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**Module 16** Solving Rational Equations  
**Lesson 2** Solving Problems Using Direct Variation

**Set 1**

1. Does  $y$  vary directly as  $x$ ?

$x$	$y$
3	12
-2	-8
5	20

**Yes,  $y$  varies directly as  $x$ .**

2. Determine the constant of direct variation.

$x$	$y$
3	12
-2	-8
5	20

**$k = 4$**

3. Write an equation for the direct variation.

$x$	$y$
3	12
-2	-8
5	20

**$\frac{y}{x} = 4$**

4. Is this function a direct variation?

$x$	$y$
15	9
-10	-6
-16	-12

**No, this function is not a direct variation.**

**Set 2**

1.  $y$  varies directly as  $x$ .  
 $y$  is -5 when  $x$  is 15.  
 Find  $y$  when  $x$  is 24.

**$y = -8$  when  $x = 24$ .**

2. On a scale drawing, a sidewalk 90 meters long is represented by a line segment six centimeters long. Find the length of a sidewalk represented by a line segment eight centimeters long.

**The sidewalk is 120 meters long.**

3. The electrical resistance of a wire varies directly as the wire's length. If a wire 220 cm long has resistance of 15 ohms, what length wire  $x$  has a resistance of 18 ohms?

**A wire with a resistance of 18 ohms has a length of 264 centimeters.**

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