

9/23 Proportional Relationships
relationship between two quantities
in which the ratio of one quantity
to the other is constant
(equal fractions)

Equation: $y = kx$ $k =$ constant of
proportionality
 $k = y/x$

Graph: a proportional relationship
is a line passing through the origin

Rate of Change: amount of change
in the dependent variable, y , to the
amount of change in the independent
value, x (slope)

Slope: $\frac{\uparrow \text{rise}}{\rightarrow \text{run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Ex: $(2, 3)$, $(5, 7)$ $\frac{7-3}{5-2} = \frac{4}{3}$
 x_1, y_1 x_2, y_2

positive slope
negative slope

Unit rate: a rate with the
second quantity is one unit

in a proportional relationship:
constant of proportionality =
slope = unit rate

To solve for unit rate/slope in a...
Table: ratio of y/x , when $x=1$
 $y =$ unit rate/slope \rightarrow divide

Equation: $y = kx$ $k =$ unit rate/slope

Graph: when it passes through the
origin, look at $x=1$, $y =$ slope/unit rate
or $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ or $\frac{\text{rise} \updownarrow}{\text{run} \rightarrow}$