

Algebra 2 Worksheet
Variations: Direct, Inverse, and Joint

Name _____

Formulas:

Direct Variation

y varies as x

$$y = kx$$

Inverse Variation

y varies as $\frac{1}{x}$

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

Joint Variation

y varies as x and z

$$y = kxz$$

Translate each statement into a formula. Use k as the constant of variation.

Class:

1. V varies jointly as B and H
2. P varies directly as the square of V and inversely as R

Practice:

3. The mass, M, of a cement block varies jointly as the length, L, width, W, and thickness, T, of the block
4. The volume, V, of a gas varies directly as the temperature, T, and inversely as the pressure, P.

Homework:

5. E varies jointly as M and the square of V.
6. The distance, D, that a free-falling object falls varies directly as the square of the time, T, that it falls.

Solve each of the following:

Class:

7. Find y when $x = -6$, if y varies directly as x and $y = 8$ when $x = 2$.
8. Find y when $x = 3$, if y varies inversely as x and $x = 4$, when $y = 16$.

Practice:

9. Find y when $x = 4$ and $z = 15$, if y varies jointly as x and z when $z = 8$, $y = 80$, and $z = 10$.
10. Find y when $x = 1.5$, if y varies directly as x and $y = -16$ when $x = 6$.

Homework:

11. Find y when $x = 4$, if y varies directly as x and $y = 7$ when $x = 1.5$.
12. Find y when $x = 12$ and $z = 2$, if y varies jointly as x and z and $y = 24$ when $z = 2$ and $x = 1$.

Solve the following word problems: