

## 5.2 – DIRECT VARIATION:

direct variation - answer changes by the same amount every time

$$y = 2x$$

A function in the form  $y = kx$

$k$  is the constant of variation. This is the coefficient of  $x$ .

$k$  is a specific #.  $x$  is a variable whose value can change.

The constant of variation in  $y = 2x$  is 2.  $k = 2$

Is this a direct variation?:

$3x + 2y = 0$ \*\*\* You use algebra to get it into  $y = kx$  form.  $y$  is on one side and everything else on the other.

$3x - 3x + 2y = 0 - 3x$       The 0 disappears.

$2y = -3x$        $y$  must be by itself with a positive 1 coefficient

$$y = kx \quad ; \quad k$$

x            x

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

$$y = kx \quad \text{Direct variation}$$

$$y = mx + b$$
$$+ \phi$$

A direct variation is like  $y = mx + b$ , but  $b = 0$

It is like  $y = mx$

Is this a direct  
variation?  $y = kx$

①  $y = 3x$       yes

②  $y = 4x + 6$       no

$5y + 4x = 0$

$-4x$        $-4x$

$\frac{5}{5}y = \frac{-4}{5}x$

$\left[ y = -\frac{4}{5}x \right]$       yes

Is this a direct variation?  
If yes, write in direct variation form.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \cancel{7}y = \frac{2x}{\cancel{7}}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{7}x \quad \text{yes}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 3x + 4y = 8$$

$$-3x \quad -3x$$

$$\frac{4y}{4} = \frac{-3x + 8}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 2$$

No

$$Y = kx$$

$k$  is called the constant of variation  
It is a number. It is the coefficient next to "x".

Is this a direct variation?  
If so, find the constant  
of variation.

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{3x} - 4y = 0 \\ -\cancel{3x} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4y = -\cancel{3x} \\ \hline -4y = -\cancel{3x} \end{array}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x$$

yes  
 $k = \frac{3}{4}$

(Green workbook, p. 65 answers)

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| ① yes, $k=5$           | ⑧ no                    |
| ② yes, $k=-4$          | ⑨ no                    |
| ③ no                   | ⑩ yes, $k=2$            |
| ④ no                   | ⑪ no                    |
| ⑤ yes, $k=3$           | ⑫ yes, $k=-\frac{9}{5}$ |
| ⑥ yes, $k=\frac{3}{5}$ |                         |
| ⑦ yes, $k=\frac{3}{2}$ |                         |

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① no

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② yes,  $k = \frac{2}{5}$

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③ yes,  $k = \frac{1}{8}$

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④ no

**Example:**            **Is this a direct variation?:**

$4x + 2y = 8$     \*\*\* You use algebra to get it into  $y = kx$  form.  $y$  is on one side and everything else on the other.

$4x - 4x + 2y = 8 - 4x$             The 0 disappears.

$2y = 8 - 4x$              $y$  must be by itself with a positive 1 coefficient

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{8 - 4x}{2}$$

$y = 4 - 2x$             This is NOT a direct variation.  
It is not  $y = kx$ . It is  $y = kx + 4$  so no good.

\*\*\* A direct variation cannot have a # added/subtracted to it.

Suppose  $y$  varies directly with  $x$ , and  $y = 35$  when  $x = 5$ . What direct variation equation relates  $x$  and  $y$ ?  
What is the value of  $y$  when  $x = 9$ ?

$$y = 35 \text{ when } x = 5$$

Step 1 Put the given values into  $y = kx$  and solve for "k"

$$\begin{aligned} y &= kx \\ 35 &= 5k \\ \frac{35}{5} &= \frac{5k}{5} \\ k &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Direct variation

$$y = 7x$$

$$Y = 7x$$

$$x = 9$$

$$Y = 7 \cdot 9$$

$$Y = 63$$

when  $x = 9$

Suppose  $y$  varies directly with  $x$ , and  $y = 10$  when  $x = -2$ . What direct variation equation relates  $x$  and  $y$ ? What is the value of  $y$  when  $x = -15$ ?

$$y = 10 \quad x = -2$$

$$\frac{10}{-2} = \frac{-2}{-2} k$$

$$-5 = k$$

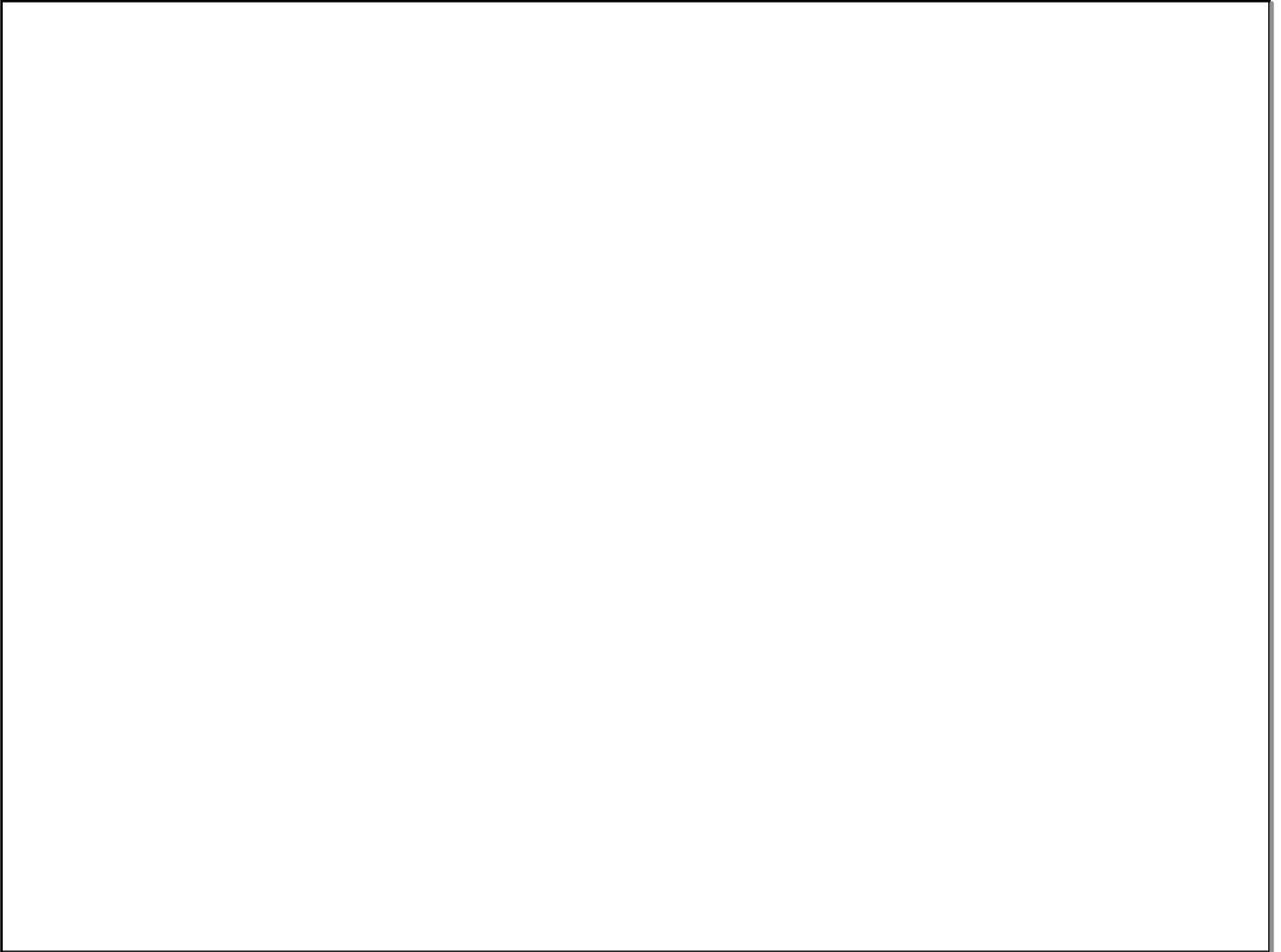
$$y = -5x$$

part 1

$$y = kx$$

$$y = -5(-15)$$

$$y = 75 \text{ part 2}$$



The ordered pairs are for the same direct variation.  
Find each missing value.

$$\left( \underset{x}{6}, \underset{y}{4} \right) \quad (3, 2) \quad \begin{array}{l} y = kx \\ 2 = 3k \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{3k}{3}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = k$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x$$

Direct variation

$$y = \frac{2}{3}(6)$$

$$y = 4$$

$$\begin{matrix} (3, 2) & (6, y) \\ x & y \end{matrix}$$

$$2 = 3x$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = x$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}(6)$$

$$y = 4$$

(25)

$$\frac{y}{x}$$

$$= k = 2$$

$$y = kx$$

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

$$y = 2x$$

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$$\textcircled{5} \quad 4 = 8k$$

$$\frac{4}{8} = k$$

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

so

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(8)$$

$$y = 4$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad 15 = 5k$$

$$3 = k$$

$$y = 3x$$

$$y = 3(8)$$

$$y = 24$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad 3 = 8k$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = k$$

$$y = \frac{3}{8}x$$

$$y = \frac{3}{8}(8)$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad 7.92 = 2.2k$$

$$3.6 = k$$

$$y = 3.6x$$

$$y = 3.6(8)$$

$$y = 28.8$$

$\textcircled{9}$  -  $\textcircled{11}$  Graph by making a chart.

⑬ yes

$$y = 1.35x$$

⑭ no

⑮  $-21 = 7k$

$$-3 = k$$

$$y = -3x$$

⑯  $\frac{15}{2} = -5k$

$$\frac{15}{2} \div -5 = \frac{15}{-10} = -\frac{3}{2} \neq k$$

$$\frac{15}{2} \times \frac{1}{5} = k$$

$$-\frac{3}{2} = k$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x$$

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(25) yes,  $y = 2x$

(26) yes,  $y = \frac{2}{3}x$

(27) no

(28) yes,  $y = 1.4x$

$$\textcircled{14} (-2, 8) (x, 12) \quad \textcircled{15} (4, y) (16, 12)$$

$$8 = -2k$$

$$-4 = k$$

$$12 = -4x$$

$$x = -3$$

$$12 = 16k$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = k$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}(4)$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\textcircled{17} (3, y) (9, 15)$$

$$15 = 9k$$

$$\frac{5}{3} = k$$

$$y = \frac{5}{3} \cdot 3$$

$$\textcircled{y = 5}$$

$$(18) \quad (2, y) \quad (10, 15)$$

$$15 = 10k$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = k$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2$$

$$y = 3$$

**5.2 - WRITING A DIRECT VARIATION FROM A TABLE:**

Write the equation of direct variation that includes the point (4,6)

It needs to be in form  $y = kx$

1) The point (4,6) represents x and y so substitute them in:  $6 = k(4)$

2) Get k by itself:

$$6 = k(4)$$

$$\frac{6}{4} = \frac{k(4)}{4}$$

$$\frac{6}{4} = k \quad \frac{6}{4} \text{ can be reduced to } \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } 1.5$$