

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**  $\pm 6.8 \text{ mm}$