

**Van der Waals' constant 'b' of Ar is  $3.22 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . Calculate the molecular diameter of Ar.**

**Answer:**

$b = 4 \times$  volume occupied by the molecules in one mole of a gas

$$= 4 \times N_0 \times \left( \frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \right)$$

$$3.22 \times 10^{-5} = 4 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \times \left( \frac{4 \times 3.14 \times r^3}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{or } r = \left( \frac{3.22 \times 10^{-5} \times 3}{4 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \times 4 \times 3.14} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$= 0.1472 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{Diameter} = 2r = 2 \times 0.1472 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$= 0.2944 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$