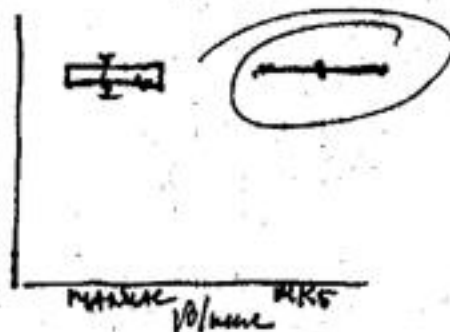




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$$n = \frac{12 - 16}{\text{mass}}$$



I. Precision Mstr.

- A) $\frac{3}{4}$ based
- B) Colorimetric
- C) Gravimetric

II. Prep'n. for Gravimetric Analysis

- A) Compared syringe (gastight) vs micro-pipettor for accuracy & precision of delivery volumes (100 μ l, 500 μ l) of 15T Buffer.
 - 1) Micro-pipettor was better based on actual delivery versus theoretical mass delivery.

- B) Compared various volumes (100, 500, 800, 1000 μ l)

- 1) Initial delivery assessment - Hock 5 vs. pipettor - gravimetric detn. \rightarrow result: there was a signif. difference in volume delivery (gravimetric detn.)

~~2) Pipettor was better based on actual delivery versus theoretical mass delivery.~~
(a) Pipettor cleaned & repeated process. (2/15/96)

- 2) Determined that volume delivered was different between pipettor & HK5.

(a) Regressed (Figures) mass vs volume for manual & HK5.

(b) Adjusted HK5 settings

- 3) Series of gravimetric comparisons of pipettor vs. Hock 5

a) 100, 500, 800, & 1000 μ l - Manual vs. HK5 - signif. different

b) Precision was very good for all probes & as total % CV.

(Figures)

(c) Mass to volume & mass (pipettor) vs mass (HK5) regressions
(Figures)