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Why d, Not e!?!?

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G-S.5.2.2.(c) - A digital value “rounds off” to the nearest minimum unit that can be indicated or recorded.

For example, a digital scale with 1 lb scale divisions (d) will round as much as 0.5 lb.

An item that weighs 6.4 lb, when weighed on that scale, would round down to 6 lb (-0.4 lb).

An item that weighs 6.5 lb, when weighed on that scale, would round up to 7 lb (+0.5 lb).

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4.4 Relative Error at Low Load Values

At low load values, the uncertainty of the indicated reading may produce a large relative error*

*Excerpt from a report titled "PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR WEIGHING DEVICE TOLERANCES" by the SMA Expanded Tolerance Subcommittee, March 5, 1981 (1981 NCWM Annual Report)

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Uncertainty

e vs d

RML = 20	e	d	Max Rounded Value d (MRV)	uncertainty MRV ÷ RML (RML 20 d)	uncertainty MRV ÷ RML (RML 20 e)
e > d	1	0.1	0.05	2.50%	Inequitable 0.25%
e = d	1	1	0.5	2.50%	2.50%

$\frac{0.05}{20\ x\ 0.1} = \frac{0.05}{2}$ = 0.25 x 100 = 2.50 %

$\frac{0.05}{20\ x\ 1} = \frac{0.05}{20}$ = 0.025 x 100 = 0.25 %

$\frac{0.5}{20\ x\ 1} = \frac{0.5}{20}$ = 0.25 x 100 = 2.50 %

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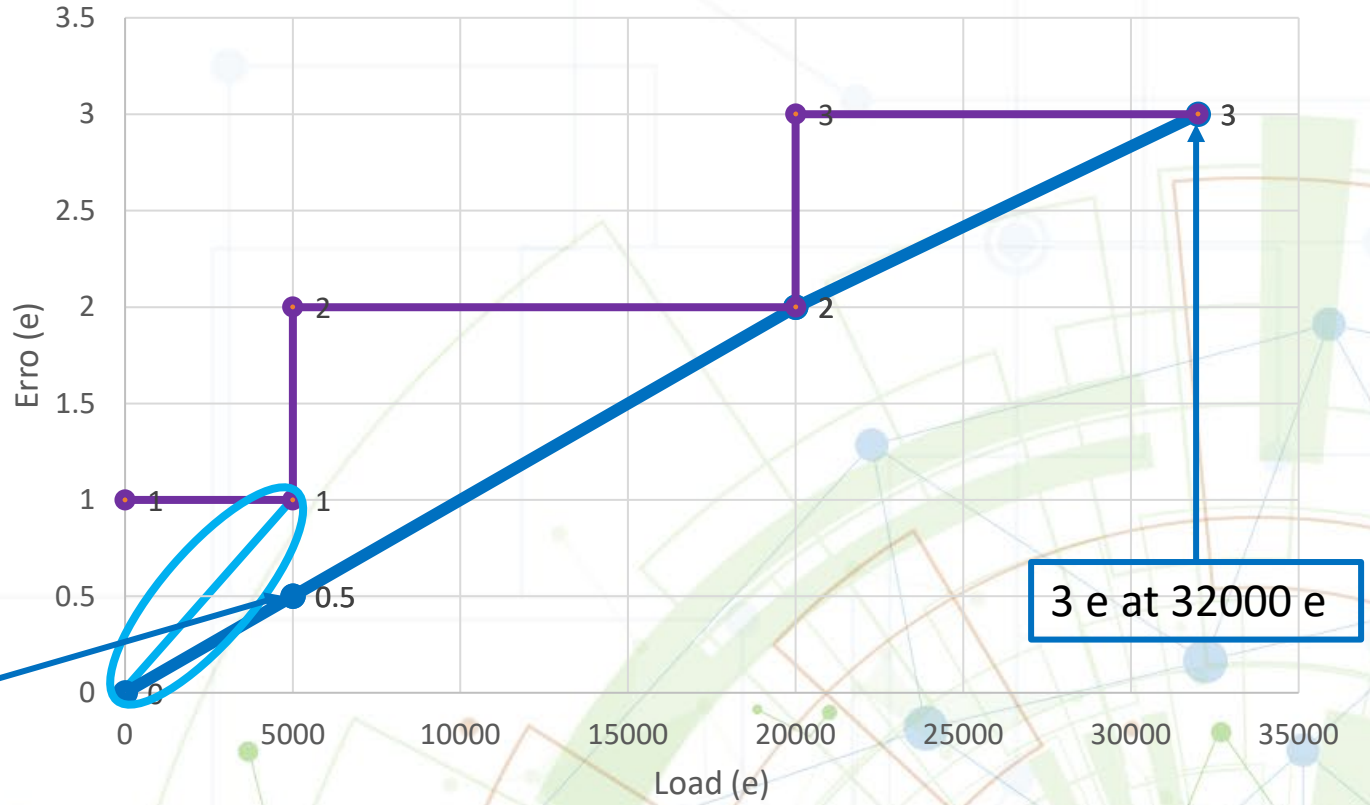
Class II Tolerance (e)		
1	2	3
Test Load (e)		
0 – 5 000	5 001 – 20 000	20 001+

Effect of Tolerance

320 g e = 0.01 g d = 0.001 g (n=32000)



50.00[5] g

Error at 5000 e ≈ 0.5 e
5000 e = 50 g
0.5 e = 0.005 g

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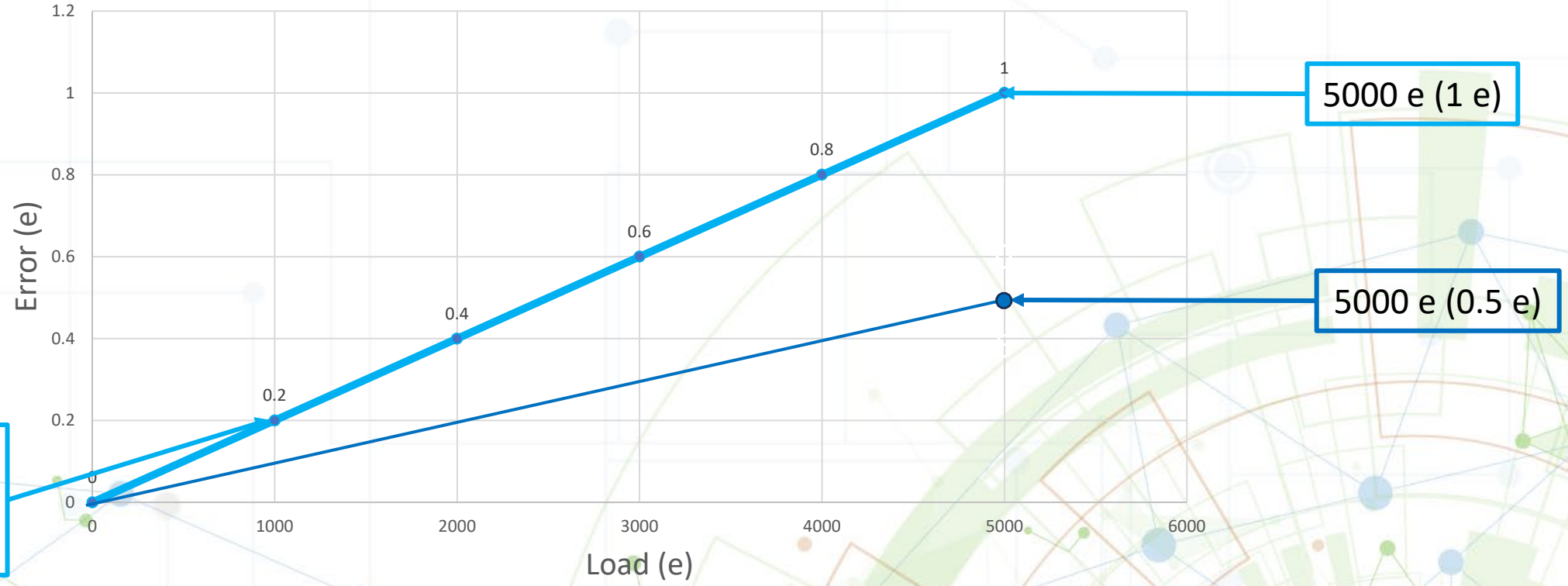
Effect of Tolerance

320 g e = 0.01 g d = 0.001 g (n=32000)



10.00[2] g

Error at 1000 e ≈ 0.2 e

1000 e = 10 g

0.2 e = 0.002 g

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Effect of Tolerance

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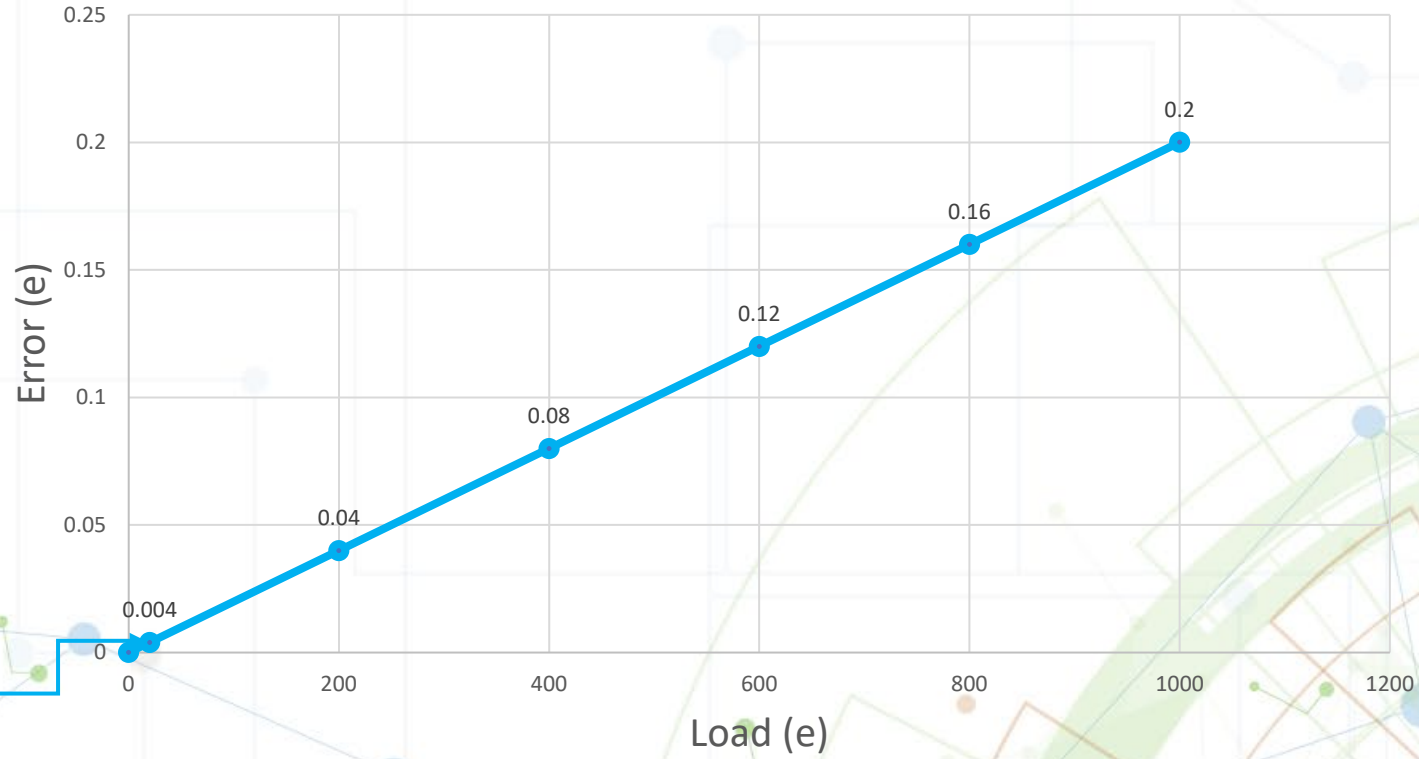

0.20[0]04 g

Error at 20 e ≈ 0.004 e
20 e = 0.2 g
0.004 e = 0.00004 g

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Effect of Tolerance

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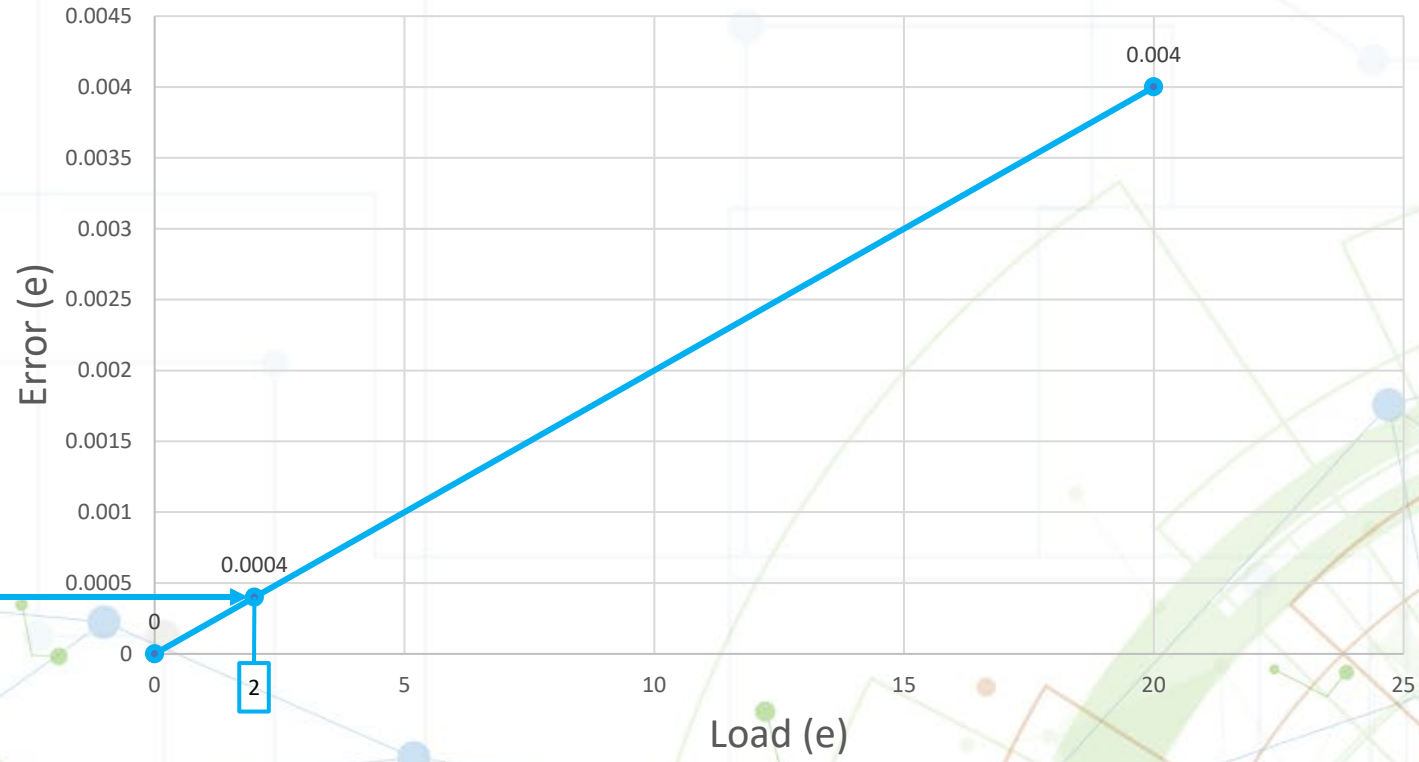

0.02[0]004 g

Error at 2 e (20 d) ≈ 0.0004 e
2 e = 0.02 g
0.0004 e = 0.000004 g

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Uncertainty and the Effect of Tolerance

- Table 8 was adopted to minimize the uncertainty associated with rounding of the scale division
- If the Recommended Minimum Load (RML) is based on e, the standard applied to scales with e > d would be inequitable (0.25 % vs 2.50 %)
- The linearity of errors results in insignificant errors at the lower weighing range (≈ 0)
- Referencing d in Table 8 is technically correct.