



A solid cube of side 2 cm is cut into two triangular prisms by a plane 18. passing through four vertices, as shown. What is the total surface area of these two prisms?

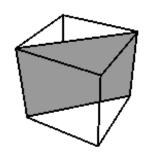
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A Let x be the length of the shaded rectangle. 18.

By Pythagoras' Theorem, $x^2 = 2^2 + 2^2$, hence $x = 2\sqrt{2}$.

The total surface area of the two prisms equals the surface area of the solid cube plus twice the surface area of that shaded rectangle, that is $6 \times 2 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 24 + 8\sqrt{2} = 8(3 + \sqrt{2})$.