

Method of Standard Addition

You can determine the concentration of an unknown concentration C_x by fluorescence using the method of standard addition. To a volumetric flask of volume V_t you add (i) a volume V_x of the unknown concentration C_x and (ii) volume V_s of a solution with a known concentration C_s .

For example:

Make five solutions by addition of V_s where $V_s = n\Delta$ $n = 0$ to 4 ; $\Delta = 5$ mL

For each solution, the # of moles is $C_x V_x + C_s V_s$ and volume is always V_t .

The concentration is:
$$\frac{C_x V_x + C_s V_s}{V_t} = \frac{C_x V_x}{V_t} + \frac{C_s V_s}{V_t}$$

The Absorbance is:
$$A = \epsilon d \left(\frac{C_x V_x}{V_t} + \frac{C_s V_s}{V_t} \right) = b + m V_s$$

Plot Absorbance vs V_s and fit with a straight line to get m & b .

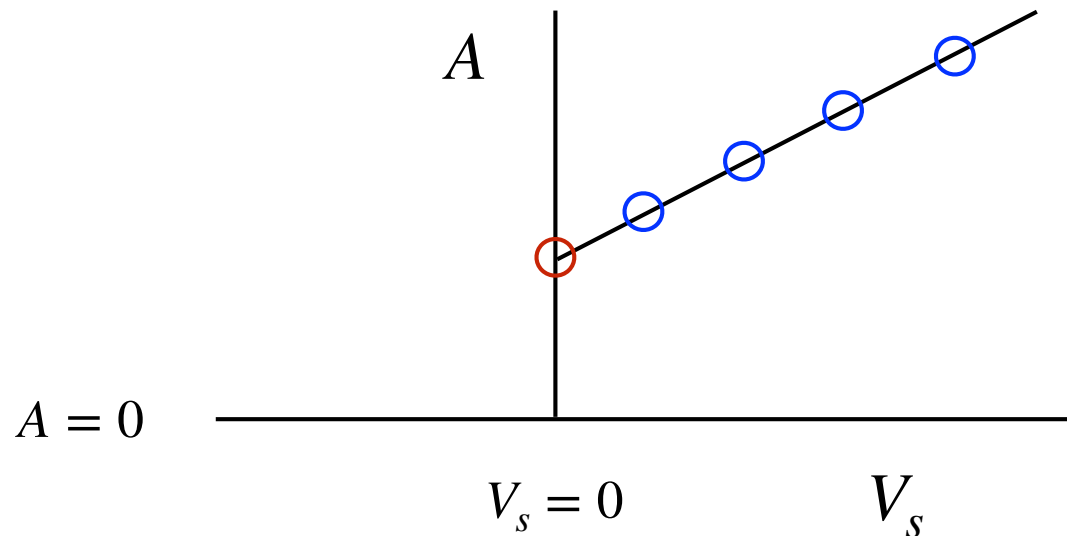
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We can calculate C_x using b/m!

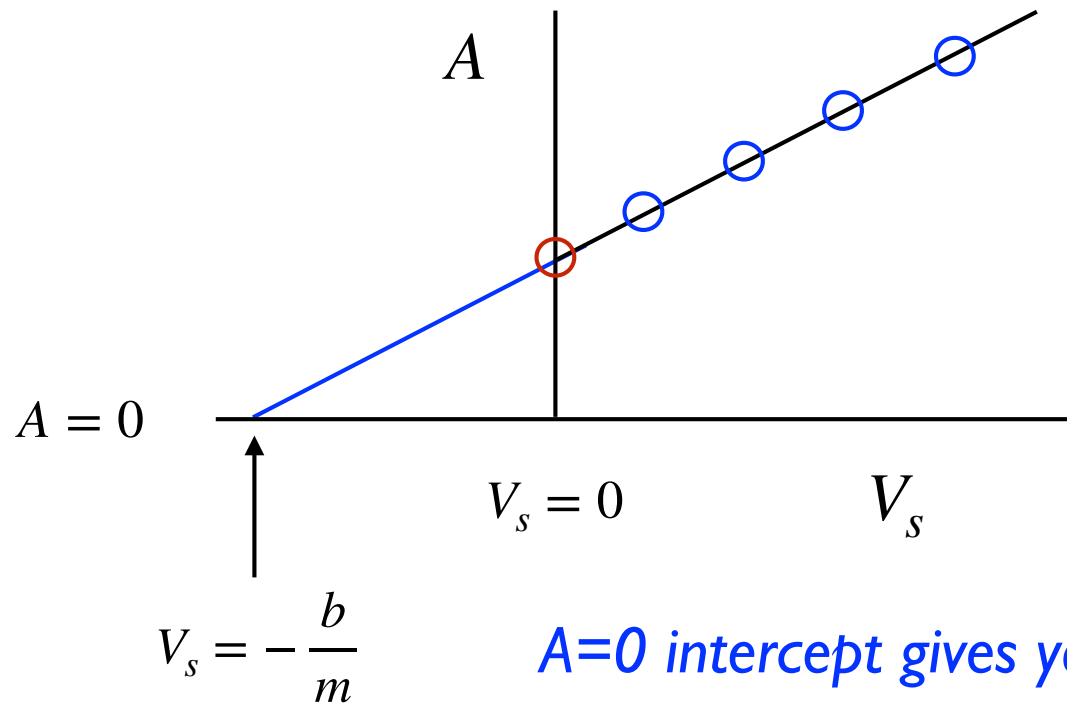
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A=0 intercept gives you b/m!

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Standard deviation for C_x is s_c :

$$s_c = \frac{s_r}{m} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} + \frac{(\bar{y})^2}{m^2 S_{xx}}}$$

*Book has different
incorrect equation.
See handout & paper.*

95% confidence interval:

$$C_x \pm t_{N-2} s_c$$

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Standard #	x: Added Vol. (mL)	y: Reading	xi^2	yi^2	xi*yi	N		5	Standard Conc. (ppm)		50
2	1	0	14	0	196	0	xbar		2	Volume Unknown (mL)		5
3	2	1	25	1	625	25	ybar		36.6	Total Volume (mL)		25
4	3	2	37	4	1369	74	Sxx		10			
5	4	3	47	9	2209	141	Syy		1301.2	-x-intercept (mL or ppm)		1.210526316
6	5	4	60	16	3600	240	Sxy		114	xc (volume as axis, mL) (ppm)		12.10526316
7	SUM	10	183	30	7999	480				xc (conc. as axis, ppm) (ppm)		6.052631579
8	(SUM xi)^2	100					m		11.4			
9	(SUM yi)^2	33489					b		13.8	Note: LINEST can calculate some of these numbers for you		
10										Linest Output		
11							sr	0.73029674	m	b		
12							sm	0.23094011	sm	sb		
13							sb	0.56568542	r^2	sr		
14							sc	0.07106881	F	N-2		
15												
16							t (N-2)	3.182				
17												
18							95%CI					
19							slope (m)	0.73495449				
20							Intercept (b)	1.80026349				
21							x-intercept	0.22617268				
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Please check out our spreadsheet to help you make these calculations!*

*M3LC students: see Spreadsheets Folder on the Canvas site.