

# Algebra 1A

## Lesson 3.6 Solve Proportions Using Cross Products

### Warm-Up

Solve.

(a)  $2 - x = 8$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \quad -2 \\ -x = 6 \\ \hline -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

$$x = -6$$

(b)  $-6x - 6 + 4x = -x + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x - 6 = -x + 2 \\ +2x \quad +2x \\ -6 = x + 2 \\ -2 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

$$x = -8$$

(c)  $5x - (4x + 1) = -12$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x - 4x - 1 = -12 \\ x - 1 = -12 \\ +1 \quad +1 \end{array}$$

$$x = -11$$

(d)  $-3(x - 2) = x$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x + 6 = x \\ +3x \quad +3x \\ 6 = 4x \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

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

### Cross Product Property

The cross products of a proportion are equal.

If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$  then  $ad = bc$

#### Example

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{3}{4} & = & \frac{6}{8} \\ 3 \cdot 8 & = & 24 \\ 4 \cdot 6 & = & 24 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$2 \cdot 10 = 20$$

$$4 \cdot 5 = 20$$

### Example 1. Use the Cross Product Property

Solve the proportions.

(a)  $\frac{4}{x} = \frac{12}{24}$

~~$\frac{12x}{96}$~~

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$$x = 8$$

(b)

~~$\frac{5m}{6} = \frac{10}{12}$~~

$$\frac{60m}{60} = \frac{60}{60}$$

$$m = 1$$

### Example 2. Solve a Proportion with an Expression

Solve.

(a)  $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{9}{x-4}$

$$9x = 3(x-4)$$

$$9x = 3x - 12$$

$$-3x \quad -3x$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{-12}{6}$$

$$x = -2$$

(b)

~~$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{x-6}{4}$~~

$$5(x-6) = 4x$$

$$5x - 30 = 4x$$

$$-5x \quad -5x$$

$$\frac{-30}{-1} = \frac{-1x}{-1}$$

$$30 = x$$

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$$\frac{40}{4} = \frac{42}{4}$$

$$z = 10$$

### Try It!

(a)  $\frac{4}{y} = \frac{24}{30}$

$$\frac{24y}{24} = \frac{120}{24}$$

$$y = 5$$

(b)  $\frac{8}{12} = \frac{t}{(t+1)}$

$$8(t+1) = 12t$$

$$8t + 8 = 12t$$

$$-8t \quad -8t$$

$$\frac{8}{4} = \frac{4t}{4}$$

$$t = 2$$

(c)  $\frac{24}{(5z+4)(z-1)} = \frac{4}{z-1}$

$$4(5z+4) = 24(z-1)$$

$$20z + 16 = 24z - 24$$

$$-20z \quad -20z$$

$$16 = 4z - 24$$

$$+24 \quad +24$$

### Example 3. Write and Solve a Proportion

A recipe that makes 12 cookies calls for 2 cups of flour. How much flour would be needed to make 30 cookies?

$$\frac{12 \text{ Cookies}}{2 \text{ Cups Flour}} = \frac{30 \text{ Cookies}}{x \text{ Cups Flour}}$$

$$\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{60}{12}$$

$$x = 5$$

You need  
5 cups of  
flour to  
make 30  
cookies.

### Scale Drawings and Scale Models

Scale Drawing - 2D drawing of an object in which the dimensions of the drawing are in proportion to the dimensions of the object

Scale Model - 3D model of an object in which the dimensions of the model are in proportion to the dimensions of the object

### Example 4. Using the Scale on a Map

A map has a scale of 1 in : 1500 ft.

- (a) On the map, Saline and Ann Arbor are 17.25 inches apart. Find the distance between Saline and Ann Arbor in miles.  
(1 mile = 5280 feet).

$$\frac{1 \text{ IN}}{1500 \text{ FT}} = \frac{17.25 \text{ IN}}{x \text{ FT}}$$

$$x = 25875 \text{ FT}$$

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$$25875 \text{ FT} \times \frac{1 \text{ MI}}{5280 \text{ FT}} \approx 4.9 \text{ MILES}$$

- (b) Saline and Milan are 13.75 inches apart on the map. Find the distance between Saline and Milan in miles.

$$\frac{1 \text{ IN}}{1500 \text{ FT}} = \frac{13.75 \text{ IN}}{x \text{ FT}}$$

$$x = 20625 \text{ FT}$$

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$$20625 \text{ FT} \times \frac{1 \text{ MI}}{5280 \text{ FT}} \approx 3.9 \text{ MILES}$$

**Assignment:** Page 171 (4 – 30) even

### Review:

Solve the equation if possible.

1.  $3x + 1 = 5x$       2.  $8 - 2y = 21 - 6y$       3.  $3n = (6 - n)(-3)$

4.  $\frac{1}{2}(14 + 8a) = 9a$       5.  $7 - 6d = 3(5 - 2d)$       6.  $-7(b + 1) = 5(b - 2)$