

Consider an ideal gas confined in an isolated closed chamber. As the gas undergoes an adiabatic expansion, the average time of collision between molecules increases as V^q , where V is the volume of the gas. The value of q is :

$$\left(\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \right)$$

(1) $\frac{3\gamma - 5}{6}$

(2) $\frac{\gamma + 1}{2}$

(3) $\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}$

(4) $\frac{3\gamma + 5}{6}$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\bar{l}}{t_{av}} \propto \frac{\bar{l}}{V^q} \quad (\bar{l} = \text{mean free path})$$

But, $\bar{l} \propto \frac{1}{n}$ (n = no. of molecules per unit volume)

$$\therefore \bar{l} \propto \frac{V}{N} \quad \text{Or } \bar{l} \propto V$$

($\because N$ = no. of molecules = constant)

$$\therefore \bar{v} \propto \frac{V}{V^q} \quad \text{Or } \bar{v} \propto V^{1-q}$$

Also, $\bar{v} \propto \sqrt{T}$

$$\therefore V^{1-q} \propto \sqrt{T}$$

$$\therefore V^{q-1} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$\therefore T^{1/2} V^{q-1} = \text{constant}$$

$$\therefore T V^{2q-2} = \text{constant}$$

Comparing the above with adiabatic equation, $T V^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant}$

$$2q - 2 = \gamma - 1$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{\gamma + 1}{2}$$

Hence, Option (2).