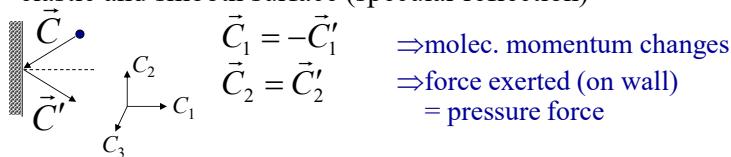


## Pressure, Temperature and Energy

- Begin by using simple models to find relations between  $p$ ,  $T$  and  $E$  due to random molecular (translational) motions
- Consider region filled with molecules
  - having **no average motion**
  - at **equilibrium**
  - interacting with a wall
- Start with molecule moving with (random) velocity  $\vec{C}$  colliding with wall
  - elastic and smooth surface (specular reflection)



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## Gas Kinetic Pressure

- So from mechanical viewpoint (Newton's Law,  $F=d(mu)/dt$ ), pressure (normal stress) results from change of momentum of molecules (e.g., momentum transfer to wall)

$$\text{force per collision} \rightarrow \frac{F}{A} = \frac{\Delta(m\vec{C})/\Delta t}{A}$$

- To get pressure, need to consider all collisions with wall (sum forces over  $\Delta t$ )

$p = \text{flux of molec} \times \text{normal force per collision}$   
 $\text{leftward # collisions} / \text{area} \times \text{time} = \frac{1}{2} n_{C_1} C_1 = 2mC_1$   
 $p_{C_1} = mn_{C_1} C_1^2$   
 $n_{C_1} = \text{concentration of molecules with (speed) } C_1 \text{ (in 1-direction)}$

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## Gas Kinetic Pressure

- To get total pressure, need to sum over all molecules (or all speeds)

$$p = \sum_{C_1} mn_{C_1} C_1^2 = m \sum_{C_1} n_{C_1} C_1^2$$

- Define average squared speed

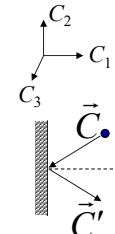
$$\overline{C_1^2} \equiv \frac{\sum_{C_1} n_{C_1} C_1^2}{\sum_{C_1} n_{C_1}} \Rightarrow p = mn \overline{C_1^2}$$

- At equilibrium,  $p$  should be same in all directions

- shouldn't depend on orientation of wall
- so should write in terms of total speed  $C$

$$p = \frac{1}{3} mn \overline{C^2}$$

*in translational equilibrium*



$$\overline{C^2} \equiv \overline{C_1^2} + \overline{C_2^2} + \overline{C_3^2}$$

at equil.  $\overline{C_1^2} = \overline{C_2^2} = \overline{C_3^2}$

$$\overline{C^2} = 3\overline{C_1^2}$$

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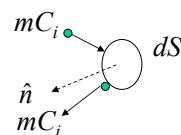
## Gas Kinetic Pressure

- We defined pressure as normal force on wall
  - but we know pressure is defined whether a wall is present or not

$$\frac{p}{T} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \Big|_U$$

- So we can instead interpret  $p$  as total (rightward + leftward) one-way flux of normal momentum across an arbitrary plane in space

$$p = \frac{1}{3} mn \overline{C^2}$$



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## Kinetic Energy and Temperature

- Consider (random) kinetic energy of molecules
  - restricting consideration to translational motion

$$p = \frac{1}{3} nm \overline{C^2}$$

$$E_{tr} = \frac{total\ mass}{2} (Vnm) \overline{C^2}$$

$$E_{tr} = \frac{2}{3} pV \Rightarrow pV = \frac{2}{3} E_{tr}$$

*N = # moles*

- Compare to TPG state relation  $pV = N\bar{R}T$

$$\Rightarrow E_{tr} = \frac{3}{2} N\bar{R}T$$

*$k = \bar{R}/N_A$  Boltzmann's Constant*

$$\frac{E_{tr}}{N} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

*on per molec. basis*   *on per mass basis*    $e_{tr} = \frac{3}{2} RT$

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## Kinetic Energy and Temperature

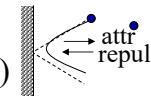
- (Translational) temperature is a measure of (kinetic) energy  $T = \frac{2}{3} \frac{E_{tr}}{N\bar{R}}$
- Specific heat  $de = c_v dT$ 
  - $\Rightarrow c_{v,tr} / R = 3/2$
  - $\Rightarrow \gamma = c_p / c_v = 5/3$  *if only translational energy mode*
  - Specific heat associated w/ random translational energy*
  - Agrees with Statistical Thermodynamics*

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## Intermolecular Force Correction

- In previous “derivation”, we ignored molecular interactions/“collisions” effects to straight line motion before molecule hits wall (or before molecule crosses our arbitrary plane)
  - attractive force  
⇒ less mom. transfer to wall (or across plane)
  - repulsive force  
⇒ more momentum transfer
- Correction factor: can show  $p = nkT(1 \pm \text{and } nd^3)$ 
  - for hard sphere 
$$p = nkT \left( 1 + \frac{2\pi}{3} nd^3 \right)$$
  $nd^3 \ll 1$  for TPG



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## Random Kinetic Energy

- Look at  $\bar{C^2}$ 
  - from previous, random (transl.) KE = thermal energy

$$\frac{1}{2} m \bar{C^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT \Rightarrow \sqrt{\bar{C^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

- speed of sound  $a = \sqrt{\gamma RT} = \sqrt{\gamma \frac{k}{m} T}$

$$\frac{E_{tr}}{N} = \frac{3}{2} kT \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{\bar{C^2}}}{a} \sim \sqrt{\frac{3}{\gamma}} \sim O(1) \quad \text{why?}$$

- Note:  $E_{tr}$  only function of  $T$ , not mass of particle

*At fixed T, how does  $\bar{C^2}$  (or  $\bar{C}$ ) compare for light vs. heavy particles?*

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