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PROPERTIES OF GEOMETRICAL FIGURES

Book 4 Establish and apply properties of similar shapes
and solids

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MA5-GEO-P-01 establishes conditions for congruent triangles and similar triangles and solves problems relating to properties of similar figures and plane shapes

Establish and apply properties of similar shapes and solids

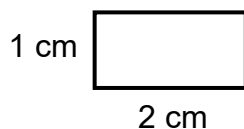
- Establish for 2 similar figures with similarity ratio $a:b$ that their areas are in the ratio $a^2:b^2$ and their volumes are in the ratio $a^3:b^3$
- Solve problems involving areas and volumes of similar shapes and solids

AREAS OF SIMILAR FIGURES

Investigation: Area and volumes of similar figures.

The diagrams below show two similar rectangles, with the second being an enlargement.

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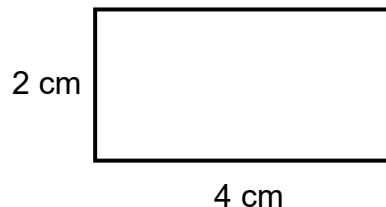


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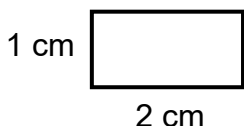
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$$A_2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

Original

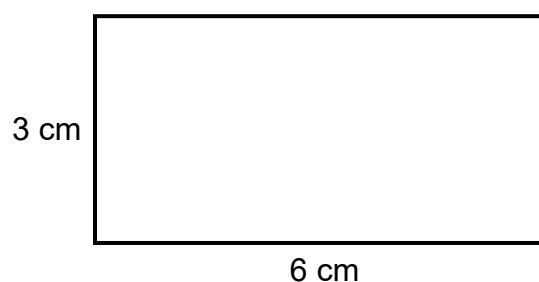


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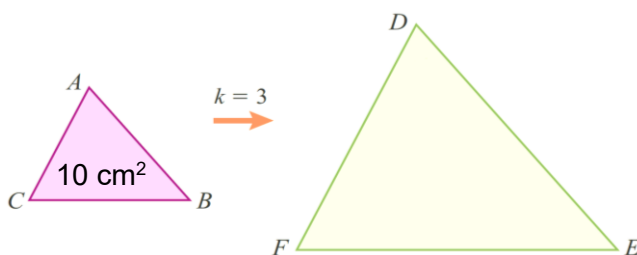
AREAS OF SIMILAR SHAPES

Similar Areas	
If two figures are in the ratio	$a:b$
their areas are in the ratio	$a^2:b^2$

1. Determine ratio of lengths.
2. Determine ratio of areas.
3. Use a ratio table to find area of unknown.

Example Calculate area and volume of similar figures.

A triangle has been enlarged with scale factor of $k = 3$. The original area is 10 cm^2 , calculate the area of the enlarged triangle.



1. Length ratio: $1:3$
2. Areas in ratio: $1^2:3^2 = 1:9$
3. Ratio table:

Original	:	Image
1	:	9
10	:	90

The area of the enlarged figure is 90 cm^2 .

How did we know the areas will be in the ratio 1:9?

The lengths are in the ratio 1:3,
So, areas are in the ratio $1: \dots^2 = 1:9$

What are two ways to get 90 using the ratio table?

We can use the rows:

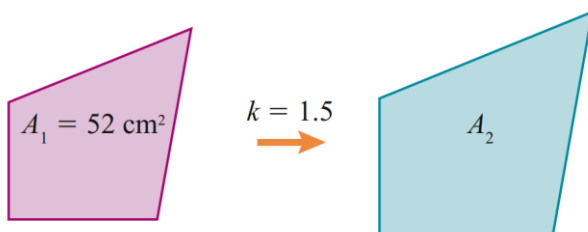
Multiply 10 by $\dots$

We can use the columns:

Multiply 9 by $\dots$

Calculate the areas of these similar figures.

a

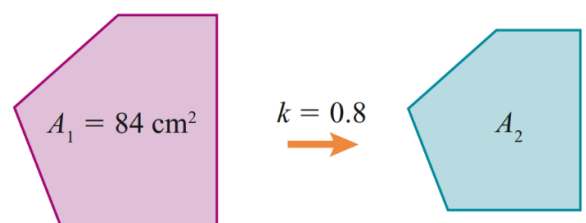


1. Length ratio:
2. Areas in ratio:
3. Ratio table:

Original	:	Image
	:	
	:	

117 cm^2

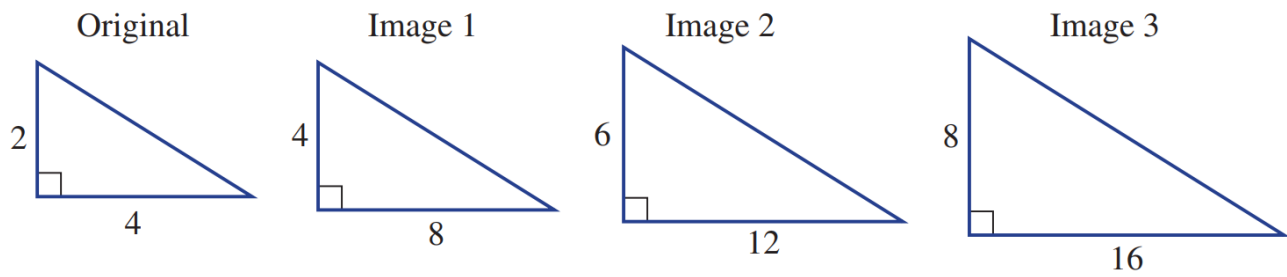
b



Original	:	Image
	:	
	:	

53.76 cm^2

1 Consider these three similar triangles (not drawn to scale). All units are in cm.



a Complete this table, comparing each image to the original.

Triangle	Original	Image 1	Image 2	Image 3
Length ratio	1	1:2	1:3	1:4
Area	4 cm ²	16	36	64
Area ratio	1	1: 4	1:9	1:16

b What would be the area ratio if the length ratio is 1: n?

1: n²

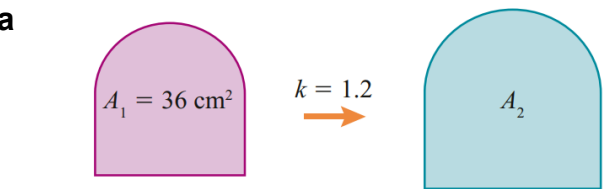
c What would be the area ratio if the length ratio is:

- i 1:10?
1:100
- ii 1:20?
1:400
- iii 1:100?
1:10 000

d What would be the area ratio if the length ratio is 1: $\frac{1}{2}$?

1: $\frac{1}{4}$

2 Use the information given to find the unknown area for each pair of similar figures.



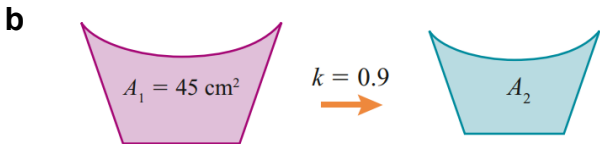
1. Length ratio:

2. Areas in ratio:

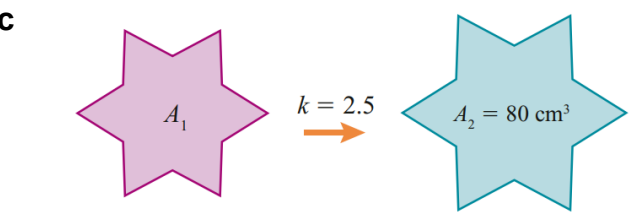
3. Ratio table:

Original	:	Image
1	:	1.2 ²
36	:	51.84

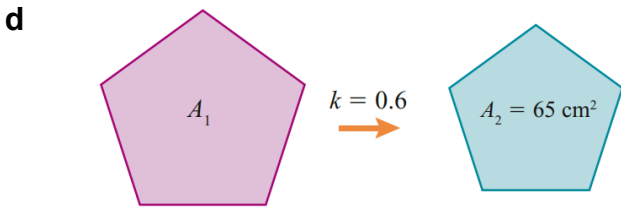
51.84 cm²



36.45 cm²



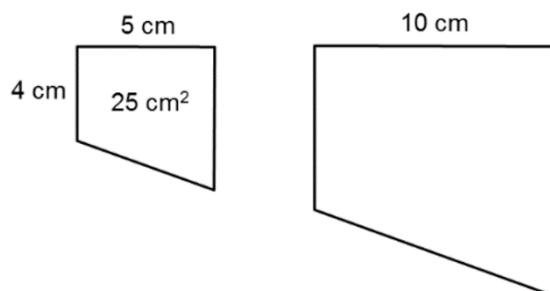
12.8 cm²



180.5 cm²

3 These shapes are similar.

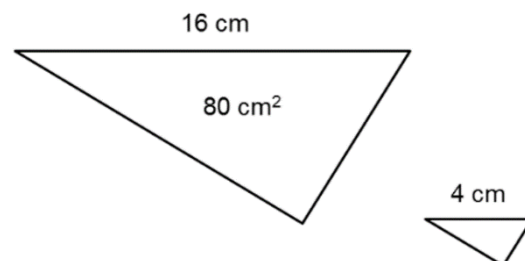
a What is the area of the larger shape?



$$\left(\frac{10}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{x}{25}$$

$$x = 100 \text{ cm}^2$$

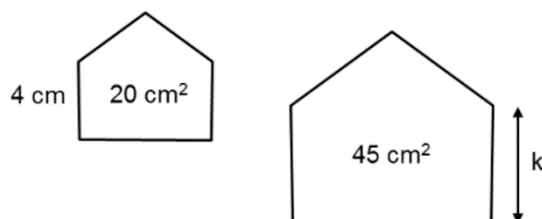
b What is the area of the smaller shape?



$$\frac{x}{80} = \left(\frac{4}{16}\right)^2$$

$$x = 5 \text{ cm}^2$$

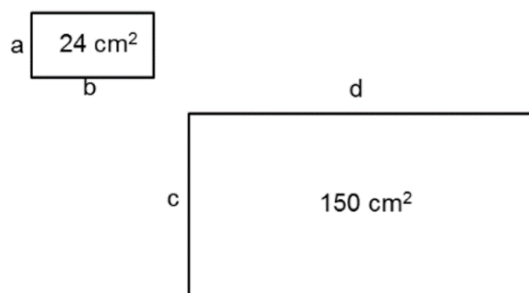
c What is the length k ?



$$\left(\frac{k}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{45}{20}$$

$$k = 6 \text{ cm}$$

d Find some values of a , b , c , d if they are all integers.



$$k^2 = \frac{150}{24}$$

$$k = 2.5$$

a, b are factor pairs of 24 and c, d must be factors pairs of 150:
Possible 4-pairs of (a, b, c, d) :
(2, 12, 5, 18)
(4, 6, 10, 15)
(6, 4, 15, 10)
(12, 2, 18, 5)

4 A scale diagram of a park uses a scale of 1 cm = 10 m.

a Write this as a ratio; remember that ratios always have the same units for both quantities.

$$1:1000$$

b A park is 15 cm across on the diagram. Work out the equivalent distance in real life in m.

$$15 \text{ cm} \times 1000 = 15000 \text{ cm} = 150 \text{ m}$$

c A playground in the park as an area of 4.3 cm^2 on the diagram.
Work out the area the playground takes up in real life in m^2

$$4.3 \text{ cm}^2 \times 1000^2 = 4\,300\,000 \text{ cm}^2 = 430 \text{ m}^2$$

5 A map is drawn to a scale of 1:1000. That means the area is in the ratio 1:1000².

- a** The area of a nature reserve is 3.6 ha (1 ha = 10 000 m²).
What will be its area on the map, in square metres?

$$36\,000\text{ m}^2 \div 1000^2 = 0.036\text{ m}^2$$

- b** What is this in square centimetres?

$$0.036 \times 100^2 = 360\text{ cm}^2$$

- c** The area on the map of a school and its playgrounds is 96 cm².
What is its actual area in ha?

$$96 \times 1000^2 = 96\,000\,000\text{ cm}^2 = 9600\text{ m}^2 = 0.96\text{ ha}$$

6 The ratio of the area of a field on a scale drawing to its actual area is 1 : 2500.
What is the ratio of the dimensions of the field on the diagram to its actual dimensions?

$$1:\sqrt{2500} = 1:50$$

7 The matching sides of two similar figures are in the ratio 4 : 5.

- a** Write the area ratio of the smaller to the larger prism.

$$16:25$$

- b** If the area of the larger figure is 600 cm², what is the area of the smaller solid?

Areas in ratio 16 : 25

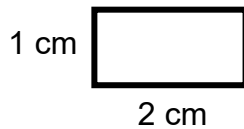
$$600 \times \frac{16}{25} = 384\text{ cm}^2$$

VOLUMES OF SIMILAR SOLIDS

Investigation: Area and volumes of similar figures.

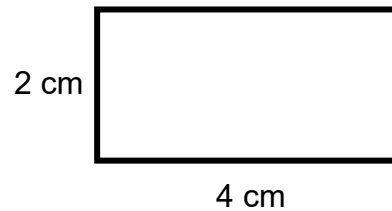
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Original



$$A_1 = \dots\dots\dots$$

Image

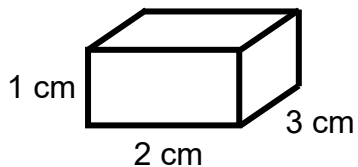


$$A_2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

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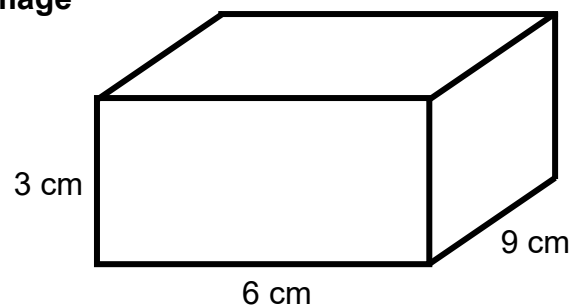
The volume ratio of original : image is:

Original



$$V_1 = \dots\dots\dots$$

Image



$$V_2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

The length ratio of original : image is:

The volume ratio of original : image is:

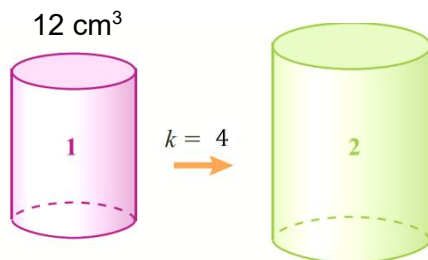
VOLUMES OF SIMILAR SOLIDS

Similar Areas and Volumes	
If two figures are in the ratio	$a:b$
their areas are in the ratio	$a^2:b^2$
their volumes are in the ratio	$a^3:b^3$

1. Determine ratio of lengths.
2. Determine ratio of volumes.
3. Use a ratio table to find area of unknown.

Example Calculate area and volume of similar figures.

A cylinder has been enlarged with scale factor of $k = 4$. The original volume is 12 cm^3 , calculate the volume of the enlarged cylinder.



1. Length ratio: $1:4$
2. Volumes in ratio: $1^3:4^3$
 $= 1:64$

3. Ratio table:

Original	:	Image
1	:	64
12	:	768

The volume of the enlarged figure is 768 cm^3 .

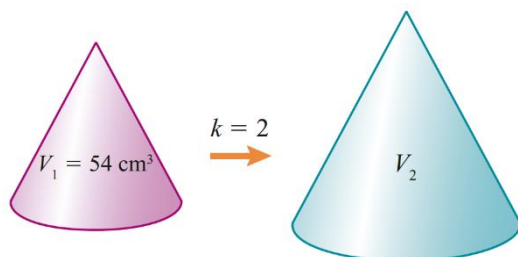
How did we know the volumes will be in the ratio $1:64$?

The lengths are in the ratio $1:4$,
So, volumes are in the ratio $1: \dots^3 = 1:64$

How did we go from $1:64$ to $12:768$?

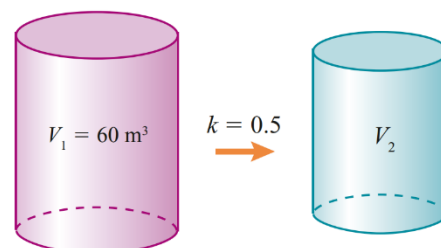
Calculate the volumes of these similar solids.

a



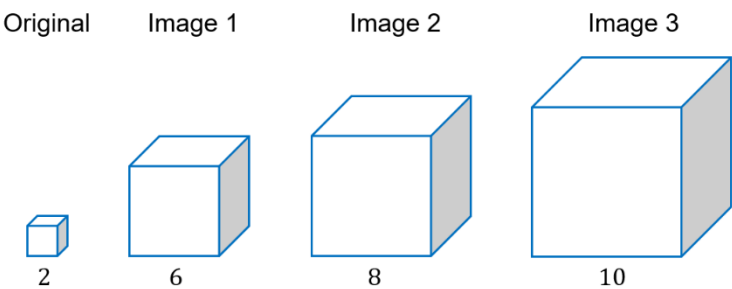
432 cm^3

b



7.5 m^3

1 Shown here is a cube of side length 2 and its images after enlargement. All units are in cm.



a Complete this table, comparing each image to the original.

Cube	Original	Image 1	Image 2	Image 3
Length ratio	1	1:3	1:4	1:5
Volume	8 cm ³	216 cm ³	512	1000
Volume ratio	1	1: 27	1:64	1:125

b What would be the volume ratio if the length ratio is 1: n?

1: n²

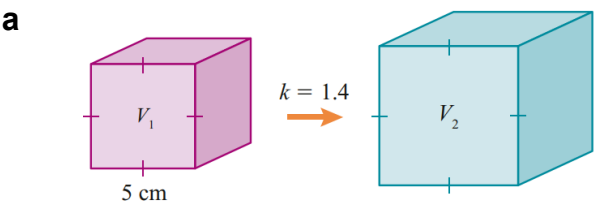
c What would be the volume ratio if the length ratio is:

- i 1:10?
1:1000
- ii 1:20?
1:8000
- iii 1:100?
1:1 000 000

d What would be the volume ratio if the length ratio is 1: $\frac{1}{2}$?

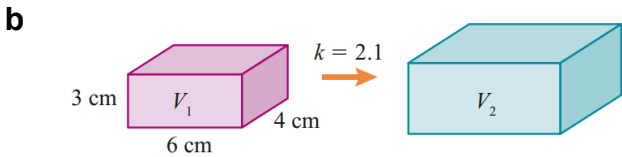
1: $\frac{1}{8}$

2 Given that the following pairs of solids are similar, find the unknown volume using the information given. Round to 2 d.p. where appropriate.

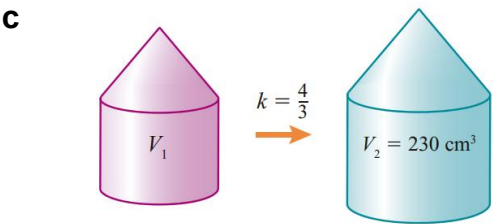


1. Length ratio:
2. Volumes in ratio:
3. Ratio table:

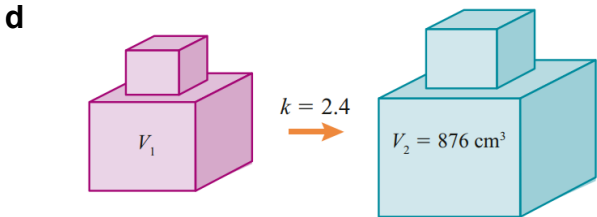
Original	:	Image
1	:	1.4 ³
125	:	343



666.79 cm³



97.01 cm³



63.37 cm³

8 The matching lengths of two similar prisms are 2 cm and 5 cm.

a Write the length ratio of the smaller to the larger prism.

2:5

b Write the volume ratio of the smaller to the larger prism

8:125

c If the volume of the smaller prism is 64 cm^3 , what is the volume of the larger prism?

$$\frac{x}{64} = \frac{125}{8}$$

1000 cm^3

9 The matching sides of two similar solids are in the ratio 3 : 4.

a Write the volume ratio of the smaller to the larger prism.

27:64

b If the volume of the larger solid is 384 cm^3 , what is the volume of the smaller solid?

$$\frac{x}{384} = \frac{27}{64}$$

162 cm^3

10 The surface area and volume of a solid are 350 cm^2 and 480 cm^3 respectively.

The solid is enlarged using a scale factor $k = 1.8$.

Calculate the surface area and volume of the larger solid.

$$360 \times 1.8^2 = 1134 \text{ cm}^2$$
$$380 \times 1.8^3 = 2799.36 \text{ cm}^3$$

11 A box holds exactly 360 ball bearings.

If all the dimensions of the box are doubled, how many ball bearings would it hold?

$$\text{New volume is } 360 \times 2^3 = 2880 \text{ ball bearings}$$

12 Complete the table.

Ratio of Lengths	Ratio of Areas	Ratio of Volumes
2:5	4:25	8:125
5:3	25:9	125:27
1:____ 10	1:10	____:1000
4:3	16:____ 9	____:27 64
0.5:0.3	0.25:0.09	0.125:0.027
1:0.1	1:0.01	____:0.001
0.2:0.001	0.04:0.00001	0.008:0.000001
a : ____: ____ $a:b:c$	____: b^2 : ____ $a^2:b^2:c^2$	____: ____: c^3 $a^3:b^3:c^3$
$2a$: ____: ____ $2a:3b:4c$	____: $9b^2$: ____ $4a^2:9b^2:16c^2$	____: ____: $64c^3$ $8a^3:27b^3:64c^3$
$a^2:b^3:c^4$	$a^4:b^6:c^8$	$a^6:b^9:c^{12}$
$\sqrt{a}:b:\frac{3}{c^2}$	$a:b^2:c^3$	$\frac{3}{a^2}:b^3:\frac{9}{c^2}$

- 13** A model is made of a statue and the volumes of the statue and its model are in the ratio 27 : 1.
- a** What is the ratio of the height of the statue to the height of the model?

3:1

- b** What is the ratio of the surface areas?

9:1

- 14** When it is hot, a dog cannot sweat to cool down but uses moisture evaporation from its tongue to regulate its body temperature. This is not effective for large animals. Consider what would happen if a dog's dimensions were increased by a factor of 10.

- a** By what factor would its volume be increased?

1000

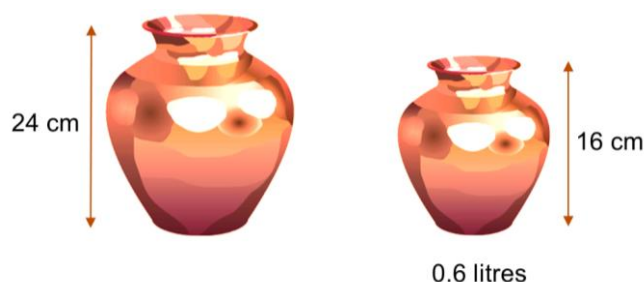
- b** By what factor would the surface area of its tongue be increased?

100

- c** What effect would this have on the animal?

The dog would produce far more heat but have relatively less surface area to dissipate it.
The doggy would overheat!

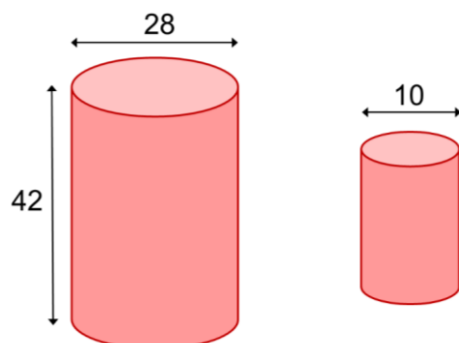
- 15** The two jars are similar. What is the volume of the larger jar?



$$\frac{x}{0.6} = \left(\frac{24}{16}\right)^3$$

$$x = 2.025 \text{ L}$$

- 16** These cylinders are similar. What is the volume of the smaller cylinder? Answer in terms of π .



$$\frac{x}{\pi(14)^2(42)} = \left(\frac{10}{28}\right)^3$$

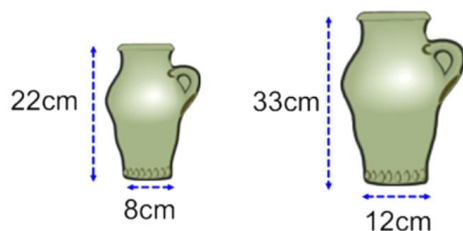
$$x = 375\pi \text{ units}^3$$

- 17** A solid metal ball is melted down and made into similar balls with $\frac{1}{5}$ the radius.
How many smaller solid balls can be made?

$$\text{Each ball is } \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{125} \text{ the original volume}$$

$$\therefore 125$$

- 18** These are two similar vases of different sizes.



- a** If the surface area of the smaller vase is 550 cm^2 ,
Calculate the surface area of the larger vase.

$$\frac{x}{550} = \left(\frac{33}{22}\right)^2$$

$$x = 1237.5 \text{ cm}^2$$

- b** If the volume of the larger vase is 3800 cm^3 ,
Calculate the surface area of the smaller vase.

$$\frac{x}{3800} = \left(\frac{22}{33}\right)^2$$

$$x = 1688.8 \text{ cm}^2$$