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List of 15 Number of Theoretical Plates and Capacity Factor Formulas

Number of Theoretical Plates and Capacity Factor

1) Capacity Factor given Partition Coefficient and Volume of Mobile and Stationary Phase

$$fx \quad k^{c'1} = K \cdot \left(\frac{V_s}{V_{\text{mobile phase}}} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 56 = 40 \cdot \left(\frac{7L}{5L} \right)$$

2) Capacity Factor given Retention Time and Mobile Phase Travel Time

$$fx \quad k^{\text{compound}} = \frac{t_r - t_m}{t_m}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.708333 = \frac{13s - 4.8s}{4.8s}$$


3) Capacity Factor given Retention Volume and Unretained Volume

$$fx \quad k^{\text{compound}} = \frac{V_R - V_m}{V_m}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.731707 = \frac{11.2L - 4.1L}{4.1L}$$




4) Capacity Factor given Stationary Phase and Mobile Phase 

$$fx \quad k' = \frac{C_s \cdot V_s}{C_m \cdot V_{\text{mobile phase}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.333333 = \frac{10\text{mol/L} \cdot 7\text{L}}{6\text{mol/L} \cdot 5\text{L}}$$

5) Capacity Factor of Solute 1 given Relative Retention 

$$fx \quad k^{1'} = \left(\frac{k^{2'}}{\alpha} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.388889 = \left(\frac{3.5}{9} \right)$$

6) Capacity Factor of Solute 2 given Relative Retention 

$$fx \quad k^{2'} = (\alpha \cdot k^{1'})$$

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$$ex \quad 22.5 = (9 \cdot 2.5)$$

7) Height of Column given Number of Theoretical Plates 

$$fx \quad H_{TP} = \left(\frac{L}{N} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 2.2\text{m} = \left(\frac{22\text{m}}{10} \right)$$



8) Number of Theoretical Plates given Length and Height of Column

$$fx \quad N_{LandH} = \left(\frac{L}{H} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.833333 = \left(\frac{22m}{12m} \right)$$

9) Number of Theoretical Plates given Length of Column and Standard Deviation

$$fx \quad N_{LandSD} = \frac{(L)^2}{(\sigma)^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.290326 = \frac{(22m)^2}{(40.83)^2}$$

10) Number of Theoretical Plates given Length of Column and Width of Peak

$$fx \quad N_{LandW} = \frac{16 \cdot ((L)^2)}{(w)^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 805.8273 = \frac{16 \cdot ((22m)^2)}{(3.1s)^2}$$



11) Number of Theoretical Plates given Resolution and Separation Factor



$$fx \quad N_{RandSF} = \frac{(4 \cdot R)^2}{(\beta - 1)^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 53.77778 = \frac{(4 \cdot 11)^2}{(7 - 1)^2}$$

12) Number of Theoretical Plates given Retention Time and Half Width of Peak



$$fx \quad N_{RTandHP} = \frac{5.55 \cdot (t_r)^2}{(w_{1/2av})^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 26.05417 = \frac{5.55 \cdot (13s)^2}{(6s)^2}$$

13) Number of Theoretical Plates given Retention Time and Standard Deviation



$$fx \quad N_{RTandSD} = \frac{(t_r)^2}{(\sigma)^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.101374 = \frac{(13s)^2}{(40.83)^2}$$



14) Number of Theoretical Plates given Retention Time and Width of Peak

$$\text{fx } N_{\text{RTandWP}} = \frac{16 \cdot ((t_r)^2)}{(w)^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 281.3736 = \frac{16 \cdot ((13\text{s})^2)}{(3.1\text{s})^2}$$

15) Separation Factor given Resolution and Number of Theoretical Plates

$$\text{fx } \beta_{\text{TP}} = \left(\left(\frac{4 \cdot R}{\sqrt{N}} \right) + 1 \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 14.91402 = \left(\left(\frac{4 \cdot 11}{\sqrt{10}} \right) + 1 \right)$$



Variables Used





- C_m Concentration of Mobile Phase (Mole per Liter)
- C_s Concentration of Stationary Phase (Mole per Liter)
- H Plate Height (Meter)
- H_{TP} Plate Height given TP (Meter)
- K Partition Coefficient
- k' Capacity Factor
- k_1' Capacity Factor of 1
- k_2' Capacity Factor of 2
- $k^{c'1}$ Capacity Factor given partition Coeff
- k^{compound} Capacity Factor of the Compound
- k_1' Capacity Factor of Solute 1
- k_2' Capacity Factor of Solute 2
- L Length of Column (Meter)
- N Number of Theoretical Plates
- $N_{L\text{and}H}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given L and H
- $N_{L\text{and}SD}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given L and SD
- $N_{L\text{and}W}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given L and W
- $N_{R\text{and}SF}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given R and SF
- $N_{R\text{Tand}HP}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given RT and HP
- $N_{R\text{Tand}SD}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given RT and SD



- $N_{RTandWP}$ Number of Theoretical Plates given RT and WP
- R Resolution
- t_m Unretained Solute Travel Time (Second)
- t_r Retention Time (Second)
- V_m Unretained Mobile Phase Volume (Liter)
- $V_{mobile\ phase}$ Volume of Mobile Phase (Liter)
- V_R Retention Volume (Liter)
- V_S Volume of Stationary Phase (Liter)
- w Width of Peak (Second)
- $w_{1/2av}$ Half of Average Width of Peaks (Second)
- α Relative Retention
- β Separation Factor
- β_{TP} Separation Factor given TP
- σ Standard Deviation



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
Square root function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Liter (L)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Molar Concentration** in Mole per Liter (mol/L)
Molar Concentration Unit Conversion 



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