

The equation connecting object distance u , image distance v and focal length f for a lens is

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}.$$

A student measures values of u and v , with their associated uncertainties. These are

$$u = 50 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm},$$

$$v = 200 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm}.$$

He calculates the value of f as 40 mm.

What is the uncertainty in this value?

A $\pm 2.1 \text{ mm}$

B $\pm 3.4 \text{ mm}$

C $\pm 4.5 \text{ mm}$

D $\pm 6.8 \text{ mm}$