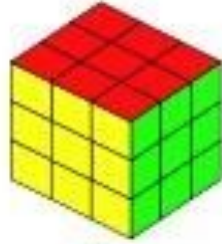


27 cubes

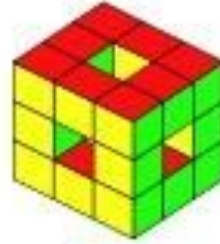
Solid



Difference

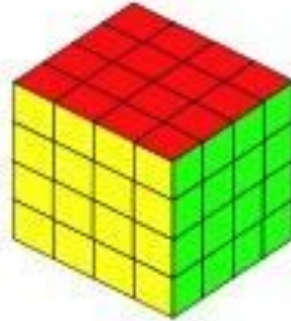
(7)

Frame

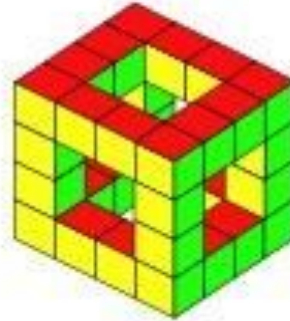


20 cubes

64 cubes

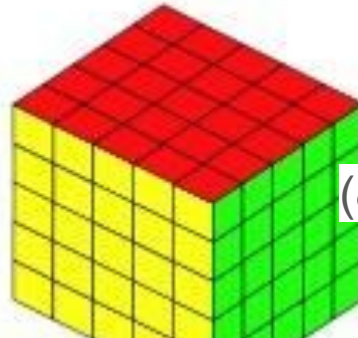


(32)

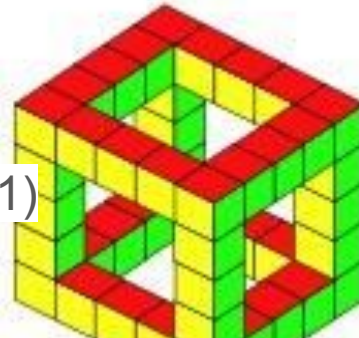


32 cubes

125 cubes

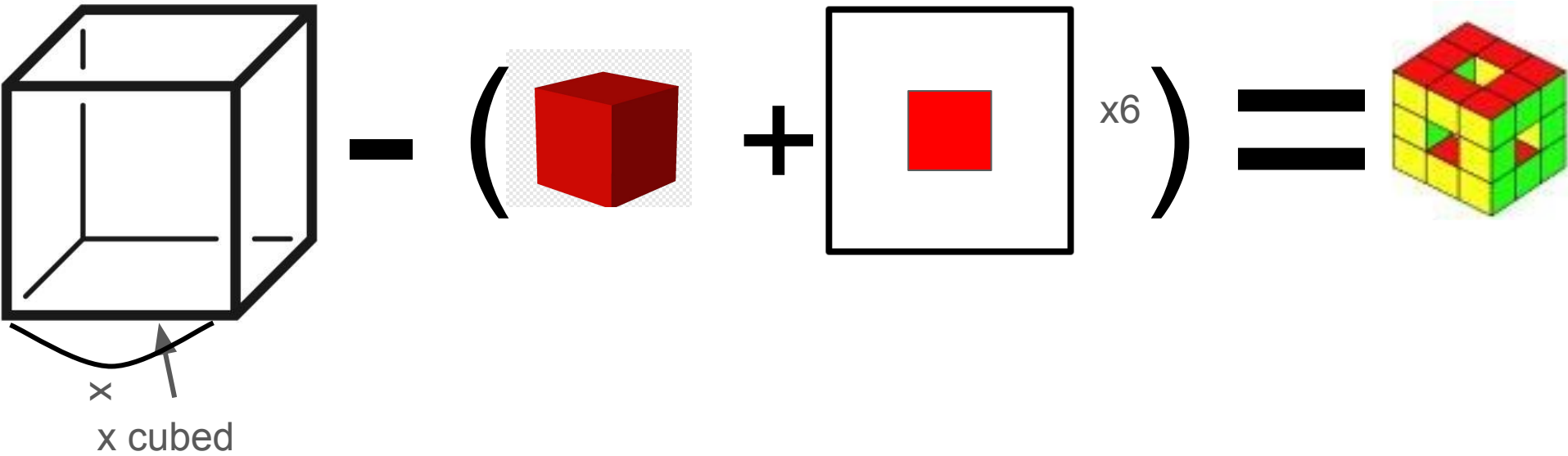


(81)



44 cubes

From Solid to Frame



Solid - (1 cube + 6 squares) = Frame

How to find the difference and the Frame cube volume from 3x3x3 cubes to infinity. (x is the variable)

First, I need to find what the volume of the cube inside is. This can be expressed with $x-2^3$, x is the number for any side of the cube, 2 is for the blocks remaining on the edges, and it is cubed as it is a cube. Then, I can find how to get the blocks on each side. This can be expressed by $6 \times (x-2)^2$. The x is the number for any side of the cube, 2 is for the remaining cubes on the edges, and it is squared as it is a square. It is multiplied by 6, as there are 6 sides to the cube. So, the formula is $(x-2)^3 + 6 \times (x-2)^2$. To find the Frame cube's volume, I need to subtract $(x-2)^3 + 6 \times (x-2)^2$ from the volume of the Solid cube.

Solid - (1 cube + 6 squares) = Frame

If x is 3 and the volume
is 27...

$$\text{Solid} - \{(x-2)^3 + 6 \times (x-2)^2\} = \text{Frame}$$

$$27 - \{(3-2)^3 + 6 \times (3-2)^2\} = \text{Frame}$$

$$27 - (1^3 + 6 \times 1^2) = \text{Frame}$$

$$27 - (1 + 6 \times 1) = 20$$

If x is 5 and the volume
is 125...

$$\text{Solid} - \{(x-2)^3 + 6 \times (x-2)^2\} = \text{Frame}$$

$$125 - \{(5-2)^3 + 6 \times (5-2)^2\} = \text{Frame}$$

$$125 - (3^3 + 6 \times 3^2) = \text{Frame}$$

$$125 - (27 + 6 \times 9) = 44$$