

Calculating the area of compound shapes

Stage 1

Split the shape into shapes you can calculate.

Stage 2

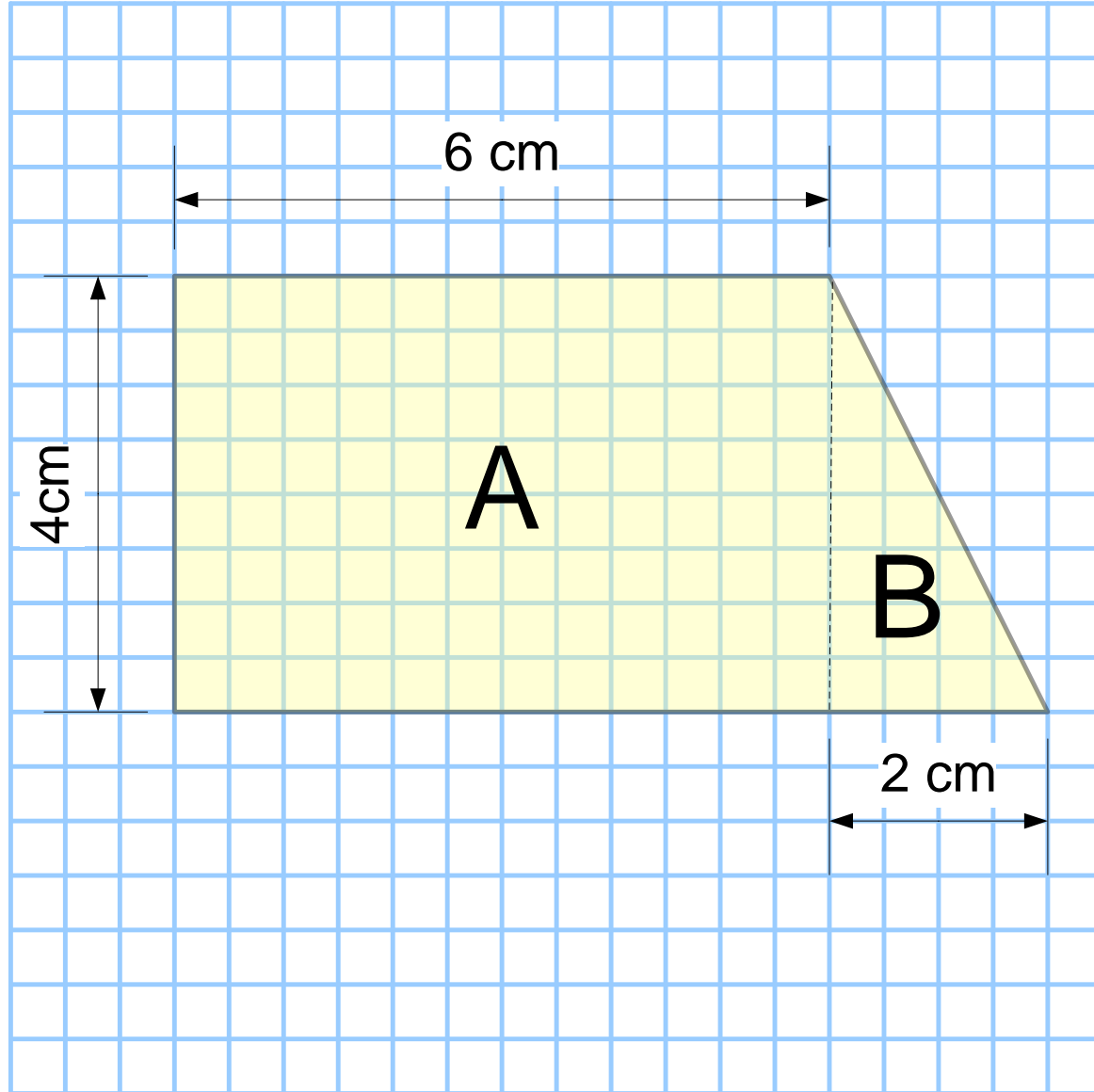
Mark on the lengths of the lines.

Stage 3

Calculate the areas of the shapes into which you have split the larger one.

Stage 4

Add up all the constituent parts to find the whole area.



To Calculate the Area of A

$$\textit{Area of a Rectangle} = \textit{length} \times \textit{breadth}$$

$$\text{Area of A} = lb$$

$$= 6 \times 4$$

$$= 24 \text{ cm}^2$$

To Calculate the Area of B

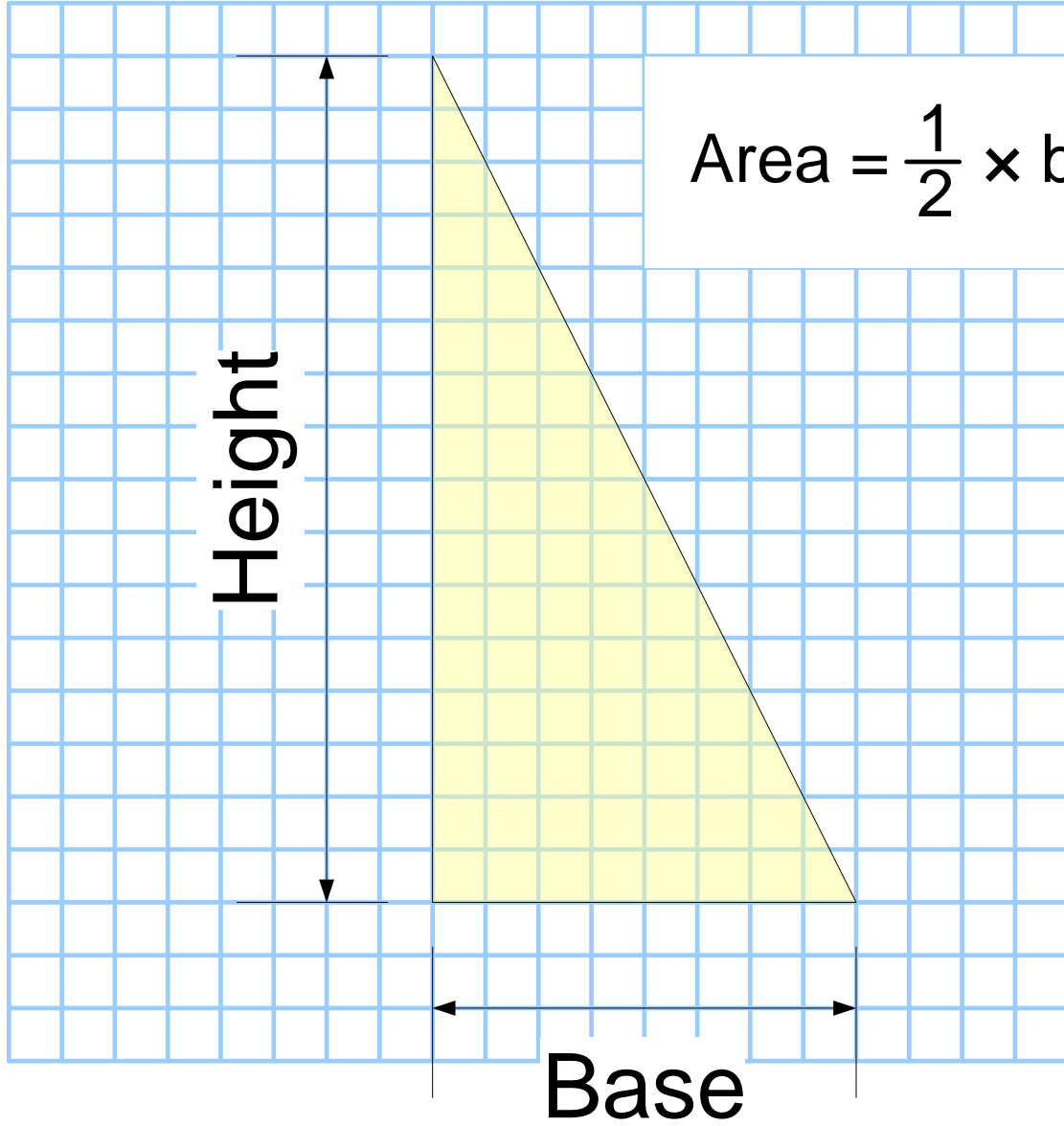
$$\textit{Area of a Triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times \textit{base} \times \textit{height}$$

$$\text{Area of B} = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

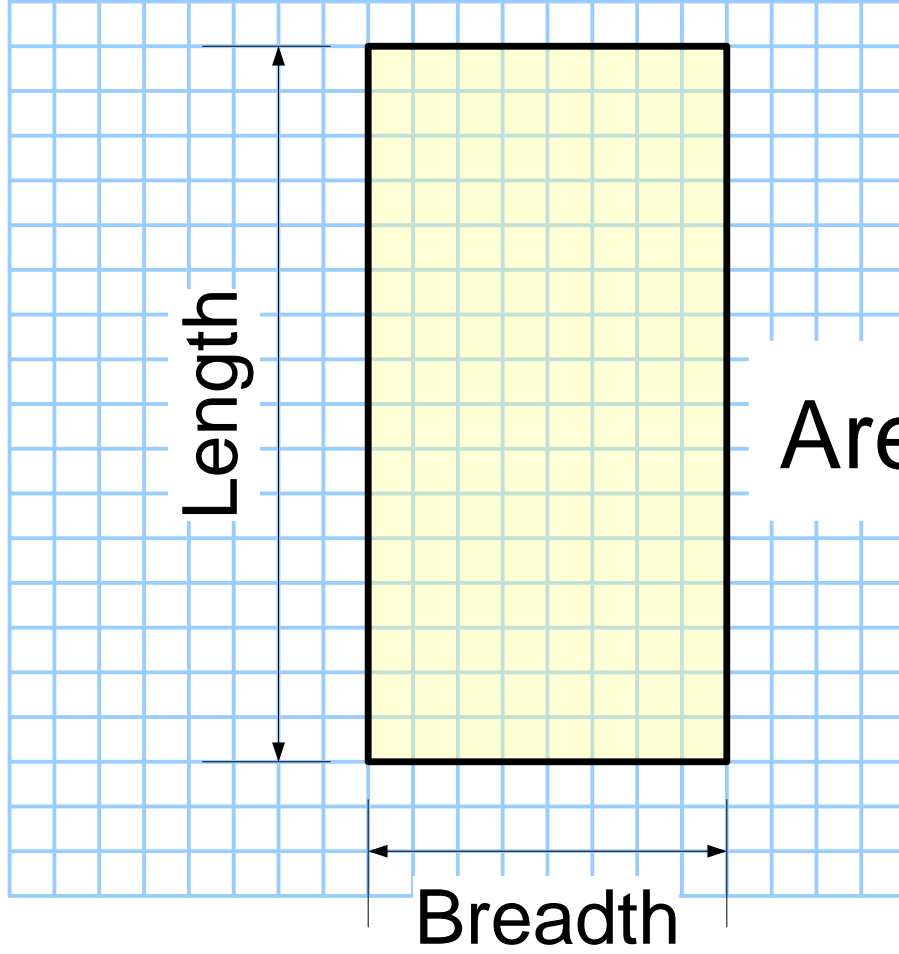
$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 4$$

$$= 4\text{cm}^2$$

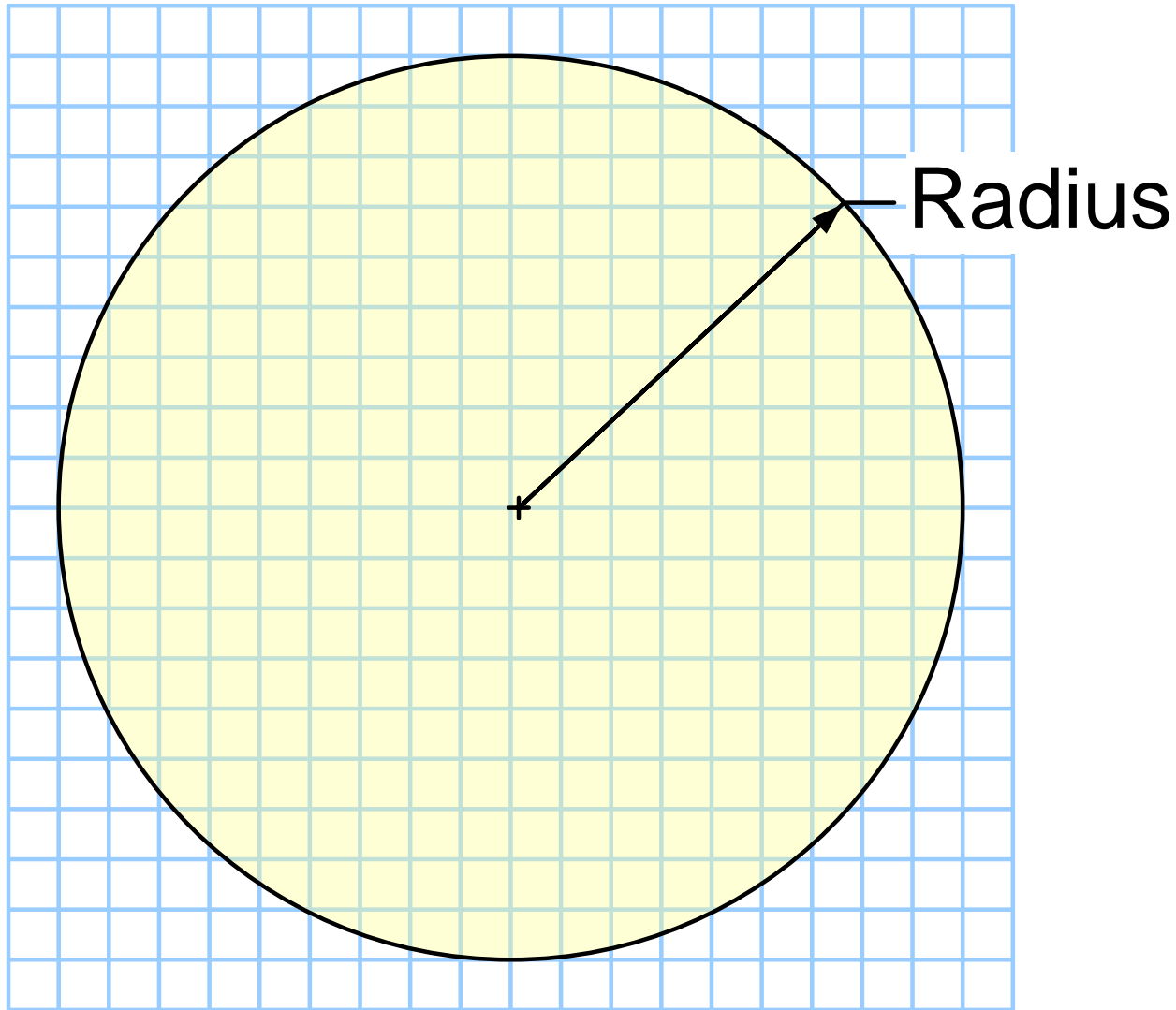
$$\text{Total Area of Shape} = A + B = 24 + 4 = 28\text{cm}^2$$



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

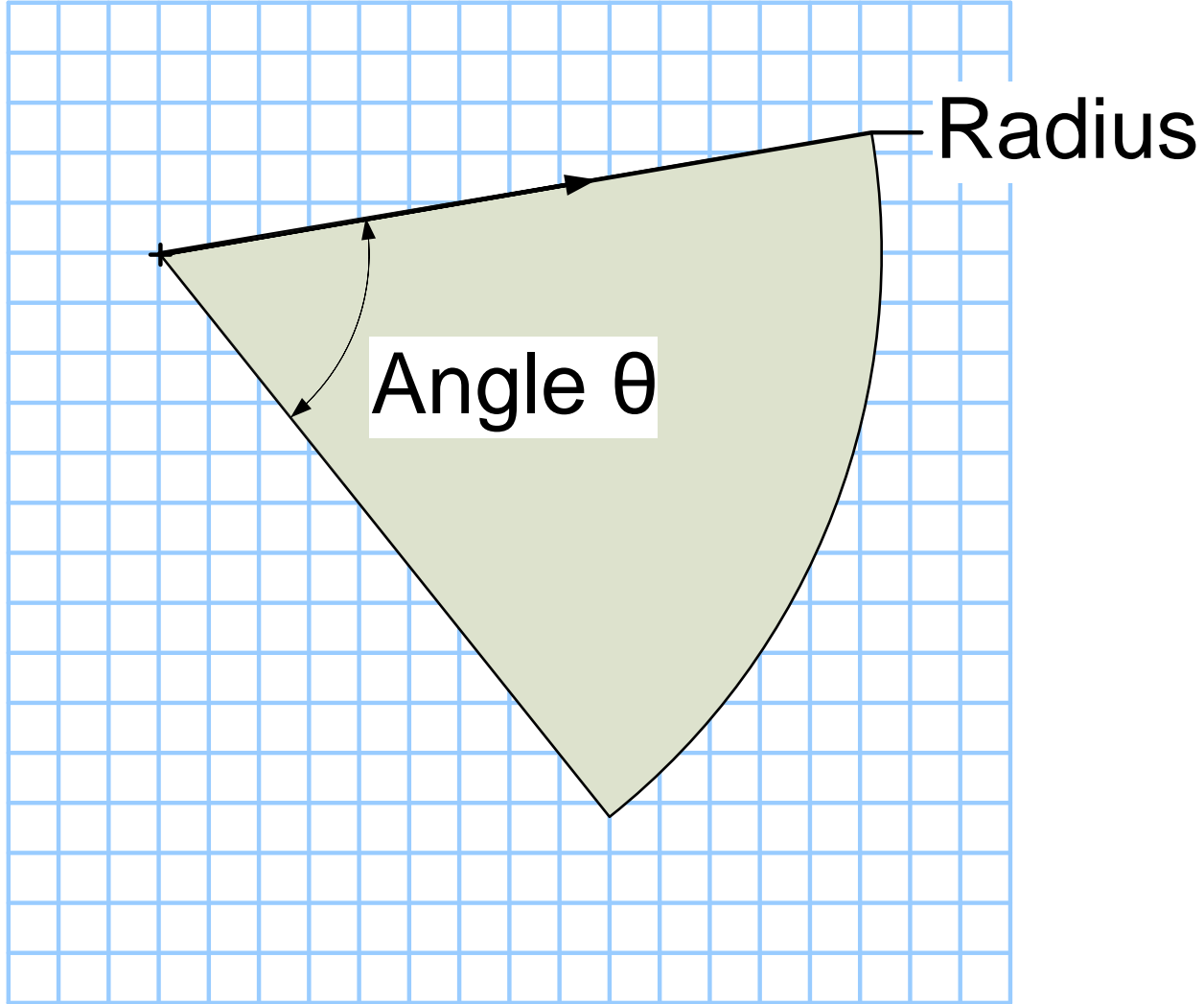


$$\text{Area} = \text{Length} \times \text{Breadth}$$



$$Area = \pi \times radius^2$$

where π is a special number called Pi and is approximately equal to 3.142



Area of a Sector

$$Area = \frac{\theta}{360} \pi \times radius^2$$

where π is a special number called Pi and is approximately equal to 3.142