

Direct Variation

$$y = kx \text{ or } k = \frac{y}{x}$$

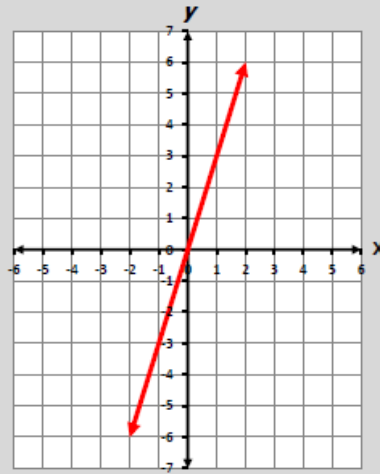
constant of variation, $k \neq 0$

Example:

$$y = 3x \text{ or } 3 = \frac{y}{x}$$

x	y
-2	-6
-1	-3
0	0
1	3
2	6

$$3 = \frac{-6}{-2} = \frac{-3}{-1} = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{6}{2}$$



The graph of all points describing a direct variation is a line passing through the origin.

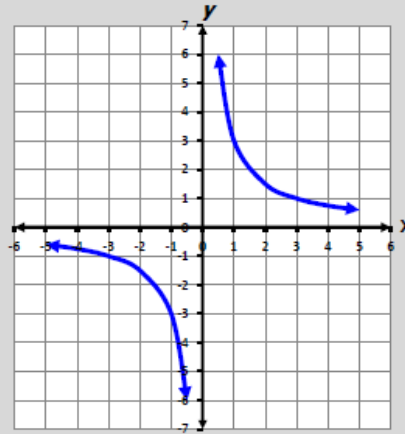
Inverse Variation

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

constant of variation, $k \neq 0$

Example:

$$y = \frac{3}{x} \quad \text{or} \quad xy = 3$$



The graph of all points describing an inverse variation relationship are two curves that are reflections of each other.

Joint Variation

$$z = kxy \text{ or } k = \frac{z}{xy}$$

constant of variation, $k \neq 0$

Examples:

Area of a triangle varies jointly as its length of the base, b , and its height, h .

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

For Company ABC, the shipping cost in dollars, C , for a package varies jointly as its weight, w , and size, s .

$$C = 2.47ws$$