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Inverse Variation



You ride your bike for exercise, and normally keep your speed at 8 MPH. You understand that the longer you ride (**t**), the further you travel (**d**).

$d = 8t$

You bike to Grandmothers a couple times per year. The trip is 8 miles. You time the trip, and discover that you can predict how long it will take you (**t**) for any speed you travel (**s**).

$8 = s * t$
 $8/s = t$
 $t = 8/s$

Distance (miles)	Time (hours)
8	1
16	2
24	3
32	4
40	5
48	6
56	7
64	8

Speed (MPH)	Time (hours)
1	8
2	4
3	2.67
4	2
5	1.6
6	1.33
7	1.14
8	1

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Direct Variation:

- As x gets bigger y gets bigger
- As x gets smaller, y gets smaller
- Graphs as straight line
- Line goes through origin
- $y = kx$

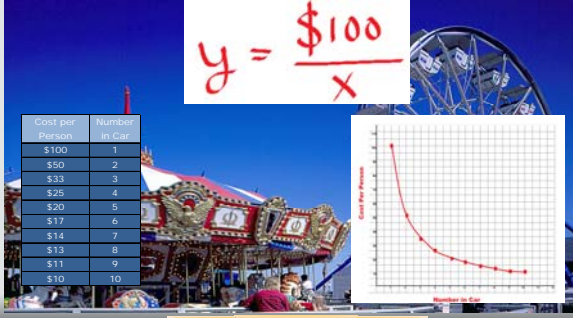
Inverse Variation:

- As x gets bigger y gets smaller
- As x gets smaller, y gets bigger
- Graphs as a curved line
- $y = \frac{k}{x}$

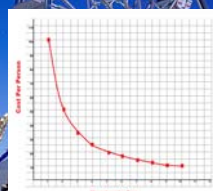
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Wally World Amusement Park is having a sale. For \$100, you can bring a car or van load of people into the Park. Can you create a formula to determine the cost per person (y) for various sized groups (x)?

$$y = \frac{\$100}{x}$$



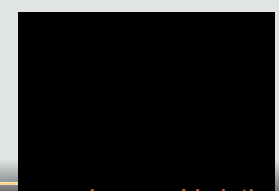
Cost per Person	Number in Car
\$100	1
\$50	2
\$33	3
\$25	4
\$20	5
\$17	6
\$14	7
\$13	8
\$11	9
\$10	10




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You try it!

Determine whether this is a direct or inverse variation:
 $3y = 66 \div x$




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$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{66}{3x}$$

$$y = \frac{22}{x}$$

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 $6y + 3 = 12/x$

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$$6y + 3 - 3 = \frac{12}{x} - 3$$

$$\frac{6y}{6} = \frac{12}{6x} - \frac{3}{6}$$

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

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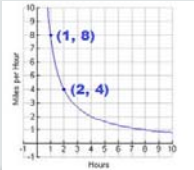
$$y = \frac{k}{x}$$


$$8 = \frac{k}{1}$$

$$4 = \frac{k}{2}$$

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$$k = 8$$



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