

## pseudo rate constant

A term sometimes used for a rate coefficient. For example, if the rate equation is:

$$v = k [A] [B]$$

the function  $k [A]$  is the pseudo first-order rate constant (or first-order rate coefficient) with respect to B. Similarly,  $k [B]$  is the pseudo first-order rate constant (or first-order rate coefficient) with respect to A. The term pseudo rate constant is particularly useful when the concentration of one reactant is much greater than that of another.

**See also:** rate coefficient

**Source:**

PAC, 1996, 68, 149 (*A glossary of terms used in chemical kinetics, including reaction dynamics (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 178