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 1st/2nd/3rd  
 Mathematics Engineering  
 Maths

① Area of a triangle  
 $A = \frac{1}{2}ab$

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

$$\therefore = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \delta a + \frac{a}{2} \cdot \delta b$$

$$\delta a = \pm \frac{0.5a}{100}$$

$$\delta b = \pm \frac{0.5b}{100}$$

$$= \frac{b}{2} \left( \frac{\pm 0.5a}{100} \right) + \frac{a}{2} \left( \frac{\pm 0.5b}{100} \right)$$

Factoring out  $\frac{ab}{2}$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{ab}{2} \pm \left( \frac{1}{100} \right)$$

$$\text{But Area} = \frac{ab}{2}$$

$$\therefore \pm A = \frac{1}{100}$$

② The length of hypotenuse and length

$$\text{Recall } h = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\delta h = \frac{\delta h}{\delta a} \cdot \delta a + \frac{\delta h}{\delta b} \cdot \delta b$$

Let  $h = \sqrt{u}$  , where  $u = a^2 + b^2$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial a} = 2a$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial b} = 2b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \delta h &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \left( \frac{\pm 1.5a}{100} \right) + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \left( \frac{\pm 1.5b}{100} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pm 1.5a^2}{100\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{\pm 1.5b^2}{100\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \end{aligned}$$

by factorization,

$$\delta h = \frac{\pm 1.5}{100} \left( \frac{a^2+b^2}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right)$$

$$\delta h = \frac{\pm 1.5}{100} (\sqrt{a^2+b^2})$$

but  $h = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$

$$\therefore \delta h = \pm 1.5\% h$$