## DIRECT AND INVERSE PROPORTION

| Keywords: | Constant / Variable / Inverse / Proportionality |  |  |  |  |
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| Definition / Description : | Constant: An unvarying number or quantity | Variable: A quantity that can take a range of values | Inverse: The reverse or opposite |  | Proportionality: Quantities varying in a ratio |
| Knowledge points: | Direct proportion: <br> When one variable decreases the other increases | Inverse Proportion: <br> When one variable increases the other decreases | Algebraic Direct proportion: $y=\frac{k}{x}$ | Algebraic Inverse Proportion: $y=k x$ | Graphical representations |
| Knowledge point examples: | Keith buys 6 pencils for 90p How much would 11 pencils cost? <br> 6 pencils: 90p <br> 1 pencil: 15 p $\downarrow \div 6$ <br> 11penciels: 165p | If 6 men take 24 days to build a house, how long will it take 4 men to build the house? <br> 6 men: 24 days <br> 1 man $: 144$ days $\times 6$ <br> 4 men $: 36$ days $\mid \div 4$ | The amount of paint required to paint a wall is directly proportional to the area of the wall. 2 litres of paint are required for a wall of $15 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ <br> Work out a formula for $p$ paint required for a wall with an area of $a \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ $A=\mathrm{k} \times p$ $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{K}=15 \div 2=7.5 \\ A=7.5 p \end{gathered}$ <br> How much wall could I cover with 6 litres of paint? $\begin{gathered} A=7.5 \times 6 \\ A=45 m^{2} \end{gathered}$ | $H$ is inversely proportional to the cube of $f$. <br> When $h=12.5, f$ $=2$ <br> Find the value of $h$ when $\begin{aligned} & f=5 . \\ & h=\mathrm{k} \div f^{3} \\ & \mathrm{~K}=h \times f^{3} \\ & \mathrm{~K}=12.5 \times 2^{3}= \\ & 100 \\ & h=100 \div f^{3} \end{aligned}$ <br> When $f=5$ $h=100 \div 5^{3}=0.8$ |  |


| Linked | Notation and manipulation |
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| Knowledge | Solving Linear Equations |
| Maps | Measures |
|  | Ratio |

