

dimensional analysis

introduction

Dimensional analysis

Sort the following

- all lower case letters represent lengths
- π and θ are constants

$$\frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$$

$$\pi r^2$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \times h$$

$$x^3$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$2(l+w)$$

$$\frac{abd}{2}$$

$$8p$$

$$\pi d$$

$$\frac{ab}{2}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$4\pi r^2$$

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Solution

length	πd	$\frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$	$2(l + w)$	$8p$
area	πr^2	$\frac{ab}{2}$	$\frac{a + b}{2} \times h$	$4\pi r^2$
volume	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$	$\frac{abd}{2}$	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$	x^3

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Extension

Draw diagrams to represent each of the formulae from the previous activity