

new
old

$$SA = 6s^2$$

Geometry: Changes in Dimensions for Similar Figures

Name: KEY

Fill in the chart below for cubes. Include units with each answer.

Original Cube Edge	New Cube Edge	Scale Factor	Surface area of the original cube	Surface area of the new cube	Give the scale factor for surface area	Volume of the original cube	Volume of the new cube	Give the scale factor for volume
1 cm.	3 cm.	$\frac{3}{1}$	6 cm^2	54 cm^2	$\frac{54}{6} = 9$	$1^3 = 1 \text{ cm}^3$	$3^3 = 27 \text{ cm}^3$	$\frac{27}{1}$
4 cm.	2 cm.	$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$	96 cm^2	24 cm^2	$\frac{24}{96} = \frac{1}{4}$	$4^3 = 64 \text{ cm}^3$	$2^3 = 8 \text{ cm}^3$	$\frac{8}{64} = \frac{1}{8}$
3 cm.	4 cm.	$\frac{4}{3}$	54 cm^2	96 cm^2	$\frac{96}{54} = \frac{16}{9}$	$3^3 = 27 \text{ cm}^3$	$4^3 = 64 \text{ cm}^3$	$\frac{64}{27}$
3	6 cm.	$\frac{2}{1}$	54 cm^2	216 cm^2	$\frac{216}{54} = 4$	$3^3 = 27 \text{ cm}^3$	$6^3 = 216 \text{ cm}^3$	$\frac{216}{27} = 8$
2 cm.	1.5	$\frac{3}{4}$	24 cm^2	13.5 cm^2	$\frac{13.5}{24} = \frac{9}{16}$	$2^3 = 8 \text{ cm}^3$	$1.5^3 = 3.375 \text{ cm}^3$	$\frac{3.375}{8} = \frac{27}{64}$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{x}{2}$$

1) Compare the scale factors by filling in the tables for each row in the table above.

Cube Edge	Surface Area
3	9
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{16}{9}$
$\frac{2}{1}$	4
$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{9}{16}$
$\frac{a}{b}$	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$

Cube Edge	Volume
3	27
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{64}{27}$
2	8
$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{27}{64}$
$\frac{a}{b}$	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3$

Summary of scale factor ratios for similar figures:

The two figures being compared must be similar!			
	Linear Measurements	Area Measurements	Volume Measurements
Units	cm; in; etc.	cm^2 ; square in.; etc.	cm^3 ; cubic in; etc
Scale factor	$\frac{a}{b}$	$\frac{a^2}{b^2} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$	$\frac{a^3}{b^3} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3$
Concepts	<p>Figures must be similar!</p> <p>2D - sides, perimeter, diagonals</p> <p>3D - length, width, height, slant height, etc.</p>	<p>Figures must be similar!</p> <p>2D - areas of triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons</p> <p>3D - lateral area, and surface area</p>	<p>Figures must be similar!</p> <p>2D - NOTHING</p> <p>3D - volume only</p>

Examples:

- 1) The scale factor used to create a similar rectangular prism is $\frac{4}{3}$. If the surface area of the original rectangular prism was 24 sq. ft., what is the surface area of the newly created rectangular prism?

$$\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{\text{new}}{24}$$

$$\frac{16}{9} = \frac{\text{new}}{24}$$

$$\text{new} = 42\frac{2}{3} \text{ ft}^2$$

- 2) A new cylinder is created by using a scale factor of $\frac{2}{3}$. If the volume of the new cylinder is 54 cm³, what is the volume of the original cylinder?

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{54}{\text{old}}$$

$$\frac{8}{27} = \frac{54}{\text{old}}$$

$$\text{old} = 182\frac{1}{4} \text{ cm}^3$$

- 3) A new box is created by multiplying each of the dimensions by 5. How will the surface area of the new box compare to the surface area of the original box?

$$\frac{\text{new}}{\text{old}} = \frac{6(5x)^2}{6x^2} = \frac{6 \cdot 25x^2}{6x^2} = \frac{150x^2}{6x^2}$$

- A) 5 times the surface area of the original box.
B) 10 times the surface area of the original box.
C) 25 times the surface area of the original box.
D) 125 times the surface area of the original box.

Explain your choice.

Scale factor is $\frac{125}{1}$

- 4) A rectangular prism has dimensions 2 ft by 3 ft by 4 ft. Another rectangular prism has dimensions 4 ft by 6 ft by 5 ft. Does the scale factor table apply to these two rectangular prisms?

Why or why not? $2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24 \text{ ft}^3$

$$4 \times 6 \times 5 = 120 \text{ ft}^3$$

$\frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{3}{6} \quad \frac{4}{5} \leftarrow$ no, scale factor is not the same