

Algebra 2 8.5

Recognize and solve direct and joint variation problems

Recognize and solve inverse and combined variation problems

direct variation

$$y = kx \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

joint variation

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

inverse variation

constant of variation

$$y = \frac{k}{x} \quad \uparrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$y = \frac{kx^2}{\sqrt{y}}$$

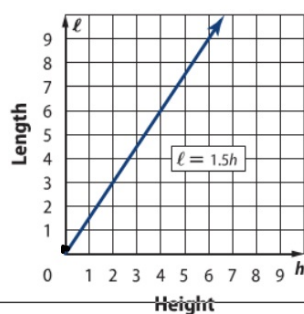
combined

$$y = k \frac{x^a}{b}$$

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.



KeyConcept Joint Variation

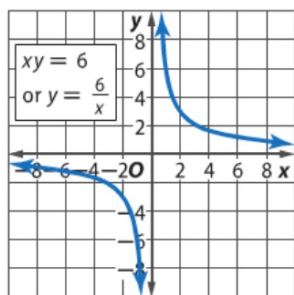
Words y varies jointly as x and z if there is some nonzero constant k such that $y = kxz$.

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

Key Concept Inverse Variation

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

Example If $xy = 2$, and $x = 6$, then $y = \frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$.



Guided Practice

5. Suppose p varies directly as r , and p varies inversely as t . Find t when $r = 10$ and $p = 5$, if $t = 20$ when $p = 4$ and $r = 2$.

$$p = \frac{k \cdot r}{t}$$

$$4 = \frac{k \cdot 2}{20}$$

$$\frac{40}{2} = \frac{2k}{2}$$

$$p = \frac{40r}{t}$$

$$5 = \frac{40 \cdot 10}{t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5t &= 400 \\ \frac{5t}{5} &= \frac{400}{5} \\ t &= 80 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = kx \quad y = k \cdot x \cdot z \quad y = \frac{k}{z} \quad y = \frac{kx}{z}$$

State whether each equation represents a *direct*, *joint*, *inverse*, or *combined* variation. Then name the constant of variation.

32. $\frac{x}{y} = 2.75$

33. $\frac{fg}{f} = -2$

34. $a = 3bc$

35. $\frac{10}{1} = \frac{xy^2}{z}$

$$\frac{2.75y}{2.75} = \frac{x}{2.75}$$

$$y = \frac{x}{2.75}$$

$$f = -\frac{2}{g} - \frac{2}{f}$$

joint
 $k = 3$

$$\frac{10z}{10} = \frac{xy^2}{10}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{10}xy^2$$

Inv.
 $k = -2$

Solve for y (or some other variable...whatever is easiest)

Answers can vary depending on your decision

Answer the question

≈ 0.36

$$36. y = -11x$$

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$$k = -11$$

$$37. \frac{n}{p} = \frac{4}{1}$$

$$n = \frac{4p}{1}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{4}n$$

$$38. \frac{9n}{p} = \frac{pr}{p}$$

$$r = \frac{9n}{p}$$

$$39. -2y = z$$

$$\underline{z = -2y}$$

40. $a = 27b$

41. $c = \frac{7}{d}$

$$= 7 \cdot \frac{1}{d}$$

42. $\frac{-10}{h} = \frac{gh}{h}$

$$g = \frac{-10}{h}$$

43. $m = 20cd$

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odd 5 + 20, 22

(all = 6)