

Vocabulary Cards and Word Walls

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Important Notes for Teachers:

- The vocabulary cards in this file match the Common Core, the math curriculum adopted by the Utah State Board of Education, August 2010.
- The cards are arranged alphabetically.
- Each card has three sections.
 - Section 1 is only the word. This is to be used as a visual aid in spelling and pronunciation. It is also used when students are writing their own “kid-friendly” definition and drawing their own graphic.
 - Section 2 has the word and a graphic. This graphic is available to be used as a model by the teacher.
 - Section 3 has the word, a graphic, and a definition. This is to be used for the Word Wall in the classroom. For more information on using a Word Wall for Daily Review – see “Vocabulary – Word Wall Ideas” on this website.
- These cards are designed to help all students with math content vocabulary, including ELL, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, and Regular Education students.

For possible additions or corrections to the vocabulary cards, please contact the Granite School District Math Department at 385-646-4239.

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$$8 \overline{)578}$$

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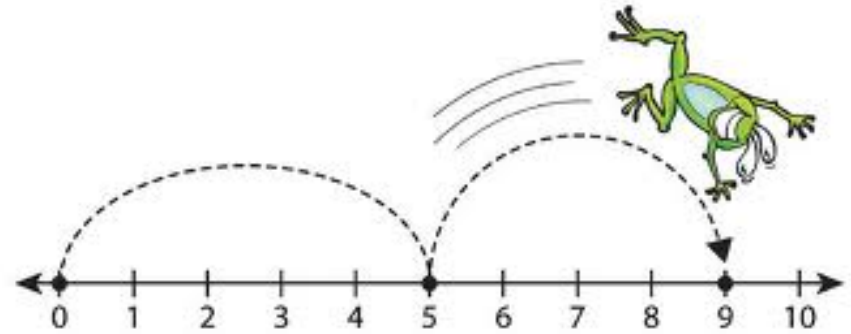
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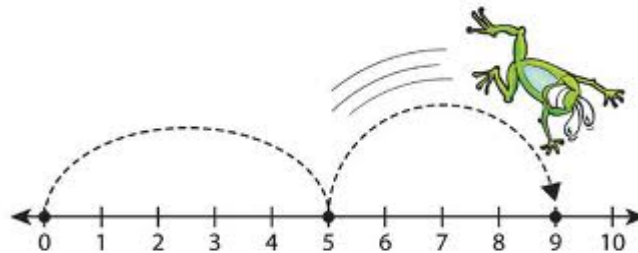
A quantity, not including zero, by which another quantity, the dividend, is to be divided.

number line

number
line



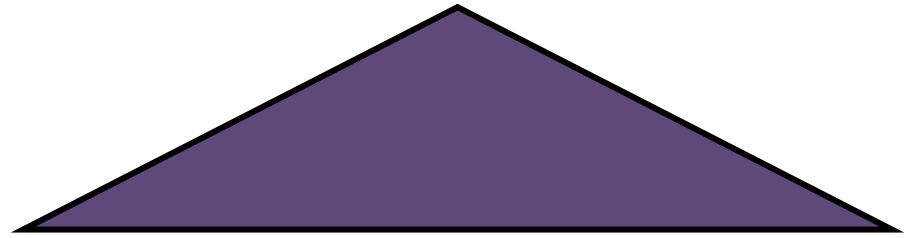
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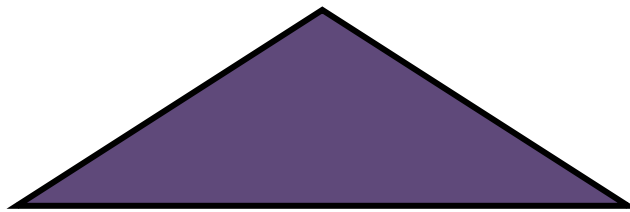
A diagram that represents
numbers as points on a
line.

obtuse triangle

obtuse
triangle



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A triangle that contains one angle with a measure greater than 90° (obtuse angle) and two acute angles.

ordered pair

ordered
pair

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 (x, y)

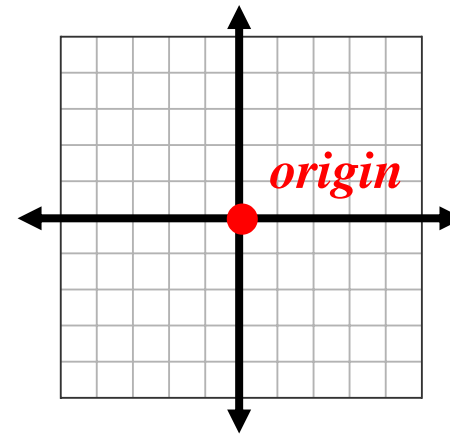
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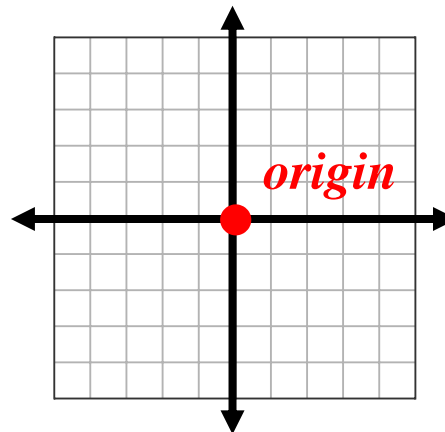
A pair of numbers that gives the coordinates of a point on a grid in this order (horizontal coordinate, vertical coordinate). Also known as a coordinate pair.

origin

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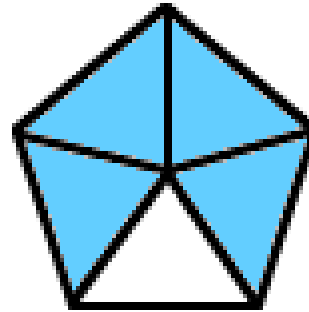
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The intersection of the x - and y -axes in a coordinate plane, described by the ordered pair $(0, 0)$.

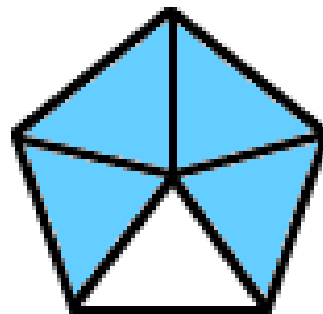
percent

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80% of
the
pentagon
is shaded.

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pentagon
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shaded.

A special ratio that
compares a number to 100
using the symbol %.

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Note: If your answer is negative it means you were short of the actual answer.

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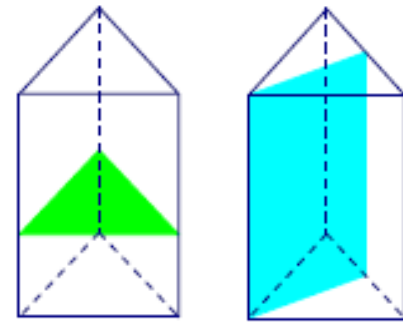
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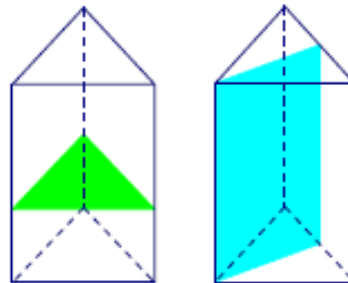
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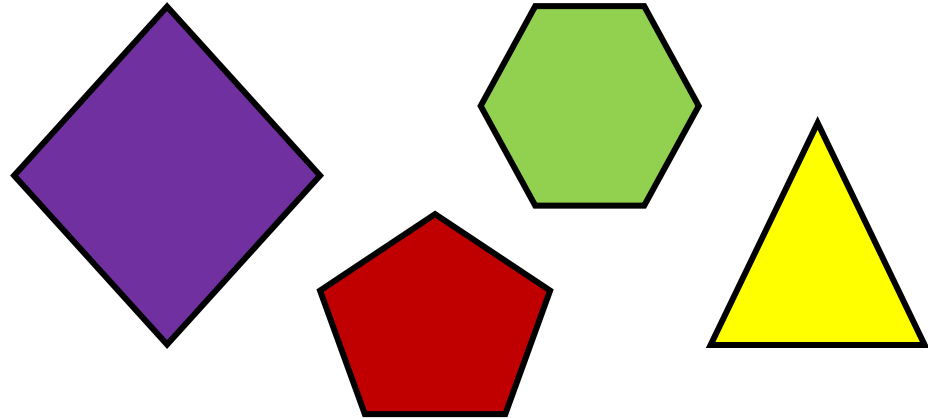
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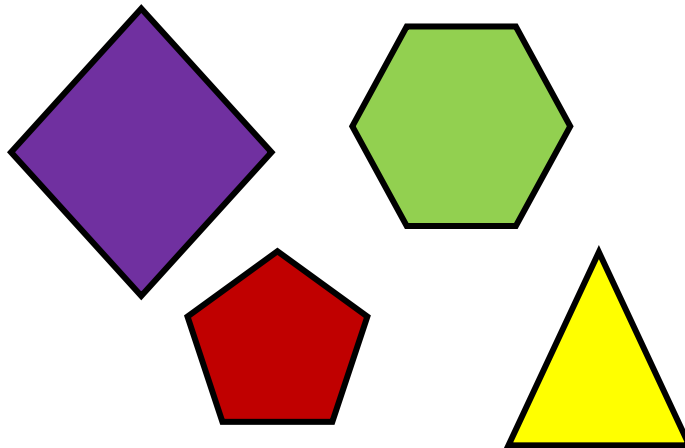
The area created by a plane cutting through a solid.

polygon

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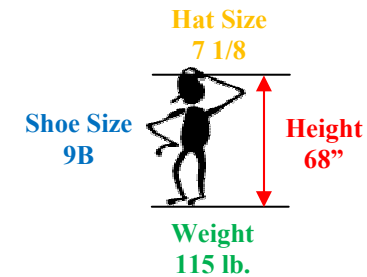
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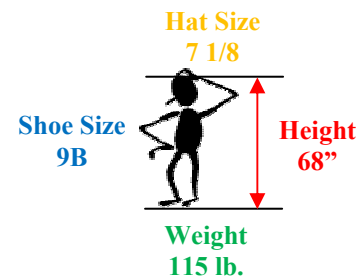
A closed figure formed from line segments that meet only at their endpoints.

population

population



population



The entire collection of items that is the focus of concern. A population can be of any size and while the items need not be uniform, the items must share at least one measurable feature.

prediction

prediction



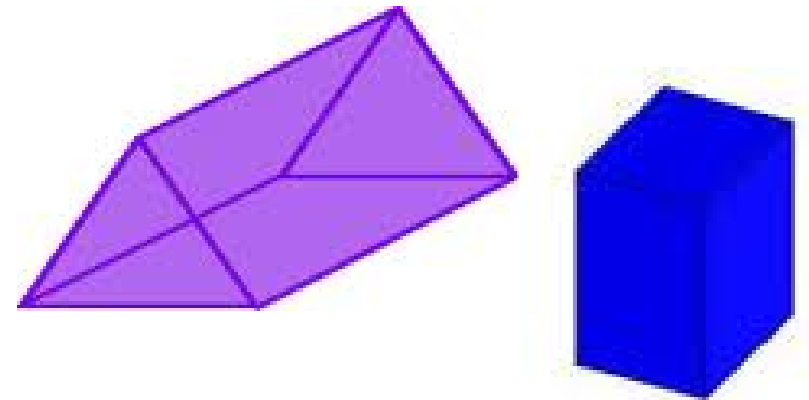
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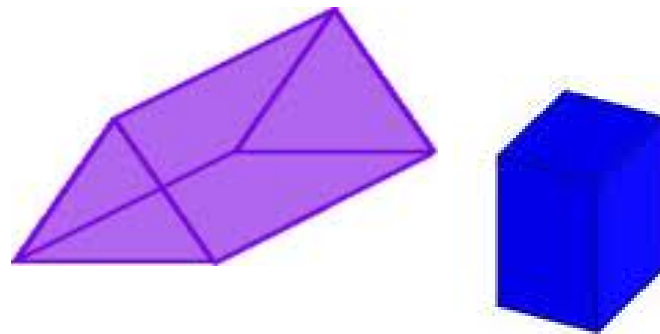
To state in advance on the basis of observation, experience, or scientific reason.

prism

prism



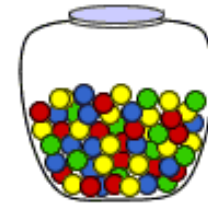
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A 3-dimensional figure that has two congruent and parallel faces that are polygons. The remaining faces are parallelograms.

probability

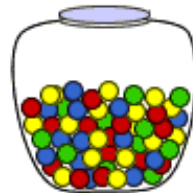
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The chance that a particular outcome will occur, measured as a ratio of the total possible outcomes.

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proportion

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$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$$

proportion



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An equation showing that two ratios are equivalent.

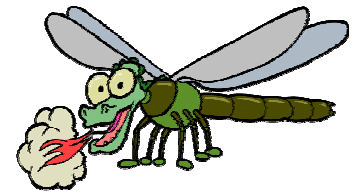
proportional relationship

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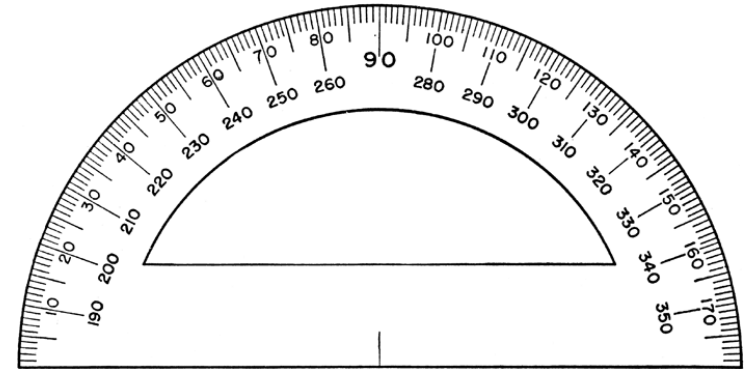
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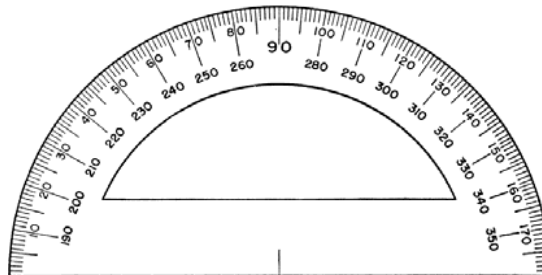
A proportional relationship is a relationship between two variable quantities x and y , where y is a constant multiple (k) of x . This can be expressed in the simple equation, $y = kx$.

protractor

protractor



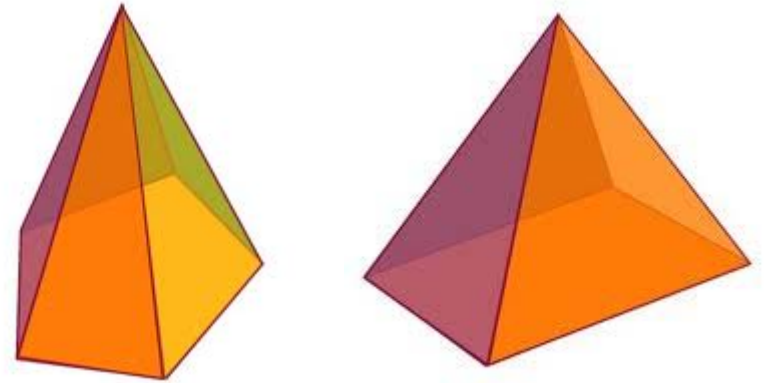
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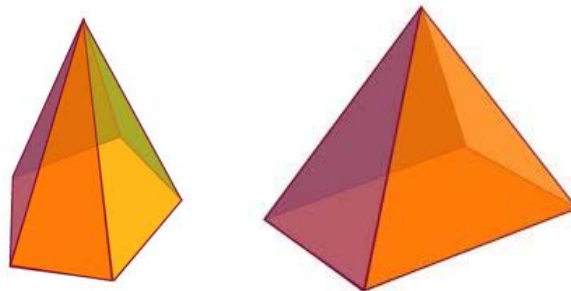
A tool used to measure and draw angles.

pyramid

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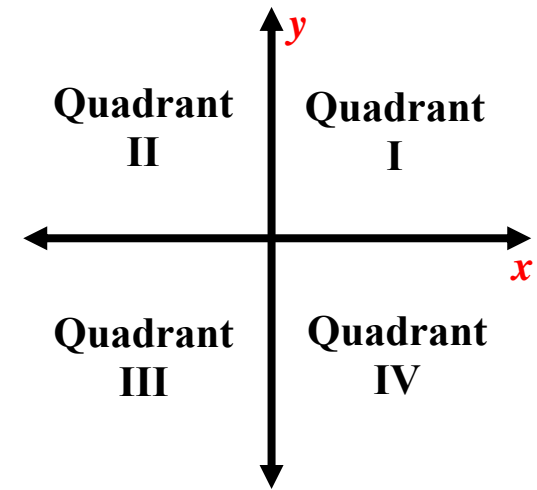
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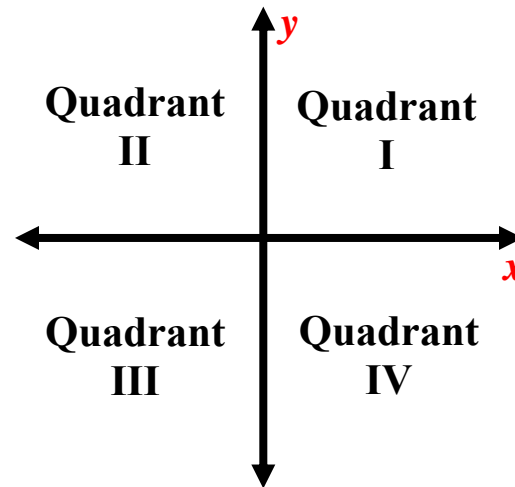
A polyhedron whose base is a polygon and whose other faces are triangles that share a common vertex.

quadrants

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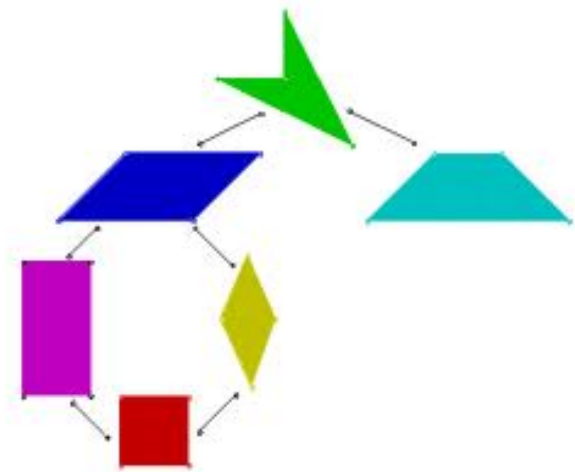
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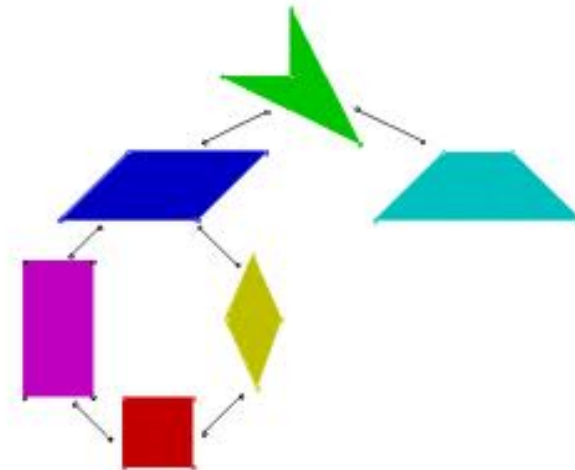
The four sections of a coordinate grid that are separated by the axes.

quadrilateral

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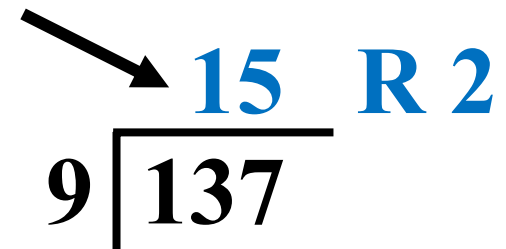


A four-sided
polygon.

quotient

quotient

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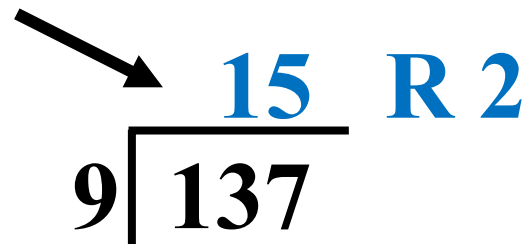


A diagram showing a division problem. The divisor is 9, the dividend is 137, and the quotient is 15 with a remainder of 2. An arrow points from the word "quotient" above to the number 15 in the quotient.

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The result of the division
of one quantity by
another.

random sample

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Draw a number out of the hat!



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random sample



A selection that is
chosen randomly (purely
by chance, with no
predictability.)

rate

rate



The car was traveling 65 miles per hour on the freeway.

rate

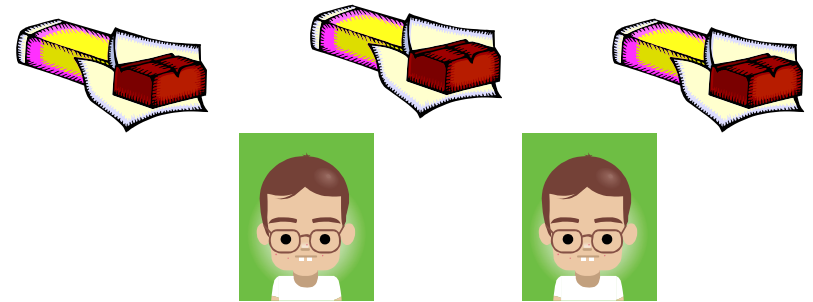


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A ratio comparing two different units.

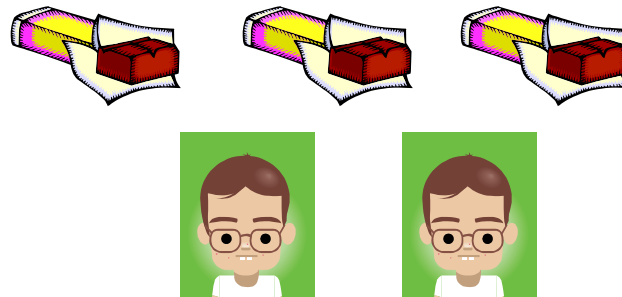
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3:2.

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A comparison of two
numbers using division.

rational coefficient

rational
coefficient

$$\frac{2}{3}x+7$$

rational coefficient

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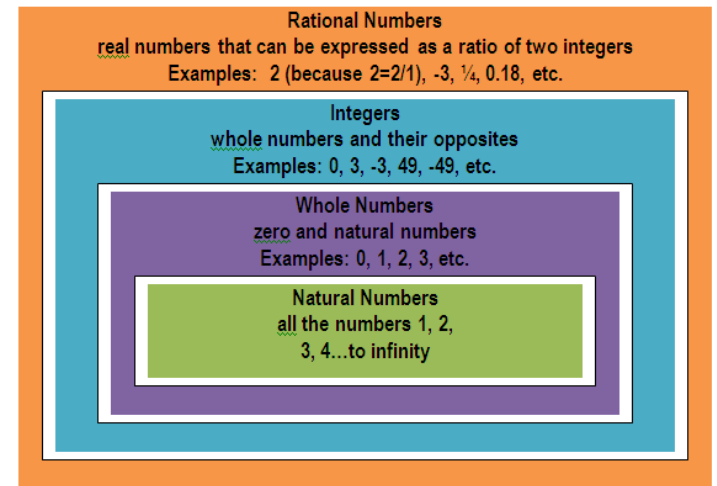
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rational coefficient

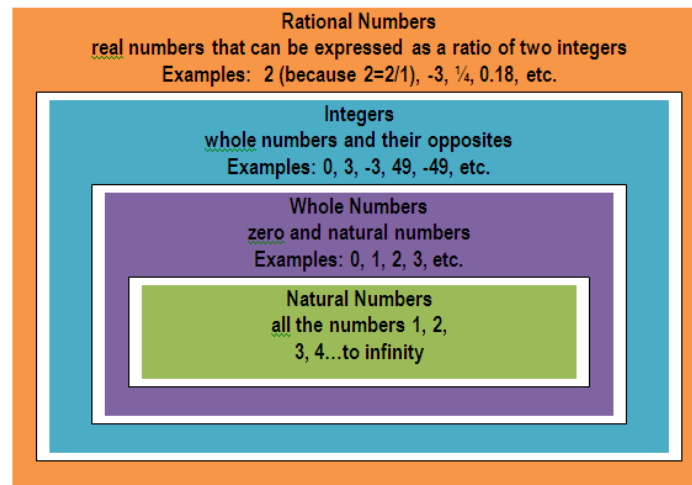
A rational number
which multiplies a
variable.

rational number

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rational number



A number that can be expressed as a ratio of two integers.

relative frequency

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The ratio of the actual number of favorable events to the total possible number of events; often taken as an estimate of probability.

repeating decimal

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$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.333333333333$$

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.142857142857$$

repeating
decimal

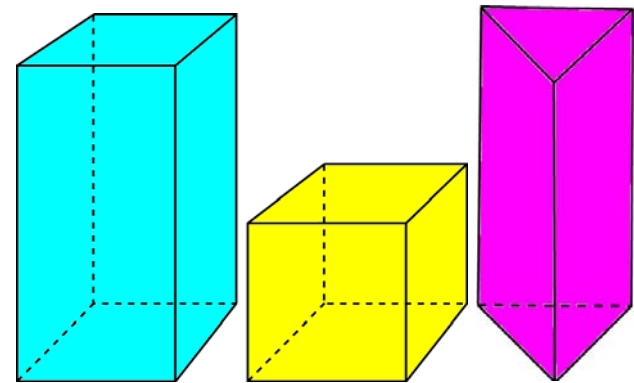
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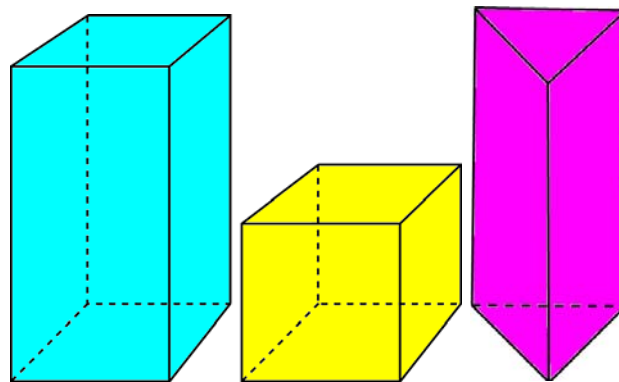
A decimal which has repeating digits or a repeating pattern of digits.

right prism

right
prism



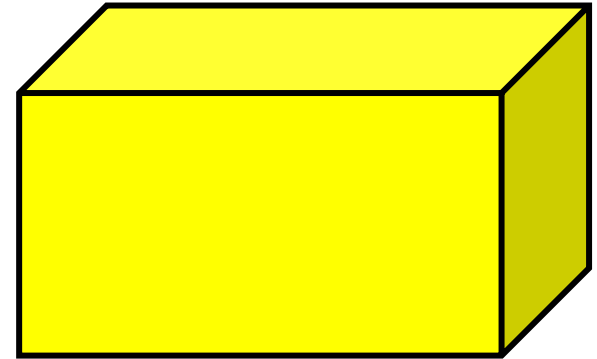
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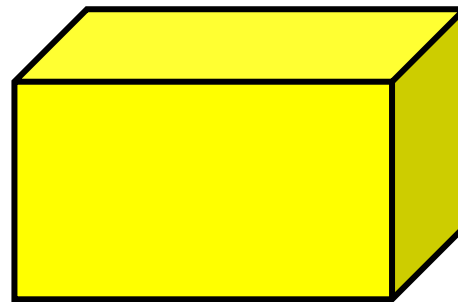
A prism where the lateral faces are at right angles to the base.

right rectangular prism

right rectangular
prism



right
rectangular
prism

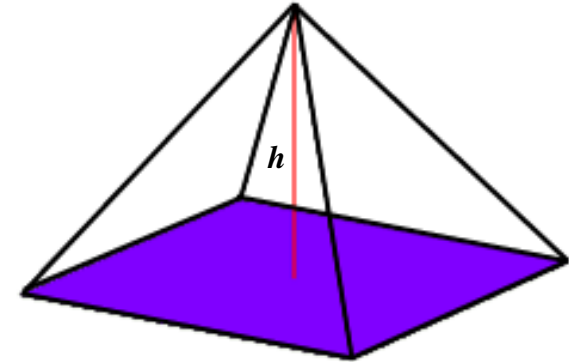


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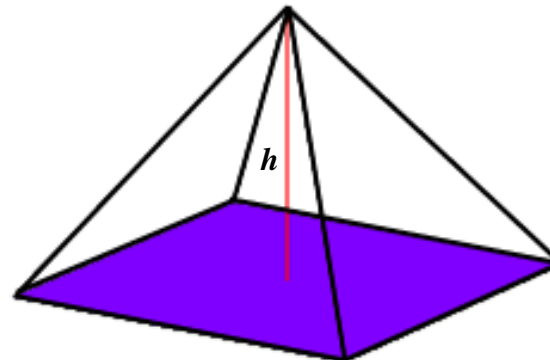
A prism with six rectangular faces where the lateral edge is perpendicular to the plane of the base.

right rectangular pyramid

right rectangular
pyramid



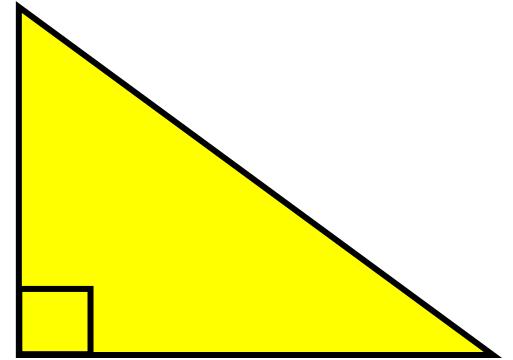
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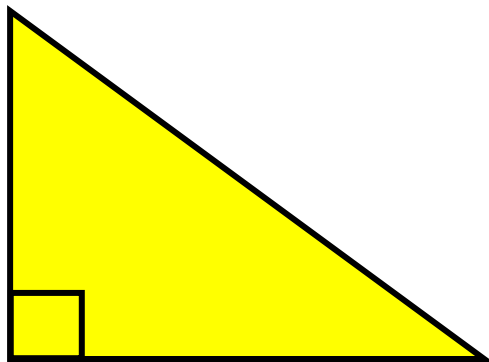
A pyramid that has its apex aligned directly above the center of its rectangular base.

right triangle

right
triangle



right
triangle



A triangle that has one
 90° angle.

sample space

sample
space



sample space: {head, tail}



sample space: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

sample
space



sample space: {head, tail}

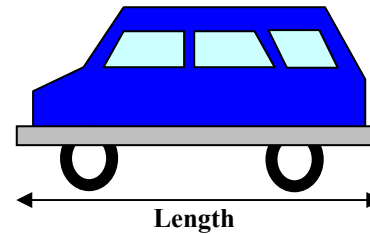


sample space: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

The set of all possible outcomes of a random process.

scale drawing

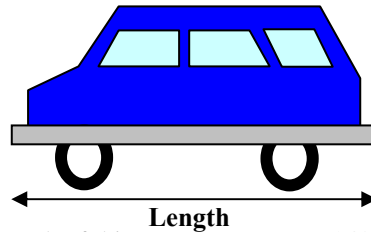
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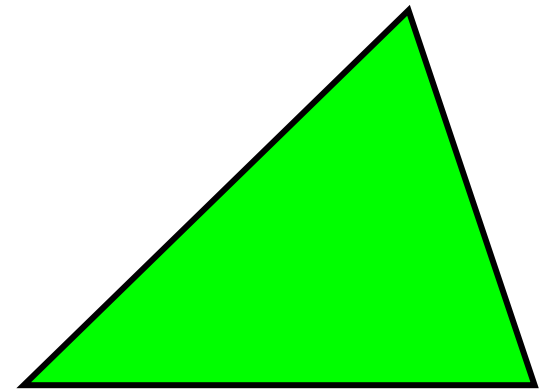
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A drawing of an object or structure showing all parts in the same proportion of their true size.

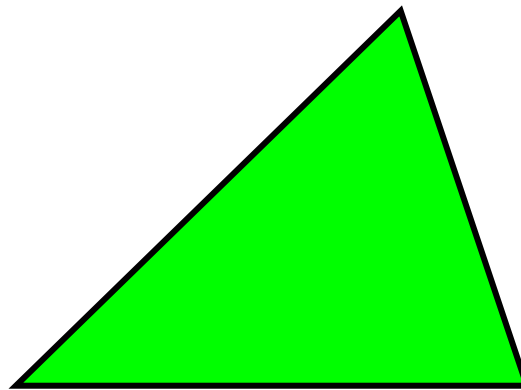
scale drawing

scalene triangle

scalene
triangle



scalene
triangle



A triangle that has no
congruent sides.

signed number

signed
number

-5 +8
+45 -23

signed
number

-5 +8
+45 -23

Positive or negative
number.

simple interest

simple interest

$$I = p \cdot r \cdot t$$

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'Rate' is the percentage charged as interest each year.

'Time' is the time in years of the loan.

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A quick method for
calculating the interest
charge on a loan.

simulation

simulation



simulation



Carrying out a simple
experiment to collect
data.

solution set

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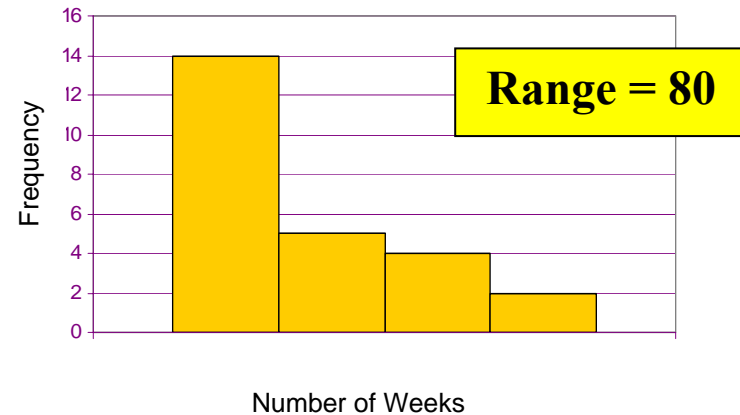
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A set of values that
satisfy a given set of
equations or
inequalities.

spread

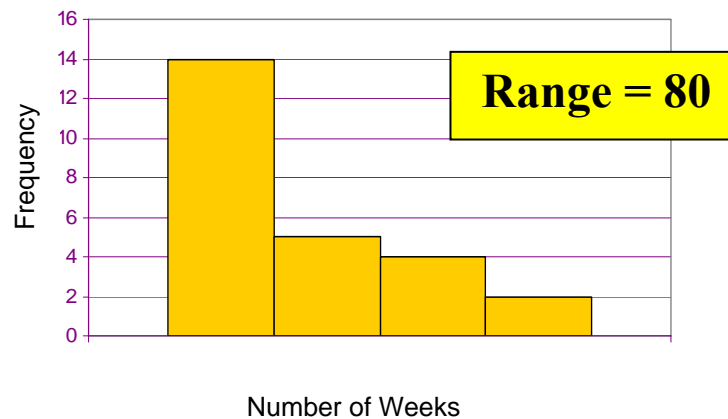
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Number of Weeks on the Top 200 Chart



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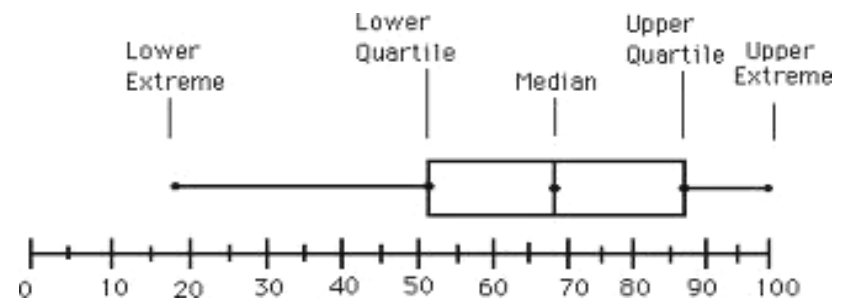
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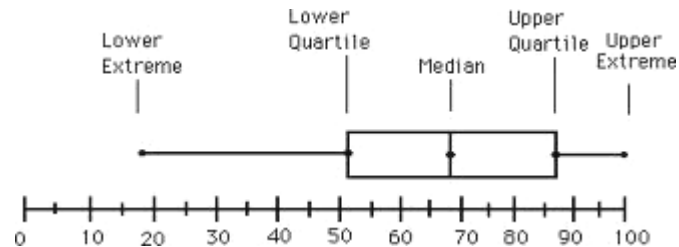
A measure of how much a collection of data is spread out. Commonly used types include range and quartiles. (Also known as measures of variation or dispersion.)

statistical variability

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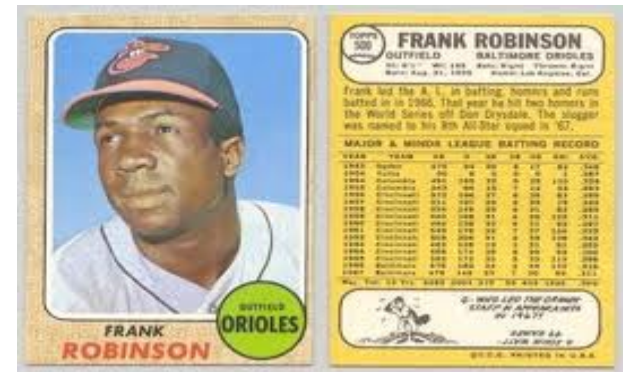
statistical variability



A variability or spread in a variable or a probability distribution. Common examples of measures of statistical dispersion are the variance, standard deviation, and interquartile range.

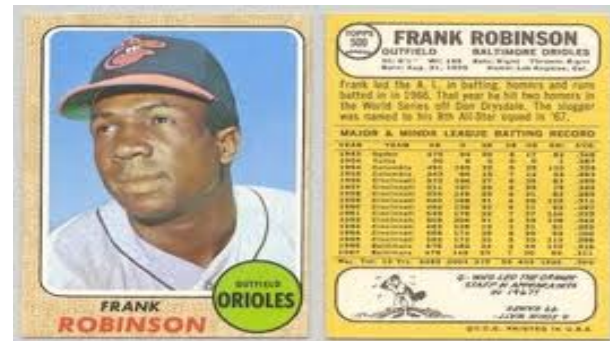
statistics

This baseball card shows statistics for a famous baseball player.



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The science of collecting, organizing, representing, and interpreting data.

statistics

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$$8x + 4 = ?$$

$$8(9) + 4 = 76$$

substitution

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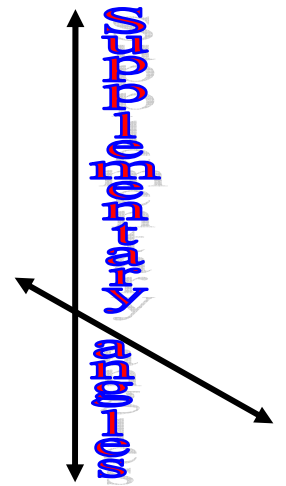
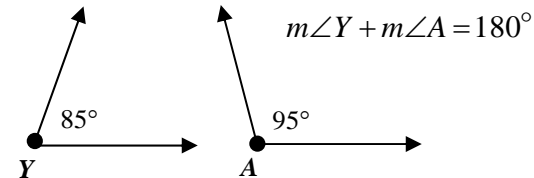
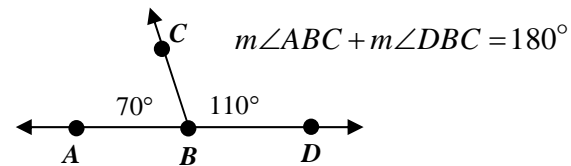
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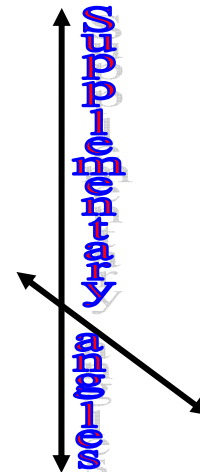
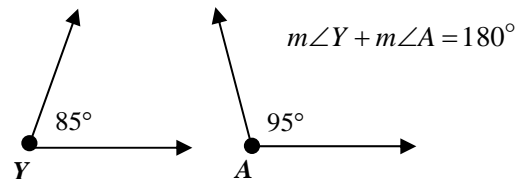
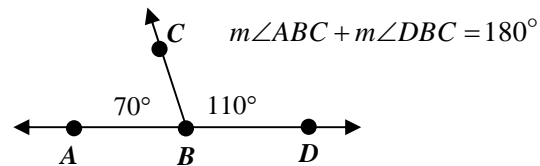
The replacement of the letters in an algebraic expression with known values.

supplementary angles

supplementary angles



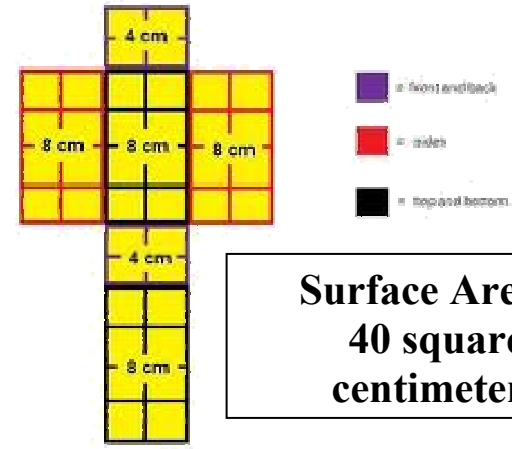
supplementary angles



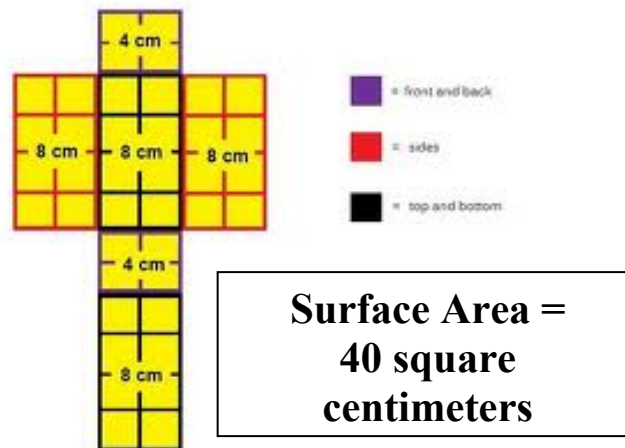
If the sum of the measures of two angles is 180° , then the two angles are **supplementary**. If two angles form a straight line, then they are supplementary.

surface area

surface area



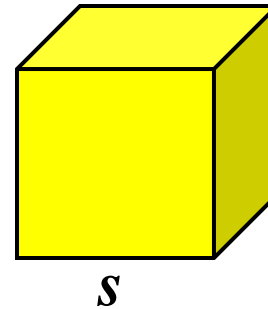
surface area



The total area of the faces (including the bases) and curved surfaces of a solid figure.

surface area (cube)

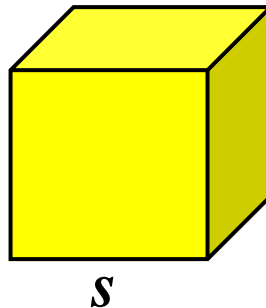
surface area (cube)



s = length of base

$$SA = 6s^2$$

surface area (cube)



s = length of side

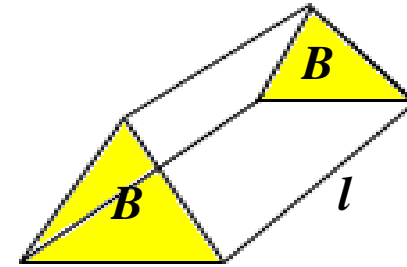
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Surface Area of Cube:

$$\text{Surface Area} = 6 \cdot (\text{length of side})^2$$

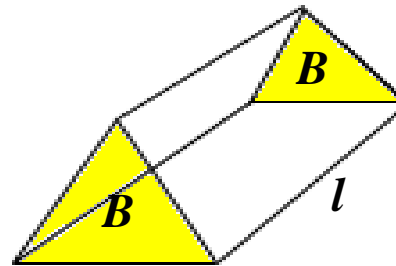
surface area (right prism)

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Surface Area of Right Prism:

Surface Area =
lateral area + area of two ends

tax

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John bought a new outfit and was charged a 6.67% sales tax.

tax



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A fee charged by a government on a product, income, or activity.

terminating decimal

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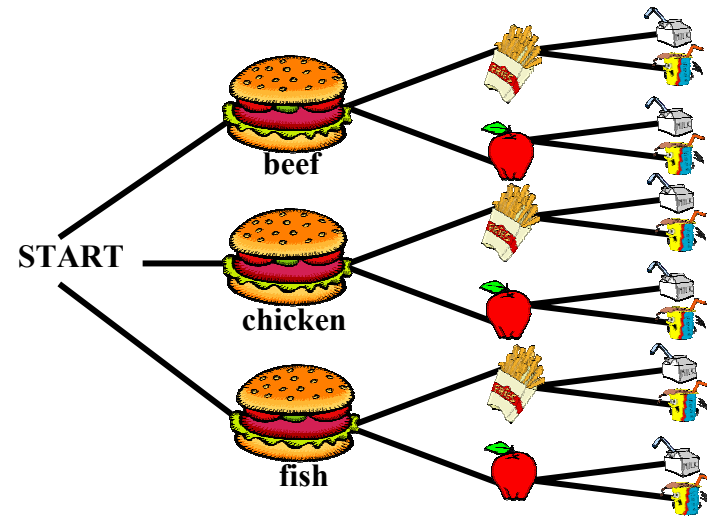
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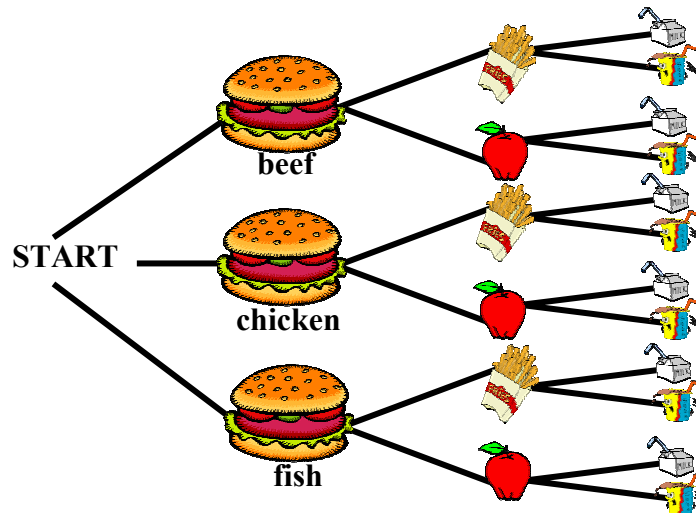
A decimal which has a
finite number of digits.

tree diagrams

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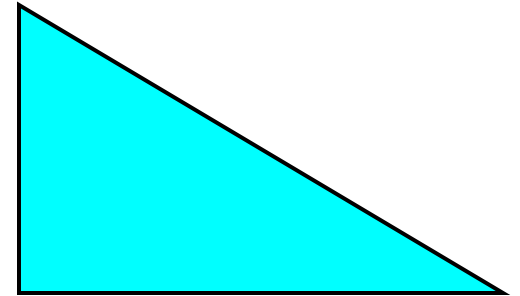
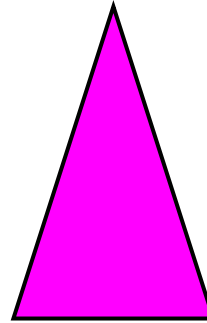
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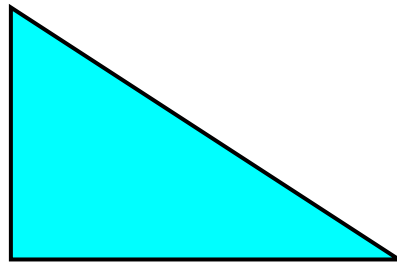
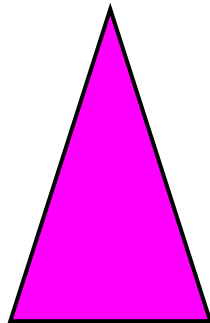
A diagram shaped like a tree used to display sample space by using one branch for each possible outcome.

triangle

triangle



triangle



A polygon with three angles and three sides.

unit rate

(constant of proportionality)

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Cereal is
\$0.43 per
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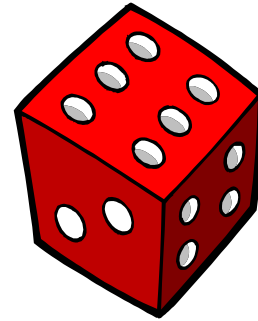
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A rate with a
denominator of 1.

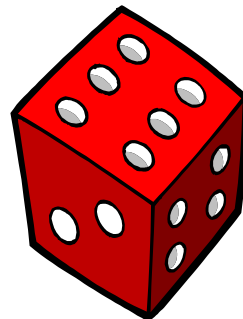
unlikely event

unlikely
event



**1-in-6 chance
of rolling a 6**

unlikely
event



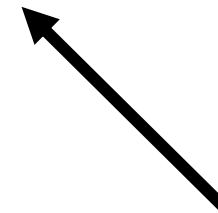
**1-in-6 chance
of rolling a 6**

An event that will
probably not happen.
An outcome with a
probability between 0
and 0.5

variable

variable

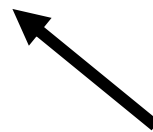
$$2n + 3 = 11$$



variable

variable

$$2n + 3 =$$



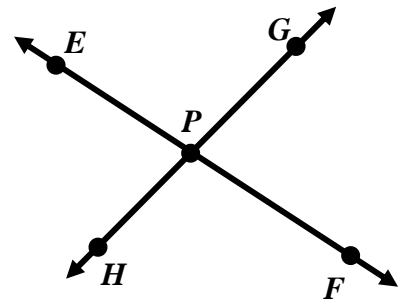
variable

A quantity that changes or can have different values. A symbol, usually a letter, that can stand for a variable quantity.

vertical angle

vertical angle

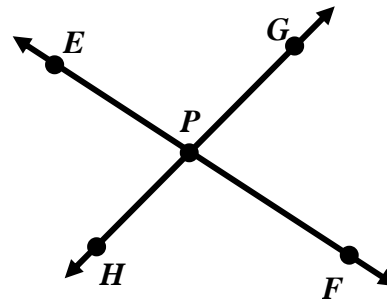
vertical
angles



$\angle EPG \cong \angle FPH$
and
 $\angle GPF \cong \angle HPE$

vertical angle

vertical
angles

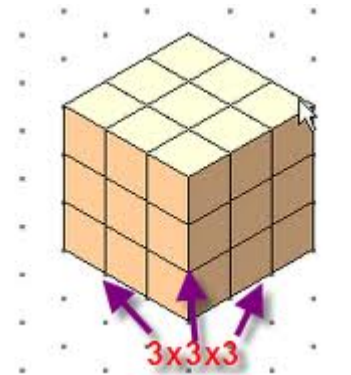


$\angle EPG \cong \angle FPH$
and
 $\angle GPF \cong \angle HPE$

A pair of angles is said to be **vertical** if the angles share the same vertex and are bounded by the same pair of lines but are opposite to each other. Such angles are congruent and thus have equal measure.

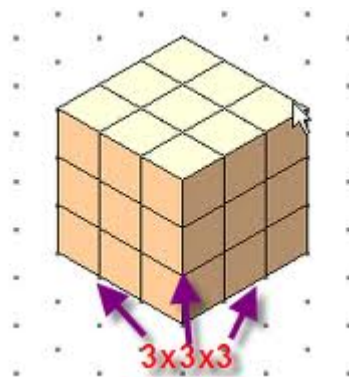
volume

volume



Volume =
27 cubic
units

volume

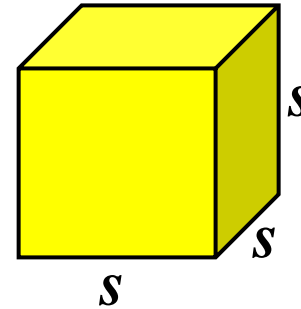


Volume =
27 cubic
units

The number of cubic
units it takes to fill a
figure.

volume (cube)

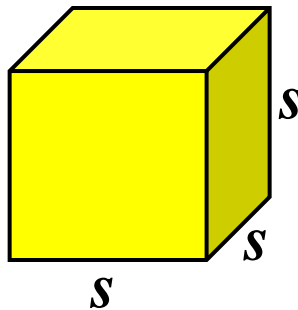
**volume
(cube)**



$s = \text{length of side}$

$$V = s^3$$

**volume
(cube)**



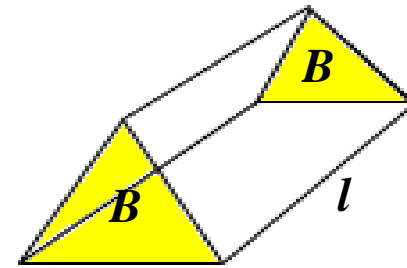
$s = \text{length of side}$

$$V = s^3$$

Volume of Cube:

$$\text{Volume} = (\text{side length})^3$$

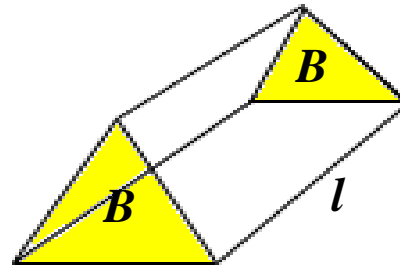
volume (right prism)



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$$V = B \cdot l$$

volume (right prism)



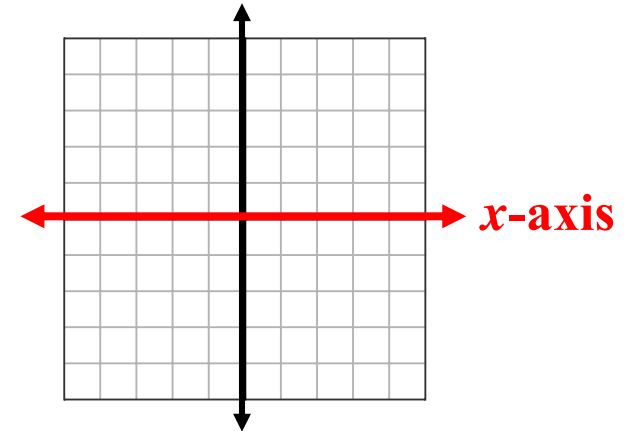
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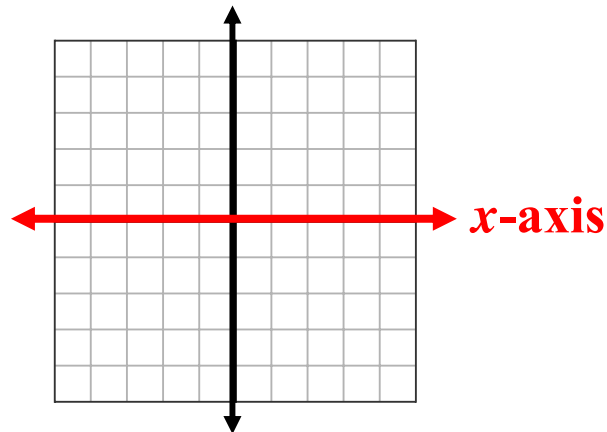
Volume =
area of base • length

x -axis

x -axis



x -axis



In a Cartesian grid, the horizontal axis.

x -coordinate

x -coordinate

$(7, 2)$

x -coordinate

x -coordinate

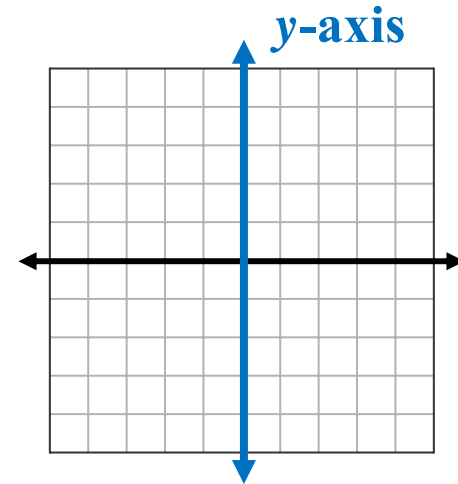
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x -coordinate

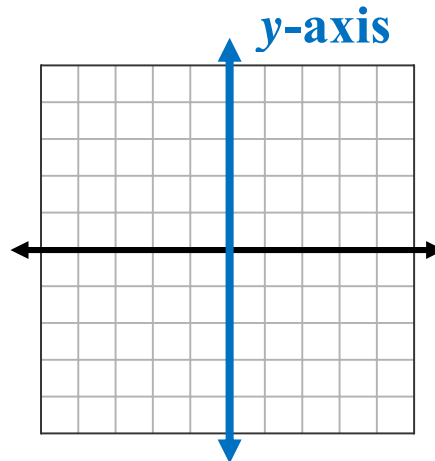
In an ordered pair, the value that is always written first.

y-axis

y-axis



y-axis



In a Cartesian grid, the vertical axis.

y-coordinate

y-coordinate

(7, 2)

y-coordinate

y-coordinate

(7, 2)

y-coordinate

In an ordered pair, the value that is always written second.

