

Gravel is being dumped from a conveyor belt at a rate of 30 cubic feet per minute. It forms a pile in the shape of a right circular cone whose base **diameter and height are always the same**. How fast is the height of the pile increasing when the pile is 10 feet high? Recall that the volume of a right circular cone with height h and radius of the base r is given by $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$.

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“diameter and height are always the same”, then $h = d \rightarrow d = 2r \rightarrow r = h/d$.

$h = 10$; $r = 5$;

$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \rightarrow V = \frac{1}{3} \pi (5^2) * 10 = 261.66$

The average velocity v of an object moving through a displacement Δs during a time interval Δt is described by the formula:

$U = \Delta s / \Delta t \rightarrow s = Vt$;

30 – 1 minute ,

261.66 – x minutes

$X = (261.66 * 1) / 30 = 8.722$ (minutes).