Lesson Five – Surface Area and Volume of a Sphere

Surface Area of a Sphere



Example 1

The diameter of a softball is approximately 4 in. Determine the surface area of a softball, to the nearest square inch.

Example 2

The surface area of a soccer ball is approximately 250 square inches. Determine the length of the diameter of a soccer ball, to the nearest tenth of an inch.

Volume of a Sphere



Example 3

The moon approximates a sphere with diameter 2160 mi. Determine the approximate volume of the moon.



When a sphere is cut in half, two hemispheres are formed.

Example 4

A hemisphere has radius 5.0 cm.

- a) Determine the surface area of the hemisphere, to the nearest tenth of a square centimeter
- b) Determine the volume of the hemisphere, to the nearest tenth of a cubic centimeter.