

◆ 1. Calculate Lengths of Similar Shapes

Definition: Two shapes are **similar** if they have the same shape but not necessarily the same size. Corresponding angles are equal, and corresponding sides are in **proportion**.

◆ Scale Factor (SF)

If two shapes are similar:

- Length scale factor (k):

$$\frac{\text{Length of shape B}}{\text{Length of shape A}} = k$$

✓ Example:

Triangle A and Triangle B are similar. A side in Triangle A is 4 cm, and the corresponding side in Triangle B is 10 cm.

- Scale factor from A to B = $\frac{10}{4} = 2.5$
- If another side in A is 6 cm, the corresponding side in B = $6 \times 2.5 = 15$ cm

◆ 2. Relationships Between Lengths, Areas, Surface Areas & Volumes

◆ Lengths

If shapes are similar and scale factor = k ,

- Lengths are multiplied by k

◆ Areas

- Area scale factor = k^2

◆ Volumes (and surface areas for 3D shapes)

- Volume scale factor = k^3

$$\frac{\text{Area of B}}{\text{Area of A}} = k^2, \quad \frac{\text{Volume of B}}{\text{Volume of A}} = k^3$$

✓ Example:

Two similar cylinders have a height ratio of 2:3.

- Area ratio = $2^2 : 3^2 = 4 : 9$
- Volume ratio = $2^3 : 3^3 = 8 : 27$

◆ 3. Solve Problems and Give Simple Explanations Involving Similarity

✓ Example:

A small cube has a volume of 125 cm^3 . A similar larger cube has edges twice as long.

- Volume scale factor = $2^3 = 8$
- Volume of larger cube = $125 \times 8 = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$

◆ 4. Showing Two Triangles Are Similar (Geometric Reasons)

To show triangles are similar, use:

- **AA (Angle-Angle):** If two angles are equal
- **SSS (Side-Side-Side):** If all sides are in the same ratio
- **SAS (Side-Angle-Side):** If one angle is equal and the sides including the angle are in the same ratio

✓ Example:

Triangle A has angles $40^\circ, 60^\circ, 80^\circ$,

Triangle B has angles $40^\circ, 60^\circ, 80^\circ \rightarrow$ Triangles are similar by **AA**

Summary Table

Property	Scale Factor (k)	Relation Formula
Length	k	$\frac{\text{Length B}}{\text{Length A}} = k$
Area	k^2	$\frac{\text{Area B}}{\text{Area A}} = k^2$
Volume	k^3	$\frac{\text{Volume B}}{\text{Volume A}} = k^3$