

13: Variation:

Y is proportion to x

$$y = kx$$

Y is inversely proportional to X

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

e.g.

y is inversely proportional to x^3 .

y = 5 when x = 2.

Find y when x = 4.

Step 1: write down relationship $y = \frac{k}{x^3}$

Step 2: find k

Put in y = 5 and x = 2, to find k = 40

Step 3: substitute x to find answer

$$y = \frac{40}{4^3} = 0.625$$

*same method for both proportional and inversely proportional