

§2.2.1 Average deviation and standard deviation

I. Terms of Titrimetric Analysis

1. Average deviation

Average deviation is also called as average deviation of the mean. It's usually used to express the precision of a set of data and calculated by the following equation:

$$\bar{d} = \frac{\sum |X - \bar{X}|}{n}$$

x_i ----- the experimental value; \bar{X} --- mean of the experimental values; n --- the number of measurements.

Characteristics: simple, but it can not embody the great deviation

II. Standard deviation

The calculation of the standard deviation is classified by the following equations:

1.
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \mu)^2}{n}}$$

2. when the number of measurements is close to finite:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

Relative standard deviation is Standard deviation is more accurate and scientific than average deviation.

For example: the two sets of data

1). $X - X$: 0.11, -0.73, 0.24, 0.51, -0.14, 0.00, 0.30, -0.21

$n = 8$; $d1 = 0.28$; $S1 = 0.38$

2). $X - X$: 0.18, 0.26, -0.25, -0.37, 0.32, -0.28, 0.31, -0.27

$n = 8$; $d2 = 0.28$; $S2 = 0.29$

so: $d1 = d2$,? $S1 > S2$

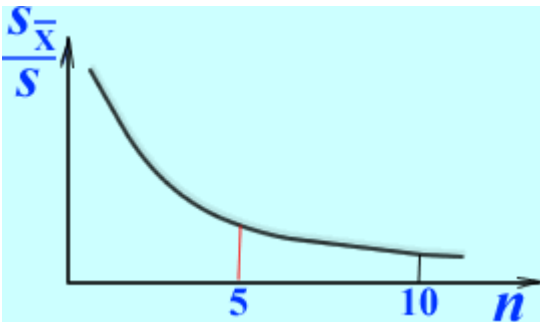
III. The standard deviation of the mean

For example, for the m sets of the data, and the replicate number of each set of data is n ,

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$S_{x\text{-----}}$ standard deviation of the m sets of data; $S\text{-----}$ standard deviation of the n experimental value

The $\text{---}n$ curve is



It may be seen from the $\text{---}n$ curve,
 when $n > 5$, the change is slow down,
 when $n > 10$, the change is little.

So a 4-6 measurement time is adequate.