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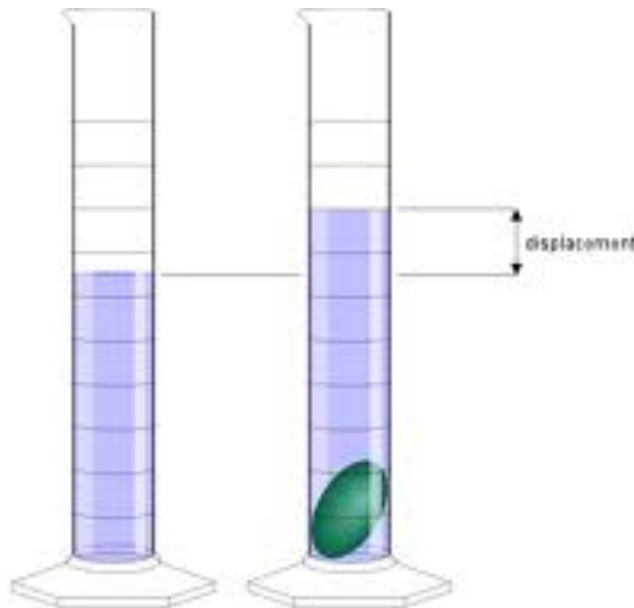


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Measure the length, width, and height.  $\text{length} \times \text{width} \times \text{height}$

### Volume of an irregularly shaped solid:

1. Find a graduated cylinder or beaker big enough to fit the object.
2. Place enough water in the cylinder so that it will cover the object when placed in it.
3. Record the volume of water
4. Gently submerge the object into the cylinder
5. Record the new volume of water
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