## PROBLEM SOLVING

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40. BICYCLES The distance $d$ (in meters) you travel on a bicycle varies directly with the number $r$ of revolutions that the rear tire completes. You travel about 2 meters on a mountain bike for every revolution of the tire.

a. Write a direct variation equation that relates $r$ and $d$.
b. How many meters do you travel in 1500 tire revolutions?

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41. VACATION TIME At one company, the amount of vacation $v$ (in hours) an employee earns varies directly with the amount of time $t$ (in weeks) he or she works. An employee who works 2 weeks earns 3 hours of vacation.
a. Write a direct variation equation that relates $t$ and $v$.
b. How many hours of vacation time does an employee earn in 8 weeks?

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42. LANDSCAPING Landscapers plan to spread a layer of stone on a path. The number $s$ of bags of stone needed depends on the depth $d$ (in inches) of the layer. They need 10 bags to spread a layer of stone that is 2 inches deep. Write a direct variation equation that relates $d$ and $s$. Then find the number of bags needed to spread a layer that is 3 inches deep.
43. TAKS REASONING At a recycling center, computers and computer accessories can be recycled for a fee $f$ based on weight $w$, as shown in the table.
a. Explain why $f$ varies directly with $w$.
b. Write a direct variation equation that relates $w$ and $f$. Find the total recycling fee for a computer that weighs 18 pounds and a printer that weighs

| Weight, $w$ <br> (pounds) | Fee, $\boldsymbol{f}$ <br> (dollars) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 2.50 |
| 15 | 3.75 |
| 30 | 7.50 | 10 pounds.

44. TAKS REASONING You can buy gold chain by the inch. The table shows the price of gold chain for various lengths.

| Length, $\ell$ (inches) | 7 | 9 | 16 | 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Price, $\boldsymbol{p}$ (dollars) | 8.75 | 11.25 | 20.00 | 22.50 |

a. Explain why $p$ varies directly with $\ell$.
b. Write a direct variation equation that relates $\ell$ and $p$. If you have $\$ 30$, what is the longest chain that you can buy?

