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These two quantities are balanced, therefore they are equal.


I can find other quantities that are balanced by scaling each quantity.


If I add or subtract each side by the same quantity it is not balanced.

These relationships are called multiplicative relationships and the two quantities are directly proportional. This means there is a number we can multiply by to convert the measure.


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## Constant of Proportionality

If two quantities are directly proportional, the multiplier between them is called the constant of proportionality. Example:

| Ibs | oz |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 16 |
| 5 |  |

Pounds (lbs) and ounces (oz) are directly proportional.

Therefore, 16 is my constant of proportionality.


Unitary Method
Sometimes the constant of proportionality is more challenging to find. If we scale it down to 1 , then it is easy to then scale up to the quantity we need!

| Eggs | Cost <br> (£) | Eggs | Cost <br> (£) | Eggs |  | Cost <br> (£) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 20 |  |  | 8 | 1 | 20 |
| 50 | ? | 8 | 20 | 50 | 6.25 | 125 |
| $\cdots>$ |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ - |  |  |


| Keyword/Skill | Definition/Tips |
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| Ratio | Shows the relative sizes of two or more <br> values. E.G. 1 boy and 3 girls would be <br> written as 1:3 |
| Inverse | The opposite or the reverse <br> E.g. the inverse of addition is subtraction. |
| Proportion | Two ratios or fractions that are equal. |
| Direct <br> Proportion. | Two quantities change in the same way. <br> When one increases or decrease, so <br> does the other one. |
| Equation | Says that two things are the equal. <br> (1+1=2). |
| Linear | A graph that has a straight line. <br> Substitute <br> Putting values where the letters are. <br> Constant of <br> Proportionality <br> A constant value relating to amounts <br> that rise or fall uniformly together. <br> Scaling <br> Multiplying or dividing two quantities by <br> the same number <br> Multiplicative <br> Relationship <br> A relationship where two quantities can <br> be expressed as a multiple of each <br> other. |

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