

Algebra 1

3.4

Write and graph direct variation equations

Solve direct variation problems

y-intercept

slope m

direct variation

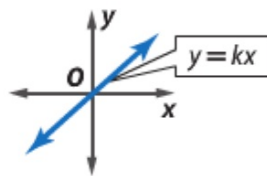
constant of variation (proportionality) k

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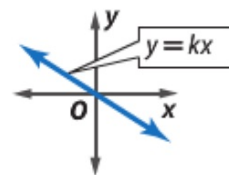


ConceptSummary Direct Variation Graphs

- Direct variation equations are of the form $y = kx$, where $k \neq 0$.
- The graph of $y = kx$ always passes through the origin.
- The slope is positive if $k > 0$.



- The slope is negative if $k < 0$.



$$y = (\quad)x$$

$$y = -4x$$

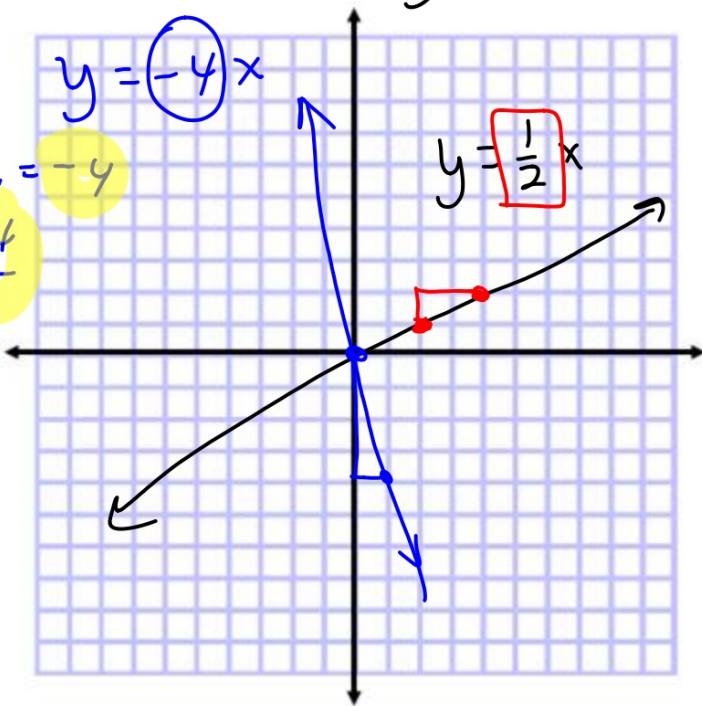
$$\text{C.O.V.} = -4$$

$$m = \frac{-4}{1}$$

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

$$\text{C.O.V.} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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



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Suppose y varies directly as x . Write a direct variation equation that relates x and y . Then solve.

30. If $y = 3.2$ when $x = 1.6$, find y when $x = 19$.

$$y = k \cdot x$$
$$\frac{3.2}{1.6} = \frac{k \cdot 1.6}{1.6}$$
$$2 = k$$

$$y = 2x$$
$$y = 2 \cdot 19$$
$$y = 38$$

31. ~~If $y = 15$ when $x = \frac{3}{4}$, find x when $y = 25$.~~

$$y = kx \quad \left(\frac{3}{4}, 15\right)$$

$$\frac{15}{\frac{3}{4}} = k \cdot \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$20 = k$$

$$y = 20x$$
$$\frac{25}{20} = \frac{20 \cdot x}{20}$$
$$x = \frac{5}{4}$$

32. If $y = 4.5$ when $x = 2.5$, find y when $x = 12$.

$$y = 1.8x$$

$$\frac{4.5}{2.5} = \frac{k \cdot 2.5}{2.5}$$

$$1.8 = k$$

$$y = 1.8x$$

$$y = 1.8(12) \\ = 21.6$$

There are other kinds of variation:

inverse

joint

combined

$$y = kx$$

If $y = 22$ when $x = 8$ $y = ?$ when $x = -16$

$$22 = k \cdot 8$$

$$2.75 = k$$

$$y = 2.75x$$

$$y = -44$$

$$y = 4.25 \text{ when } x = .75$$

$$\boxed{y = ? \quad x = 4.5}$$

$$4.25 = k \cdot (.75)$$

$$y = 5\frac{2}{3}x$$

$$25.5$$

$$5\frac{2}{3} = k$$

$$\underline{\underline{57}}$$

$$y = 57x$$

~~57(4.5)~~