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Practice A

In Exercises 1–6, tell whether x and y show *direct variation*, *inverse variation*, or *neither*.

- 1. $y = \frac{5}{x}$
- 2. $xy = 7$
- 3. $6x = y$

- 4. $\frac{y}{x} = 10$
- 5. $x + y = 8$
- 6. $2y = x$

In Exercises 7–10, tell whether x and y show *direct variation*, *inverse variation*, or *neither*.

7.

x	2	4	8	10
y	38	19	9.5	7.6

8.

x	3	5	8	10
y	15	9	6	5.5

9.

x	1.5	4	6.5	10
y	9	24	39	60

10.

x	1.5	4	6	12
y	84	31.5	21	10.5

In Exercises 11–13, the variables x and y vary inversely. Use the given values to write an equation relating x and y . Then find y when $x = 3$.

- 11. $x = 6, y = -5$
- 12. $x = 1, y = 7$
- 13. $x = 3, y = \frac{2}{3}$

14. The variables x and y vary inversely. Describe and correct the error in writing an equation relating x and y .

~~$x = 6, y = 5$~~

~~$\frac{y}{x} = a$~~

~~$\frac{5}{6} = a$~~

So, $y = \frac{5}{6x}$.

15. The number y of songs that can be stored on an MP3 player varies inversely with the average size x of a song. A certain MP3 player can store 3000 songs when the average size of a song is 5 megabytes. Find the number of songs that will fit on the MP3 player when the average size of a song is 4 megabytes.