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List of 10 Retention Time Formulas

Retention Time

1) Adjusted Retention Time given Retention Time

$$fx \quad t'_{RT} = (t_r - t_m)$$

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$$ex \quad 8.2s = (13s - 4.8s)$$

2) Average Width of Peak given Resolution and Change in Retention Time



$$fx \quad w_{av_RT} = \left(\frac{\Delta t_r}{R} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.090909s = \left(\frac{12s}{11} \right)$$

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

$$fx \quad w_{1/2av} = \left(\sqrt{\frac{5.55}{N}} \right) \cdot (t_r)$$

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$$ex \quad 9.684782s = \left(\sqrt{\frac{5.55}{10}} \right) \cdot (13s)$$



4) Retention Time given Adjusted Retention Time 

$$fx \quad t_{ART} = (tr' + t_m)$$

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$$ex \quad 6.8s = (2s + 4.8s)$$

5) Retention Time given Capacity Factor 

$$fx \quad T_{cf} = t_m \cdot (k^c + 1)$$

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$$ex \quad 21.6s = 4.8s \cdot (3.5 + 1)$$

6) Retention Time given Number of Theoretical Plate and Half Width of Peak 

$$fx \quad t_{NP_HP} = (w_{1/2av}) \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{N}{5.55}} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 8.053873s = (6s) \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{10}{5.55}} \right)$$

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

$$fx \quad t_{NP_SD} = (\sigma) \cdot (\sqrt{N})$$

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$$ex \quad 129.1158s = (40.83) \cdot (\sqrt{10})$$



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

$$fx \quad t_{NP_WP} = \left(\frac{w}{4} \right) \cdot \left(\sqrt{N} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 2.450765s = \left(\frac{3.1s}{4} \right) \cdot \left(\sqrt{10} \right)$$

9) Retention Time given Retention Volume

$$fx \quad t_{RV} = \left(\frac{V_R}{F_M} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.6s = \left(\frac{11.2L}{7L/s} \right)$$

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

$$fx \quad w_{NPandRT} = \frac{4 \cdot t_r}{\sqrt{N_{TP}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 18.38478s = \frac{4 \cdot 13s}{\sqrt{8}}$$



Variables Used




- F_M Flow Rate of Mobile Phase (*Liter per Second*)
- k^C Capacity Factor for Analytical
- N Number of Theoretical Plates
- N_{TP} Count of Theoretical Plates
- R Resolution
- t_{ART} Retention Time given ART (*Second*)
- T_{cf} Retention Time given CF (*Second*)
- t_m Unretained Solute Travel Time (*Second*)
- t_{NP_HP} Retention Time given NP and HP (*Second*)
- t_{NP_SD} Retention Time given NP and SD (*Second*)
- t_{NP_WP} Retention Time given NP and WP (*Second*)
- t_r Retention Time (*Second*)
- t'_{RT} Adjusted Retention Time given RT (*Second*)
- t_{RV} Retention Time given RV (*Second*)
- tr' Adjusted Retention Time (*Second*)
- V_R Retention Volume (*Liter*)
- w Width of Peak (*Second*)
- $w_{1/2av}$ Half of Average Width of Peaks (*Second*)
- w_{av_RT} Average Width of Peaks given RT (*Second*)
- $w_{NPandRT}$ Width of Peak NP and RT (*Second*)
- Δt_r Change in Retention Time (*Second*)



- σ Standard Deviation














Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
Square root function
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Liter (L)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Liter per Second (L/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



Check other formula lists

- **Number of Theoretical Plates Formulas** 
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