

Tell whether  $x$  and  $y$  show direct variation, inverse variation, or neither.

$$y = 2x + 3$$

$$y = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{y}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}xy = 2$$

neither

direct

inverse

inverse

x	1	2	3	4
y	1	4	9	16

neither

x	2	5	8	15
y	60	24	15	8

inverse

The variables  $x$  and  $y$  vary inversely. Use the given values to write an equation relating  $x$  and  $y$ . Then find  $y$  when  $x = 0.5$ .

$$x = 4, y = 6 \quad y = \frac{a}{x} \rightarrow 6 = \frac{a}{4}$$

$$a = 24$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}, y = \frac{3}{2} \quad y = \frac{a}{x} \rightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \frac{a}{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$a = 2$$

Equation:  $y = \frac{24}{x}$

$$y = \frac{24}{0.5} = 48$$

$y =$  48

Equation:  $y = \frac{2}{x}$

$$y = \frac{2}{0.5}$$

$y =$  4

Simplify the rational expression, if possible.

$$\frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-3)}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{x-3}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 - 16}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+4)}(x+1)}{\cancel{(x+4)}(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x-4}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(x-4)}(x+2)}{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{x-4}{x+5}$$

Find the least common denominator.

$$\frac{1}{x+4} ; \frac{3x}{2x-3} ; \frac{2x-5}{x^2+x-12}$$

$(x+4)(x-3)$

$$\frac{x-3}{x^2-2x-3} ; \frac{x+1}{x^2+6x+5} ; \frac{x+5}{x^2+7x+6}$$

$(x-3)(x+1)$      $(x+5)(x+1)$      $(x+6)(x+1)$

$$(x-3)(x+4)(2x-3)$$

$$(x+1)(x-3)(x+5)(x+6)$$

Perform the indicated operation and simplify.

$$\frac{2x^2+7x-4}{x^2-6x+9} \div \frac{x^2+8x+16}{x^2+x-2}$$

$$\frac{(2x-1)(x+4)}{(x-3)(x-3)} \cdot \frac{(x+2)(x-1)}{(x+4)(x+4)}$$

$$\frac{(2x-1)(x+2)(x-1)}{(x-3)(x-3)(x+4)}$$

$$\frac{18x^2y^3}{7xy^2} \cdot \frac{14xy}{12x^4}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 \cdot x^4 \cdot y^2}$$

$$\frac{3y^2}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{3x}{x^2+3x-10} - \frac{2}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{3x}{(x+5)(x-2)} - \frac{2}{(x+5)} \cdot \frac{(x-2)}{(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{3x - 2x + 4}{(x+5)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{x+4}{(x+5)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{(x-1)}{(x-1)} \cdot \frac{x+4}{(x+1)(x+1)} + \frac{x}{x^2-1} - \frac{2}{x-1} \cdot \frac{(x+1)(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x^2+3x-4 + x^2+x-2x^2-4x-2}{(x+1)(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{-6}{(x+1)^2(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{x^2-4}{2x+2} \cdot \frac{x^2-5x-6}{x^2-6x+8}$$

$$\frac{(x-2)(x+2)(x-6)(x+4)}{2(x+1)(x-4)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)(x-6)}{2(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{12y^3}{5x^2y} \div \frac{3xy}{4x^3y^2}$$

$$\frac{2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^3}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot x^3 \cdot y^2}$$

$$\frac{16y^3}{5}$$

Simplify the complex fraction.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{x-6}}{\frac{3x-6}{x^2-12x+36}} \cdot \frac{2(x-6)(x-6)}{2(x-6)(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-2}}{\frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x^2-x-2}} \cdot \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{(x-6)(x-6) + 4(x-6)}{6(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{2(x-2) + 3(x+1)}{x(x-2) + 1} = \frac{2x-4+3x+3}{x^2-2x+1}$$

$$\frac{x^2-12x+36+4x-24}{6(x-6)} = \frac{x^2-8x+12}{6(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{5x-1}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{5x-1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{(x-6)(\cancel{x-6})}{6(\cancel{x-6})} = \boxed{\frac{x-6}{6}}$$

Solve the equation using any method. Check for extraneous solutions!

$$2 = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$$

$$\frac{4}{x-3} + \frac{2}{x+3} = \frac{2x-2}{x^2-9} \cdot x^2-9$$

$$2x-6 = x+2$$

$$4(x+3) + 2(x-3) = 2x-2$$

$$x = 8$$

$$4x+12+2x-6 = 2x-2$$

$$6x+6 = 2x-2$$

$$4x = -8$$

$$\boxed{x = -2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 8}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{x-2} = \frac{x-3}{x}$$

$$x(x-1) \cdot \frac{-x+1}{x-1} + 2 = \frac{1}{x} \cdot x(x-1)$$

$$\cancel{x} + x = \cancel{x} - 5x + 6$$

$$-x^2 + x + 2x^2 - 2x = x - 1$$

$$6x = 6$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x \neq 1 \quad x = 1 \quad \text{so,}$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\boxed{\text{no solution}}$$