## **Question 1**

**1.** List the substances Ar, Cl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>COOH in order of increasing strength of intermolecular attractions.

## Answer:

 $CH_4 < Ar < Cl_2 < CH_3COOH$ Explanation: **Ar** atom by itself  $\rightarrow$  dispersion force molar mass Ar = 39.95 g/mol

• Cl<sub>2</sub>

composed of the same atom  $\rightarrow$  no electronegativity difference  $\rightarrow$  dispersion force molar mass Cl<sub>2</sub> = 70.9 g/mol (heaviest)





C and H have very close electronegativity values (hydrocarbon)  $\rightarrow$  no dipole moment  $\rightarrow$  dispersion force

molar mass  $CH_4 = 16.042 \text{ g/mol}$ 





has H directly bonded to  $O \rightarrow$  hydrogen bonding  $\rightarrow$  Strongest intermolecular force

 $CH_4 \rightarrow \text{lightest} \rightarrow \text{weakest dispersion forces}$ 

 $\textbf{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{heaviest} \rightarrow \text{strongest dispersion forces}$ 

Ranking:

CH<sub>4</sub> < Ar < Cl<sub>2</sub> < CH<sub>3</sub>COOH