## **CONCEPT: MEAN EVALUATION**

The	measures how close data results are in relation to the mean or average value.	
$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{n - 1}}$	= Individual Measurement	= Number of Measurements
	= Average or Mean	= Degrees of Freedom
	= variance	= Relative Standard Deviation (Coefficient of Variation)

**EXAMPLE:** Data below gives the volumes obtained by a chemist from the use of a pipet. Determine the standard deviation.

24.9 mL, 25.0 mL, 24.8 mL, 24.6 mL, 24.6 mL, 24.3 mL

Volume (x <sub>i</sub> )	Difference from the mean $(x_i - x)$	Difference from the mean squared $(x_i - \overset{-}{x})^2$
	$\sum_{i} (x_{i} - \overline{x})^{2}$	