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Lesson 16: Minimizing Surface Area

Cool Down: Minimum Materials

A can manufacturing company is designing a can of cat food to hold 5.5 oz, or about 163 cm³. They have written out that the equation for the surface area for a can with this volume is $S = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{163}{r}$. Explain why the equation is wrong and how to fix it.

Here are some formulas you may find useful for the volume V and surface area S of a cylinder with radius r and height h.

- $V = \pi r^2 h$
- $S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$