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Power Functions Direct/Inverse Variation

Match each function rule to its corresponding graph, then write a sentence explaining the variation that relates x

and y . (Example: $y = \frac{6}{x^2}$: y varies inversely to the square of x with a constant variation of 6.)

1) $y = 0.5x^2$ Graph: _____

2) $y = x^3$ Graph: _____

3) $y = 3\sqrt{x}$ Graph: _____

4) $y = \frac{5}{x^2}$ Graph: _____

5) $y = \frac{1}{x^3}$ Graph: _____

6) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ Graph: _____



Answer the following direct/inverse variation problems.

Steps: 1. Plug in given values to the correct direct/inverse variation rule (make sure to include any exponents or radicals)

2. Solve for k and re-write the new rule with the k value

3. Plug in the 2nd given value and solve to find the missing value

7) If y varies inversely as the square of x and $y = 9$ when $x = 2$, find y when $x = 3$

8) If r varies directly as the square of t and $r = 4$ when $t = \frac{1}{2}$ find r when $t = \frac{1}{4}$

9) If y varies inversely as the square root of x and $x = 1.21$ when $y = 0.44$, find y when $x = 0.16$

10) If b varies directly as the cube of a and $a = 3$ when $b = 54$, find b when $a = 6$.

11) If y varies directly as the square root of x and $x = 9$ when $y = 48$, find x when $y = 16$.

12) If y varies inversely as the cube of x and $y = 8$ when $x = 1$, find y when $x = 2$.