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Specimen	Length [m]	Width [m]	Height [m]	Weight [kg]
1 ^a	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3 ^b	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4

^aBirch, ^bCorsican pine

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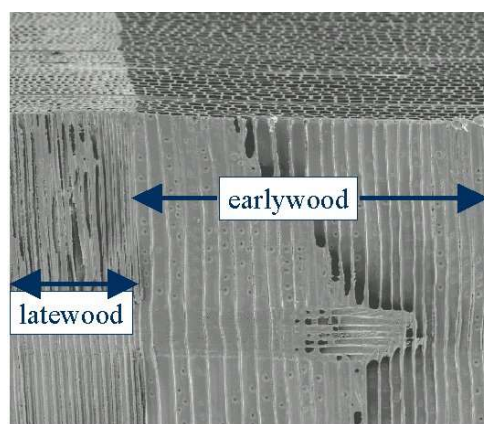


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