

Supporting the continuation of teaching STEM subjects during the COVID-19 Pandemic through project-based online practices

Mathematics of soap bubbles

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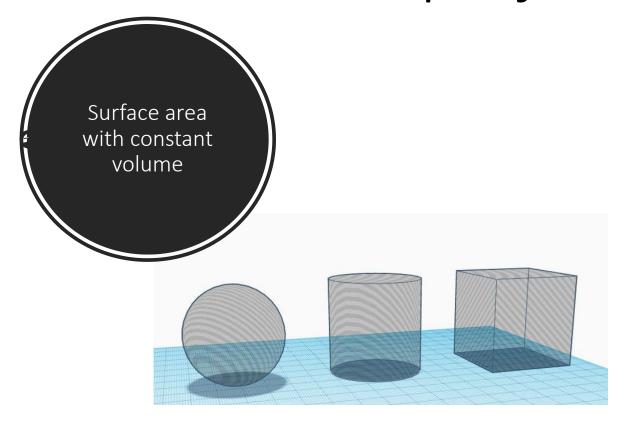
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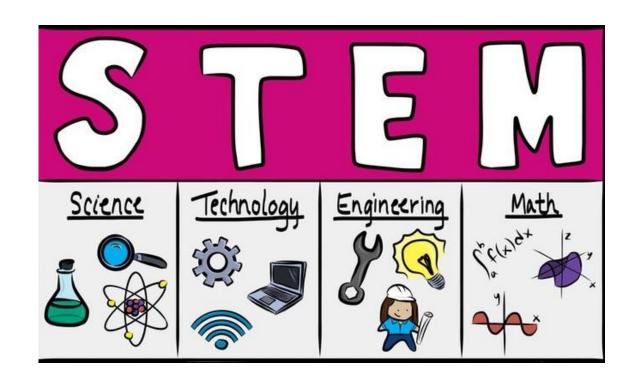
- 1. Aims of the project
- 2. Open Educational Resources use
- 3. Project implementation



Aims of the project



Which body would have the smallest surface area given a constant volume?



Open Educational Resourses













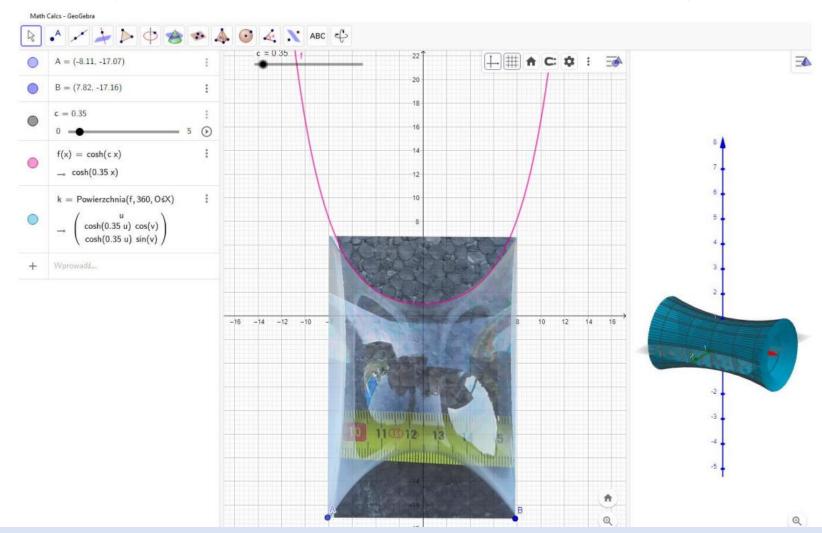
Project implementation – experiment preparation





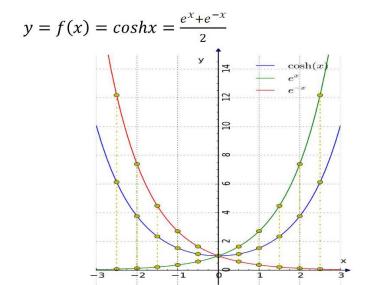
- 1) soapy water
- 2) rings made from cream/yogurt cups
- 3) tape measure, ruler, graph paper
- 4) background adjustment

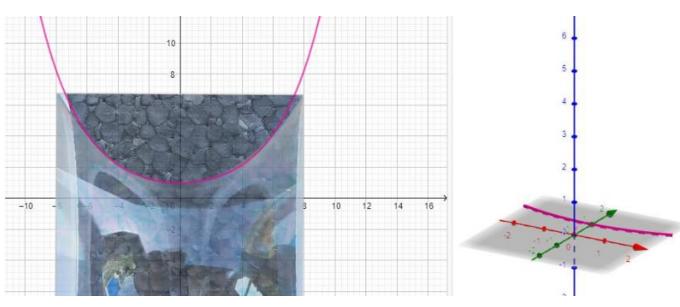
Project implementation – curve matching in GeoGebra



Project implementation – catenoid's surface area calculation

$$S = \frac{\pi}{c^2} \left(2c sinh ca + ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{1 + c^2 sinh^2 ca} + c sinh ca}{\sqrt{1 + c^2 sinh^2 ca} - c sinh ca} \right| \right)$$





surface area of a catenoid is smaller than that of a cylinder

Project implementation – minimum surface in everyday life





Project implementation – students' output







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