

LIMITS OF ACCURACY SUMMARY

If a number A is rounded to a specific *place value* then the Limits of Accuracy of A are:

$$A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}} = A + \frac{\text{place value}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} = A - \frac{\text{place value}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \leq A < A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$$

If A is multiplied by a **positive** number, k , the limits of the new number, kA become:

$$kA_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \leq kA < kA_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$$

If A is multiplied by a **negative** number, $-k$, the limits of the new number, $-kA$ become:

$$-kA_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \geq -kA > -kA_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$$

If another number B is rounded to a specific *place value* and the Limits of Accuracy of B are found as

$$B_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \leq B < B_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$$

Then the Limits of Accuracy for combinations of A and B can be found as follows:

Sum: $A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} + B_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \leq A + B < A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}} + B_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$

Difference: $A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} - B_{\text{UPPERBOUND}} \leq A - B < A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}} - B_{\text{LOWERBOUND}}$

Product: $A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \times B_{\text{LOWERBOUND}} \leq A \times B < A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}} \times B_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}$

Quotient: $\frac{A_{\text{LOWERBOUND}}}{B_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}} \leq \frac{A}{B} < \frac{A_{\text{UPPERBOUND}}}{B_{\text{LOWERBOUND}}}$