Answer on Question#40870 – Physics – Molecular Physics | Thermodynamics

An ideal gas flows into one end of a porous cylinder at a temperature of 400 K degrees and out the other end at a temperature of 600 K degrees. The input pressure is 20 atmospheres and the output pressure is 10 atmospheres. If the input volume flow rate is 100 cm^3/sec what is the output flow rate?

Solution:

 $\begin{array}{l} T_1 = 400 K - \text{initial temperature of a gas} \\ T_2 = 600 K - \text{final temperature of a gas} \\ p_1 = 20 \ \text{atm} - \text{input pressure of a gas} \\ p_2 = 10 \ \text{atm} - \text{output pressure of a gas} \\ V_1 = 100 \text{cm}^3 - \text{input volume of a gas per 1 second} \\ V_2 - \text{input volume of a gas per 1 second} \end{array}$

We can use the combined gas equation (for a portion of gas per one second)

$$\frac{p_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2V_2}{T_2} \qquad (1)$$

$$V_2 = \frac{p_1V_1T_2}{T_1p_2} = \frac{20 \text{ atm} \cdot 100 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 600\text{K}}{400\text{K} \cdot 10 \text{ atm}} = 300 \text{ cm}^3$$
Hence, input volume flow rate is $\frac{300\text{ cm}^3}{s} = 300 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{s}$.
Answer: input volume flow rate of the gas is $300 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{s}$.