

Direct Variation	Inverse Variation	Joint Variation

Constant of variation: \_\_\_\_\_ (also called the constant of proportionality)

Which type variation appears to be linear?

Ex. 1 Write the correct variation equation.

- a. The amount  $m$  Lucas earns varies directly with  $h$  the number of hours he works.
  
- b. The time to complete a project varies inversely with the number of NHS members.
  
- c. The number of gallons  $g$  in a circular swimming pool varies jointly with the square of the radius,  $r^2$ , and the depth  $d$ .
  
- d. The amount of time  $t$  needed to build a wall along the highway varies directly with the number of cement blocks  $c$  needed and inversely with the number workers  $w$ .

Ex. 2

Find the constant of variation. Write the equation.

The volume of gas kept at a constant temperature varies inversely as the pressure  $p$ . What is the constant of variation if the volume at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  is 25.2 liters and the pressure is 0.925 atm? Write an equation that could be used for the same gas at the same temperature, to find the volume at a different pressure.

When you solve these types of problems there are THREE steps you must show.

#1: find the constant of variation using the initial condition

#2: write the equation

#3: using the equation to answer the question

There will be several of you who will skip step #2 and jump to #3. If you are willing to lose the points, then do as you wish. 😊

Ex 3. The number of centimeters  $y$  in a linear measurement varies directly with the number of inches  $x$  in the measurement. Morgan's height is 152.4 centimeters or 60 inches. What is Stephanie's height if she is 64 inches tall?

Ex. 4. The value of real state  $V$  varies jointly with the neighborhood index  $N$  and the square footage of the house  $S$ . If  $V = \$376.320$  when  $N = 96$  and  $S = 1600$ , find the value of a property with  $N = 83$  and  $S = 2150$ .