

2.2 The mole and the Avogadro constant

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Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **the mole and the Avogadro constant** — the **mole** 摩尔, the **Avogadro constant** 阿伏伽德罗常量, and the equation $n = m/M$.

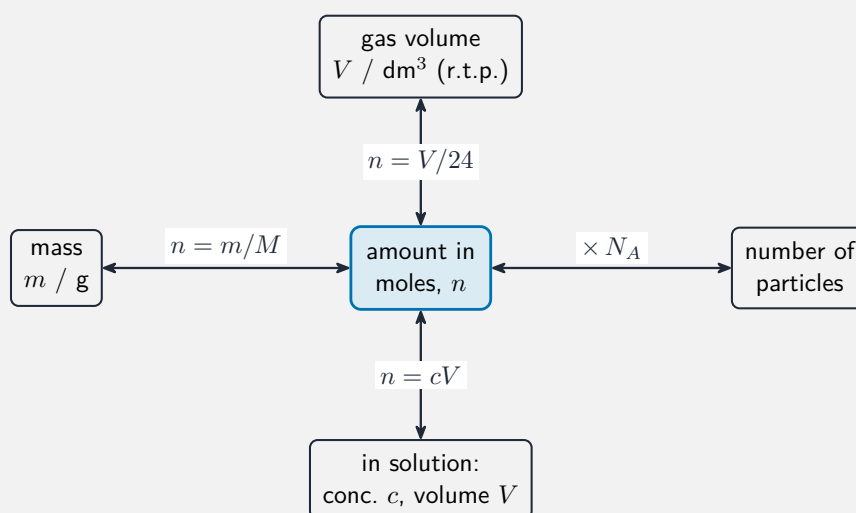
You must be able to:

- define the mole in terms of the Avogadro constant
- convert between mass, moles and number of particles

1 Worked examples

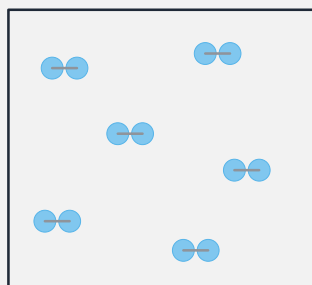
■ The mole

One **mole** is the amount of substance containing $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$ particles (the **Avogadro constant**). The particles may be atoms, molecules or ions —always say which.

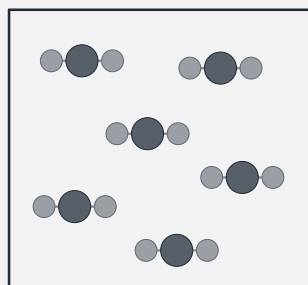


The mole is the hub: convert to mass ($n = m/M$), particles ($\times N_A$), gas volume ($n = V/24$) or solution ($n = cV$)

same volume, same temperature and pressure



hydrogen, H_2



carbon dioxide, CO_2

the same **number** of molecules (6 each), even though CO_2 is bigger

Equal volumes of gas contain equal numbers of molecules

The mass of one mole equals the relative mass —the **molar mass** M (g mol^{-1}):

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

Example. Moles in 8.0 g of CH_4 ($M = 16$): $n = 8.0/16 = 0.50$ mol.

2 Practice

2.1 State the value of the Avogadro constant and what it counts. [2]

2.2 Calculate the number of moles in 36 g of water, H_2O ($M = 18$). [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 How many molecules are in 2.0 mol of carbon dioxide? [1]

- A 3.0×10^{23}
- B 6.02×10^{23}
- C 1.2×10^{24}
- D 2.0×10^{23}

3.2 The mass of 0.25 mol of a compound is 22 g. Its molar mass is: [1]

- A 5.5 g mol^{-1}

- **B** 44 g mol^{-1}
 - **C** 88 g mol^{-1}
 - **D** $5.5 \times 10^{23} \text{ g mol}^{-1}$
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3.3 Calculate the number of moles in 5.85 g of sodium chloride, NaCl ($M = 58.5$). [2]

3.4 Calculate the number of chloride ions in 5.85 g of NaCl ($N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$). [2]

4 Go further

You are now ready for the real exam questions on this subtopic. Open the **2.2 The mole and the Avogadro constant** past-paper sheet in the Library, or practise mole calculations in **Practice mode** (mole questions also appear throughout topic 2.4 structured questions).

Solutions

2.1 $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$; the number of particles (atoms/molecules/ions) in one mole.

2.2 $n = 36/18 = 2.0 \text{ mol}$.

3.1 C. $2.0 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.2 \times 10^{24}$.

3.2 C. $M = m/n = 22/0.25 = 88 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$.

3.3 $n = m/M = 5.85/58.5 = 0.100 \text{ mol}$.

3.4 moles of NaCl = 0.100, so moles of Cl = 0.100; number = $0.100 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 6.02 \times 10^{22}$.