## VOLUME OF PYRAMIDS AND CONES

You learned that the volume of a prism is equal to Bh, where B is the area of the base and h is the height. From the figure at the right, it is clear that the volume of the pyramid with the same base area B and the same height h must be less than the volume of the prism. The volume of the pyramid is one-third the volume of the prism.

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The same relationship is true of a cone and a cylinder with the same radius and height.

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To determine the volume of a right prism, determine the area of the base and multiply it by the height.

## **VOLUME OF A PYRAMID**

 $1/3 A_{B} \bullet h$ (1/3 AREA OF THE BASE • HEIGHT)

EXAMPLES

Find the volume figure below:



**VOLUME OF A CONE** 

 $1/3 \pi r^2 \bullet h$ (1/3 AREA OF THE BASE • HEIGHT)

Find the volume figure below:



Given:

Volume:

h = 17.7 mm  
r = 12.4 cm  

$$W = \frac{1}{3}A_Bh$$
  
 $V = \frac{1}{3}(153.76\pi)(17.7)$   
 $B = \pi(12.4)^2$   
 $V = 907.18\pi mm^3$   
 $B = 153.76\pi mm^2$ 

## **PRACTICE TEST:**

Find the Volume of the following. Write complete solutions and answers in terms of  $\pi$ , then use  $\pi$  in your calculator and round off final answers correct to two decimal places.



## **APPLICATIONS:**

Solve the following problems completely. Write complete solutions and answers in terms of  $\pi$ , then use  $\pi$  in your calculator and round off final answers correct to two decimal places.

- 1) How much frozen yogurt can you pack inside a cone that is 5in. high with a radius of 1.25 in?
- 2) The eight segments from the center of a cube to the eight corners of the cube form the edges of six pyramids. If one edge of the cube is 4 in., what is the volume of each pyramid, to the nearest cubic inch?

- 3) A water storage tank with a roof that is in the shape of a cone has a diameter of 10 ft. The height of the cylindrical part of the tank is 15 ft. The slant height of the roof is 8 ft.
  - a. What is the radius of the tank?
  - b. What is the lateral area of the cylindrical part of the tank?
  - c. What is the surface area of the entire tank?
- 4) A cone-shaped paper cup is 7 cm high with a diameter of 6 cm. If the ivy plant on Julia's desk needs 240 mL of water, about how many paper cups of water will she use to water it?  $(1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3)$
- 5) The Louvre Pyramid in Paris has a square base with sides 112 feet long. If the volume is 296,875 cubic feet, find the height of the pyramid.
- 6) A model of a volcano constructed for a science project is cone-shaped with a diameter of 8 inches. If the volume of the model is about 201 cubic inches, how tall is the model?