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# List of 31 Important Formulas in Solid-Liquid Extraction

## Important Formulas in Solid-Liquid Extraction

### 1) Area of Contact for Batch Leaching Operation

$$\text{fx } A = \left( -\frac{V_{\text{Leaching}}}{K_L \cdot t} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \left( \frac{C_S - C}{C_S} \right) \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.166279\text{m}^2 = \left( -\frac{2.48\text{m}^3}{0.0147\text{mol/s}^*\text{m}^2 \cdot 600\text{s}} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \left( \frac{56\text{kg/m}^3 - 25\text{kg/m}^3}{56\text{kg/m}^3} \right) \right)$$

### 2) Beta Value based on Ratio of Solvent

$$\text{fx } \beta = \frac{b}{a}$$

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$$\text{ex } 2.857143 = \frac{30\text{kg}}{10.5\text{kg}}$$


### 3) Concentration of Solute in Bulk Solution at Time t for Batch Leaching

$$\text{fx } C = C_S \cdot \left( 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-K_L \cdot A \cdot t}{V_{\text{Leaching}}} \right) \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 23.61621\text{kg/m}^3 = 56\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot \left( 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-0.0147\text{mol/s}^*\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.154\text{m}^2 \cdot 600\text{s}}{2.48\text{m}^3} \right) \right)$$




4) Fraction of Solute as Ratio of Solute 

$$\text{fx } \theta_N = \frac{S_{N(\text{Wash})}}{S_{\text{Solute}}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.001 = \frac{0.01\text{kg}}{10\text{kg}}$$

5) Fraction of Solute remaining based on Solvent Decanted 

$$\text{fx } \theta_N = \left( \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)\right)^N - \{\text{Washing}\}} \right)$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.001171 = \left( \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{30\text{kg}}{10.5\text{kg}}\right)\right)^5} \right)$$

6) Fractional Solute Discharge based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow 

$$\text{fx } f = \frac{R - 1}{(R^{N+1}) - 1}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.188304 = \frac{1.35 - 1}{\left((1.35)^{2.5+1}\right) - 1}$$

7) Fractional Solute Discharge based on Recovery of Solute 

$$\text{fx } f = 1 - \text{Recovery}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.2 = 1 - 0.8$$



8) Fractional Solute Discharge Ratio based on Solute Underflow 

$$fx \quad f = \frac{S_N}{S_0}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.203046 = \frac{2\text{kg/s}}{9.85\text{kg/s}}$$

9) Number of Equilibrium Leaching Stages based on Fractional Solute Discharge 

$$fx \quad N = \frac{\log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{R-1}{f}\right)}{\log_{10}(R)} - 1$$

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$$ex \quad 2.370828 = \frac{\log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{1.35-1}{0.2}\right)}{\log_{10}(1.35)} - 1$$

10) Number of Equilibrium Leaching Stages based on Recovery of Solute 

$$fx \quad N = \frac{\log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{R-1}{1-\text{Recovery}}\right)}{\log_{10}(R)} - 1$$

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$$ex \quad 2.370828 = \frac{\log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{1.35-1}{1-0.8}\right)}{\log_{10}(1.35)} - 1$$



11) Number of Stages based on Original Weight of Solute Open Calculator 


$$\text{fx } N_{\text{Washing}} = \left( \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S_{\text{Solute}}}{S_{N(\text{Wash})}}\right)}{\ln(1 + \beta)} \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 4.982892 = \left( \frac{\ln\left(\frac{10\text{kg}}{0.01\text{kg}}\right)}{\ln(1 + 3)} \right)$$

12) Number of Stages based on Solvent Decanted Open Calculator 

$$\text{fx } N_{\text{Washing}} = \left( \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\theta_N}\right)}{\ln\left(1 + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)\right)} \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 5.117134 = \left( \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{0.001}\right)}{\ln\left(1 + \left(\frac{30\text{kg}}{10.5\text{kg}}\right)\right)} \right)$$

13) Original Weight of Solute based on Number of Stages and Amount of Solvent Decanted Open Calculator 

$$\text{fx } S_{\text{Solute}} = S_{N(\text{Wash})} \cdot \left( \left( 1 + \left( \frac{b}{a} \right) \right)^N - \{\text{Washing}\} \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 8.537459\text{kg} = 0.01\text{kg} \cdot \left( \left( 1 + \left( \frac{30\text{kg}}{10.5\text{kg}} \right) \right)^5 \right)$$



14) Ratio of Solute Discharged in Underflow to Overflow 

$$\text{fx } R = \frac{L}{S}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.333333 = \frac{0.5\text{kg/s}}{0.375\text{kg/s}}$$

15) Ratio of Solution Discharged in Overflow to Underflow 

$$\text{fx } R = \frac{V}{W}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.346667 = \frac{1.01\text{kg/s}}{0.75\text{kg/s}}$$

16) Ratio of Solvent Discharged in Underflow to Overflow 

$$\text{fx } R = \frac{V - L}{W - S}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.36 = \frac{1.01\text{kg/s} - 0.5\text{kg/s}}{0.75\text{kg/s} - 0.375\text{kg/s}}$$

17) Recovery of Solute based on Fractional Solute Discharge 

$$\text{fx } \text{Recovery} = 1 - f$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.8 = 1 - 0.2$$




18) Recovery of Solute based on Solute Underflow 

$$\text{fx Recovery} = 1 - \left( \frac{S_N}{S_0} \right)$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.796954 = 1 - \left( \frac{2\text{kg/s}}{9.85\text{kg/s}} \right)$$

19) Solute Discharged in Overflow based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow and Solution Discharged 

$$\text{fx } L = V - R \cdot (W - S)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.50375\text{kg/s} = 1.01\text{kg/s} - 1.35 \cdot (0.75\text{kg/s} - 0.375\text{kg/s})$$

20) Solute Discharged in Underflow based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow and Solution Discharged 

$$\text{fx } S = W - \left( \frac{V - L}{R} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.372222\text{kg/s} = 0.75\text{kg/s} - \left( \frac{1.01\text{kg/s} - 0.5\text{kg/s}}{1.35} \right)$$

21) Solute Underflow Entering Column based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow 

$$\text{fx } S_0 = \frac{S_N \cdot ((R^{N+1}) - 1)}{R - 1}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 10.62113\text{kg/s} = \frac{2\text{kg/s} \cdot (((1.35)^{2.5+1}) - 1)}{1.35 - 1}$$




22) Solute Underflow Entering Column based on Recovery of Solute 

$$\text{fx } S_0 = \frac{S_N}{1 - \text{Recovery}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 10\text{kg/s} = \frac{2\text{kg/s}}{1 - 0.8}$$

23) Solute Underflow Leaving Column based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow 

$$\text{fx } S_N = \frac{S_0 \cdot (R - 1)}{(R^{N+1}) - 1}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 1.854794\text{kg/s} = \frac{9.85\text{kg/s} \cdot (1.35 - 1)}{((1.35)^{2.5+1}) - 1}$$

24) Solute Underflow Leaving Column based on Recovery of Solute 

$$\text{fx } S_N = S_0 \cdot (1 - \text{Recovery})$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 1.97\text{kg/s} = 9.85\text{kg/s} \cdot (1 - 0.8)$$

25) Solution Discharged in Overflow based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow and Solute Discharged 

$$\text{fx } V = L + R \cdot (W - S)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 1.00625\text{kg/s} = 0.5\text{kg/s} + 1.35 \cdot (0.75\text{kg/s} - 0.375\text{kg/s})$$





## 26) Solution Discharged in Underflow based on Ratio of Overflow to Underflow and Solute Discharged

$$fx \quad W = S + \left( \frac{V - L}{R} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.752778\text{kg/s} = 0.375\text{kg/s} + \left( \frac{1.01\text{kg/s} - 0.5\text{kg/s}}{1.35} \right)$$

## 27) Solvent Decanted based on Original Weight of Solute and Number of Stages

$$fx \quad b = a \cdot \left( \left( \left( \frac{S_{\text{Solute}}}{S_{N(\text{Wash})}} \right)^{\frac{1}{N_{\text{Washing}}}} \right) - 1 \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 31.30125\text{kg} = 10.5\text{kg} \cdot \left( \left( \left( \frac{10\text{kg}}{0.01\text{kg}} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \right) - 1 \right)$$

## 28) Solvent Remaining based on Original Weight of Solute and Number of Stages

$$fx \quad a = \frac{b}{\left( \left( \left( \frac{S_{\text{Solute}}}{S_{N(\text{Wash})}} \right)^{\frac{1}{N_{\text{Washing}}}} \right) - 1 \right)}$$

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$$ex \quad 10.06349\text{kg} = \frac{30\text{kg}}{\left( \left( \left( \frac{10\text{kg}}{0.01\text{kg}} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \right) - 1 \right)}$$




29) Time of Batch Leaching Operation 

$$\text{fx } t = \left( -\frac{V_{\text{Leaching}}}{A \cdot K_L} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \left( \frac{C_S - C}{C_S} \right) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$647.8416\text{s} = \left( -\frac{2.48\text{m}^3}{0.154\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.0147\text{mol/s}^*\text{m}^2} \right) \cdot \ln \left( \left( \frac{56\text{kg/m}^3 - 25\text{kg/m}^3}{56\text{kg/m}^3} \right) \right)$$


30) Volume of Leaching Solution in Batch Leaching 

$$\text{fx } V_{\text{Leaching}} = \frac{-K_L \cdot A \cdot t}{\ln \left( \left( \frac{C_S - C}{C_S} \right) \right)}$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$2.296858\text{m}^3 = \frac{-0.0147\text{mol/s}^*\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.154\text{m}^2 \cdot 600\text{s}}{\ln \left( \left( \frac{56\text{kg/m}^3 - 25\text{kg/m}^3}{56\text{kg/m}^3} \right) \right)}$$

31) Weight of Solute remaining based on Number of Stages and Amount of Solvent Decanted 

$$\text{fx } S_{N(\text{Wash})} = \frac{S_{\text{Solute}}}{\left( 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right)^N - \{\text{Washing}\}}$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$0.011713\text{kg} = \frac{10\text{kg}}{\left( 1 + \frac{30\text{kg}}{10.5\text{kg}} \right)^5}$$










## Variables Used

- **a** Amount of Solvent Remaining (*Kilogram*)
- **A** Area of Leaching (*Square Meter*)
- **b** Amount of Solvent Decanted (*Kilogram*)
- **C** Concentration of Solute in Bulk Solution at Time  $t$  (*Kilogram per Cubic Meter*)
- **C<sub>S</sub>** Concentration of Saturated Solution with Solute (*Kilogram per Cubic Meter*)
- **f** Fractional Solute Discharge
- **K<sub>L</sub>** Mass Transfer Coefficient for Batch Leaching (*Mole per Second Square Meter*)
- **L** Amount of Solute Discharge in Overflow (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **N** Number of Equilibrium Stages in Leaching
- **N<sub>Washing</sub>** Number of Washings in Batch Leaching
- **R** Ratio of Discharge in Overflow to Underflow
- **Recovery** Recovery of Solute in Leaching Column
- **S** Amount of Solute Discharge in Underflow (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **S<sub>0</sub>** Amount of Solute in Underflow Entering Column (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **S<sub>N</sub>** Amount of Solute in Underflow Leaving Column (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **S<sub>N(Wash)</sub>** Weight of Solute remaining in Solid after Washing (*Kilogram*)
- **S<sub>Solute</sub>** Original Weight of Solute in Solid (*Kilogram*)
- **t** Time of Batch Leaching (*Second*)
- **V** Amount of Solution Discharge in Overflow (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **V<sub>Leaching</sub>** Volume of Leaching Solution (*Cubic Meter*)
- **W** Amount of Solution Discharge in Underflow (*Kilogram per Second*)
- **β** Solvent Decanted per Solvent Remaining in Solid
- **θ<sub>N</sub>** Fraction of Solute Remaining in Solid



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **e**, 2.71828182845904523536028747135266249  
*Napier's constant*
- **Function:** **exp**,  $\exp(\text{Number})$   
*Exponential function*
- **Function:** **ln**,  $\ln(\text{Number})$   
*Natural logarithm function (base e)*
- **Function:** **log10**,  $\log_{10}(\text{Number})$   
*Common logarithm function (base 10)*
- **Measurement:** **Weight** in Kilogram (kg)  
*Weight Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)  
*Time Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Cubic Meter ( $\text{m}^3$ )  
*Volume Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter ( $\text{m}^2$ )  
*Area Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Second (kg/s)  
*Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Mass Concentration** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ )  
*Mass Concentration Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Molar Flux of Diffusing Component** in Mole per Second Square Meter ( $\text{mol}/\text{s}\cdot\text{m}^2$ )  
*Molar Flux of Diffusing Component Unit Conversion* 



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