

## The volume of a cone

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a set with  $n$ -volume  $|D|$ , and let  $P = (a_1, \dots, a_n, h) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a fixed point with  $h > 0$ . We consider that cone  $C$  consisting of all line segments from  $P$  to a point in  $D$ . The cone can be parametrized with the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n, t$ , where  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and the equations

$$(y_1, \dots, y_{n+1}) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0) + t(x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n, -h) .$$

It is easy to see that

$$\left| \frac{\partial(y_1, \dots, y_{n+1})}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)} \right| = ht^n ,$$

and it follows that that  $n + 1$ -volume of  $C$  is

$$|C| = \frac{1}{n+1} |D|h .$$