Answer on Question #68598-Physics-Other

The volume of a cylinder is calculated by multiplying the height by pi and the radius squared (V = $h\pi r^2$). If the percent uncertainty of the radius is 10% and the percent uncertainty of the height is 2%, what is the percent uncertainty of the volume?

Solution

The percent uncertainty of the area is

$$2\frac{\Delta r}{r} = 2(10\%) = 20\%$$

The percent uncertainty of the volume is

$$20\% = 2\% = 22\%$$
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Answer: 22%.

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