{ atm} = \boxed{9.0 \text{ atm}}$$

$$P_{CO_2} = 3.0 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{He} = 4.0 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = ?$$

$$\frac{9.0 \text{ atm}}{1} \times \frac{101.3 \text{ kPa}}{1.0 \text{ atm}} = \boxed{911.7 \text{ kPa}}$$

2. A container with two gases, helium and argon, is 30.0% helium by volume. Calculate the partial pressures of helium and argon (in atm) if the total pressure in the container is 4.0-atm.

$$P_{He} = 0.3 \times 4.0 \text{ atm} = \boxed{1.2 \text{ atm}}$$

$$P_{Ar} = P_{\text{total}} - P_{He}$$

$$P_{Ar} = ?$$

$$P_{Ar} = 4.0 \text{ atm} - 1.2 \text{ atm} = \boxed{2.8 \text{ atm}}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = 4.0 \text{ atm}$$

3. A breathing mixture used by deep-sea-divers contains helium, oxygen, and carbon dioxide with a total pressure of 253.3-kPa. What is the P_{Oxygen} in kilopascals if the $P_{\text{Helium}} = 210.0\text{-kPa}$ and the $P_{\text{Carbon dioxide}} = 0.2\text{-kPa}$?

$$P_{He} = 210.0 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{O_2} = P_{\text{total}} - (P_{He} + P_{CO_2})$$

$$P_{O_2} = ?$$

$$P_{CO_2} = 0.2 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{O_2} = 253.3 \text{ kPa} - (210.0 \text{ kPa} + 0.2 \text{ kPa}) = \boxed{43.1 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = 253.3 \text{ kPa}$$

4. A mixture of gases at a total pressure of 2.86-atm contains N_2 , CO_2 , and O_2 . The P_{nitrogen} is 0.563-atm and the partial pressure of CO_2 is 1.50-atm. What is the partial pressure of O_2 in atm?

$$P_{N_2} = 0.563 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{O_2} = P_{\text{total}} - (P_{N_2} + P_{CO_2})$$

$$P_{CO_2} = 1.50 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{O_2} = ?$$

$$P_{O_2} = 2.86 \text{ atm} - (0.563 \text{ atm} + 1.50 \text{ atm}) = \boxed{0.797 \text{ atm}}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = 2.86 \text{ atm}$$

5. A gaseous mixture consisting of nitrogen, argon, and oxygen is in a 3.5-L vessel at 25°C with a total pressure of 0.972-atm. The partial pressure of nitrogen is 0.217-atm and the partial pressure of argon is 0.494-atm. Determine the partial pressure of oxygen and use it to find the moles of oxygen present in the vessel.

$$P_{N_2} = 0.217 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{Ar} = 0.494 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{O_2} = ?$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = 0.972 \text{ atm}$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(0.261 \text{ atm})(3.5 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(298 \text{ K})} = \boxed{0.037 \text{ mol } O_2}$$

$$P = 0.261 \text{ atm}$$

$$V = 3.5 \text{ L}$$

$$n = ?$$

$$T = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$P_{O_2} = P_{\text{total}} - (P_{N_2} + P_{Ar})$$

$$P_{O_2} = 0.972 \text{ atm} - (0.217 \text{ atm} + 0.494 \text{ atm}) = \boxed{0.261 \text{ atm}}$$

More of the Ideal Gas Law

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1. What is the pressure, in atm, exerted by a 0.50 mole sample of nitrogen gas in a 10.0 L container at 25.0°C?

$$P = ? \quad n = 0.50 \text{ mol} \quad V = 10.0 \text{ L} \quad T = 298 \text{ K} \quad P = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{(0.50 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(298 \text{ K})}{10.0 \text{ L}} = \boxed{1.22 \text{ atm}}$$

2. What is the volume, in liters, of 0.250 mole of oxygen gas at 20.0°C and 0.974 atm of pressure?

$$P = 0.974 \text{ atm} \quad n = 0.250 \text{ mol} \quad T = 293 \text{ K} \quad V = ? \quad V = \frac{nRT}{P} = \frac{(0.250 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(293 \text{ K})}{0.974 \text{ atm}} = \boxed{6.17 \text{ L}}$$

3. What mass of chlorine gas, Cl_2 , in grams, is contained in a 10.0-L tank at 27.0°C and 3.50 atm of pressure? {Hint: Find moles and then convert to grams!}

$$P = 3.50 \text{ atm} \quad n = ? \quad V = 10.0 \text{ L} \quad T = 300 \text{ K} \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(3.50 \text{ atm})(10.0 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(300 \text{ K})} = 1.42 \text{ mol} \quad \frac{1.42 \text{ mol}}{1} \times \frac{71 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = \boxed{101 \text{ g Cl}_2}$$

4. An engineer pumps 5.00 moles of carbon monoxide gas into a cylinder that has a capacity of 20.0 L. What is the pressure, in atm, of CO inside the cylinder at 25.0°C?

$$P = ? \quad n = 5.00 \text{ mol} \quad V = 20.0 \text{ L} \quad T = 298 \text{ K} \quad P = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{(5.00 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(298 \text{ K})}{20.0 \text{ L}} = \boxed{6.12 \text{ atm}}$$

5. A student collects 425-mL of oxygen at a temperature of 24.0°C and a pressure of 0.899 atm. How many moles of oxygen did the student collect?

$$P = 0.899 \text{ atm} \quad n = ? \quad V = 0.425 \text{ L} \quad T = 297 \text{ K} \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(0.899 \text{ atm})(0.425 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(297 \text{ K})} = \boxed{0.0157 \text{ mol O}_2}$$

6. Determine the mass of CO_2 gas that has a volume of 7.10-L at a pressure of 1.11 atm and a temperature of 31.0°C.

$$P = 1.11 \text{ atm} \quad n = ? \quad V = 7.10 \text{ L} \quad T = 304 \text{ K} \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(1.11 \text{ atm})(7.10 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(304 \text{ K})} = 0.316 \text{ mol} \quad \frac{0.316 \text{ mol}}{1} \times \frac{44 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = \boxed{13.9 \text{ g CO}_2}$$

7. What pressure, in atmospheres, will 1.36 kg of N_2O gas exert when it is compressed in a 25.0 L cylinder and it's stored in an outdoor shed where the temperature reaches 59.0°C during the summer?

$$P = ? \quad n = 30.9 \text{ mol} \quad V = 25.0 \text{ L} \quad T = 332 \text{ K} \quad P = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{(30.9 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(332 \text{ K})}{25.0 \text{ L}} = \boxed{33.7 \text{ atm}}$$

8. A large balloon contains 11.7 g of helium. What volume will the helium occupy at an altitude of 1.00×10^4 meters, where the atmospheric pressure is 0.262 atm and the temperature is -50.0°C ?

$$P = 0.262 \text{ atm} \quad n = 2.925 \text{ mol} \quad V = ? \quad T = 223 \text{ K} \quad \frac{11.7 \text{ g He}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{4 \text{ g}} = 2.925 \text{ mol} \quad V = \frac{nRT}{P} = \frac{(2.925 \text{ mol})(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(223 \text{ K})}{0.262 \text{ atm}} = \boxed{204 \text{ L}}$$

9. A sample of an unknown gas has a mass of 0.116-g. It occupies a volume of 25.0-mL at a temperature of 127°C and has a pressure of 1.53-atm. Calculate the molar mass of the gas.

$$P = 1.53 \text{ atm} \quad n = ? \quad V = 0.025 \text{ L} \quad T = 400 \text{ K} \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(1.53 \text{ atm})(0.025 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(400 \text{ K})} = 0.00116 \text{ mol} \quad \text{molar mass} = \frac{0.116 \text{ g}}{0.00116 \text{ mol}} = \boxed{99.6 \text{ g/mol}}$$

10. Determine the molar mass of an unknown gas that has a volume of 72.5 ml at a temperature of 68.0°C, and a pressure of 0.980 atm, and a mass of 0.207 g.

$$P = 0.980 \text{ atm} \quad n = ? \quad V = 0.0725 \text{ L} \quad T = 341 \text{ K} \quad n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(0.980 \text{ atm})(0.0725 \text{ L})}{(0.0821 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(341 \text{ K})} = 0.0025 \text{ mol} \quad \text{molar mass} = \frac{0.207 \text{ g}}{0.0025 \text{ mol}} = \boxed{81.6 \text{ g/mol}}$$