

Algebra 2 8.5

*Alg 1 Ch. 3

Recognize and solve direct* and joint variation problems

Recognize and solve inverse and combined variation problems

direct variation

inverse variation

joint (combined) variation

constant of variation

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$$y = k \cdot x \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \uparrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \end{matrix}$$
$$y = \frac{k}{x} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \uparrow \end{matrix}$$

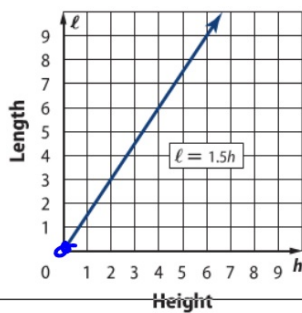
$$y = \frac{kx^n}{z}$$

→ $y = k \cdot x \cdot z$

KeyConcept Direct Variation

Words y varies directly as x if there is some nonzero constant k such that $y = kx$. k is called the *constant of variation*.

Example If $y = 3x$ and $x = 7$, then $y = 3(7)$ or 21.



Number of eyeballs
Number of toes
Number of ears
Number of noses

$$y=mx$$

$$y=kx$$

Example 1 Direct Variation

If y varies directly as x and $y = 15$ when $x = -5$, find y when $x = 7$.

$$y = k \cdot x$$

~~$$\frac{15}{-5} = \frac{k \cdot -5}{-5}$$~~

$$k = -3$$

$$(-5, 15)$$

$$y = -3x$$

$$y = -3 \cdot 7$$
$$= -21$$

$$(7, ?)$$

1. Find the COV
2. Write the eq
3. Answer the question

KeyConcept Joint Variation

Words y varies jointly as x and z if there is some nonzero constant k such that $y = kxz$.

Example If $y = 5xz$, $x = 6$, and $z = -2$, then $y = 5(6)(-2)$ or -60 .

Still only one constant

$$y = K \cdot x \cdot z$$

Example 2 Joint Variation

Suppose y varies jointly as x and z . Find y when $x = 9$ and $z = 2$, if $y = 20$ when $z = 3$ and $x = 5$.

$$(5, 20, 3)$$

$$(9, ?, 2)$$

$$y = k \cdot x \cdot z$$

$$20 = k \cdot 5 \cdot 3$$

$$\frac{20}{15} = \frac{15k}{15}$$

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

$$y = \frac{4}{3} \cdot x \cdot z$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \cdot 9 \cdot 2$$

$$y = 24$$

1. Find the COV
2. Write the eq
3. Answer the question

Guided Practice $(\overset{r}{70}, \overset{t}{4}, \overset{v}{10})$

2. Suppose r varies jointly as v and t . Find r when $v = 2$ and $t = 8$, if $r = 70$ when $v = 10$ and $t = 4$.

$$r = k \cdot v \cdot t$$

$$\frac{70}{70} = k \cdot \frac{4}{40} \cdot \frac{10}{40}$$
$$1 = \frac{1}{4} k$$

$$r = \frac{7}{4} \cdot v \cdot t$$

$$r = \frac{7}{4} \cdot 2 \cdot 8$$

$$r = 28$$

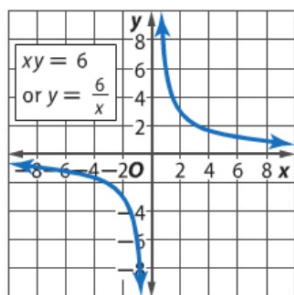
1. Find the COV
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Key Concept Inverse Variation

Words y varies inversely as x if there is some nonzero constant k such that
 $y = \frac{k}{x}$, where $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$.

Example

$$y = \frac{k}{x}$$



Speed & time
Leftovers & diners
Workers & time

Example 3 Inverse Variation

If a varies inversely as b and $a = 28$ when $b = -2$, find a when $b = -10$.

$$a = \frac{k}{b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 28 &= \frac{k}{-2} \\ k &= -56 \end{aligned}$$

$$(28, -2)$$

$$a = \frac{-56}{b}$$

$$a = \frac{-56}{-10} = 5.6$$

1. Find the COV
2. Write the eq
3. Answer the question

Guided Practice

3. If x varies inversely as y and $x = 24$ when $y = 4$, find x when $y = 12$.

Still only one constant

Example 5 Combined Variation

Suppose f varies directly as g , and f varies inversely as h . Find g when $f = 18$ and $h = -3$ if $g = 24$ when $h = 2$ and $f = 6$.

$$f = \frac{k \cdot g^2}{h} \quad (6, 24, 2)$$

$$\cancel{6} = \cancel{k} \cdot \frac{24}{2} \quad 12 = \frac{24k}{24}$$

1. Find the COV
2. Write the eq
3. Answer the question

$$f = \frac{\frac{1}{2}g}{h} \quad \cancel{18} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}g}{\cancel{-3}}$$

$$2. -54 = \frac{1}{2}g \cdot 2$$
$$-108 = g$$

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