

12. The pressure  $p_1$  due to the first gas is  $p_1 = n_1RT/V$ , and the pressure  $p_2$  due to the second gas is  $p_2 = n_2RT/V$ . So the total pressure on the container wall is

$$p = p_1 + p_2 = \frac{n_1RT}{V} + \frac{n_2RT}{V} = (n_1 + n_2) \frac{RT}{V} .$$

The fraction of  $P$  due to the second gas is then

$$\frac{p_2}{p} = \frac{n_2RT/V}{(n_1 + n_2)(RT/V)} = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{0.5}{2 + 0.5} = \frac{1}{5} .$$