

Answer on Question #62149 – Physics – Molecular Physics – Thermodynamics

Question:

The mean speed of oxygen molecule is 450 m/s. If the radius of an oxygen molecule is 1.8×10^{-10} m, calculate mean time between two successive collisions and mean free path. Take $n = 3 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}^{-3}$.

Answer:

$$l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 n} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}\pi r^2 n} = 5.789 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m};$$

$$t = \frac{l}{v} = 1.286 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ sec};$$

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