

- 1 A student proposes that the speed  $v$  of a sound wave through a gas of pressure  $P$  and density  $\rho$  is given by the equation

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{kP}{3\rho}}$$

where  $k$  is a constant with no unit.

An experiment is performed to determine the value of  $k$ . The data from the experiment are shown in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1**

quantity	value	
$v$	$3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	percentage uncertainty = $\pm 8\%$
$P$	$9.9 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$	fractional uncertainty = $\pm 0.07$
$\rho$	$1.29 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$	absolute uncertainty = $0.09 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

- (a) Use data from Table 1.1 to calculate  $k$ .

$k = \dots\dots\dots [1]$

- (b) Use your answer in (a) and data from Table 1.1 to determine the value of  $k$ , with its absolute uncertainty, to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$k = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots [3]$

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- (c) It is proposed in that in the presence of wind, the actual speed  $u$  of the sound wave of frequency  $f$  is

$$u = v + fA$$

Derive the unit for  $A$ .

unit = ..... [2]

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