Inverse proportion

\[ y \propto \frac{1}{x} \]

just means ‘y is inversely proportional to x’. This
can also be written as \[ y \propto \frac{1}{x} \] or sometimes as ‘y varies
inversely as x’.

(1) y is inversely proportional to x. (a) Write an equation
connecting y and x (b) Find the value of k, the constant of
proportionality and (c) Complete the table below.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>x</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>4</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>12</td>
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(2) \[ y \propto \frac{1}{x} \]. Find the constant of proportionality and
complete the table below.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
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(3) y varies inversely as x. Complete the table below

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<th>100</th>
<th>200</th>
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<tr>
<td>y</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>300</td>
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(4) y is inversely proportional to x. When y is 12, x is 3. Find
y when x is 4 and find x when y is 72.

(5) \[ s \propto \frac{1}{t} \]. When s is 4, t is 5. Find s when t is 10 and find t
when s is 200.

(6) y is inversely proportional to \(x^2\). When y is 1, x is 3. Find
y when x is 6 and find x when y is 3. Simplify your answer.

(7) \[ y \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \]. y is 3 when x is 16. Find the constant of
proportionality. Now find y when x is 400 and find x when y
is 24.

(8) The wavelength of sound waves is inversely proportional
to their frequency. When the wave length is .5m the
frequency is 800Hz. Find (a) The wavelength when the frequency is 300HZ and
(b) the frequency when the wavelength is 3m.

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