Explain direct and inverse variation.

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Learning target: Explain direct and inverse variation.

Direct variation keeps the ratio of response to input constant; inverse variation keeps their product constant. Neither relation is established merely by an increasing or decreasing graph. Derive the proportionality constant from the situation and check the remaining observations. State domain restrictions and whether assumptions such as equal worker productivity are credible.

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Task 1. A pump transfers 42 L in 6 minutes at a constant rate. Find a direct-variation rule and the amount transferred in 11 minutes. For a fixed task, 3 equally productive workers require 8 hours; find an inverse-variation rule and the time for 6 workers.

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