Precision Measure of Analog Scales Wilfrid Laurier University

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Here are some examples.

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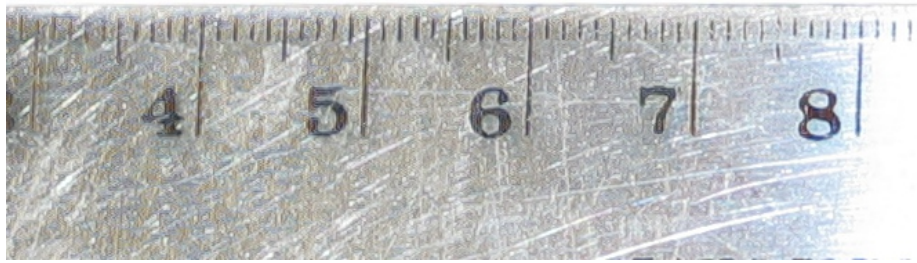

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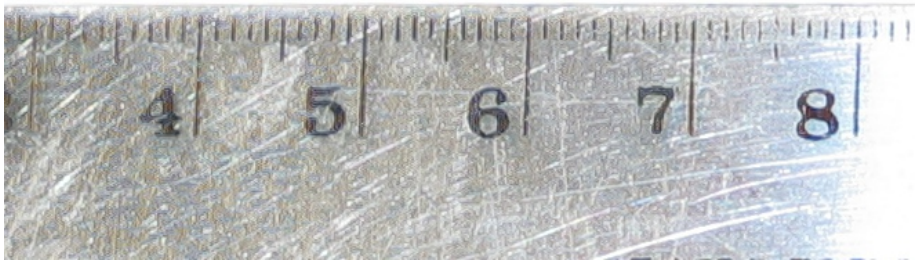

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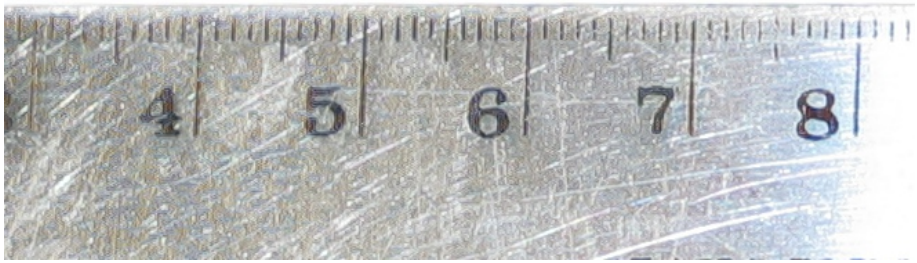

- 1 mm/division
- precision measure = 0.5 mm

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10 divisions in 10 degrees

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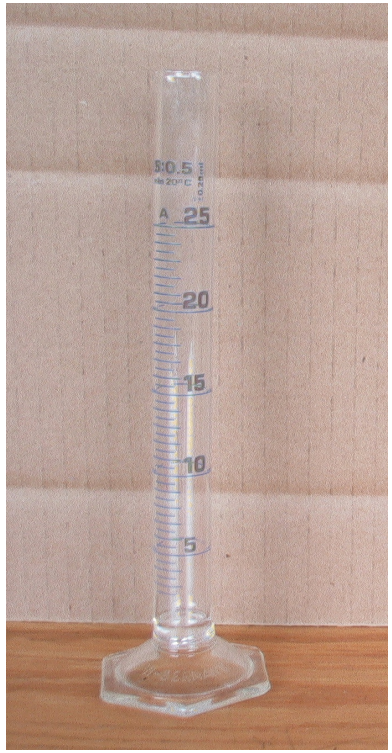

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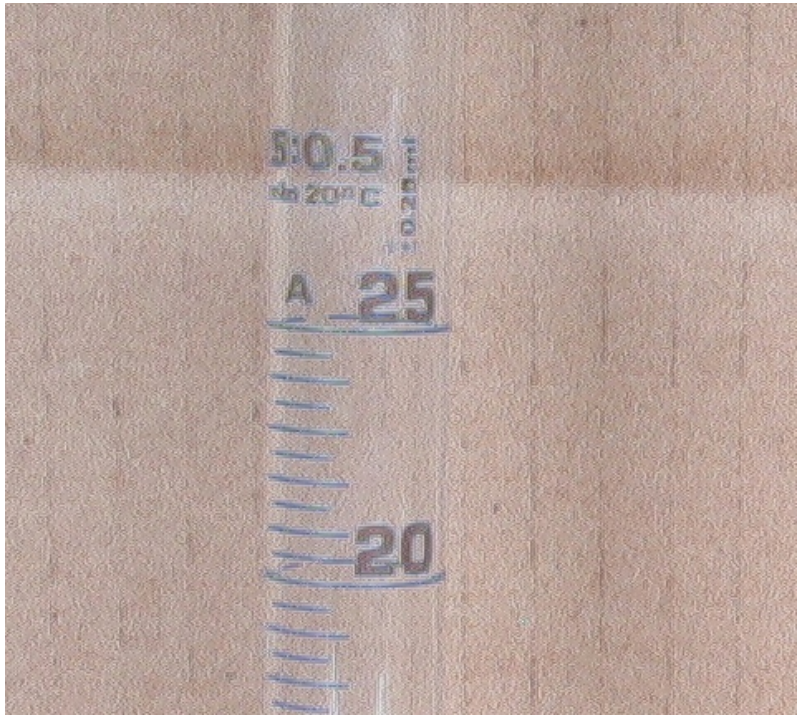

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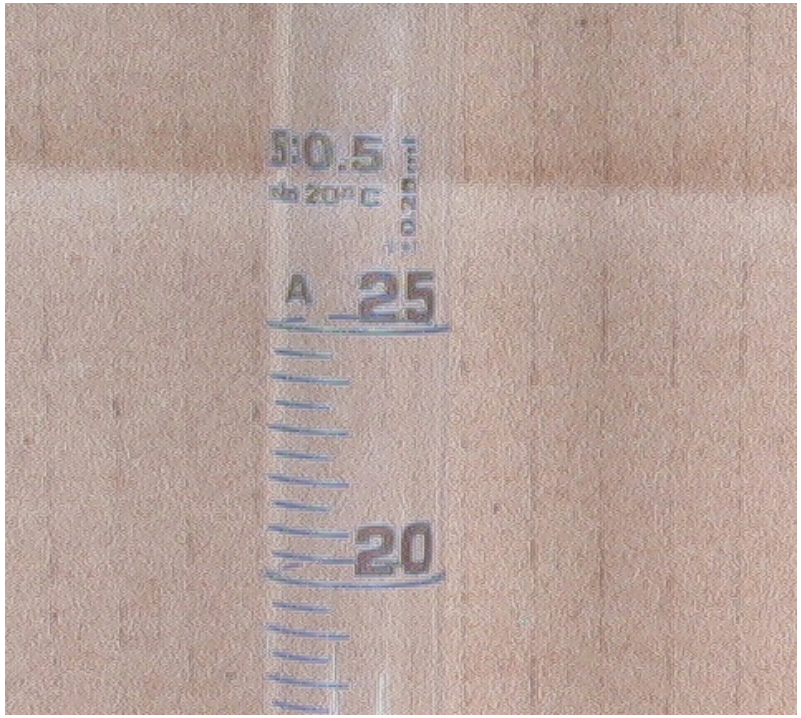

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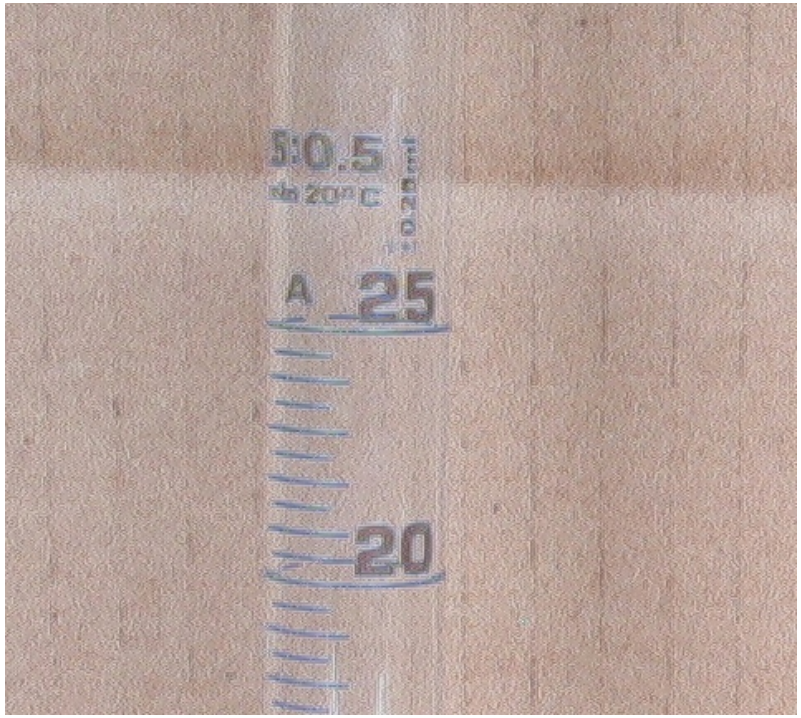

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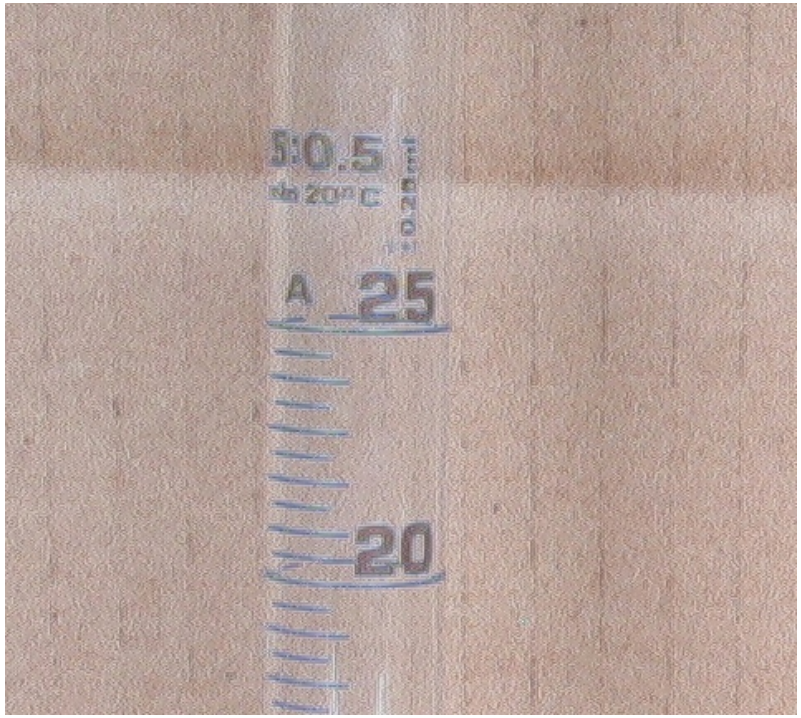

- 10 divisions in 5 ml
- 0.5 ml/division
- precision measure = 0.25 ml

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10 divisions in 100 g

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- 10 g/division

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- 10 g/division
- precision measure = 5g

10 divisions in 50 g

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- 5 g/division

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- 5 g/division
- precision measure = 2.5g

25 divisions in 50 g

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- 2 g/division

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- precision measure = 1g

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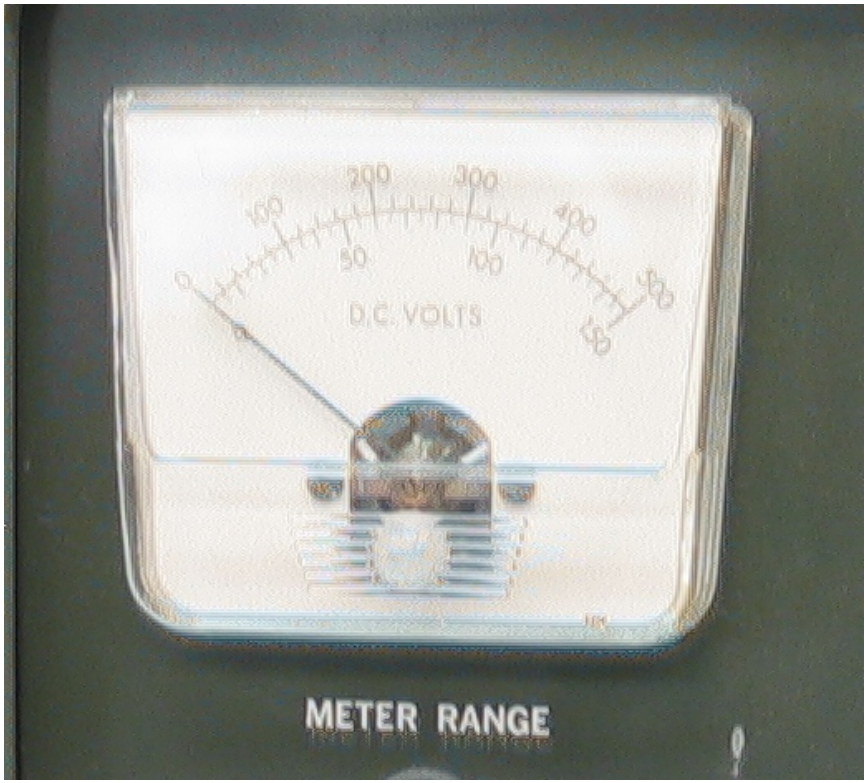

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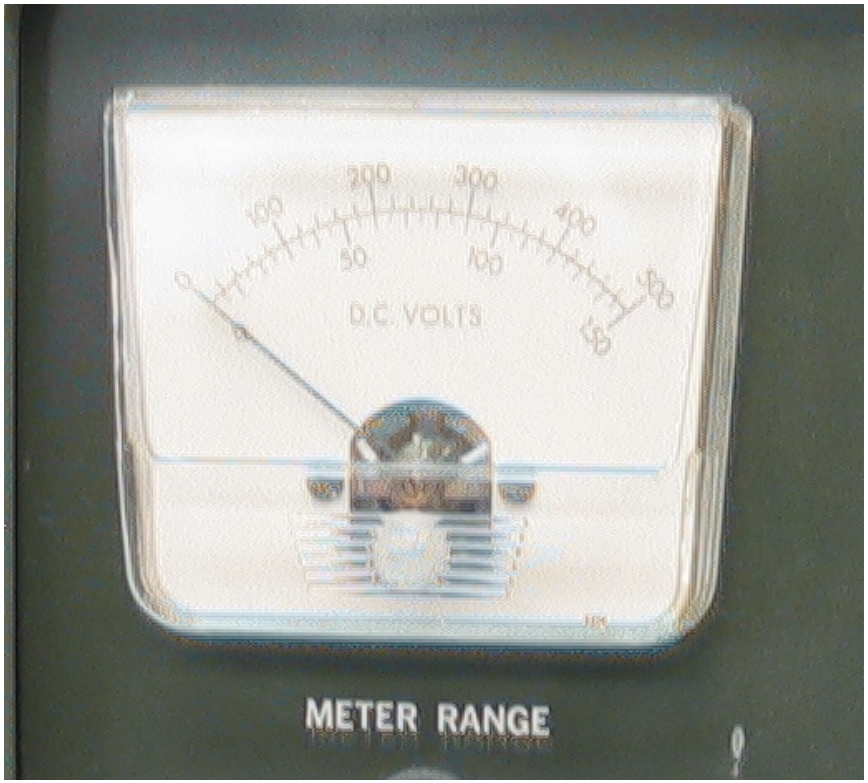

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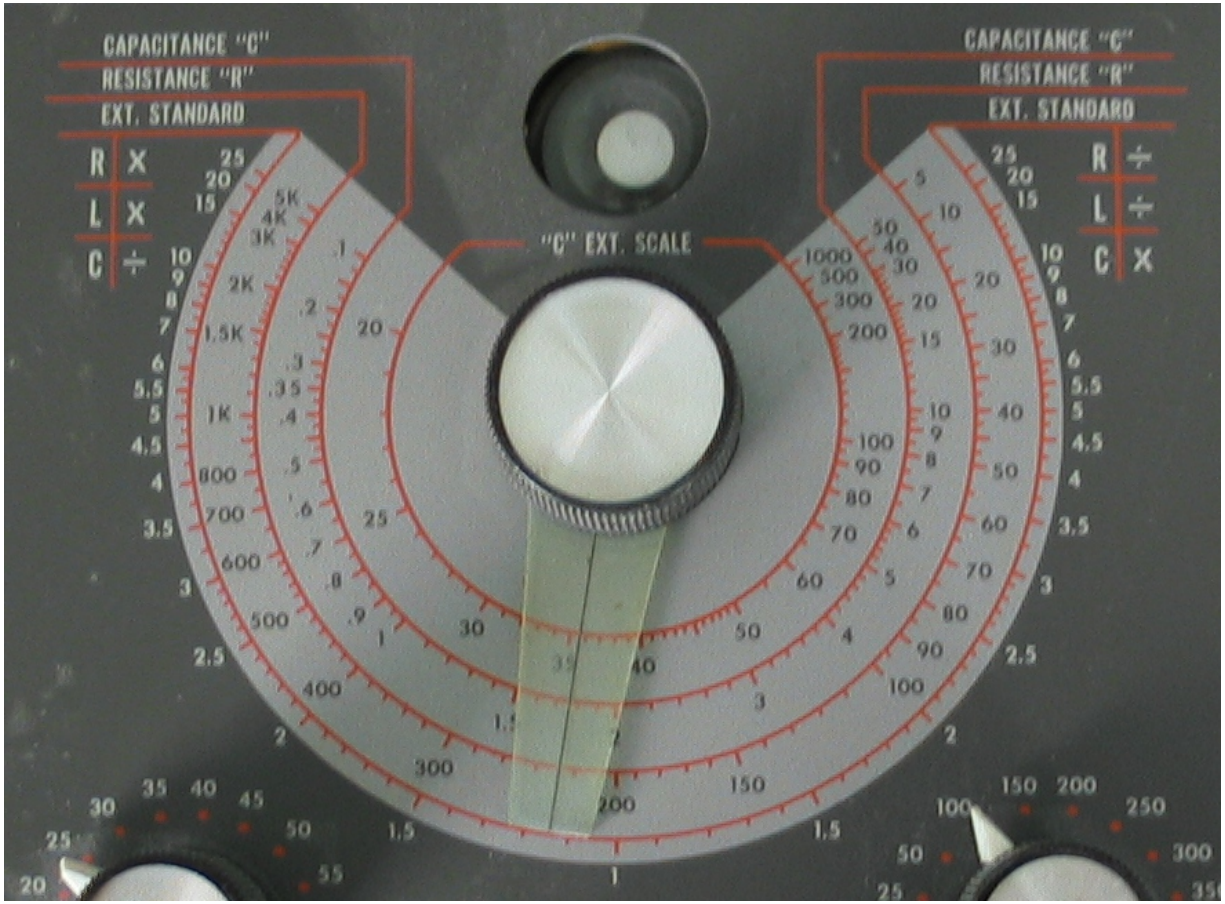

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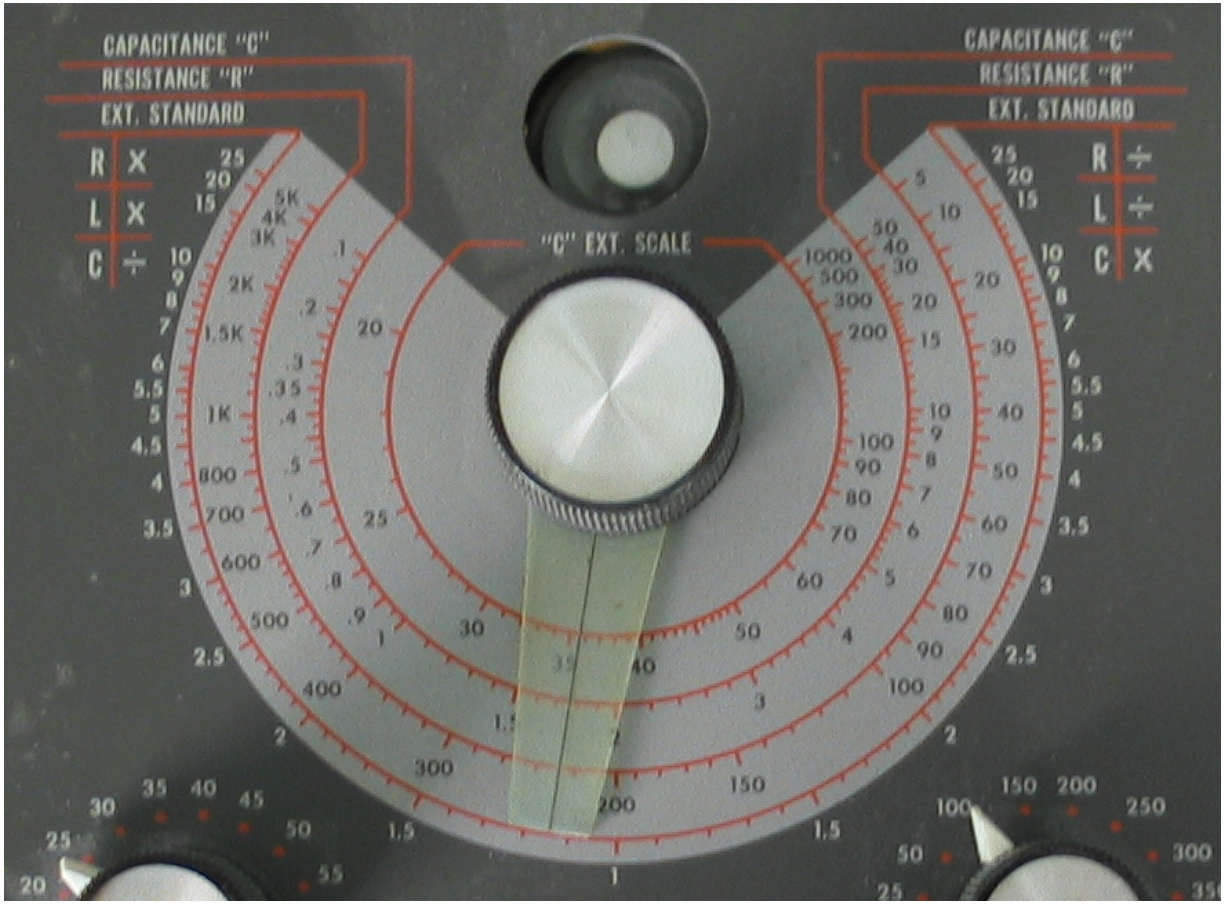

The precision measure depends on where the reading is on the scale!