

Three 60-litre high-pressure gas cylinders contain gaseous fire suppressants. The suppressants are:

IG-100 (which is 100%  $N_2$ ),

Carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ),

IG-55 (50% vol.  $N_2$  and 50% vol.  $Ar$ ).

The suppressants are stored in gaseous form under the pressure 170 atm (1 atm=101325 Pa) and at normal temperature ( $T=293K$ ).

- (i) Mass fraction of nitrogen and argon in gas mixture IG-55  
 Atomic masses of Nitrogen:  $M_N=14 \text{ kg/kmol} \times 2 = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$   
 $x_{N_2} = 0.5$  ,  $x_{Ar} = 0.5$  ,  $M_{N_2} = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$  ,  $M_{Ar} = 40 \text{ kg/kmol}$   
 To calculate mass fraction:

$$y_i = \frac{x_i M_i}{\sum (x_i M_i)}$$

$$y_{N_2} = \frac{x_{N_2} M_{N_2}}{x_{N_2} M_{N_2} + x_{Ar} M_{Ar}}$$

$$y_{N_2} = \frac{0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}}{(0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}) + (0.5 \cdot 40 \text{ kg/kmol})}$$

$$= 0.41$$

To find mass fraction of Argon

$$\sum y_i = y_{N_2} + y_{Ar} = 1$$

$$y_{Ar} = 1 - y_{N_2}$$

$$y_{Ar} = 1 - 0.41$$

$$y_{Ar} = 0.59$$

- (ii) Mass of the gas contained in each cylinder  
 1) IG-100 (which is 100%  $N_2$ )  
 2) Carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ )  
 3) IG-55 (50% vol.  $N_2$  and 50% vol.  $Ar$ ).

$$P = 1 \text{ atm}, R = 8,3145 \text{ J/kmol.K}, V = 60 \text{ Litre}, T = 293K$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT}$$

$$n = \frac{1 \times 60}{83145 \times 293}$$

Or

$$\text{atomic masses of IG-100 } M_{N_2} = 14 \text{ kg/kmol} \times 2 = 28 \text{ kg/kmol}$$

$$\text{atomic mass of } CO_2 = 12 \text{ kg/kmol} + (16 \times 2 \text{ kg/kmol}) \\ = 44 \text{ kg/kmol}$$

Molecular mass of IG-55

$$M = \sum (x_i M_i)$$

$$= x_{N_2} M_{N_2} + x_{Ar} M_{Ar}$$

$$= (0.5 \cdot 28 \text{ kg/kmol}) + (0.5 \cdot 40 \text{ kg/kmol})$$

$$= 34 \text{ kg/kmol}$$

- (iii) What volume will be occupied by each suppressant after their release into the environment?

$$PV = nRT$$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P}$$

Volume of IG-100