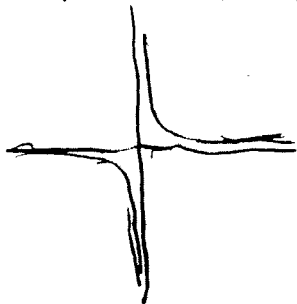


2. What is inverse variation? Explain in detail including equations, graphs, and appropriate vocabulary. Include a specific example.

If variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related by an equation in the form  $y = \frac{k}{x}$  or  $yx = k$  then  $y$  is said to vary inversely with  $x$ . The symbolic form  $xy = k$  shows that the product of  $y$  and  $x$  is constant for any corresponding values of  $x$  and  $y$ . A graph for an inverse variation would be a hyperbola. In a table of values the product of variables is constant. ~~(at  $x$ ,  $y$  is not defined)~~ When explaining an inverse variation you can also say that  $y$  varies inversely with  $x$  and constant of proportionality  $k$  instead of  $y$  is inversely proportional to  $x$  with constant of proportionality  $k$ .

ex:  $s = \frac{500}{t}$  or  $(s)(t) = 500$



x	y
0	Error
1	500
2	250
3	166.66

$-1 \times 500 = 500$

$-2 \times 250 = 500$

$3 \times 166.6 = 500$

at  $x = 0$   
 $y$  is not defined because you can't divide by 0

The average speed varies inversely with the time it takes to complete the race with constant of proportionality 500.