# Direct and Inverse Variation

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$$y = \frac{9}{x}$$

3) 
$$y = \frac{13}{12x}$$

4) 
$$y = 13x$$

5) 
$$-5x + y = 0$$

6) 
$$y = 4x$$

Find the constant of variation.

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$$y = 3x$$

8) 
$$xy = 7$$

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$$\frac{y}{x} = 5$$

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$$y = \frac{1}{9x}$$

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12) 
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Solve each problem involving direct or inverse variation.

13) If y varies directly as x, and 
$$y = 6$$
 when  $x = 15$ , find y when  $x = 2$ .

14) If y varies inversely as x, and 
$$y = 8$$
 when  $x = 5$ , find y when  $x = 4$ .

15) If y varies directly as x, and 
$$y = 5$$
 when  $x = 4$ , find y when  $x = 8$ .

16) If y varies directly as 
$$x^2$$
, and  $y = 10$  when  $x = 2$ , find y when  $x = 3$ .

17) If y varies inversely as x, and 
$$y = 9$$
 when  $x = 10$ , find y when  $x = 5$ .

18) If y varies inversely as x, and 
$$y = 4$$
 when  $x = 12$ , find y when  $x = 2$ .

19) If y varies inversely as x, and 
$$y = 3$$
 when  $x = 21$ , find y when  $x = 9$ .

20) If y varies inversely as 
$$x^2$$
, and  $y = \frac{11}{4}$  when  $x = 4$ , find y when  $x = 2$ .

21) If y varies directly as x, and 
$$y = 10$$
 when  $x = 20$ , find y when  $x = 3$ .

22) If y varies directly as x, and 
$$y = 4$$
 when  $x = 6$ , find y when  $x = 5$ .

#### Answers

Solve each problem involving direct or inverse variation.

13) If y varies directly as x, and y = 6 when x = 15, find y when x = 2.

14) If y varies inversely as x, and y = 8 when x = 5, find y when x = 4.

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15) If y varies directly as x, and y = 5 when x = 4, find y when x = 8.

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16) If y varies directly as  $x^2$ , and y = 10 when x = 2, find y when x = 3.

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19) If y varies inversely as x, and y = 3 when x = 21, find y when x = 9.

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20) If y varies inversely as  $x^2$ , and  $y = \frac{11}{4}$ when x = 4, find y when x = 2.

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21) If y varies directly as x, and y = 10 when x = 20, find y when x = 3.

22) If y varies directly as x, and y = 4 when x = 6, find y when x = 5.