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KEY CONCEPTS

The surface area of an object is the **total area of the surface** of the object.

Surface area is measured in square units (ie. cm^2).

To find the surface area of a prism or pyramid, find the area of each face, then add the areas.

There are formulas which can be used to find the surface area of prisms and pyramids



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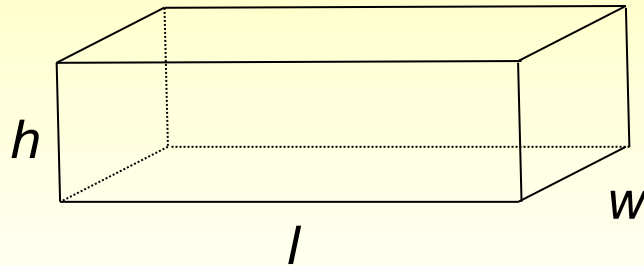
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FORMULAS

SURFACE AREA OF A RECTANGULAR PRISM

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= 2(lw + lh + wh) \\ &= 2lw + 2lh + 2wh \end{aligned}$$



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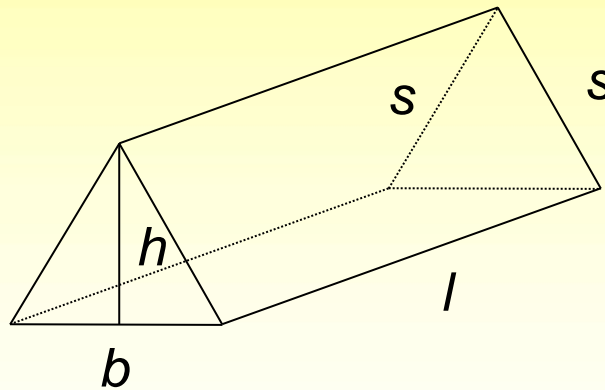
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SURFACE AREA OF A TRIANGULAR PRISM

$$SA = 2sl + bl + bh$$



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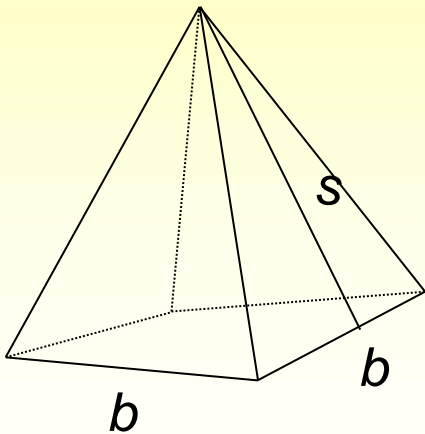
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SURFACE AREA OF A SQUARE BASED PYRAMID

Square: $SA = 2bs + b^2$



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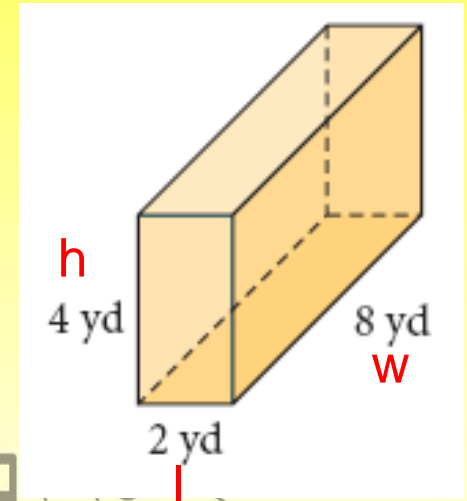
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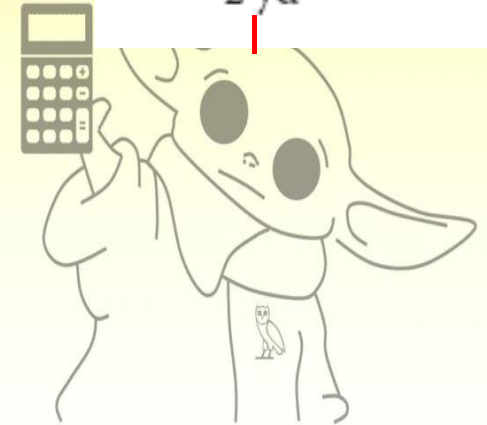
EXAMPLE 1 *Surface Area of a Rectangular Prism*

Find the surface area of the pictured rectangular prism

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= 2lw + 2lh + 2wh \\ &= 2(2)(8) + 2(2)(4) + 2(8)(4) \\ &= 112 \text{ yd}^2 \end{aligned}$$



The surface area of the rectangular prism is **112 square yards**.



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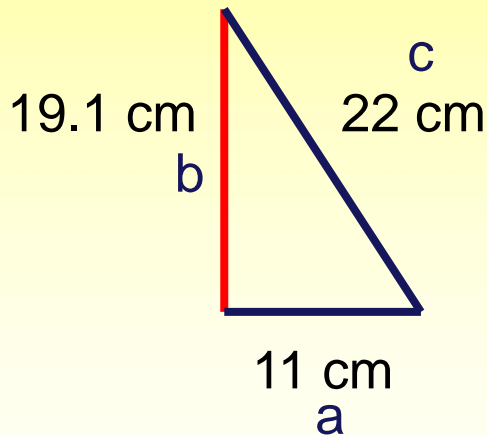
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EXAMPLE 2 Surface Area of a Triangular Prism

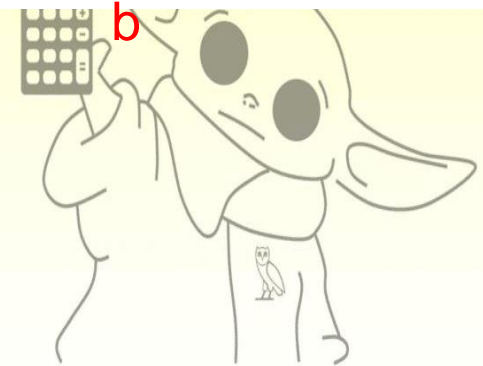
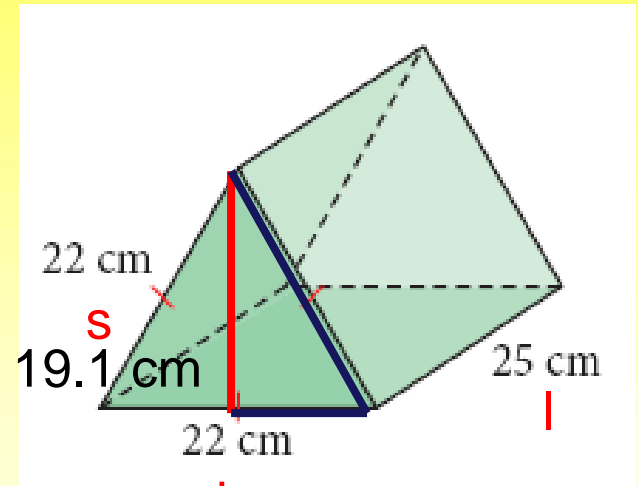
Calculate the surface area of the triangular prism pictured.

We are missing the **height (h)**

Step 1: Calculate the height of the triangle by using the *Pythagorean Theorem* ($c^2 = a^2 + b^2$)



$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\(22)^2 &= (11)^2 + b^2 \\484 &= 121 + b^2 \\484 - 121 &= b^2 \\363 &= b^2 \\\sqrt{363} &= \sqrt{b^2} \\19.1 \text{ cm} &= b\end{aligned}$$



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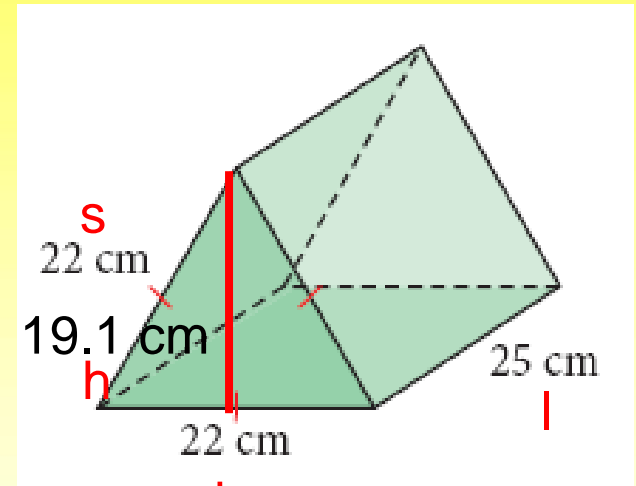
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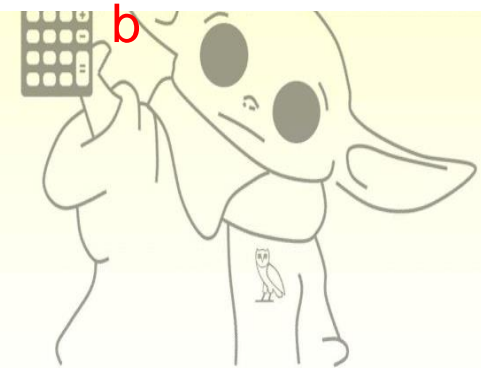
Calculate the surface area of the triangular prism pictured.

Step 2: Calculate the surface area using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= 2sl + bl + bh \\ &= 2(22)(25) + (22)(25) + (22)(19.1) \\ &= 2070.2 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$



The surface area of the triangular prism is **2070.2 square centimetre**.



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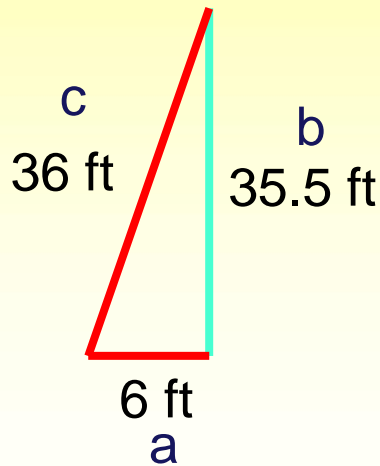
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EXAMPLE 3 Surface Area of a Square Based Pyramid

Calculate the surface area of the square based pyramid pictured.

We are missing the **slant height (s)**

Step 1: Calculate the slant height of the triangle by using the *Pythagorean Theorem* ($c^2 = a^2 + b^2$)



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$(36)^2 = (6)^2 + b^2$$

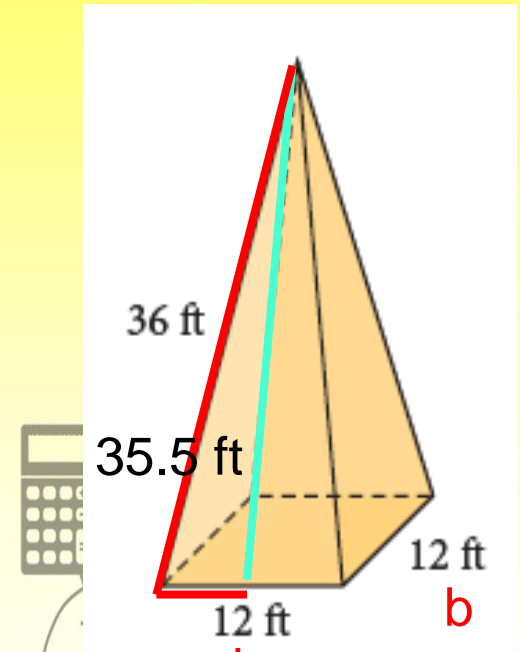
$$1296 = 36 + b^2$$

$$1296 - 36 = b^2$$

$$1260 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{1260} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$35.5 \text{ ft} = b$$



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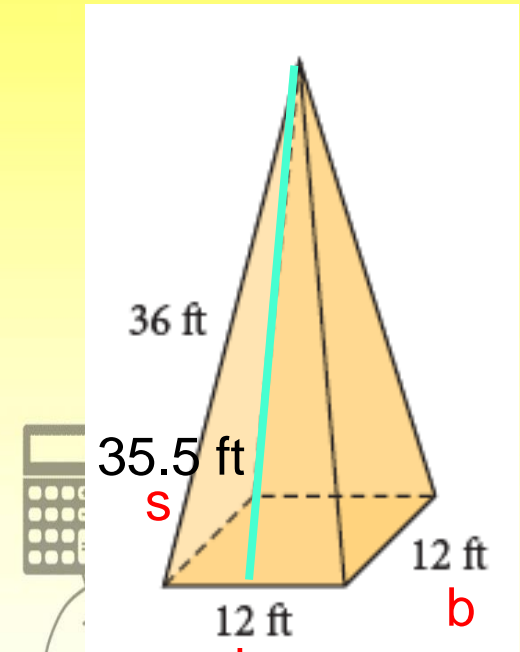
EXAMPLE 3 *Surface Area of a Square Based Pyramid*

Calculate the surface area of the square based pyramid pictured.

Step 2: Calculate the surface area using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= 2bs + b^2 \\ &= 2(12)(35.5) + (12)^2 \\ &= 996 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The surface area of the square based pyramid is **996 square feet**.



Homework:

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