Grades 5-8 (S), 9-12 (S) Duration: 10-20 min	515 - Simple Volumes	
Tools: one Logifaces Set / class Individual work Keywords: Regular prism, Volume	(A) MATHS / 3D GEOMETRY	Logifaces Erasmus+ TEACHER Logifaces 2019-1-HU01-KA201-0612722019-1

DESCRIPTION

Students calculate the volume of the different Logifaces blocks.

For blocks 111, 222 or 333, the calculation of the volume is easy, since they have the shape of a regular prism. However for blocks with a shape of a truncated prism the task of calculating the volume is a little more complicated.

LEVEL 1 Find the volumes of the blocks 111, 222 or 333.

LEVEL 2 Find the volume of the blocks 123 or 132.

SOLUTIONS / EXAMPLES

LEVEL 1 If the block is in the shape of a regular prism, the following volume formula is used:

$$V = \frac{a^2 \sqrt{3}}{4} \times h$$

block 111: $V = \frac{4^2\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 1 = 4\sqrt{3} \approx 6.928$

block 222: $V = \frac{4^2 \sqrt{3}}{4} \times 2 = 8\sqrt{3} \approx 13.856$

block 333: $V = \frac{4^2 \sqrt{3}}{4} \times 3 = 12\sqrt{3} \approx 20.785$

LEVEL 2 Two blocks 123 form a regular prism 444. The volume of the regular prism is calculated by the formula above, which is twice the volume of the block.

regular prism 444:
$$V = \frac{4^2\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 4 = 16\sqrt{3} \approx 27.713$$

block 123 (and 132): $V = \frac{4^2\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 4: 2 = 8\sqrt{3} \approx 13.856$

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Features and volume of solids (regular prism)

RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS

Calculating the volume of other types of blocks is more difficult, see exercise 516 - Truncated Volumes.

The calculations can be verified using GeoGebra, see exercise 528 - Read the Results in GeoGebra.