

10/19 Aim: General Pyramids and Cones and Their Cross-Sections  
**Do now:** Copy the student outcome and do the opening exercise  
 Student Outcome:

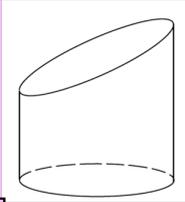
- Students understand the definition of a *general pyramid* and *cone*, and that their respective *cross-sections* are similar to the base.
- Students show that if two cones have the same base area and the same height, then cross-sections for the cones the same distance from the vertex have the same area.

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### Homework answers

1. Is this a cylinder? Explain why or why not?

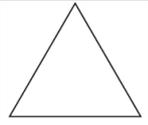
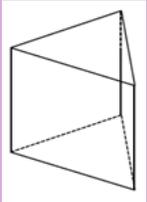


This is not a cylinder because the bases are not parallel to each other.



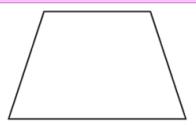
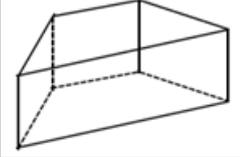
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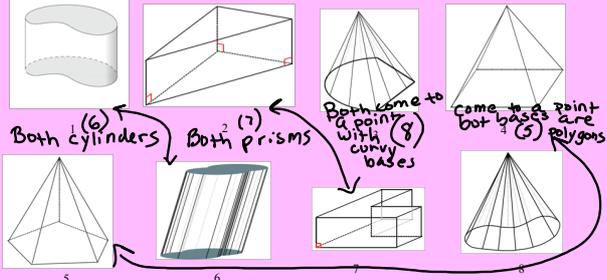
### Hint for Opening exercise

General cylinders  
 prism  
 Pointy with polygonal bases  
 pointy with curved bases

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### Opening exercise

Group the following images by shared properties. What defined each of the groups you have made?



Handwritten annotations: "Both cylinders" (pointing to 1 and 6), "Both prisms" (pointing to 2 and 7), "Both come to a point with curved bases" (pointing to 3 and 8), "come to a point but bases are polygons" (pointing to 4 and 5).

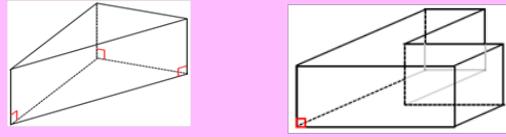
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Group A: General cylinders, images 1 and 6.

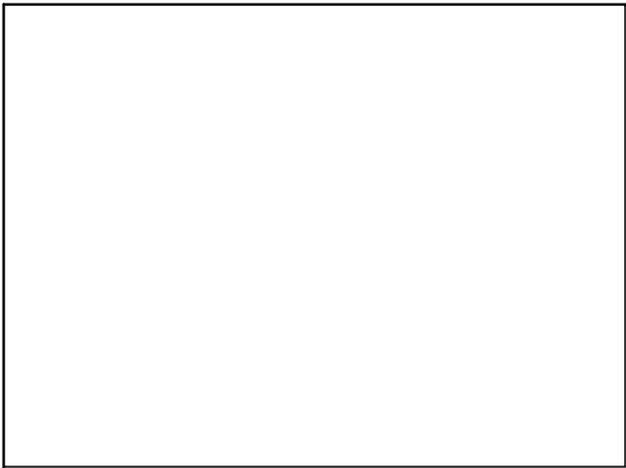


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Group B: Prisms, images 2 and 7.

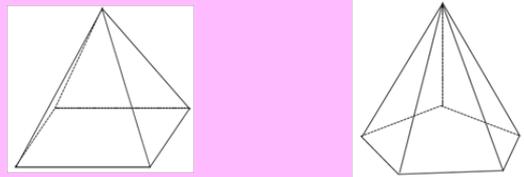


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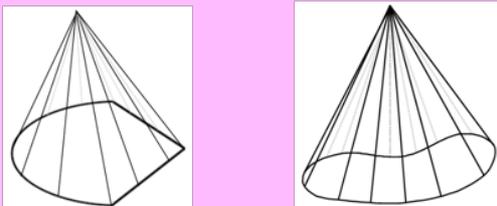
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Group C: Figures that come to a point with a polygonal base, images 4 and 5.



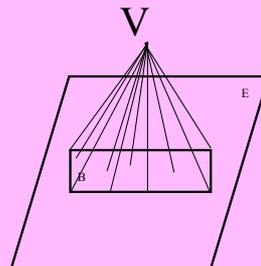
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Group D: Figures that come to a point with a curved or semi-curved region as a base, images 3 and 8.



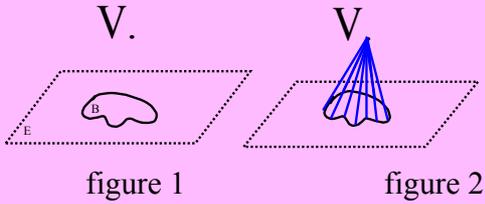
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Rectangular Pyramid: Given a rectangular region B in a plane E and a point V not on E, the rectangular pyramid with base B and vertex V is the collection of all segments  $\overline{VP}$  for any point in B.



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General cone: Let  $B$  be a region in a plane  $E$  and  $V$  be a point not in  $E$ . The cone with base  $B$  and vertex  $V$  is the union of all segments  $VP$  for all points  $P$  in  $B$ .



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What are the differences between a Rectangular Pyramid and a General Cone?



rectangular pyramid has a rectangular base. A general cone can have any region for a base.

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Important facts

- Like a general cylinder, a general cone is named by its base.
- A general cone with a disk as a base is called a *circular cone*.
- A general cone with a polygonal base is called a *pyramid*. Examples of this include a rectangular pyramid or a triangular pyramid

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A general cone whose vertex lies on the perpendicular line to the base and that passes through the center of the base is a *right cone* (or a *right pyramid* if the base is polygonal). Figure 4 shows a right rectangular pyramid, while Figure 3 shows a rectangular pyramid that is not right.

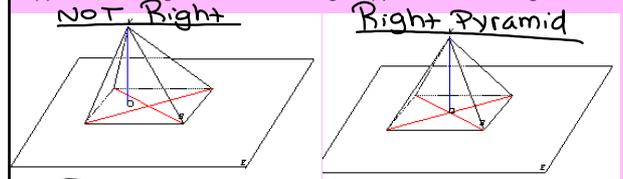
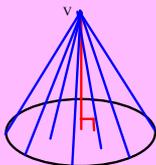


Figure 3  
Has a perpendicular but not in the center.

Figure 4  
Perpendicular and forms a right angle with the center of the base

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- A *right circular cone* has been commonly referred to as a *cone* since the elementary years; we will continue to use *cone* to refer to a *right circular cone*.



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For pyramids, in addition to the base, we have lateral faces and edges.

- Name a lateral face and edge in Figure 5 and explain how you know it is a lateral face.

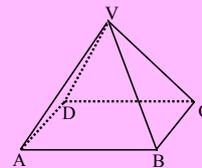


Figure 5

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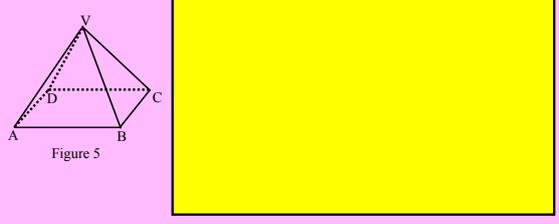
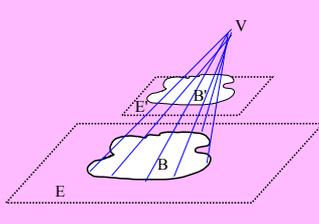


Figure 5

The triangular region AVB is defined by a side of the base, AB and vector V and is an example of a lateral face.

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Look at the general cone in Figure 6. The plane E' is parallel to E and is between the points V and the plane E. The intersection of the general cone with E' gives a cross-section B'.



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Example 1

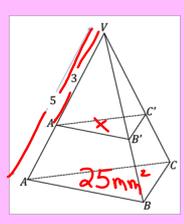
$\triangle ABC$

In the following triangular pyramid, a plane passes through the pyramid so that it is parallel to the base and results in the cross-section  $\triangle A'B'C'$ . If the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $25 \text{ mm}^2$ , what is the area of  $\triangle A'B'C'$ ?

scale factor:  $(\frac{3}{5})$

ratio of areas:  $(\frac{3}{5})^2 = \frac{9}{25}$

$A_{A'B'C'} = \frac{9}{25}(25) = 9 \text{ mm}^2$



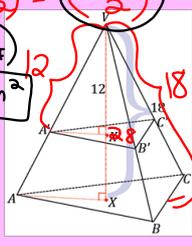
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In the following triangular pyramid, a plane passes through the pyramid so that it is parallel to the base and results in the cross-section  $\triangle A'B'C'$ . The altitude from V is drawn; the intersection of the altitude with the base is X, and the intersection of the altitude with the cross-section is X'. If the distance from X to V is 18 mm, the distance from X' to V is 12 mm, and the area of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  is  $28 \text{ mm}^2$ , what is the area of  $\triangle ABC$ ?

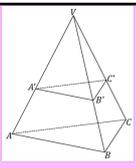
$r = (\frac{12}{18}) = (\frac{2}{3})$

Ratio of areas =  $(\frac{2}{3})^2 = (\frac{4}{9})$

Area =  $(\frac{4}{9}) \times 28 = 63 \text{ mm}^2$



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\*Look at plane ABV. Can you describe a dilation of this plane that would take AB to A'B'? Remember to specify a center and a scale factor. A dilation would have a center V and scale factor  $k = A'V/AV = B'V/BV$

\*Do the same for plane BCV. The scale factor for this dilation would also be  $k = B'V/BV = C'V/CV$

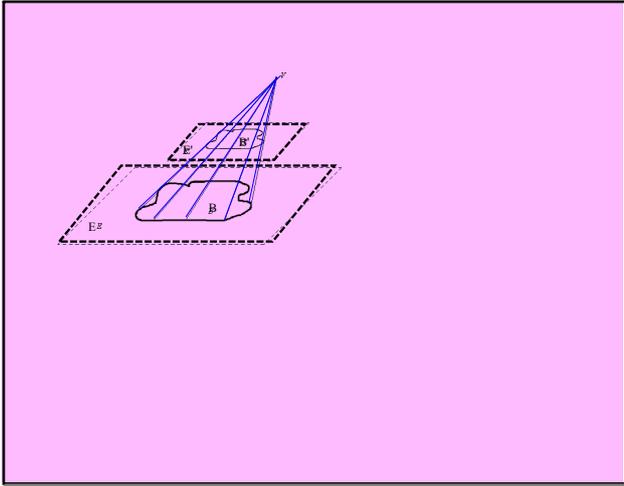
\*What about plane CAV? The scale factor is still  $k = C'V/CV = A'V/AV$

\*Since the corresponding sides are related by the same scale factor, what can you conclude about triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'B'C'$ ?  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle A'B'C'$  by the SSS similarity criterion.

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- How can this result be used to show that any pyramid (i.e., those with polygonal bases rather than those with triangular bases) has cross-sections similar to the base?
  - Whatever polygon represents the base of the pyramid, we can cut the pyramid up into a bunch of triangular regions. Then, the cross-section will be a bunch of triangles that are similar to the corresponding triangles in the base. So, the cross-section as a whole is similar to the base.
- Observe that while we've only proven the result for pyramids, it does generalize for general cones, just as we suspected when we discussed dilations.

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**Exercise 1**

The area of the base of a cone is 16 and the height is 10. Find the area of a cross-section that is distance 5 from the vertex.

$r = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $r = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$   
 Area C.S. =  $\frac{1}{4}(16) = 4\pi^2$

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**General cone cross-section theorem:** If two general cones have the same base area and the same height, then cross-sections for the general cones the same distance from the vertex have the same area.

State the theorem in your own words.

Figure 8

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\*Let the bases of the cones B and C in Figure 8 be such that

- (1) Area (B) = Area(C)
- (2) the height of each cone is h,
- (3) the distance from each vertex B' and to C' are both h'.

\*How can we show that Area (B') = Area(C')?  
 Area (B') = (h'/h)<sup>2</sup> Area(B)  
 Area (C') = (h'/h)<sup>2</sup> Area(C)  
 \*Since Area (B) = Area(C), then Area (B') = Area(C')

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The following pyramids have equal altitudes, and both bases are equal in area and are coplanar. Both pyramids' cross-section are also coplanar. If BC = 3√2 and B'C' = 2√3, and the area of TUVWXYZ is 30 units<sup>2</sup> what is the area of cross-section A'B'C'D'?

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**Lesson Summary**

**CONE:** Let  $B$  be a region in a plane  $E$  and  $V$  be a point not in  $E$ . The cone with base  $B$  and vertex  $V$  is the union of all segments  $\overline{VP}$  for all points  $P$  in  $B$ .

If the base is a polygonal region, then the cone is usually called a pyramid.

**RECTANGULAR PYRAMID:** Given a rectangular region  $B$  in a plane  $E$  and a point  $V$  not in  $E$ , the rectangular pyramid with base  $B$  and vertex  $V$  is the union of all segments  $\overline{VP}$  for points  $P$  in  $B$ .

**LATERAL EDGE AND FACE OF A PYRAMID:** Suppose the base  $B$  of a pyramid with vertex  $V$  is a polygonal region and  $P_i$  is a vertex of  $B$ . The segment  $\overline{P_iV}$  is called a lateral edge of the pyramid. If  $\overline{P_iP_{i+1}}$  is a base edge of the base  $B$  (a side of  $B$ ), and  $F$  is the union of all segments  $\overline{P_iV}$  for  $P$  in  $\overline{P_iP_{i+1}}$ , then  $F$  is called a lateral face of the pyramid. It can be shown that the face of a pyramid is always a triangular region.

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1. The base of a pyramid has area 4. A cross-section that lies in a parallel plane that is distance of 2 from the base plane has an area of 1. Find the height,  $h$ , of the pyramid.

$$\text{ratio of areas} = r^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

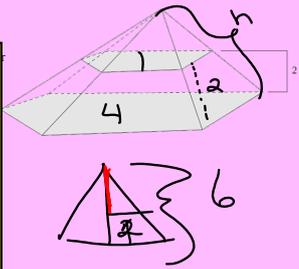
$$r = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{h-2}{h}$$

$$h = 2(h-2)$$

$$h = 2h - 4$$

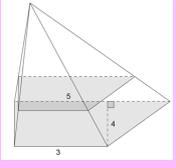
$$-h = -4$$

$$h = 4$$



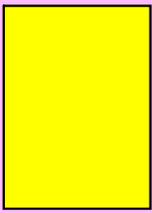
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2. The base of a pyramid is a trapezoid. The trapezoidal bases have lengths of 3 and 5, and the trapezoid's height is 4. Find the area of the parallel slice that is three-fourths of the way from the vertex to the base.



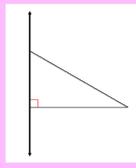
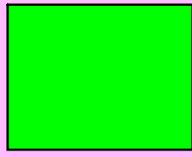
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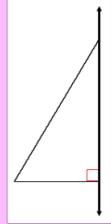
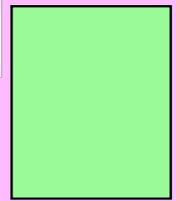
3. A cone has base area  $36 \text{ cm}^2$ . A parallel slice 5 cm from the vertex has area  $25 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the height of the cone.



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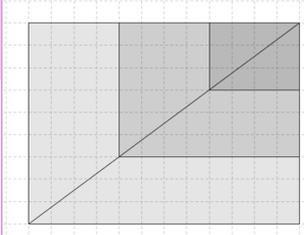
4. Sketch the figures formed if the triangular regions are rotated around the provided axis:

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5. Liza drew the top view of a rectangular pyramid with two cross-sections as shown in the diagram and said that her diagram represents one, and only one, rectangular pyramid. Do you agree or disagree with Liza? Explain.



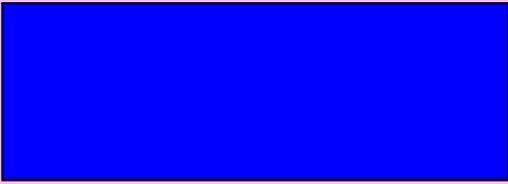

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6. A general hexagonal pyramid has height 10 in. A slice 2 in. above the base has area  $16 \text{ in}^2$ . Find the area of the base.



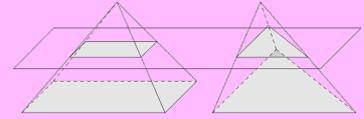
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7. A general cone has base area 3 units<sup>2</sup>. Find the area of the slice of the cone that is parallel to the base and 2/3 of the way from the vertex to the base.



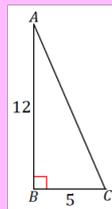
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8. A rectangular cone and a triangular cone have bases with the same area. Explain why the cross-sections for the cones halfway between the base and the vertex have the same area.



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9. The following right triangle is rotated about side AB. What is the resulting figure, and what are its dimensions?



the resulting figure is a cone with radius 5 and height 12.

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