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- **Raw Data Sheet copy attached**
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Introduction:

This experiment was conducted to find the partial order with respect to the chromium ion. In this experiment, numerous reaction mixtures were prepared at different pH levels. Before we could commence the experiment, it was necessary to calibrate the SpectroVis. To do this we filled a plastic cuvette with the pH 4.5 EDTA solution. While waiting for the SpectroVis to heat up, we placed exactly 4.6mL of the pH 4.5 EDTA solution in a test tube. We then added 5 drops of chromium nitrate solution to the test tube and placed the test tube into boiling water until it turned to a dark purple colour. Once the SpectroVis had heated up we put the cuvette with the pH 4.5 EDTA solution into the SpectroVis and finished the calibration. We then removed the cuvette and removed the original pH 4.5 EDTA solution and put in the test tube solution. We then inserted the cuvette back into the SpectroVis and determined the wavelength of maximum absorbance. It was found that the wavelength was 546.20 nm.

Once the calibration was finished, we could begin the experiment. We conducted this experiment three different times with three different pH levels of the EDTA solution. Firstly a pH of 4.0 was used, then a pH of 4.5, and finally a pH of 5.0. The first step of the experiment was to obtain approximately 10mL of the EDTA solution and place it into a 50mL graduated cylinder. Once in the graduated cylinder, the exact volume was measured then placed into a test tube. We then started LabQuest 2 at $t=0$ and immediately added two drops of the chromium nitrate solution into the test tube. After we mixed the solution by flicking the bottom of the test tube, we quickly transferred the mixture into the cuvette and placed it into the SpectroVis. The SpectroVis recorded the absorbance and percent transmittance over the next forty minutes. During those forty minutes, the test tube that was containing the rest of the mixture was placed into boiling water. After ten minutes of boiling it was removed and cooled to room temperature. After forty minutes the cuvette was removed and emptied. We quickly put the remaining solution that had been heated into the cuvette, and placed it into the SpectroVis. The SpectroVis recorded for two minutes with the new solution.

These experiments allow for us to observe and calculate many things. Firstly it allows for us to observe the formation of a coloured complex over a period of time. It also allows for us to determine the progression of the reaction using the ability of the coloured complex to absorb light of certain intensity. We can then plot the measured absorbances as a function of the time of reaction. Furthermore, we can determine the instantaneous rate of reaction at a fixed pH using the above graph and also plot the calculated rate as a function of the concentration. We can determine the partial order of the reaction with respect to one of the reactants. Lastly, we can show that the reaction generally follows pseudo first-order kinetics. All of these things will be accomplished and shown in this lab report.

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Materials:

- 50 mL graduated cylinder
- test tube
- cuvette
- spectrophotometer
- hotplate
- 250 mL beaker
- 50 mL beaker
- 600 mL beaker

Procedure: Refer to ““If it were done... Then ‘Twere well it were done quickly””
Chemical Kinetics”

Observations:

Trial	1	2	3
Volume of EDTA (mL)	9.9	9.9	9.9
pH	4.0	4.5	5.0
Molarity of Cr (NO ₃) ₃	1.0	1.0	1.0
Amount of Cr (NO ₃) ₃	2 drops	2 drops	2 drops
Wavelength, λ (nm)	546.20	546.20	546.20
% Transmittance at 40 minutes	50.024	40.896	22.894
% Transmittance at 42 minutes	0.662	0.682	0.858
Absorbance at 40 minutes	0.30083	0.38832	0.64027
Absorbance at 42 minutes	2.1792	2.1659	2.0664

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Experiment #1: (pH of 4.0 EDTA solution)

- high percent transmittance after the first forty minutes
- low absorbance after the first forty minutes
- EDTA is clear and colourless
- Cr (NO₃)₃ is very dark purple

Experiment #2: (pH of 4.5 EDTA solution)

- medium percent transmittance after the first forty minutes
- low absorbance after the first forty minutes
- EDTA is clear and colourless
- Cr (NO₃)₃ is very dark purple

Experiment #3: (pH of 5.0 EDTA solution)

- low percent transmittance after the first forty minutes
- higher absorbance after the first forty minutes
- EDTA is clear and colourless
- Cr (NO₃)₃ is very dark purple

Calculations:

pH 4.0 (trial 1)

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\infty} &= \text{absorbance at 42 minutes} \\ &= 2.1792\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\text{Cr (III)}} &= A_{\infty} - A_t \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ &= 2.1792 - 1.993 \\ &= 0.1862\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Rate} &= - [\text{derivative (A Cr (III))}] \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ &= 0.00556\end{aligned}$$

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pH 4.5 (trial 2)

$$A_{\infty} = \text{absorbance at 42 minutes} \\ = 2.1659$$

$$A_{\text{Cr (III)}} = A_{\infty} - A_t \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ = 2.1659 - 0.22047 \\ = 1.94543$$

$$\text{Rate} = - [\text{derivative (A Cr (III))}] \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ = 0.01002$$

pH 5.0 (trial 3)

$$A_{\infty} = \text{absorbance at 42 minutes} \\ = 2.0664$$

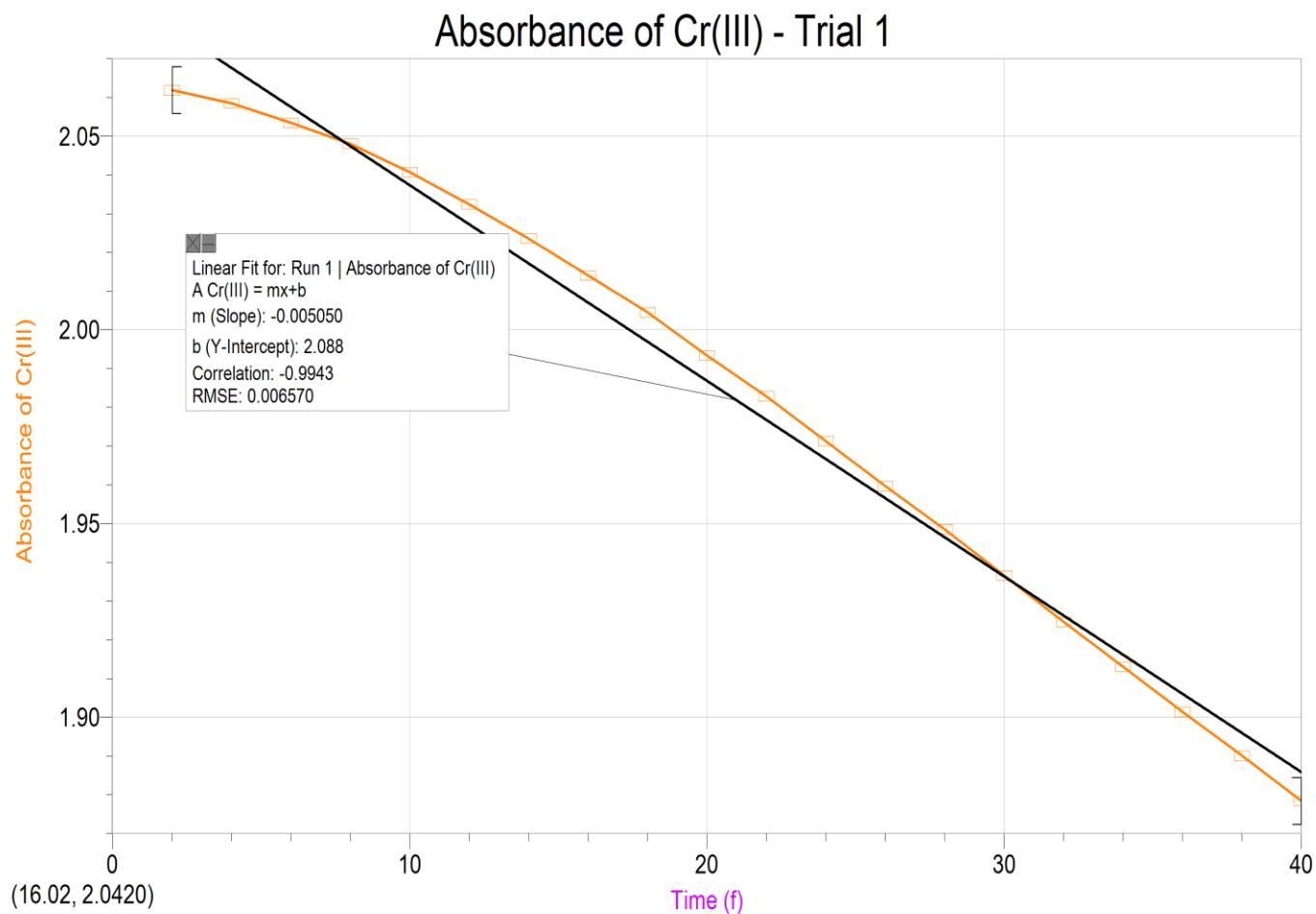
$$A_{\text{Cr (III)}} = A_{\infty} - A_t \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ = 2.0664 - 0.46823 \\ = 1.59817$$

$$\text{Rate} = - [\text{derivative (A Cr (III))}] \text{ (at 20 seconds)} \\ = 0.01318$$

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Graphs:

For trial number 1, the pH of 4.0 EDTA solution was used. The graph below shows the absorbance of Cr (III) from 2.0s to 40.0s for trial 1. The absorbance decreases as time goes by because the concentration of Cr (III) decreases.



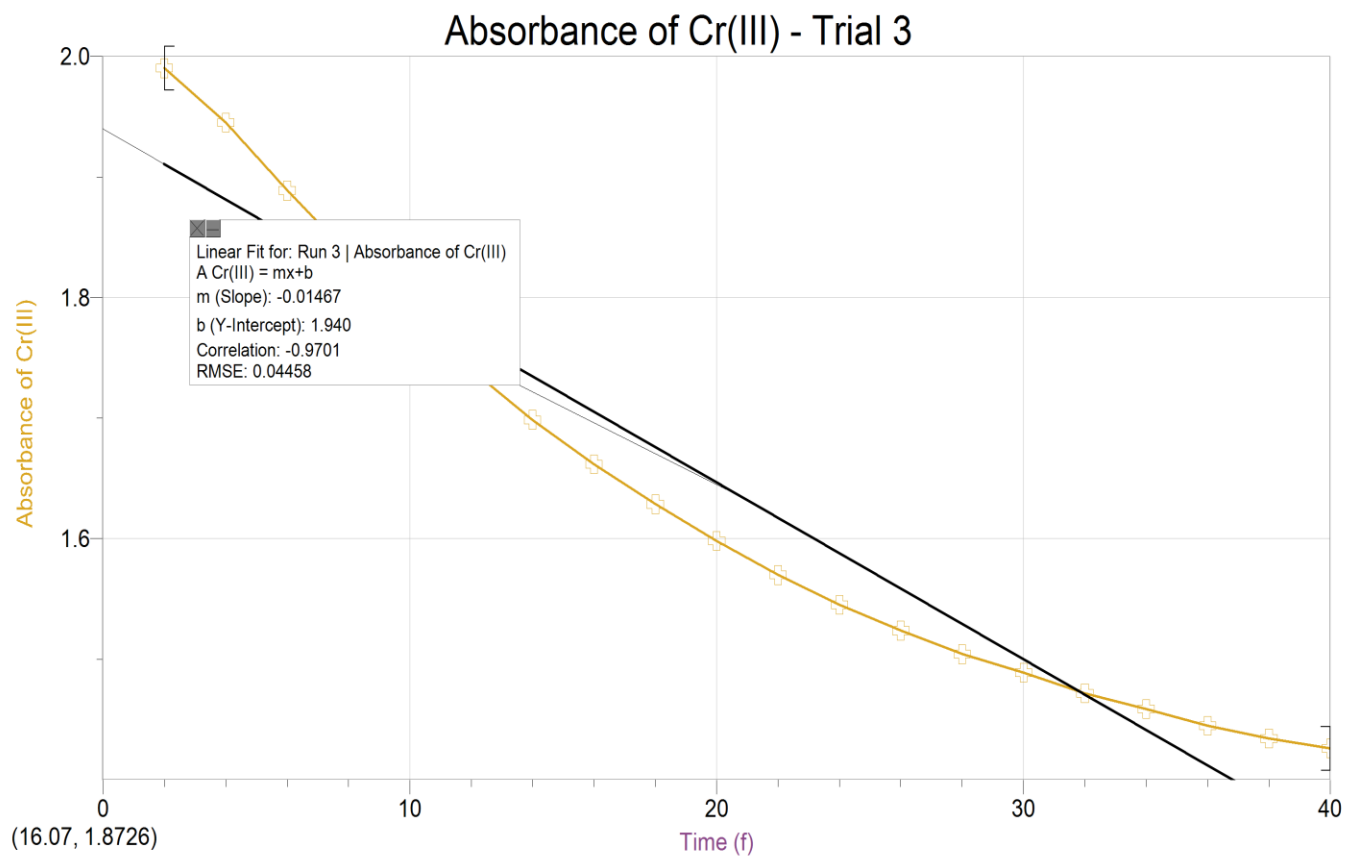
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For trial number 2, the 4.5 of pH EDTA solution was used. The graph below shows the absorbance of Cr (III) from 2.0s to 40.0s for trial 2. The absorbance decreases as time goes by because the concentration of the Cr (III) decreases.



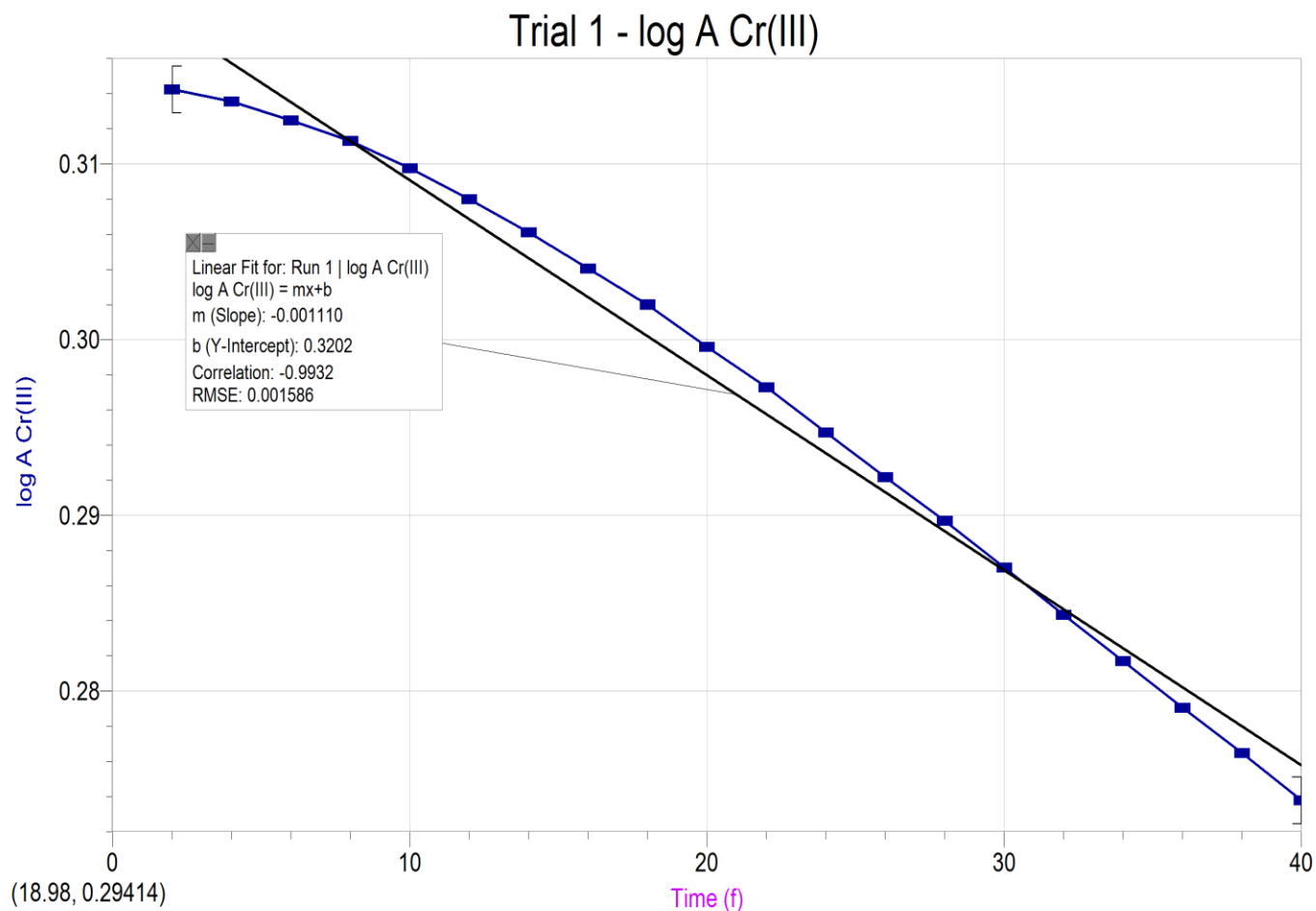
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For trial number 3, pH of 5.0 EDTA solution was used. The graph below shows the absorbance of Cr (III) from 2.0s to 40.0s for trial 3. The absorbance decreases as time goes by because the concentration of the Cr (III) decreases.



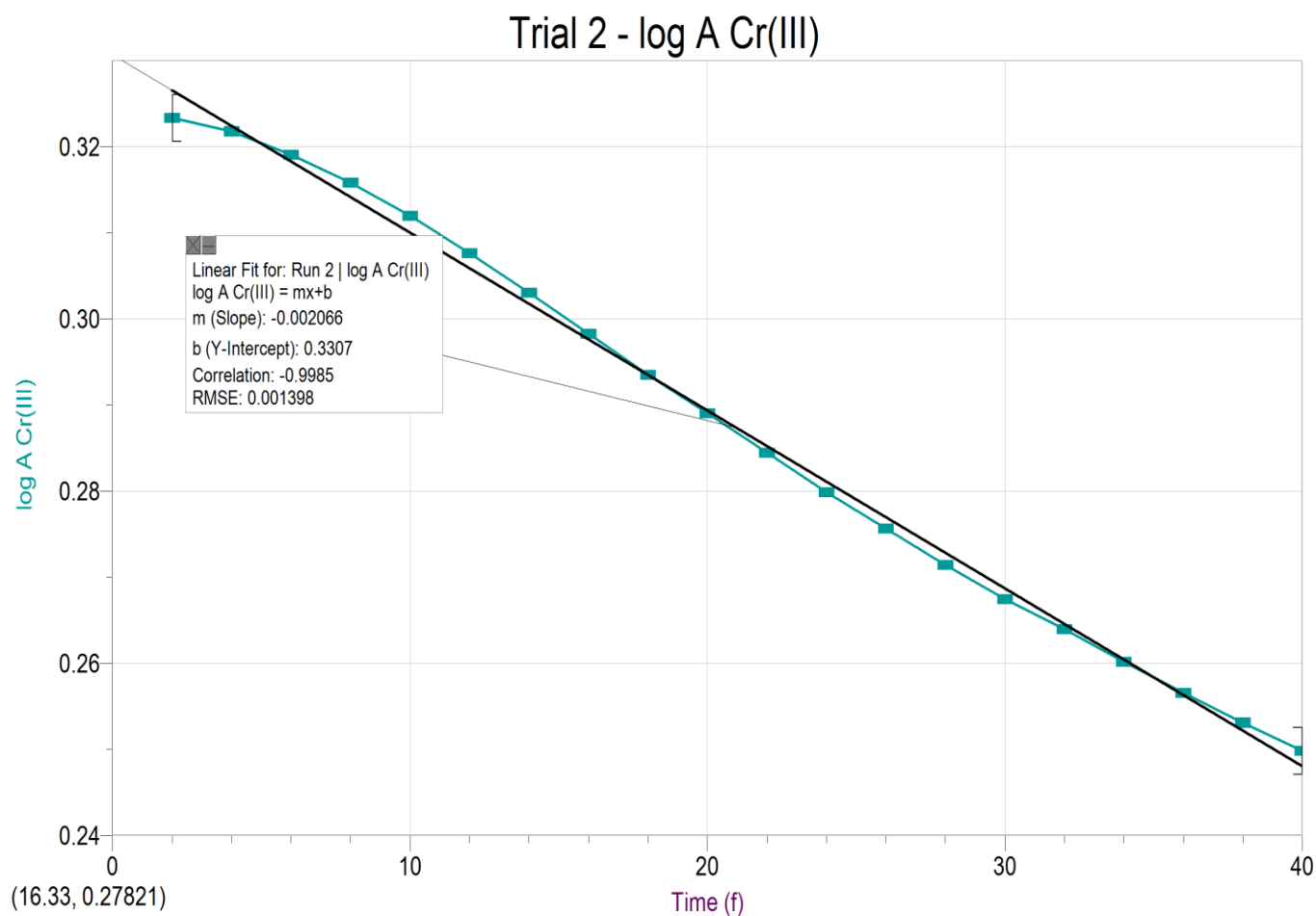
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This graph compares the log of absorbance of Cr (III) with time for trial 1, where pH of 4.0 EDTA was used. We graph the log of absorbance of Cr (III) with time because we assume this is a first order reaction and therefore this graph should be a linear plot. Due to error it is slightly off.



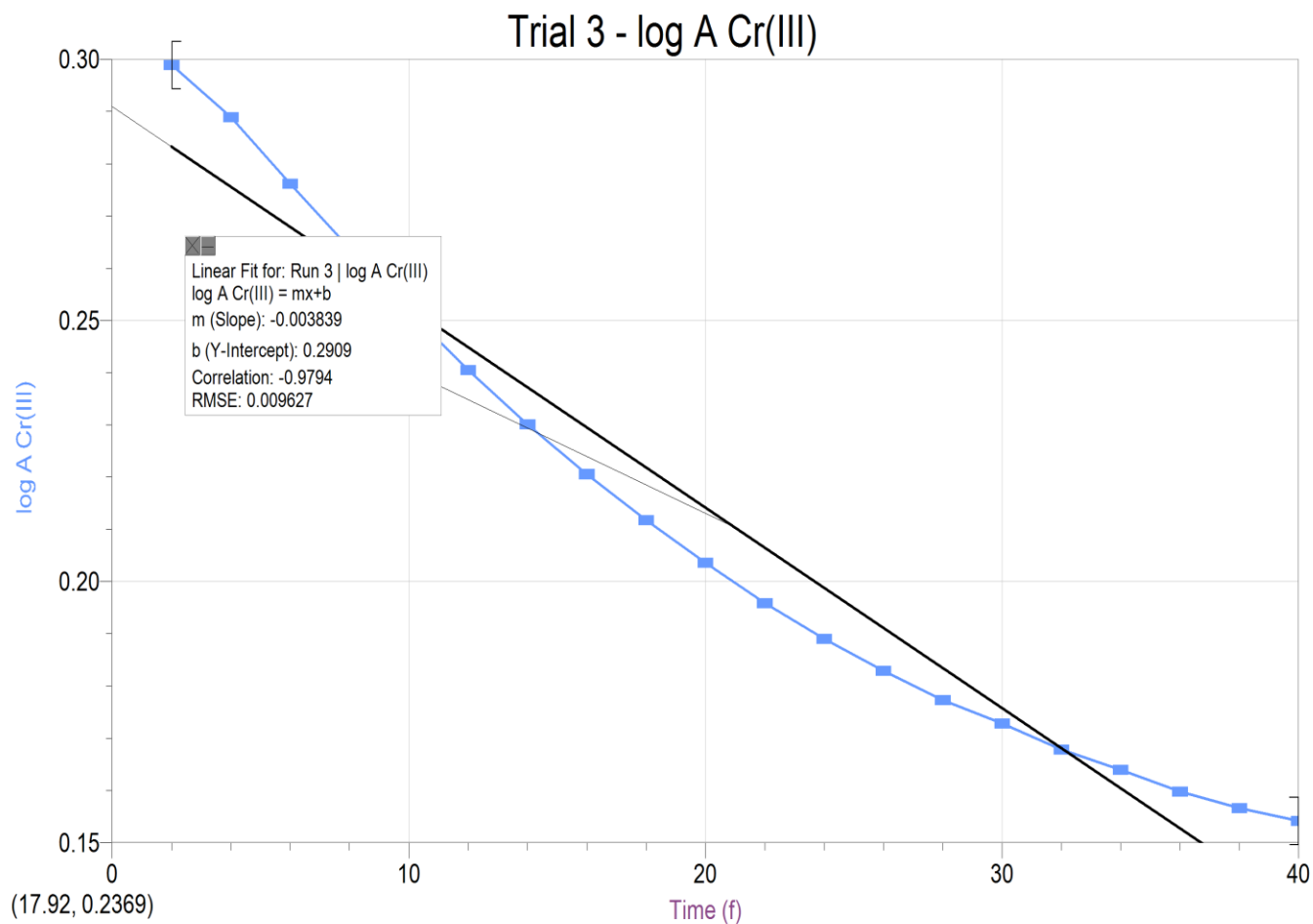
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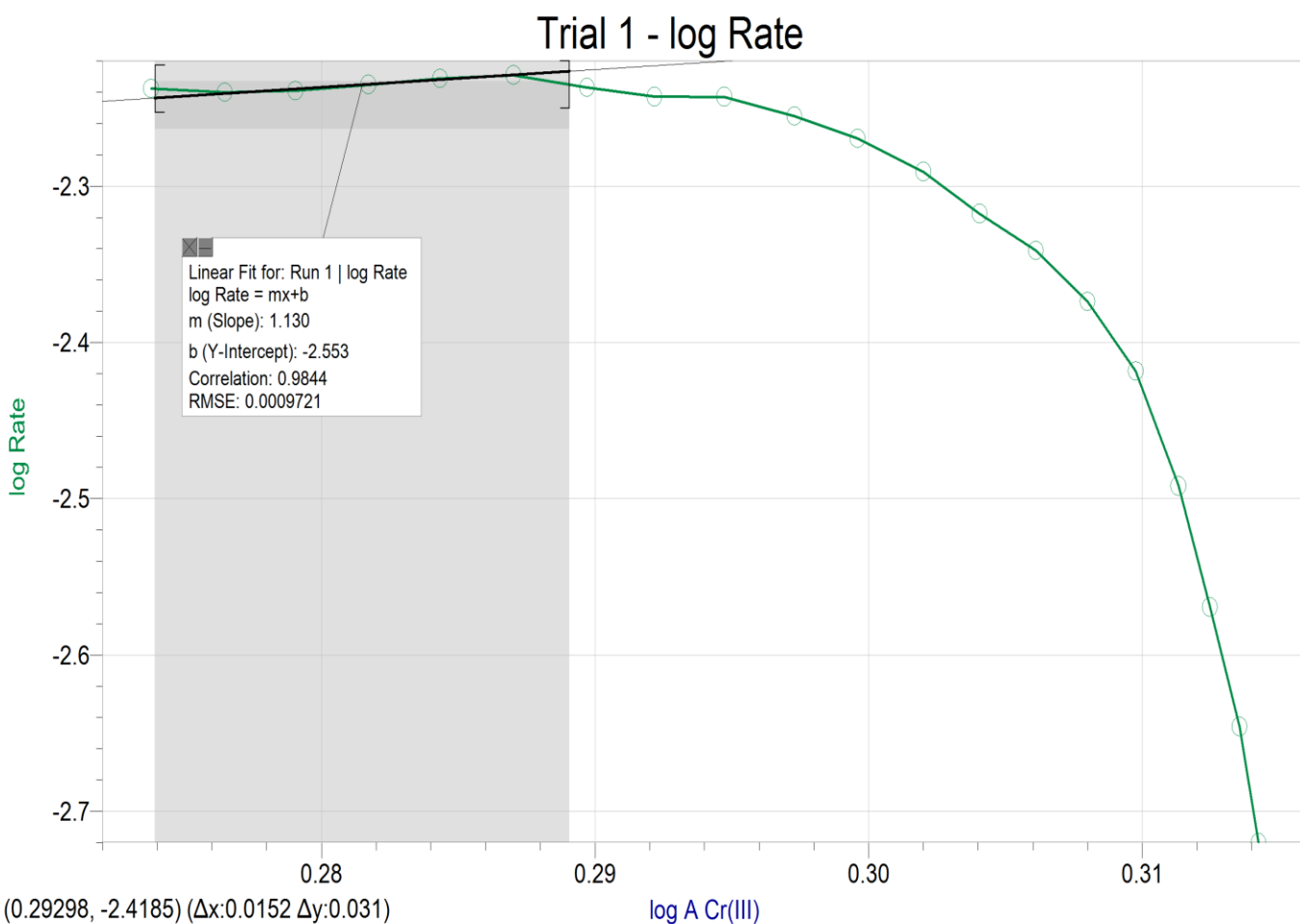
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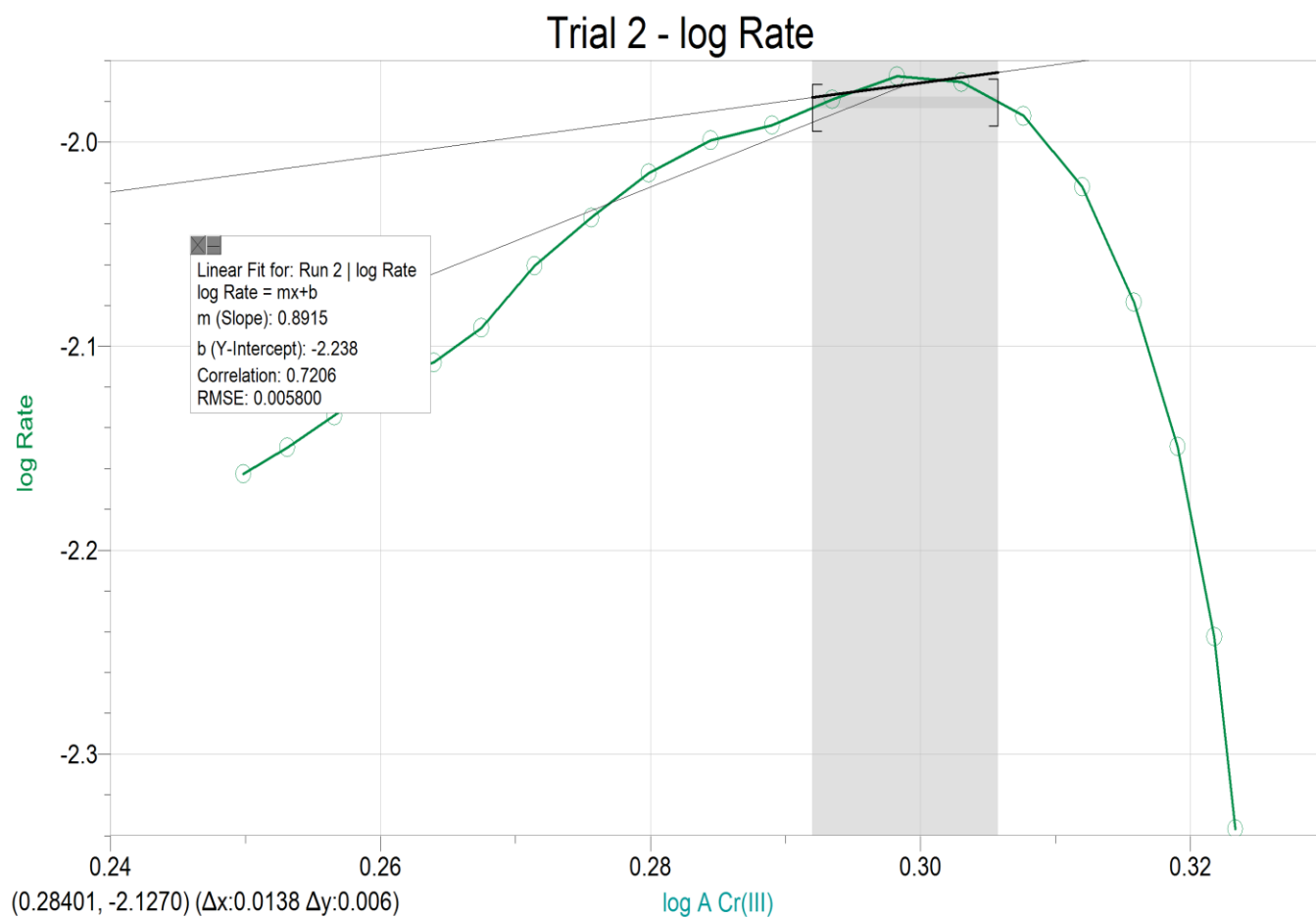
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This graph compares log (rate) and the log of the absorbance of Cr (III) for trial 1, where pH of 4.0 EDTA was used. Due to experimental error, only a portion of the graph was used to find the slope. In this portion it was found to be approximately 1. From this information we can determine that the partial order of this reaction is 1.



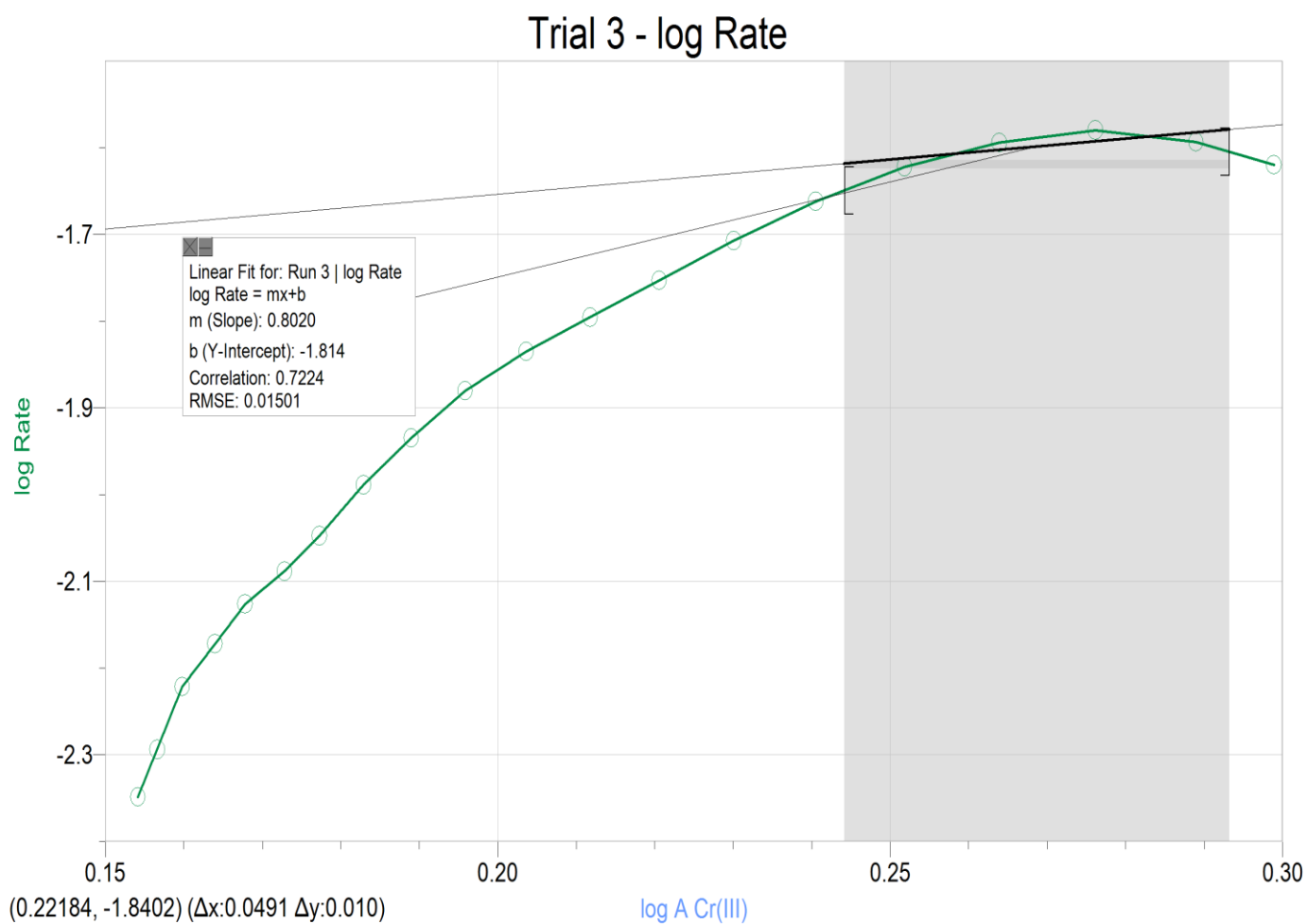
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This graph compares $\log(\text{rate})$ and the \log of the absorbance of Cr (III) for trial 2, where pH of 4.5 EDTA was used. Due to experimental error, only a very small portion of the graph was used to find the slope. In this portion it was found to be approximately 1. From this information we can determine that the partial order of this reaction is 1.



Percent Transmittance and Absorbance of Various Reactions with different pH Levels

This graph compares $\log(\text{rate})$ and the \log of the absorbance of Cr (III) for trial 3, where pH of 5.0 EDTA was used. Due to experimental error, only a portion of the graph was used to find the slope. In this portion it was found to be approximately 1. From this information we can determine that the partial order of this reaction is 1.



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Discussion:

As previously stated, this experiment was conducted to find the partial order with respect to the chromium ion. It was found that for this reaction the partial order was 1. We were able to determine this by using logger pro, and graphing log of the absorbance of Cr (III) by time and also graphing the log rate by the log of absorbance of Cr (III). In the last three graphs, it can be observed that the slope is approximately 1 for every trial. This tells us that the partial order is 1.

$$\text{Rate} = k' [\text{Cr (III)}]^m$$

$$k' = k[\text{EDTA}]^n[\text{H}^+]^p$$

$$\log \text{Rate} = \log k' + m \log [\text{Cr (III)}]$$

$$y = b + m x$$

From these equations, we can see how the slope allows for us to determine the partial order.

There were a couple experimental errors that occurred, and swayed the data so that it was not completely exact. Firstly, it was necessary to stop recording the data after only 40 minutes and therefore we were only able to take information from that 40 minute time span. Lastly, during the calibration, which determined the wavelength used, it was required to heat a solution until it turned a certain darkness of purple. It is possible that it was either heated for too long or too little and therefore the wavelength used for the rest of the experiment was affected.

Conclusion:

From this experiment we can conclude that the partial order with respect to the Cr (III) ion approximately 1 for the pH of 4.0, pH of 4.5 and pH of 5.0 EDTA. Therefore for this reaction, the partial order is assumed to be 1.

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Raw Data Sheet

ending b - trials
other - calibration

Step (8) $V = 4.6 \text{ mL}$

Step (9) 1.0M Chromium Nitrate solution

Step (19) % transmittance = 0.819 @ 546.20 nm
(min)

$$\lambda = 546.20 \text{ nm}$$

~~(max) = 22.383 @ 456.10 nm~~

WITH 4.0 EDTA

Step (21) $V = 9.9 \text{ mL}$

% transmittance @ 40 min = 50.024% absorbance = 0.30083

Step
37 & 39

@ 42 min = 0.662%

$$= 2.1792$$

WITH 4.5 EDTA

Step (27) $V = 9.9 \text{ mL}$

Step (37) % transmittance @ 40 min = 0.38832
absorbance

$$\%T = 40.896\%$$

Step (39) % transmittance @ 42 min = 2.1659
absorbance

$$\%T = 0.682\%$$

WITH 5.0 EDTA

Step (27) $V = 9.9 \text{ mL}$

Step (37) % transmittance @ 40 min = 0.64027
absorbance

$$\%T = 22.894\%$$

Step (39) % transmittance @ 42 min = 2.0664
absorbance

$$\%T = 0.858\%$$

(21)