

Chapter 8.1: Model Inverse and Joint Variation

Joint Variation

$$z = axy, a \neq 0$$

Inverse Variation

$$y = \frac{a}{x}, a \neq 0$$

$$a = yx$$

Direct Variation

$$a = \frac{y}{x} \quad y = ax$$

a is the constant of variation.

Tell if x and y show direct, inverse or joint variation.

$$xy = 7 \rightarrow y = \frac{7}{x} \quad \text{inverse}$$

$$y = x + 3 \quad \text{neither}$$

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

Direct

The variables x and y vary inversely, and $y=7$ when $x=4$. Write an equation that relates x and y . Then find y when $x=-2$.

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

$$y = \frac{28}{x}$$

$$a = yx$$

$$y = \frac{28}{-2}$$

$$a = 7(4)$$

$$a = 28$$

$$y = -14$$

The table compares the area A of a computer chip with the number c of chips that can be obtained from a silicon wafer.

- Write a model that gives c as a function of A .
- Predict the number of chips per wafer when the area of a chip is 81 sq mm.

Area x	58	62	66	70
# of Chips y	448	424	392	376

25,984 26,208 25,872 26,320

81!
y
y ≈ 32

$$A(c) = \frac{26,000}{c}$$

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

$$\frac{81y}{81} = \frac{26,000}{81}$$

The variable z varies jointly with x and y . Also $z = -75$ when $x = 3$ and $y = -5$. Write an equation that relates x, y and z . then find z when $x = 2$ and $y = 6$.

$$Z = a \times y$$

$$\frac{-75}{-15} = \frac{a(3)(-5)}{-15}$$

$$5 = a$$

$$z = 5 \times y$$

$$z = 5(2)(6)$$

$$\boxed{z = 60}$$

Write the equation:

y varies inversely with x

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

z varies jointly with x, y and r

$$Z = a \times y \times r$$

y varies inversely with the square of x

$$y = \frac{a}{x^2} \quad a = yx^2$$

z varies directly with y and inversely with x

$$z = \frac{ay}{x} \rightarrow a = \frac{zx}{y}$$

x varies jointly with t and r and inversely with s

$$x = \frac{atr}{s}$$

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