

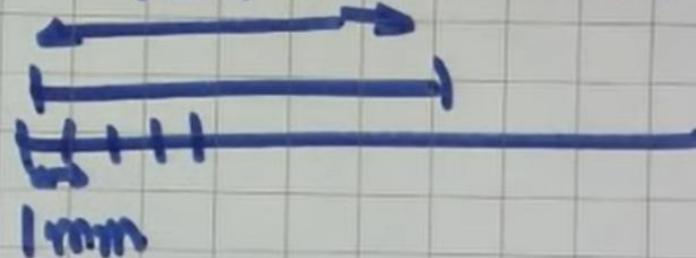
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## Units and Measurements

101 and 102 mm

Ruler



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## Vernier Callipers

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introduce a second scale  
auxiliary or vernier scale

$n$  divisions of Vernier scale  
=  $(n-1)$  divisions of main scale

e.g.  
10 divisions on V = 9 divisions on main scale,

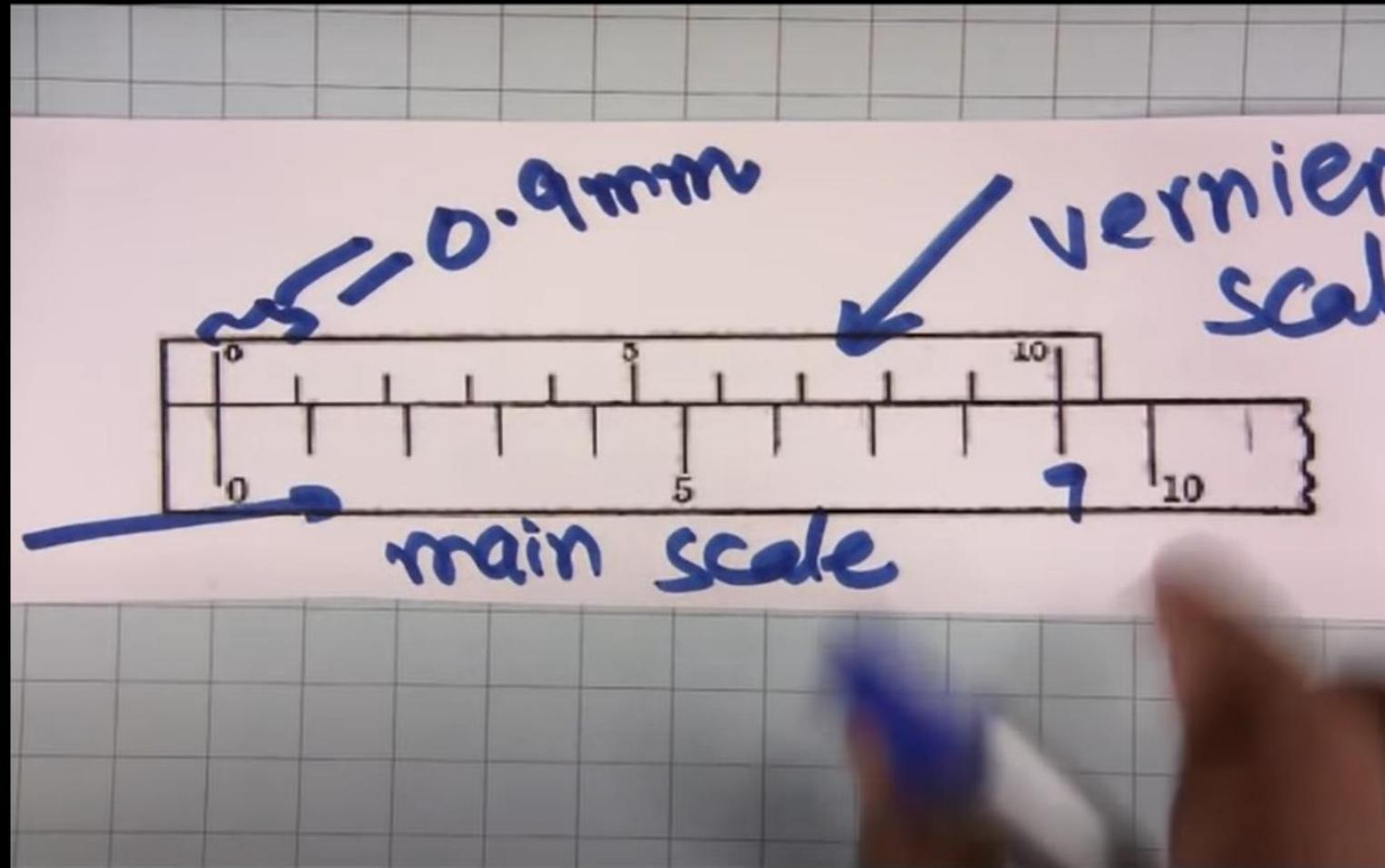
1 division of V =  $\frac{9}{10}$  division of S

S = 1 mm, V = 0.9 mm

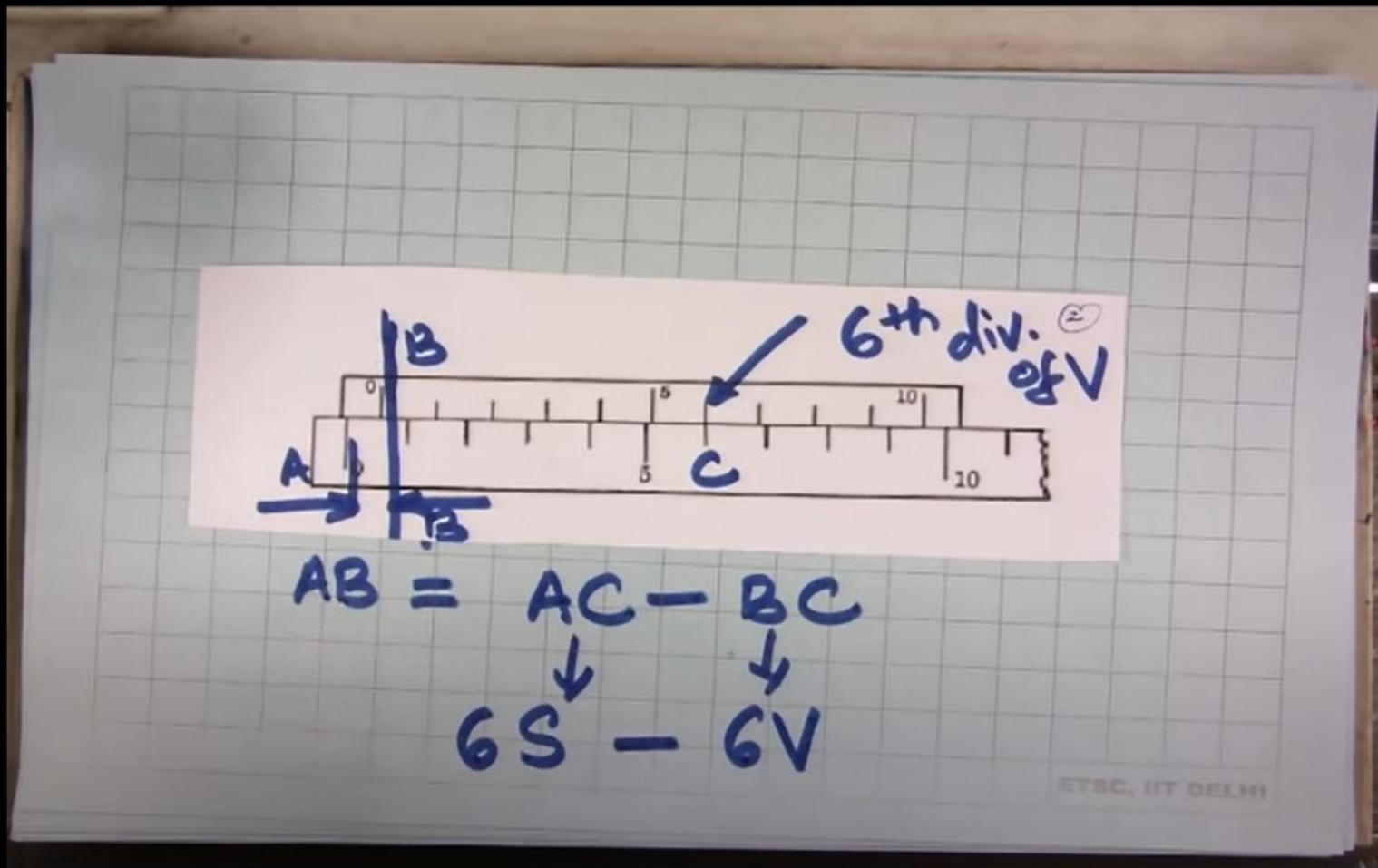
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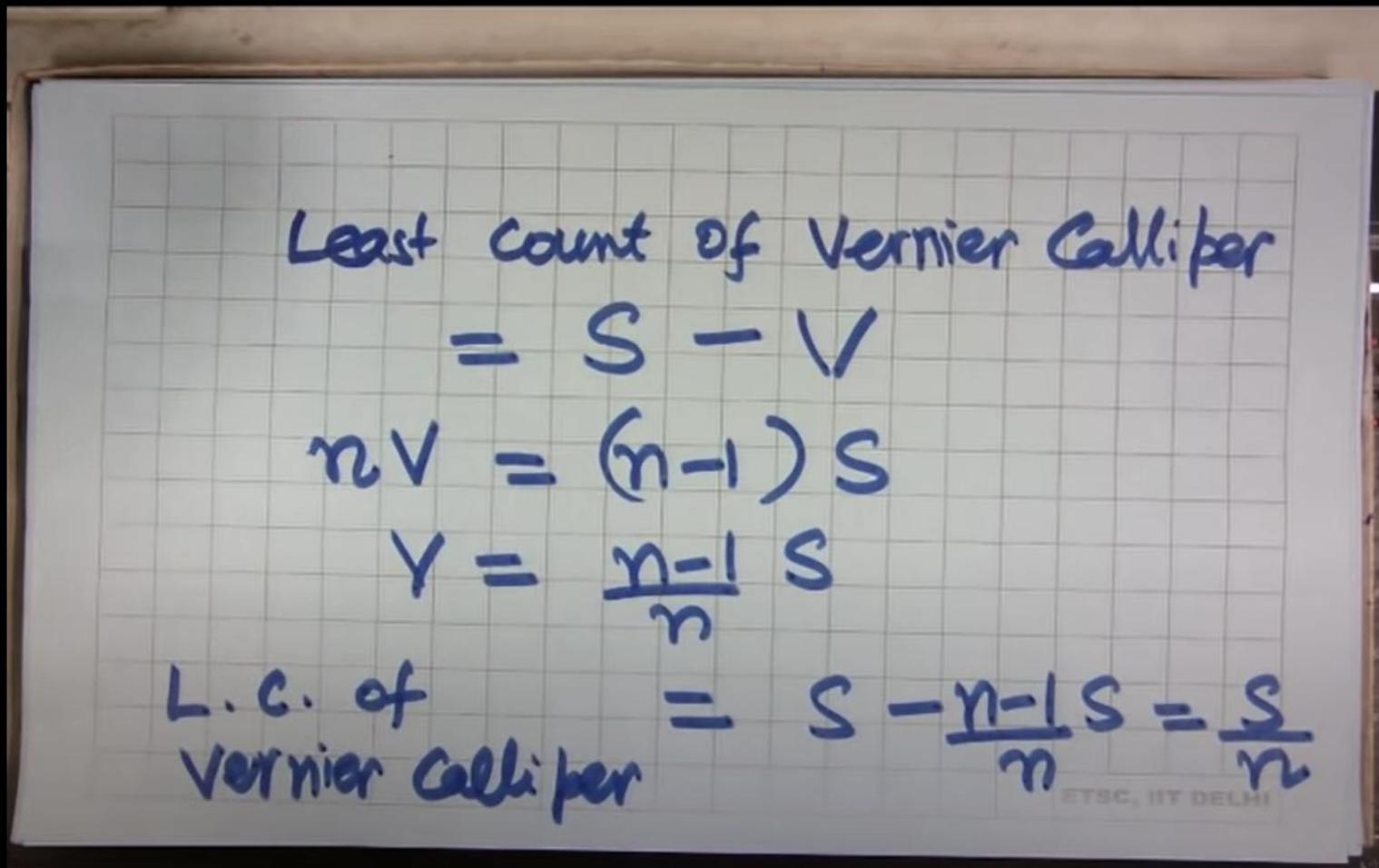
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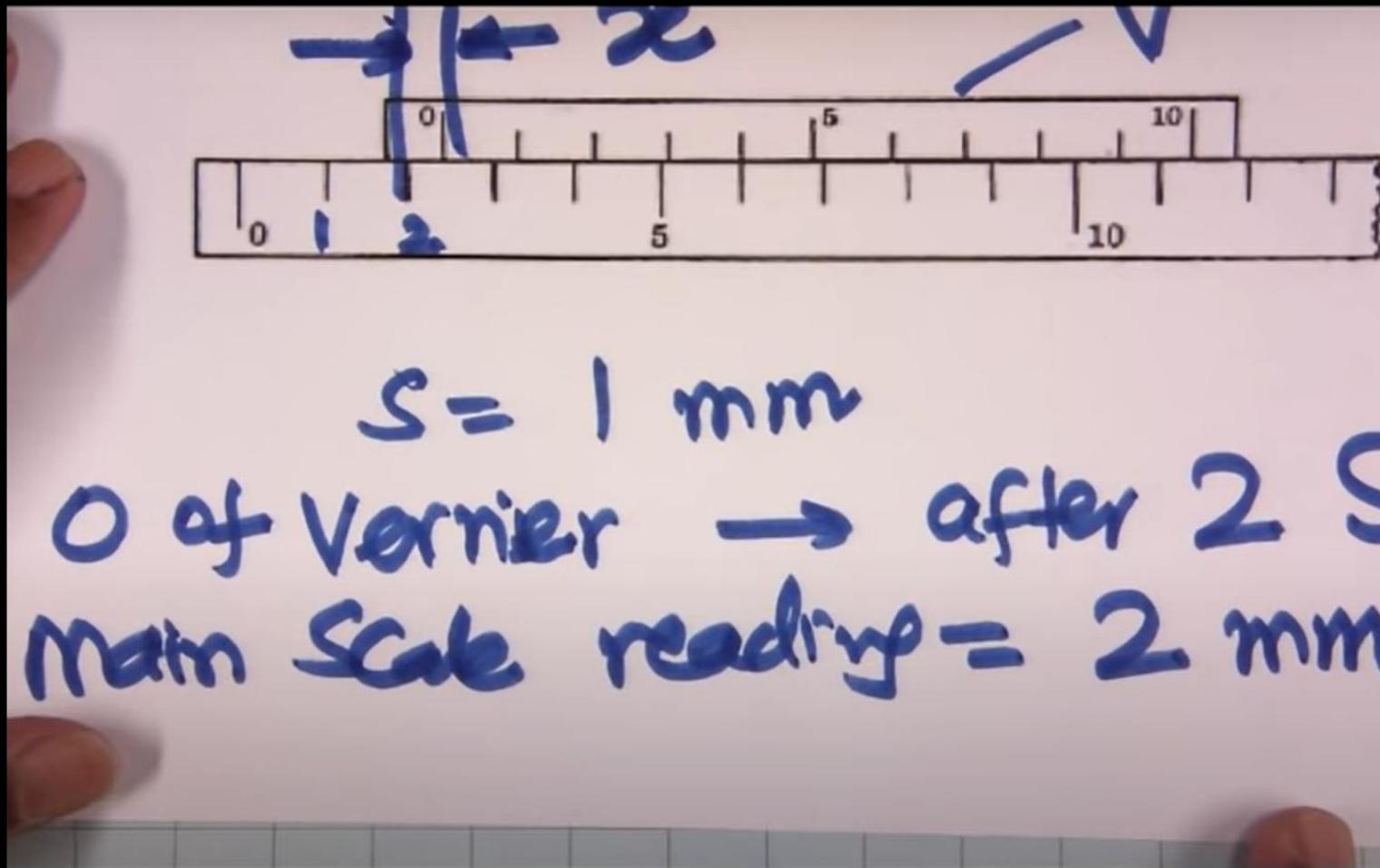
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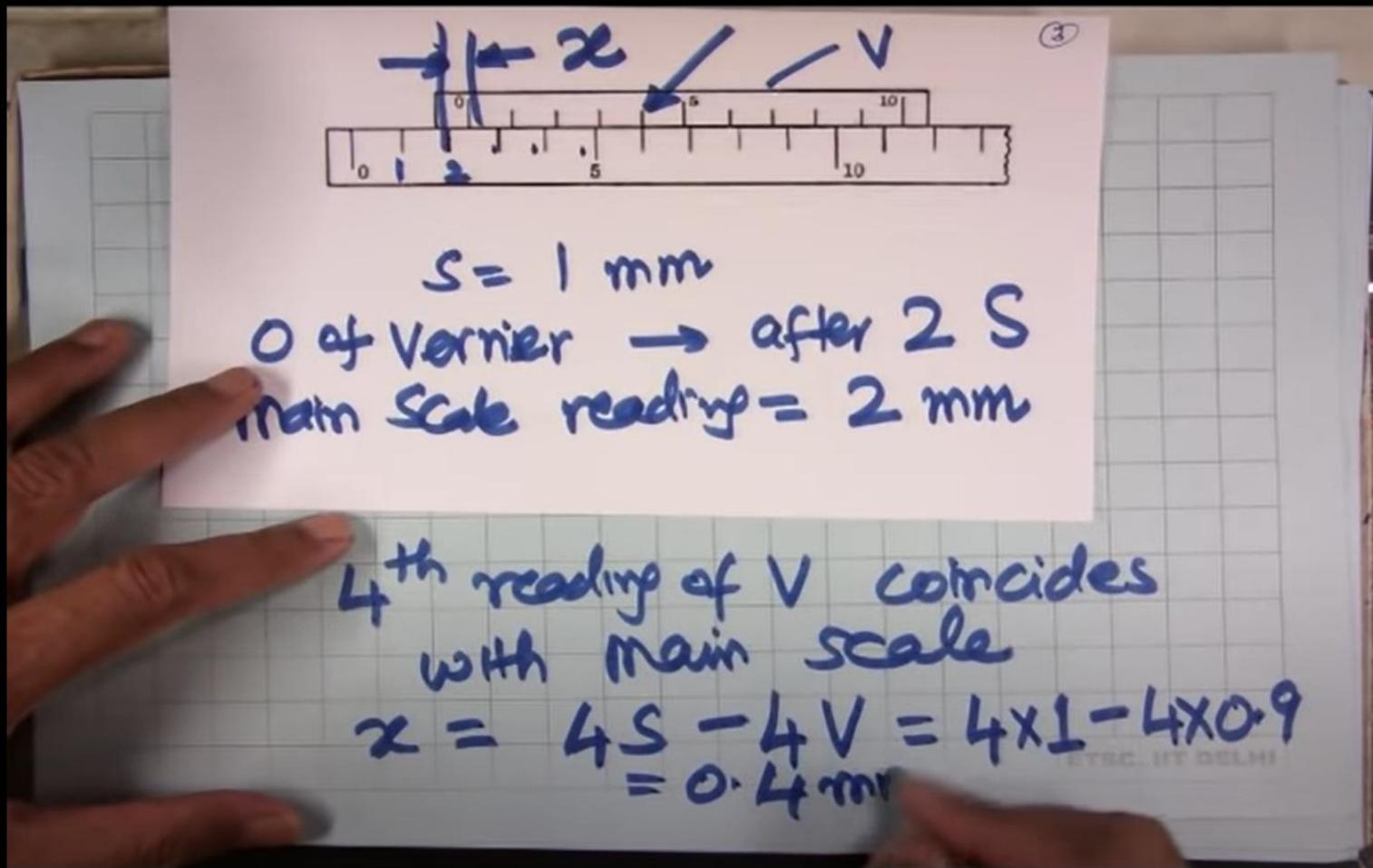
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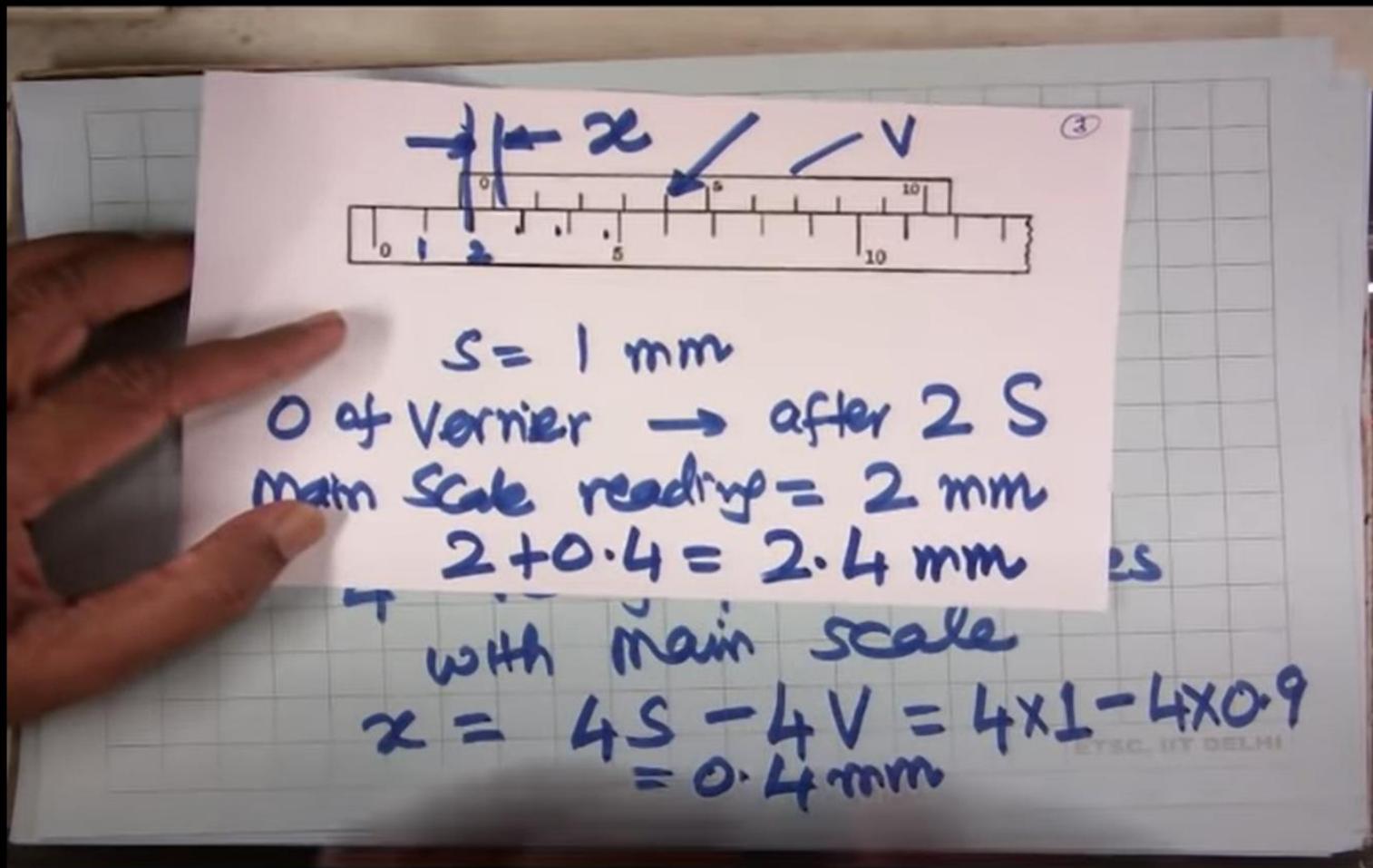
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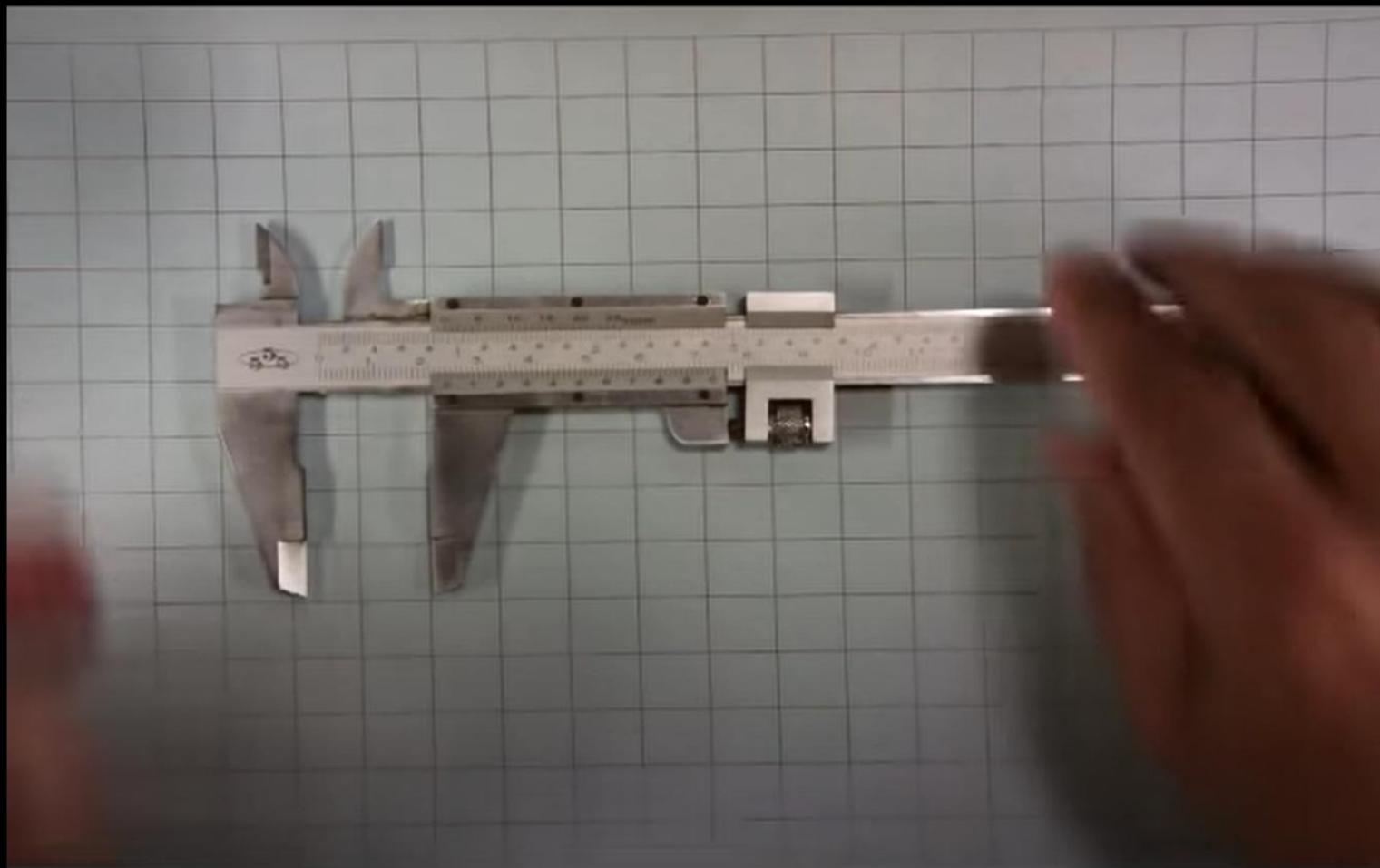
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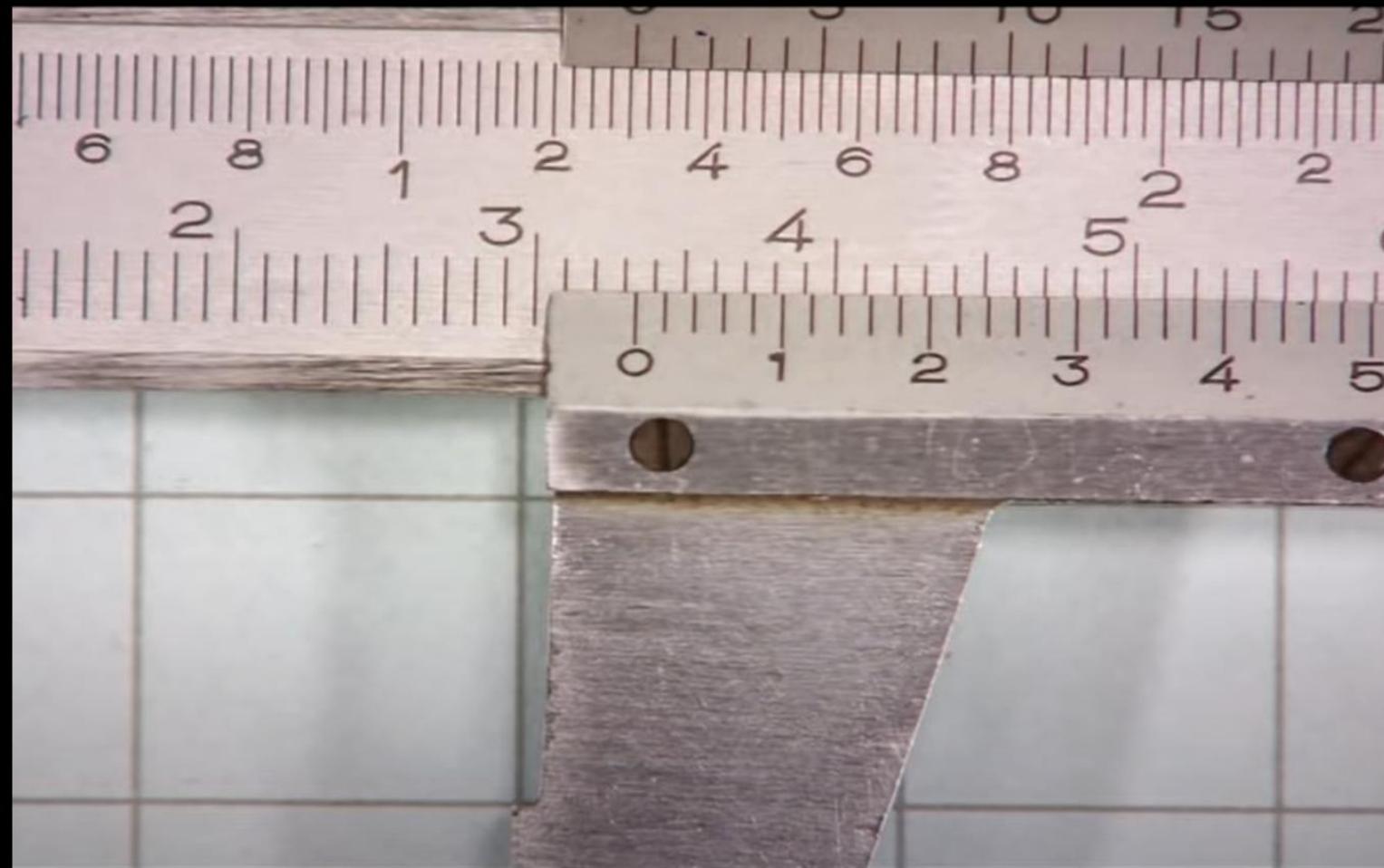


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2 vernier callipers in which  
on mainscale 1 cm → 10 divisions

$$V_1 : S_1 = 1\text{mm}$$

$$V_2 \quad S_2 = 1\text{mm}$$

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Caliper 1 : 10 equal divisions of  
vernier = 9 divisions of main scale

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second caliper:

10 divisions of  $V$  = 11 divisions  
of  $\pi S$

$$V = 1.1 \text{ mm}$$

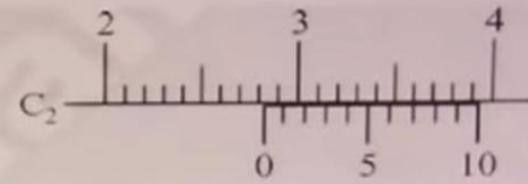
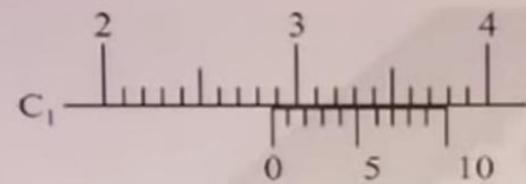
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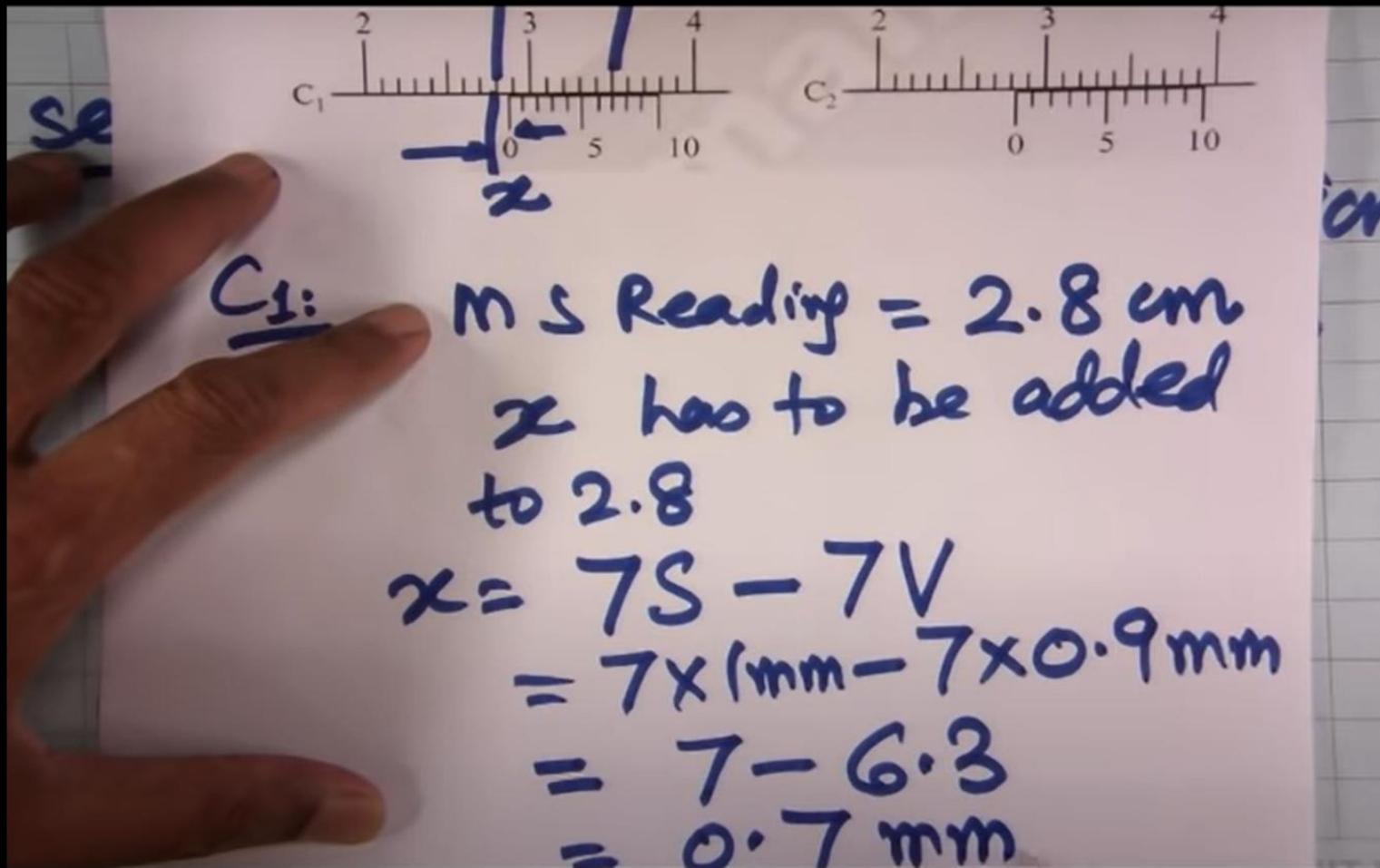
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The readings of the two calipers are shown in the figure. The measured values (in cm) by calipers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , respectively, are :



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C<sub>1</sub>: M.S Reading = 2.8 cm  
 $x$  has to be added  
to 2.8

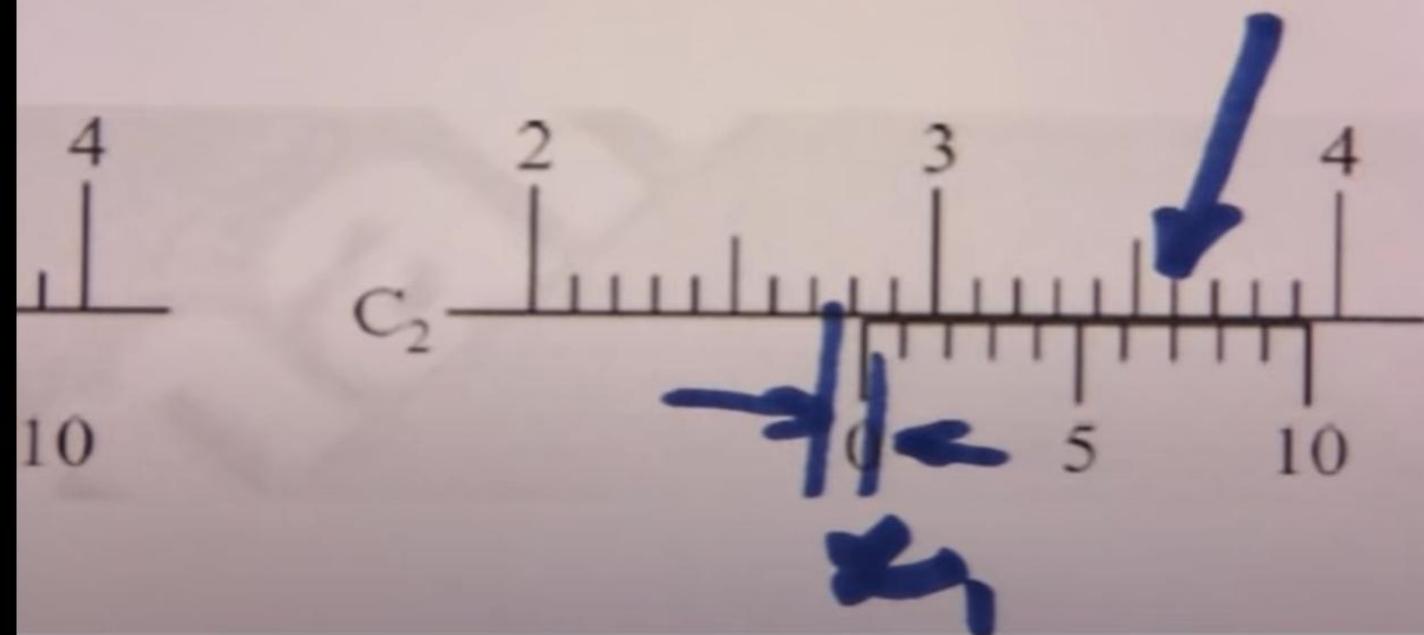
$$\begin{aligned}x &= 7S - 7V \\&= 7 \times 1\text{mm} - 7 \times 0.9\text{mm} \\&= 7 - 6.3 \\&= 0.7\text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{reading by C}_1 &= 2.8\text{cm} + 0.7\text{mm} \\&= 2.87\text{ cm.}\end{aligned}$$

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: 10 equal divisions that correspond to 11 main scale divisions.  
the figure. The measured values (in cm) by calipers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,



$x_1$ , has to be measured

$x_1$ , = distance between main scale  
reading and zero of vernier

7<sup>th</sup> reading of vernier matches

8<sup>th</sup> reading of main scale

$$x_1 = 8S - 7V = 8\text{ mm} - 7 \times 1.1\text{ mm}$$
$$= 8 - 7.7\text{ mm}$$
$$= 0.3\text{ mm}$$

$$C_2 \text{ reading} = 2.8\text{ cm} + 0.3\text{ mm} = 2.83\text{ cm}$$

## Screw gauge and spherometer

Thread of a screw → helical shape  
⇒ If we make rotation on the thread of screw, we also make an axial movement.

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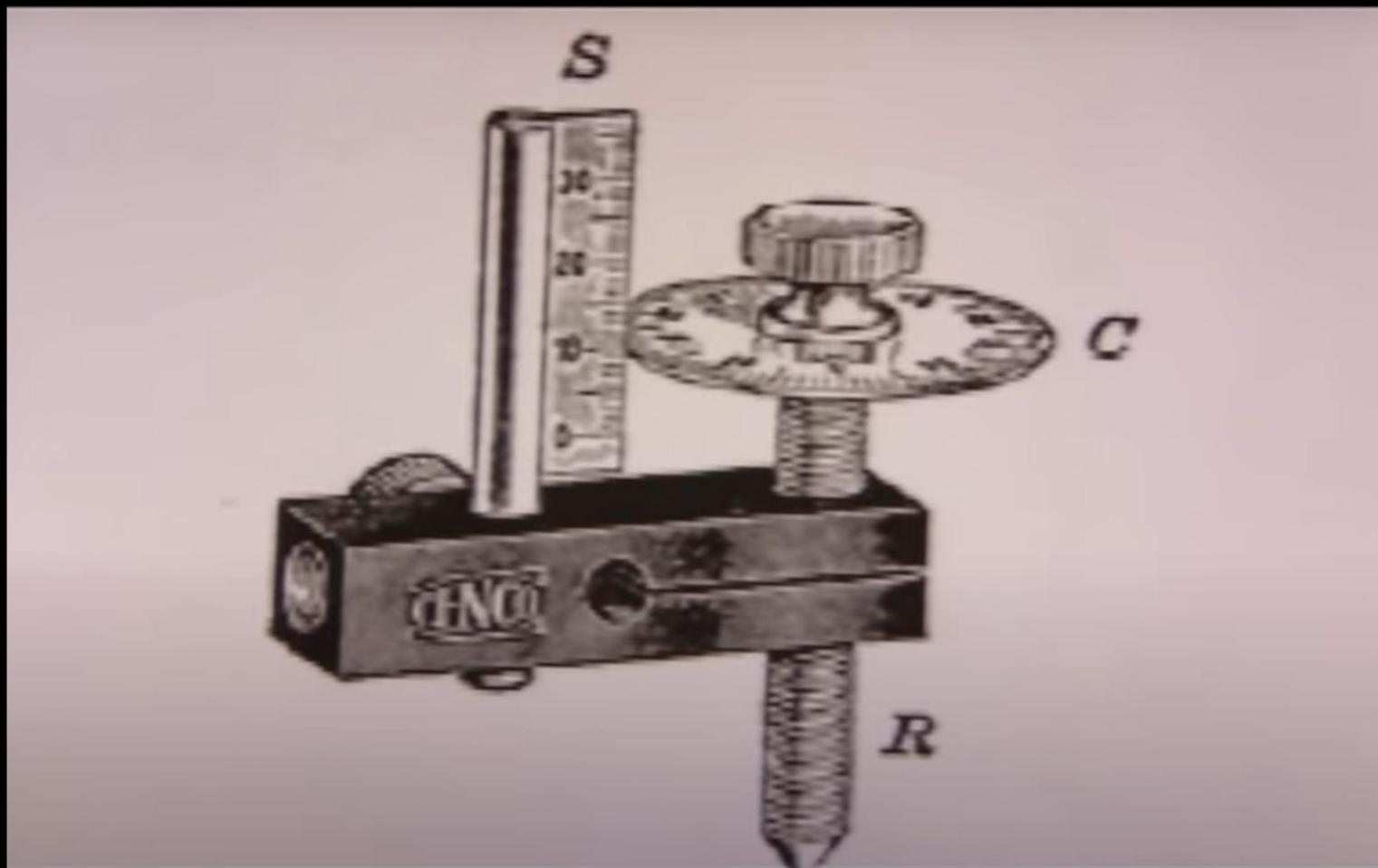
The axial distance moved when we complete 1 revolution on screw = pitch

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pitch - linear dimension  
corresponds to  $360^\circ$  rotation  
on a screw

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Pitch of the screw corresponds to the smallest reading of main scale.  
We rotate the spindle by 1 revolution and observe the axial distance moved on the main scale.  
Typically  $\sim 0.5 \text{ mm}$  or  $1 \text{ mm}$

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Let no. of divisions on circular scale  
be  $n$ .

Let pitch of the screw be  $p$ .

Least count of the screw =  $\frac{p}{n}$

If circular scale reading =  $m$ .

extra distance/ length to be added to  
main scale reading =  $m \times \frac{p}{n}$ .

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For e.g.  $p = 0.5 \text{ mm}$

$n = 50$

Least Count =  $\frac{0.5}{50} = 0.01 \text{ mm}$

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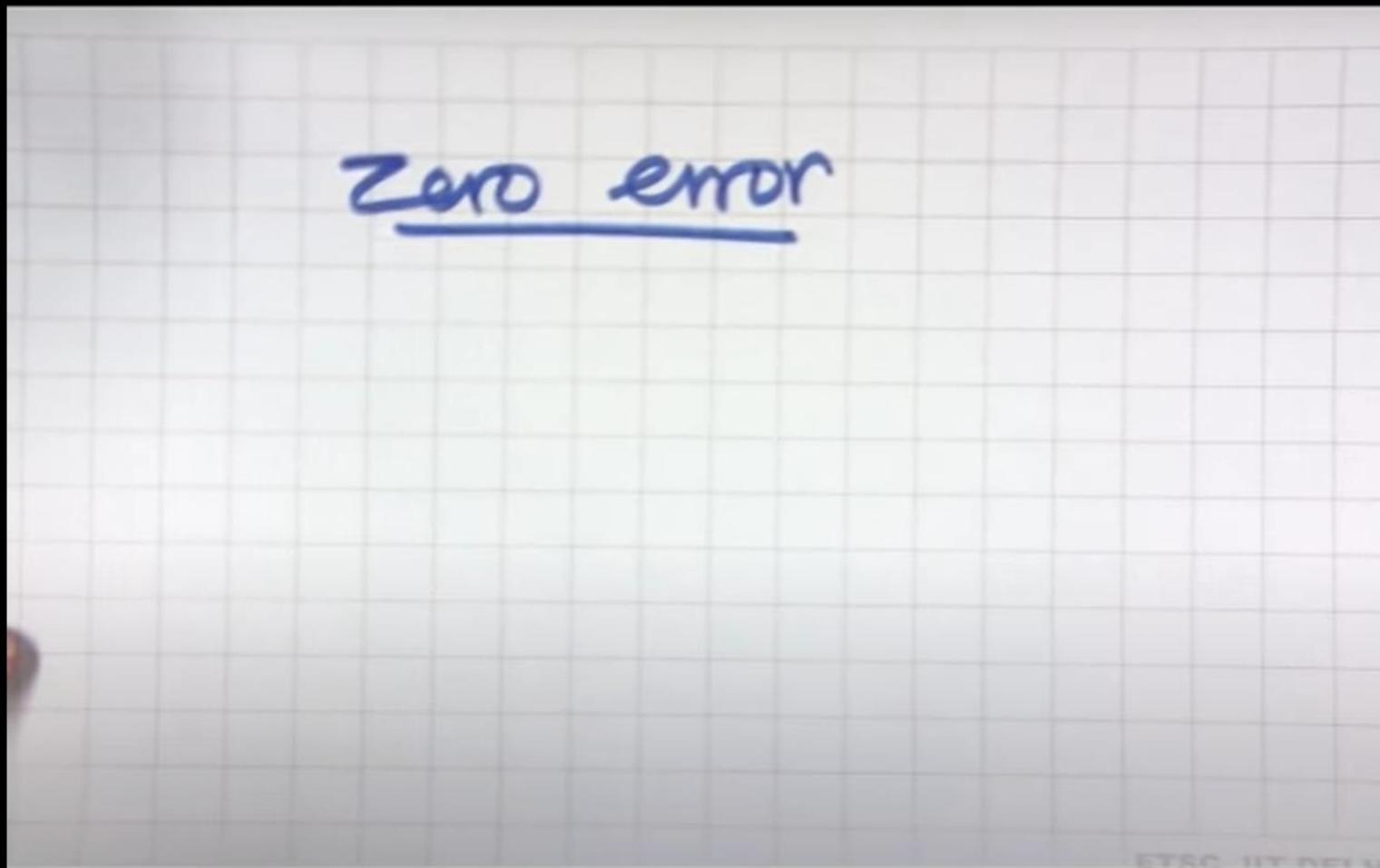


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## Zero error

→ 0.05 mm instead of zero

zero error has to be subtracted  
from the reading.

zero error can be +ve or -ve.

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Accuracy, Precision of instruments  
Errors → in measurements.

any measurement taken is not 100%  
accurate and the uncertainty or  
deviation of measured value from  
actual value = error

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the quantity measured  
we take measurements from  
a typical scale → precision 1 mm

Accuracy depends on many factors  
include precision.

E.g. True Length of a line  
 $= 3.678 \text{ cm}$

measure with scale of least count  
 $1 \text{ mm}$   
 $= 3.5 \text{ cm}$

measure with cm in strument of L.C.  
 $0.1 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 3.38 \text{ cm}$

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## Systematic errors.

errors tend to be in 1 direction,  
i.e. they are either +ve or -ve.

a) Instrumental error →

calibration of instrument is not  
perfect. zero error

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b) Experimental Technique:

e.g. temperature of human body  
thermometer under tongue  
under armpit

c) Personal errors:

Individual bias, setting,  
carelessness of observer.

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## Random error:

occur irregularly; are random unpredictable fluctuations in instrument, (temperature, voltage, vibrations in set up)

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Least count error:  
smallest resolution of the  
instrument  
Vernier Calliper  $\rightarrow$  L.C.  
if L.C. of calliper is 0.1mm

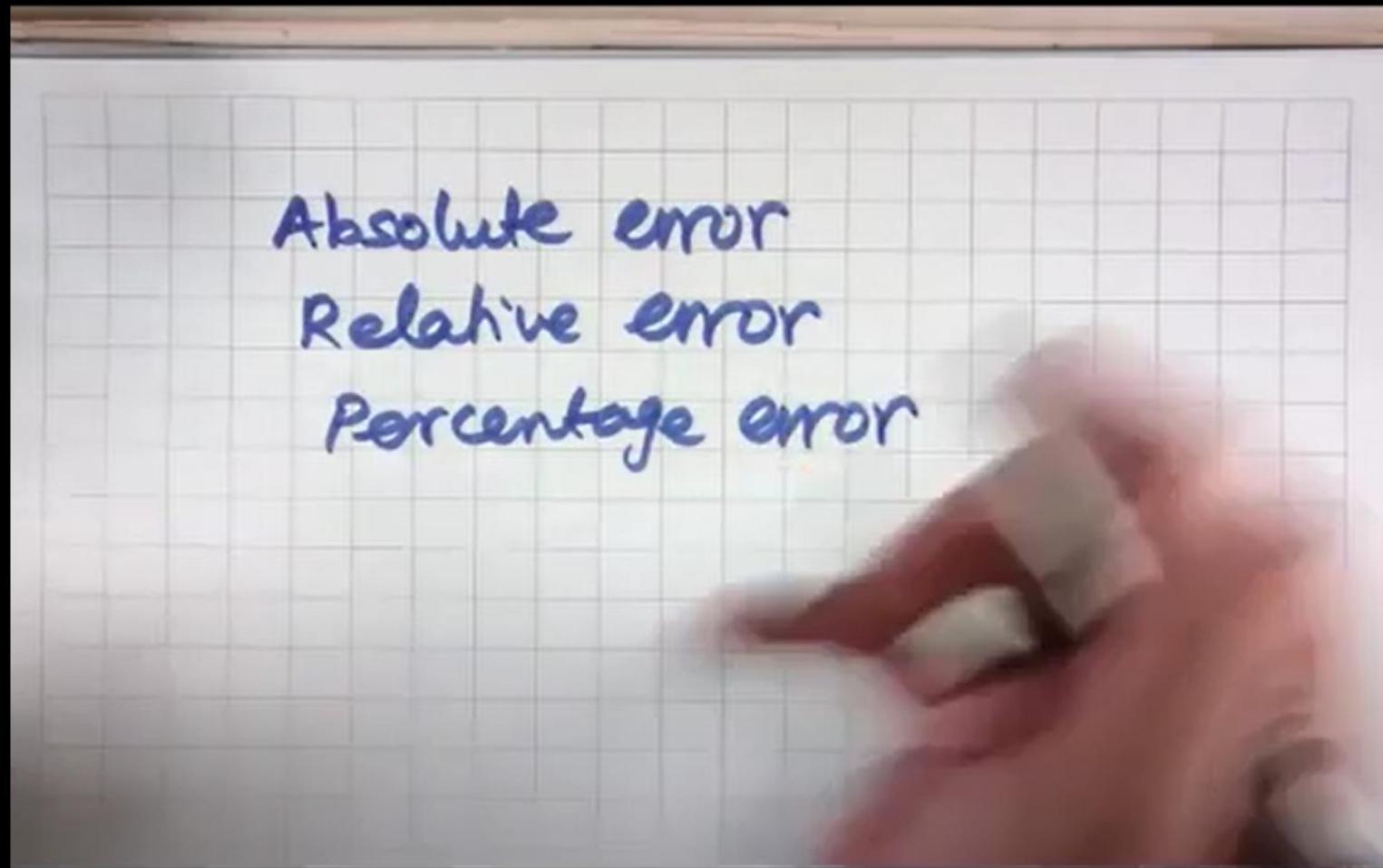
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Repeat observations,  
take arithmetic mean of these  
readings  
mean → taken as actual  
value.

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n measurements

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$$a_{\text{mean}} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}{n}$$

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magnitude of difference between  
individual measurement and true  
measurement = absolute error

$$|\Delta a_i| = |a_i - \bar{a}_{\text{mean}}|$$

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$a_1, \dots, a_n$

true value not known, mean is taken as true value.

$$a_{\text{mean}} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}$$

$$\Delta a_1 = a_1 - a_{\text{mean}}$$

$$\Delta a_2 = a_2 - a_{\text{mean}}$$

$$\vdots \quad \Delta a_n = a_n - a_{\text{mean}}$$

Take absolute values.

$|Δa| \leftarrow$  always positive.

arithmetic mean of all absolute errors. Called mean absolute error of  $a$ .

$$\Delta a_{\text{mean}} = \frac{(|\Delta a_1| + |\Delta a_2| + \dots + |\Delta a_n|)}{n}$$

Single measurement, we expect  
this to be in range

$$a_{\text{mean}} \pm \Delta a_{\text{mean}}$$

$$a_{\text{mean}} - \Delta a_{\text{mean}} \leq a \leq a_{\text{mean}} + \Delta a_{\text{mean}}$$

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relative or percentage error

$$\text{relative error} = \frac{\Delta a_{\text{mean}}}{a_{\text{mean}}}$$

fraction

$$\% \text{ error} : \delta a = \frac{\Delta a_{\text{mean}} \times 100\%}{a_{\text{mean}}}$$

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e.g.

Time period of oscillations

5 measurements

2.68 s  
2.56 s  
2.42 s  
2.71 s  
2.80 s

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e.g.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 2.63 \text{ s} \\ 2.56 \text{ s} \\ 2.42 \text{ s} \\ 2.71 \text{ s} \\ \hline \Sigma 13.12 \text{ s} \end{array}$$

mean  
 $\frac{13.12}{5}$   
 $= 2.624 \text{ s}$

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$\Sigma$  13.12 s

mean

$$= \frac{13.12}{5}$$

$$= 2.624 s$$

$$= 2.62 s$$

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absolute errors:

$$\Delta Q_1 = 2.63 - 2.62 = 0.01 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta Q_2 = 2.56 - 2.62 = -0.06 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta Q_3 = 2.43 - 2.62 = -0.20 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta Q_4 = 2.71 - 2.62 = 0.09 \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta Q_5 = 2.80 - 2.62 = 0.18 \text{ s}$$

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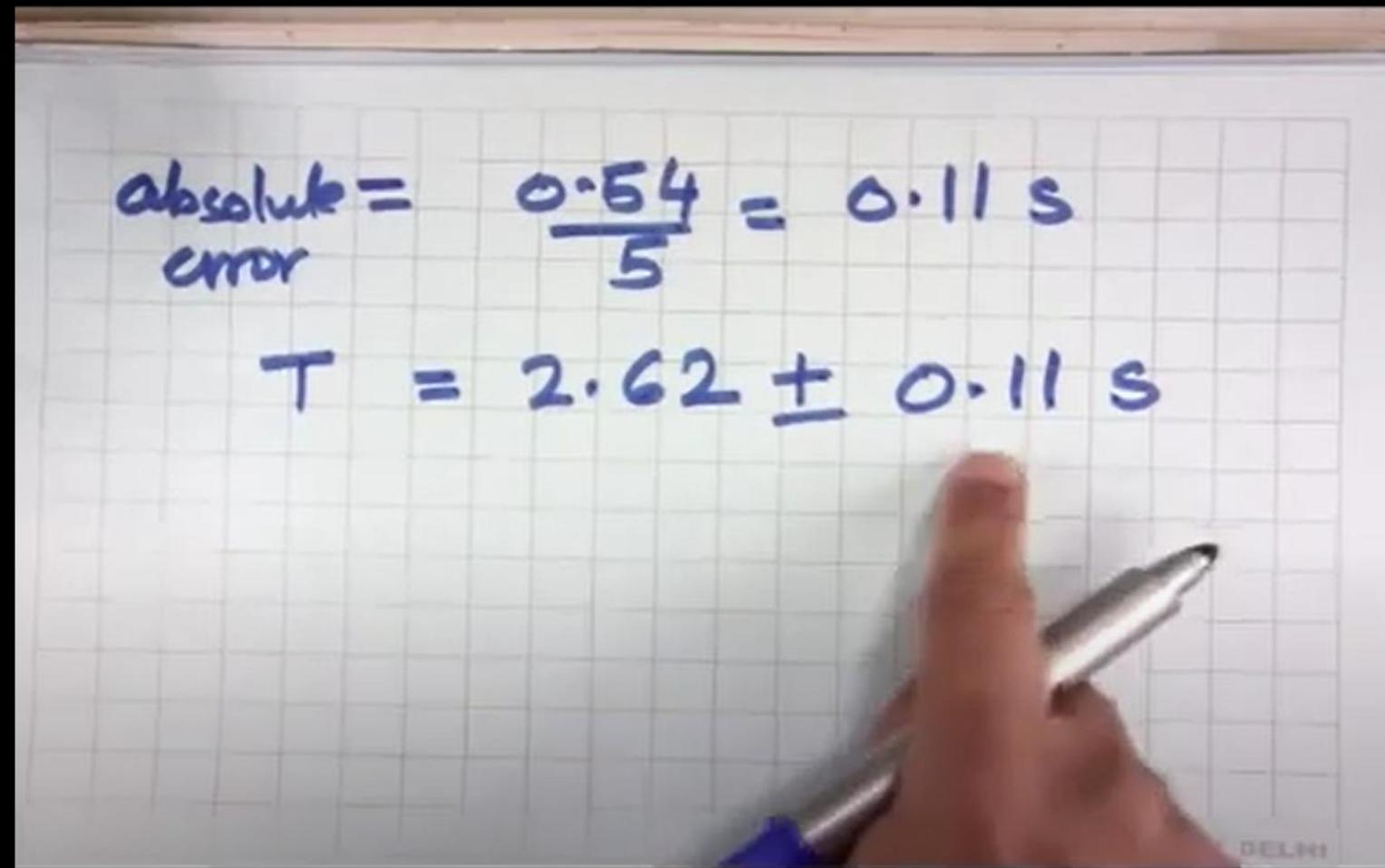
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$$\text{absolute error} = \frac{(0.01 + 0.06 + 0.20 + 0.09)}{5} = 0.08 \text{ s}$$



$$\frac{\text{absolute error}}{\text{error}} = \frac{0.54}{5} = 0.11 \text{ s}$$

$$T = 2.62 \pm 0.11 \text{ s}$$

error > 0.1 s

$$T = 2.6 \pm 0.1 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{relative error \%} = \frac{0.1}{2.6} \times 100 = 4\%$$

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