How many moles of which reactant will remain if 1.39 moles of  $N_2$  and 3.44 moles of  $H_2$  will react to form ammonia? Find out how many grams of ammonia can be formed and how many moles of limiting reactant is required to completely exhaust the other reactant that is in excess?

## Answer:

 $3H_2 + N_2 = 2NH_3$ 

 $n(N_2) = 1/3 \cdot n(H_2) = 1/3 \cdot 3.44 = 1.15 \text{ mol}$ 

Therefore,  $H_2$  will be a limiting reagent. It will react fully.

The amount of  $N_2$  to be left is:  $n(N_2) = 1.39 - 1.15 = 0.24$  mol

The amount of  $H_2$  required to exhaust all the  $N_2$  is:  $n(H_2) = (1.39 \cdot 3) - 3.44 = 0.73$  mol

The amount of ammonia to be formed from the existing amount of reactants is:

n (NH<sub>3</sub>) = 2/3 n (H<sub>2</sub>) =  $2/3 \cdot 3.44$  = 2.3 mol

m = nM

 $M (NH_3) = 18 g/mol$ 

m (NH<sub>3</sub>) =  $2.3 \cdot 18 = 41.3$  g

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