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# **Kinetic Theory of Gases**



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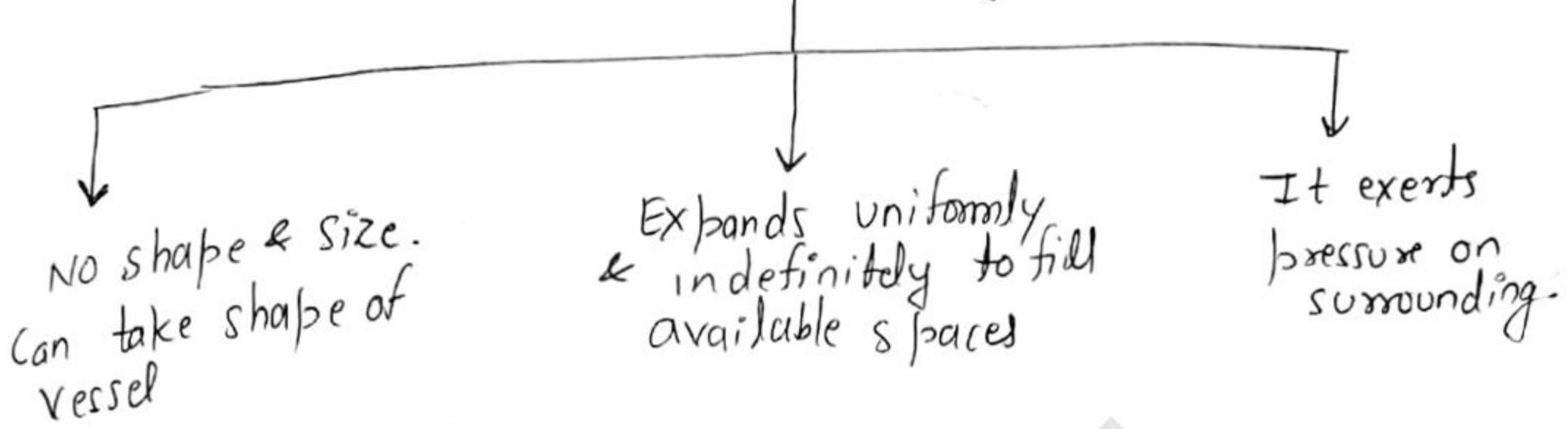
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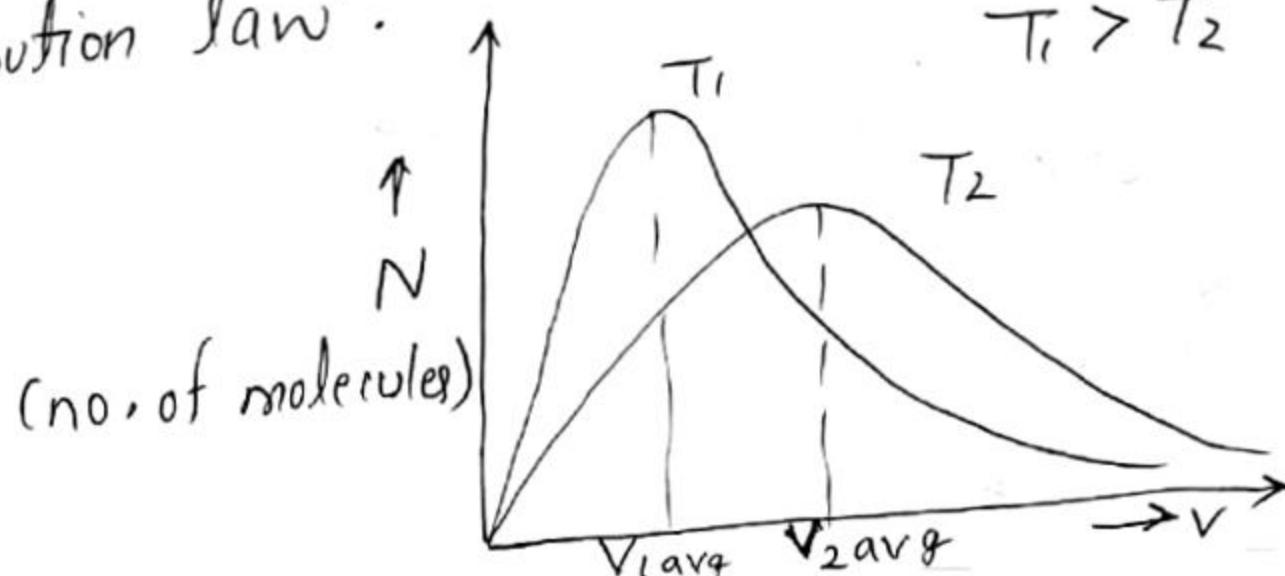
# KINETIC THEORY of GASES

## characteristic of gases



## Assumptions of kinetic Theory of Gases

- Every gas made up of small particles called molecules. For a gas it is identical but different from another gas.
- molecules are elastic, spherical & rigid. (perfectly elastic point mass)
- Molecular size is negligible in comparison to the intermolecular distance.
- molecular volume is negligible compared to volume of gas
- In a gas, molecules move in all possible directions with all possible speed, accordance with 'Maxwell's distribution law'.



- Maximum molecules move with most probable speed
- Collision between molecules & molecule & wall are perfectly elastic
- Molecules move in a straight line with constant speed between successive collisions.
- The number of collisions per unit volume in a gas remains constant.
- No attractive or repulsive force acts between gas molecules.
- Gravitational attraction among molecules is ineffective due to extremely small masses.
- Density of a gas is constant at all points of the container
- Molecules constantly collide with the wall of container, and this results in pressure by gas molecules on wall.

## GAS LAWS

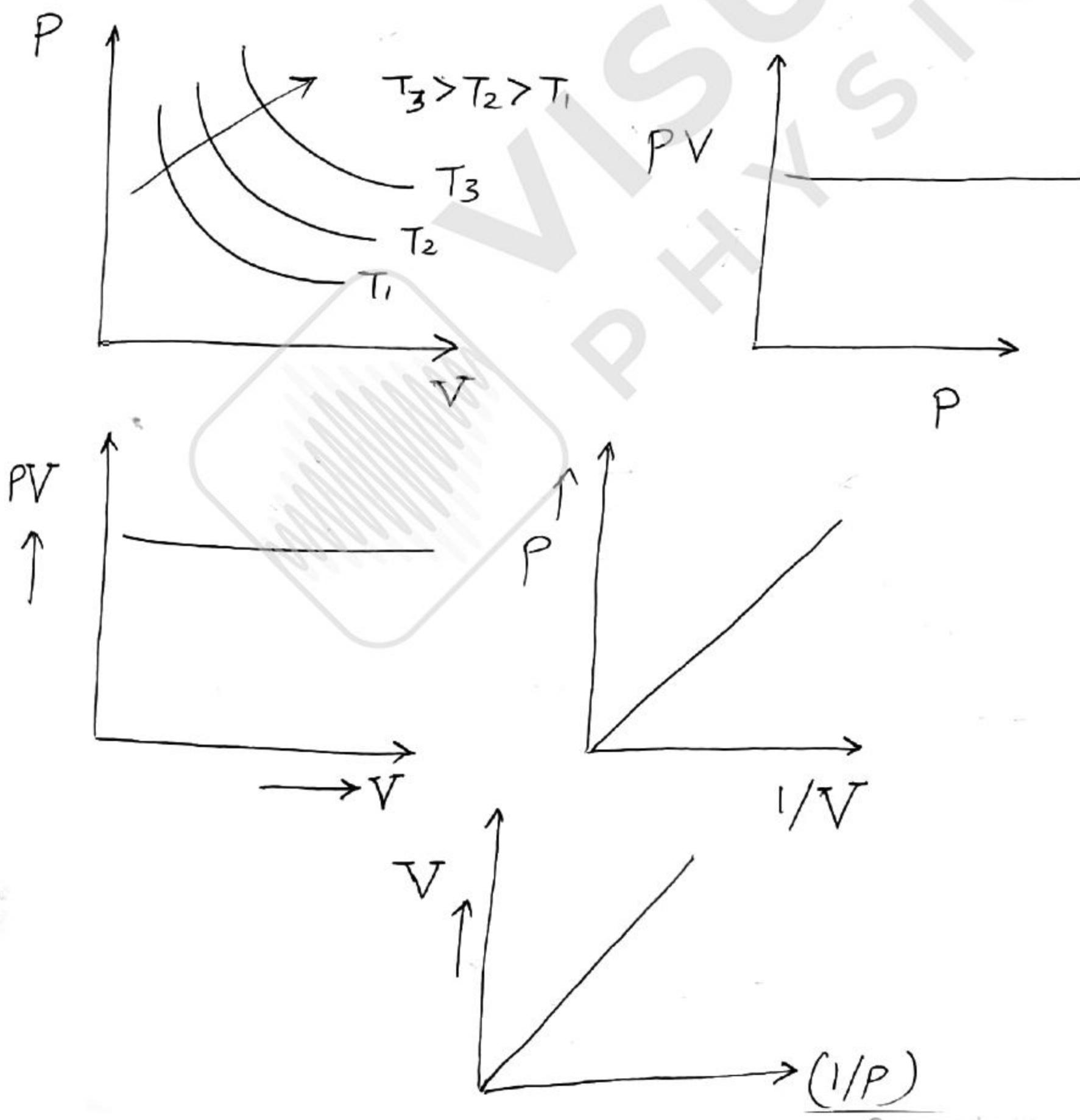
Boyle's law:

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

→ for constant Temperature of gas in given situation (moles)

$$\Rightarrow PV = \text{constant}$$

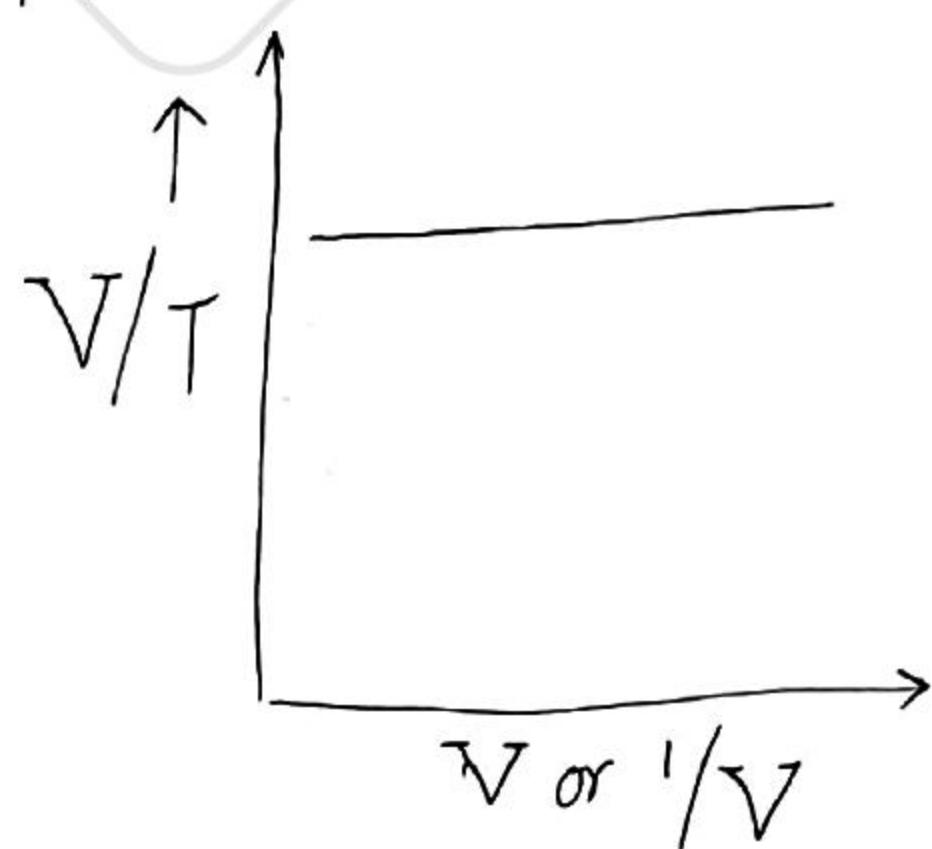
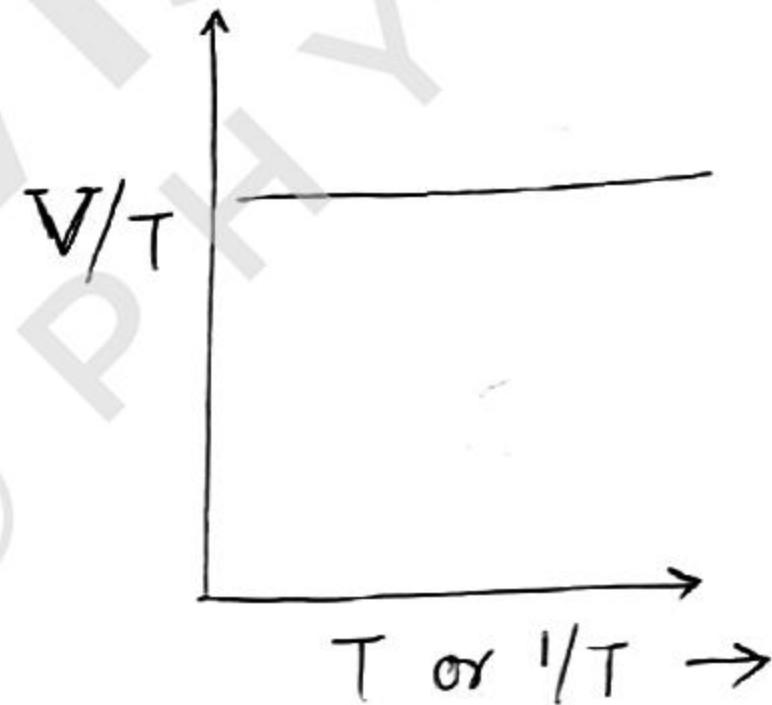
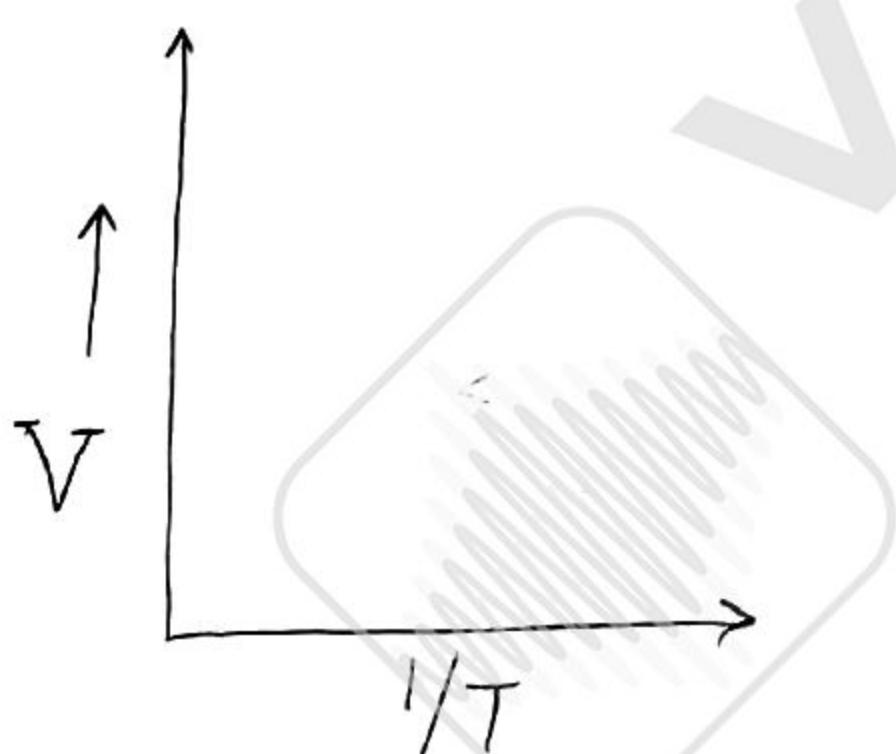
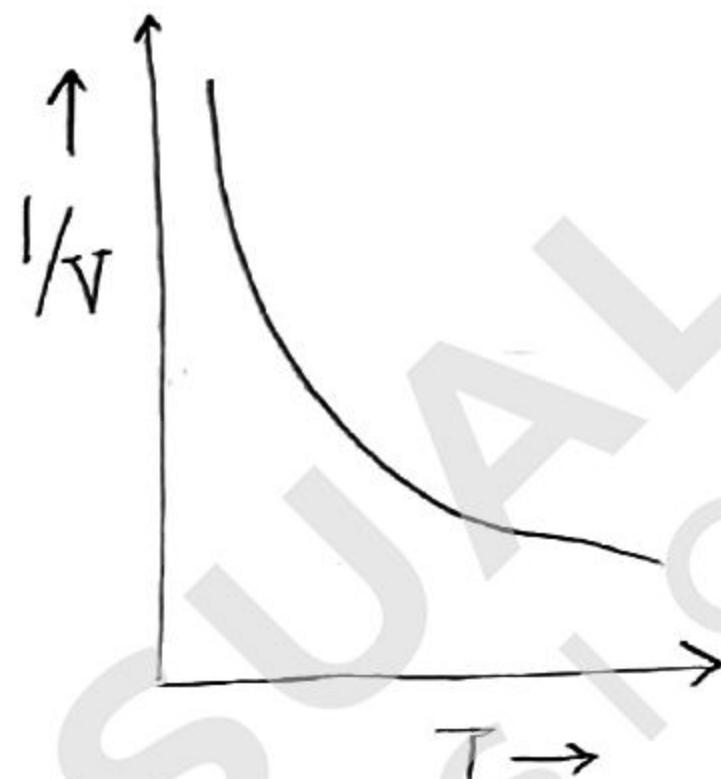
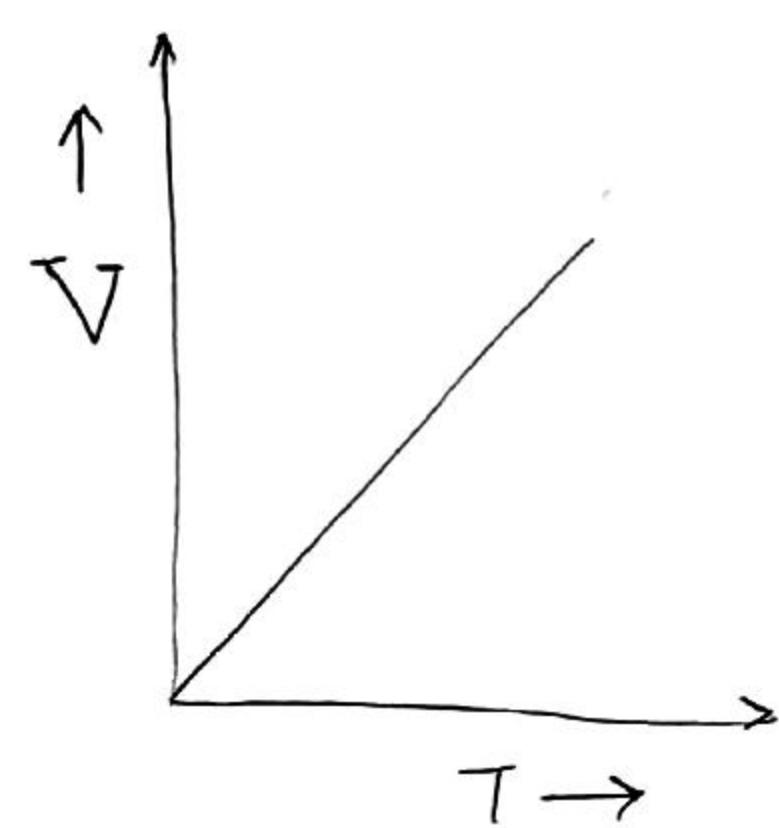
for constant mass & Temperature we get graphs as:



charle's law:

$$\boxed{V \propto T}$$

for constant pressure  
and moles

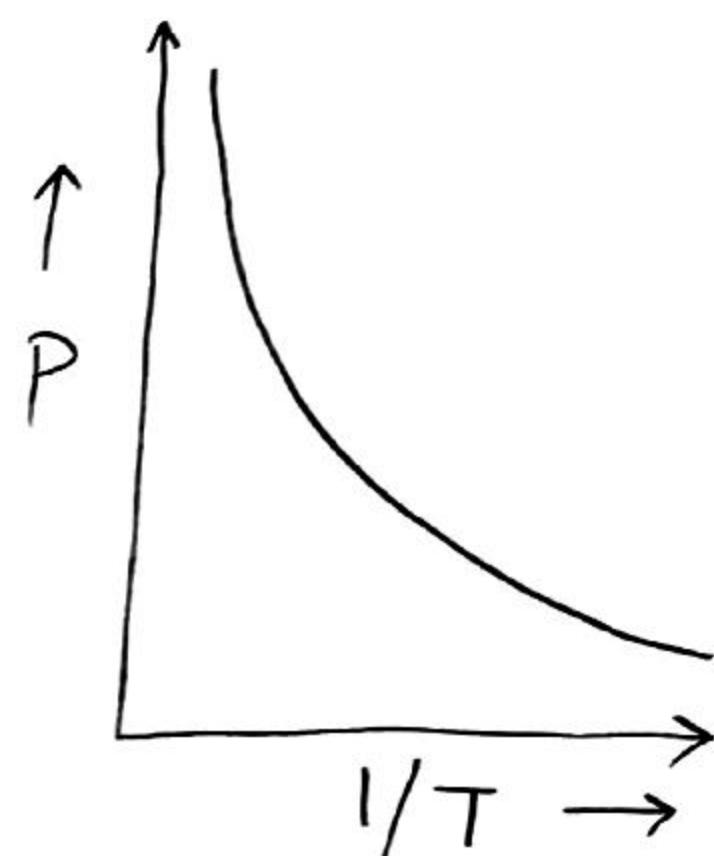
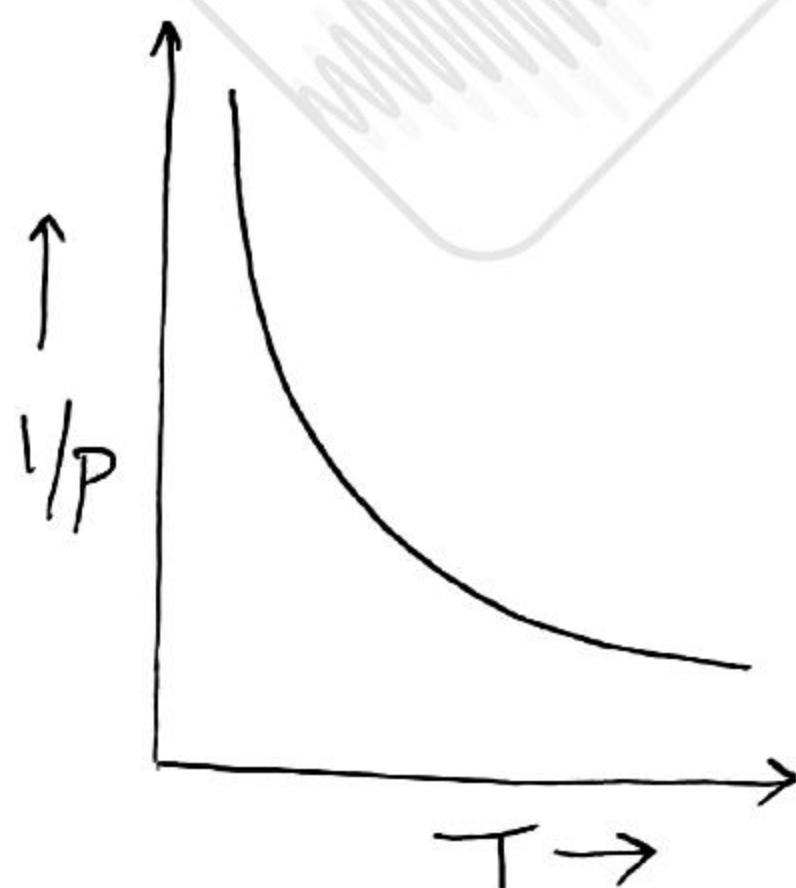
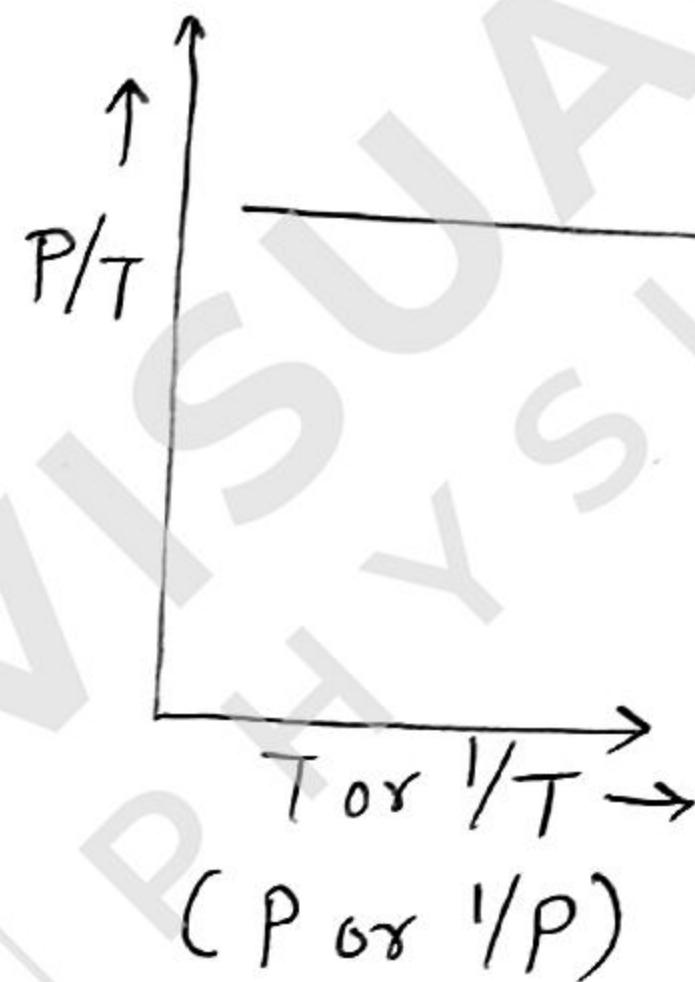
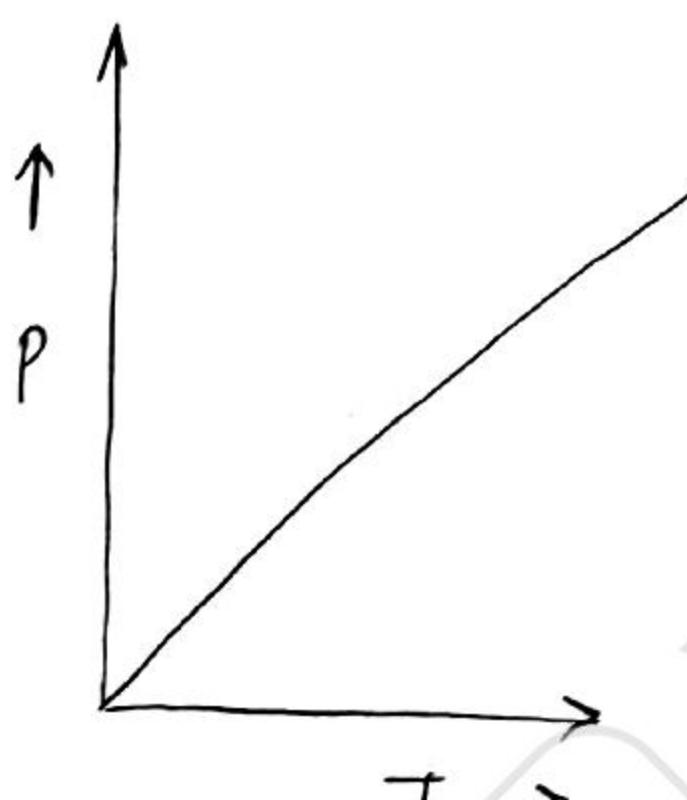


## Gay - Lussac's law:

$$P \propto T$$

→ for constant volume  
and mass

$$\frac{P}{T} = \text{constant}$$



## Avogadro's Law:

Equal volume of all the gases under similar conditions of temperature and pressure contain equal number of molecules.

$$N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{26} \text{ mole/kg}$$

$$N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mole/gram}$$

Avogadro's number.

\* → At STP or NTP ( $T=273\text{K}$  and  $P=1\text{atm}$ )  
22.4 L of gas has  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  molecules

## IDEAL GAS EQUATION:

- Gas that strictly obeys gas law is called perfect or ideal gas.
- All real gases are not perfect gases.
- At extremely low pressure and high Temperature gases like hydrogen, nitrogen & helium are nearly perfect gases.

$$PV = nRT \quad \text{ideal gas equation}$$

P → Pressure

V → Volume

n → number of moles

R → Universal gas constant

T → Temperature

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol K}$$

$$k = \frac{R}{N_A} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Avogadro's number} \\ \downarrow \\ 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \end{array}$$

boltzmann's constant

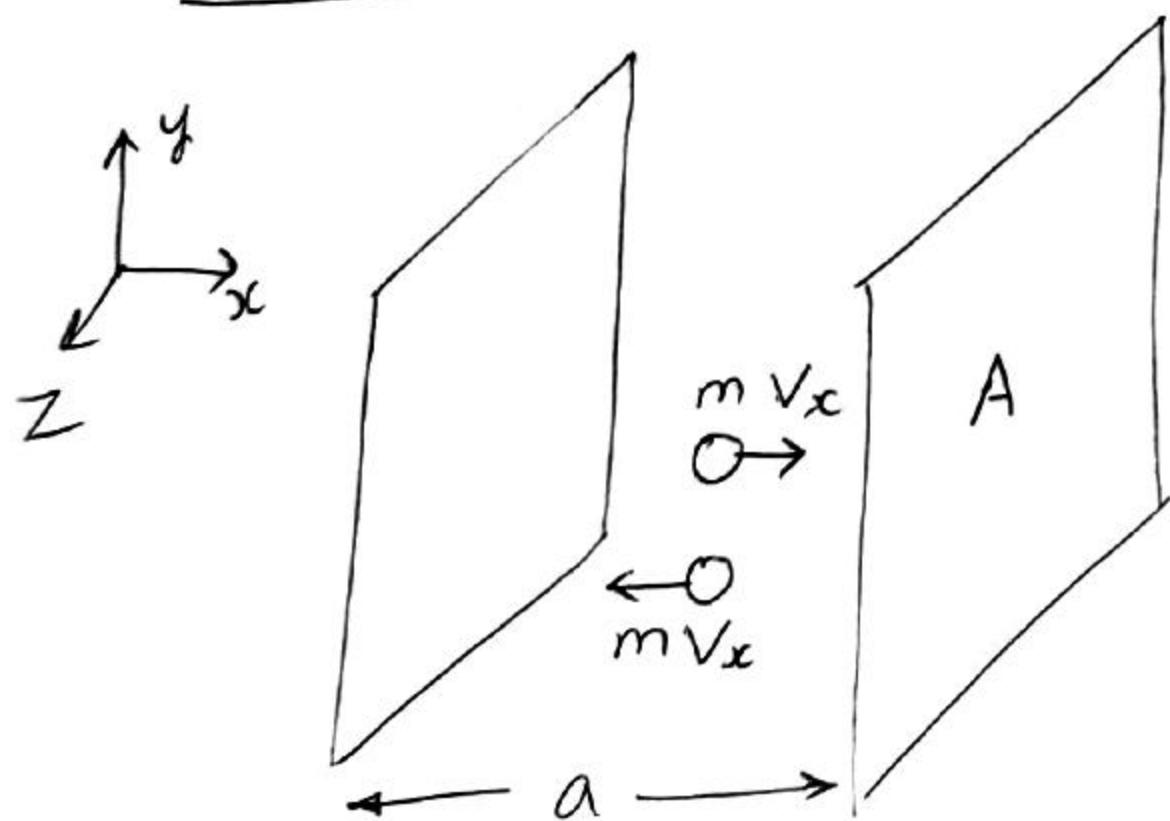
$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{R}{M}$$

specific  
gas constant

Molar mass of given gas

## Pressure of an Ideal gas:



$A \rightarrow$  Area of wall  
 $v_x \rightarrow$  Velocity component in  $x$  direction  
 $a \rightarrow$  separation between walls

$$t = \frac{2a}{v_x} \quad \text{So number of collisions per second}$$

time between successive collisions on same wall

$$\frac{1}{t} = \frac{v_x}{2a}$$

→ momentum change in successive collisions =  $2mv_x$

so, change in momentum per second

$$= (2m)v_x \times \left( \frac{v_x}{2a} \right)$$

Force exerted in  $x$ -direction =  $f_x$

→  $f_x = \frac{mv_x^2}{a}$  → force because of one molecule

$F_x = \text{Net force in } x\text{-direction} = \sum f_x = m \sum \frac{v_x^2}{a}$

$$P_x = \text{pressure} = \frac{F_x}{A} = \frac{m}{A a} \sum v_x^2 = \frac{m}{V} \sum v_x^2$$

so net pressure

$$P_x + P_y + P_z = \frac{m}{V} [\sum v_x^2 + \sum v_y^2 + \sum v_z^2]$$

As  $P_x = P_y = P_z = P$

$$\boxed{3P = \frac{m}{V} \sum (v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}$$

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As net speed,  $v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$$

$$P = \frac{m}{3V} \sum v^2$$

as  $v_{rms}^2 = \frac{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_N^2}{N} = \frac{\sum v^2}{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum v^2 = N v_{rms}^2$$

$$\boxed{P = \frac{m}{3V} N v_{rms}^2}$$

as  $mN = M$  = total mass of gas

$$P = \frac{M}{3V} V_{rms}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \rho V_{rms}^2$$

$$\boxed{P = \frac{1}{3} \rho V_{rms}^2}$$

$$\rho \rightarrow \text{density of gas} = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$\rightarrow V_{rms}^2 \propto T \Rightarrow \boxed{P \propto \frac{(mN)T}{V}}$$

for constant  $V$  &  $T$

$$\boxed{P \propto (mN)} \rightarrow \text{increasing mass of gas increases pressure.}$$

and also for constant  $V, m$  &  $N$

$$\boxed{P \propto T}$$

# Various Speeds of Gas Molecules

1. Root mean square speed:

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3P}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

↓ molar mass      ↓ mass of one molecule

2. Most probable speed:

$$V_{mp} = \sqrt{\frac{2P}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$$

3. Average speed:

$$V_{avg} = \sqrt{\frac{8P}{\pi g}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}}$$

⇒  $V_{rms} > V_{avg} > V_{mp}$

:  $V_{rms} : V_{avg} : V_{mp} = \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2.5} : \sqrt{2}$

## Kinetic energy of ideal gas:

→ for one molecule:

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{rms}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{3kT}{m} \right) = \boxed{\frac{3}{2} kT}$$

as  $v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$

→ for 1 mole or M mass

$$= \frac{1}{2} M v_{rms}^2 = \frac{1}{2} M \left( \frac{3RT}{M} \right) = \boxed{\frac{3}{2} RT}$$

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⇒ Kinetic energy per molecules do not depend on mass of the molecules but only on Temperature.

## Degree of freedom:

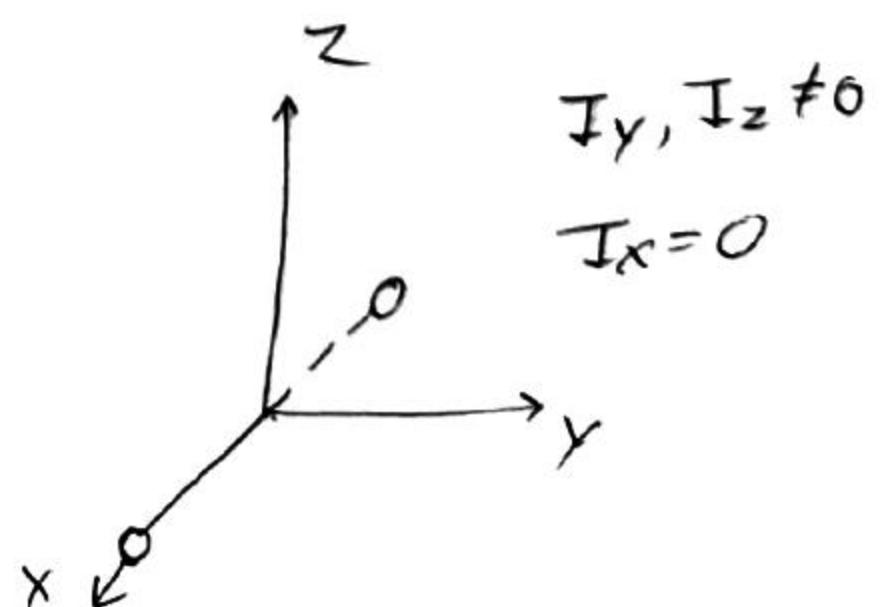
- \* Minimum number of variables required to completely specify the state of system.
- Translational degree of freedom = 3 (x, y, z direction)  
(maximum)
- Rotational degrees of freedom = 3  
(maximum)
- Vibrational degree of freedom → depends on atoms arrangement.
- \* At room temperature only translational and rotational degree of freedom are taken into account.

### 1. monoatomic gas:

③ → as three independent translation motion along x, y & z

### 2. Diatomic gas:

⑤ → 3 translational  
2 rotational

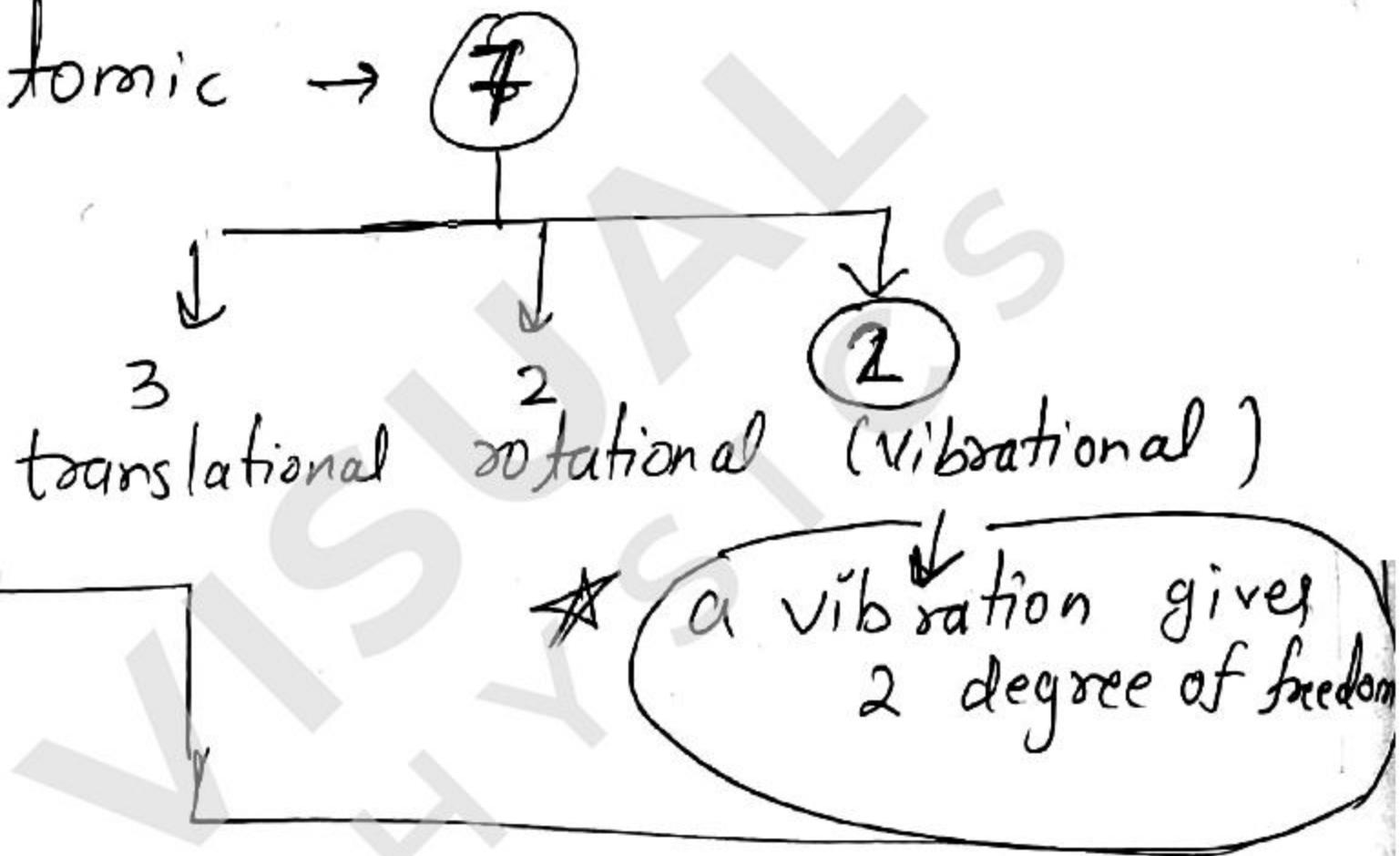


### 3. Triatomic :

- (6) → 3 translational
- 3 rotational.

At high temperature vibration degree of freedom is also considered

So for diamatomic →



### Law of Equipartition of Energy:

- \* In thermal equilibrium, total energy is equally distributed among its various degrees of freedom.

$$\text{per degree of freedom energy} = \frac{1}{2} kT$$

Boltzmann's constant

## Specific heat Capacity of Gases

→ Specific heat of gas at constant volume ( $c_v$ )

$$S_v = \frac{(\Delta Q_c)}{m \Delta T} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{heat at constant} \\ \text{volume} \end{matrix}$$

$$\boxed{C_v = \frac{\Delta Q_c}{n \Delta T}}$$

→ Specific heat of gas at constant pressure ( $c_p$ )

$$S_p = \frac{\Delta Q_p}{m \Delta T} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{heat at constant} \\ \text{pressure} \end{matrix}$$

$$\boxed{C_p = \frac{\Delta Q_p}{n \Delta T}}$$

$n \rightarrow$  no. of moles

$C_p, C_v \rightarrow$  molar specific heat capacity  
or molar heat capacity.

## Mayer's formula

for constant volume  
 $w = 0$  = work done by gas

$$\rightarrow \boxed{(\Delta Q)_v = \Delta V = n C_v \Delta T}$$