

A factory produces steel components for use by a number of different companies. The density of the steel used by the factory is  $8000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .



A particular steel cube produced by the factory has a side length of 5 cm.



Calculate the **mass** of one of these cubes. Write your answer in kilograms.

V =  $0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.05 = 0.000125 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (or } 1.25 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3\text{)}$ 

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m = \rho \times V = 8000 \times 1.25 \times 10^{-4} = 1 kq
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The factory also produces a 10 g steel ball bearing.

Calculate the radius of this ball bearing. Include the unit with your answer.

Remember that the equation for the volume of a sphere is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .

m = 0.01 kg V = m  $\div \rho$  = 0.01  $\div$  8000 = 1.25 × 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> 1.25 × 10<sup>-6</sup> =  $\frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^3$ r<sup>3</sup> = 2.98 × 10<sup>-7</sup> r = <u>6.68 × 10<sup>-3</sup> m</u> (or 0.69 cm or 6.9 mm)

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A student uses below setup to measure the density of water.



The steps which they take in their investigation are as follows:

- Use measuring cylinder to measure out 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of water
- Pour water into beaker
- Turn on and zero electronic balance
- Place beaker containing water onto balance
- Measure mass



They measured the mass of the water and the beaker, and not just the



What is the name given to this type of error?

Systematic error.

The actual density of water is  $1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . Using the incorrect method above, will the student calculate a value for the density of water which is less than or greater than this value? Explain your answer.

Greater [1]. The value which the student used for the mass of the water was higher than its actual value (as it would have included the mass of the beaker too) [1]. Therefore, as  $\rho = m \div V$ , the density value they calculated would have been higher than the true value [1].