

# 6.2 Transformations and Similarity



- Before** You identified rigid motions in the plane.
- Now** You will identify similarity transformations called dilations.
- Why?** So you can find the dimensions of a scale drawing.

G.SRT.1 Verify experimentally the properties of dilations given by a center and a scale factor.  
 G.SRT.2 Given two figures, use the definition of similarity in terms of similarity transformations to decide if they are similar; explain using similarity corresponding pairs of angles and the proportionality of all corresponding pairs of sides.

**Dilation - Non-Rigid (size changes) transformation.**

A dilation of a point in a coordinate plane can be found by **multiplying** the **x** and **y** coordinates of a point by the same number, **k**. aka: "n"

$$D(x, y) = (kx, ky)$$

prime symbol's  
 New Image  
 scale factor  
 Ex. What is the **image** of the point (2, 3) transformed by the dilation  $D(x, y) = (4x, 4y)$ ? What is the scale factor?

$$D(2, 3) = D'(4 \cdot 2, 4 \cdot 3) = D'(8, 12)$$

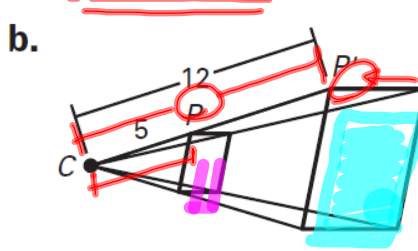
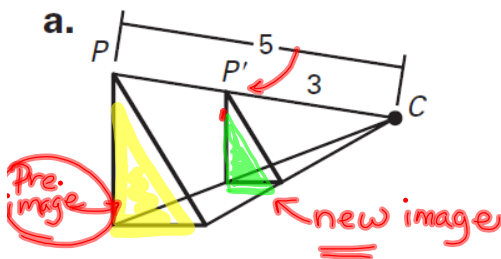
Scale factor = 4

Scale Factors:  
 If  $|k| < 1$  then the **dilation** is a

If  $|k| = 1$  then the **dilation** stays the

If  $|k| > 1$  then the **dilation** is an

Identify the dilation and find its scale factor.



## Solution

a. Because  $\frac{\text{new image } CP'}{\text{pre-image } CP} = \frac{3}{5}$ , the scale factor is  $k = \frac{3}{5}$ . This is

a **Reduction**

$< 1 \text{ ;}$

b. Because  $\frac{CP'}{CP} = \frac{12}{5}$ , the scale factor is  $k = \frac{12}{5}$ . This is

an **Enlargement**

$k > 1 \text{ ;}$

### Dilation in a Coordinate Plane

Draw a dilation of  $\triangle XYZ$ . Use the origin as the center and use a **scale factor of 2**. Find the perimeter of the preimage and the perimeter of the image.

**Solution**

Because the center of the dilation is the origin, you can find the image of each vertex by multiplying its coordinates by the S.F. = 2.

\*  $X(1, 4) \rightarrow X'(2, 8)$   
 $Y(1, 1) \rightarrow Y'(2, 2)$   
 $Z(5, 1) \rightarrow Z'(10, 2)$



To find the perimeters of the preimage and image, you need to find  $XZ$  and  $X'Z'$ .

$XZ = \sqrt{(1-5)^2 + (4-1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 3^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{16 + 9}$   
 $= \sqrt{25}$   
 $= 5$

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$   
 $3^2 + 4^2 = c^2$   
 $9 + 16 = c^2$   
 $\sqrt{25} = c$   
 $5 = c$

Perimeter of  $\triangle XYZ = \text{leg} + \text{leg} + \text{hyp} = 12$   
 $X'Z' = \sqrt{(2-10)^2 + (8-2)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{(-8)^2 + 6^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{64 + 36}$   
 $= \sqrt{100}$   
 $= 10$

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$   
 $6^2 + 8^2 = c^2$   
 $36 + 64 = c^2$   
 $\sqrt{100} = c$   
 $10 = c$   
 S.F. = 2

Perimeter of  $\triangle X'Y'Z' = 10 + 10 + 4 = 24$

Questionnaire!