

Kinetic Theory:

The relationship between energy and temperature
(for monatomic ideal gas)

$$\Delta p_x = 2mv_x$$

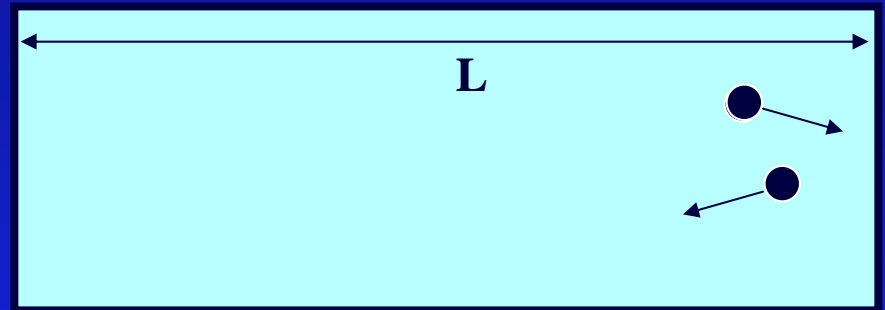
$$\Delta t = 2 \frac{L}{v_x}$$

$$F_{avg} = \frac{\Delta p_x}{\Delta t} = \frac{mv_x^2}{L}$$

For N molecules, multiply by N

$$P = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{Nmv_x^2}{V}$$

Note $KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{3}{2} m v_x^2$



$$P = \frac{2N}{3V} \langle K_{tr} \rangle$$

Using $PV = NkT$

$$\langle K_{tr} \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

$\langle \rangle$ means average.

$kT/2$ energy per degree of freedom = equipartition theorem