

Problem 100D

If the gas constant for air is $R = 280 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$, what is the root mean square velocity of the molecules, C , at $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$? If the mean free path of the molecules, λ , is 10^{-7} m at normal pressures and a temperature of $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, calculate the dynamic viscosity of air, μ , using the approximate kinetic theory result that $\mu = \rho C \lambda / 3$ where ρ is the density. Compare this with a measured value.