

1 (a) Define *density*.

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(b) Fig. 1.1 shows a solid pyramid with a square base.

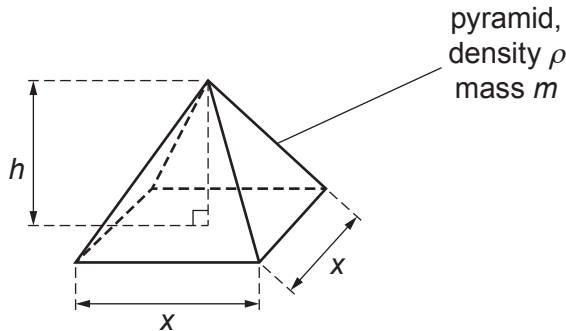


Fig. 1.1

The mass  $m$  of the pyramid is given by

$$m = \frac{1}{3}\rho hx^2$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the material of the pyramid,  
 $h$  is the height, and  
 $x$  is the length of each side of the base.

Measurements are taken as shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

quantity	measurement	percentage uncertainty
$m$	19.5 g	$\pm 2\%$
$x$	4.0 cm	$\pm 5\%$
$h$	4.8 cm	$\pm 4\%$

(i) Calculate the absolute uncertainty in length  $x$ .

absolute uncertainty = ..... cm [1]

(ii) The density  $\rho$  is calculated from the measurements in Table 1.1.

Determine the percentage uncertainty in the calculated value of  $\rho$ .

percentage uncertainty = ..... % [2]

(c) The square base of the pyramid in (b) rests on the horizontal surface of a bench.

data from Table 1.1 to calculate the average pressure of the pyramid on the surface of the bench. The uncertainty in your answer is not required.

pressure = ..... Pa [3]

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