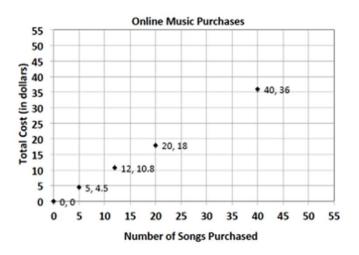
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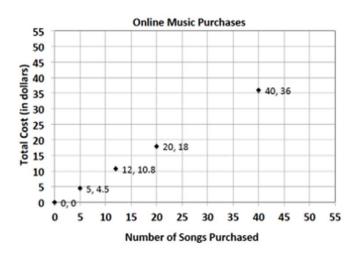
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| Number of Songs Purchased (S) | Total Cost (C) | Constant of Proportionality |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 40 | 36 | $\frac{36}{40} = \frac{9}{10} = 0.9$ |
| 20 | 18 | $\frac{18}{20} = \frac{9}{10} = 0.9$ |
| 12 | 10.80 | $\frac{10.80}{12} = \frac{9}{10} = 0.9$ |
| 5 | 4.50 | $\frac{4.50}{5} = \frac{9}{10} = 0.9$ |

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The constant of proportionality, k, is 0.9.

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$$C=0.9S$$

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Compare the flat fee of \$58 per month to \$0.90 per song. If C = 0.9S and we substitute S with 60 (the number of songs), then the result is C = 0.9(60) = 54. She would spend \$54 on songs if she bought 60 songs. If she maintains the same number of songs, the charge of \$0.90 per song would be cheaper than the flat fee of \$58 per month.

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