

CHAPTER 1

- 1-1. A transducer is a device that converts chemical or physical information into an electrical signal or the reverse. The most common input transducers convert chemical or physical information into a current, voltage, or charge, and the most common output transducers convert electrical signals into some numerical form.
- 1-2. The information processor in a visual color measuring system is the human brain.
- 1-3. The detector in a spectrograph is a photographic film or plate.
- 1-4. Smoke detectors are of two types: photodetectors and ionization detectors. The photodetectors consist of a light source, such as a light-emitting diode (LED) and a photodiode to produce a current proportional to the intensity of light from the LED. When smoke enters the space between the LED and the photodiode, the photocurrent decreases, which sets off an alarm. In this case the photodiode is the transducer.
- In ionization detectors, which are the typical battery-powered detectors found in homes, a small radioactive source (usually Americium) ionizes the air between a pair of electrodes. When smoke enters the space between the electrodes, the conductivity of the ionized air changes, which causes the alarm to sound. The transducer in this type of smoke detector is the pair of electrodes and the air between them.
- 1-5. A *data domain* is one of the modes in which data may be encoded. Examples of data domain classes are the analog, digital and time domains. Examples of data domains are voltage, current, charge, frequency, period, number.

1-6. Time-domain signals include period, frequency, and pulse width. The information is encoded in the time relationship of signal fluctuations.

1-7.

Input Transducer	Use
Phototube	Convert light intensity to an analog current
Glass electrode	Convert electrode potential to a voltage related to pH
Electron multiplier	Convert ion intensity to a corresponding electric current
Thermal conductivity	Converts sample thermal conductivity to related voltage

1-8. A figure of merit is a number that provides quantitative information about some performance criterion for an instrument or method.

1-9. Let c_s = molar concentration of Cu^{2+} in standard = 0.0275 M

c_x = unknown Cu^{2+} concentration

V_s = volume of standard = 0.500 mL

V_x = volume of unknown = 25.0 mL

S_1 = signal for unknown = 25.2

S_2 = signal for unknown plus standard = 45.1

Assuming the signal is proportional to c_x and c_s , we can write

$$S_1 = Kc_x \quad \text{or} \quad K = S_1/c_x$$

After adding the standard

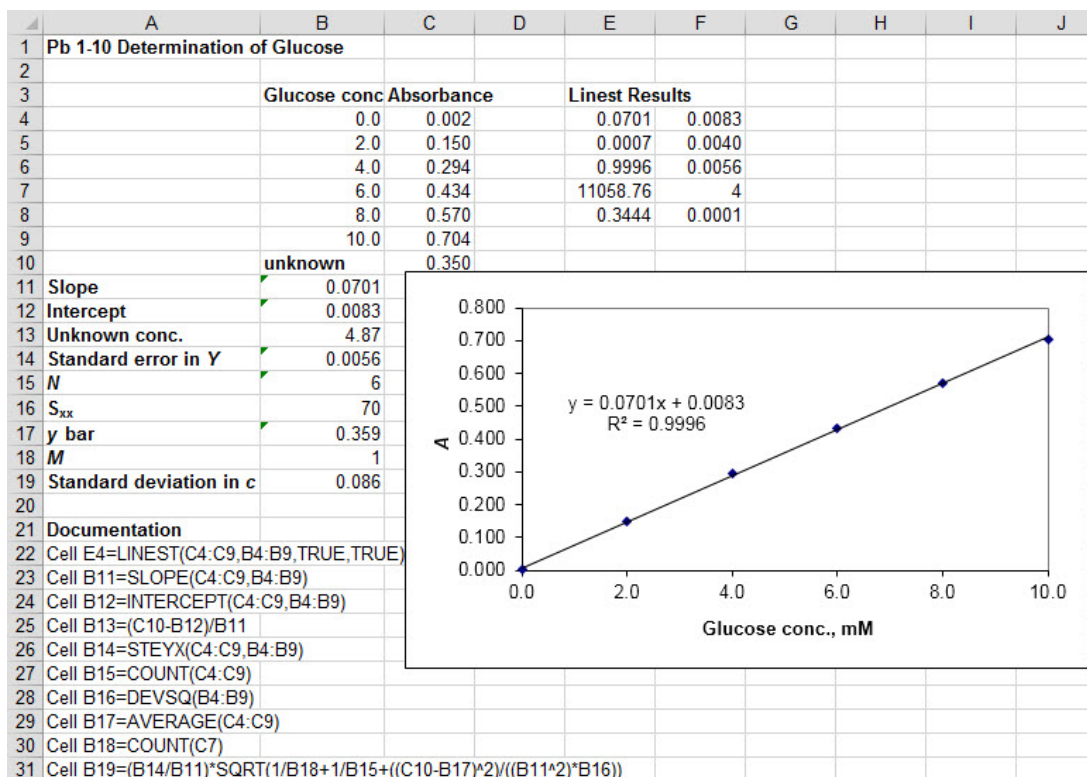
$$S_2 = K \left(\frac{V_x c_x + V_s c_s}{V_x + V_s} \right)$$

Substituting for K and rearranging gives,

$$c_x = \frac{S_1 V_s c_s}{S_2 (V_x + V_s) - S_1 V_x}$$

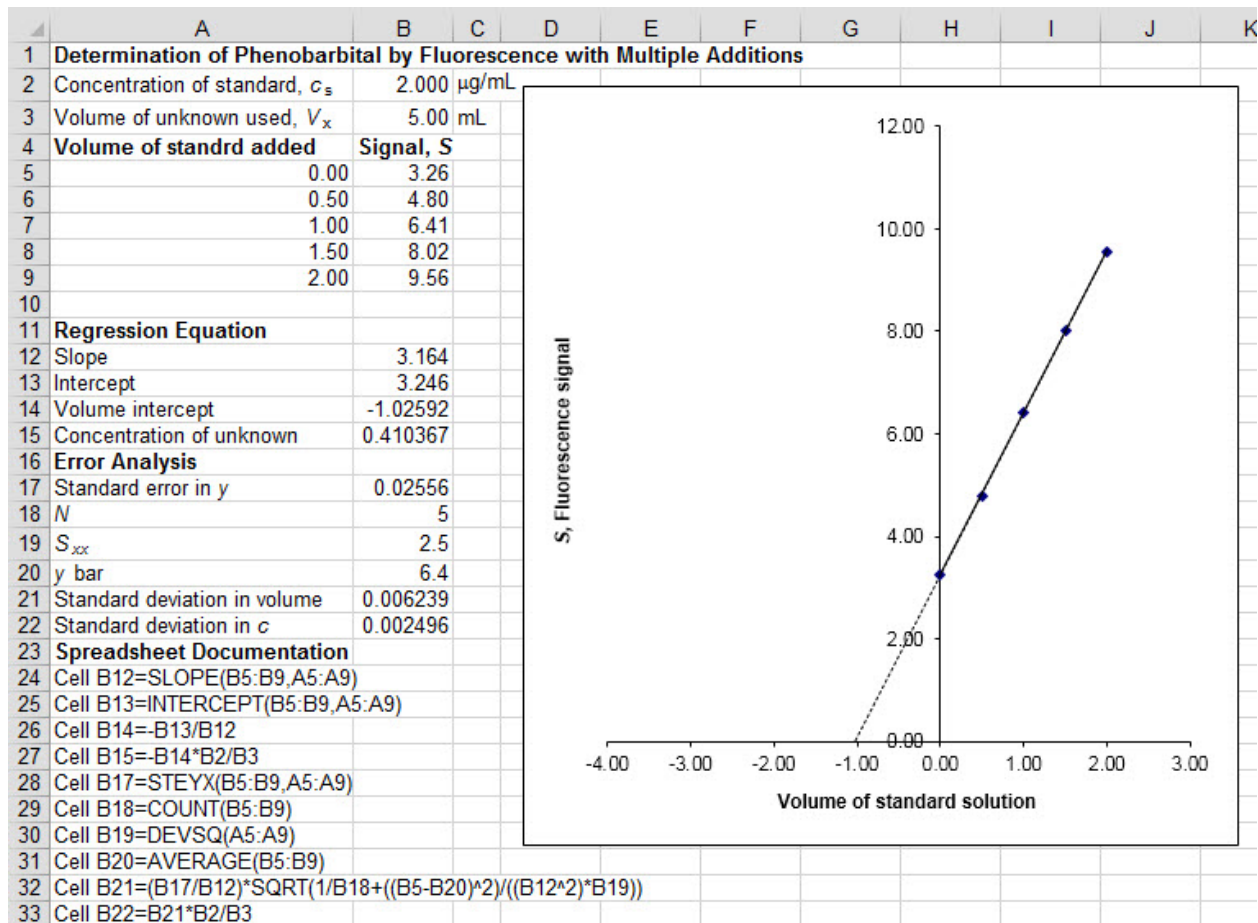
$$c_x = \frac{25.2 \times 0.500 \text{ mL} \times 0.0275 \text{ M}}{45.1(0.500 \text{ mL} + 25.0 \text{ mL}) - (25.2 \times 25.0 \text{ mL})} = 6.66 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

1-10. The results are shown in the spreadsheet below.



- (a) Slope, $m = 0.0701$, intercept, $b = 0.0083$
- (b) From LINEST results, SD slope, $s_m = 0.0007$, SD intercept, $s_b = 0.0040$
- (c) 95% CI for slope m is $m \pm t_{s_m}$ For 95% probability and $N - 2 = 4$ degrees of freedom, $t = 2.78$. 95% CI for $m = 0.0701 \pm 2.78 \times 0.0007 = 0.0701 \pm 0.0019$ or 0.070 ± 0.002
- For intercept, 95% CI = $b \pm t_{s_b} = 0.0083 \pm 2.78 \times 0.004 = 0.0083 \pm 0.011$ or 0.08 ± 0.01
- (d) $c_u = 4.87 \pm 0.086 \text{ mM}$ or $4.87 \pm 0.09 \text{ mM}$

1-11. The spreadsheet below gives the results



- (a) See plot in spreadsheet.
- (b) $c_u = 0.410 \mu\text{g/mL}$
- (c) $S = 3.16V_s + 3.25$
- (d)
$$c_u = \frac{bc_s}{mV_u} = \frac{3.246 \times 2.000 \mu\text{g/mL}}{3.164 \text{ mL}^{-1} \times 5.00 \text{ mL}} = 0.410 \mu\text{g/mL}$$
- (e) From the spreadsheet $s_c = 0.002496$ or $0.002 \mu\text{g/mL}$