

- 1 The Poiseuille equation relating the volume flow rate $\frac{V}{t}$ of a fluid under laminar conditions through a horizontal tube of length L and internal radius r is

$$\frac{V}{t} = \frac{\pi p r^4}{8\eta L}$$

where p is the pressure difference between the two ends of the tube and η is the viscosity of the fluid.

- (a) Show that the SI base units for η is $\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$.

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- (b) In an experiment to determine η for water, a student recorded the following measurements in SI units, as shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

quantity	magnitude in SI units	percentage uncertainty / %
$\frac{V}{t}$	1.0×10^{-6}	3
p	500	2
L	0.20	0.5

The internal diameter of the tube was measured and recorded as (0.200 ± 0.002) cm.

- (i) Calculate the percentage uncertainty in the internal radius r of the tube.

percentage uncertainty = % [1]

- (ii) Using the results in Table 1.1 and **(b)(i)**, determine η with its associated uncertainty. Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$\eta = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [4]

- (iii) State and explain which measured quantity has the greatest contribution to the uncertainty of η .

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