

# Lesson 4 Proportional and Nonproportional Relationships

Two related quantities are **proportional** if they have a constant ratio between them. If two related quantities do not have a constant ratio, then they are **nonproportional**.

## Example 1

The cost of one CD at a record store is \$12. Create a table to show the total cost for different numbers of CDs. Is the total cost proportional to the number of CDs purchased?

Number of CDs	1	2	3	4
Total Cost	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48

$$\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Number of CDs}} = \frac{12}{1} = \frac{24}{2} = \frac{36}{3} = \frac{48}{4} = \$12 \text{ per CD}$$

Divide the total cost for each by the number of CDs to find a ratio. Compare the ratios.

Since the ratios are the same, the total cost is proportional to the number of CDs purchased.

## Example 2

The cost to rent a lane at a bowling alley is \$9 per hour plus \$4 for shoe rental. Create a table to show the total cost for each hour a bowling lane is rented if one person rents shoes. Is the total cost proportional to the number of hours rented?

Number of Hours	1	2	3	4
Total Cost	\$13	\$22	\$31	\$40

$$\frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Number of Hours}} \rightarrow \frac{13}{1} \text{ or } 13 \quad \frac{22}{2} \text{ or } 11 \quad \frac{31}{3} \text{ or } 10.34 \quad \frac{40}{4} \text{ or } 10$$

Divide each cost by the number of hours.

Since the ratios are not the same, the total cost is nonproportional to the number of hours rented with shoes.

## Exercises

- 1. PICTURES** A photo developer charges \$0.25 per photo developed. Is the total cost proportional to the number of photos developed?

- 2. SOCCER** A soccer club has 15 players for every team, with the exception of two teams that have 16 players each. Is the number of players proportional to the number of teams?

## Lesson 4 Skills Practice

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For Exercises 1–3, use the table of values. Write the ratios in the table to show the relationship between each set of values.

1.	Number of Hours	1	2	3	4
	Total Amount Earned	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60
	Ratios				

2.	Number of Packages	1	2	3	4
	Total Cost	\$11	\$20	\$29	\$38
	Ratios				

3.	Number of Classrooms	1	2	3	4
	Total Students	24	48	72	92
	Ratios				

For Exercises 4–8 use the table of values. Write *proportional* or *nonproportional*.

4.	Number of Hours	1	2	3	4
	Total Amount Earned	\$0.99	\$1.98	\$2.97	\$3.96

5.	Number of Hours	1	2	3	4
	Total Amount Earned	\$17.25	\$35.50	\$50.75	\$70

6.	Number of Hours	1	2	3	4
	Number of Pages Read in Book	37	73	109	145

7.	Number of Lunches	1	2	3	4
	Total Cost	\$2.75	\$5.50	\$8.25	\$11

8. Fred is ordering pies for a family reunion. Each pie costs \$4.50. For orders smaller than a dozen pies, there is a \$5 delivery charge. Is the cost proportional to the number of pies ordered? Use a table of values to explain your reasoning.