enrichment factor, S

in liquid-liquid distribution

The factor by which the ratio of two substances in the feed must be multiplied to give their ratio after treatment.

$$\frac{Q_{\rm A}}{Q_{\rm B}} = S_{\rm A,B} \frac{Q_{\rm A}^{'}}{Q_{\rm B}^{'}}$$

where $Q_{\rm A}$ and $Q_{\rm A}^{'}$ are the final and initial amounts of species ${\bf A}$ and $Q_{\rm B}^{'}$ are the final and initial amounts of species ${\bf B}$. Hence $S_{\rm A,B}=\frac{E_{\rm A}}{E_{\rm B}}$ where E is the fraction extracted. In terms of D, n, r (where n is the number of stages and r the phase ratio),

$$S_{A,B} = \frac{1 - (1 + r D_A)^{-n}}{1 - (1 + r D_B)^{-n}}$$

Source:

PAC, 1993, 65, 2373 (Nomenclature for liquid-liquid distribution (solvent extraction) (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)) on page 2382 Orange Book, p. 90