

Direct Variation (Multiplication)

The following statements are equivalent.

1. y varies directly as x .
2. y is directly proportional to x .
3. $y = kx$ for some nonzero constant k .

k is the constant of variation or the constant of proportionality.

Ex 1:

Assume that y is directly proportional to x . Use the given x -value and y -value to find a linear model that relates y and x .

$$x = 2, y = 14$$

Ex 2:

Simple Interest The simple interest on an investment is directly proportional to the amount of the investment. By investing \$5,000 in a municipal bond, you obtained an interest payment of \$187.50 after 1 year. Find a mathematical model that gives the interest I for the municipal bond after 1 year in terms of the amount invested P .

Direct Variation as an nth Power (Multiplication)

The following statements are equivalent.

1. y varies directly as the n th power of x .
2. y is directly proportional to the n th power of x .
3. $y = kx^n$ for some constant k .

Ex 3:

Find a mathematical model for the verbal statement.

V varies directly as the cube of e

Ex 4:

Write a sentence using the variation terminology to describe the formula.

Surface area of a sphere: $S = 4\pi r^2$

Inverse Variation (Division)

The following statements are equivalent.

1. y varies inversely as x .
2. y is inversely proportional to x .
3. $y = \frac{k}{x}$ for some constant k .

Ex 5:

Find a mathematical model for the verbal statement.

h varies inversely as the root of s .

Ex 6:

Write a sentence using the variation terminology to describe the formula.

Volume of Enclosed Gas: $V = \frac{kT}{P}$

Joint Variation (Multiplication)

The following statements are equivalent.

1. z varies jointly as x and y .
2. z is jointly proportional to x and y .
3. $z = kxy$ for some constant k .

Ex 7:

Find a mathematical model for the verbal statement.

z is jointly proportional to the square of x and the cube of y .

Ex 8:

Find a mathematical model representing the statement. Find the constant of proportionality.

v varies jointly as p and q and inversely as the square of s . ($v = 1.5$ when $p = 4.1$, $q = 6.3$, and $s = 1.2$.)

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