



# MASENO SCHOOL

## Topic 8: Formulae and Variation

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### Formulae

1. Make  $n$  the subject of the formula :  $m = \sqrt[3]{\frac{ax^2 - n}{w - n}}$
2. Make  $M$  the subject of the formula :  $X = \frac{-MN}{\sqrt{M^2 + N}}$
3. Make  $x$  the subject of the formula :  $x + r = \sqrt{\frac{(2x + r)^2}{4}}$
4. Make  $R$  the subject of the formula :  $A = \pi(R^2 - r^2)$  where  $A$  is the area between two concentric circles of radii  $R$  and  $r$ .
5. Given that  $L^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{Pt}{P - t}$  and that  $P = \frac{L^2}{x}$ , write  $t$  in terms of  $x$  and  $L$ .
6. Make  $x$  the subject of the formula :  $\frac{a^2}{b} = a\sqrt{\frac{x^2 - m}{m}}$
7. Express  $h$  in terms of  $E$  and  $X$  only in the formula :  $\frac{E}{X} = \sqrt{\frac{h - 0.5}{1 - h}}$
8. Make  $R$  the subject of the formula :  $m = \frac{CR}{\sqrt[3]{R^3 - C}}$
9. Make  $b$  the subject of the formula :  $t = \sqrt{\frac{a - b^2}{1 + ab^2}}$
10. Given that  $t = \sqrt[3]{\frac{ay - bx}{mx - n}}$ , find an expression for the reciprocal of  $x$ .
11. Make  $k$  the subject of the formula and simplify :  $t = \frac{1 + 2y}{\sqrt{k + 2ky}}$
12. Make  $c$  the subject of the formula  $\frac{c}{A^2\sqrt{(c - b)(c + b)}} = 1$
13. Make  $x$  the subject of the formula :  $P = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{x + 2w}{4x + 3r}}$
14. Make  $x$  the subject of the formula  $L = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{x^2 - PT}{y}}$
15. Make  $Q$  the subject of the formula  $T = P\sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 - 1}}$
16. Make  $p$  the subject of the formula  $d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{q}{q - A^p}}$
17. Make  $P$  the subject of the formula  $T = \frac{-PK}{\sqrt{P^2K + 1}}$
18. Make  $p$  the subject of the formula  $p^2 = (p - q)(p - r)$
19. Express  $p$  in terms of  $q$  and  $r$  in the formula :  $r^{p+1} = 1 + 3q$
20. Given that  $a^{x+1} - a^{x-1} = a - 1$ , show that  $x = 1 - \log_a(a + 1)$

Variation: Section I

1.  $P$  varies directly as the square of  $Q$  and inversely as the square root of  $R$ . If  $Q$  is reduced by 12% while  $R$  is increased by 21%, find the percentage change in  $P$ .
2. The distance  $s$  metres of an object varies partly with time  $t$  seconds and partly with the square root of time. Given that  $s = 16$  when  $t = 4$  and  $s = 48$  when  $t = 16$ , write an equation connecting  $s$  and  $t$  hence find  $s$  when  $t = 9$ .
3. A quantity  $P$  varies jointly as the square root of  $Q$  and as the inverse of the square of  $R$ . Determine the percentage change in  $P$  when  $Q$  is increased by 44% and  $R$  decreased by 28%.
4. The mass of wire  $m$  grams (g) is partly constant and partly varies as the square of its thickness  $t$  mm. When  $t = 2$  mm,  $m = 40$  g and when  $t = 4$  mm,  $m = 100$  g. Determine the value of  $m$  when  $t = 7$  mm.
5. The quantities  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are such that  $P$  varies directly as the square of  $Q$  and inversely as the square root of  $R$ .  $P = 8$  when  $Q = 2$  and  $R = 9$ . Determine the equation connecting  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ .
6. Two variables  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $A$  varies partly as  $B$  and partly as the square root of  $B$ . Given that  $A = 8.58$  when  $B = 1.69$  and  $A = 9.52$  when  $B = 1.96$ , find the law connecting  $A$  and  $B$  hence determine  $A$  when  $B = 2.89$ .
7. A quantity  $Q$  is partly constant and partly varies as the square of  $E$ . When  $E = 2$ ,  $Q = 560$  and when  $E = 3$ ,  $Q = 510$ . Find an equation connecting  $Q$  and  $E$  hence determine  $E$  given  $Q = 537.5$ .
8. A quantity  $P$  is partly constant and partly varies as the inverse of  $Q^2$ . When  $Q = 2$ ,  $P = 49\frac{1}{4}$  and when  $Q = 3$ ,  $P = 49\frac{2}{3}$ . Determine the value of  $P$  when  $Q = 5$ .
9. A quantity  $y$  varies inversely as the square of  $x$ . The difference between the value of  $y$  when  $x = 6$  and when  $x = 10$  is 16. Find the law connecting  $x$  and  $y$ .
10. Three quantities  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are such that  $P$  varies as the square of  $Q$  and inversely as the square root of  $R$ . Given that  $P = 20$  when  $Q = 5$  and  $R = 9$ , find  $P$  when  $Q = 7$  and  $R = 25$ .
11.  $H$  varies as  $V$  and inversely as the square of  $r$ . Find the percentage change in  $H$  if  $V$  is increased by 20% and at the same time  $r$  is increased by 50%.
12. Two quantities  $M$  and  $N$  are such that  $M$  varies partly as  $N$  and partly as the square of  $N$ . Determine the relationship between  $M$  and  $N$  given that when  $M = 1050$ ,  $N = 10$  and when  $M = 1272$ ,  $N = 12$ .
13. Two variables  $m$  and  $n$  are such that  $m$  is directly proportional to  $x$  and  $n$  is inversely proportional to  $x$ . When  $x = 2$ , their sum is 8 and when  $x = 3$ , their sum is 7. Determine the relationship between  $m$  and  $n$ .
14. The mass of a cylinder  $m$  varies jointly as the square of the radius  $r$  and as the height  $h$ . If the radius is increased by 20% and the height by 10%, find the percentage increase in mass.

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15. The cost  $C$  of producing  $N$  items varies partly as  $N$  and partly as the inverse of  $N$ . To produce 25 items, it costs Ksh. 1350 and to produce 30 items, it costs Ksh 1400. Find the cost of producing 40 items.
16. A quantity  $v$  is partly constant and partly varies as  $u$ . If  $u = 1$  when  $v = 12$  and  $u = 3$  when  $v = 22$ , find the value of  $v$  when  $u = 5$ .
17. Three quantities  $x, y$  and  $z$  are such that  $x$  varies directly as the square of  $y$  and inversely as the square root of  $z$ . Given that  $y$  is increased by 5% and  $z$  decreased by 36%, find the percentage change in  $z$ .
18. Three variables  $P, Q$  and  $R$  are such that  $P$  varies as the square of  $Q$  and inversely as  $R$ . If  $Q$  is halved and  $R$  is doubled, find the percentage change in  $P$ .
19. A quantity  $A$  is partly constant and partly varies inversely as a quantity  $B$ . Given that  $A = -10$  when  $B = 2.5$  and  $A = 10$  when  $B = 1.25$ , find the value of  $B$  when  $A = 32.5$ .
20. Three variables  $r, t$  and  $s$  are such that  $t$  varies inversely as the cube of  $r$  and  $r$  varies as the square root of  $s$ . Given that  $t = 2.5$  when  $s = 4$ , find the law connecting  $t$  and  $s$ .

Variation: Section II

1. Three quantities  $R, S$  and  $T$  are such that  $R$  varies directly as  $S$  and inversely as the square root of  $T$ .
  - (a)  $R = 480$  when  $S = 150$  and  $T = 25$ , write an equation connecting  $R, S$  and  $T$ . (4 marks)
  - (b) Find:
    - (i) The value of  $R$  when  $S = 360$  and  $T = 2.25$ . (2 marks)
    - (ii) The percentage change in  $R$  if  $S$  is increased by 5% and  $T$  decreased by 15.36%. (4 marks)
2. The cost  $C$  of producing  $n$  items varies partly as  $n$  and as the inverse of  $n$ . To produce two items, it cost Ksh. 270 and to produce three items it costs Ksh. 280. Find:
  - (a) The law connecting  $C$  and  $n$ . (4 marks)
  - (b) The cost of producing 10 items. (3 marks)
  - (c) The number of items produced at a cost of Ksh. 920. (3 marks)
3. Two variables  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $A$  partly varies as  $B$  and partly as the square root of  $B$ . Given that  $A = 30$  when  $B = 9$  and  $A = 70$  when  $B = 25$ ;
  - (a) Find the law connecting  $A$  and  $B$ . (4 marks)
  - (b) Calculate the value of:
    - (i)  $A$  when  $B = 36$ . (2 marks)
    - (ii)  $B$  when  $A = 17.22$ . (4 marks)
4. A class is planning a field trip to an art gallery. The cost of renting a bus is Ksh. 25000. There is an additional cost of Ksh. 400 per student for the entrance fee.
  - (a) Identify the fixed cost and the variable cost for this partial variation. (2 marks)
  - (b) Write an equation relating the cost,  $C$ , in Ksh, and the number of students,  $n$ . (1 mark)
  - (c) Use your equation in (b) above to find:
    - (i) The total cost if 25 students attend. (2 marks)
    - (ii) The total number of students to attend with a budget of Ksh. 40000. (2 marks)
  - (d) If the cost of renting the bus is increased by Ksh. 3000 and the entrance fee decreased in the ratio 3:4, find the number of students that should attend the trip for which the total cost would be unchanged. (3 marks)

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5.  $P$  varies directly as the square of  $Q$  and inversely as  $R$ .
- (a) If  $Q$  increases by 20% and  $R$  decreases by 10%, find the percentage change in  $P$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Given that  $P=2$  when  $R=5$  and  $Q=4$ , find:
- (i) The law connecting  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ . (3 marks)
- (ii) The positive value of  $Q$  when  $P=4.5$  and  $R=5$ . (2 marks)
- (c) Make  $Q$  the subject in the law connecting  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  in (b) (i) above. (2 marks)
6.  $P$  varies directly as the square of  $R$  and inversely as the square root of  $Q$ .
- (a) Find the % change in  $P$  if  $R$  is increased in the ratio 3:2 and  $Q$  is decreased by 19%. (4 marks)
- (b) Given that  $P=7.2$  when  $R=2.4$  and  $Q=1.44$ ,
- (i) Find the equation connecting  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ . (3 marks)
- (ii) Find the value of  $Q$  when  $P=6$  and  $R=1.4$ . (3 marks)
7. Three quantities  $m, n$  and  $p$  are such that  $m$  is directly proportional to the cube of root of  $n$  and  $n$  varies inversely as the square of  $p$ .
- (a) If  $m=1$  when  $n=8$  and  $p=0.6$ , find:
- (i) the relationship between  $m$  and  $n$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) the relationship between  $n$  and  $p$ . (2 marks)
- (iii) the value of  $m$  when  $p = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{15}$ . (3 marks)
- (b) If  $n$  is multiplied by 0.125, find the percentage change in  $p$ . (3 marks)
8. The mass,  $m$  grams of a cylinder varies jointly as the square of its radius,  $r$ , and its height,  $h$ .
- (a) Find the % change in the mass if the radius is trebled and the height is halved. (3 marks)
- (b) Given that  $m=990g$  when  $r=3cm$  and  $h=7cm$ ;
- (i) Find the equation connecting  $m$ ,  $r$  and  $h$  (3 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the value of  $m$  when  $r=3.5cm$  and  $h=5cm$ . (2 marks)
- (c) Taking  $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$ , calculate the density of the cylinder. (2 marks)
9. A quantity  $A$  varies as the square of  $B$ .  $B$  on the other hand, is partly constant and partly varies as the square root of  $C$ .
- (a) Using three constants  $k, m$  and  $n$ , write an expression that relates  $A$  with  $C$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Given that  $A=10$  when  $C=4$ ,  $A=23$  when  $C=9$  and  $A=42$  when  $C=16$ , find the equation connecting  $A$  and  $C$ . (4 marks)
- (c) Find the value of  $C$  when  $A=15.75$ . (3 marks)
10. Two variables  $P$  and  $Q$  are such that  $P$  varies partly as the square of  $Q$  and partly as the inverse of  $Q$ .  
 $P=10.5$  when  $Q=2.5$  and  $P=30.75$  when  $Q=4$ .
- (a) Find the equation connecting  $P$  and  $Q$ . (4 marks)
- (b) Find  $P$  when  $Q=1.5$  (2 marks)
- (c)  $Q$  is directly proportional to the square root of  $R$ , and  $Q=3.04$  when  $R=3.61$ , find:
- (i) The relationship between  $Q$  and  $R$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) The relationship between  $P$  and  $R$ . (2 marks)

## Answers

### Formulae

1.  $n = \frac{ax^2 - m^3w}{1 - m^3}$
2.  $M = \pm \sqrt{\frac{NX^2}{N^2 - X^2}}$
3.  $x = -\frac{3r}{4}$
4.  $R = \sqrt{\frac{A + \pi r^2}{\pi}}$
5.  $t = \frac{xL^2\sqrt{L}}{L^2 + x^2\sqrt{L}}$
6.  $x = \frac{\pm\sqrt{a^2m^2 + b^2m}}{b}$
7.  $h = \frac{E^2 + 0.5x^2}{E^2 + x^2}$
8.  $R = \sqrt[3]{\frac{m^3C}{m^3 - C^3}}$
9.  $b = \pm\sqrt{\frac{a - t^2}{at^2 + 1}}$
10.  $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{mt^3 + b}{nt^3 + ay}$
11.  $k = \frac{1 + 2y}{t^2}$
12.  $c = \frac{A^2b}{\pm\sqrt{A^4 - 1}}$
13.  $x = \frac{2w - 12p^2r}{16p^2 - 1}$
14.  $x = \frac{\pm\sqrt{9L^2y + 4PT}}{2}$
15.  $Q = \frac{T}{\pm\sqrt{T^2 - P^2}}$
16.  $p = \log_A\left(\frac{d^3q - q}{d^3}\right)$
17.  $P = \frac{T}{\pm\sqrt{K - T^2K}}$
18.  $p = \frac{qr}{q + r}$
19.  $p = \log_r(1 + 3q) - 1$
20.  $a^x(a^2 - 1) = a(a - 1)$   
(hint)

### Variation (Section I)

1. Decreased by 29.6%
2.  $s = 2t + 4\sqrt{t}, s = 30$
3.  $131\frac{13}{27}\%$
4.  $m = 20 + 5t^2, m = 265$
5.  $P = \frac{12Q^2}{\sqrt{R}}$
6.  $A = 2B + 4\sqrt{B}, A = 12.58$
7.  $Q = 600 - 10E^2, E = 2.5$
8.  $P = 50 - \frac{3}{Q^2}, P = 49.88$
9.  $y = \frac{900}{x^2}$
10. 23.52
11. Decreased by  $46\frac{2}{3}\%$
12.  $M = 100N + \frac{1}{2}N^2$
13.  $mn = 12$
14. 58.4%
15. 1575
16. 32
17. 37.8125%
18. Decreased by  $87\frac{1}{2}\%$
19. 0.8
20.  $t = \frac{20}{s\sqrt{s}}$

### Variation (Section II)

1. (a)  $R = \frac{16S}{\sqrt{T}}$  (b) (i)  $R = 3840$  (ii) 14.13%
2. (a)  $C = 60n + \frac{300}{n}$  (b) 630 (c) 15
3. (a)  $A = 2B + 4\sqrt{B}$  (b) (i) 96 (ii) 4.41
4. (a) 25000, 400 (b)  $C = 25000 + 400n$  (c) (i) 35000 (ii) 37 (d) 30
5. (a) 60% (b) (i)  $P = \frac{0.625Q^2}{R}$  (ii) 6 (c)  $Q = 4\sqrt{\frac{PS}{10}}$
6. (a) 150 (b) (i)  $P = \frac{1.5R^2}{\sqrt{Q}}$  (ii)  $Q = 0.2401$
7. (a) (i)  $m = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt[3]{n}$  (ii)  $n = \frac{2.88}{P^2}$  (iii) 1.5 (b) 182.84%
8. (a) 350% (b) (i)  $m = 15\frac{5}{7}r^2h$  (ii)  $m = 962.5g$  (c)  $\rho = 5 \text{ g/cm}^3$
9. (a)  $A = k + m\sqrt{C} + nC$  (b)  $A = 2 - 2\sqrt{C} + 3C$  (c) 6.25
10. (a)  $P = 2Q^2 - \frac{5}{Q}$  (b)  $P = 1\frac{1}{6}$  (c)  $P = 5.12R - \frac{3.125}{\sqrt{R}}$