Upper and Lower Bounds. Error intervals

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Error Intervals

Fill in the numbers in the min and max columns for these error intervals

Qu.	Number	Rounding	Min	<u> </u>	Number	< Max
1	4	1 s.f.	3.5	≤	Number	< 4.5
2	20	1 s.f.		≤	Number	<
3	300	1 s.f.		≤	Number	<
4	6000	1 s.f.		≤	Number	<
5	0.4	1 s.f.		≤	Number	<
6	1.2	2 s.f.		≤	Number	<
7	28	2 s.f.		≤	Number	<
8	350	2 s.f.		≤	Number	<
9	0.36	2 s.f.		≤	Number	<
10	1.0	2 s.f.		≤	Number	<
11	15	nearest 5		≤	Number	<
12	20	nearest 10		≤	Number	<
13	300	nearest 100		≤	Number	<
14	6000	nearest 1000		≤	Number	<
15	0.4	nearest tenth		≤	Number	<
16	7	nearest whole number		≤	Number	<
17	28	nearest multiple of 4		≤	Number	<
18	350	nearest multiple of 50		۷	Number	<
19	640	nearest multiple of 20		≤	Number	<
20	1.99	to 2 dp		_<	Number	<

Choose ONE number from Box A and ONE number from Box B.

Box A

5
10

Box B
2
4

A + B A - B A x B A ÷ B Biggest Value Smallest Value

Rather than having a box with two numbers in, the two numbers come from the error interval of the number Both numbers A and B are rounded to the nearest whole number.

A = 7 the error interval is

 $6.5 \le A < 7.5$

B = 3 the error interval is

 $2.5 \le B < 3.5$

To make it like the first example you could set it up like this.

number A

7.5

6.5

number B

A + B

2.5

A - B

3.5

 $A \times B$

 $\textbf{\textit{A}}\,\div B$

Biggest Value Smallest Value

Upper and Lower Bounds

1 Both numbers A and B are rounded to the nearest whole number.

$$A = 8$$

$$B = 4$$

Biggest Value Smallest Value

$$A + B$$

A - B

AxB

 $\mathbf{A} \div \mathbf{B}$

2 Both numbers A and B are rounded to the nearest

ten.

$$A = 20$$

$$B = 10$$

$$\leq$$
 B <

Biggest Value Smallest Value

$$A + B$$

A - B

 $A \times B$

 $\mathbf{A} \div \mathbf{B}$

3 Both numbers A and B are rounded to 1 decimal place.

$$A = 6.5$$

$$B = 2.4$$

Biggest Value Smallest Value

$$A + B$$

A - B

 $A \times B$

 $\mathbf{A} \div \mathbf{B}$

4 Both numbers A and B are rounded to 1 significant figure.

$$A = 400$$

$$B = 20$$

Biggest Value Smallest Value

$$A + B$$

A - B

AXB

 $\mathbf{A} \div \mathbf{B}$

5 Rounded to the nearest whole number, A = 8 and B = 4. Find a) the minimum and b) the maximum value of

Round any answers to 2 dp

$$\frac{A+B}{A-B}$$

1) To the nearest kg the bear weighs 62 kg and the monkey 27 kg.





- a) What is the maximum possible combined weight of the two animals?
- b) What is the minimum possible combined weight of the two animals?
- c) What is the minimum possible difference between their two weights?
- d) What is the maximum possible difference between their two weights?
- e) Barry wants to transport 4 bears in his trailer. The maximum weight the trailer can handle is 250 kg to the nearest 10 kg. Can he be sure his trailer is strong enough to transport the bears?
- 2) A man weighs 60 kg to the nearest 10 kg. A chair can support 65 kg to the nearest kg. Will the chair definitely support his weight?
- 3) It is estimated that 1200 people (rounded to the nearest 100) are going to attend a concert. The concert hall holds 1250 people (rounded to the nearest 10)

 Is the hall big enough?