

Algebra 3.9 Variations

Variation - describes relationships between 2 or more variables

K - constant of proportionality

Direct variation: $y = Kx$ $\propto d = rt$ time incr, distance incr

Indirect variation: $y = \frac{K}{x}$ $\propto P = \frac{K}{V}$ pressure \uparrow , volume \downarrow

Express a statement as a formula that involves u , v , and a constant of proportionality. Also determine the value of K .

1) u is directly proportional to v , and if $v=9$, $u=18$

$$u = Kv \quad 18 = K \cdot 9 \quad K = 2 \quad \boxed{u = 2v}$$

2) u is indirectly proportional to v , and $v=2$, $u=7$

$$u = \frac{K}{v} \quad 7 = \frac{K}{2} \quad K = 14 \quad \boxed{u = \frac{14}{v}}$$

3) r varies directly with s , & indirectly with the square of t

$$r = \frac{Ks}{t^2} \quad 3 = \frac{K \cdot 16}{4^2} \quad 3 = \frac{16K}{16} \quad K = 3 \quad \boxed{r = \frac{3s}{t^2}}$$

4) r varies directly with the square root of s , and indirectly with the sum of s & t , find K , $r=10$, $s=4$, $t=8$

$$r = \frac{K\sqrt{s}}{s+t} \quad 10 = \frac{K\sqrt{4}}{4+8} \quad 10 = \frac{2K}{12} \quad K = 60 \quad \boxed{r = \frac{60\sqrt{s}}{s+t}}$$

5) r varies directly with the opposite of t and indirectly with the difference of s & t , $r=-5$, $s=2$, $t=-10$

$$r = \frac{Kt}{s-t} \quad -5 = \frac{K(-10)}{2-(-10)} \quad -5 = \frac{10K}{12} \quad K = -6 \quad \boxed{r = \frac{6K}{s-t}}$$

6) r varies directly w/ the square of the sum of s & t , and indirectly w/ the cube root of t . $r=1$, $s=5$, $t=-8$

$$r = \frac{K(s+t)^2}{\sqrt[3]{t}} \quad 1 = \frac{K(5+(-8))^2}{\sqrt[3]{-8}} \quad 1 = \frac{9K}{-2} \quad K = -\frac{2}{9}$$