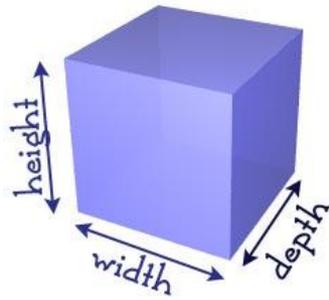


## Solid Geometry



**Solid Geometry** is the geometry of three-dimensional space, the kind of space we live in.

Three Dimensions

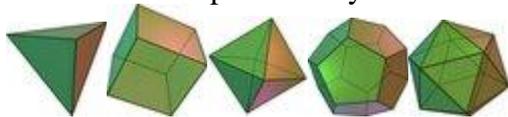
It is called **three-dimensional** or **3D** because there are three dimensions: *width*, *depth* and *height*.

There are two main types of solids, "Polyhedra", and "Non-Polyhedra":

## Polyhedra

A polyhedron is a solid made of flat surfaces. A **polyhedron** is a solid with flat faces (from Greek poly- meaning "many" and -edron meaning "face").

Each flat surface (or "face") is a polygon. So, to be a polyhedron there should be **no curved surfaces**. Examples of Polyhedra:



Platonic Solids



Prisms



Pyramids

## Non-Polyhedra

Some solids have curved surfaces or a mix of curved and flat surfaces (so they aren't polyhedra). Examples:



Sphere



Torus



Cylinder



Cone

## Properties

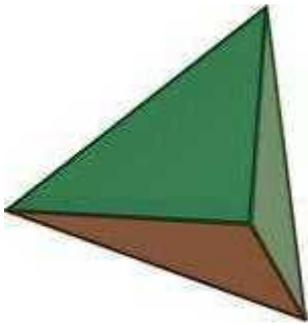
Solids have *properties* (special things about them), such as:

**Volume** (think of how much water it could hold)

**Surface area** (think of the area you would have to paint)

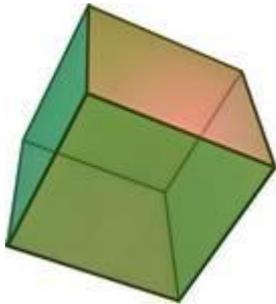
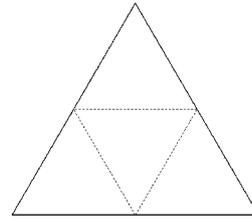
## Platonic Solids

There are five platonic solids. For each solid there are two printable nets (with and without tabs). These nets can be printed onto a piece of card. You can then make your own platonic solids by cutting them out and taping the edges together.



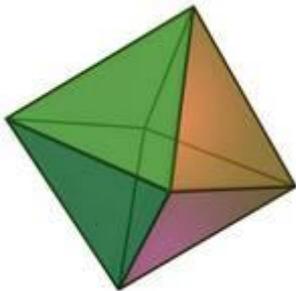
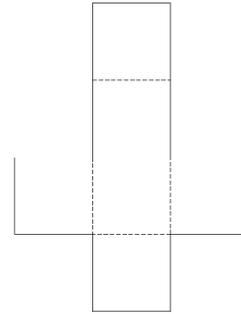
**Tetrahedron**  
 4 Faces  
 4 Vertices  
 6 Edges

Tetrahedron Net



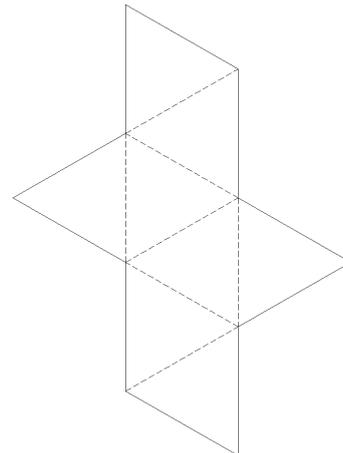
**Cube**  
 6 Faces  
 8 Vertices  
 12 Edges

Cube Net



**Octahedron**  
 8 Faces  
 6 Vertices  
 12 Edges

Octahedron Net

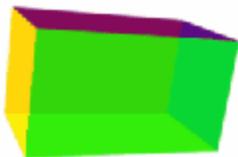


**Prisms**

A prism has the same **cross section** all along its length !

These are all Prisms:

Square Prism:



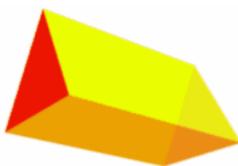
Cross-Section:



Cube:



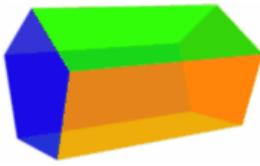
Triangular Prism:



Cross-Section



Pentagonal Prism:



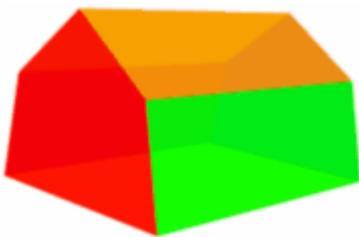
Cross-Section:



### Regular and Irregular Prisms

Here is an example of an **Irregular Prism**:

Irregular Pentagonal Prism:



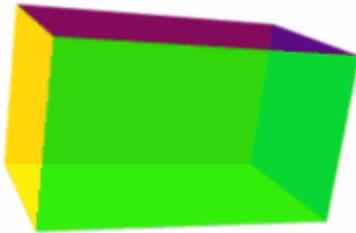
Cross-Section:



### Cuboids and Rectangular Prisms

A **cuboid** is a box-shaped object. It has six flat sides and all angles are right angles. And all of its faces are rectangles.

It is also a prism because it has the same cross-section along a length. In fact it is a **rectangular prism**.

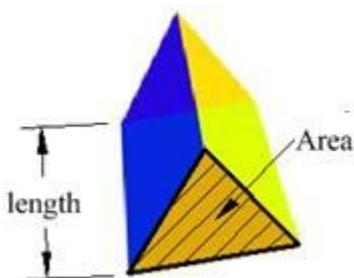


If at least two of the lengths are equal then it can also be called a **square prism**.

(Note that this doesn't stop it from also being called a rectangular prism if you want!)

**So a cube is just a special case of a square prism, and a square prism is just a special case of a rectangular prism. And they are all cuboids.**

### Volume of a Prism



The Volume of a prism is simply the area of one end times the length of the prism

Volume = Area  $\times$  Length

Example: What is the volume of a prism whose ends are 25 in<sup>2</sup> and which is 12 in long:

Answer: Volume = 25 in<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  12 in = 300 in<sup>3</sup>

## Volume and Surface Area

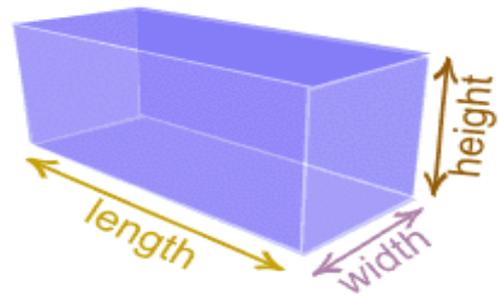
The volume of a cuboid is simply:

**Volume = width × depth × height**

$$V = wdh$$

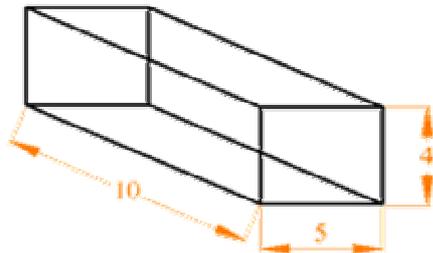
**And the surface area is:**

$$A = 2wd + 2dh + 2hw$$



Example

Find the volume and surface area of this cuboid.



$$V = 4 \times 5 \times 10 = 200$$

$$A = 2 \times 4 \times 5 + 2 \times 5 \times 10 + 2 \times 10 \times 4 \\ = 40 + 100 + 80 = 220$$

Units of volume include:

*Metric:* cubic centimeters (cm<sup>3</sup>), cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>), liters

## Cylinder

It has a flat base and a flat top. The base is the same as the top, and also in-between. It has one curved side. Because it has a curved surface it is not a polyhedron.

$$\text{Surface Area} = 2 \times \pi \times r \times (r + h)$$

$$\text{Surface Area of One End} = \pi \times r^2$$

$$\text{Surface Area of Side} = 2 \times \pi \times r \times h$$

$$\text{Volume} = \pi \times r^2 \times h$$

## Volume of a Cylinder

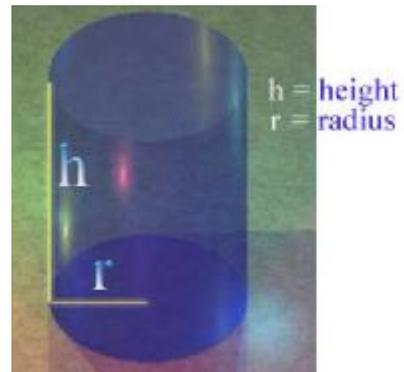
Just multiply the area of the circle by the height of the cylinder:

$$\text{Area of the circle: } \pi \times r^2$$

Height: h

$$\text{Volume} = \text{Area} \times \text{Height} = \pi \times r^2 \times h$$

An object shaped like a cylinder is said to be **cylindrical**



## Volume of a Cylinder

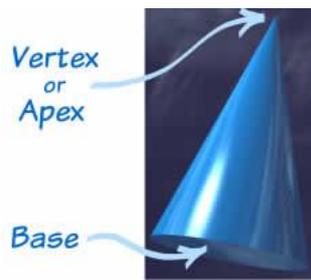
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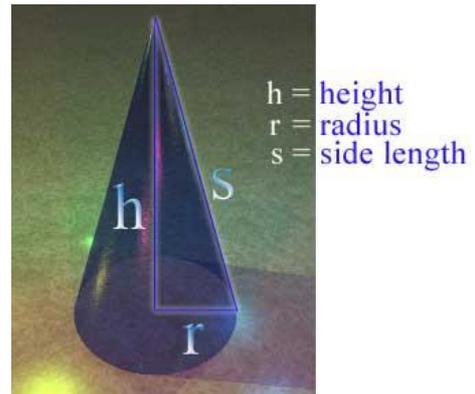
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## Cone



A Cone is a Rotated Triangle  
 A cone is made by rotating a triangle!  
 The side it rotates around is the **axis** of the cone. It has a flat base. It has one curved side. Because it has a curved surface it is not a polyhedron. The pointy end of a cone is

called the **vertex** or **apex**. The flat part is the **base**. An object shaped like a cone is said to be **conical**.

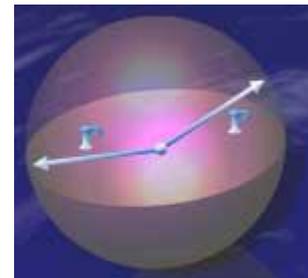


Surface Area of *Base* =  $\pi \times r^2$   
 Surface Area of *Side* =  $\pi \times r \times s$   
 Surface Area of *Side* =  $\pi \times r \times \sqrt{(r^2+h^2)}$   
 Volume =  $\pi \times r^2 \times (h/3)$

## Sphere

It is perfectly symmetrical. It has no edges or vertices. It is **not** a polyhedron. All points on the surface are the same distance from the center.

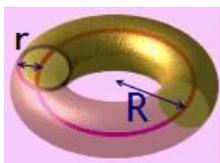
Surface Area =  $4 \times \pi \times r^2$   
 Volume =  $(4/3) \times \pi \times r^3$



### The Earth

The Planet Earth, our home, is *nearly* a sphere, except that it is squashed a little at the poles. It is a **spheroid**, which means it just misses out on being a sphere because it isn't perfect in one direction (in the Earth's case: North-South).

## Torus

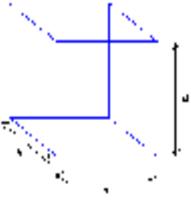
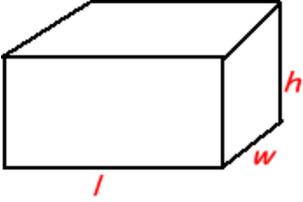
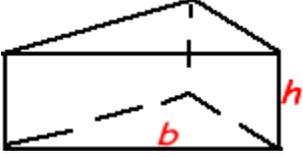
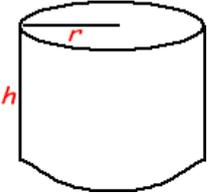
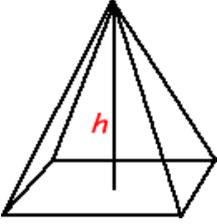
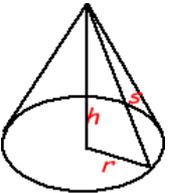
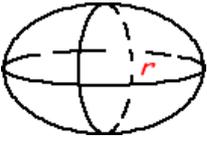


It can be made by revolving a small circle along a line made by another circle. It has no edges or vertices. It is **not** a polyhedron. Surface Area =  $4 \times \pi^2 \times R \times r$   
 Volume =  $2 \times \pi^2 \times R \times r^2$



Note: Area and volume formulas only work when the torus has a hole! If you have more than one torus they are called **tori**.

## Volume and surface area

	<p><b>Cube</b>  Volume = <math>a^3 = a \times a \times a</math>  <math>V = a^3</math>  Surface = <math>a^2 + a^2 + a^2 + a^2 + a^2 + a^2</math>  <math>S = 6 \times a^2</math></p>
	<p><b>Rectangular Solid</b>  Volume = Length X Width X Height  <math>V = lwh</math>  Surface = <math>2lw + 2lh + 2wh</math></p>
	<p><b>Prisms</b>  Volume = Base X Height  <math>V = bh</math>  Surface = <math>2b + Ph</math>  <i>(b is the area of the base P is the perimeter of the base)</i></p>
	<p><b>Cylinder</b>  Volume = <math>\pi r^2 \times</math> height  <math>V = \pi r^2 h</math>  Surface = <math>2\pi</math> radius x height  <math>S = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2</math></p>
	<p><b>Pyramid</b>  <math>V = \frac{1}{3} bh</math>  b is the area of the base  Surface Area:  Add the area of the base to the sum of the areas of all of the triangular faces. The areas of the triangular faces will have different formulas for different shaped bases.</p>
	<p><b>Cones</b>  Volume = <math>\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 \times</math> height  <math>V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h</math>  <math>S = \pi r^2 + \pi rs = \pi r^2 + \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}</math></p>
	<p><b>Sphere</b>  Volume = <math>\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3</math>  <math>V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3</math>  Surface = <math>4\pi r^2</math>  <math>S = 4\pi r^2</math></p>