GCSE - Numeracy and Mathematics

Topic: Dimensions

Tier: Intermediate

Grade: B



Starter

Simplify the following:

- a) 2a + a + 3c
- b) $3n^2 + 3m + p + 3n^2$
- c) 2a(a + 1)

Skills:

The letters a, b and c represent lengths. For each of the following expressions, decide whether it represents a length, area, volume or none of these.

- (i) 3*ab*
- (ii) $\pi c^2 a b^3$
- (iii) $5b^3 + 2ac$
- (iv) 4a(b+2c)
- $\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2a}$
- (vi) 3c + a 2b.

Top Tips! - Length, Area and Volume

Adding:

Length + Length = Length ✓

Area + Area = Area ✓

Volume + Volume = Volume ✓

Multiplying:

Number × Length = Length (one dimension)

Number \times Area = Area (two dimensions)

Number × Volume = Volume (three dimensions)

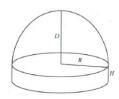
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Examination Question: June 200 Linear Intermediate (P97 guidelines)

The diagram shows a solid. The lengths D, R and H are as shown.



One of these formulae may be used to estimate V, the volume of the solid.

V = 3H + 2R + 5D V = 3R + 5DR $V = 3R^{2}H + 2R^{2}D$ V = 3R(4D + 5H)

- (a) Explain why the formula V = 3H + 2R + 5D cannot be used to estimate the volume of the solid. [1]
- (b) State, with a reason, which of the above formulae may be used to estimate the volume of the solid. [2]

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a)
$$2a + a + 3c = 3a + 3c$$

b)
$$3n^2 + 3m + p + 3n^2 = 6n^2 + 3m + p$$

c)
$$2a(a + 1) = 2a^2 + 2a$$

Multiplying:

The letters a, b and c represent lengths. For each of the following expressions, decide whether it represents a length, area, volume or none of these.

(ii)
$$\pi c^2 a - b^3$$

(iii)
$$5b^3 + 2ac$$

(iv)
$$4a(b+2c)$$

$$\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2a}$$

(vi)
$$3c + a - 2b$$
.

- i) Area
- ii) Volume
- iii) None of these
- iv) Area
- v) Length
- vi) Length

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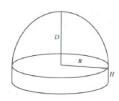
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Explanation that the expression (on the right) is for length OR is onedimensional.

(Length + Length + Length = Length)

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 $V = 3R^2H + 2R^2D$ (Disregarding the constants,) both terms are $^{1}length^{3}$, giving volume. (Volume + Volume = Volume)

Assessment for Learning