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| Volume ratio                | Φ      | $\Phi(A,B)=V(A)/V(B)$  | 1       |  |  |
| Amount (of substance) ratio | r      | r(A,B)=n(A)/n(B)       | 1       |  |  |
| Number ratio                | R      | R(A,B)=N(A)/N(B)       | 1       |  |  |
| Mass per volume ratio       | m/V    | m(A)/V(B)              | kg/m³   |  |  |

| FRACTIONS       |   |                               |   |  |  |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Mass fraction   | w | w(A)=m(A)/[m(A)+m(B)]         | 1 |  |  |
| Volume fraction | φ | $\varphi(A)=V(A)/[V(A)+V(B)]$ | 1 |  |  |
| Amount fraction | х | x(A)=n(A)/[n(A)+n(B)]         | 1 |  |  |
| Number fraction | Х | X(A)=N(A)/[N(A)+N(B)]         | 1 |  |  |

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|----------------------|---|------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Mass concentration   | γ | $\gamma(A)=m(A)/[V(A)+V(B)]$ | kg/m³  |  |  |
| Volume concentration | σ | $\sigma(A)=V(A)/[V(A)+V(B)]$ | 1      |  |  |
| Amount concentration | С | c(A)=n(A)/[V(A)+V(B)]        | mol/m³ |  |  |
| Number concentration | С | C(A)=N(A)/[V(A)+V(B)]        | 1/m³   |  |  |
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