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Chapter 3: 3-9 Variation (IC/HW)-Day 1

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Express the statement as a formula that involves the given variables and a constant of proportionality  $k$ , and then determine the value of  $k$  from the given conditions.

1.  $u$  is directly proportional to  $v$ . If  $v = 30$ , then  $u = 12$ .

$$u = kv$$
$$12 = k(30)$$
$$k = \frac{2}{5}$$

2.  $r$  varies directly as  $s$  and inversely as  $t$ . If  $s = -2$  and  $t = 4$ , then  $r = 7$ .

$$r = \frac{ks}{t}$$
$$7 = \frac{k(-2)}{4}$$
$$k = -14$$

3.  $y$  is directly proportional to the square of  $x$  and inversely proportional to the cube of  $z$ . If  $x = 5$  and  $z = 3$ , then  $y = 25$ .

$$y = \frac{kx^2}{z^3}$$
$$25 = \frac{25k}{27}$$
$$k = 27$$

4.  $z$  is directly proportional to the product of the square of  $x$  and the cube of  $y$ . If  $x = 7$  and  $y = -2$ , then  $z = 16$ .

$$z = kx^2y^3$$
$$16 = k(49)(-8)$$
$$k = -\frac{2}{49}$$

5.  $y$  is directly proportional to  $x$  and inversely proportional to the square of  $z$ . If  $x = 4$  and  $z = 3$ , then  $y = 16$ .

$$y = \frac{kx}{z^2}$$
$$16 = \frac{k(4)}{9}$$
$$k = 36$$

6.  $y$  is directly proportional to the square of  $x$  and inversely proportional to the square root of  $z$ . If  $x = 5$  and  $z = 16$ , then  $y = 10$ .

$$y = \frac{kx^2}{\sqrt{z}}$$
$$10 = \frac{k(25)}{4}$$
$$k = \frac{8}{5}$$

7. The pressure  $P$  acting at a point in a liquid is directly proportional to the distance  $d$  from the surface of the liquid to the point.

(a) Express  $P$  as a function of  $d$  by means of a formula that involves a constant of proportionality  $k$ .

$$P = kd$$

(b) In a certain oil tank, the pressure at a depth of 2 feet is  $118 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ . Find the value of  $k$  in part (a).

$$118 = k(2)$$

$$59 = k$$

(c) Find the pressure at a depth of 5 feet for the oil tank in part (b).

$$P = 59(5) = 295 \text{ lb/ft}^2$$

8. The electrical resistance  $R$  of a wire varies directly as its length  $l$  and inversely as the square of its diameter  $d$ .

(a) Express  $R$  in terms of  $l$ ,  $d$ , and a constant of variation  $k$ .

$$R = \frac{kl}{d^2}$$

(b) A wire 100 feet long of diameter 0.01 inch has a resistance of 25 ohms. Find the value of  $k$  in part (a).

$$25 = \frac{k(100)}{(0.01)^2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{40,000}$$

(c) Find the resistance of a wire made of the same material that has a diameter of 0.015 inch and is 50 feet long.

$$R = \frac{50}{(40,000)(0.015)^2} = \frac{50}{9} \text{ ohms}$$

9. The period  $P$  of a simple pendulum is directly proportional to the square root of its length  $l$ .

(a) Express  $P$  in terms of  $l$  and a constant of proportionality  $k$ .

$$P = k\sqrt{l}$$

(b) If a pendulum 2 feet long has a period of 1.5 seconds, find the value of  $k$  in part (a).

$$1.5 = k\sqrt{2}$$

$$k = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2}$$

(c) Find the period of a pendulum 6 feet long.

$$P = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{6}) = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \text{ sec.}$$