

1. Gaseous state

Evaluation of the gas constant, R:

You can get the numerical value of gas constant R, from the ideal gas equation, $PV = nRT$. At standard temperature and pressure, where temperature is 0°C or 273.15 K , pressure is at 1 atm , and with a volume of 22.4140 L ,

$$R = \frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{1\text{ atm} \cdot 22.4140\text{ L}}{1\text{ mol} \cdot 273.15\text{ K}}$$

$$= 0.082057\text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$R = \frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{1\text{ atm} \cdot 22.4140 \times 10^{-2}\text{ m}^3}{1\text{ mol} \cdot 273.15\text{ K}}$$

$$= 8.3145\text{ m}^3\text{ Pa} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

General Gas Equation:

In an ideal gas situation, $\frac{PV}{nRT} = 1$ (assuming all gases are "ideal" or perfect). In cases where $\frac{PV}{nRT} \neq 1$ or if there are multiple sets of conditions (pressure, P ; volume, V ; number of gaseous atoms or amount of gas, n and temperature, T) then use the general gas equation:

Assuming 2 set of conditions:

Initial Case : Final Case

$$P_i V_i = n_i R T_i \quad P_f V_f = n_f R T_f$$

Setting both sides to R (which is a constant with the same value in each case), one gets:

$$R = \frac{P_i V_i}{n_i T_i}$$

$$R = \frac{P_f V_f}{n_f T_f}$$

If one substitutes one R for the other, one will get the final equation and the general gas equation:

$$\frac{P_i V_i}{n_i T_i} = \frac{P_f V_f}{n_f T_f}$$

Standard Conditions: If in any of the laws, a variable is not given, assume that it is given, for constant temperature, pressure and amount:

1. Absolute Zero (Kelvin): $0\text{K} = -273.15^\circ\text{C}$
 $T(\text{K}) = T(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 273.15$ (unit of temperature must be Kelvin)

2. Pressure: 1 atmosphere (760 mm Hg)

3. Amount: 1 mol = 22.4 Liter of gas

4. In the ideal gas law, the gas constant
 $R = 8.3145 \text{ Joules} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} = 0.082057 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

Note: Ideal gas is a theoretical gas because it is not possible to have no interaction between the particles. Moreover, there is always a loss in the kinetic energy during the collision of particle and with the wall of the container.