

Analytical Chemistry

Chapter 2

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- 1. A batch of nuclear fuel pellets was weighed to determine if they fell within control guidelines. The weights were 127.2, 128.4, 127.1, 129.0 and 128.1 g. Calculate:
 - a. mean
 - b. median
 - c. range
- 2. Calculate the absolute error and relative error in percent and in parts per thousand for the following:

Measured Value Accepted Value

a. 22.62 g 22.57 g

b. 45.02 mL 45.31 mL

c. 2.68% 2.71%

d. 85.6 cm 85.0 cm



3. The tin and zinc contents of a brass sample are analysed with the following results. Calculate the standard deviation and the coefficient of variation for each analysis.

Zn (%)	Sn (%)
33.27	0.022
33.37	0.025
33.34	0.026

- 4. Replicate water samples are analysed for water hardness with the following results; 102.2, 102.8, 103.1 and 102.3 ppm CaCO3. Calculate:
 - a. the standard deviation
 - b. the relative standard deviation
 - c. the standard deviation of the mean
 - d. the relative standard deviation of the mean



- 5. Replicate samples of a silver alloy are analysed and determined to contain 95.67, 95.61, 95.71 and 95.60% Ag. Calculate:
 - a. the standard deviation
 - b. the standard deviation of the mean
 - c. the relative standard deviation of the mean (in percent) of the individual results.
- 6. Calculate the uncertainty in the answers of the following:

a.
$$(128 \pm 2) + (1025 \pm 8) - (636 \pm 4)$$

b.
$$(16.25 \pm 0.06) - (9.43 \pm 0.03)$$

c.
$$(46.1 \pm 0.4) + (935 \pm 1)$$



- 7. Calculate the absolute uncertainty in the answers of the following:
 - a. $(2.78 \pm 0.04)(0.00506 \pm 0.00006)$
 - b. $(36.2 \pm 0.4) / (27.1 \pm 0.6)$
 - c. $[(50.23 \pm 0.07)(27.86 \pm 0.05)] / (0.1167 \pm 0.0003)$

8. The following molarities were calculated from replicate standardization of a solution: 0.5026, 0.5029, 0.5023, 0.5031, 0.5025, 0.5032, 0.5027 and 0.5026 M. Assuming no determinate errors, within what range are you 95% certain that the true mean value of the molarity falls?



- 9. Determination of the sodium level in separate portions of a blood sample by ion-selective electrode measurement gave the following results: 139.2, 139.8, 140.1 and 139.4 μ g/L. What is the range within which the true value falls at the following confidence level? Assuming no determinate error.
 - a. 90% confidence level
 - b. 95% confidence level
 - c. 99% confidence level
- 10. The standard deviation established for the determination of blood chloride by coulometric titration is 0.5 μ g/L. What is the 95% confidence limit for a triplicate determination?





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