

- Any Quantity must be written as $X \pm \Delta X$
 $\Delta X \equiv \text{uncertainty}$

- Physical quantity \Rightarrow measured & calculated quantities.

- Sources of errors \Rightarrow

[1] Instruments (precision, calibration)

[2] Environment (Temp, ...)

[3] The way the experiment is done, [5] Experimenter.

[4] The way the physical quantity is measured

- True value of a physical quantity can never be obtained

Errors \neq zero but we can make it as small as possible.

Errors

Random Errors

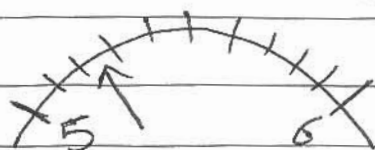
- always exist
- can be reduced
- can not be eliminated or avoided.
- below & above the true value

Systematic errors

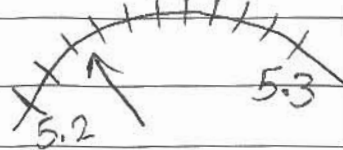
- bigger or smaller than the true value
- can be eliminated

* Random Errors

\rightarrow How finely the scale is divided?



$5.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ Volt}$



$5.22 \pm 0.01 \text{ Volt}$



من المستحيل الوصول إلى القيمة الحقيقية ولذا نأخذ الأخطاء منه \rightarrow أداة القياس

[2] Systematic Errors \leftarrow Experimenters
Instruments that not calibrated.

• Calibration \approx adjust the instrument to read zero when it is not used.

But if instrument calibration can't be done, the systematic error should be added or subtracted from the measurements.

\Rightarrow Voltmeter reads (-0.2 V) when it is not connected to any thing

\Rightarrow Ruler  0.4 cm

\Rightarrow Looking perpendicularly to the scale.

* Precision & Accuracy

$\bar{x} \pm \Delta x$
 \downarrow
Random

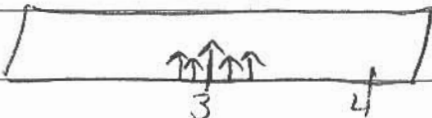
$\bar{x} \pm \Delta x$
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Systematic

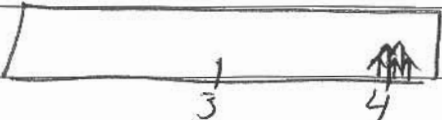
Small Random \rightarrow high precision
negligible (small) systematic \rightarrow high accuracy

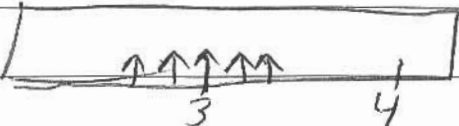
\Rightarrow True value is the value accepted by the community of physicists, because it is value obtained by experienced, skillful & trust worthy experiments.

example

True value 3

trial ①  accurate

trial ②  precise but not accurate

trial ③  low precision

example

دقیقت کی مثال

Ruler

1mm

low precision

Vernier caliper

$\frac{1}{20} \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ mm}$

micrometer

$\frac{1}{100} \text{ mm} = 0.01 \text{ mm}$

high precision

* measured physical quantities uncertainties

→ one value by estimation (quantity measured once)

→ many values by std of the mean.

• The best estimate of the true value = mean, average value

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$$

• Sample standard deviation

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$$s = \left[\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

s = uncertainty in only one measurement, a sample measurement
Any one measurement, does not differ from another by more
probably than s

- The uncertainty in the mean, standard deviation of the mean $\sigma_m = \sigma_s / \sqrt{N}$

The mean value ~~probably~~ does not differ from the true value by more than σ_m
(How is the avg value close to the true?)

* A comparison between measured and accepted values

(Result) $\bar{x} \pm \Delta x$

True value lies between $\bar{x} - \Delta x$ & $\bar{x} + \Delta x$

$$D = |R_{\text{true}} - R_{\text{measured}}| \leq 2 \Delta x$$

Reset all shift mode 3 =

SD mode 2

$\mu +$ \rightarrow σ_s \rightarrow σ_m

shift 21 = \bar{x}

shift 23 = σ_s

$$\sigma_s / \sqrt{N} = \sigma_m$$

example the length of a book
(30.1, 30.3, 29.8, 30.0, 30.1) cm

$$\bar{L} = 30.06 \text{ cm}$$

$$\sigma_s = 0.1816 \text{ cm}$$

$$\sigma_m = 0.0812 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = (30.06 \pm 0.08) \text{ cm}$$

example

A $V = 338 \pm 2 \text{ m/s}$ B $V = (325 \pm 5) \text{ m/s}$
 $V = 331 \text{ m/s}$

* Significant figures

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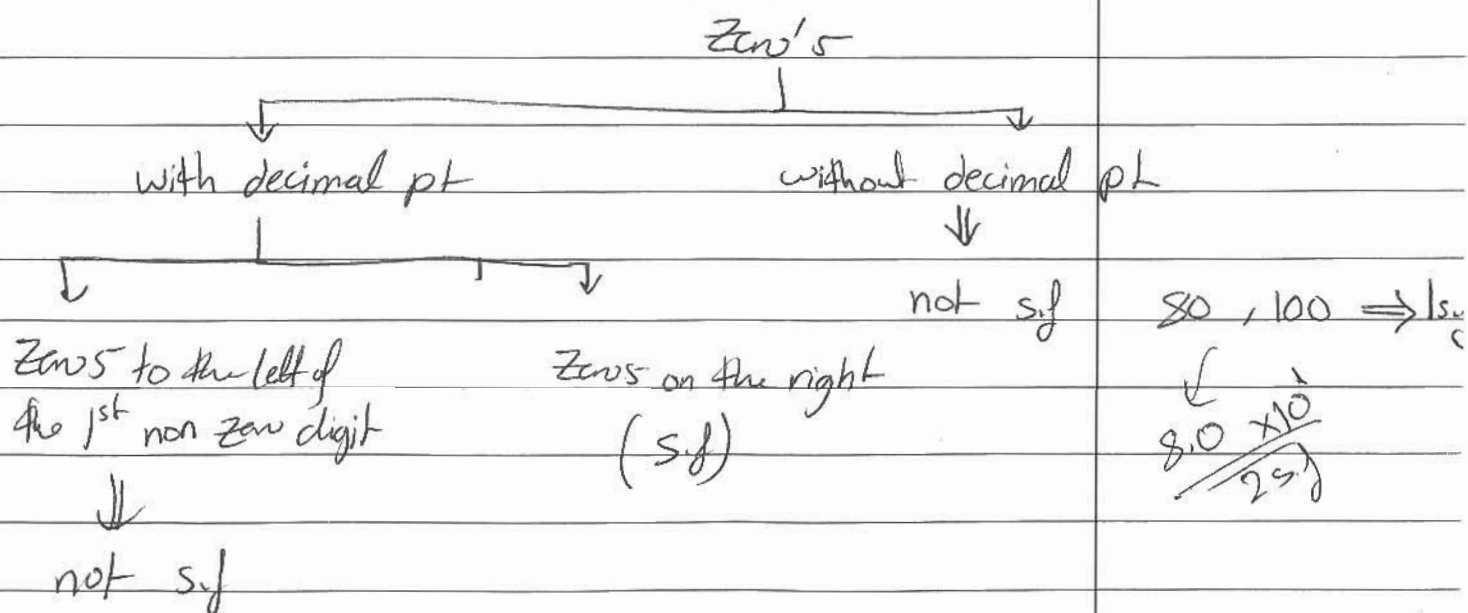
- All physical quantity must be written in a suitable significant figures.

- The s.f are all the figures upto and including the figure which is uncertain

Example $3.4 \rightarrow 2 \text{ s.f}$ $3.45 \rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$ $34 \rightarrow 2 \text{ s.f}$
 $0.01 \rightarrow 1 \text{ s.f}$ $0010 \rightarrow 1 \text{ s.f}$ $00102 \rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$
 $1.00 \rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$ $1.20 \rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$ $100 \rightarrow 1 \text{ s.f}$

1) All non-zero digits are significant

2) Zero's between non-zero digits are s.f $303 \rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$



$1000 \pm 20 \Rightarrow 3 \text{ s.f}$, 4.70 ± 0.03

* Uncertainty should be rounded to 1 s.f unless the leading digit in the uncertainty is one, you must left the uncertainty with 2 s.f

- Each measured value must be written in a suitable significant figures

⇒ s.f reflect the precision

$$3.4 \pm \underline{\underline{0.2}}$$

⇒ $L = (77.2 \pm 0.1) \text{ cm}$ high precision

$L = (76.7 \pm 0.5) \text{ cm}$ high accuracy

$$L_{\text{accepted}} = 76.9 \text{ cm}$$

* Rounding

① If 1st non-s.f $> 5 \rightarrow$ last s.f + 1 (round up)

② If 1st non-s.f $< 5 \rightarrow$ last s.f remains the same

③ If the 1st non-s.f = 5 and no numbers after it
Last s.f odd \rightarrow round up

Last s.f even \rightarrow keep the same (round down)

④ If the 1st non-s.f = 5 and there's numbers after it you must round up all the time

examples

$$4.37 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 4.4$$

$$4.32 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 4.3$$

$$4.35 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 4.4$$

$$4.25 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 4.2$$

$$4.352 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 4.4$$

$$4.3565 \xrightarrow{3 \text{ s.f.}} 4.36$$

$$4.2251 \xrightarrow{3 \text{ s.f.}} 4.23$$

$$299 \xrightarrow{2 \text{ s.f.}} 3.0 \times 10^2$$

* Addition and Subtraction
(the fewest decimal places)

Limits the number of decimal place in the result

$$1.21 + 2 = 3$$

* Multiplication and division / Square root function
(the fewest s.f. limits the number of s.f. of the result)

* Trigonometric functions-

of s.f. of the result must equal the number of s.f. in θ

$$R = \sin \theta, R = \cos \theta$$

* Natural Logarithm $\ln x$ } # of s.f. in the result
Exponential e^x } equal to # of s.f. of x

Example $\cos(35^\circ) = 0.81915 = 0.82$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2.3 \times 4.57}{1.2}} = \sqrt{8.75916} = 2.96 = 3.0$$

$$\ln(0.2) = -1.609 \sim -2$$

* Uncertainties in calculated values

I Addition and subtraction (+/-)

$$R = x \pm y, \Delta R = \Delta x + \Delta y$$

(Errors always add)

Constants like $\pi \Rightarrow$ we don't account it as s.f.

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s.f.

(2) Multiplication and Division (\times, \div)

$$A = xy = R$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{x \Delta y}{A} + \frac{y \Delta x}{A}$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y}$$

If we take $R = x/y = xy^{-1}$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{x \cdot (-1)y^{-2} \Delta y}{R} = \frac{y^{-1} \Delta x}{R}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta y}{y} + \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

In general $R = XYZ$, $R = XY/Z$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y} + \frac{\Delta z}{z}$$

(3) Constant multiplier

$$+1 \quad - \quad x/x$$

$$R = ax + by$$

$$\Delta R = a \Delta x + b \Delta y$$

(constant remains)

$$R = axy$$

$$\Delta R = ax \Delta y + ay \Delta x$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y}$$

(constant disappeared)

example

$$A = (57 \pm 2) \text{ cm}, \quad B = (23 \pm 2) \text{ cm}$$

① $R = A - 2B$

$$R = 11 \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta R = \Delta A + 2\Delta B = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$R = (11 \pm 6) \text{ cm}$$

② $R = \frac{6x}{y}$, $R = 14.869$ ($x=A, y=B$)

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \left[\frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right] \Rightarrow \Delta R = 1.8$$

$$R = (14.9 \pm 1.8) \text{ cm}$$

[4] Raising to a power

$$R = x^n y^m$$

$$\Delta R = |x^m y^{m-1} \Delta y| + |y^m n x^{n-1} \Delta x|$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \left| m \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right| + \left| n \frac{\Delta x}{x} \right|$$

example $R = z^2 y^3 / x^4 = z^2 y^3 x^{-4}$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = 2 \frac{\Delta z}{z} + 3 \frac{\Delta y}{y} + 4 \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

[5] other functions

Trigonometric

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Natural length

$$R = \ln x$$

$$\Delta R = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

Exponential

$$R = e^x$$

$$\Delta R = e^x \Delta x$$

$$R = e^{2x} \Rightarrow \Delta R = e^{2x} 2 \Delta x$$

** If the angle is measured in degrees, you should convert it to radians by multiply it by $\pi/180$

example $\theta = 80^\circ \pm 1^\circ$, $\sin \theta = ??$

$$\sin 80 = 0.984810$$

$$\Delta R = \cos \theta \Delta \theta \frac{\pi}{180}$$

$$\cos 80 \frac{\pi}{180} \times 1 = 0.00303 \sim 0.003$$

$$\sin \theta = (0.985 \pm 0.003)$$

General Rule

$$R(x, y, z)$$

$$\Delta R = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right| \Delta x + \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right| \Delta y + \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \right| \Delta z$$

example $R = x^2 y^3 \sin(x+z)$

$$\text{let } \sin(x+z) = A$$

$$R = x^2 y^3 A$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = 2 \frac{\Delta x}{x} + 3 \frac{\Delta y}{y} + \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$A = \sin(x+z)$$

$$\text{let } B = x+z, \Delta B = \Delta x + \Delta z$$

$$\Delta A = \cos(x+z) [\Delta x + \Delta z]$$

General Rule

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta R = & |2xy^3 \sin(x+z) + x^2 y^3 \cos(x+z)| \Delta x \\ & + |3x^2 y^2 \sin(x+z)| \Delta y \\ & + |x^2 y^3 \cos(x+z)| \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

example $d = \{20.1, 20.2, 19.8, 20.2\} \text{ cm}$

Volume of the sphere

$$(\bar{d} \pm \Delta d) = (20.075 \pm 0.0946)$$

$$\Delta d = 0.18929$$

$$(\bar{d} \pm \Delta d) = (20.08 \pm 0.09) \text{ cm}$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left(\frac{20.08}{2} \right)^3 = 4237.1079 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\sim 4237 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = 3 \frac{\Delta d}{\bar{d}} = 3 \left(\frac{0.09}{20.08} \right)$$

$$\Delta V = 56.97 \sim 60 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V \pm \Delta V = (4240 \pm 60) \text{ cm}^3$$

* $r = (10.05, 10.1, 9.9, 10.1)$ *

$$(r \pm \Delta r) = (10.0375 \pm 0.0473)$$

$$(10.04 \pm 0.05)$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = 4237.108 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\Delta V = V \frac{3 \Delta r}{r} \sim 59.8995 \sim 60$$

$$(4240 \pm 60) \text{ cm}^3$$

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

- 1) All non-zero digits are significant,
12.3 has 3 S.F, 549 has 3 S.F.
- 2) Zeros between non-zero digits are significant,
1.03 has 3 S.F, 4023 has 4 S.F.
- 3) Zeros at the end of a number are significant (for numbers with decimal point),
2.00 has 3 S.F, 0.050 has 2 S.F.
- 4) Zeros to the left of the first non zero digit are not significant,
0.84 has 2 S.F.
- 5) Zeros at the end of a number without a decimal point are ambiguous,
80 may have 1 or 2 S.F.
This number must be reported in scientific notation, 8×10^1 has 1 S.F but 8.0×10^1 has 2 S.F.

Adding or subtracting quantities:

$$36.3 + 56.32 = 92.62 = 92.3 \text{ (the number with less decimals)}$$

$$12.4 + 16.57 + 17.4312 = 46.4012 = 46.4$$

$$18.641 - 12.33 = 6.311 = 6.31 \text{ (the number with less decimals)}$$

Multiplying or dividing measured quantities:

$$6.8 * 5.32 = 36.176 = 36 \text{ (the number with less S.F)}$$

$$5.733 * 5.14 * 7.2111 = 212.493955 = 212$$

$$17.2 \div 13.33 = 1.29032258 = 1.29 \text{ (the number with less S.F)}$$

Note : when we use exact numbers in calculation like π (3.14) or any other constants we don't account it as significant figures.