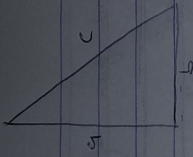


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 ENG 281 Assignment



1. area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{2} \times ab = \frac{ab}{2}$

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

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta a} = \frac{b}{2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta b} = \frac{a}{2}$$

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

$$\Delta a = \pm 15/100$$

$$= \pm 0.159$$

$$\Delta b = 15/100$$

$$= \pm 0.156$$

$$\Delta A = \pm \frac{b}{2} \cdot 0.159 \pm \frac{a}{2} \cdot 0.156$$

$$\Delta A = \pm 7 \pm 6(0.0075) \pm 6(0.0075)$$

$$\Delta A = \pm 2.0 \pm 0.6(0.0675)$$

$$\Delta A = \pm 1.5$$

$$\Delta A = \pm \frac{ab}{2} \cdot 0.015 \pm \frac{ab}{2} \cdot 0.015$$

Recall: since  $A = \frac{ab}{2}$

$$\Delta A = \pm A \cdot 0.015 \pm A \cdot 0.015$$

$$= \pm A(0.03)$$

$$\Delta A = \pm A \cdot 0.03$$

The change in area A is  $\pm 0.03$  or 3%.

2. Length of hypotenuse given  $a$  and  $b$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

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

Let  $a^2 + b^2 = u$

$$\frac{dc}{du} = \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\frac{du}{da} = 2a$$

$$\frac{du}{db} = 2b$$

$$\frac{dc}{da} = \frac{dc}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{da} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \times 2a$$

$$= \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\frac{dc}{db} = \frac{dc}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{db} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \times 2b$$

$$= \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\delta a = \pm 1.5\% a$$

$$= \pm 0.015 a$$

$$\delta b = \pm 1.5\% b$$

$$= \pm 0.015 b$$

$$\delta c = \frac{dc}{da} \cdot \delta a + \frac{dc}{db} \cdot \delta b$$

$$= \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot 0.015 a \pm \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot 0.015 b$$

$$= \pm \frac{a^2 \cdot 0.015}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{b^2 \cdot 0.015}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$z \pm (a^2 + b^2) \left( \frac{0.015}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)$$

$$\text{If } \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = c$$

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

$$\therefore z \pm c^2 = \frac{0.015}{c}$$

$$z \pm c \cdot 0.015$$

$$z \pm 1.5\% \text{ of } c$$

The change in length of the hypotenuse,  $c$ , is  $\pm 1.5\%$