

## Approximations: Upper and Lower Bounds

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### Part B

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$$r = 4.6\text{cm (to 1dp)} \quad h = 120\text{cm (to 2sf)}$$

Find the maximum and minimum possible volumes of the cylinder.

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$$t = 20 \text{ secs ( )}$$

Find the greatest possible value for R based on these figures.

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$$S = \frac{D}{T} \quad . \quad D \text{ has been measured as } 24\text{cm (to the nearest cm), and } T \text{ as } 1.6 \text{ secs}$$

(to 1dp).

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(b) Calculate the maximum and minimum possible speeds taking into account the degree of accuracy of the measurements.

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