

PHYS 500
HANDOUT 4

1. Measuring the length L and the width d of an orthogonal parallelogram we got the following recordings (in mm):

L	24.25	24.26	24.22	24.28	24.24	24.25	24.22	24.26	24.23	24.24
d	50.36	50.35	50.41	50.37	50.36	50.32	50.39	50.38	50.36	50.38

Calculate the area of the parallelogram and its error with two different ways:

- a) From L_i , d_i calculate the average values \bar{L} , \bar{d} and their errors δL and δd , and find S and δS .
b) From L_i , d_i calculate each S_i , and from these calculate S and δS .
2. In the following examples calculate Z and δZ :

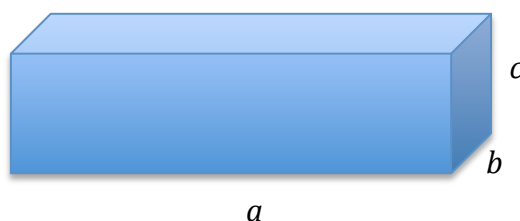
a) $Z = A^2$, $A = 25 \pm 1$, b) $Z = A - 2B$, $A = 100 \pm 3$, $B = 45 \pm 2$

c) $Z = \frac{A(C^2 + D^{3/2})}{B}$, $A = 0.100 \pm 0.003$, $B = 1.00 \pm 0.05$,
 $C = 50.0 \pm 0.5$, $D = 100 \pm 8$

d) $Z = A \ln B$, $A = 10.00 \pm 0.06$, $B = 100 \pm 2$

e) $Z = 1 - \frac{1}{A}$, $A = 50 \pm 2$.

3. We measure the sides and the mass of the metallic slab, shown in figure below and we found: $M = (135.00 \pm 0.10) gr$, $a = (80.0 \pm 1.0) mm$,
 $b = (10.0 \pm 1.0) mm$, $c = (20.00 \pm 0.10) mm$.



It is known that the moment of inertia of this body for an axis passing from the centre of the face ab and perpendicular to it is given by

$I = (1/12)M(a^2 + b^2)$. Calculate the relative error (in %) of (a) the density of the slab and (b) of the moment of inertia of the slab.