

2. If given a table of data:

a. Perform a LINEAR REGRESSION using your calculator:

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### HOW TO PERFORM A LINEAR REGRESSION

Enter Your Data List

- > STAT
- > 1: EDIT
- > Type x values in L1
- > Type y values in L2

EDIT TESTS  
1:Edit...  
2:SortAC  
3:SortDC  
4:ClrList  
5:SetUpEditor

L1	L2	L3	L4

L1(1) =

### Calculate the Linear Regression

- > STAT
- > CALC
- > 4: LinReg(ax + b) ... "a" is actually m (slope)
- > substitute the "a" and "b" values into  $y = ax + b$  to get your equation

EDIT TESTS  
1:1-Var Stats  
2:2-Var Stats  
3:Med-Med  
4:LinReg(ax+b)  
5:QuadReg  
6:CubicReg  
7:QuartReg

LinReg  
 $y = ax + b$   
 $a = 1.637931034$   
 $b = 1.103448276$   
 $r^2 = .9634988438$   
 $r = .9815746756$

### Examples

x	y
5	1
10	2.5
15	4
20	6
25	7
30	8.5
35	11
40	12.5

Age of car (x)	Value of car (y)
0	12,500
1	9,200
2	7,850
4	6,100
8	3,425

Which equation most closely defines the line of best fit for the data?

- A  $y = x + 12,500$   
B  $y = 11,000x - 12,500$   
C  $y = -1000x + 8,000$   
D  $y = -1000x + 11,000$

Which equation defines the line of best fit for the data in the table?

F  $y = \frac{1}{3}x - 10$

H  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$

G  $y = \frac{1}{3}x - 1$

J  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 10$

### Your Turn - Find the line of best fit

1. The table below gives the number of hours spent studying for a science exam (x) and the final exam grade (y).

x	2	5	1	0	4	2	3
y	77	92	70	63	90	75	84

a: 6.0887

b: 63.9274 Line of best fit:  $y = 0.09x + 63.93$

2. The table below shows the lengths and corresponding ideal weights of sand sharks.

x (in.)	60	62	64	66	68	70	72
y (lbs.)	105	114	124	131	139	149	158

a: 4.316

b: -156.14 Line of best fit:  $y = 4.316x - 156.14$

## Making Predictions

Once we have found our line of best fit, we can use that line to make predictions.

Using Your Turn #1 (hours spent studying vs. final exam grade):

a) Line of best fit:  $y = 6.09x + 63.93$

b) Predict the final exam grade for a student who studies:

i. 2.5 hours  
( $x$ )  $y = 6.09(2.5) + 63.93$

The final exam score would be a 79.

ii. 6 hours  
( $x$ )  $y = 6.09(6) + 63.93$

The final exam score would be a 100.

c) If a student earned a 98 on the exam, how many hours did he/she study?  
( $y$ )

$$\begin{array}{r} 98 = 6.09x + 63.93 \\ - 63.93 \end{array}$$

He/She would  
study about  
5.4 hours.

Let's try another:

Using Your Turn #2 (sand sharks):  $y = 4.36x - 156.14$

a) Line of best fit:  $y = 4.36x - 156.14$

b) Predict the weight of a sand shark with a length of:

i. 80 inches  
( $x$ )  $y = 4.36(80) - 156.14$

The sand shark would weigh about 193 lbs.

ii. 105 inches  
( $x$ )  $y = 4.36(105) - 156.14$

The sand shark would weigh about 302 lbs.

c) If a sand shark weighs 250 pounds, what is its length?  
( $y$ )

$$y = 4.36x - 156.14$$

$$250 = 4.36x - 156.14$$

$$+ 156.14 \quad + 156.14$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 406.14 = 4.36x \\ 4.36 \end{array}$$

$$93.15 = x$$

The sand shark's  
length would be  
about 93 inches.