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# **Topic 4**

# **Volumes of solids**

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Learning objective

By the end of this topic, you should be able to:

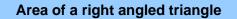
- calculate the volume of a sphere, cone, pyramid and prism;
- calculate an unknown dimension given the volume of a solid;
- calculate the volume of composite solids.

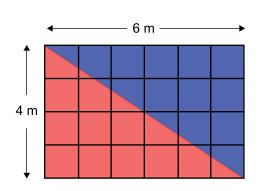
# 4.1 Looking back at National 4: Areas and volumes

Here we will look back at how to find the area of composite shapes and also how to find the volume of a cube and cuboid.

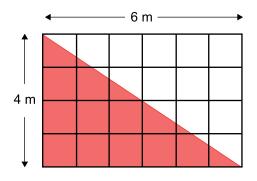
# 4.1.1 Areas of composite shapes

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Area of a rectangle
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A floor is 4 m long by 7 m wide.
                      – 7 m –
4 m
A carpet layer rolls out one length of carpet which is a metre wide. One length gives an area
of 7 m<sup>2</sup>.
                      -7m-
                        1 m<sup>2</sup>
4 m
Four lengths gives an area of 4 \times 7 = 28 \text{ m}^2.
Area of a rectangle = Length \times Breadth
Example
Problem:
Find the area of a rectangle which is 3 cm long by 1.5 cm wide.
Solution:
A = LB
A = 3 \times 1 \cdot 5
A = 4 \cdot 5 \text{ cm}^2 [Note the units ... we're counting squares]
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A 4 m by 6 m floor is carpeted as shown using red and blue carpet tiles that are each 1  $m^2$ . What is the area of the red section?



Parts of squares are red... they are not easily counted... Until we realise that the red triangle is **half** of the rectangle.

Area of a triangle = 1/2 of rectangle

Area of a triangle = 1/2 of 4 × 6 Area of a triangle = 1/2 of 24 Area of a triangle = 12 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Key point

Every right angled triangle is half of a rectangle.

Area of a triangle =  $1/2 \times base \times height$ 

#### Example

#### Problem:

Find the area of a right angled triangle which is has a base 3 cm long and an altitude of 1.5 cm.

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 $A = \frac{1}{2} base \times altitude$   $A = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 1 \cdot 5$   $A = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \cdot 5$  $A = 2 \cdot 25 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ [Note the units ... we're counting squares]}$ 

#### Key point

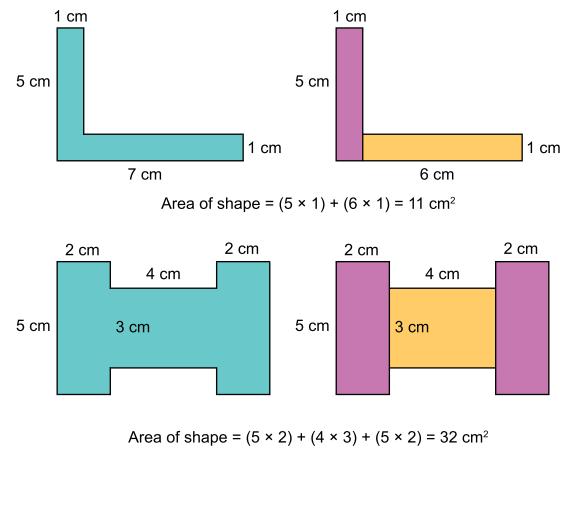
The formulae for the areas of rectangles and triangles are:

Area of a rectangle =  $l \times b$  where l is the length and b is the breadth.

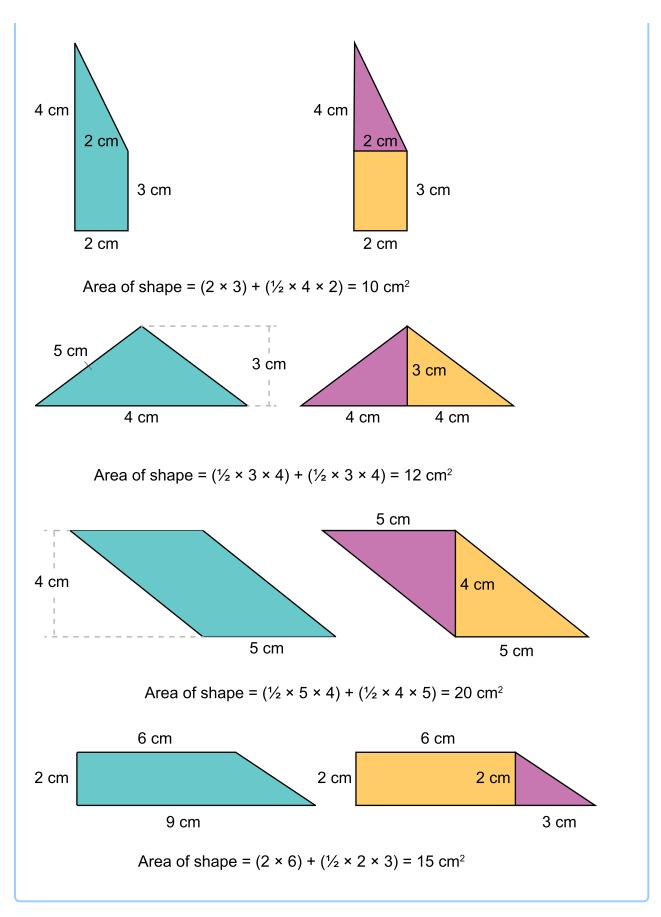
Area of a triangle =  $1/2 \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$ 

#### Area of a composite shape

Many shapes can be broken up into rectangles and / or right angled triangles. Look at the shapes below.

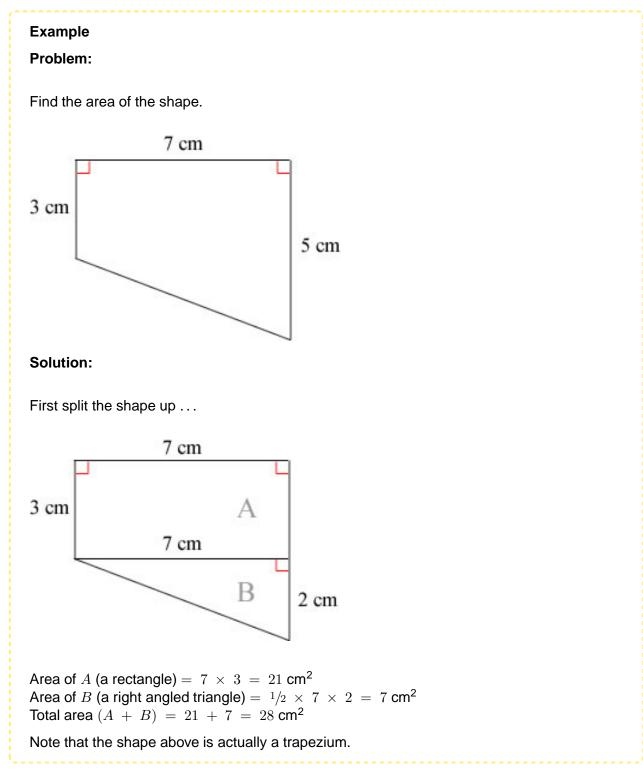


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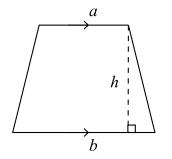


Now let's see how to calculate the area of composite shapes which can be broken down into

rectangles and triangles.

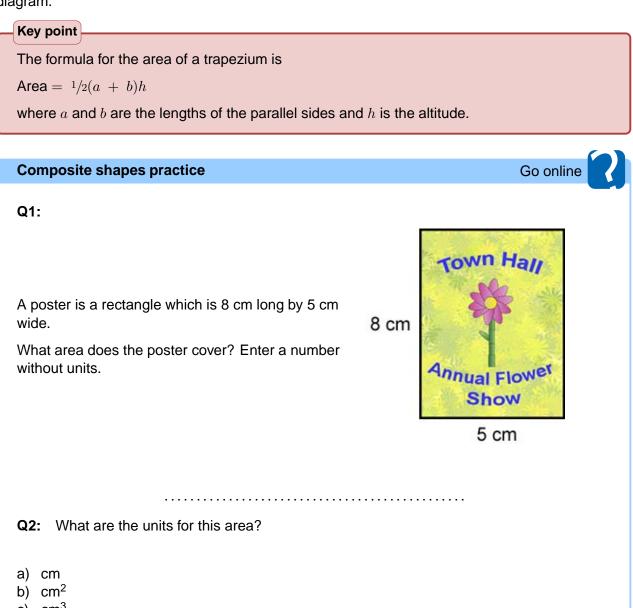


The diagram below shows a Trapezium.

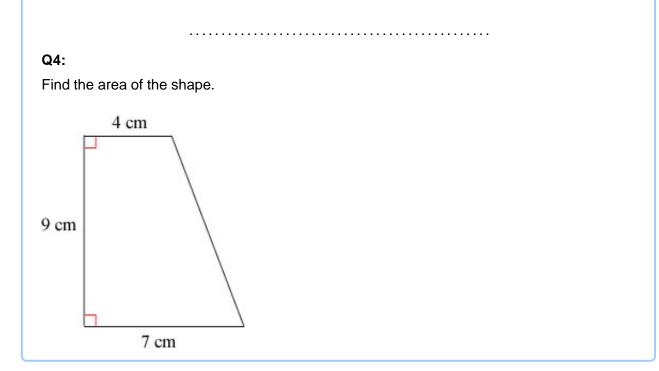


A trapezium has a pair of parallel sides, a and b and the altitude is labelled h.

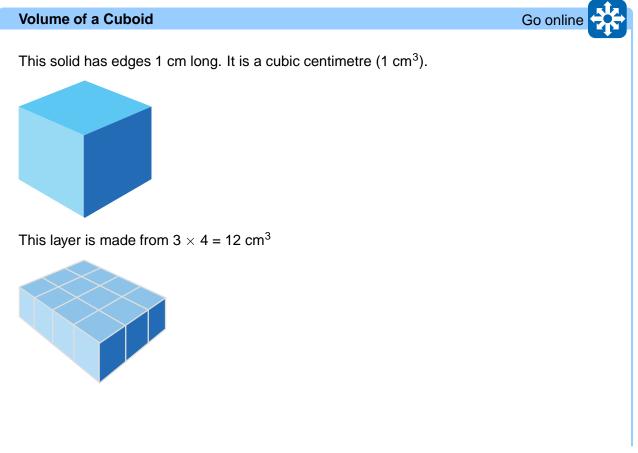
There is a formula to calculate the area of a trapezium if you know the values of a, b and h in the diagram.

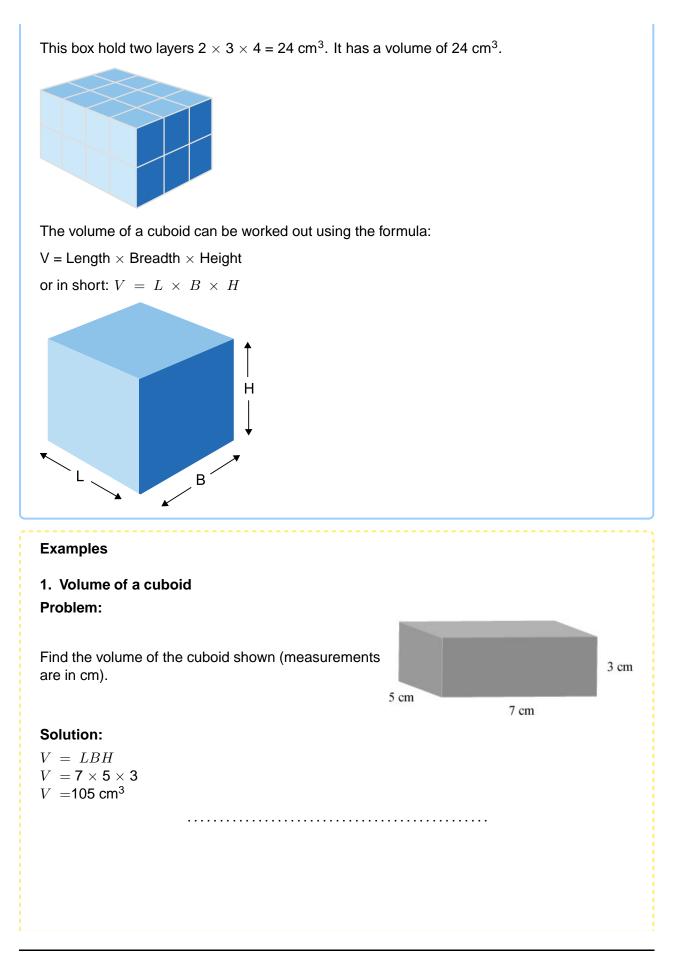


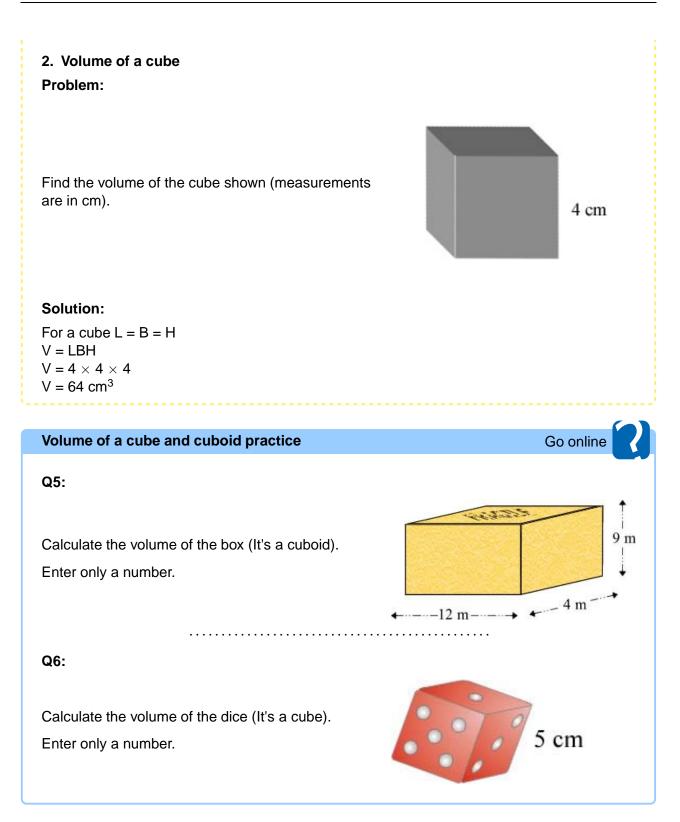
**Q3:** Find the area of a right angled triangle which is has a base 4.6 cm long and an altitude of 6.5 cm. Type in a number.



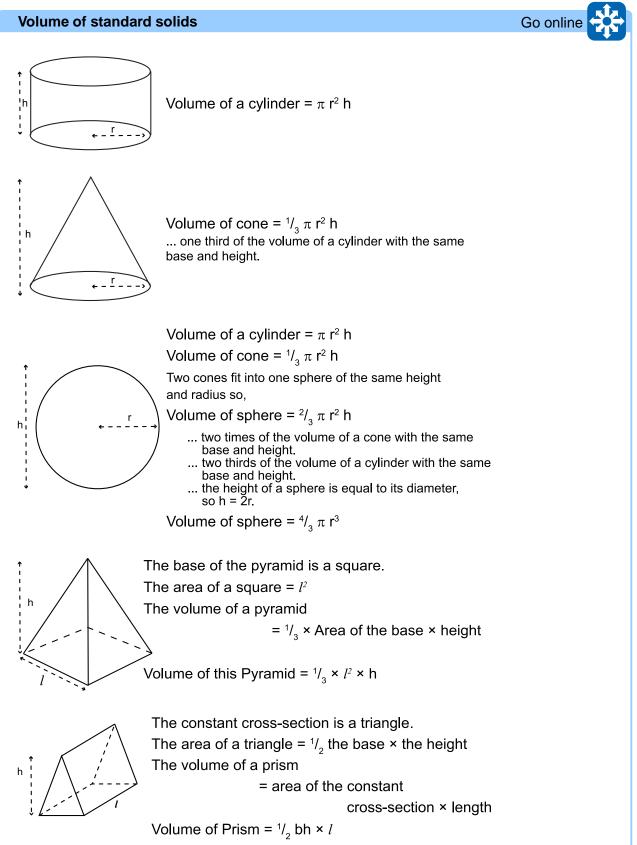
# 4.1.2 Volume of a cube and a cuboid







# 4.2 Calculate the volume of a solid



Here is a summary of the formulae for the volumes of the solids we have met.

# Key point

Volume of a Cuboid = lbhVolume of a Cylinder =  $\pi r^2 h$ 

Volume of a Cone =  $\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 h$ 

Volume of a pyramid =  $\frac{1}{3} \times Area$  of the base  $\times$  height

Volume of a Sphere =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ 

Volume of a prism = area of the constant cross-section  $\times$  length

#### Remember:

Only the formulae for Cone, Pyramid and Sphere are given on the National 5 formula sheet. The rest *must* be remembered.

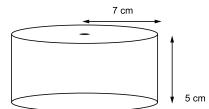
#### **Examples**

#### 1.

#### Problem:

A cylinder has a radius of 7 cm and a height of 5 cm.

Calculate its volume correct to 1 decimal place.

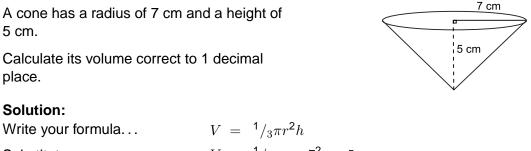


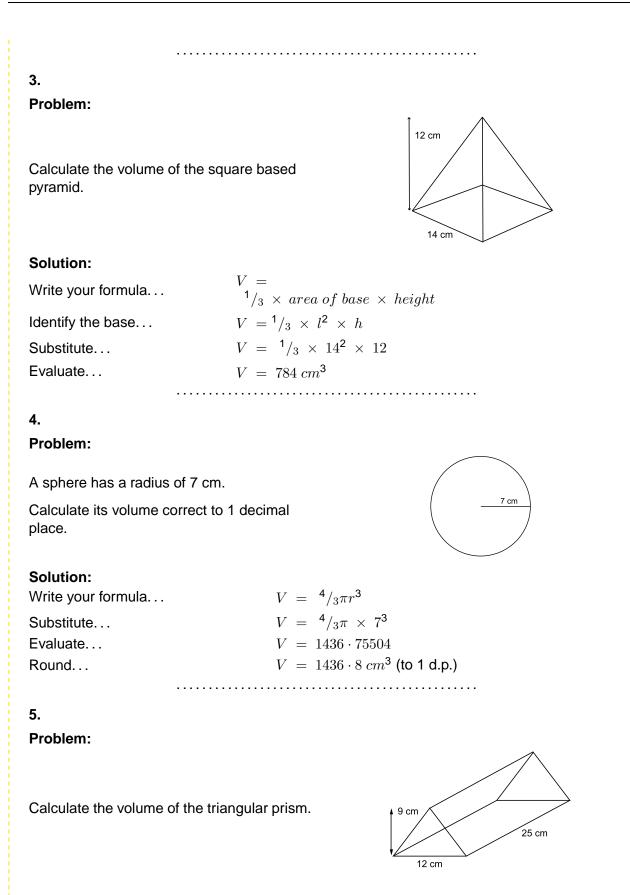
#### Solution:

Write your formula	$V = \pi r^2 h$
Substitute	$V = \pi \times 7^2 \times 5$
Evaluate	$V = 769 \cdot 6902001$
Round	$V = 769 \cdot 7 \ cm^3$ (to 1 d.p.)

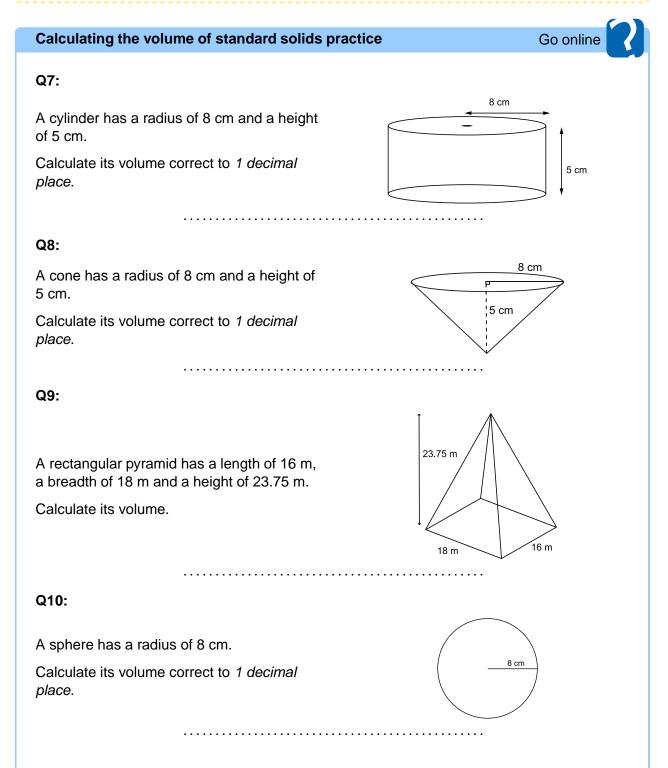
# 2.

# Problem:





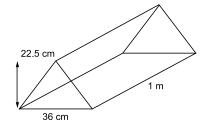
<b>Solution:</b> Write your formula	$V = area \ of \ constant \ cross - section \  imes \ length$
Identify the constant cross-section	$V = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h \times l$
Substitute	$V = {}^{1}/_{2} \times 12 \times 9 \times 25$
Evaluate	$V = 1350 \ cm^3$

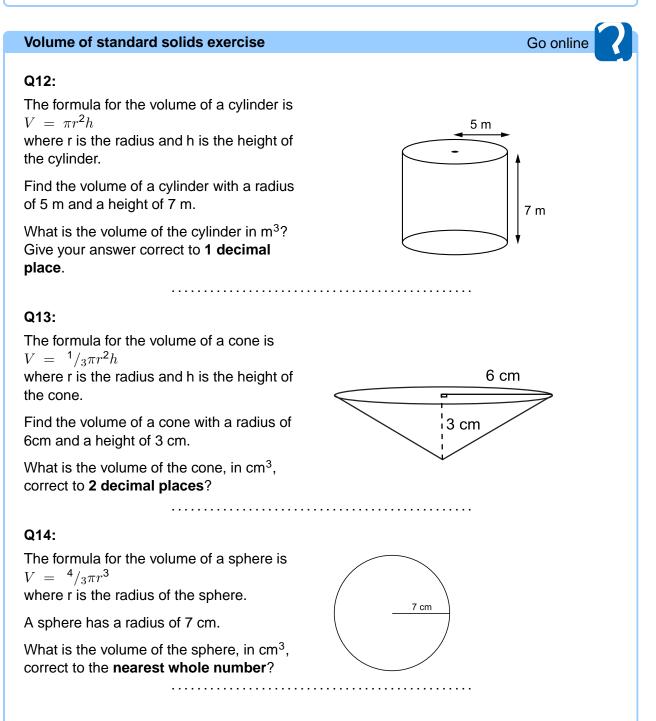


# Q11:

A triangular prism has a length of 1 m, a triangle base of 36 cm and a height of 22.5 cm.

Calculate its volume.





# Q15:

The tent is in the shape of a triangular prism. The formula for the volume of a prism is

 $V = area of the constant cross section \times length$ 

The tent has a height of 0.9 m, base of 1.9 m and length of 3.5 m.

Calculate the volume of triangular prism, correct to **3 significant figures**.

## Q16:

The picture shows the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. The formula for the volume of a pyramid is

 $V = \frac{1}{3} \times area of the base \times height$ 

It is a square-based pyramid of length 230.4 m and height 146.4 m.

Calculate the volume of the Great Pyramid of Giza, correct to **3 significant figures**.



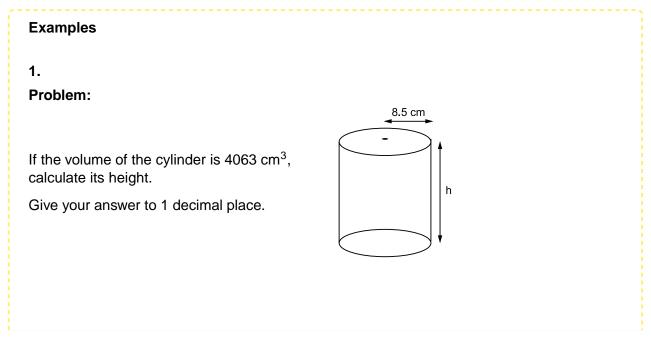
3.5 m

0.9 m

1.9 m

# 4.3 Finding an unknown dimension when you know the volume

By re-arranging the formula for the volume we can find an unknown dimension.



The formula for the volume of a cylinder is  $V = \pi r^2 h$  where radius  $r = 8 \cdot 5 cm$ . If we substitute the volume and the radius we get,

 $4063 = \pi \times 8 \cdot 5^2 \times h \quad (\pi \times 8 \cdot 5^2 = 226 \cdot 98)$   $4063 = 226 \cdot 98 \times h \quad (rearrange the equation)$   $\frac{4063}{226 \cdot 98} = h$   $h = 17 \cdot 9 \ cm \ (to \ 1 \ d.p.)$ 

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# Problem:

If the volume of the sphere is  $14 \cdot 1 \text{ m}^3$ , calculate its radius.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



The formula for the volume of a sphere is  $V = \frac{4}{_3\pi r^3}$ . If we substitute the volume we get

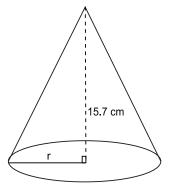
 $14 \cdot 1 = \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^{3} \qquad \left(\frac{4}{3} \times \pi = 4 \cdot 189\right)$   $14 \cdot 1 = 4 \cdot 189 \times r^{3} \qquad (re - arrange the equation)$   $\frac{14 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 189} = r^{3} \qquad (find the cube root)$   $\sqrt[3]{\frac{14 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 189}} = r$   $r = 1 \cdot 5 m \ (to \ 1 \ d.p.)$ 



# Problem:

If the volume of the cone is 924.8 cm<sup>3</sup>, calculate its radius.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



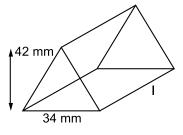
The formula for the volume of a cone is  $V = \frac{1}{_3\pi r^2 h}$  with height  $h = 15 \cdot 7 cm$ . If we substitute the volume and the height we get,

 $924 \cdot 8 = \frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times r^2 \times 15 \cdot 7 \quad \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times 15 \cdot 7 = 16 \cdot 441\right)$   $924 \cdot 8 = 16 \cdot 441 \times r^2 \quad (re - arrange the equation)$   $\frac{924 \cdot 8}{16 \cdot 441} = r^2 \quad (find the square root)$   $\sqrt{\frac{924 \cdot 8}{16 \cdot 441}} = r$   $r = 7 \cdot 5 \ cm \ (to \ 1 \ d.p.)$ 

#### 4.

Problem:

If the volume of the prism is 39270 mm<sup>3</sup>, calculate its length.



#### Solution:

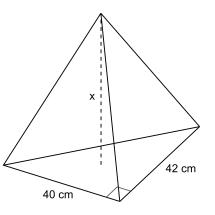
The formula for the volume of a triangular prism is  $V = area \text{ of } the \text{ constant } cross \text{ section } \times length = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h \times l$  with height h = 42 mm and base b = 34 mm. If we substitute the volume, base and height of the triangle we get

 $39270 = \frac{1}{2} \times 34 \times 42 \times l \quad \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 34 \times 42 = 714\right)$   $39270 = 714 \times l \quad (re-arrange the equation)$   $\frac{39270}{714} = l$ l = 55 mm

## 5.

Problem:

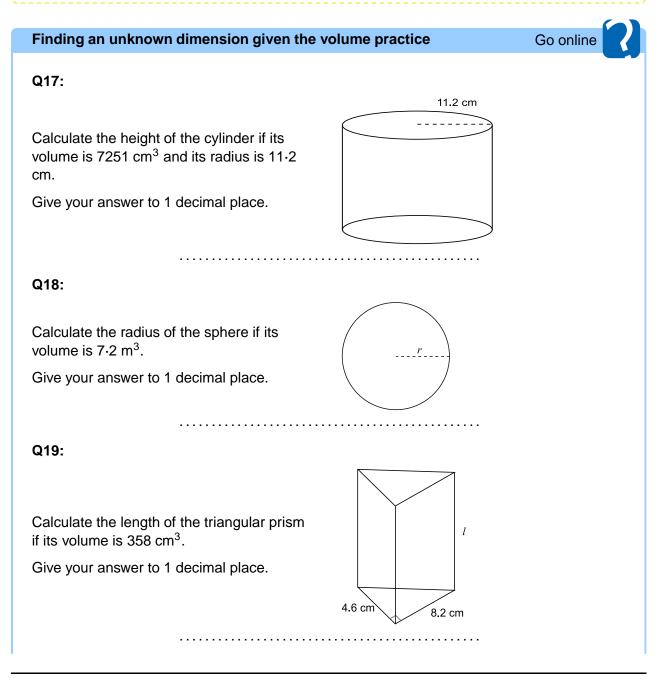
If the volume of the pyramid is 14560 cm<sup>3</sup>, calculate its height.

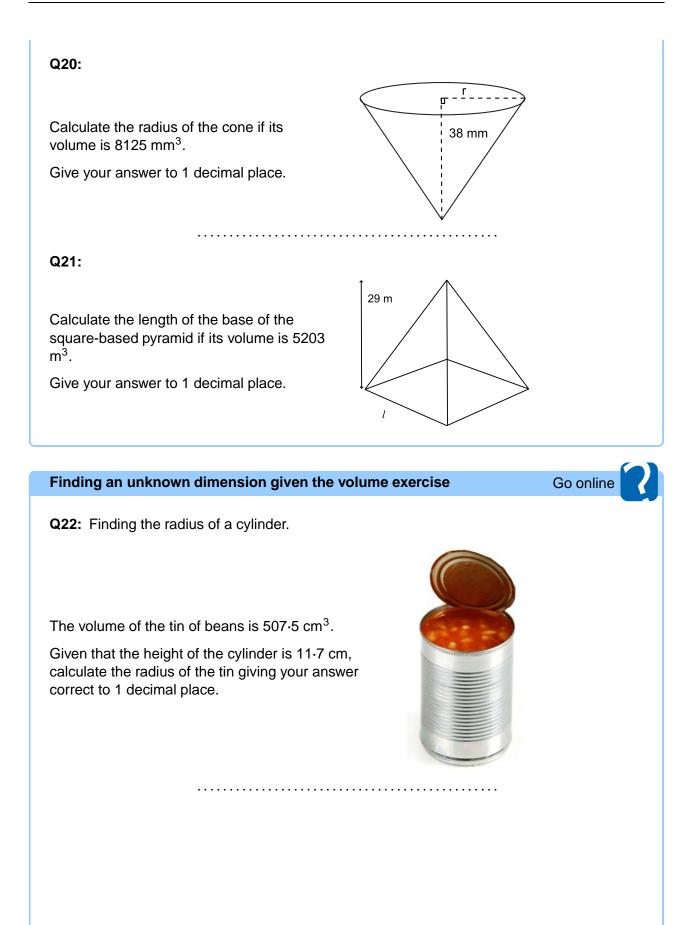


The formula for the volume of a triangular pyramid is  $V = \frac{1}{3} \times area$  of  $base \times height$ The base of the pyramid is a triangle and the formula for the area of a triangle is  $A = \frac{1}{2} bh$ .

If we substitute the volume, base and height of the triangle we get

14560	=	$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 42 \times h  \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 42 = 280\right)$
14560	=	$280 \times h$ (re – arrange the equation)
$\frac{14560}{280}$	=	h
h	=	$52 \ cm$





**Q23:** Finding the height of a cone.

The volume of ice-cream which this cone could contain is 81.8 ml.

If the cone has a radius of 2.5 cm, calculate the height of the cone.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. (Remember:  $1 \text{ ml} = 1 \text{ cm}^3$ )

Q24: Finding the radius of a sphere.

Planet Earth is a sphere. The volume of our planet is  $1\cdot 08321~\times~10^{12}~km^3$ .

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Calculate the radius of the sphere correct to the nearest km.

**Q25:** Finding the height of a pyramid.

The pyramid has a rectangular base of length 102 m and breadth 84 m.

Calculate the height of the pyramid if its volume is  $574000 \text{ m}^3$ .

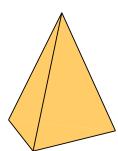
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

#### Q26:

A company makes candles in the shape of cones and pyramids.

The cone has a radius of 5 cm and a height of 16 cm.

Calculate the volume of the cone, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



16 cm

5 cm



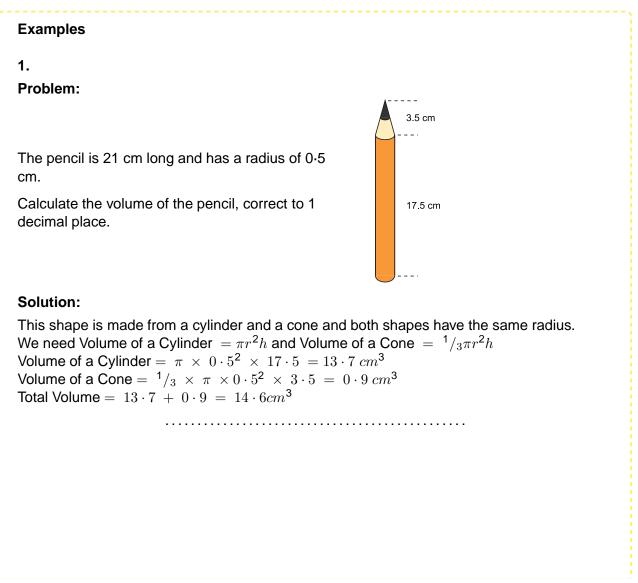
## Q27:

The pyramid has a square base of side 12 cm and the same volume as the cone in the question above.

Calculate the height of the pyramid, correct to 1 decimal place.



Composite solids are shapes which are composed of 2 or more solids.



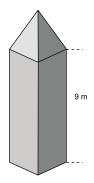
12 cn

# 2.

# Problem:

The height of the obelisk is 10.8 m and has a square base of side 2.6 m.

Calculate the volume of the obelisk, correct to 3 significant figures.



#### Solution:

This shape is made from a cuboid and a square-based pyramid and both have the same length of a side.

We need Volume of a Cuboid = lbh and Volume of a pyramid =  $1/3 \times Area \ of \ the \ base \times height$ 

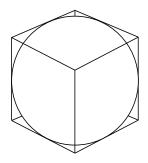
The height of the pyramid =  $10 \cdot 8 - 9 = 1 \cdot 8 m$ Volume of a Cuboid =  $2 \cdot 6 \times 2 \cdot 6 \times 9 = 60 \cdot 84 cm^3$ Volume of a pyramid =  $1/_3 \times 2 \cdot 6^2 \times 1 \cdot 8 = 4 \cdot 056 cm^3$ Total Volume =  $60 \cdot 84 + 4 \cdot 056 = 64 \cdot 896$ =  $64 \cdot 9 cm^3$  to 3 significant figures

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# Problem:

A ball of radius 2.2 cm fits perfectly inside a box.

Calculate the volume of space in the box.

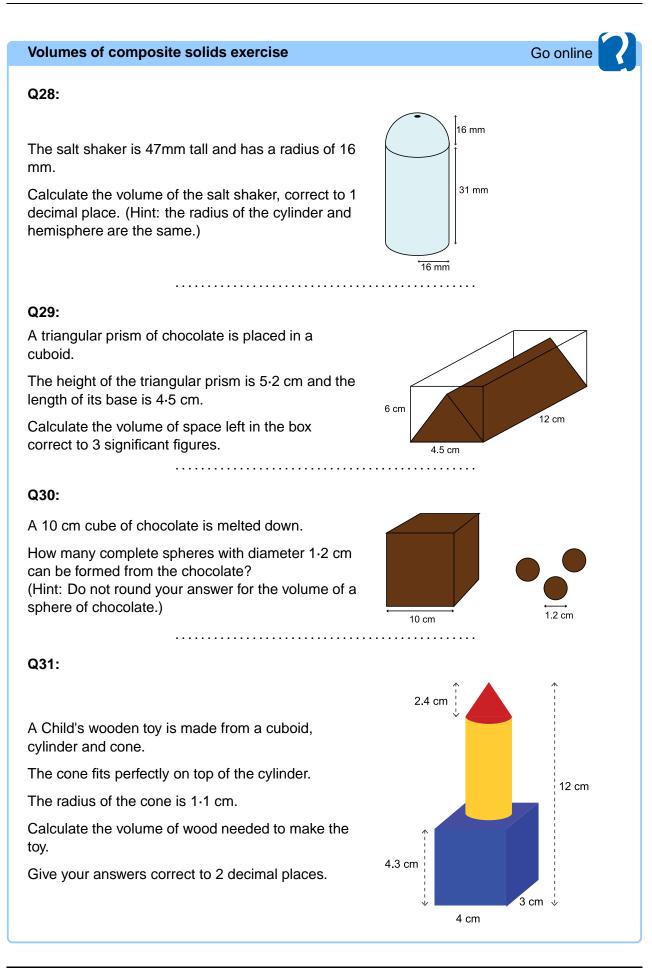


# Solution:

This shape shows a cube with a sphere inside. The side of the cube is the same as the diameter of the sphere.

We need Volume of a Cube  $= l^3$  and Volume of a Sphere  $= \frac{4}{_3\pi r^3}$ 

The length of a side on the cube =  $2 \times 2 \cdot 2 = 4 \cdot 4$ Volume of Cube =  $4 \cdot 4^3 = 85 \cdot 184 cm^3$ Volume of Sphere =  $4/_3 \times \pi \times 2 \cdot 2^3 = 44 \cdot 602 \ cm^3$ Volume of space =  $85 \cdot 184 - 44 \cdot 602 = 40 \cdot 582$ =  $40 \cdot 6 \ cm^3$ 



# 4.5 Learning points

- Volume of a cuboid = *lbh*
- Volume of a cylinder =  $\pi r^2 h$
- Volume of a cone =  $\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
- Volume of a pyramid =  $\frac{1}{3} \times Area \ of \ the \ base \times height$
- Volume of a sphere =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
- Volume of a prism = area of the constant cross-section × length
- You may also need to remember these formulae:
  - Area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}bh$
  - Area of a square =  $l^2$
  - Area of a rectangle = lb
- To find an unknown dimension on a solid shape when you know its volume:
  - put the values you know into the formula including the volume;
  - rearrange or change the subject of the formula.

# 4.6 End of topic test

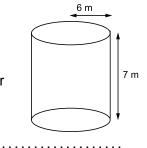
#### End of topic 4 test

#### Q32:

#### Volume of a cylinder

Find the volume of a cylinder with a radius of 6 m and a height of 7 m.

What is the volume of the cylinder in m<sup>3</sup>? Give your answer correct to **1 decimal place**.



## Q33:

#### Volume of a cone

The formula for the volume of a cone is  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$  where r is the radius and h is the height of the

cone.

Find the volume of a cone with a radius of 5 cm and a height of 8 cm.

What is the volume of the cone, in cm<sup>3</sup>, correct to **2** decimal places?

#### Q34:

#### Volume of a sphere

The formula for the volume of a sphere is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ 

where r is the radius of the sphere.

A sphere has a radius of 7 cm.

What is the volume of the sphere, in cm<sup>3</sup>, correct to the **nearest whole number**?

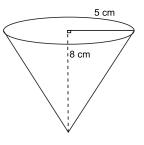
#### Q35:

#### Volume of a pyramid

A Paperweight in the shape of a square-based pyramid has length 40 mm and height 44 mm.

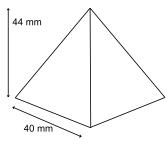
Calculate the volume of the paperweight.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.





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## Q36:

#### Volume of a prism

A wastepaper bin is in the shape of a triangular prism.

It is 52 cm tall and has a triangular base of side 30 cm and height 26 cm.

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Calculate the volume of the wastepaper bin.

## Q37:

#### Finding the height of a solid

The glass beaker holds 1400 ml. If the radius is 5.2 cm, calculate the height of the beaker.

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place. (Hint:  $1 \text{ ml} = 1 \text{ cm}^3$ )



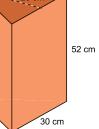
#### Q38:

#### Finding the radius of a solid

A globe of the world has a volume of 65500 cm<sup>3</sup>, calculate the radius of the globe correct to the nearest centimetre.

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## Q39:

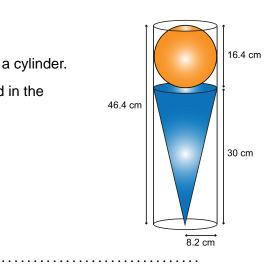
#### Volume of a composite solid

A cone and a sphere are placed inside a cylinder.

Calculate the volume of space not used in the cylinder correct to 3 significant figures.

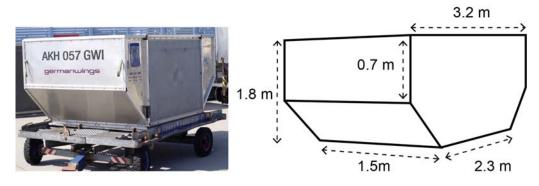
a) 
$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

b) 
$$V = \frac{4}{_3}\pi r^3$$



#### Q40:

An airline container is in the shape of a prism.



Calculate the volume of the airline container correct to 2 significant figures.

# Answers to questions and activities

# **Topic 4: Volumes of solids**

# Composite shapes practice (page 8)

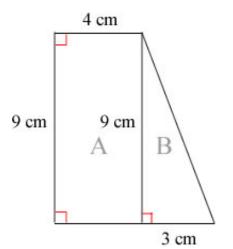
**Q1:** 40 cm<sup>2</sup>

**Q2:** b) cm<sup>2</sup>

**Q3:** 14.95 cm<sup>2</sup>

# Q4:

You must first split up the shape.



Area of  $A = lb = 9 \times 4 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$ Area of  $B = \frac{1}{2} \times base \times altitude = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 9 = 13.5 \text{ cm}^2$ Total area  $(A + B) = 36 + 13.5 = 49.5 \text{ cm}^2$ 

# Volume of a cube and cuboid practice (page 11)

- **Q5:** 432 m<sup>3</sup>
- **Q6:** 125 cm<sup>3</sup>

# Calculating the volume of standard solids practice (page 15)

- **Q7:** 1005.3 cm<sup>3</sup>
- **Q8:** 335.1 cm<sup>3</sup>
- **Q9:** 2280 m<sup>3</sup>
- **Q10:** 2144.7 cm<sup>3</sup>
- **Q11:** 40500 cm<sup>3</sup>

#### Volume of standard solids exercise (page 16)

**Q12:** 549.8 m<sup>3</sup>

Q13: 113.10 cm<sup>3</sup>

**Q14:** 1437 cm<sup>3</sup>

#### Q15:

Constant cross section = triangle Area of a triangle =  $1/_2bh = 0.855 m^3$ 2.99 m<sup>3</sup>

# Q16:

Base of the pyramid = square Area of a square =  $l^2 = 53084 \cdot 16 m^3$ 2590000 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Finding an unknown dimension given the volume practice (page 20)

Q17: 18.4 cm Q18: 1.2 m Q19: 19.0 cm Q20: 14.3 mm

Q21: 23.2 m

Finding an unknown dimension given the volume exercise (page 21)

#### Q22:

Volume of a cylinder =  $\pi \times r^2 \times h$   $\pi \times h = \pi \times 11 \cdot 7 = 36 \cdot 75663404700...$ 3.7 cm

Q23:

Volume of a cone  $= \frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times r^2 h$  $\frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times r^2 = \frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times 2 \cdot 5^2 = 6.544984694...$ 12.5 cm

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# Q24:

Volume of a sphere =  ${}^{4}/_{3} \times \pi \times r^{3}$  ${}^{4}/_{3} \times \pi = 4.188790204...$ 6371 km

# Q25:

Volume of a pyramid =  $1/_3 \times area \ of \ the \ base \times h$  $1/_3 \times area \ of \ the \ base = 1/_3 \times 102 \times 84 = 2856$ 201 m

**Q26:** 419 cm<sup>3</sup>

Q27: 8.7 cm

## Volumes of composite solids exercise (page 25)

## Q28:

Volume of half of a sphere =  $8578.6 \text{ mm}^3$ Volume of cylinder =  $24931.7 \text{ mm}^3$ Total =  $33510.3 \text{ mm}^3$ 

## Q29:

Volume of the cuboid =  $324 \text{ cm}^3$ Volume of the triangular prism =  $140.4 \text{ cm}^3$ Volume of space =  $183.6 \text{ cm}^3$ 3 significant figures =  $184 \text{ cm}^3$ 

## Q30:

Volume of cube =  $1000 \text{ cm}^3$ Volume of 1 sphere =  $0.90477868... \text{ cm}^3$ Number of complete spheres = 1105

# Q31:

#### Steps:

- Volume of the Cuboid  $\rightarrow 4 \cdot 3 \times 4 \times 3 = 51 \cdot 6 \ cm^3$
- Volume of the Cone  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \times \pi \times 1 \cdot 1^2 \times 2 \cdot 4 = 3 \cdot 04 \ cm^3$
- Radius of the cylinder  $\rightarrow 1 \cdot 1 \ cm$
- Height of the cylinder  $\rightarrow 12 (2 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 3) = 5 \cdot 3 \ cm$
- Volume of the cylinder  $\rightarrow 20 \cdot 15 \ cm^3$

Answer: Total volume of wood = 74.8 cm<sup>3</sup>

#### End of topic 4 test (page 27)

**Q32:** 791.7 m<sup>3</sup>

Q33: 209.44 cm<sup>3</sup>

**Q34:** 1437 cm<sup>3</sup>

Q35: 23500 mm<sup>3</sup>

Q36: 20280 cm<sup>3</sup>

**Q37:** 16.5 cm<sup>3</sup>

Q38: 25 cm

Q39:

Steps:

- Volume of the cylinder correct to 4 significant figures = 9802 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Volume of the cone correct to 4 significant figures = 2112 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Volume of the sphere correct to 4 significant figures= 2310 cm<sup>3</sup>

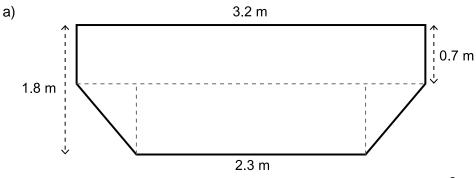
Answer: Volume of space not used in the cylinder = 5380 cm<sup>3</sup>

# Q40:

Hints:

• Split the area of the front of the container up into smaller familiar shapes.

## Steps:



- b) Area of the large rectangle correct to ? significant figures =  $2.24 \text{ m}^2$
- c) Area of the small rectangle correct to ? significant figures =  $2.53 \text{ m}^2$
- d) Area of the two triangles correct to ? significant figures =  $0.495 \text{ m}^2$
- e) Total area of constant cross section =  $5.265 \text{ m}^2$

**Answer:** Volume of airline container =  $7.9 \text{ m}^3$