

2.2 Inverse Variation

car sales mgr hires student to wash cars. The mgr knows it takes 1 student + 36 hours to wash all cars. on the lot.

$S = \# \text{ students}$ $t = \text{time}$

$$\frac{1 \cdot t}{1} = \frac{36}{S} \quad t = \frac{36}{S}$$

$$t = \frac{36}{s} \text{ C.O.V. (K)}$$

't varies inversely as s'

Direct:

$$r = .10c$$

$$y = kx^n$$

Dep. $y = \frac{k}{x}$ C.O.V.

indep. x \rightarrow pos. #

Ex The time t required to do a job varies inversely as the # of workers, W . It takes 5 hours for 8 cement finishers to do this job. How long will it take 12 workers to do the same job??

$$1) t = \frac{k}{W}$$

$$2) 5 = \frac{k}{8}$$

$$40 = k$$

$$3) t = \frac{40}{W}$$

$$4) t = \frac{40}{12}$$

$$t = 3\frac{1}{3}$$

hours

W	t
8	5
12	$3\frac{1}{3}$