

Cox–Yates equation

A modification of the Bunnett–Olsen equation of the form:

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{[\text{SH}^+]}{[\text{S}]}\right) - \log_{10}[\text{H}^+] = m^* X + \text{p}K_{\text{SH}^+}$$

is the activity function

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{\gamma_{\text{S}} \gamma_{\text{H}^+}}{\gamma_{\text{SH}^+}}\right)$$

for an arbitrary reference base. The function X is called the excess acidity because it gives a measure of the difference between the acidity of a solution and that of an ideal solution of the same concentration. In practice

$$X = -(\text{H}_0 + \log_{10}[\text{H}^+])$$

and

$$m^* = 1 - \Phi.$$

Source:

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