

## EXERCISE 3.5

**Q.1** If  $s$  varies directly as  $u^2$  and inversely as  $v$  and  $s = 7$ , when  $u = 3$ ,  $v = 2$ . Find the value of  $s$  when  $u = 6$  and  $v = 10$ .

Solution: 
$$s \propto \frac{u^2}{v}$$

$s = 7, u = 3, v = 2$
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$s = ?, u = 6, v = 10$
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$$s \propto \frac{u^2}{v}$$

$$s = \frac{ku^2}{v} \quad \dots \quad (i)$$

To find  $k$ ,

Put  $s = 7$ ,  $u = 3$ ,  $v = 2$  in equation (i)

$$7 = \frac{k(3)^2}{2}$$

$$7 \times 2 = k(9)$$

$$\frac{14}{9} = k \Rightarrow k = \frac{14}{9}$$

Put  $k = \frac{14}{9}$  in equation (i)

$$s = \frac{14u^2}{9v} \quad \dots \quad (ii)$$

To find  $s$ ,

Now put,  $u=6$  and  $v=10$  in equation (i)

$$s = \frac{14u^2}{9v}$$

$$s = \frac{14(6)^2}{9(10)}$$

$$s = \frac{14 \times 36}{90} \quad (\text{dividing by 18})$$

$$s = \frac{14 \times 2}{5}$$

$s = \frac{28}{5}$
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**Q.2** If  $w$  varies jointly as  $x$ ,  $y^2$  and  $z$  and  $w = 5$  when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 3$ ,  $z = 10$ . Find  $w$  when  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 7$  and  $z = 3$ .

**Solution:**

$w \propto xy^2z$
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$w = 5, x = 2$
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$w = ?, x = 4$
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$$w \propto xy^2z$$

$$w = kxy^2z \quad \dots \quad (i)$$

**To find  $k$ ,**

Put  $w = 5$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 3$  and  $z = 10$  in equation (i)

$$5 = k(2)(3)^2(10)$$

$$5 = k(20)(9)$$

$$5 = k(180)$$

$$\frac{5}{180} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{5}{180} \cancel{36}^1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$\text{Put } k = \frac{1}{36} \text{ in equation (i)}$$

$$w = \frac{1}{36} xy^2z \quad \dots \quad (ii)$$

**To find  $w$ ,**

Now put  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 7$ ,  $z = 3$  in equation (ii)

$$w = \frac{1}{36} xy^2z$$

$$w = \frac{1}{36}(4)(7)^2(3)$$

$$w = \frac{1}{36}(4)(49)(3)$$

$$w = \frac{1}{36}(49) \times \cancel{12}^3$$

$$w = \frac{1}{3}(49)$$

$w = \frac{49}{3}$
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**Q.3** If  $y$  varies directly as  $x^3$  and inversely as  $z^2$  and  $t$ , and  $y = 16$  when  $x = 4$ ,  $z = 2$ ,  $t = 3$ . Find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 2$ ,  $z = 3$  and  $t = 4$ .

**Solution:**

$$y \propto \frac{x^3}{z^2 t}$$

$y = 16, x = 4$	$y = ?, x = 2$
$z = 2, t = 3$	$z = 3, t = 4$

$$y \propto \frac{x^3}{z^2 t}$$

$$y = \frac{kx^3}{z^2 t} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

**To find k,**

Put  $y = 16, x = 4, z = 2$  and  $t = 3$  in equation (i)

$$16 = \frac{k(4)^3}{(2)^2(3)}$$

$$16 = \frac{k(64)}{4 \times 3}$$

$$\frac{16 \times 4 \times 3}{64} = k$$

$$\frac{64}{64} \times 3 = k \Rightarrow k = 3$$

Put  $k = 3$ , in equation (i)

$$y = \frac{3x^3}{z^2 t} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

**To find y,**

Now, put  $x = 2, z = 3$  and  $t = 4$  in equation (ii)

$$y = \frac{3 \times (2)^3}{(3)^2 (4)}$$

$$y = \frac{3 \times 8}{9 \times 4}$$

$$y = \frac{24}{36}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3} \quad (\text{dividing by } 12)$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}$$

**Q.4** If  $u$  varies directly as  $x^2$  and inversely as product  $yz^3$ , and  $u=2$ , when  $x = 8, y = 7, z = 2$ . Find the value of  $u$  when  $x = 6, y = 3, z = 2$ .  
**Solution:**

$$u \propto \frac{x^2}{yz^3}$$

$u = 2, x = 8$	$u = ?, x = 6$
$y = 7, z = 2$	$y = 3, z = 2$

$$u \propto \frac{x^2}{yz^3}$$

$$u = \frac{kx^2}{yz^3} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

**To find k,**

Put  $u = 2, x = 8, y = 7$  and  $z = 2$  in equation (i)

$$2 = \frac{k(8)^2}{7(2)^3}$$

$$2 = \frac{k64}{7(8)}$$

$$\frac{2(8)(7)}{64} = k$$

$$\frac{16 \times 7}{64} = k$$

$$\frac{7}{4} = k \Rightarrow k = \frac{7}{4}$$

Put  $k = \frac{7}{4}$  in equation (i)

$$u = \frac{7x^2}{4yz^3} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

**To find u,**

Now put  $x = 6, y = 3, z = 2$  in equation (ii)

$$u = \frac{7x^2}{4yz^3} = \frac{7(6)^2}{4(3)(2)^3}$$

$$u = \frac{7(36^2)}{144 \times 8}$$

$$u = \frac{7(3)}{8}$$

$$u = \frac{21}{8}$$

**Q.5** If  $v$  varies directly as the product  $xy^3$  and inversely as  $z^2$  and  $v = 27$  when  $x = 7$ ,  $y = 6$ ,  $z = 7$ . Find the value of  $V$  when  $x = 6$ ;  $y = 2$ ,  $z = 3$ .

Solution:  $v \propto \frac{xy^3}{z^2}$   $\left[ \begin{array}{l} v = 27, x = 7 \\ y = 6, z = 7 \end{array} \right]$   $\left[ \begin{array}{l} v = ?, x = 6 \\ y = 2, z = 3 \end{array} \right]$

$$v \propto \frac{xy^3}{z^2}$$

$$v = \frac{kxy^3}{z^2} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

To find  $k$ ,

Put  $v = 27$ ,  $x = 7$ ,  $y = 6$ ,  $z = 7$  in equation (i)

$$27 = \frac{k(7)(6)^3}{(7)^2}$$

$$27 = \frac{k(216)}{7}$$

$$\frac{127 \times 7}{8216} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{7}{8}$$

Put  $k = \frac{7}{8}$  in equation (i)

$$v = \frac{7xy^3}{8z^2} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (ii)$$

To find  $v$ ,

Now, put  $x = 6$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $z = 3$  in equation (ii).

$$v = \frac{7}{8} \frac{(6)(2)^3}{(3)^2}$$

$$v = \frac{7}{8} \frac{(6)(8)}{9}$$

$$v = \frac{56}{8} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{14}{3}$$

**Q.6** If  $w$  varies inversely as the cube of  $U$ , and  $w = 5$  when  $U = 3$ . Find  $w$ , when  $U = 6$ .

Solution:  $w \propto \frac{1}{U^3}$   $\left[ \begin{array}{l} w = 5 \\ U = 3 \end{array} \right]$   $\left[ \begin{array}{l} w = ? \\ U = 6 \end{array} \right]$

$$w \propto \frac{1}{U^3}$$

$$w = \frac{k}{U^3} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

To find  $k$ ,

Put  $w = 5$  and  $U = 3$  in equation (i)

$$5 = \frac{k}{(3)^3}$$

$$5 = \frac{k}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 27 \times 5$$

$$k = 135$$

Put  $k = 135$  in equation (i)

$$w = \frac{k}{U^3}$$

$$w = \frac{135}{U^3} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (ii)$$

To find  $w$ ,

Now, Put  $U = 6$  in equation (ii)

$$w = \frac{135}{(6)^3}$$

$$w = \frac{135}{216}$$

$$w = \frac{5 \times 27}{8 \times 27}$$

$$w = \frac{5}{8}$$

## K-Method

If  $a : b :: c : d$  is a proportion, then putting each ratio equal to k.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = k \text{ and } \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

Using the above equations, we can solve certain problems relating to proportions more easily. This method is known as k-method.

**Example 1:** If  $a : b = c : d$ , then show that

$$\frac{3a+2b}{3a-2b} = \frac{3c+2d}{3c-2d}$$

**Solution:**  $a : b = c : d$

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = k \text{ and } \frac{c}{d} = k$$

Then  $a = bk$  and  $c = dk$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{3a+2b}{3a-2b} = \frac{3bk+2b}{3bk-2b} = \frac{b(3k+2)}{b(3k-2)} \\ &= \frac{3k+2}{3k-2} \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= \frac{3c+2d}{3c-2d} = \frac{3dk+2d}{3dk-2d} = \frac{d(3k+2)}{d(3k-2)} \\ &= \frac{3k+2}{3k-2} \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$\text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{3a+2b}{3a-2b} = \frac{3c+2d}{3c-2d}$$

**Example 2:** If  $a : b = c : d$ , then show that

$$pa + qb : ma - nb = pc + qd : mc - nd$$

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$ , then

$$\frac{a}{b} = k \text{ and } \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= pa + qb : ma - nb = \frac{pa + qb}{ma - nb} = \frac{pkb + qb}{mkb - nb} \\ &= \frac{b(pk + q)}{b(mk - n)} = \frac{pk + q}{mk - n} \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= pc + qd : mc - nd = \frac{pc + qd}{mc - nd} = \frac{pkd + qd}{mkd - nd} \\ &= \frac{d(pk + q)}{d(mk - n)} = \frac{pk + q}{mk - n} \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)  $\text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$

$$pa + qb : ma - nb = pc + qd : mc - nd$$

**Example 3:**

If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f}$ , then show that

$$\frac{a^3 + c^3 + e^3}{b^3 + d^3 + f^3} = \frac{ace}{bdf}$$

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = k$

$$\text{When } \frac{a}{b} = k, \frac{c}{d} = k \text{ and } \frac{e}{f} = k$$

$$a = bk, c = dk \text{ and } e = fk$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{a^3 + c^3 + e^3}{b^3 + d^3 + f^3} = \frac{(bk)^3 + (dk)^3 + (fk)^3}{b^3 + d^3 + f^3} \\ &= \frac{b^3k^3 + d^3k^3 + f^3k^3}{b^3 + d^3 + f^3} = k^3 \left( \frac{(b^3 + d^3 + f^3)}{(b^3 + d^3 + f^3)} \right) \\ &= k^3 \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{ace}{bdf} = \frac{(bk)(dk)(fk)}{bdf} = k^3 \frac{(bdf)}{bdf}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = k^3 \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{a^3 + c^3 + e^3}{b^3 + d^3 + f^3} = \frac{ace}{bdf}$$

**Example 4:**

If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f}$ , then show that

$$\frac{a^2b + c^2d + e^2f}{ab^2 + cd^2 + ef^2} = \frac{a+c+e}{b+d+f}$$

Solution: Let  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = k$

$$\frac{a}{b} = k, \frac{c}{b} = k, \frac{e}{f} = k$$

$$a = bk, c = dk \text{ and } e = fk$$

To prove  $a = bk, c = dk, e = fk$

$$\frac{a^2b + c^2d + e^2f}{ab^2 + cd^2 + ef^2} = \frac{a+c+e}{b+d+f}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{a^2b + c^2d + e^2f}{ab^2 + cd^2 + ef^2} \\ &= \frac{(bk)^2b + (dk)^2d + (fk)^2f}{(bk)b^2 + (dk)d^2 + (fk)f^2} = \frac{k^2b^3 + k^2d^3 + k^2f^3}{kb^3 + kd^3 + kf^3} \\ &= \frac{k^2(b^3 + d^3 + f^3)}{k(b^3 + d^3 + f^3)} = k \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= \frac{a+c+e}{b+d+f} = \frac{bk + dk + fk}{b+d+f} \\ &= \frac{k(b+d+f)}{(b+d+f)} = k \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{a^2b + c^2d + e^2f}{ab^2 + cd^2 + ef^2} = \frac{a+c+e}{b+d+f}$$