

Inverse Variation: $y = \frac{k}{x}$, $k = xy$

Combined Variations

1. z varies jointly with x and y $z = kxy$
2. z varies jointly with x and y and inversely with w $z = \frac{kxy}{w}$
3. z varies directly with x and inversely with the product of wy $z = \frac{kx}{wy}$

Inverse $k = yx$

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

Is the relationship between the values in each table a *direct variation*, an *inverse variation*, or *neither*? Write equations to model the direct and inverse variations.

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

x	2	4	5	20
y	10	5	4	1

$k = 20$
Inverse
 $y = \frac{20}{x}$

(2) $y = kx$

x	1	2	5	7
y	6	12	30	42

$k = 6$
Direct
 $y = 6x$

(3) $2 \frac{8}{3}$

x	1	3	7	10
y	2	8	20	29

neither

Suppose that x and y vary inversely. Write a function that models each inverse variation. Graph the function and find y when $x = 10$.

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

4) $x = 7$ when $y = 2$

$$k = 2(7)$$

$$k = 14$$

$$y = \frac{14}{x} = \frac{14}{10} = \frac{7}{5}$$

$$(7, 2)$$

$$(10, \frac{7}{5})$$

5) $x = \frac{1}{3}$ when $y = \frac{9}{10}$

$$k = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{9}{10} \right) = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$y = \frac{\frac{3}{10}}{x} = \frac{3}{10} \div \frac{x}{1}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{10x} = \frac{3}{10(10)} = \frac{3}{100}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{9}{10} \right) \quad \left(10, \frac{3}{100} \right)$$

Write the function that models each variation. Find z when $x = 6$ and $y = 4$.

6) z varies jointly with x and y . When $x = 7$ and $y = 2$, $z = 28$.

↳ directly

$$z = kxy$$

$$28 = k(7)(2)$$

$$k = 2$$

$$z = 2xy$$

$$z = 2(6)(4)$$

$$z = 48$$

7) z varies directly with x and inversely with the cube of y . When $x = 8$ and $y = 2$, $z = 3$.

$$z = \frac{kx}{y^3}$$

$$3 = \frac{k(8)}{2^3}$$

$$k = 3$$

$$z = \frac{3x}{y^3}$$

$$z = \frac{3(6)}{4^3} = \frac{18}{64} = \frac{9}{32}$$

$$\frac{9}{32}$$

Each ordered pair is from an inverse variation. Find the constant of variation.

$$8) (10, 5)$$

$$k = xy$$

$$k = 50$$

$$9) (-13, 22)$$

$$k = -286$$

$$10) \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{6}{7} \right)$$

$$k = \frac{6}{21} = \frac{2}{7}$$

Each pair of values is from an inverse variation. Find the missing value.

$$k = xy$$

11) (2, 4), (6, y)

$$8 = 6y$$

$$\frac{8}{6} = y$$

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

12) (1.2, 4.5), (2.7, y)

$$(1.2)(4.5) = 2.7y$$

$$5.4 = 2.7y$$

$$y = 2$$