

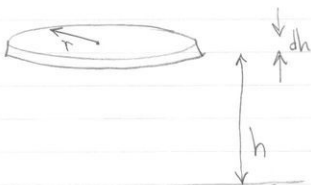
Cone of height H , radius R .

If it has uniform density ρ ,
where is center of mass?

- Must be along the central vertical axis of the cone, by symmetry. But how far above the base?

Break cone into slices.

Consider a slice



h above ground
 dh thickness

If has a radius

$$r = R \left(1 - \frac{h}{H}\right)$$

So this slice has

volume $dV = \pi r^2 dh = \pi R^2 \left(1 - \frac{h}{H}\right)^2 dh$

mass $dm = \rho dV = \rho \pi R^2 \left(1 - \frac{h}{H}\right)^2 dh$