

If two quantities are in **direct proportion**, the following two facts are true:

- There is a multiplicative relationship between them (e.g. if one doubles, the other doubles).
- If one is 0, the other is 0.

If two quantities are in inverse proportion, the following fact is true:

• There is an inverse multiplicative relationship between them (e.g. if one doubles, the other halves).

A **double number line** shows a multiplicative relationship.





(Notice how both these diagrams show the same information.)

## Fingertip facts: what I need to learn by heart

- When working with direct or inverse proportion, I can only multiply or divide.
- To increase a quantity by a percentage, I add the percentage onto 100%, convert this to a decimal and multiply.

o e.g. To increase £40 by 12%, I find 100% + 12% = 112% = 1.12 and calculate £40 × 1.12

- To decrease a quantity by a percentage, I subtract the percentage from 100%, convert this to a decimal and multiply.
  - o e.g. To decrease £40 by 12%, I find 100% 12% = 88% = 0.88 and calculate £40  $\times$  0.88