

Surface Area and Volume

$$SA = 6s^2$$



$$V = s^{3}$$



Identification of Variables

Surface Area and Volume

$$SA = 6s^2$$



$$V = s^3$$

Cube

s = length of one side of a cube

Math Monday #5

SA/V: Cube

Determine the surface area-to-volume ratio for a cube with side length of 2 cm

$$s = 2 \text{ cm}$$

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Cube

$$SA = 6(2)^2$$
 $V = (2)^3$

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$$SA = 6(4)$$
 $V = 8$

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$$SA = 24$$

$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

Example Problem

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Cube

$$SA = 6(4)^2$$
 $V = (4)^3$

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$$SA = 6(16)$$
 $V = 64$

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$$SA = 96$$

$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{96}{64} = 1.5$$

Which cell is more efficient?



