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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A student draws a forearm angled slightly toward the viewer. The elbow ellipse measures 28 mm across its widest point and the wrist ellipse measures 20 mm. The central axis is 90 mm long. Check the taper ratio and state whether the drawing shows credible taper.

Answer: E divided by W equals 28 divided by 20, which is 1.4. The wrist is narrower than the elbow, so the drawing shows credible taper at the example ratio. The axis length of 90 mm is about 3.2 elbow widths, consistent with a moderately foreshortened pose under the hypothetical example range.