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## Assignment 2

@ Error percentage =  $\pm 1.5\%$

$$= \pm \frac{1.5}{100}$$

$$= \pm 0.015$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times a \times b$$

$$= \frac{ab}{2}$$

$$\Delta A = \frac{\Delta A}{a} \Delta a + \frac{\Delta A}{b} \Delta b$$

$$= \frac{b}{2} [\pm 0.015a] + \frac{a}{2} [\pm 0.015b]$$

$$= \frac{ab}{2} [\pm 0.015] + \frac{ab}{2} [\pm 0.015]$$

$$\text{but } A = \frac{ab}{2}$$

$$\therefore \Delta A = A [\pm 0.015] + A [\pm 0.015]$$

$$= A [\pm 0.015 + (\pm 0.015)]$$

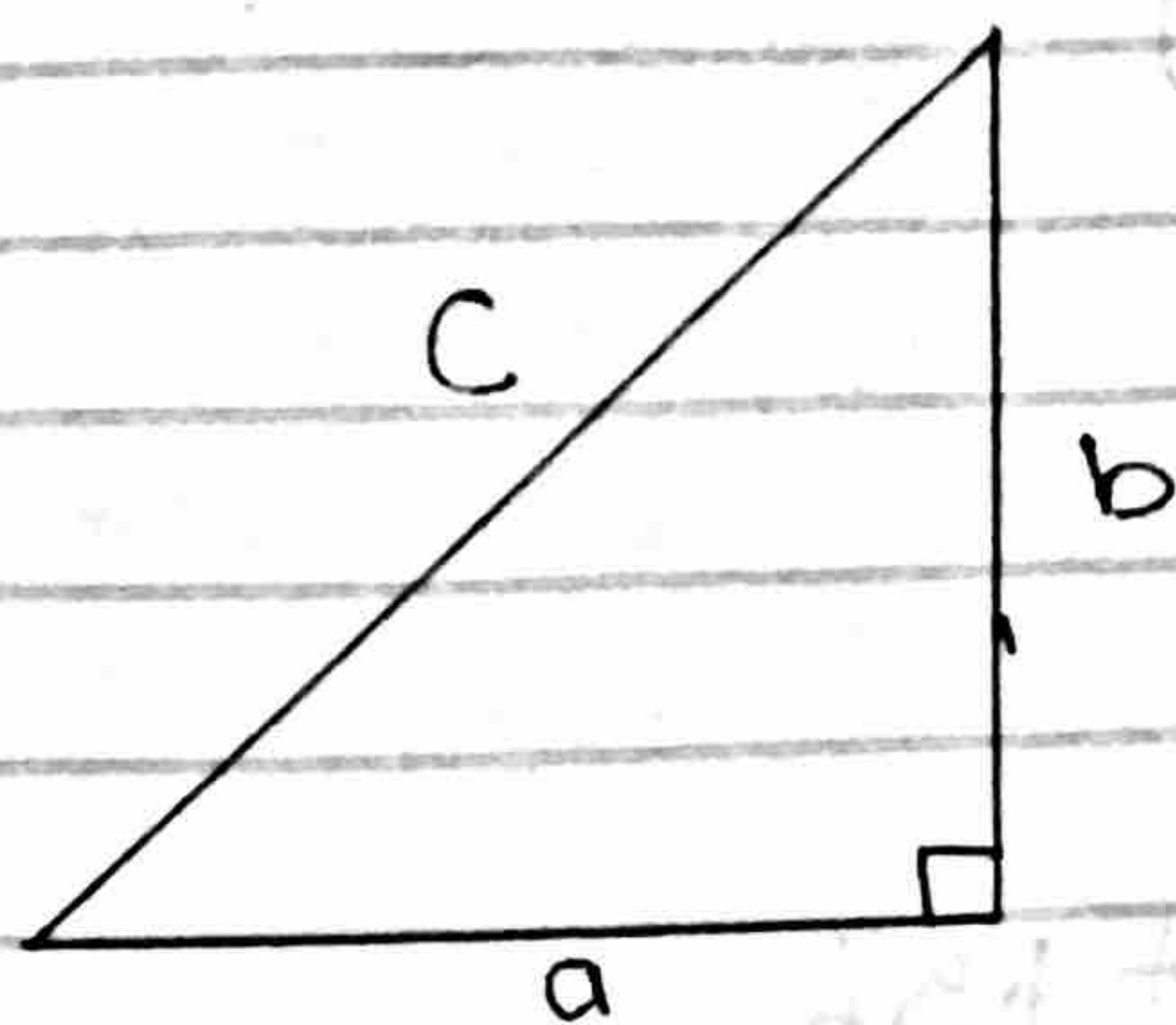
$$= A [\pm 0.03]$$

$$= \pm A 0.03$$

$$= \pm A 3\%$$

$$\therefore \Delta A = \pm A 3\% \text{ or } \pm A 0.03$$

(b) length of hypotenuse = c



from Pythagoras theorem

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$
$$= (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}$$

Possible error =  $\pm 0.015$

$$dc = \frac{dc}{da} \cdot da + \frac{dc}{db} \cdot db$$

$$\frac{dc}{da} \cdot da = \frac{1}{2} (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (2a) \cdot (\pm 0.015a)$$
$$= (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \cdot a \cdot (\pm 0.015a)$$
$$= \frac{a}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \cdot (\pm 0.015a)$$
$$= \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \cdot \pm 0.015$$

$$\frac{dc}{db} \cdot db = \frac{1}{2} (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (2b) \cdot (\pm 0.015b)$$
$$= (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \cdot b \cdot (\pm 0.015b)$$
$$= \frac{b}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \cdot (\pm 0.015b)$$
$$= \pm \frac{b^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \cdot 0.015$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \Delta C &= \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} (\pm 0.015) + \frac{b^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} (\pm 0.015) \\
&= \frac{\pm a^2(0.015)}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{\pm b^2(0.015)}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \\
&= \pm \frac{a^2(0.015) + b^2(0.015)}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \\
&= \pm \frac{a^2 + b^2(0.015)}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \\
&= \pm \frac{(a^2 + b^2)' (0.015)}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}}
\end{aligned}$$

from laws of indices

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta C &= \pm (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (0.015) \\
&= \pm (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} \cdot (0.015)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{but } (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} = C$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \Delta C &= \pm C \cdot 0.015 \\
&= \pm C 0.015 \\
&= \pm C 1.5\%
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta C = \pm C 1.5\% \text{ or } \pm C 0.015$$