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IM2 - (7.2b Notes) Similarity: Scale Factor

Scale Factor - The common ratio between all pairs of proportional sides.

- To Determine Image Side Length - Multiply the length of a side of the pre-image (original figure) by the scale factor to determine the length of the corresponding side of the image (new figure)
- To Determine Scale Factor - Set up corresponding ratios such that the side lengths are written and simplified by the fraction: $\frac{\text{Image}}{\text{Pre-Image}}$

Ex. Dilate Larger: What is the scale factor from $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$?



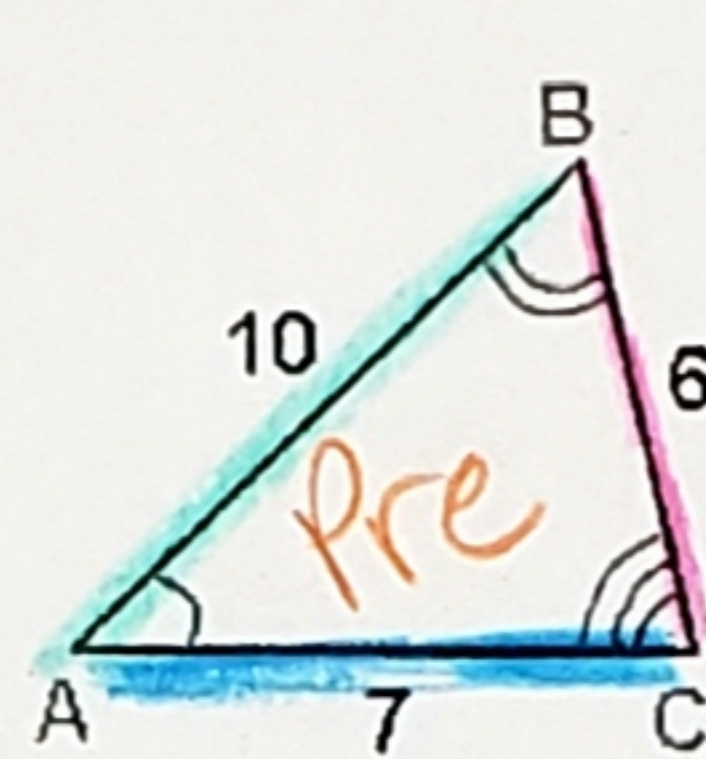
$$\frac{\overline{DE}}{\overline{AB}} = \frac{\overline{EF}}{\overline{BC}} = \frac{\overline{FD}}{\overline{CA}}$$

Left Right Bottom

$$\frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{7} = \frac{14}{7}$$

$$2 = 2 = 2$$

∴ Scale Factor: 2



Ex. Dilate Smaller: What is the scale factor from $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC$?

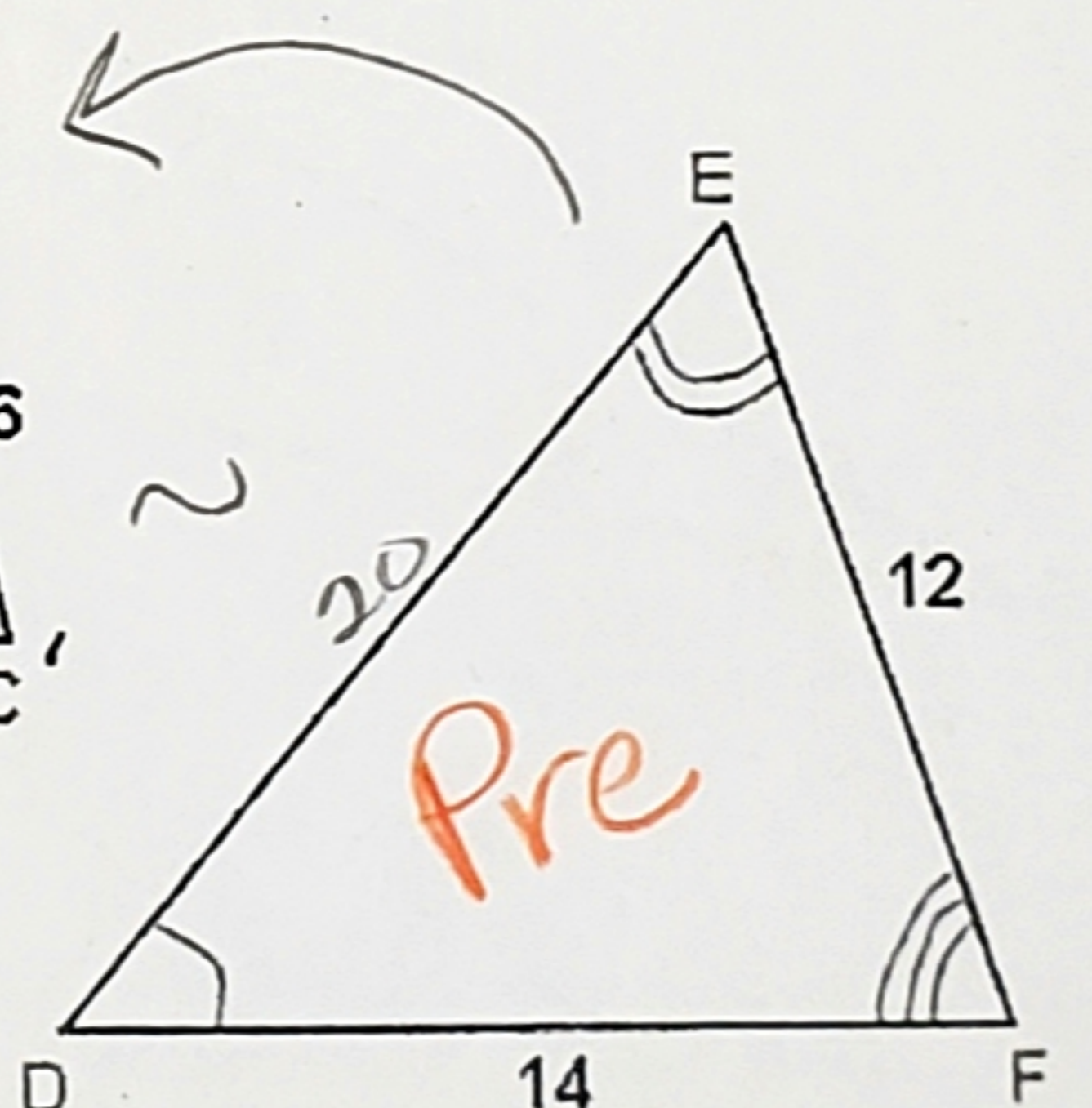
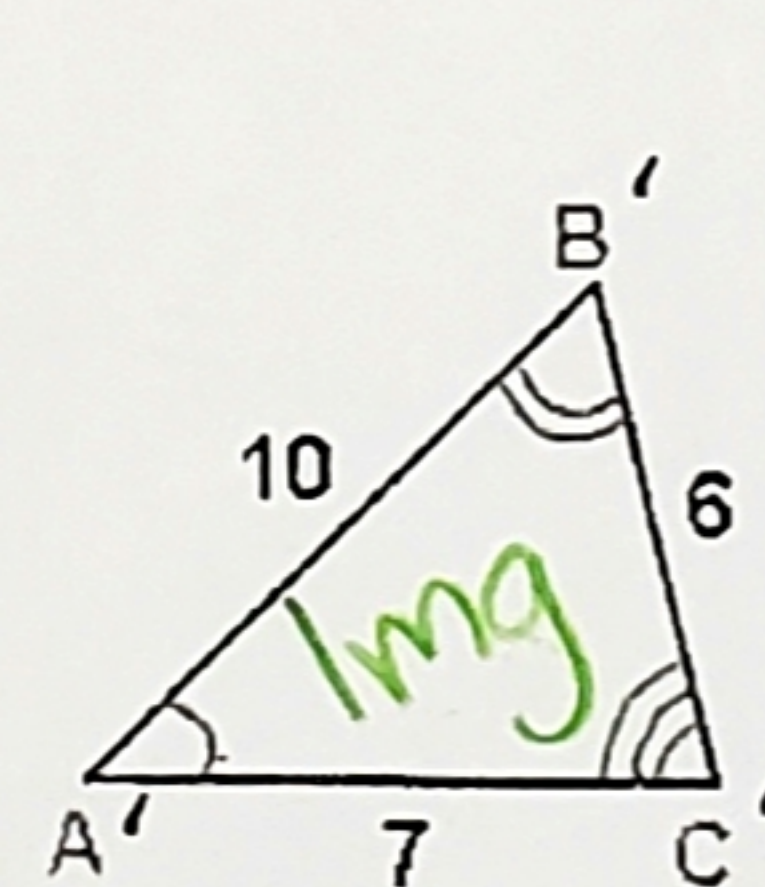


$$\frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{DE}} = \frac{\overline{BC}}{\overline{EF}} = \frac{\overline{CA}}{\overline{FD}}$$

$$\frac{10}{12} = \frac{6}{14} = \frac{7}{14}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

∴ Scale Factor: $\frac{1}{2}$

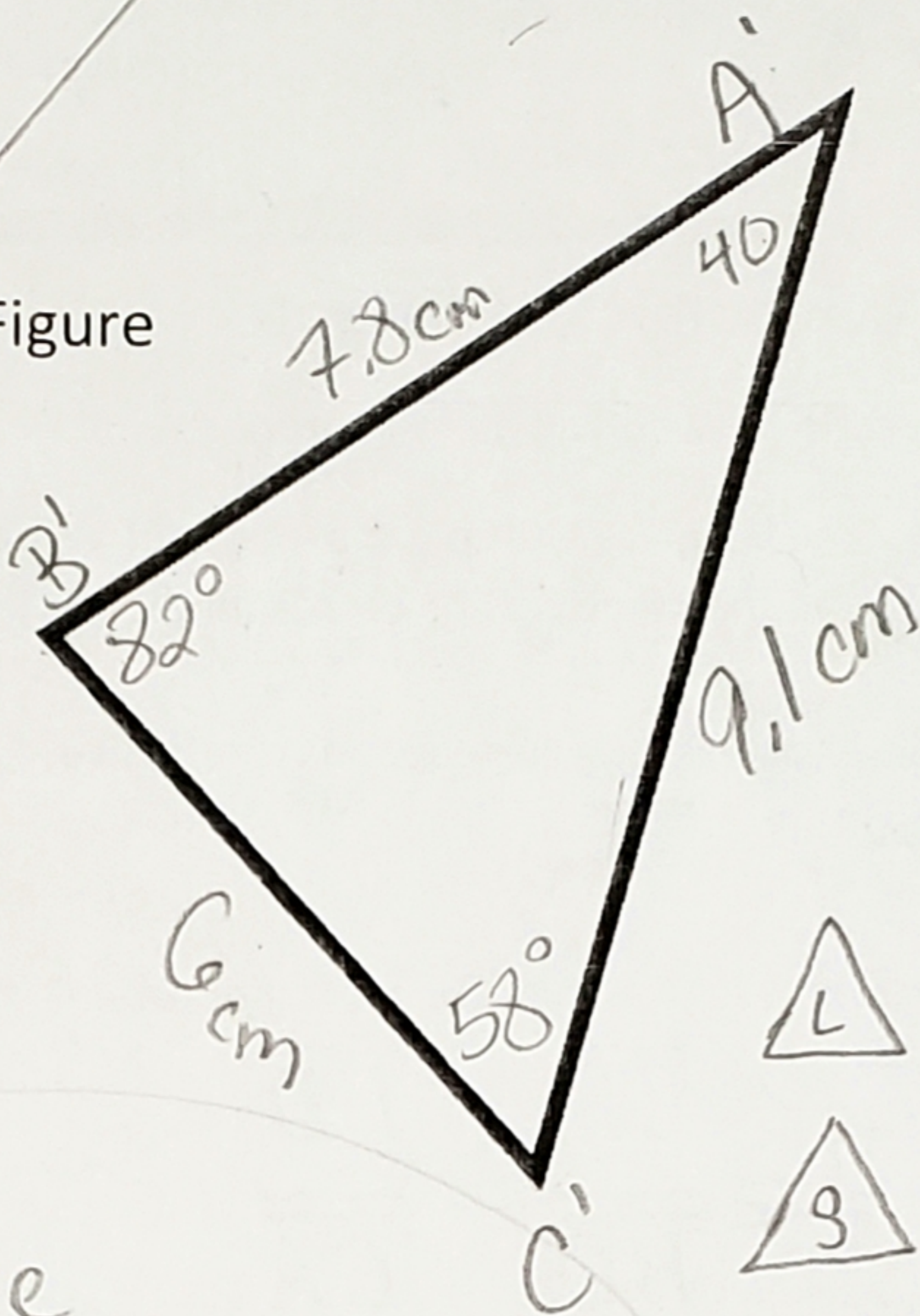
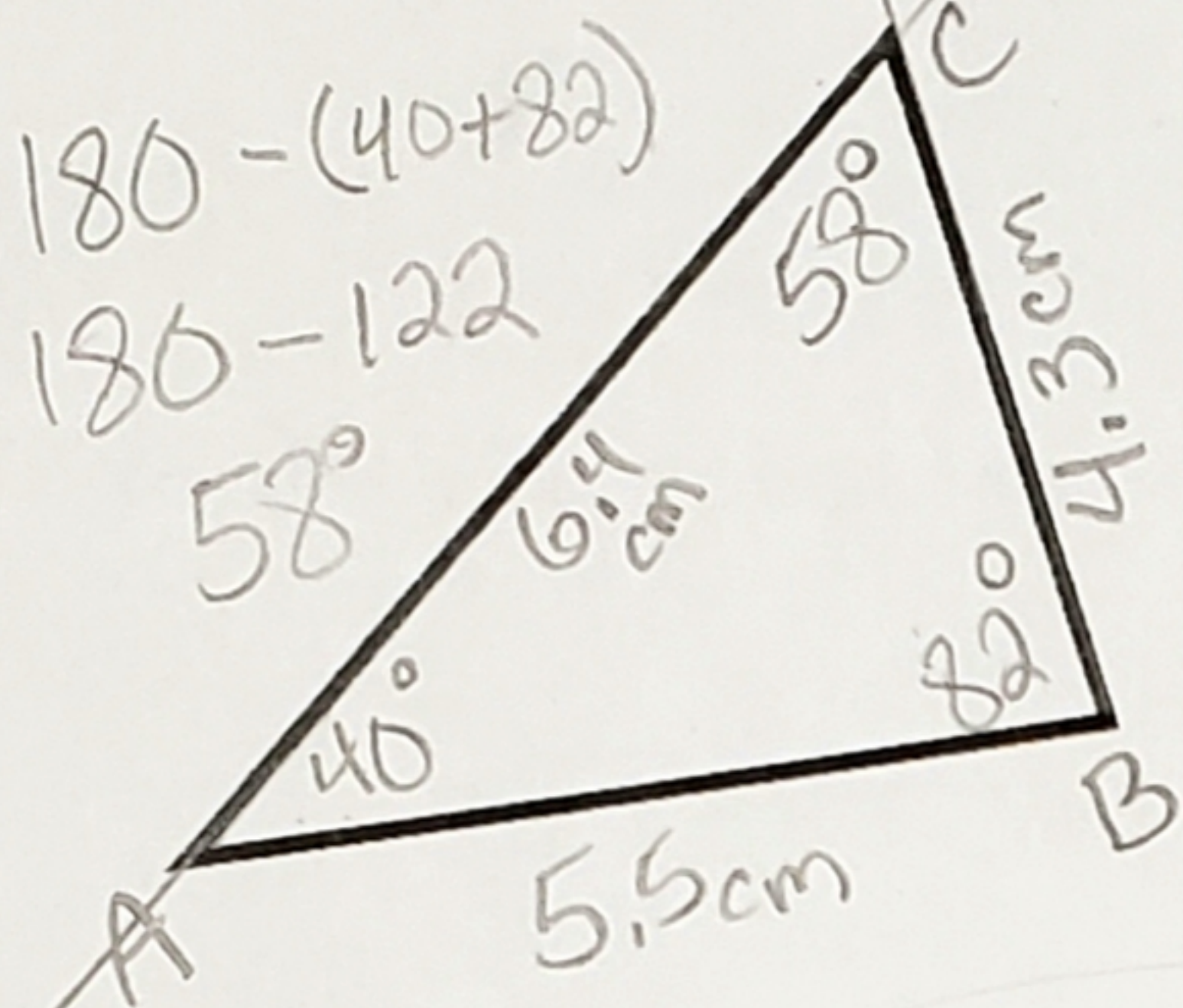


No Bar: $\overline{\quad}$ length

$$\left(\frac{2}{1}\right) \frac{1}{2} (DE) = 10 \left(\frac{2}{1}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{DE = 20}$$

Small to Large Figure

- Image is LARGER than Pre-Image
- Scale Factor > 1
- Small Figure • Scale Factor = Large Figure



Rotation clockwise

$$\triangle L \quad \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{A'C'}{AC}$$

$$\triangle S$$

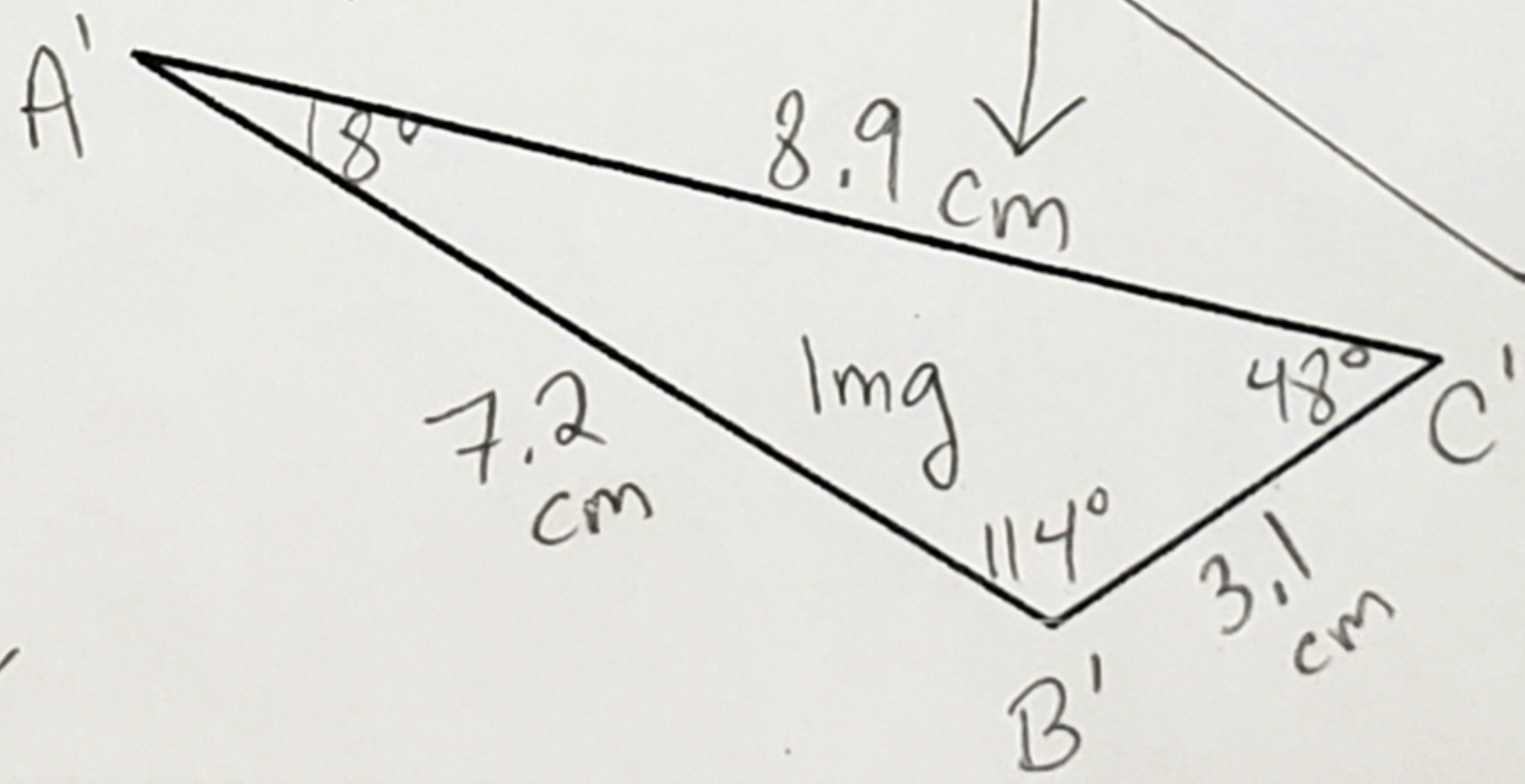
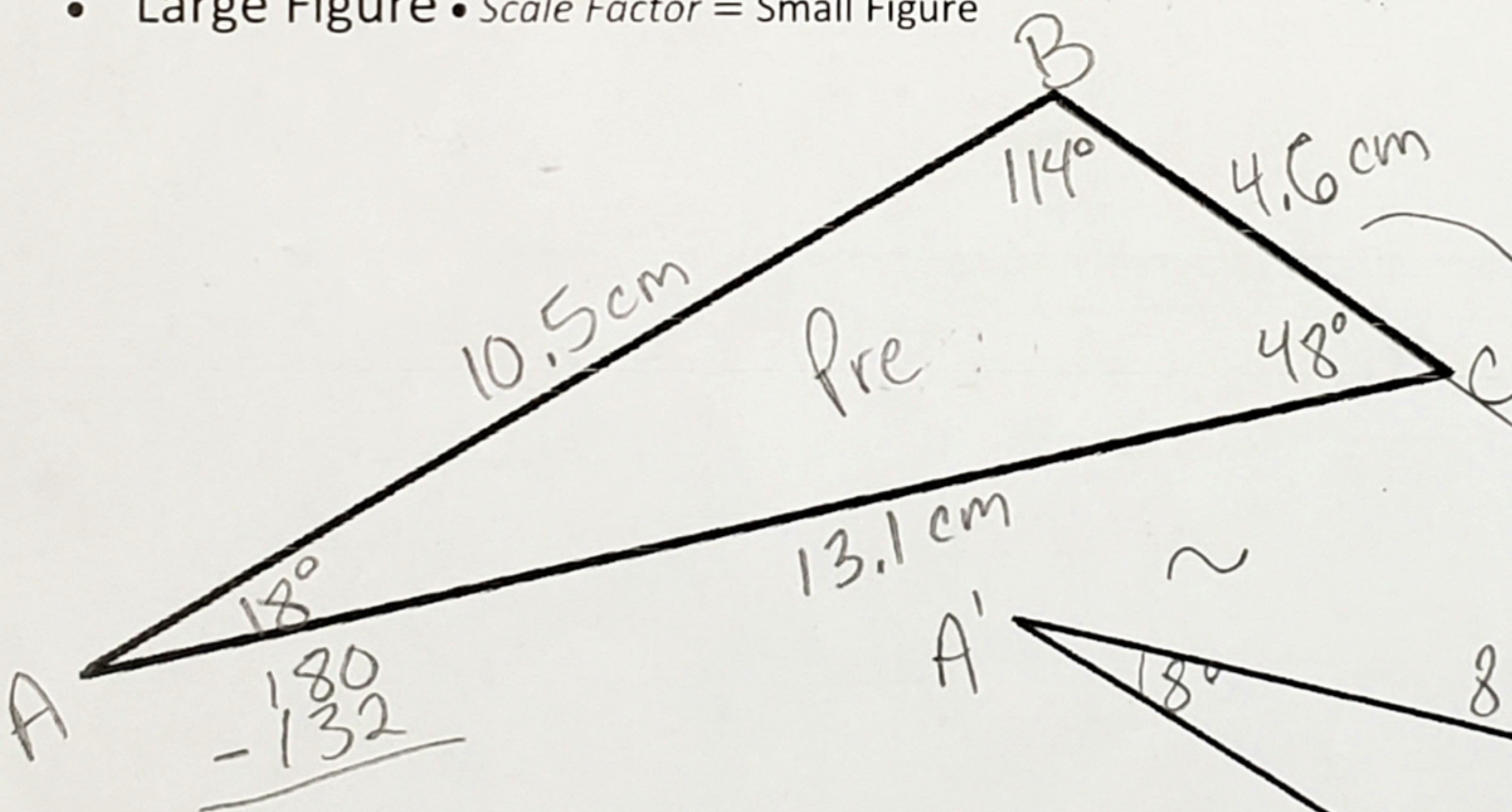
$$\frac{7.8}{5.5} = \frac{6}{4.2} = \frac{9.1}{6.4}$$

1.42 1.43 1.42

Scale Factor: 1.42

Large to Small Figure

- Image is SMALLER than Pre-Image
- 0 < Scale Factor < 1
- Large Figure • Scale Factor = Small Figure



$$\triangle S \quad \frac{7.2}{10.5} = \frac{3.1}{4.6} = \frac{8.9}{13.1}$$

$$\triangle L$$

0.69 = 0.67 = 0.68 ✓