

The Kinetic Theory of Gas III:

- Z_I = collision frequency = number of collisions per molecule
- Z_{II} = collision rate = total number of collisions
- λ = mean free path = distance traveled between collisions

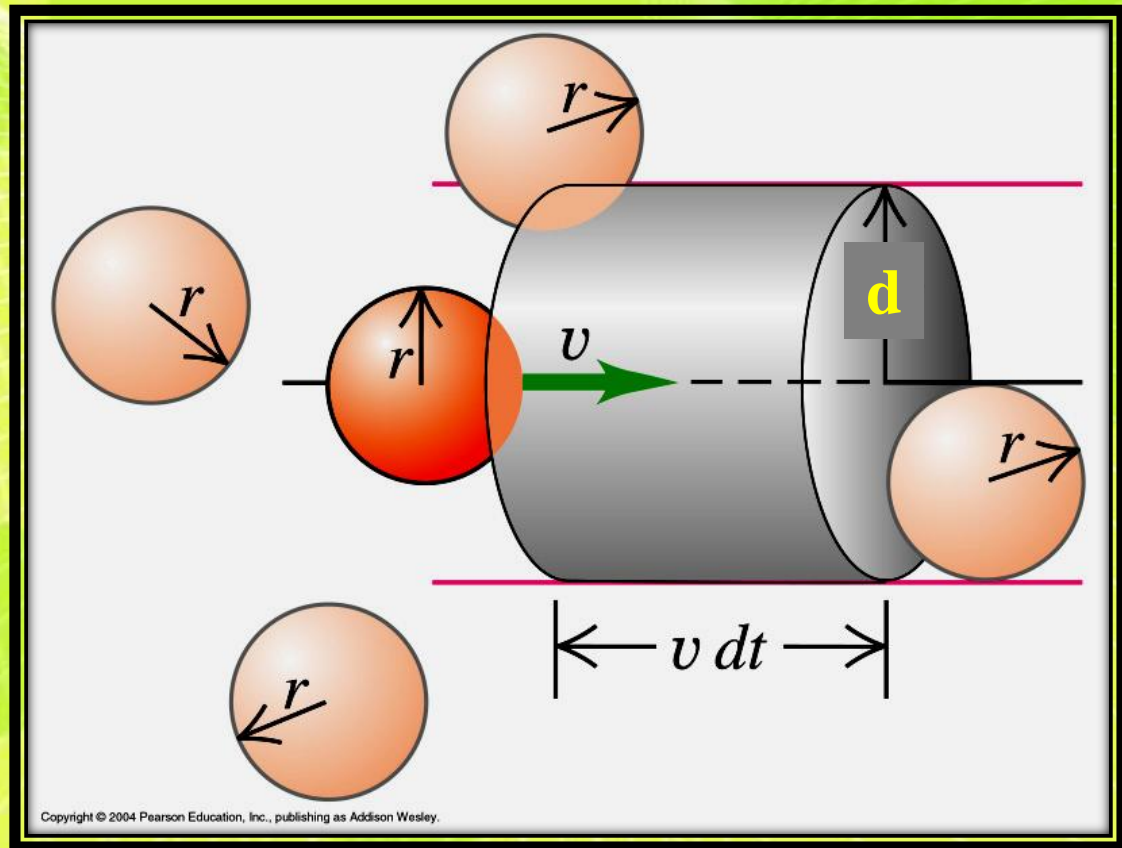
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Collision amongst the molecules

- Collision shall occur when the centers of 2 molecules have distance d (interaction diameter), which is $= d$
- The Surface Area of Container is $\sigma = \pi d^2$
- The long of container (distance to be passed): $\ell = v dt$ (v : average speed)
- Volume of the container (interaction volume) is $V = \sigma \ell$
- No. of collision:

$$\left(\frac{N}{V} \right) \sigma \ell$$



Collision Frequency (Z_I)

$$V = \sqrt{2} \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot v_{avg}$$

where: $v_{relative} = \sqrt{2} \cdot v_{avg}$

$$v_{avg} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot k \cdot T}{\pi \cdot m}} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot R \cdot T}{\pi \cdot M}}$$

Define: $N^* = N/V =$
molecules per unit volume

$$Z_I = (V) \cdot (N^*)$$

$$Z_I = \sqrt{2} \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot v_{avg} \cdot N^*$$

$$v_{relative} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi\mu}}$$

where $\mu = \frac{m_A m_B}{m_A + m_B}$

if $m_A = m_B$:

$$v_{relative} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi} \times \frac{2m_A}{m_A^2}}$$

Collision Rate (Z_{II})

$$Z_{II} = Z_I \cdot N^* \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Double Counting Factor

$$Z_{II} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot v_{avg} \cdot (N^*)^2$$

$$N^* = \frac{N}{V} = ???$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$PV = \frac{N}{N_{Avog}} RT$$

$$\frac{N}{N_{Avog} V} = \frac{P}{RT} = [A]$$

$$SO \frac{N}{V} = \frac{PN_{Avog}}{RT} = \frac{P}{kT} = [A]N_{Avog}$$

Collision Rate (Z_{II})

$$Z_{II} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (N^*)^2 \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot v_{avg}$$

$$v_{avg} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot k \cdot T}{\pi \cdot m}} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot R \cdot T}{\pi \cdot M}}$$

For A-B collisions: μ_{AB} , v_{AB}

Reduced Mass $\Rightarrow \mu_{AB} = \frac{m_A \cdot m_B}{m_A + m_B}$

Relative Velocity $\Rightarrow v_{relative(AB)} = \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot k \cdot T}{\pi \cdot \mu_{AB}}}$

Collision Diameter

$$d_{AB} = \frac{d_A + d_B}{2}$$

Number per Unit Volume

$$N_A^* = \frac{N_A}{V}$$

$$N_B^* = \frac{N_B}{V}$$

Collision Rate (Z_{II}) of 2 different molecules

$$Z_{II(AA)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (N_A^*)^2 \cdot \pi \cdot d_A^2 \cdot \left(\frac{8kT}{\pi \cdot m_A} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$Z_{II(AB)} = N_A^* \cdot N_B^* \cdot \pi \cdot d_{AB}^2 \cdot v_{avg(AB)}$$

$$Z_{II(AB)} = (N_{Avog})^2 \cdot [A][B] \cdot \pi \cdot d_{AB}^2 \cdot v_{avg(AB)}$$

$$Z_{II(AB)} = N_A^* \cdot N_B^* \cdot \pi \cdot d_{AB}^2 \cdot \left(\frac{8kT}{\pi \cdot \mu_{AB}} \right)^{1/2}$$

remember $[A]N_{Avog} = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{PN_{Avog}}{RT} = \frac{P}{kT}$

Mean Free Path (λ)

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{distance traveled per unit time}}{\text{no molecules it collides with in unit time}} = \frac{v_{avg}}{Z_I}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot N_A [A]} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \pi \cdot d^2 \cdot N}$$

The mean free path is independent of temperature

The mean time between collisions is temperature dependent

Kinetic-Molecular-Theory Gas Properties - Collision Parameters @ 25 °C and 1 atm

Species	Collision diameter		Mean free path	Collision Frequency	Collision Rate
	$d / 10^{-10} \text{ m}$	$d / \text{Å}$	$\lambda / 10^{-8} \text{ m}$	$Z_I / 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$Z_{II} / 10^{34} \text{ m}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$
H ₂	2.73	2.73	12.4	14.3	17.6
He	2.18	2.18	19.1	6.6	8.1
N ₂	3.74	3.74	6.56	7.2	8.9
O ₂	3.57	3.57	7.16	6.2	7.6
Ar	3.62	3.62	6.99	5.7	7.0
CO ₂	4.56	4.56	4.41	8.6	10.6
HI	5.56	5.56	2.96	7.5	10.6