

84 Ways To Find Equations Of Graphs*

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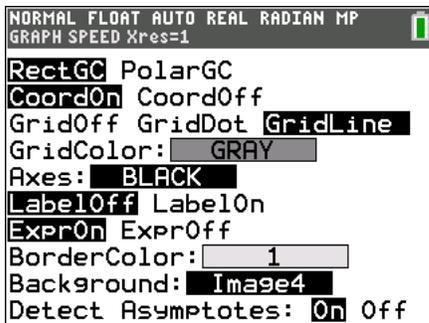
*84 is used as a nominal number as opposed to cardinal.

Activity 1: Use an image and QuickPlot&Fit-EQ to create an equation; then use a grid to create additional equation models and compare representations

1. Prepare your calculator as follows

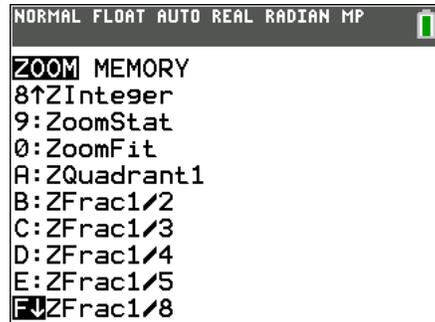
- a. Press **[2nd][format]**.
Use arrow keys to select each and then press **[enter]**:

- GridLine
- GridColor: Gray
- Background: Image4

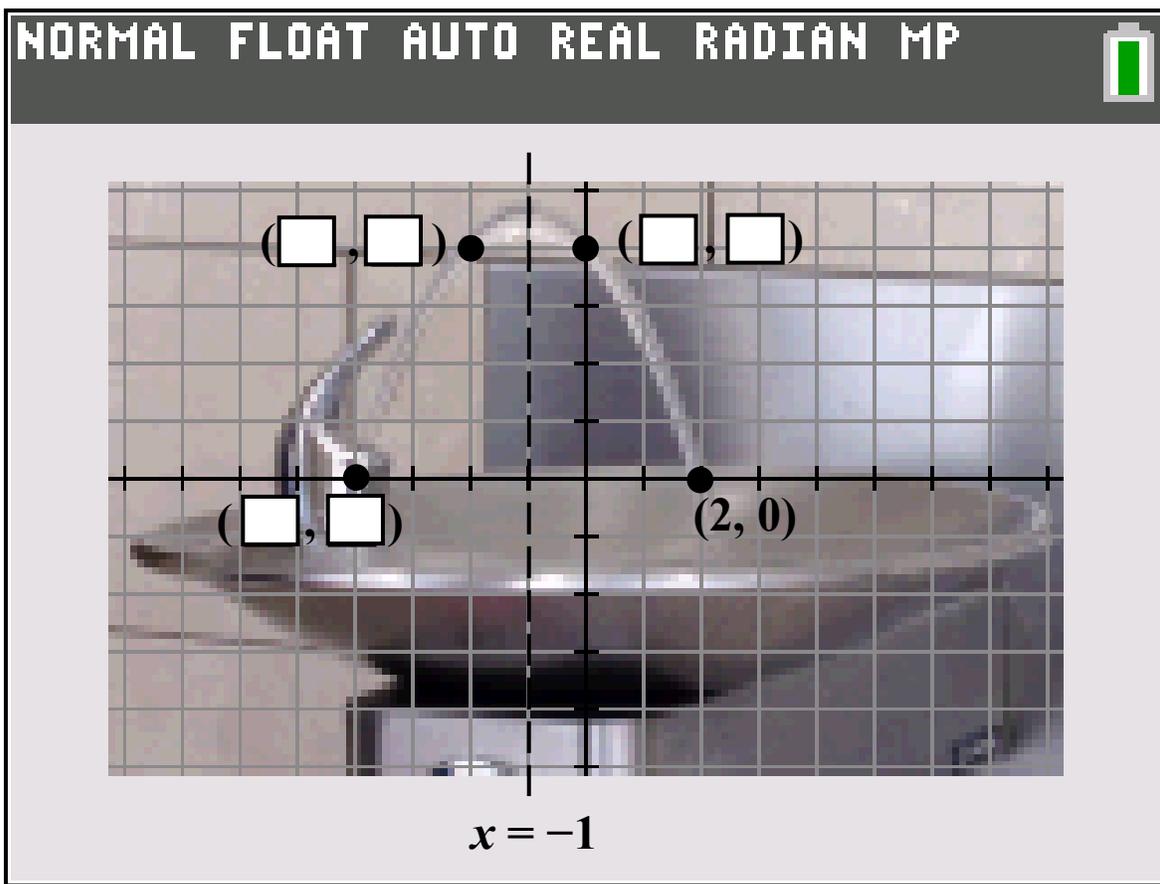


- b. Press **[zoom]**.

- Select ZoomFrac1/8 (press **[↑][↑]**) and press **[enter]** to display a preset window which is *friendly* (pixels are $\Delta x = \Delta y = \frac{1}{16}$ apart when the arrow keys are pressed as you navigate across the screen) as well as *square* (producing a true geometric perspective.)
- If GridLine is selected, a square window with $X_{scl} = Y_{scl}$ will display a square grid instead of an oblong rectangular grid.

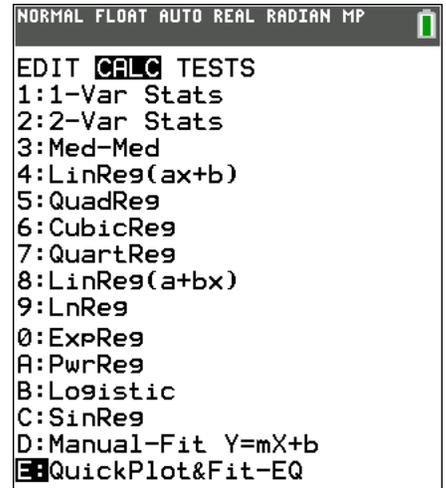
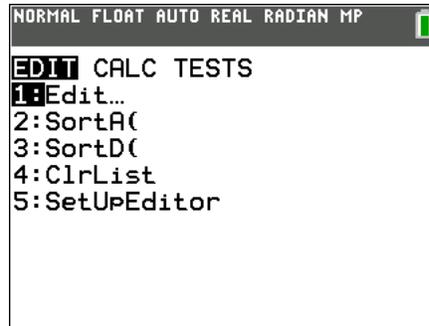


- c. Assume the path of the water fountain passes through $(2, 0)$ and has an axis of symmetry $x = -1$. Complete the boxes in the coordinates below with integers. Utilize symmetry.

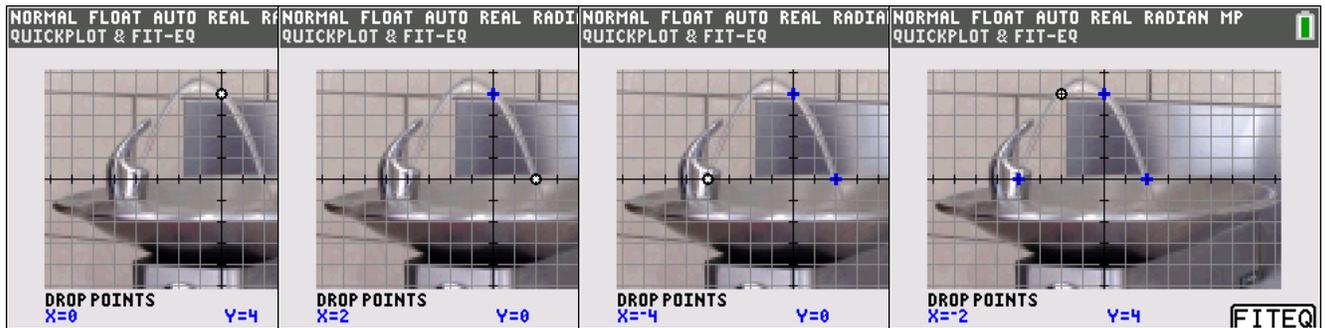


2. The equation of the parabola can be found using analytical techniques given its zeros and additional points in factored form $y = a(x-r)(x-s)$, but we can also use QuickPlot&Fit-EQ to create the equation as follows:

a. Press **[stat]**. Use the right arrow **[▶]** and the up arrow **[▲]** to select QuickPlot&Fit-EQ and press **[enter]**.

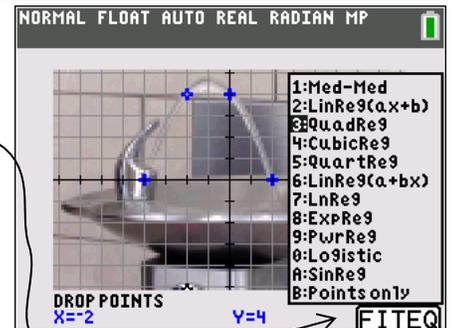
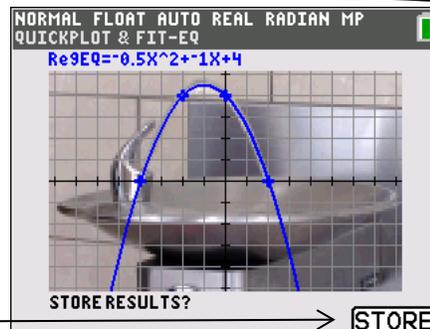


b. Use the arrow keys to move your cursor to the four points shown in Question 1c, pressing **[enter]** to drop points. Be sure to drop points on the integer values.



c. Press the hard **[graph]** key to select the FITEQ. Then select 3: QuadReg.

d. Press the hard **[graph]** key to select **[STORE]**.



e. On the pop-up spinner select OK.

Press **[enter]**.

f. For this window, use what you know about quadratics to find equations in each form using the templates below.

Factored form: $y = \square(x - \square)(x + \square)$

Vertex form: $y = \square(x - \square)^2 + \square$

If you enter these equations into Y2 and Y3, you can check your equations are equivalent by comparing coordinates in both the graphs and tables.

3. Suppose we shift the axes horizontally to the right 2 units so that the water falls through the origin as in the image to the right.



- a. Deselect any equations. Turn off Plot1.
- Press $\boxed{y=}$ and sit your cursor on top of the equals sign.
 - Press $\boxed{\text{enter}}$ to deselect.
- b. Shift the axes horizontally.
- Use $X_{\min} = -10.25$, $X_{\max} = 6.25$.
 - Alternatively, you could also subtract 2 from X_{\min} and X_{\max} in the ZFrac1/8 window.

Report the equations of the parabola for this set of axes in both factored form and vertex form below in Question 6.

4. Suppose we reset the window to ZoomFrac1/8, then shift the axes horizontally to the left 4 units so that the water rises through the origin as shown to the right.



- a. Deselect any equations as in 3a.
- b. Shift the axes horizontally.
- Use $X_{\min} = -4.25$, $X_{\max} = 12.25$.
 - Alternatively, you could also add 4 to X_{\min} and X_{\max} after resetting the ZFrac1/8 window.

Report the equations of the parabola for this set of axes in both factored form and vertex form below in Question 6.

5. Suppose we reset the window to ZoomFrac1/8, then shift the axes horizontally so that $x = 0$ is the axis of symmetry.



- a. Deselect any equations as in 3a.
- b. Shift the axes horizontally.
- Use $X_{\min} = -7.25$, $X_{\max} = 9.25$.
 - Alternatively, you could also add 1 to X_{\min} and X_{\max} in the ZFrac1/8 window.

Report the equations of the parabola for this set of axes in both factored form and vertex form below in Question 6.

6. Compare the formulas in Questions 2e, 3, 4, and 5.

Equations in original ZoomFrac1/8 window in 2c:

$$f(x) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}(x - \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})^2 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Equations in ZoomFrac1/8 window shifted right 2 in #3:

$$y = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Equations in ZoomFrac1/8 window shifted left 4 in #4:

$$y = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

Equations in ZoomFrac1/8 window shifted left 1 in #5:

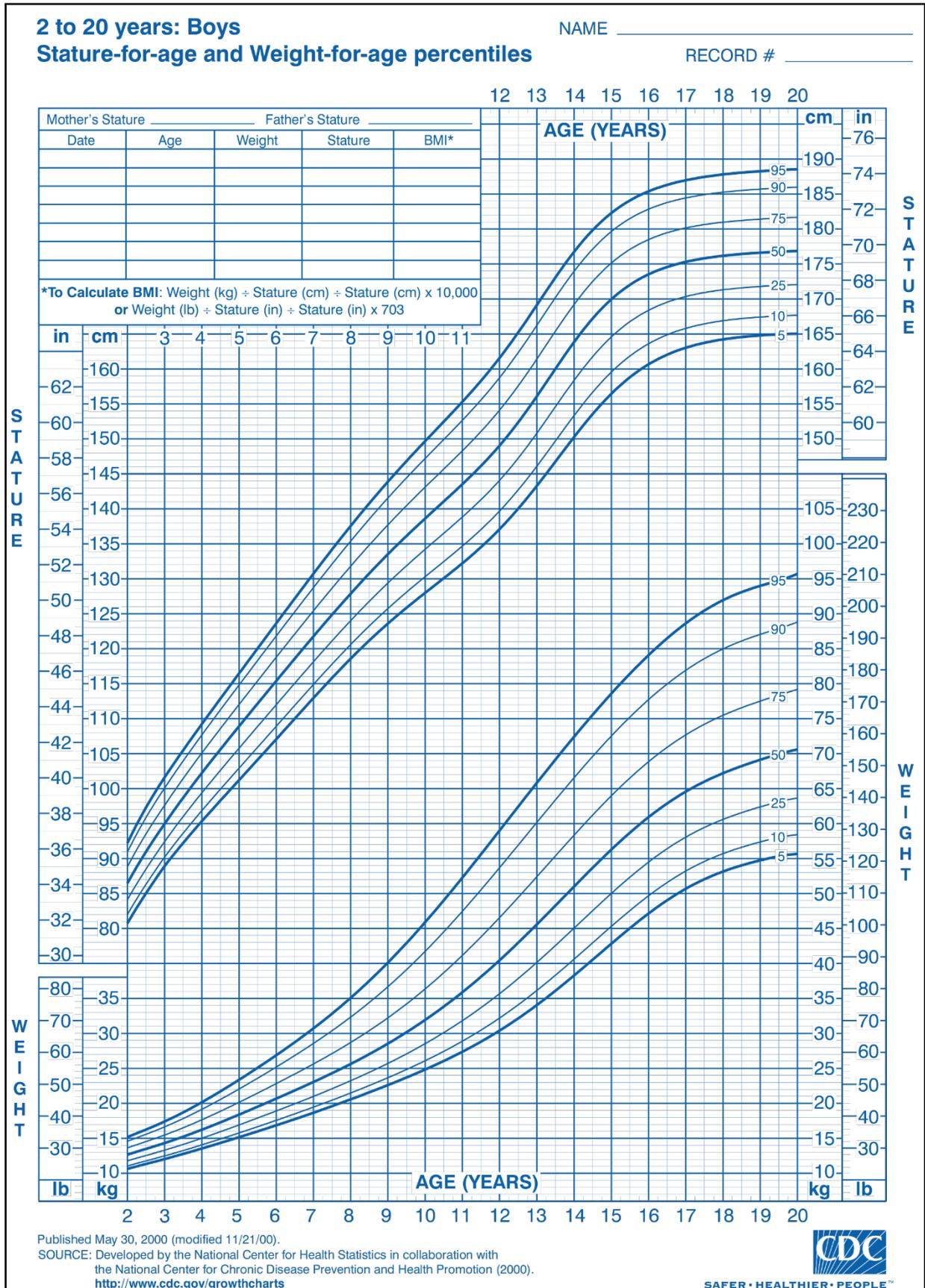
$$y = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

7. a. Which choice of axes do you prefer? Why?
- b. What parameters are *the same* in each of your equations? Why would this be reasonable? For the parameters that are the same, indicate what each represents in terms of the graph.

We chose this viewing window to demonstrate how QuickPlot&Fit-EQ can give us the same results as an analytical approach. When analytical techniques are less practical (we rarely get nice integer values for sample data points), QuickPlot&Fit-EQ can still be used!

Activity 2: Use Δ List to find *and* create equations

The following growth chart for U.S. boys is available for download at <https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc-charts.htm> (Similar charts are available for girls, for newborns to 2 year olds, and for other countries. We picked U.S. boys for the purpose of **Activity 4.**)



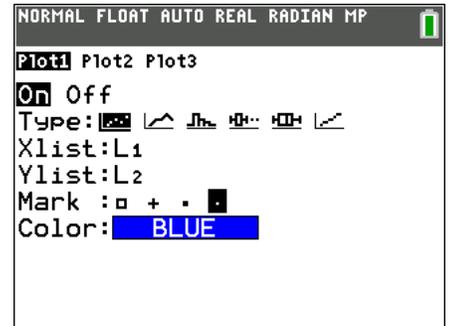
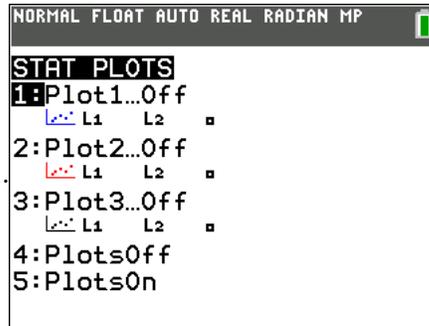
You can download the data to produce the smooth curves at <https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc-data-files.htm>. See the **Appendix 2** of this handout to import a .csv file to your graphing calculator as a list or a matrix. Once it is in a list, we can send the data to a set of calculators following the steps in **Appendix 3**.

Press **[stat]** 1:Edit to view the data for a boy's height (cm) vs age (months) in the **95th percentile**.

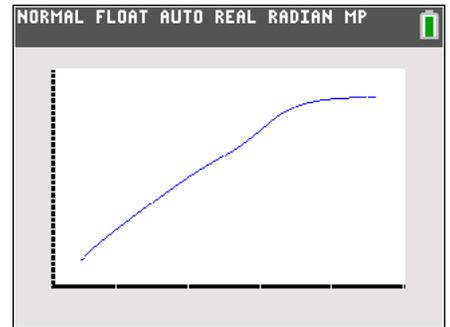
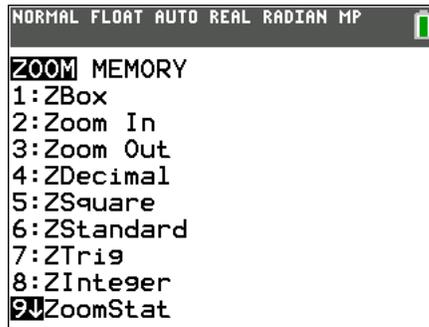
From the CDC Website: "1.5 months represents 1.0-1.99 months or 1.0 month up to but not including 2.0 months of age."

1. Once you have the data in your TI-84CE, display a plot of age (months) in L1 and height (cm) in L2 for males in the 95th percentile.

- Press **[2nd]**[format], turn off gridlines and background image, and clear all equations in the **[y=]** menu. Alternatively, perform a "soft reset" as shown in the **Appendix 1**. If you do a soft reset regularly, the following may become familiar: "**[2nd]** **[mem]** **[7]** **[2]** **[2]**."



- Press **[2nd]** **[stat plot]**.
- Press **[enter]** to select Plot 1.
- Turn Plot 1 on and select a Mark.



- Press **[zoom]**.
- Select 9: ZoomStat.
- Press **[enter]**.

When working with students, you may wish to ask students to manually set the window based on the graph on the growth chart on the previous page.

2. Create the list $L3 = \Delta List(L2)$.

Method 1: Use the Stat Editor

- Press **[stat]** 1:Edit
- Sit your cursor on the top of L3.
- Press **[enter]**.
- Press **[2nd]** **[list]**.
- Press the right arrow **[▶]** to OPS and select 7: $\Delta List$ (
- Press **[2nd]** **[L2]** to select L2.
- Press **[enter]**.

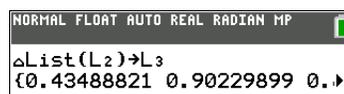
L1	L2	L3
24	92.197	-----
24.5	92.632	
25.5	93.534	
26.5	94.409	
27.5	95.258	
28.5	96.081	
29.5	96.882	
30.5	97.66	
31.5	98.418	
32.5	99.155	
33.5	99.874	

NAMES	OPS	MATH
1:SortA(
2:SortD(
3:dim(
4:Fill(
5:seq(
6:cumSum(
7: $\Delta List$ (
8:Select(
9:augment(

L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	3
24	92.197	-----	-----	-----	
24.5	92.632				
25.5	93.534				
26.5	94.409				
27.5	95.258				
28.5	96.081				
29.5	96.882				
30.5	97.66				
31.5	98.418				
32.5	99.155				
33.5	99.874				

Method 2: Use the **[sto→]** Command on the Calculator Home Screen

- Press **[2nd]** **[quit]** to go to the calculator home screen.
- Press **[2nd]** **[list]**. Press the right arrow **[▶]** to OPS and select 7: $\Delta List$ (
- Press **[2nd]** **[L2]** **[)]** to select L2. Press **[sto→]**.
- Press **[2nd]** **[L3]** **[)]** to select L3. Press **[enter]**.



L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	3
24	92.197	0.4349	-----	-----	
24.5	92.632	0.9023			
25.5	93.534	0.8748			
26.5	94.409	0.8487			
27.5	95.258	0.8239			
28.5	96.081	0.8005			
29.5	96.882	0.7783			
30.5	97.66	0.7573			
31.5	98.418	0.7376			
32.5	99.155	0.719			
33.5	99.874	0.7017			

- What are the units of the data in L3?
- Suppose we created the list $L4 = \Delta List(L1)$. What would be the units of the data in L4?
- Suppose we created the list $L5 = L3/L4$. What would be the units of the data in L5? Discuss what L5 represents.

4. From the CDC: “1.5 months represents 1.0-1.99 months or 1.0 month up to but not including 2.0 months of age.” This means, for this data set, 48.5 months represents the data for a 4 year old boy. In the 95th percentile, how fast is a boy at that age growing? Report to 2 decimal places.

- a. _____ cm per month or _____ in per month or _____ ft per month.
 b. _____ cm per year or _____ in per year or _____ ft per year.

L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	1
44.5	107.06	0.6204			
45.5	107.68	0.6173			
46.5	108.3	0.6144			
47.5	108.91	0.6119			
48.5	109.52	0.6097			
49.5	110.13	0.6077			
50.5	110.74	0.606			
51.5	111.35	0.6046			
52.5	111.95	0.6033			
53.5	112.55	0.6022			
54.5	113.16	0.6013			

L1(26)= 48.5

TIP: As a reference, typical smart phones are about 7 – 8 cm wide or the length of three U.S. quarters that are placed side by side.

5. The Last Answer (Ans) command allows you to reuse the result of the most recent calculation in subsequent operations. It is automatically updated with each press of the **enter** key. Use the calculator home screen and the last Answer command to create a recursive formula modeling the monthly growth of a boy in the 95th percentile starting at age 4.

- Press **2nd** [quit] to go to the calculator home screen.
- Type 109.52 **enter** for the initial output.
- Press **2nd**[ans] **+** 0.61 **enter** to build the expression.
- Continue to press **enter** repeatedly.

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP	
109.52	109.52
Ans+0.61	110.13
Ans+0.61	110.74

Doing the above enables us to build a table of *outputs* on the calculator home screen. Wouldn't it be awesome to include the *inputs* as well? See the next item.

6. To create a table on the HOME SCREEN of both inputs and outputs, use a list.

- Press **2nd** [quit] to go to the calculator home screen if not there already.
- Press **2nd**[{] 48.5 [,] 109.52 **2nd**[}] **enter** for the initial row.

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP	
{48.5, 109.52}	{48.5 109.52}

- Type the next row as shown at right. Press **enter**.
- Continue to press **enter** repeatedly.

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP	
{48.5, 109.52}	{48.5 109.52}
{Ans(1)+1, Ans(2)+0.61}	{49.5 110.13}

- Compare with the data in L1 and L2.

Write this as a set of recursive equations:

$h_1 =$ _____
 $h_{n+1} =$ _____

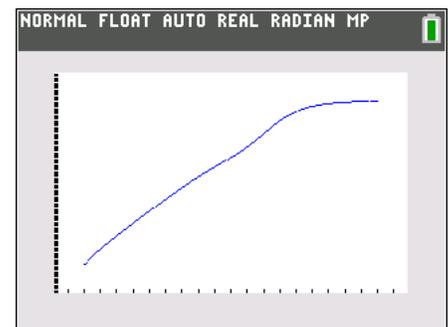
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{48.5, 109.52}	{48.5 109.52}
{Ans(1)+1, Ans(2)+0.61}	{49.5 110.13}
{Ans(1)+1, Ans(2)+0.61}	{50.5 110.74}
{Ans(1)+1, Ans(2)+0.61}	{51.5 111.35}

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP					
L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	1
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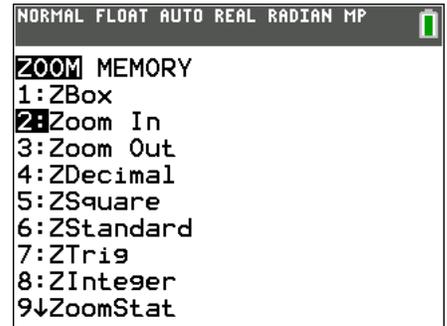
L1(26)= 48.5

7. Press **y=** and enter an equation that represents the monthly growth chart, in cm, of a boy in the 95th percentile.

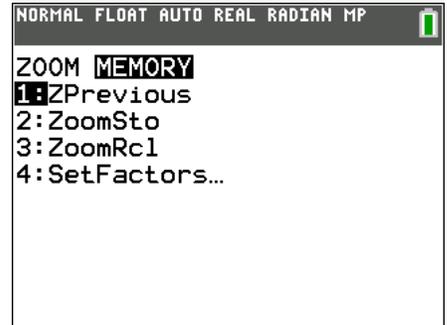
a. Report your equation: $y =$ $(x - 48.5) +$



- b. Zoom in to explore the goodness of fit:
- Press **zoom** 2: Zoom In.
 - Move your cursor so it's anywhere on the scatterplot and press **enter**. This will be the center of the new viewing window.



Press **zoom** 9: ZoomStat **enter** to return to the previous window. Or you can use the right arrow and press 1: ZPrevious.



Press **2nd****[tblset]** to make the table settings as follows: →



Press **2nd****[table]** to get a numerical look at this model.

X	Y1			
0	?			
1	80.545			
2	81.155			
3	81.765			
4	82.375			
5	82.985			
6	83.595			
7	84.205			
8	84.815			
9	85.425			
10	86.035			

X=0

Use your table to complete the boxes.

Report your equation: $y = \boxed{}x + \boxed{}$

- c. Discuss how good the equation fits the data by completing the boxes in the statement below with integers.

The model fits the data very well for ages years (months)
to
 years (months).

Activity 3: Robert Wadlow, “The Alton Giant”(1918-1940) The Tallest Man Who Ever Lived

(Guinness Book of World Records & <http://www.altonweb.com/history/wadlow/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqqFc7ggU40> (71 seconds)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhtHIB-FK44> (2.5 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8tsfEBOUP4> (32 seconds)



Robert Wadlow with his father. Harold Wadlow.

Harold is 5' 11.5". How tall is Robert?

How old was he when this picture was taken?

Hint: Use proportional reasoning to determine his height.

Robert Wadlow was born in Alton, Ohio. According to the [altonweb website](http://www.altonweb.com), his abnormal growth rate was caused by an overactive pituitary gland that produced too much growth hormone. Because of his weight, he needed special braces on his legs. An infection caused by chafing of the braces led to an early death at age 22. It is not likely this height record will ever be broken because there now is medication to control this condition.

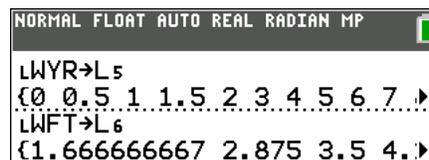
You can acquire the following data at https://guinness-world-records.fandom.com/wiki/Robert_Wadlow#Height_chart

Age	Height	Size of
Birth	1 ft 8 in (0.51 m)	Average newborn
6 months	2 ft 10½ in (0.88 m)	2-year-old
1 year	3 ft 6 in (1.07 m)	5-year-old
18 months	4 ft 3¼ in (1.30 m)	8-year-old
2 years	4 ft 6¼ in (1.38 m)	10-year-old
3 years	4 ft 11 in (1.50 m)	12-year-old
4 years	5 ft 3 in (1.60 m)	14-year-old
5 years	5 ft 6½ in (1.69 m)	15-year-old
6 years	5 ft 7 in (1.70 m)	Height of average adult male (global average).
7 years	5 ft 10 in (1.78 m)	Height of average adult male in the United States.
8 years	6 ft 0 in (1.83 m)	Height of average adult male in the Netherlands.
9 years	6 ft 2½ in (1.89 m)	
10 years	6 ft 5 in (1.96 m)	
11 years	6 ft 11 in (2.11 m)	
12 years	7 ft 0 in (2.13 m)	
13 years	7 ft 4 in (2.24 m)	
14 years	7 ft 5 in (2.26 m)	
15 years	7 ft 10 in (2.39 m)	
16 years	8 ft 1¼ in (2.47 m)	
17 years	8 ft 3 in (2.51 m)	
18 years	8 ft 4 in (2.54 m)	
19 years	8 ft 6½ in (2.60 m)	
20 years	8 ft 7¼ in (2.62 m)	
21 years	8 ft 8 in (2.64 m)	
22.4 years	8 ft 11.1 in (2.72 m)	

- The above data can be typed directly into the lists, or you can create a CSV file from the data on the website and send it to students' calculators. We sent this data to you in list **LWYR**, years, and list **LWFT**, feet, created from the CSV file.

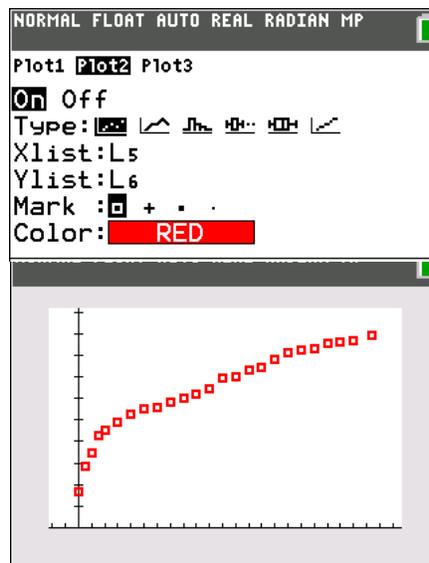
Using years and feet has an advantage of familiarity to our standard units.

For convenience, copy the data sent to you into lists L5 and L6.



- Create a plot of the data in Plot 2.

- Clear all data in the Y= menu.
- Press **2nd** [stat plot].
- Press **enter** to select Plot 1. Select Off to turn off Plot 1.
- Select Plot 2. Select On. Then change Xlist and Ylist to L5 and L6. For Type, select the scatterplot icon.
- Select a Mark.
- Choose an appropriate Window or Press **zoom**. Select 9: ZoomStat. Press **enter**.
- Adjust the window if desired so both axes are displayed.



3. From age 2 until he died at 22, the data points lie almost in a straight line. What does this imply? What does this tell us about Wadlow's rate of growth? (i.e. what function family is most representative of the shape of the scatterplot?)
4. Explore all the ways can you find a linear equation that model's Wadlow's growth from age 2.
 - algebraically using appropriate coordinates.
 - using regression analysis.
 - using Quickplot&Fit-EQ
 - using Manual-Fit.
5. Interpret the slope of this line of best fit. What does it tell you about Robert Wadlow?
6. Use your equation to predict Wadlow's height if he'd lived to be 25. How about 35?
7. Predict if and/or when he would reach 10 feet tall.
8. Interpret the y -intercept for this model. What does it imply about Wadlow? Is this a reasonable assumption? If not, does it mean the model is not a good model? Why or why not?
9. Critique the claim on the Website https://guinness-world-records.fandom.com/wiki/Robert_Wadlow at age 13: "World's tallest Boy Scout, averaging a growth of 4 inches (10 cm) per year since birth."

Activity 4: How Does Wadlow's Growth Chart Compare to a Boy in the 95th Percentile in the United States?

1. To show both Wadlow's yearly height and the height of a boy in the 95th percentile, we must convert units.

One option is to convert L1 and L2.

- a. Convert months in L1 to years and store in L3.

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NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP
L1/12→L3
{2 2.041666667 2.125 2.20▶
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- b. Convert cm in L2 to feet and store in L4.

$$\text{cm} \cdot \frac{1\text{ft}}{2.54\text{cm}} \cdot \frac{12\text{in}}{1\text{ft}}$$

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NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP
L1/12→L3
{2 2.041666667 2.125 2.20▶
L2/2.54/12→L4
{3.051924357 3.066247713 ▶
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- c. Press **2nd** [stat plot].

- Press **enter** to select Plot 1. Select On.
- Then change Xlist and Ylist to L3 and L4.
- Press **zoom**. Select 9: ZoomStat.

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NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP
STAT PLOTS
1:Plot1...On
  L3 L4
2:Plot2...On
  L5 L6
3:Plot3...Off
  L1 L2
4:PlotsOff
5:PlotsOn
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2. Answer the question in the title of this activity.

Answers to Activity Questions

Answers to Activity 1

1c. These coordinates are shown in step 2b.

2f. $y = -0.5(x - 2)(x + 4)$

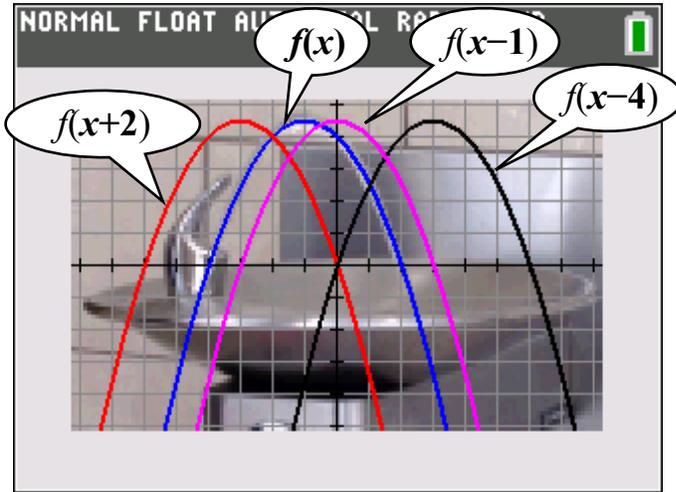
$y = -0.5(x + 1)^2 + 4.5$

6. Equations in original ZoomFrac1/8 window in 2c: $f(x) = -0.5(x - 2)(x + 4) = -0.5(x + 1)^2 + 4.5$

Axes in ZoomFrac1/8 window is shifted right 2 in #3: $y = -0.5(x)(x + 6) = -0.5(x + 3)^2 + 4.5 = f(x + 2)$

Axes in ZoomFrac1/8 window is shifted left 4 in #4: $y = -0.5(x - 6)(x) = -0.5(x - 3)^2 + 4.5 = f(x - 4)$

Axes in ZoomFrac1/8 window is shifted left 1 in #5: $y = -0.5(x - 3)(x + 3) = -0.5(x)^2 + 4.5 = f(x - 1)$



7a. The choice of axes is personal taste, but in practice, translation of the axes can significantly simplify a problem and its resulting equation. Typically a favorite choice is to have the vertex of the parabola located on the y-axis.

7b. Each equation has the same **leading coefficient**, -0.5 . This value is the **compression factor** of the parabola. This is reasonable since each parabola **has the same shape**.

In vertex form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$, each equation has the **same k value**, 4.5 . This value is the **maximum height** of the parabola. This is reasonable since each parabola was only **translated horizontally** and not vertically

Answers to Activity 2

3a. The data in L3 is the differences in successive heights, the units are cm.

3b. The data in L4 is the differences in successive ages, the units are months

3c. The data in L5 is the average rate of change of the boy's height, in cm per month.

4a. 0.61 cm per month or 0.24 inches per month or 0.02 ft per month.

4b. 7.32 cm per year or 2.88 inches per year or 0.24 feet per year.

6. We can write this as a set of recursive equations: $h_1 = 109.52$
 $h_{n+1} = h_n + 0.61$

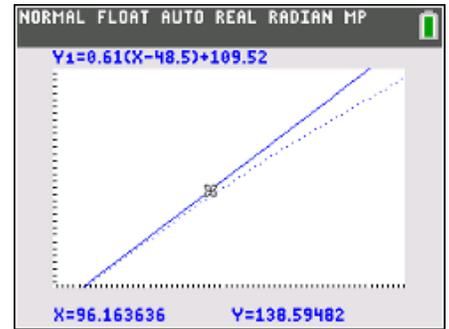
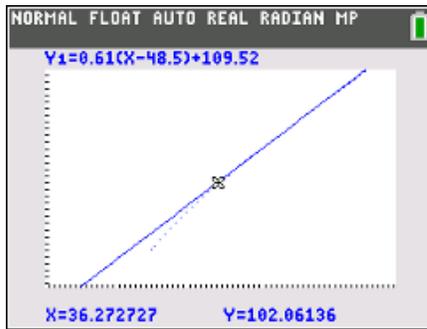
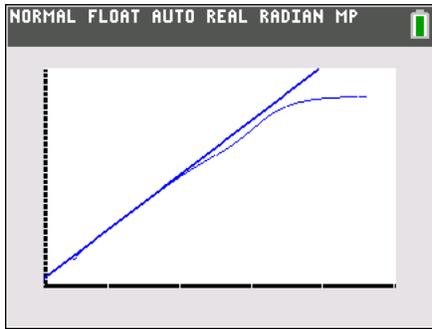
7a. $y = 0.61(x - 48.5) + 109.52$

7b. $y = 0.61x + 79.935$

X	Y1			
0	79.935			
1	80.545			
2	81.155			
3	81.765			
4	82.375			
5	82.985			
6	83.595			
7	84.205			
8	84.815			
9	85.425			
10	86.035			

X=0

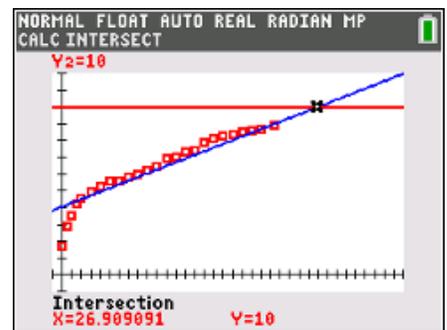
7c. The model fits the data very well for ages 3 years (36 months) to 8 years (96 months)



Extrapolation of the linear model to a birth height of 79.935 cm \approx 31.47 inches \approx 2.6 feet would be science fiction.

Answers to Activity 3

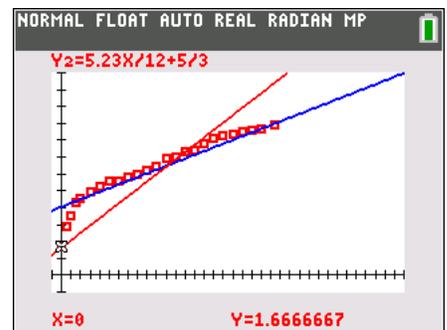
- 3. It implies that his growth rate is linear. It implies that he grew at a constant rate.
- 4. algebraically, using $f(2)$ and $f(22.4)$, we get $f(x)=0.22(x-2) + 4.52$
- 5. Wadlow grew at an average rate of 0.22 feet per year (2.64 inches/year)
- 6. $f(25) = 9.58$ feet tall $f(35) = 11.78$ feet tall.



Window: [-1, 36] by [-1,12]

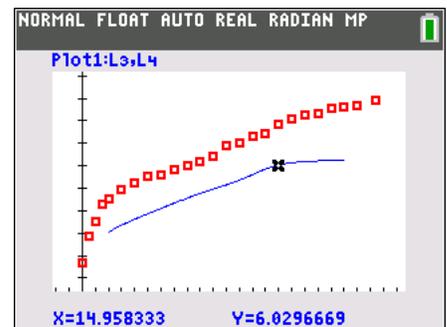
- 8. The y-intercept of the model implies that Wadlow was 4.52 feet tall at birth. No, it is not a reasonable assumption (just ask any mother). The model is still a good model, but it applies only between ages 2 and 22. This is a great example of the dangers of using models to simulate data. We must be careful about extrapolating beyond the domain of the given data.

- 9. Not sure where they got this result. If we assume a linear rate of growth from 0 to 13, he grew 68 inches in 13 years. This is about 5.23 inches per year (so Guinness's claim of 4 inches per year actually is too little). It's important to note that at birth his height was normal (20 inches), but he grew during his first 2 years at an especially fast rate. (17 inches per year). We can create the equation of a line with slope 5.23/12 ft per year through (0, 5/3) to compare this model with the data.



Answers to Activity 4

- 2. Between ages 2 and 15, his growth rate is about average (note that the graphs of Wadlow and a boy in the 95th percentile are almost parallel between ages 2 and 15).



Appendices

Appendix 1: Perform a “Soft Reset” on Your TI-84 Plus Family Calculator

A “soft reset” (also called Resetting Defaults) restores your calculator to the original settings it had when you first took it out of the box, but it will not delete any stored data (equations, lists, programs, etc.)

- Mode settings
- Y= Functions off
- Plot settings off
- Viewing Window returns to standard $[-10, 10]$ by $[-10, 10]$
- Format settings
- **rand** seed value set to 0

Use a soft reset before beginning an activity if a previous class has used the same set of calculators.

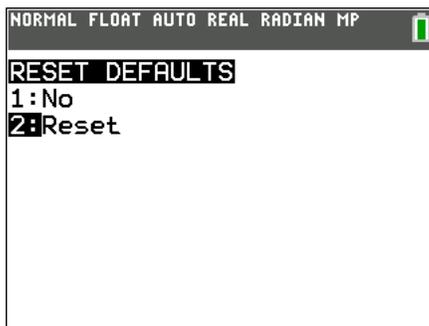
1. Press **2nd** [mem].

2. Press **7** to select **Reset...**

The three periods indicates that this door has more behind it and is not the end of the journey yet...

3. Press **2** to select **Defaults...**

4. Press **2** to select **Reset.**



If interested in more, [here is a youtube video](#) about memory management.

Appendix 2: Use TI-Connect to Import a CSV File and Convert to Lists

You will need your standard-A to mini-B USB cable and TI Connect™ CE software (available for free at education.ti.com).



1. Create (or download) a spreadsheet of data.

Be sure the following is true of your spreadsheet.

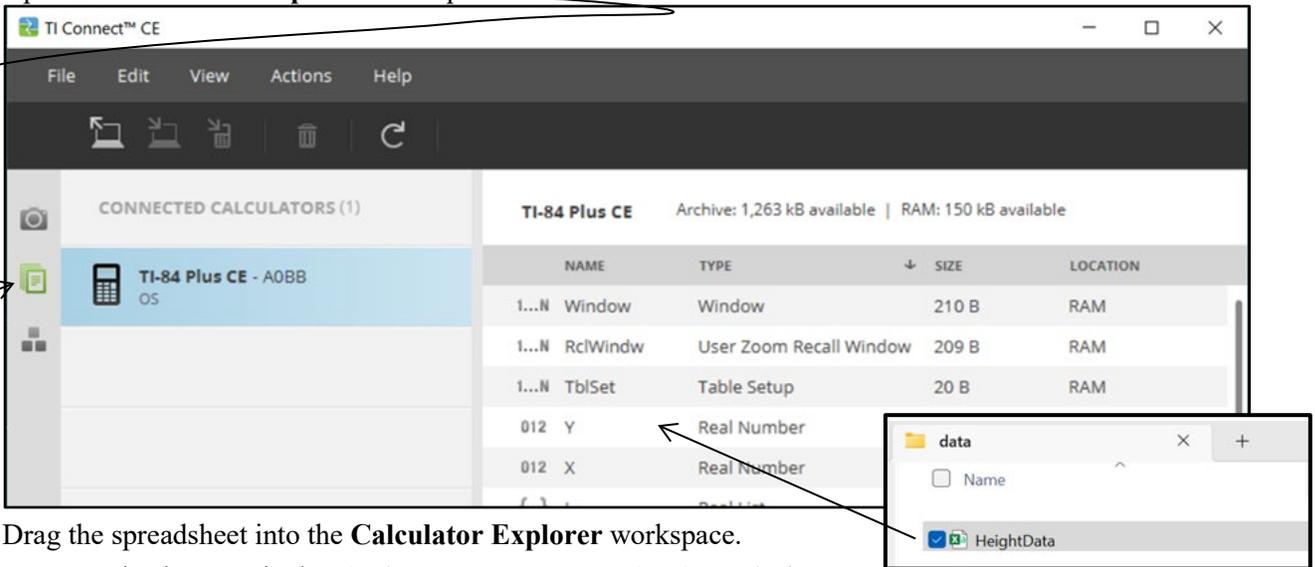
- Only decimal real numbers or integers are allowed. No complex numbers. No text in any cell.
- No numbers can contain a comma.
- Data must start in cell A1.

2. Save your spreadsheet as a *.csv file.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	24	92.19688	0	1.666667	
2	24.5	92.63177	0.5	2.875	
3	25.5	93.53407	1	3.5	
4	26.5	94.40885	1.5	4.270833	
5	27.5	95.25754	2	4.520833	
6	28.5	96.08149	3	4.916667	
7	29.5	96.88198	4	5.25	

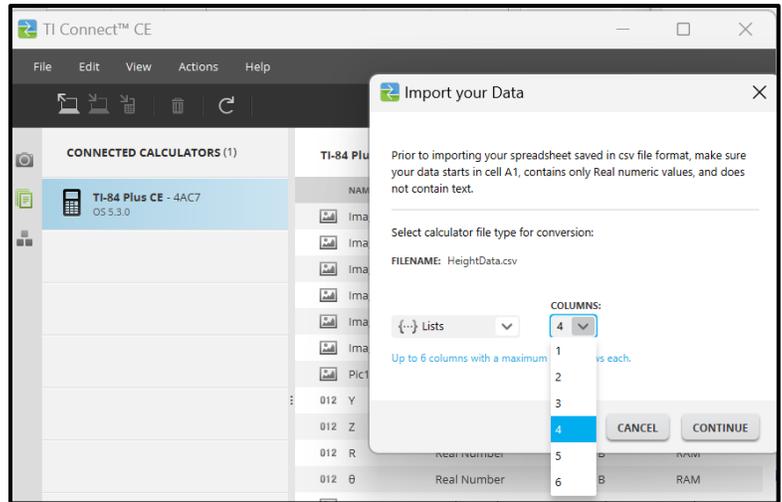
3. Import as follows:

- Connect the TI-84 Plus CE to the computer using the standard-A to mini-B USB cable.
- Turn on the graphing calculator.
- Launch the TI Connect™ CE software on your computer.
- Open the **Calculator Explorer** workspace.

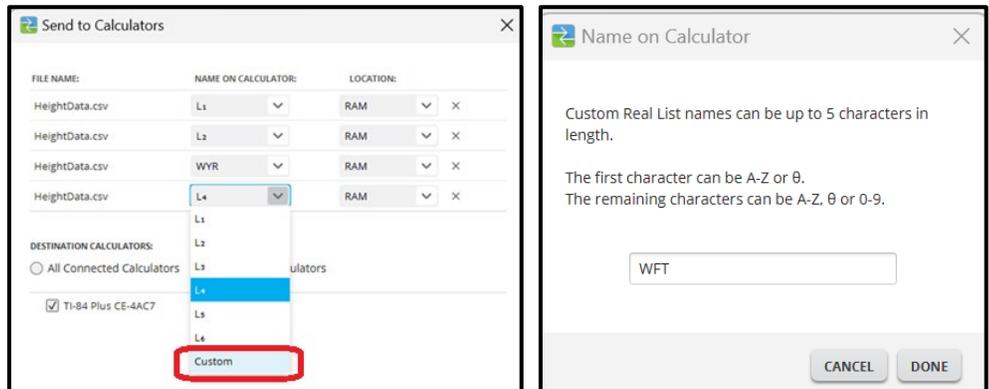


- Drag the spreadsheet into the **Calculator Explorer** workspace. You can also import via the **Actions > Import Data (.csv) to List/Matrix...** menu.

- Follow the prompts on the dialogue box to specify how many columns are in the spreadsheet.



- Decide which lists on the calculator will receive the data in each column. You can use L1 through L6 or named lists.



4. Click **Send**.

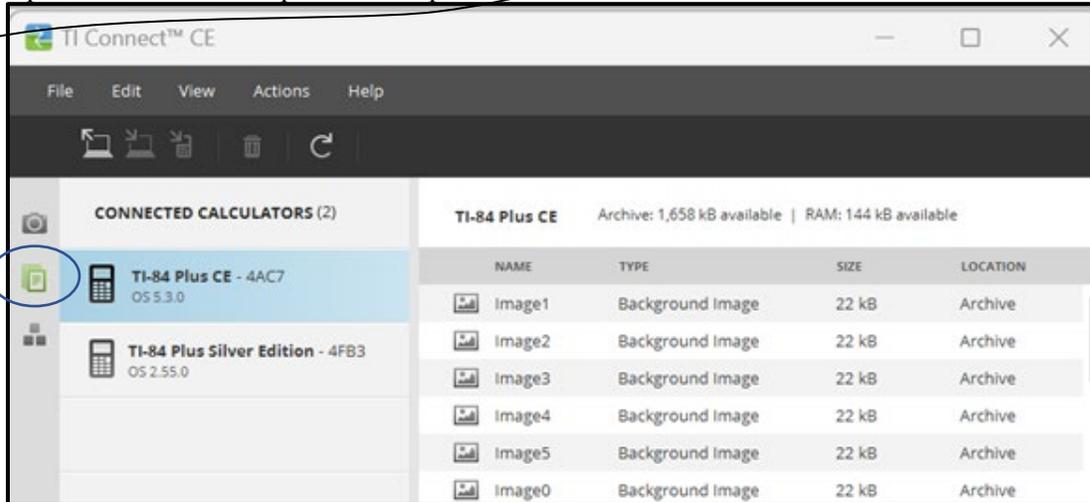
- 5. To save your lists that you created to the computer, drag the lists from the Calculator Explorer to the desired computer location.

Appendix 3: Use TI-Connect to Send Files from a Computer to a Set of Calculators

The TI Connect™ CE software allows you to simultaneously connect multiple TI-8x graphing calculator as long as the calculator has a USB port. For calculators an I/O port only use TI Connect™ 4.0.

1. Connect the calculator(s) to the computer.

- Turn the calculator(s) on.
- Open the Calculator Explorer workspace.

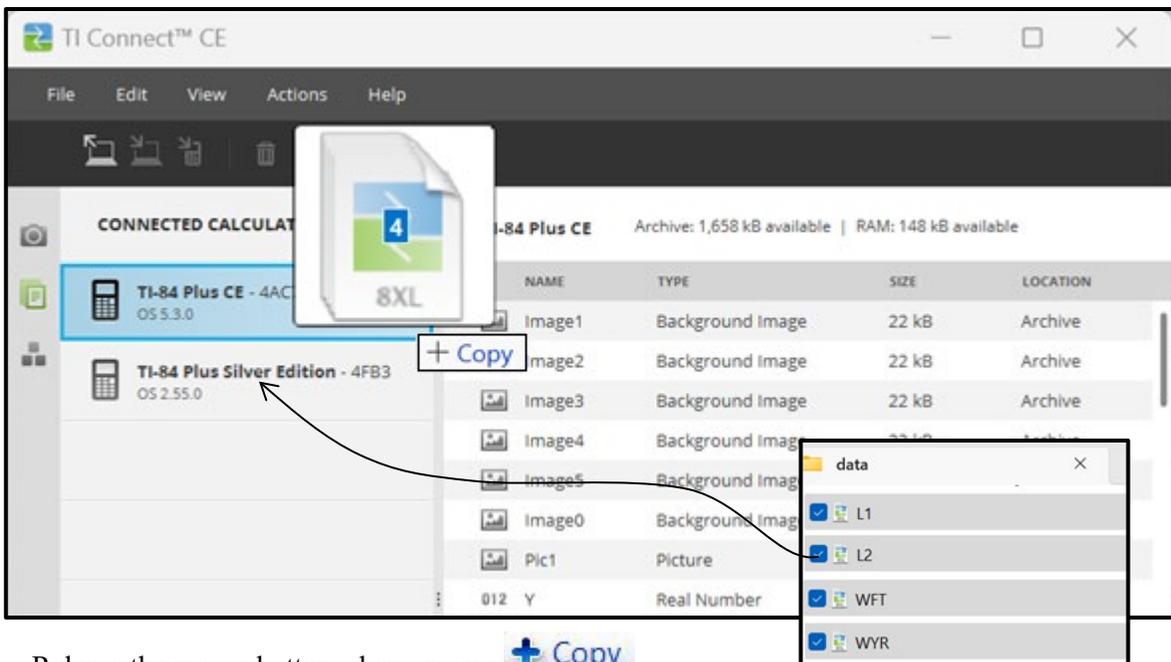


- Be sure the calculators appear in the Calculator List Panel. Notice they are not the same TI-8X model which is OK. If you don't see a connected calculator on the Calculator List Panel, turn the calculator on.
- Be sure the Explorer Workspace icon  is selected.

2. Locate the desired file(s) on your computer.

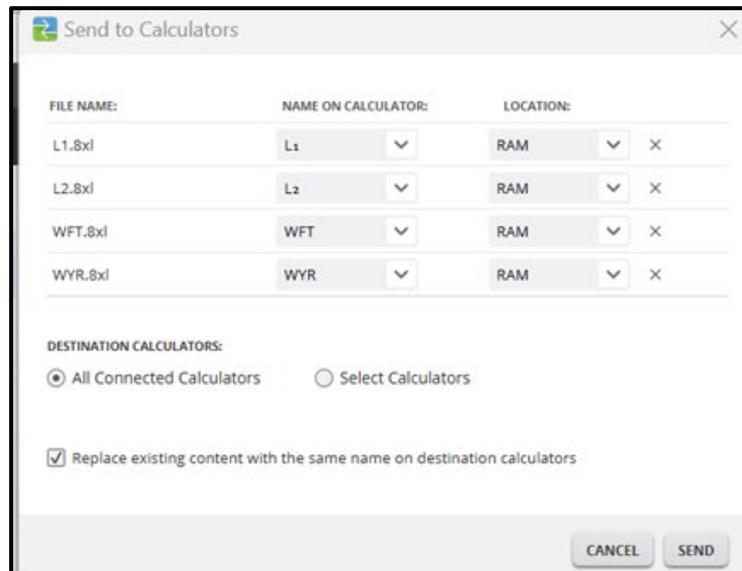
For this workshop, we selected the four lists L1.8xl, L2.8xl, WYR.8xl, and WFT.8xl.

3. Drag the files to anywhere on the Calculator List Panel.



4. Release the mouse button when you see .

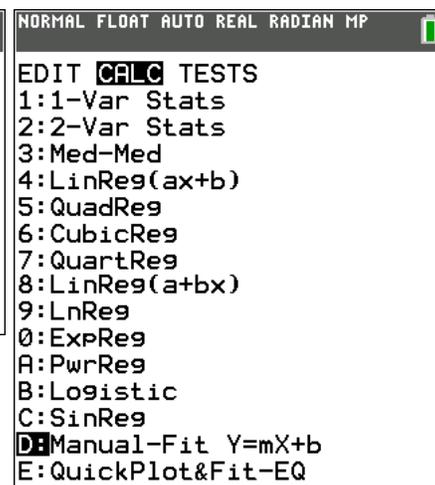
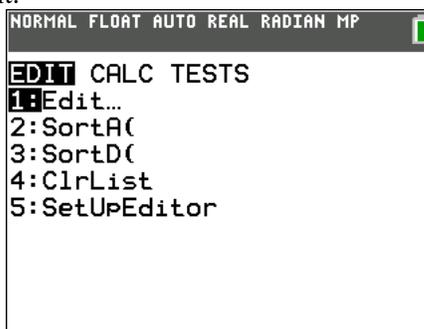
5. A dialogue box appears which enables you to decide what to do with the files on the receiver's calculators.
6. Press **Send**.



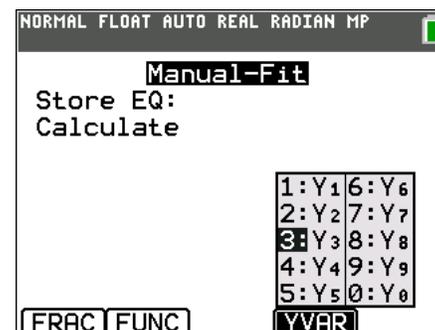
Appendix 4: Use Manual Linear Fit

Use the **Manual Linear Fit** to visually fit a linear function to a scatter plot. Some teachers have called this kind of model a “raw spaghetti” fit or an “eyeball” fit.

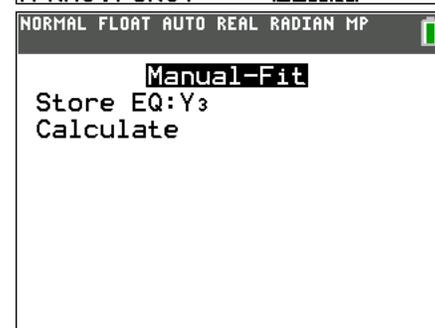
1. Once you have entered List data and displayed the StatPlot, select the Manual-Fit function.
 - Press **stat**.
 - Use the right arrow **▶** and the up arrow twice **▲ ▲** to select **Manual-Fit $Y = mX + b$** .
 - Press **enter**.



- Press **alpha**[f4] (above **trace**) to select an equation not in use. For our example, we will select Y3.

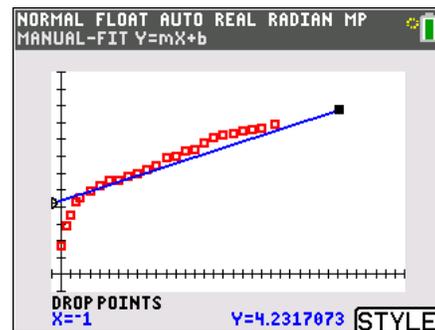
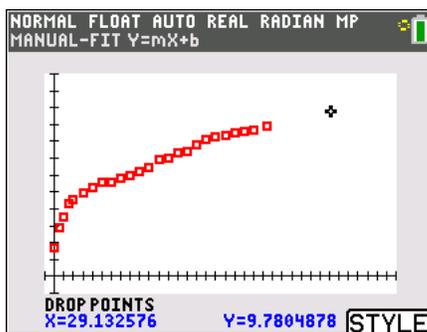


- Select **Calculate** and press **enter**.

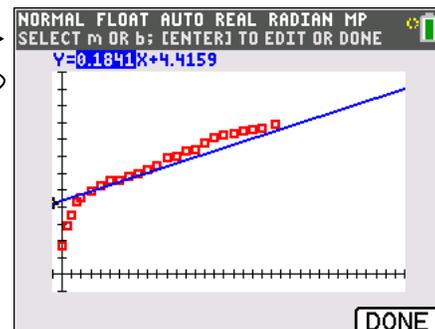


2. You will be taken to the Graph Screen.

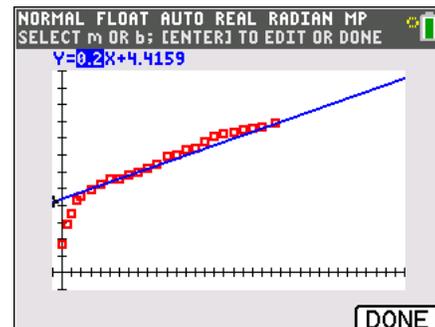
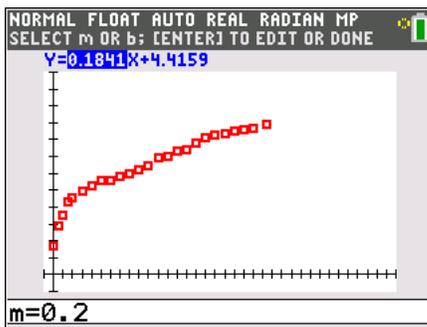
- Position your cursor to a point on the line and press **enter** to drop a point.
- If you press the hard Graph key you can use the pop-up spinner to change the **STYLE** for the color and thickness.



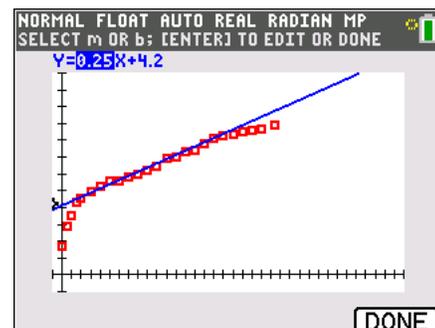
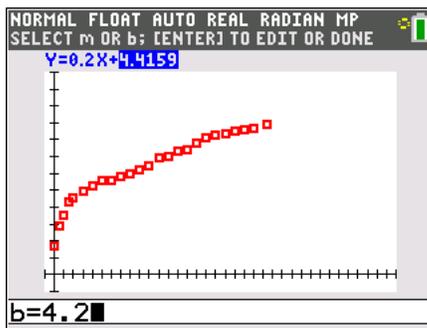
3. The equation $Y=mX+b$ is displayed. The current value of m is highlighted in the equation. Notice Context Help.



- Press **enter** and type a new value of m if desired.
- Press **enter** to display the new value of m . The screen dynamically displays the revised m or b value and refreshes the displayed graph.



4. Press the left **←** or right **→** arrow keys to move from m to b and adjust as in the previous steps until you are satisfied. Then press the hard Graph key to select **DONE** or press **2nd** [quit].



Appendix 5: Data Sites for Exploration

With the help of an AI Chatbot from ChatGPT, we have [HERE](#) a compilation of links to sites containing real world data for exploration in middle and high school math curricula. This list is specifically for linear or exponential models, but change the prompt to find additional possibilities for activities.