

1 If the quantities  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the equation  $y = 3x$ , then we say that  $y$  is  to  $x$  and the constant of  is 3.

Proportionality

$$y = kx$$

Directly proportional

2 If the quantities  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the equation  $y = \frac{6}{x}$ , then we say that  $y$  is  to  $x$  and the constant of  is 6.

proportionality

inversely proportional

3 If the quantities  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are related by the equation  $z = 6 \frac{x}{y}$ , then we say that  $z$  is  to  $x$  and  to  $y$ .

Inversely proportional

directly proportional

4 If  $z$  is directly proportional to the product of  $x$  and  $y$  and if  $z$  is 6 when  $x$  is 3 and  $y$  is 4, then  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are related by the equation  $z = \text{[ ]}$ .

$$z = kxy$$

Given  $z=6, x=3, y=4$

$$\rightarrow 6 = k(3)(4) = 12k$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{12} = k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{2}xy$$

**5**

In each equation, is  $y$  directly proportional, inversely proportional, or not proportional to  $x$ ?

(a)  $y = 9x$

- directly proportional
- inversely proportional
- not proportional

(b)  $y = 9x + 7$

- directly proportional
- inversely proportional
- not proportional

**6**

In each equation, is  $y$  directly proportional, inversely proportional, or not proportional to  $x$ ?

(a)  $y = \frac{8}{x + 7}$

- directly proportional
- inversely proportional
- not proportional

(b)  $y = \frac{8}{x}$

- directly proportional
- inversely proportional
- not proportional

- 7 Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$T$  varies directly as  $y$ .

$$T = ky \text{ for some } k$$

- 8 Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$z$  is inversely proportional to  $v$ .

$$z = \frac{k}{v} \text{ for some } k.$$

- 9 Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$w$  is proportional to the product of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$w = kxy \text{ for some } k$$

- 10 Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$z$  is proportional to  $s$  and inversely proportional to  $t$ .

$$z = k \cdot \frac{s}{t} \text{ for some } k.$$

- 11** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$P$  varies inversely as  $D$ .

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- 12** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$z$  is proportional to the square root of  $w$ .

$$z = k\sqrt{w} \quad \text{for some } k$$

- 13** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$A$  is proportional to the square of  $x$  and inversely proportional to the cube of  $u$ .

$$A = k \cdot \frac{x^2}{u^3} = \frac{kx^2}{u^3}$$

- 14** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$A$  is proportional to the product of  $q$ ,  $r$ , and  $s$ .

**15** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

$S$  is proportional to the product of the squares of  $t$  and  $\theta$ .

**16** Write an equation that expresses the statement. (Use  $k$  as the constant of proportionality.)

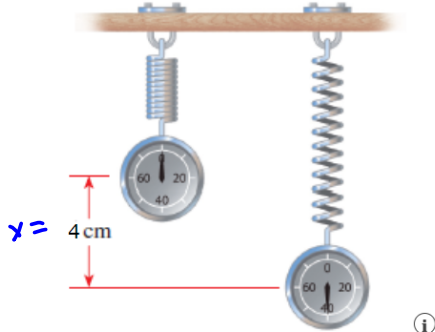
$Q$  is proportional to the product of the squares of  $M$  and  $u$  and inversely proportional to the cube of  $a$ .

17 Hooke's Law states that the force  $F$  needed to keep a spring stretched  $x$  units beyond its natural length is directly proportional to  $x$ . Here the constant of proportionality is called the **spring constant**.

- (a) Write Hooke's Law as an equation. (Use  $k$  for the constant of proportionality.)

$$F = kx \quad (\text{for some } k)$$

- (b) If a spring has a natural length of 7 cm and a force of 45 N is required to maintain the spring stretched to a length of 11 cm, find the spring constant (in N/cm).



11 cm means we stretched for  
7 to 11 cm, i.e.,  $x = 11 - 7 = 4$  cm  
 $F = kx$   
 $45 = k(4) \Rightarrow k = \frac{45}{4} \frac{N}{cm}$

$k =$    $\text{N/cm}$  45

- (c) What force (in N) is needed to keep the spring stretched to a length of 15 cm?

$L = 15 \text{ cm}$   
 $15 - 7 = 8 \text{ cm stretched} = x$   
 $F = kx$   
 $F = \frac{45}{4} \cdot 8 = 45 \cdot 2 = 90 \text{ N}$