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Abstract

A group of eight 40-watt, T12, daylight fluorescent lamps was measured in each of eight laboratories. The line voltage was held constant at 236.0 volts across the lamps in series with a reactor having 439 ohms impedance and 7 to 8% power factors. The luminous flux, current, lamp volts, lamp watts, and the x and y chromaticity coordinates were measured. The results of the measurements made by the individual laboratories and an analysis of the results are given in this report.

I. Introduction

This intercomparison was undertaken to determine the uniformity of measurements on 40-watt, T12, daylight fluorescent lamps made at the participating laboratories. The laboratories participating and the order of reading are as follows:

1. Duro Test
2. Electrical Testing Laboratories
3. Westinghouse
4. General Electric
5. Interlectric
6. Sylvania
7. Champion
8. National Bureau of Standards

Each laboratory followed its own customary procedure in making the measurements. Measurements at each laboratory were obtained while holding the line voltage constant at 236.0 volts across the lamps in series with a reactor having 439 ohms impedance and 7 to 8% power factor. The power supply was connected to the marked pins.

This group started at Duro Test with twelve lamps. Four lamps were broken at various times during the intercomparisons. The values for only the eight remaining lamps are reported herein.

II. Results of Measurements

The results reported are given in tables 1 through 7. The averages reported for each lamp and for each laboratory are given. The differences between the average for each laboratory and the average of all laboratories for all the lamps are also given in the tables.

III. Analysis of the Results

An analysis of the results of the measurements has been made following a modification of the method described by W. J. Youden (1),(2),and(3). The



modified method is described in National Bureau of Standards Report No. 6605 "Interlaboratory Intercomparisons of 32-watt T10 Cool-White Circline Lamps" and No. 6698 "Interlaboratory Intercomparisons of 40-watt T12 Cool-White Fluorescent Lamps". The analysis is shown on the following graphs. The point representing the measurements by an individual laboratory is designated by the first letter in the name of the laboratory. The point representing the average of all laboratories is designated by the letter A.

(1) Graphical Diagnosis of Interlaboratory Test Results; Industrial Quality Control Vol. XV, No. 11, May 1959.

(2) Product Specification and Test Procedures; Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Vol. 50, page 914, October 1958.

(3) Circumstances Alter the Cases; Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Vol. 50, page 77A, December 1958.

Table 1

Lumens

| Lamp No.   | Duro Test | ETL    | West   | GE     | Interl | Syl    | Champ  | NBS    | Ave.   |
|------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2          | 2273      | 2290   | 2231   | 2339   | 2270   | 2314   | 2280   | 2302   | 2287.4 |
| 3          | 2285      | 2245   | 2232   | 2339   | 2262   | 2330   | 2296   | 2300   | 2286.1 |
| 4          | 2300      | 2325   | 2264   | 2358   | 2265   | 2362   | 2282   | 2306   | 2307.8 |
| 6          | 2284      | 2250   | 2226   | 2331   | 2230   | 2314   | 2268   | 2287   | 2273.8 |
| 7          | 2290      | 2330   | 2235   | 2345   | 2253   | 2334   | 2268   | 2278   | 2291.6 |
| 8          | 2295      | 2285   | 2247   | 2359   | 2260   | 2332   | 2296   | 2288   | 2295.2 |
| 10         | 2304      | 2335   | 2235   | 2349   | 2272   | 2298   | 2276   | 2285   | 2294.2 |
| 12         | 2300      | 2335   | 2263   | 2367   | 2288   | 2324   | 2290   | 2297   | 2308.0 |
| Ave.       | 2291.4    | 2299.4 | 2241.6 | 2348.4 | 2262.5 | 2326.0 | 2282.0 | 2292.9 | 2293.0 |
| $\Delta$   | -1.6      | +6.4   | -51.4  | +55.4  | -30.5  | +33.0  | -11.0  | -.1    |        |
| % $\Delta$ | -.07%     | +.28%  | -2.24% | +2.42% | -1.33% | +1.44% | -.48%  | -.00%  |        |





Table 2

Amperes

| Lamp No. | Duro Test | ETL    | West   | GE    | Interl | Syl    | Champ  | NBS    | Ave.  |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2        | .429      | .423   | .430   | .428  | .430   | .431   | .431   | .431   | .4291 |
| 3        | .428      | .423   | .429   | .428  | .430   | .429   | .431   | .428   | .4282 |
| 4        | .430      | .426   | .430   | .430  | .430   | .431   | .431   | .430   | .4298 |
| 6        | .427      | .425   | .430   | .430  | .430   | .430   | .433   | .430   | .4294 |
| 7        | .430      | .422   | .430   | .429  | .430   | .432   | .433   | .428   | .4292 |
| 8        | .430      | .425   | .430   | .429  | .430   | .430   | .435   | .430   | .4299 |
| 10       | .429      | .424   | .429   | .431  | .430   | .430   | .432   | .429   | .4292 |
| 12       | .429      | .423   | .430   | .429  | .430   | .431   | .431   | .427   | .4288 |
| Ave.     | .4290     | .4239  | .4298  | .4292 | .4300  | .4305  | .4321  | .4291  | .4292 |
| Δ        | -.0002    | -.0053 | +.0006 | .0000 | +.0008 | +.0013 | +.0029 | -.0001 |       |
| % Δ      | -.05%     | -1.23% | +.14%  | .00%  | +.19%  | +.30%  | +.68%  | -.02%  |       |

Table 3

Lamp Volts

| Lamp No. | Duro Test | ETL    | West   | GE     | Interl | Syl    | Champ  | NBS    | Ave.   |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2        | 102.5     | 103.0  | 102.7  | 102.7  | 101.5  | 101.8  | 102.0  | 101    | 102.15 |
| 3        | 103.0     | 103.0  | 103.6  | 103.0  | 103.5  | 103.0  | 104.0  | 103    | 103.26 |
| 4        | 102.2     | 102.0  | 102.8  | 103.0  | 102.5  | 101.5  | 104.7  | 102    | 102.59 |
| 6        | 102.5     | 102.0  | 102.5  | 102.7  | 103.0  | 102.3  | 102.8  | 103    | 102.60 |
| 7        | 102.5     | 104.0  | 103.2  | 103.2  | 103.5  | 100.8  | 103.0  | 104    | 103.02 |
| 8        | 101.6     | 102.5  | 102.6  | 102.7  | 103.5  | 102.5  | 102.0  | 103    | 102.55 |
| 10       | 100.8     | 102.5  | 103.2  | 101.9  | 102.5  | 101.5  | 103.1  | 102    | 102.19 |
| 12       | 102.2     | 103.0  | 103.6  | 102.7  | 103.0  | 102.5  | 104.0  | 104    | 103.12 |
| Ave.     | 102.16    | 102.75 | 103.02 | 102.74 | 102.88 | 101.99 | 103.20 | 102.75 | 102.69 |
| Δ        | -.53      | +.06   | +.33   | +.05   | +.19   | -.70   | +.51   | +.06   |        |
| % Δ      | -.52%     | +.06%  | +.32%  | +.05%  | +.19%  | -.68%  | +.50%  | +.06%  |        |



Table 4

Lamp Watts

| Lamp No. | Duro Test | ETL   | West  | GE    | Interl | Syl   | Champ | NBS   | Ave   |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2        | 39.8      | 40.1  | 40.1  | 40.4  | 41.0   | 40.1  | 39.9  | 39.8  | 40.15 |
| 3        | 40.0      | 40.1  | 40.3  | 40.4  | 41.0   | 40.7  | 40.6  | 40.5  | 40.45 |
| 4        | 39.9      | 39.9  | 40.1  | 40.6  | 41.5   | 40.2  | 41.0  | 40.5  | 40.46 |
| 6        | 40.3      | 39.7  | 40.1  | 40.6  | 42.0   | 40.5  | 40.3  | 40.5  | 40.50 |
| 7        | 40.1      | 40.2  | 40.3  | 40.8  | 41.5   | 39.8  | 40.4  | 40.8  | 40.49 |
| 8        | 39.8      | 40.1  | 40.2  | 40.6  | 42.0   | 40.6  | 40.2  | 40.6  | 40.51 |
| 10       | 39.8      | 40.0  | 40.2  | 40.1  | 42.0   | 40.3  | 40.4  | 40.2  | 40.38 |
| 12       | 40.0      | 40.1  | 40.4  | 40.3  | 41.0   | 40.6  | 40.6  | 40.6  | 40.45 |
| Ave.     | 39.96     | 40.02 | 40.21 | 40.48 | 41.50  | 40.35 | 40.42 | 40.44 | 40.42 |
| Δ        | -.46      | -.40  | -.21  | +.06  | +1.08  | -.07  | 0     | +.02  |       |
| % Δ      | -1.14%    | -.99% | -.52% | +.15% | +2.67% | -.17% | 0     | +.05% |       |

Table 5

Lumens per Watt

| Lamp No. | Duro Test | ETL    | West   | GE     | Interl | Syl    | Champ | NBS   | Ave   |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2        | 57.1      | 57.1   | 55.6   | 57.9   | 55.4   | 57.7   | 57.2  | 57.8  | 56.98 |
| 3        | 57.1      | 56.0   | 55.4   | 57.9   | 55.2   | 57.2   | 56.7  | 56.8  | 56.54 |
| 4        | 57.7      | 58.3   | 56.5   | 58.1   | 54.6   | 58.8   | 55.6  | 56.9  | 57.06 |
| 6        | 56.7      | 56.7   | 55.5   | 57.4   | 53.1   | 57.1   | 56.3  | 56.5  | 56.16 |
| 7        | 57.1      | 58.0   | 55.5   | 57.5   | 54.3   | 58.6   | 56.2  | 55.8  | 56.62 |
| 8        | 57.7      | 57.0   | 55.9   | 58.1   | 53.8   | 57.4   | 57.3  | 56.4  | 56.70 |
| 10       | 57.9      | 58.4   | 55.6   | 58.6   | 54.1   | 57.0   | 56.4  | 56.8  | 56.85 |
| 12       | 57.5      | 58.2   | 56.0   | 58.7   | 55.8   | 57.2   | 56.5  | 56.6  | 57.06 |
| Ave.     | 57.35     | 57.46  | 55.75  | 58.02  | 54.54  | 57.62  | 56.52 | 56.70 | 56.75 |
| Δ        | +.60      | +.71   | -1.00  | +1.27  | -2.21  | +.87   | -.23  | -.05  |       |
| % Δ      | +1.06%    | +1.25% | -1.76% | +2.24% | -3.89% | +1.53% | -.41% | -.09% |       |



Table 6

x Coordinate

| Lamp No.   | Duro Test    | ETL         | West        | GE           | Interl      | Syl         | Champ       | NBS         | Ave          |
|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2          | .3182        | .317        | .320        | .3187        | .315        | .319        | .320        | .319        | .3184        |
| 3          | .3177        | .317        | .319        | .3190        | .315        | .318        | .320        | .319        | .3181        |
| 4          | .3183        | .318        | .319        | .3206        | .315        | .319        | .320        | .319        | .3186        |
| 6          | .3182        | .317        | .319        | .3194        | .315        | .319        | .320        | .319        | .3183        |
| 7          | .3178        | .317        | .319        | .3197        | .315        | .318        | .320        | .319        | .3182        |
| 8          | .3178        | .317        | .319        | .3197        | .315        | .318        | .320        | .319        | .3182        |
| 10         | .3174        | .316        | .319        | .3198        | .315        | .318        | .320        | .318        | .3179        |
| 12         | <u>.3175</u> | <u>.317</u> | <u>.320</u> | <u>.3197</u> | <u>.315</u> | <u>.319</u> | <u>.321</u> | <u>.319</u> | <u>.3185</u> |
| Ave.       | .3179        | .3170       | .3192       | .3196        | .3150       | .3185       | .3201       | .3189       | .3183        |
| $\Delta$   | -.0004       | -.0013      | +.0009      | +.0013       | -.0033      | +.0002      | +.0018      | +.0006      |              |
| % $\Delta$ | -.13%        | -.41%       | +.28%       | +.41%        | -1.04%      | +.06%       | +.57%       | +.19%       |              |

Table 7

y Coordinate

| Lamp No.   | Duro Test    | ETL         | West        | GE           | Interl      | Syl         | Champ       | NBS         | Ave.         |
|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2          | .3476        | .344        | .348        | .3459        | .338        | .348        | .347        | .349        | .3459        |
| 3          | .3482        | .344        | .348        | .3463        | .339        | .347        | .348        | .350        | .3463        |
| 4          | .3480        | .345        | .348        | .3465        | .338        | .348        | .348        | .350        | .3464        |
| 6          | .3480        | .344        | .347        | .3461        | .338        | .347        | .346        | .350        | .3458        |
| 7          | .3472        | .344        | .347        | .3462        | .338        | .347        | .346        | .350        | .3457        |
| 8          | .3492        | .345        | .347        | .3456        | .339        | .348        | .348        | .350        | .3465        |
| 10         | .3467        | .344        | .347        | .3461        | .338        | .347        | .348        | .349        | .3457        |
| 12         | <u>.3478</u> | <u>.344</u> | <u>.347</u> | <u>.3467</u> | <u>.339</u> | <u>.348</u> | <u>.347</u> | <u>.350</u> | <u>.3462</u> |
| Ave.       | .3478        | .3442       | .3474       | .3462        | .3384       | .3475       | .3472       | .3498       | .3461        |
| $\Delta$   | +.0017       | -.0019      | +.0013      | +.0001       | -.0077      | +.0014      | +.0011      | +.0037      |              |
| % $\Delta$ | +.49%        | -.55%       | +.38%       | +.03%        | -2.22%      | +.40%       | +.32%       | +1.07%      |              |



Figure 1

Lumens

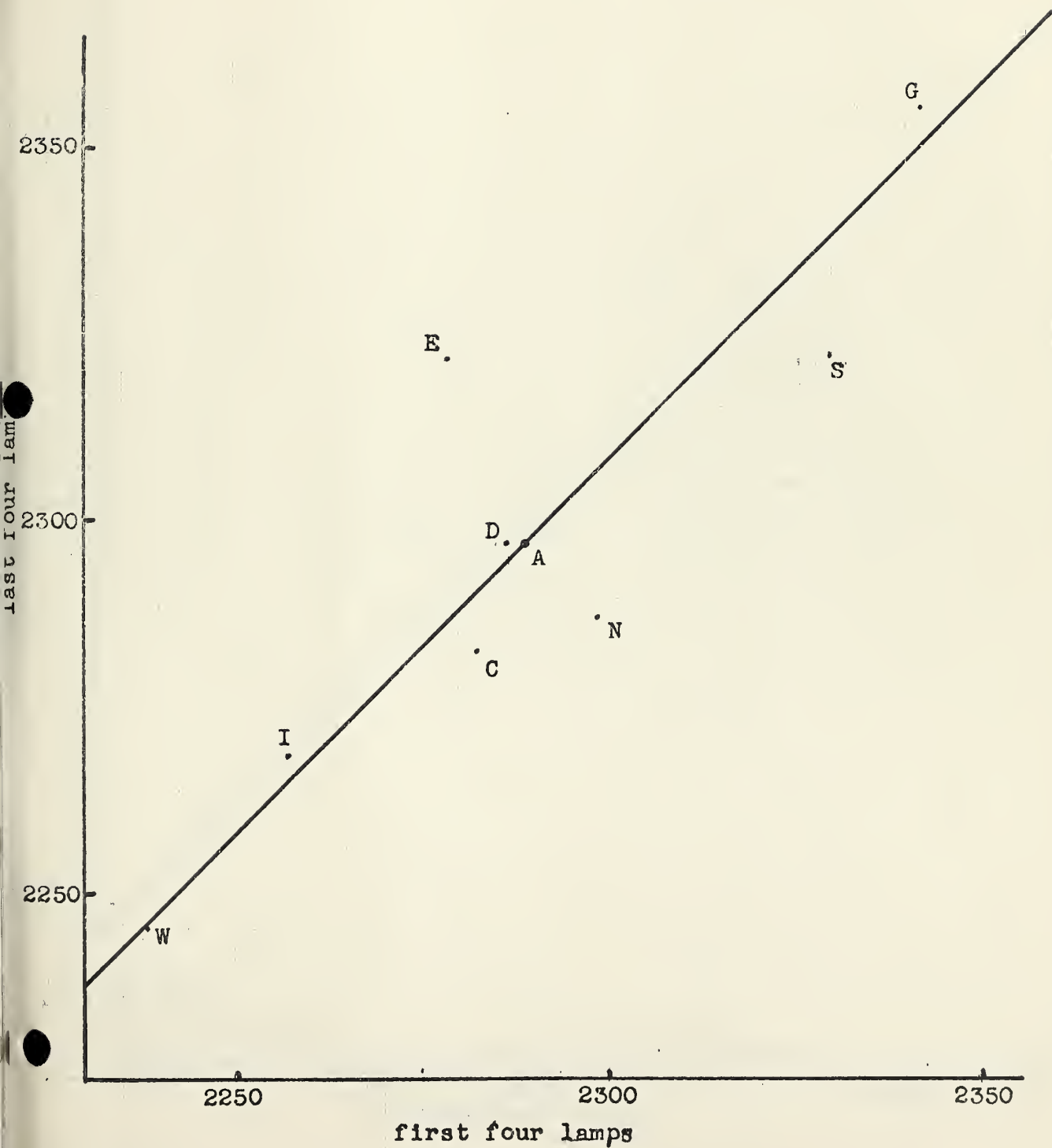






Figure 2

Amperes

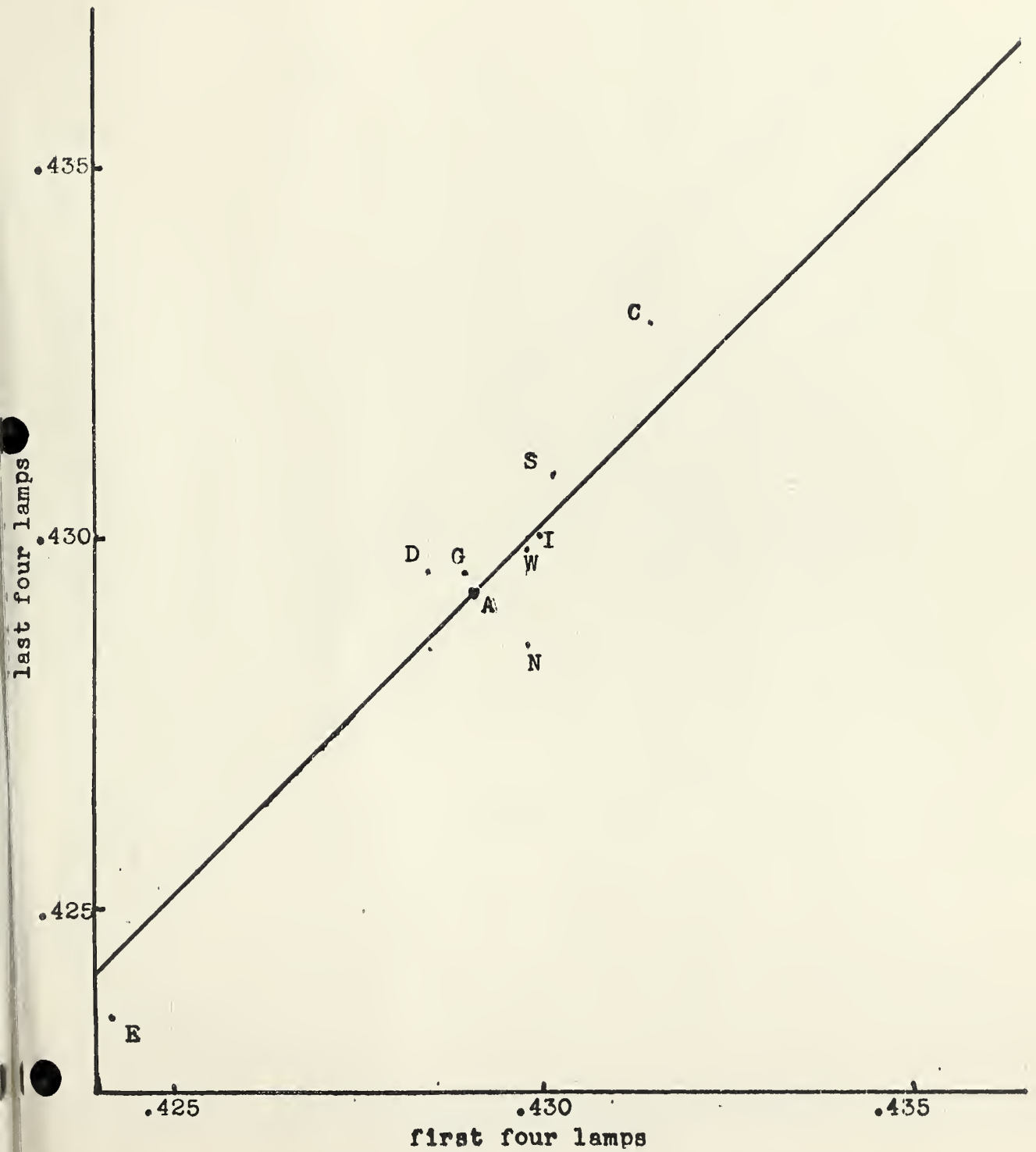




Figure 3  
Lamp Volts

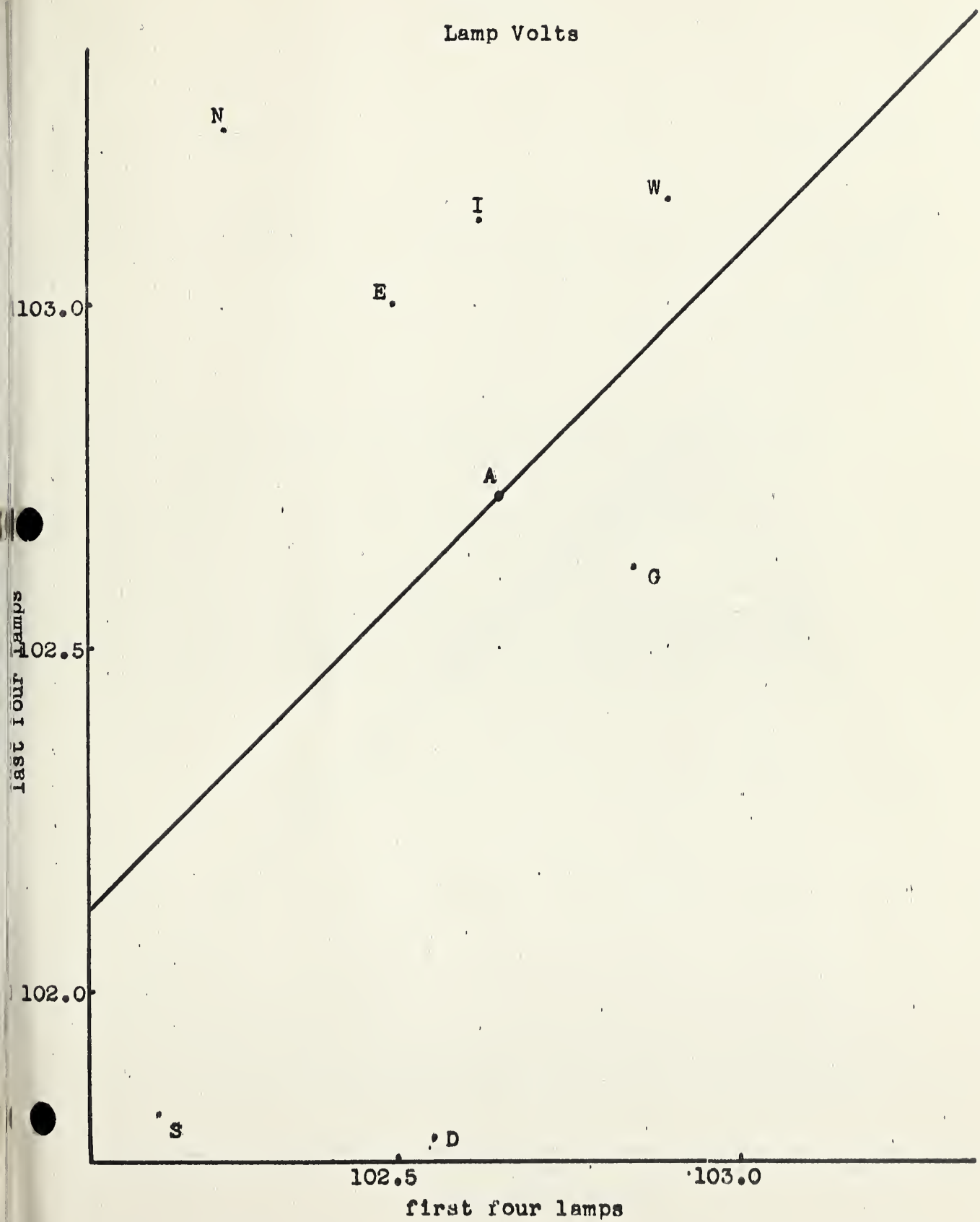




Figure 4  
Lamp Watts

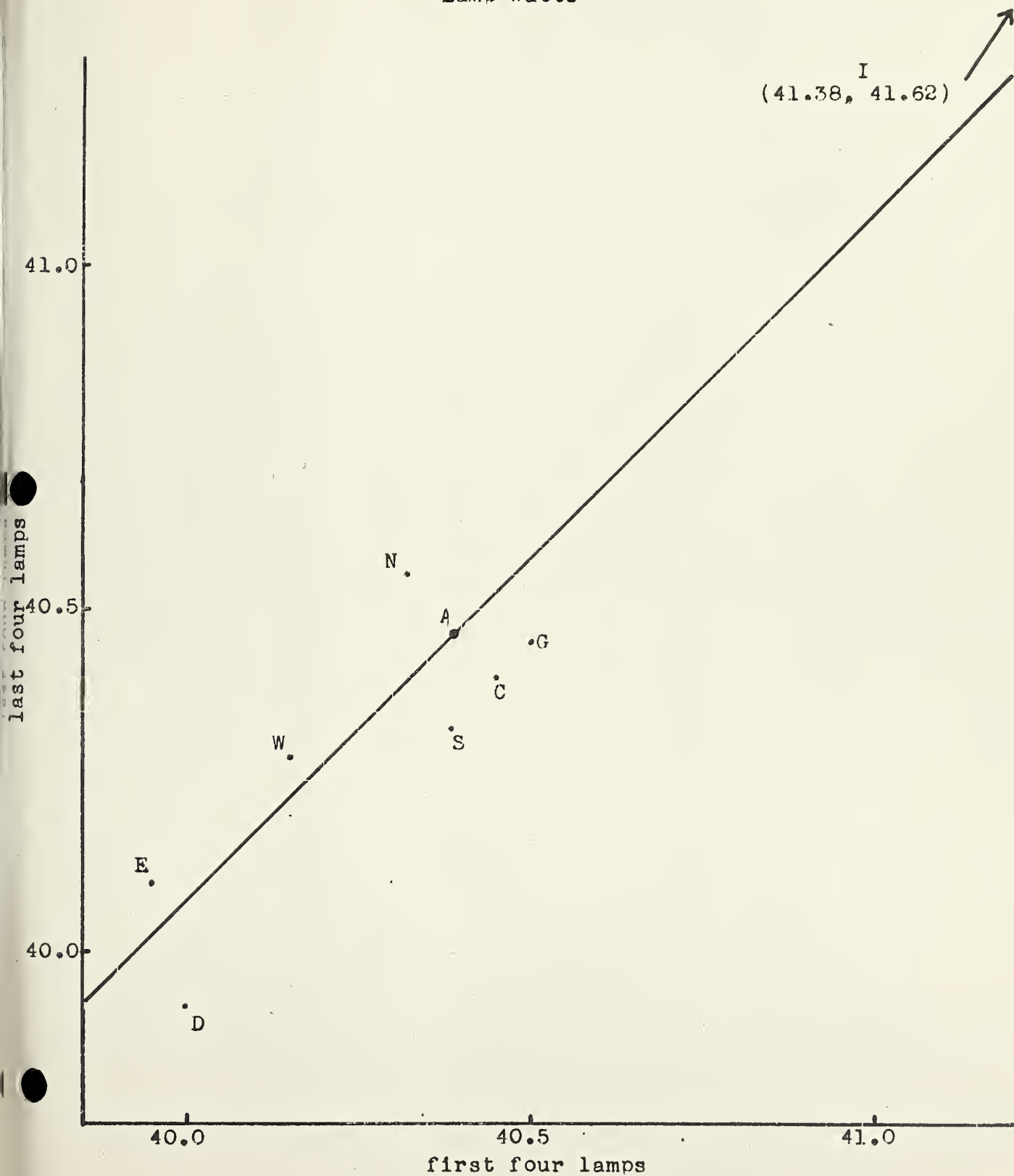




Figure 5  
Lumens per Watt







Figure 6  
x Coordinate

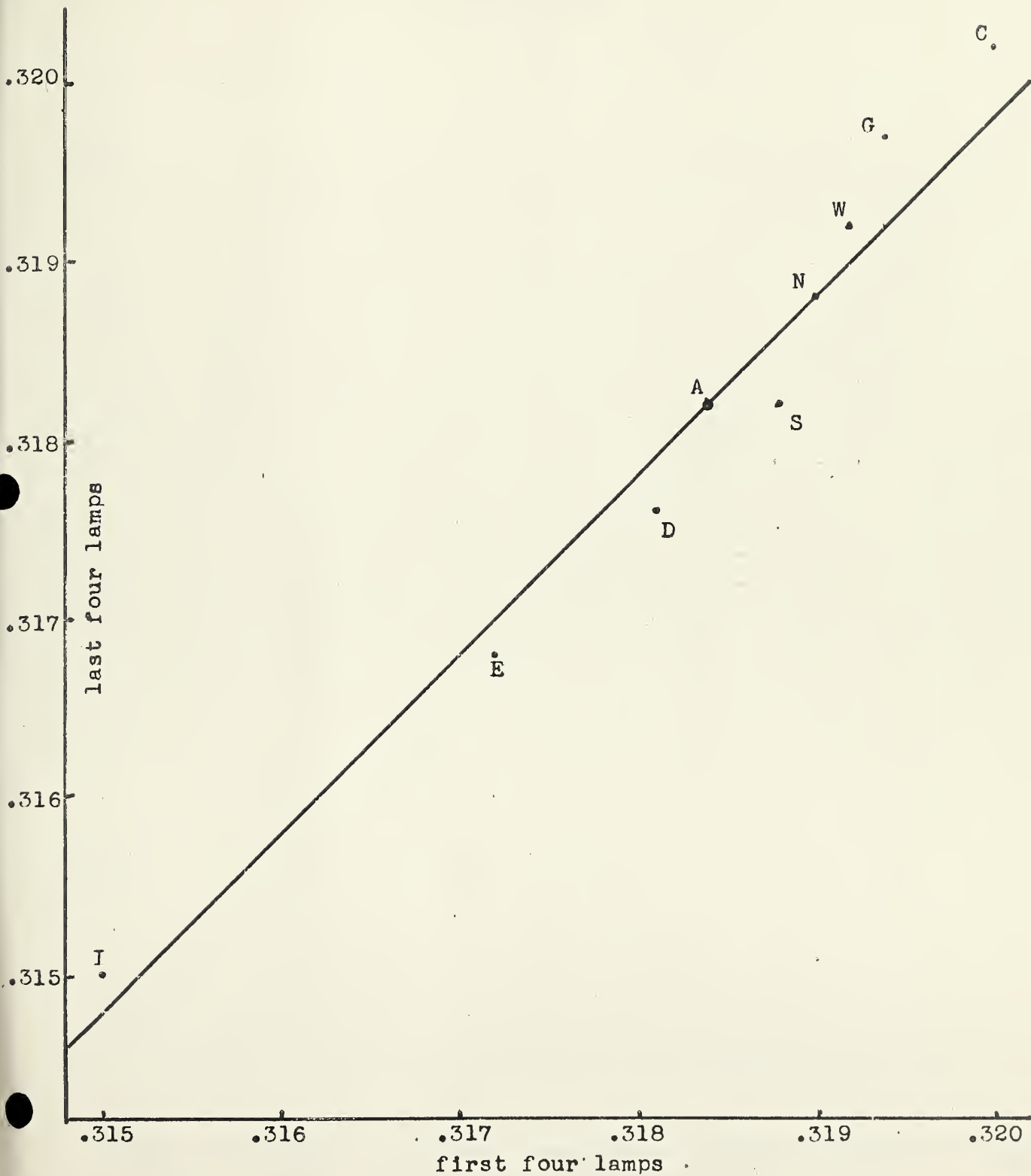
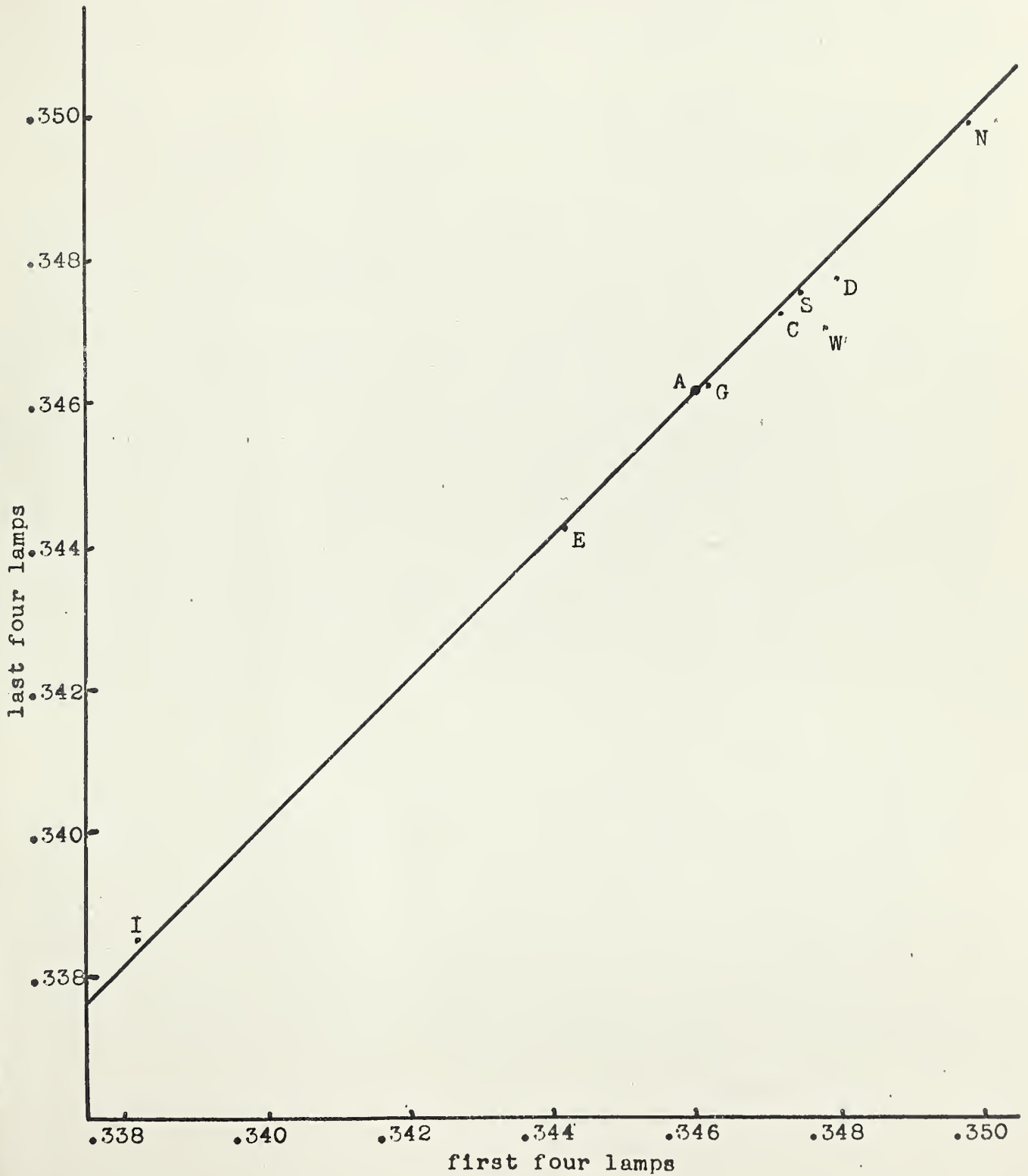




Figure 7  
y Coordinate





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