

## harmonic mean

The number of observations, divided by the sum of reciprocals of the observations. Symbol:  $\bar{x}_h$ . It can be calculated with the formula:

$$\bar{x}_h = \frac{n}{\sum x_j^{-1}}$$

Note:

As in the case of the geometric mean, this quantity is sometimes directly (but inappropriately) calculated, for example, when evaluating kinetic analytical results where the reaction time is inversely proportional to concentration.

**Source:**

PAC, 1994, 66, 595 (*Nomenclature for the presentation of results of chemical analysis (IUPAC Recommendations 1994)*) on page 602