

### ERROR PROPAGATION EXERCISES

Determine the calculated value using the given values in the given equations. Be sure to include the units in your answer. Using the error propagation method described above, calculate the percent error in the calculated value. For this exercise, answers should be with the proper number of significant figures and your percent error is to be given to two significant figures.

Hand in this answer sheet. Work the problems neatly on scratch paper and staple your work to this sheet.

1.  $A=xy$ ,  $x=3.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}$ ,  $y=4.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}$   $\frac{12\text{cm}^2}{7.0\text{cm}} \pm 4.2\%$
2.  $f=x+y$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  given in problem # 1  $7.0\text{cm} \pm 0.2\%$
3.  $f=x-y$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  given in problem # 1  $-1.0\text{cm} \pm 14\%$
4.  $z=3x+2y$ , for  $x$  and  $y$  given in problem # 1  $17 \pm 2.1\%$
5.  $g = \frac{2h}{t^2}$  for  $h=2.00\text{m} \pm 3\%$ ,  $t=0.630\text{s} \pm 4\%$   $10.1\text{m/s} \pm 8.5\%$
6.  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{M}{k}}$ ,  $M=2.5\text{Kg} \pm 6\%$ ,  $k=\frac{100\text{N}}{\text{m}} \pm 2\%$   $0.19\frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \pm 3.2\%$
7.  $d = \left(\frac{5.00}{\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{g}}\right)(Mg^2)$ ,  $M=30.0\text{g} \pm 2\%$ ,  $L=(20.3 \pm 0.2)\text{cm}$   $1.25 \times 10^6 \pm 3.6\%$
8.  $z = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $x=3.0\text{cm} \pm 2\%$ ,  $y=4.0\text{cm} \pm 2\%$   $25\text{cm}^2 \pm 2.9\%$
9.  $z = \frac{5a^2 - (2\text{cm})b^2}{C}$ ,  $a=2.0\text{cm} \pm 1\%$ ,  $b=3.0\text{cm} \pm 1\%$ ,  $C=11.0\text{cm} \pm 2\%$   $\frac{2.0\text{cm}^2}{0.17\text{m}} \pm 5.9\%$
10.  $h=d\sin\theta$ ,  $d=1.00\text{m} \pm 0.05\text{m}$ ,  $\theta=10^\circ \pm 1^\circ$   $0.17\text{m} \pm 11\%$

Hint: Convert  $1^\circ$  to radians

$$1) A=xy, x=3.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}, y=4.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}$$

$$\frac{\delta A}{A} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{\delta A}{\delta x} \delta x}{(A)^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{\delta A}{\delta y} \delta y}{(A)^2}\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{\delta A}{\delta x} = \frac{dA}{dx} \Big|_{y\text{ constant}} = \frac{d}{dx} xy = y$$

$$\frac{\delta A}{\delta y} = \frac{dA}{dy} \Big|_{x\text{ constant}} = \frac{d}{dy} xy = x$$

$$\frac{\delta A}{A} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{y\delta x}{xy}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x\delta y}{xy}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta y}{y}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.1}{4}\right)^2} = \sqrt{.0011 + .000625} = 0.0416653$$

$$= 0.04166 \times 100\% = \boxed{4.2\%}$$

$$2) f = x + y, x = 3.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}$$

$$y = 4.0\text{cm} \pm 0.1\text{cm}$$

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$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \delta x}{f}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{\delta f}{\delta y} \delta y}{f}\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{\delta f}{\delta x} = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{y \text{ const.}} = \frac{d}{dx} x + y = 1$$

$$\frac{\delta f}{\delta y} = \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_{x \text{ const.}} = \frac{d}{dy} x + y = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta f}{f} &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta x}{x+y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta y}{x+y}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.1}{3.0+4.0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.1}{3.0+4.0}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{0.000408} = 0.020199 = \boxed{2.0\%} \end{aligned}$$

$$3) f = x - y$$

$$x = 3.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$y = 4.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \delta x}{f}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{\delta f}{\delta y} \delta y}{f}\right)^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \right|_{y \text{ const.}} = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{y \text{ const.}} = \frac{d}{dx} x - y = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\delta f}{\delta y} \right|_{x \text{ const.}} = \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_{x \text{ const.}} = \frac{d}{dy} x - y = -1$$

$$x_{const} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \bigg|_{x_{const}} = \frac{d}{dy} x - y = -1$$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta x}{x-y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-\delta y}{x-y}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.1}{3-4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-0.1}{3-4}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.01 + 0.01} = 0.14142 = \boxed{14\%}$$

$$4) z = 3x + 2y$$

$$x = 3.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$y = 4.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\delta z}{z} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{\delta z}{\delta x} \delta x}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{\delta z}{\delta y} \delta y}{z}\right)^2}$$

$$y_{const} = \frac{\delta z}{\delta x} = \frac{dz}{dx} \bigg|_{y_{const}} = \frac{d}{dx} (3x + 2y) = 3$$

$$x_{\text{const}} = \frac{\delta z}{\delta y} = \left. \frac{dz}{dy} \right|_{x_{\text{const}}} = \frac{d}{dy}(3x+2y) = 2$$

$$= \frac{\delta z}{z} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3\delta x}{3x+2y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2\delta y}{3x+2y}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.00031419 + 0.000138408} =$$

$$= \sqrt{0.000449827} = 0.021209 = \boxed{2.1\%}$$

$$5) g = \frac{2h}{t^2}$$

$$h = 2.00\text{m} \pm 3\%$$

$$t = 0.630\text{s} \pm 4\%$$

$$g = \frac{2h}{t^2} \Rightarrow t^{-2} 2h$$

$$= h = 2.00\text{m} \pm 0.06\text{m}$$

$$t = 0.630 \pm 0.0252$$

$$\frac{\delta g}{g} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{\delta g}{\delta h} \delta h}{g}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{\delta g}{\delta t} \delta t}{g}\right)^2}$$

$$t_{\text{const}} = \frac{\delta g}{\delta h} = \frac{dg}{dh} \Big|_{t_{\text{const}}} = \frac{d}{dh} t^{-2} 2h = \frac{2}{t^2}$$

$$h_{\text{const}} = \frac{\delta g}{\delta t} = \frac{dg}{dt} \Big|_{h_{\text{const}}} = \frac{d}{dt} t^{-2} 2h = \frac{-4h}{t^3}$$

$$\frac{\delta g}{g} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{2}{t^2} dh}{\frac{2h}{t^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{-4h}{t^3} dt}{\frac{2h}{t^2}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\frac{2(0.06)}{(0.630)^2}}{\frac{2(2)}{(0.630)^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\frac{-4(2)(0.02)}{(0.630)^2}}{\frac{(2)(2)}{(0.630)^2}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.12}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-0.2016}{2.52}\right)^2} = \sqrt{0.0004 + 0.0064}$$

$$= 0.08544 = \boxed{8.5\%}$$