

13-3 Enrichment

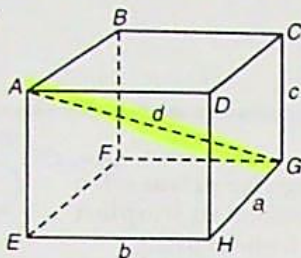
9.8 Diagonals

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To find the length of diagonals in cubes and rectangular solids, a formula can be applied. In the example below, the length of diagonal \overline{AG} or d can be found using the formula

$$d^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \text{ or } d = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \text{ or } d = \sqrt{l^2 + w^2 + h^2}$$

Example:



The diagonal, d , is equal to the square root of the sum of the squares of the length, a , the width, b , and the height, c .

Example: Find the length of the diagonal of a rectangular prism with length of 8 meters, width of 6 meters, and height of 10 meters.

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{8^2 + 6^2 + 10^2} \\ &= \sqrt{64 + 36 + 100} \\ &= \sqrt{200} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the dimensions into the equation.

Square each value. Add.

Find the square root of the sum.

$$\begin{aligned} &= 14.1 \text{ m} \\ &= 10\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Round the answer to the nearest tenth.
Write in simplest radical form!

Solve. Use $d = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$. Round answers to the nearest tenth.

1. Find the diagonal of a cube with sides of 6 inches.

$$d = \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 36} = 6\sqrt{3} \text{ in}$$

2. Find the diagonal of a cube with sides of 2.4 meters.

$$d = \sqrt{(2.4)^2 + (2.4)^2 + (2.4)^2} = \sqrt{3 \cdot (2.4)^2} = 2.4\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

3. Find the diagonal of a rectangular solid with length of 18 meters, width of 16 meters, and height of 24 meters.

$$d = \sqrt{18^2 + 16^2 + 24^2} = \sqrt{324 + 256 + 576} = \sqrt{1156} = 34 \text{ m}$$

4. Find the diagonal of a rectangular solid with length of 15.1 meters, width of 8.4 meters, and height of 6.3 meters.

$$d = \sqrt{(15.1)^2 + (8.4)^2 + (6.3)^2} = \sqrt{228.01 + 70.56 + 39.69} = \sqrt{338.26} \text{ m} \text{ or } \approx 18.4 \text{ m}$$

5. Find the diagonal of a cube with sides of 34 millimeters.

$$d = \sqrt{(34)^2 + (34)^2 + (34)^2} = \sqrt{3 \cdot (34)^2} = 34\sqrt{3} \text{ mm}$$

6. Find the diagonal of a rectangular solid with length of 8.9 millimeters, width of 6.7 millimeters, and height of 14 millimeters.

$$d = \sqrt{(8.9)^2 + (6.7)^2 + (14)^2} = \sqrt{79.21 + 44.89 + 196} = \sqrt{320.1} \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{or } \approx 17.9 \text{ mm}$$

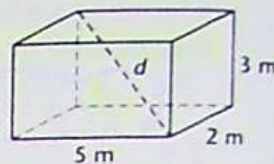
◆ Skill B Using the formula for the length of a diagonal of a right rectangular prism

Recall A diagonal of a polyhedron is a segment that joins two points that are vertices of different faces of the polyhedron. The Pythagorean Theorem can be used to derive a formula for the length of a diagonal of a right rectangular prism.

If a right rectangular prism has length ℓ , width w , and height h , then the length, d , of a diagonal is given by $d = \sqrt{\ell^2 + w^2 + h^2}$.

◆ Example

Find the length of a diagonal of the right rectangular prism.



◆ Solution

$$d = \sqrt{\ell^2 + w^2 + h^2} = \sqrt{5^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{38} \approx 6.16 \text{ m}$$

Find the length of a diagonal of a right rectangular prism with the given dimensions. Give your answer as a radical in simplest form and as a decimal rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Work shown below

- 10. $\ell = 9, w = 4, h = 5$ $\sqrt{122} \approx 11.05$
- 11. $\ell = 2, w = 2, h = 4$ $\sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6} \approx 4.90$
- 12. $\ell = 3, w = 7, h = 2$ $\sqrt{62} \approx 7.87$
- 13. $\ell = 3, w = 2, h = 3$ $\sqrt{22} \approx 4.69$
- 14. $\ell = 15, w = 6, h = 9$ $\sqrt{342} = 3\sqrt{38} \approx 18.49$
- 15. $\ell = 6, w = 12, h = 10$ $\sqrt{280} = 2\sqrt{70} \approx 16.73$
- 16. $\ell = 8, w = 10, h = 8$ $\sqrt{228} = 2\sqrt{57} \approx 15.10$
- 17. $\ell = 10, w = 8, h = 4$ $\sqrt{180} = 6\sqrt{5} \approx 13.42$

Find the missing dimension of the right rectangular prism. Give your answer as a radical in simplest form and as a decimal rounded to the nearest hundredth. *Given the diagonal!*

Work shown below

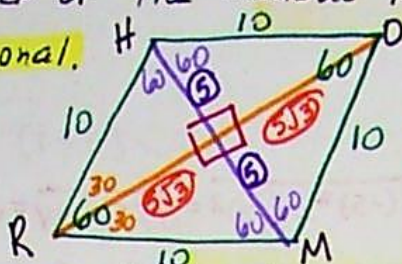
- 18. $d = 17, w = 9, \ell = 12, h = 8$
- 19. $d = 12, w = 8, h = 5, \ell = \sqrt{55} \approx 7.42$

- ⑩ $d = \sqrt{9^2 + 4^2 + 5^2}$
 $= \sqrt{81 + 16 + 25}$
 $= \sqrt{122} \approx 11.05$
- ⑪ $d = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 4^2}$
 $= \sqrt{4 + 4 + 16}$
 $= \sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6} \approx 4.90$
- ⑫ $d = \sqrt{3^2 + 7^2 + 2^2}$
 $d = \sqrt{9 + 49 + 4}$
 $d = \sqrt{62} \approx 7.87$
- ⑬ $d = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}$
 $= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 9}$
 $= \sqrt{22} \approx 4.69$
- ⑭ $d = \sqrt{15^2 + 6^2 + 9^2}$
 $= \sqrt{225 + 36 + 81}$
 $= \sqrt{342} = 3\sqrt{38} \approx 18.49$
- ⑮ $d = \sqrt{6^2 + 12^2 + 10^2}$
 $= \sqrt{36 + 144 + 100}$
 $= \sqrt{280} = 2\sqrt{70} \approx 16.73$
- ⑯ $d = \sqrt{8^2 + 10^2 + 8^2}$
 $= \sqrt{64 + 100 + 64}$
 $= \sqrt{228} = 2\sqrt{57} \approx 15.10$
- ⑰ $d = \sqrt{10^2 + 8^2 + 4^2}$
 $= \sqrt{100 + 64 + 16}$
 $= \sqrt{180} = 6\sqrt{5} \approx 13.42$

18. $17^2 = 9^2 + 12^2 + h^2$
 $289 = 81 + 144 + h^2$
 $289 = 225 + h^2$
 $-225 \quad -225$
 $\hline \sqrt{64} = \sqrt{h^2}$
 $8 = h$

19. $12 = \sqrt{8^2 + 5^2 + \ell^2}$
 $12 = \sqrt{64 + 25 + \ell^2}$
 $12 = \sqrt{89 + \ell^2}$
 $(12)^2 = (\sqrt{89 + \ell^2})^2$
 $144 = 89 + \ell^2$
 $-89 \quad -89$
 $\hline 55 = \ell^2$
 $\sqrt{\ell^2} = \sqrt{55}$
 $\ell = \sqrt{55} \approx 7.42$

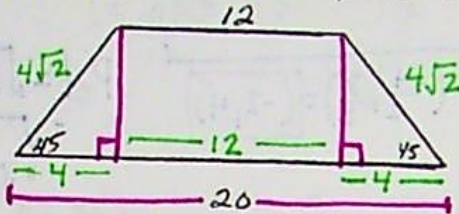
11. One of the angles of a rhombus has a measure of 60. If the perimeter of the rhombus is 40, find the length of each diagonal.



$$RO = 2(5\sqrt{3}) = 10\sqrt{3}u$$

$$HM = 2(5) = 10u$$

12. Find the perimeter of the trapezoid below.

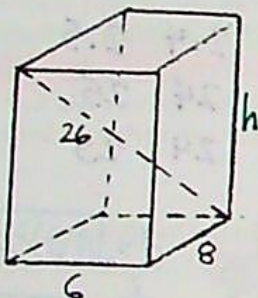


$$P = 12 + 20 + 2(4\sqrt{2})$$

$$= (32 + 8\sqrt{2})u$$

IV Spatial Figures

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$$6^2 + 8^2 + h^2 = 26^2$$

$$36 + 64 + h^2 = 676$$

$$100 + h^2 = 676$$

$$\sqrt{h^2} = \sqrt{576}$$

$$h = 24u$$

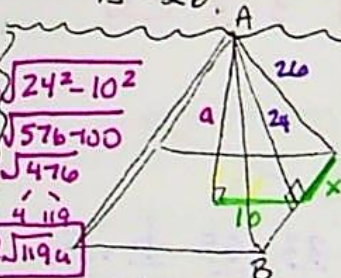
Find the height of the box whose base is 6 by 8 and whose diagonal is 26.

$$a = \sqrt{24^2 - 10^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{576 - 100}$$

$$= \sqrt{476}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{119}u$$



Lateral edge = 26 = AB
 Slant height = 24
 Find altitude (height)

$$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{24}{12} = \frac{26}{13}$$

$$\frac{x}{5} = 5$$

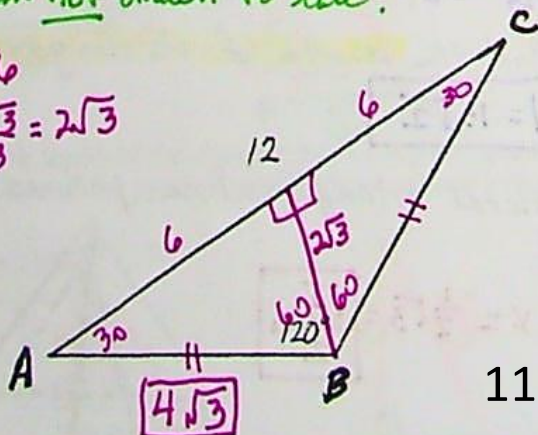
$$x = 10$$

V Miscellaneous

14. Find AB in isos. $\triangle ABC$
 *Diagram not drawn to scale!

$$x\sqrt{3} = 6$$

$$x = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$



15. Find the perimeter of the triangle. (hint: draw an altitude)

$$P = 10 + 5 + 5\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$= (15 + 5\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3})u$$

