

Direct and Combined Variation

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1a. We know that y varies directly as x and that when $x = 8$, $y = 35$. Find the variation constant (k) and then use it to write the general formula that relates x and y . Do *not* round.

1b. Use the formula you derived above to find y when x is 13. Do *not* round.

2a. The force exerted by wind on a plane's surface varies directly with the area of the surface and the *square* of the wind's velocity. Let F = force, A = surface's area, and V = wind velocity. Form a preliminary equation that relates these three variables and the (as of yet unknown) variation constant (k).

2b. The force exerted on a surface (with an area of 20 square feet) is 11 pounds when the wind's velocity is 22 miles per hour. Use this knowledge to find k . Round to six decimal places.

2c. Write the equation that relates these three variables with your value for the variation constant (k) in place. Use it to find the force exerted by a wind with a velocity of 44 miles per hour on the same area of 20 square feet. Round to the nearest tenth. Include units (which is pounds).