Exercise 11

Express the edge length of a cube as a function of the cube's diagonal length d. Then express the surface area and volume of the cube as a function of the diagonal length.

Solution

Edge Length
$$x$$
: $d = \sqrt{x^2 + x^2 + x^2} = x\sqrt{3}$ $\rightarrow x = \frac{d}{\sqrt{3}}$
Surface Area: $A = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = 6x^2 = 6\left(\frac{d^2}{3}\right) = 2d^2$
Volume: $V = x^3 = \frac{d^3}{\sqrt{27}} = \frac{d^3}{3\sqrt{3}}$