

3-9 Proportions

ratio - comparison of 2 numbers (often expressed as a fraction.)

proportion - two equal ratios

Solve

$$\frac{x}{21} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7x = 63 \\ \hline 7 \end{array}$$
$$x = 9$$

$$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{24}{x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x = 168 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$
$$x = 42$$

If a car moving at a constant speed travels 55 miles in 2 hours, how many miles will it travel in 7 hours?

Let $m = \text{miles}$

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$$\frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hours}} = \frac{55}{2} = \frac{m}{7} = \frac{2m}{2} = \frac{385}{2}$$
$$m = 192.5 \text{ miles.}$$