

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$\frac{dR_i}{R_i} \leq .005 \leftarrow 0.5\% \text{ error in each resistance}$$

$$d(R^{-1}) = d(R_1^{-1}) + d(R_2^{-1}) + d(R_3^{-1})$$

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$$-R^{-2}dR = -R_1^{-2}dR_1 - R_2^{-2}dR_2 - R_3^{-2}dR_3$$

$$R^{-2}dR = R_1^{-2}dR_1 + R_2^{-2}dR_2 + R_3^{-2}dR_3$$

$$|R^{-2}dR| \leq R_1^{-2} \underbrace{|dR_1|}_{\leq .005 R_1} + R_2^{-2} \underbrace{|dR_2|}_{\leq .005 R_2} + R_3^{-2} \underbrace{|dR_3|}_{\leq .005 R_3}$$

$$\leq .005(R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + R_3^{-1}) = .005 R^{-1}$$

$$|dR| \leq R^2 (.005 R^{-1}) = .005 R$$

$\therefore$  total resistance has same percentage error. 0.5%

calculate  $R$  from  $R_1, R_2, R_3$ ,  
multiply by .005.