

HAT Variation Functions

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A *direct variation* can be expressed in the form $y = kx$.

Ex#1: If y varies directly as x and $y=15$ when $x=-5$,
find y when $x=7$.

$$y = kx$$

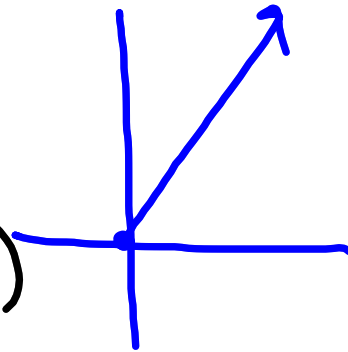
$$15 = k(-5)$$

$$-3 = k$$

$$y = -3x$$

$$y = -3(7)$$

$$y = -21$$



Joint variation occurs when one quantity varies directly as the **product** of two or more other quantities.

Ex#2: Suppose y varies jointly as x and z .

If $y=20$ when $z=3$ and $x=5$, find y when $x=9$ and $z=2$.

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

$$20 = k(5)(3)$$

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

$$y = \frac{4}{3}(9)(2)$$

$$y = 24$$

If two quantities x and y show *inverse variation*, their **product** is equal to a constant k .

That is, $xy = k$, or $y = \frac{k}{x}$.

Ex#3: If y varies inversely as x and $y=28$ when $x=-2$, find y when $x=-10$.

$$y = \frac{k}{x} \quad k = -56 \quad y = \frac{-56}{x}$$
$$28 = \frac{k}{-2} \quad y = \frac{-56}{-10}$$
$$y = 5.6$$

Combined variation occurs when one quantity varies directly and/or inversely as two or more other quantities.

Ex#4: Suppose y varies directly as x, and y varies inversely as z. Find x when y=18 and z=-3, if x=24 when z=2 and y=6.

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

$$6 = \frac{k(24)}{2}$$

$$18 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot x}{-3}$$

$$\frac{12}{24} = \frac{k \cdot 24}{24}$$

$$-54 = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$-108 = x$$

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

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

1. $C = 2\pi r$ $\rightarrow k$ Direct $k = 2\pi$

2. $p = \frac{4}{q}$ Inverse $k = 4$

3. $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ Joint $k = \frac{1}{2}$

4. $rw = 15$
 $r = \frac{15}{w}$ Inverse $k = 15$

5. $y = 2rgt$ Joint $k = 2$

If y varies directly as z and inversely as x and $y = 27$ and $z = -3$ when $x = 2$, find x when $y = 9$ and $z = 5$.

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

$$27 = \frac{k(-3)}{2}$$

$$54 = k(-3)$$

$$-18 = k$$

$$y = \frac{-18z}{x}$$

$$9 = \frac{-18(5)}{x}$$

$$9x = -90$$
$$x = -10$$

If y varies directly as z and inversely as x and
 $y = -15$ and $z = 5$ when $x = 5$, find x when $y = -36$ and $z = -3$.

Assignment: page 566 #7, 13, 17, 23, 29, 31, 44, 49

If Time, Try This...

- 49) If a varies inversely as b , c varies jointly as b and f , f varies directly as g , how are a and g related?