**rate law (empirical differential rate equation)**

An expression for the rate of reaction of a particular reaction in terms of concentrations of chemical species and constant parameters (normally rate coefficients and partial orders of reaction) only. For examples of rate laws see equations (1)-(3) under kinetic equivalence, and (1) under steady state.

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