

1 (a) Define *density*.

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

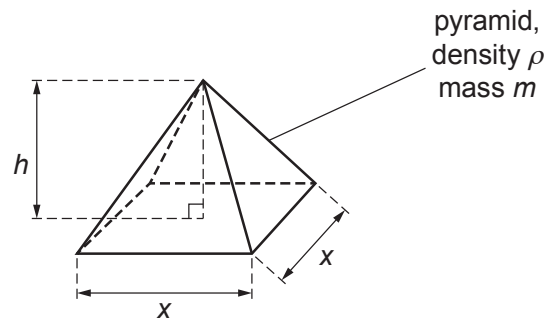


Fig. 1.1

The mass m of the pyramid is given by

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

where ρ 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 | 19.5g | $\pm 2\%$ |
| x | 4.0cm | $\pm 5\%$ |
| h | 4.8cm | $\pm 4\%$ |

(i) Calculate the absolute uncertainty in length x .

absolute uncertainty = cm [1]

- (ii) The density ρ is calculated from the measurements in Table 1.1.

Determine the percentage uncertainty in the calculated value of ρ .

percentage uncertainty = % [2]

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

Use 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]