



NCERT solutions for class 8 maths Direct and Inverse proportions  
Ex 13.1

**Q1.** Following are the car parking charges near a railway station up to:

4 hours Rs.60

8 hours Rs.100

12 hours Rs.140

24 hours Rs.180



Check if the parking charges are in direct proportion to the parking time.

**Ans.** Charges per hour:

$$C_1 = \frac{60}{4} = \text{Rs.15}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{100}{8} = \text{Rs.12.50}$$

$$C_3 = \frac{140}{12} = \text{Rs.11.67}$$

$$C_4 = \frac{180}{24} = \text{Rs.7.50}$$

Here, the charges per hour are not same,

i.e.,  $C_1 \neq C_2 \neq C_3 \neq C_4$

Therefore, the parking charges are not in direct proportion to the parking time.

**Q2.** A mixture of paint is prepared by mixing 1 part of red pigments with 8 parts of base. In the following table, find the parts of base that need to be added.

Parts of red pigment	1	4	7	12	20
Parts of base	8	....	....	....	....

**Ans.** Let the ratio of parts of red pigment and parts of base be  $\frac{a}{b}$ .

Here  $a_1 = 1, b_1 = 8$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{1}{8} = k \text{ (say)}$$

When  $a_2 = 4, b_2 = ?$

$$k = \frac{a_2}{b_2} \Rightarrow b_2 = \frac{a_2}{k} = \frac{4}{\frac{1}{8}} = 4 \times 8 = 32$$

When  $a_3 = 7, b_3 = ?$

$$k = \frac{a_3}{b_3} \Rightarrow b_3 = \frac{a_3}{k} = \frac{7}{\frac{1}{8}} = 7 \times 8 = 56$$

When  $a_4 = 12, b_4 = ?$

$$k = \frac{a_4}{b_4} \Rightarrow b_4 = \frac{a_4}{k} = \frac{12}{\frac{1}{8}} = 12 \times 8 = 96$$

When  $a_5 = 20, b_5 = ?$

$$k = \frac{a_5}{b_5} \Rightarrow b_5 = \frac{a_5}{k} = \frac{20}{\frac{1}{8}} = 20 \times 8 = 160$$

Parts of red pigment	1	4	7	12	20
Parts of base	8	32	56	96	160

**Q3.** In Question 2 above, if 1 part of a red pigment requires 75 mL of base, how much red pigment should we mix with 1800 mL of base?

**Ans.** Let the parts of red pigment mix with 1800 mL base be  $x$ .

Parts of red pigment	1	$x$
Parts of base	75	1800

Since it is in direct proportion.

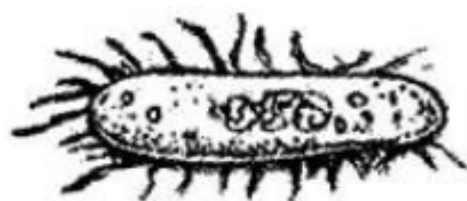
$$\therefore \frac{1}{75} = \frac{x}{1800}$$

$$\Rightarrow 75 \times x = 1 \times 1800$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1 \times 1800}{75} = 24 \text{ parts}$$

Hence with base 1800 mL, 24 parts red pigment should be mixed.

**Q4.** A machine in a soft drink factory fills 840 bottles in six hours. How many bottles will it fill in five hours?



**Ans.** Let the number of bottles filled in five hours be  $x$ .

<b>Hours</b>	1	$x$
<b>Bottles</b>	75	1800

Here ratio of hours and bottles are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{6}{840} = \frac{5}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \times x = 5 \times 840$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \times 840}{6} = 700 \text{ bottles}$$

Hence machine will fill 700 bottles in five hours.

**Q5.** A photograph of a bacteria enlarged 50,000 times attains a length of 5 cm as shown in the diagram. What is the *actual* length of the bacteria? If the photograph is enlarged 20,000 times only, what would be its enlarged length?

**Ans.** Let enlarged length of bacteria be  $x$ .

Actual length of bacteria

$$= \frac{5}{50000} = \frac{1}{10000} \text{ cm} = 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$$

Length	5	$x$
Enlarged length	50,000	20,000

Here length and enlarged length of bacteria are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{5}{50000} = \frac{x}{20000}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 50000 = 5 \times 20000$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \times 20000}{50000} = 2 \text{ cm}$$

Hence the enlarged length of bacteria is 2 cm.

**Q6.** In a model of a ship, the mast is 9 cm high, while the mast of the actual ship is 12 m high. If the length of the ship is 28 m, how long is the model ship?



**Ans.** Let the length of model ship be  $x$ .

Length of actual ship (in m)	12	28
Length of model ship (in cm)	9	$x$

Here length of mast and actual length of ship are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{12}{9} = \frac{28}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 12 = 28 \times 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{28 \times 9}{12} = 21 \text{ cm}$$

Hence length of the model ship is 21 cm.

**Q7.** Suppose 2 kg of sugar contains  $9 \times 10^6$  crystals. How many sugar crystals are there in (i) 5 kg of sugar? (ii) 1.2 kg of sugar?

**Ans.** (i) Let sugar crystals be  $x$ .

Weight of sugar (in kg)	2	5
No. of crystals	$9 \times 10^6$	$x$

Here weight of sugar and number of crystals are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{2}{9 \times 10^6} = \frac{5}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 2 = 5 \times 9 \times 10^6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \times 9 \times 10^6}{2}$$

$$= 22.5 \times 10^6 = 2.25 \times 10^7$$

Hence the number of sugar crystals is  $2.25 \times 10^7$ .

Weight of sugar (in kg)	2	1.2
No. of crystals	$9 \times 10^6$	$x$

**(ii)** Let sugar crystals be  $x$ .

Here weight of sugar and number of crystals are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{2}{9 \times 10^6} = \frac{1.2}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 2 = 1.2 \times 9 \times 10^6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1.2 \times 9 \times 10^6}{2}$$

$$= 0.6 \times 9 \times 10^6 = 5.4 \times 10^6$$

Hence the number of sugar crystals is  $5.4 \times 10^6$ .

**Q8.** Rashmi has a road map with a scale of 1 cm representing 18 km. She drives on a road for 72 km. What would be her distance covered in the map?

**Ans.** Let distance covered in the map be  $x$ .

Actual distance (in km)	18	72
Distance covered in map (in cm)	1	$x$

Here actual distance and distance covered in the map are in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{18}{1} = \frac{72}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 18 = 72 \times 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{72 \times 1}{18} = 4 \text{ cm}$$

Hence distance covered in the map is 4 cm.

**Q9.** A 5 m 60 cm high vertical pole casts a shadow 3 m 20 cm long. Find at the same time (i) the length of the shadow cast by another pole 10 m 50 cm high (ii) the height of a pole which casts a shadow 5 m long.

**Ans.** Here height of the pole and length of the shadow are in direct proportion.

And 1 m = 100 cm

$$5 \text{ m } 60 \text{ cm} = 5 \times 100 + 60 = 560 \text{ cm}$$

$$3 \text{ m } 20 \text{ cm} = 3 \times 100 + 20 = 320 \text{ cm}$$

$$10 \text{ m } 50 \text{ cm} = 10 \times 100 + 50 = 1050 \text{ cm}$$

$$5 \text{ m} = 5 \times 100 = 500 \text{ cm}$$



(i) Let the length of the shadow of another pole be  $x$ .

Height of pole (in cm)	560	1050
Length of shadow (in cm)	320	$x$

$$\therefore \frac{560}{320} = \frac{1050}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 560 = 1050 \times 320$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1050 \times 320}{560} = 600 \text{ cm} = 6 \text{ m}$$

Hence length of the shadow of another pole is 6 m.

(ii) Let the height of the pole be  $x$ .

Height of pole (in cm)	560	$x$
Length of shadow (in cm)	320	500

$$\therefore \frac{560}{320} = \frac{x}{500}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 320 = 560 \times 500$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{560 \times 500}{320}$$

$$= 875 \text{ cm} = 8 \text{ m } 75 \text{ cm}$$

Hence height of the pole is 8 m 75 cm.

**Q10.** A loaded truck travels 14 km in 25 minutes. If the speed remains the same, how far can it travel in 5 hours?

**Ans.** Let distance covered in 5 hours be  $x$  km.

$\because$  1 hour = 60 minutes

$\therefore$  5 hours =  $5 \times 60 = 300$  minutes

Distance (in km)	14	$x$
Time (in minutes)	25	300

Here distance covered and time in direct proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{14}{25} = \frac{x}{300}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 25 = 14 \times 300$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{14 \times 300}{25} = 168 \text{ km}$$

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