

Optimization of a Cylinder

Investigation A: How can you compare the volumes of cylinders with the same surface area?

Many products come in cylinders. Your task is to design a cylindrical juice can that uses no more than 375 cm² of aluminum. The can should have the greatest capacity possible.

1. To investigate the volume of the cylinder as its radius changes, you will need an expression for the height in terms of the radius, given that the surface area is 375 cm².

$$SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$$

$$2\pi rh = SA - 2\pi r^2$$

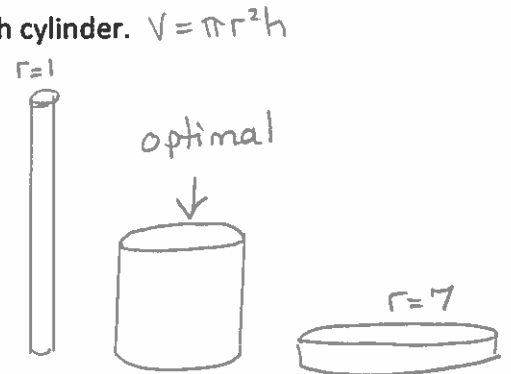
$$h = \frac{SA - 2\pi r^2}{2\pi r}$$

$$h = \frac{375 - 2\pi r^2}{2\pi r}$$

2. Complete the table below by calculating the height and volume of each cylinder. $V = \pi r^2 h$

d
2
4
6
8
10
12
14

Radius (cm)	Height (cm)	Volume (cm ³)	Surface Area (cm ²)
1	58.7	184	375
2	27.8	349	375
3	16.9	478	375
4	10.9	548	375
5	6.9	542	375
6	3.9	441	375
7	1.5	231	375



3. REFLECT: Summarize your Findings

- a) What is the maximum volume for the cans in your table? And what are the radius and height of the can with the volume? Max. volume is 548 cm³ when r=4 (d=8), h=10.9
- b) What relationship do you notice between the radius and height? closest to d=h
- c) Do these dimensions give the optimal volume for the surface area of 375 cm²? How could you extend your investigation to determine the dimensions of a can with a volume greater than the value in the table? How can you solve for the dimensions algebraically?

No. Include decimal radii

Set $h = 2r$

$A_{total} = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r(2r)$ ← substitute $h = 2r$

$A_{total} = 2\pi r^2 + 4\pi r^2$

$A_{total} = 6\pi r^2$

Isolate r in $SA = 6\pi r^2$

$$\frac{A_{total}}{6\pi} = \frac{6\pi r^2}{6\pi}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{A_{total}}{6\pi}} = \sqrt{r^2}, r > 0$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{A_{total}}{6\pi}}$$

Example 1 Maximize the Volume of a Cylinder

- a) Determine the dimensions of the cylinder with maximum volume that can be made with 600 cm² of aluminum. Round the dimensions to the nearest hundredth of a centimetre.

quick way ← if you remember → larger way if you forget

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{600}{6\pi}}$$

$r \approx 5.64$

$h \approx 11.28$ (recall: $h = 2r$)

$$2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r(2r) = 600$$

$$2\pi r^2 + 4\pi r^2 = 600$$

$$6\pi r^2 = 600$$

$$r^2 = \frac{600}{6\pi}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{100}{\pi}}, r > 0$$

$r \approx 5.64, h = 2r$
so $h \approx 11.28$

∴ the optimal cylinder has $r = 5.64$ cm, $h = 11.28$ cm

- b) What is the volume of this cylinder, to the nearest cubic centimetre?

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = \pi (5.64)^2 (11.28)$$

$$V \approx 1127 \text{ cm}^3$$

4. Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt is a square based pyramid that reaches a height of 146 m and its square base has side lengths of 226 m.

a) Calculate the surface area of the lateral faces of this pyramid. Round your answer to one decimal place. [3 marks]

$$\begin{array}{l}
 146 \quad \begin{array}{c} \diagup 5 \\ \diagdown 113 \end{array} \\
 S^2 = 146^2 + 113^2 \\
 S^2 = 34085 \\
 S = \sqrt{34085} \\
 S \doteq 184.6212339
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A_{\text{lateral faces}} = A_{4\Delta's} \\
 = 2bs \\
 = 2(226)(\sqrt{34085}) \\
 = 83448.79771... \\
 \doteq 83448.8
 \end{array}$$



b) What is the volume of this pyramid? [2 marks]

$$\begin{array}{l}
 V = \frac{b^2 h}{3} \\
 V = 226^2(146) \div 3 \\
 = 2485698.667 \\
 \doteq 2485698.7
 \end{array}$$

\therefore the area of the lateral faces is 83448.8 m^2

\therefore the volume of the pyramid is 2485698.7 m^3

5. The surface area of sphere A is double the surface area of sphere B. The radius of sphere B is 5 cm.

a) What is the surface area of each sphere? [3 marks] $A_{\text{sphere}} = 4\pi r^2$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A_{\text{sphere B}} = 4\pi(5)^2 \\
 = 100\pi \\
 \doteq 314.2
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A_{\text{sphere A}} = 2 A_{\text{sphere B}} \\
 = 200\pi \\
 \doteq 628.3
 \end{array}$$

\therefore the surface area of sphere A is 628.3 cm^2 , sphere B is 314.2 cm^2

b) What is the radius of sphere A? [3 marks]

Option 1:
doubling A means

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2(4\pi r^2) \\
 = 4\pi(2r^2) \\
 = 4\pi(\sqrt{2}r)^2
 \end{array}$$

So, sphere A radius is $\sqrt{2}(5)$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 = 7.07... \\
 \doteq 7.1 \text{ cm}
 \end{array}$$

Option 2:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 4\pi r^2 = 200\pi \\
 r^2 = 50 \\
 r = \sqrt{50}, r > 0 \\
 r \doteq 7.1 \text{ cm}
 \end{array}$$

6. Two square-based prisms both have a volume of 729 cm^3 . Prism A has a base area of 9 cm^2 , prism B has a base area of 81 cm^2 .

a) Find the height of each prism. [4 marks]

$$\text{Prism } \textcircled{A} = b^2 h \quad \textcircled{B} \quad A_{\text{base}} \times h$$

Prism A

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^2 h = 729 \\
 9 h = 729 \\
 h = 81
 \end{array}$$

Prism B

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^2 h = 729 \\
 81 h = 729 \\
 h = 9
 \end{array}$$

\therefore Prism A has a height of 81 cm , Prism B has a height of 9 cm

b) Is either of these prisms optimal (the minimum surface area) for the given volume? Explain. [2 marks]

Prism B is optimal \checkmark It is a cube $9 \text{ cm} \times 9 \text{ cm} \times 9 \text{ cm}$.