

8.4 Variation & Problem Solving DAY TWO

OBJECTIVE 3: Solving Problems Involving Joint Variation

Joint Variation

If the ratio of a variable y to the product of two or more variables is constant, then y varies jointly as, or is jointly proportional to, the other variables. If

$$y = kxz$$

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

✓ **CONCEPT CHECK**

Which type of variation is represented by the equation $xy = 8$? Explain.

a. Direct variation b. Inverse variation c. Joint variation

$$y = kx$$

~~$$xy = 8$$~~

$$y = kxz$$

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

Example 5: Expressing Surface Area

The lateral surface area of a cylinder varies jointly as its radius and height. Express this surface area S in terms of radius r and height h .



$$S = k(r)(h)$$

$$S = krh$$

Pull

Practice 5:

The area of a regular polygon varies jointly as its apothem and its perimeter. Express the area in terms of the apothem a and the perimeter p .

$$A = k(a)(p)$$

Pull

$$A = kap$$

OBJECTIVE 4: Solving Problems Involving Combined Variation

Some examples of variation involve combinations of direct, inverse, and joint variation. When they are put together we call these combined variation.

Example 6:

Suppose that y varies directly as the square of x . If y is 24 when x is 2, find the constant of variation and the variation equation.

$$y = kx^2$$

$$\frac{24}{4} = \frac{k(2)^2}{4}$$

$$\boxed{6 = k} \quad \boxed{y = 6x^2}$$

Practice 6:

Suppose the y varies inversely as the cube of x . If y is $\frac{1}{2}$ when x is 2, find the constant of variation and the variation equation.

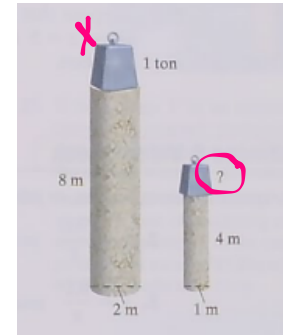
$$y = \frac{k}{x^3}$$

$$\frac{4}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{k}{(2)^3} \cdot 8$$

$$\boxed{4 = k} \quad \boxed{y = \frac{4}{x^3}}$$

Example 7: Finding Column Weight

The maximum weight that a circular column can support is **directly proportional** to the fourth power of its diameter and is **inversely proportional** to the square of its height. A 2-meter-diameter column that is 4 meters in height can support



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$$W = \frac{k(d^4)}{h^2}$$

$$d = 2$$

$$h = 8$$

$$w = 1$$

$$d = 1$$

$$h = 4$$

$$w = ?$$

$$1 = \frac{k(2)^4}{8^2}$$

$$? = \frac{4(1)^4}{4^2} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$k = 4$$

$$1 = \frac{k(16)}{64}$$

$$w = \frac{1}{4} \text{ ton}$$

$$4 \cdot 1 = \frac{k}{4} \cdot 4$$



Vocabulary, Readiness & Video Check

State whether each equation represents direct, inverse, or joint variation.

1. $y = 5x$ direct

2. $y = \frac{700}{x}$ inverse

3. $y = 5xz$ joint

4. $y = \frac{1}{2}abc$ joint

5. $y = \frac{9.1}{x}$ inverse

6. $y = 2.3x$ direct

7. $y = \frac{2}{3}x$ direct

8. $y = 3.1st$ joint

8.4 DAY TWO HW Assignment

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