

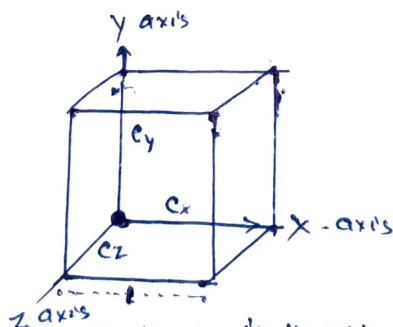
# Kinetic theory of gases: -

## Postulates of Kinetic theory of Gases

- (1) All gases are composed of a large number of very tiny particles called molecules. Molecules of a gas are alike but differ from molecules of other gases.
- (2) The volume of a gas molecule is negligible in comparison to the total volume of the gas.
- (3) Molecules of a gas are in the state of constant **random** motion in all directions and motion increases with increase of temperature.
- (4) Molecules of a gas have kinetic energy only. They do not have potential energy.
- (5) The gas molecules collide with each other and with the walls of container.
- (6) Gas molecules are rigid and perfectly elastic spheres and exert no force of attraction or repulsion on each another or walls of the container.  
After collision gas molecules begin to move in the opposite direction with the same velocity.
- (7) The pressure of the gas is due to collision of molecules with the inner walls of the container.
- (8) The average kinetic energy of gas molecules is directly proportional to the absolute temperature.  
i.e.  $K.E \propto T$ .

## Derivation of Kinetic Gas Equation: -

Let a cubical container having length  $l$  contains  $n$  molecules of gas having mass  $m$  each of them are moving with velocity  $c$ .  
The velocity of the molecule is  $c_x$  along  $x$ -direction,  $c_y$  along  $y$  direction and  $c_z$  along  $z$  direction respectively.  
i.e.  $c^2 = c_x^2 + c_y^2 + c_z^2$



Let us consider the gas molecule is moving along  $x$ -axis and collide with the wall and back to opposite direction with same velocity  $c_x$ , because gas molecule is perfectly elastic sphere.

Now, the change in momentum per collision along  $x$ -axis

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{Momentum before collision} - \text{Momentum after collision} \\
 &= mc_x - (-mc_x) \\
 &= 2mc_x \quad \text{--- (1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Distance travelled by gas molecule between two successive collisions is  $2l$ .