

**QUESTION:**

Calculate the average translational kinetic energy of a nitrogen molecule at 27 degree celcius

**SOLUTION:**

According to the kinetic theory of gases the average translation kinetic energy of a particle is

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

Here  $T = 27 + 273 = 300$  K and

$$E_{tr} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \cdot 300 = 6.21 \cdot 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

**Answer**

**$6.21 \cdot 10^{-21}$  J**