

The Ideal Gas Law is a concept in chemistry that describes how a gas behaves in given conditions. The law states that

$$PV = nRT$$

where  $P$  is the pressure (in atmospheres),  $V$  is the volume of the gas (in liters),  $T$  is the temperature of the gas (in Kelvin),  $n$  is the amount of gas (in moles) and  $R$  is a constant equal to  $0.0821 \frac{L \cdot atm}{mol \cdot K}$ . This can be used to describe a variety of situations.

1. There was a story on the news about someone's can of dry shampoo that exploded when it was left in a hot car. Assume that the volume of the canister was  $0.5L$  and  $n = 0.2$ . If the temperature was changing at a rate of  $2K/min$  when it reached  $380K$ , how fast was the pressure increasing at that moment?
2. Now, consider an entirely different scenario. You blow up a balloon to a volume of  $1L$  at a pressure of  $1\text{ atm}$  and a temperature of  $300K$ . Then, you take the balloon into a diving pool and take it underwater. As the pressure increases, the volume of the balloon will decrease. If the pressure is increasing at a rate of  $0.5\text{ atm/min}$ , how fast is the volume decreasing when the pressure reaches  $1.2\text{ atm}$ ? **Hint:** You'll need to use the gas law to solve for both the initial value of  $n$ , as well as the volume when the pressure is  $1.2\text{ atm}$ .