

MA30 APPLIED
REGRESSION USING THE TI83 GRAPHING CALCULATOR

1. Entering Data. Enter data points as follows. (You need at least 3 or 4 points)
 - a. Press **STAT** Select **1:EDIT**
 - b. Clear Lists 1 and 2 (Cursor to the top of each column and press **CLEAR ENTER**)
 - c. Entering **independent** data in **L₁** . Enter **dependent** data in **L₂**. (the data must be in increasing order by independent variable)

2. Try entering the following data:

Data for a function		<i>(Do you know type of function this might be yet??)</i>
Independent (in L ₁)	Dependent (in L ₂)	
-10	102	Don't forget!. To make a number negative you need to use the (-) sign, not the subtraction button!
-5	28	
0	-2	
5	20	
10	88	

3. Plotting Data. Plotting data is similar to graphing data.
 - a. De-select all **Y=** formulas or clear them so they will not graph. The equals sign will be highlighted if they *are* to be graphed.
 - b. Select **STAT PLOT** by pressing **2nd Y=**. Select **Plot 1**. Turn on Plot 1. Put plot into the *Scatter Plot* mode. Make sure the data is being taken from lists **L₁** and **L₂**. Select the largest *mark* possible.
 - c. Press **GRAPH**. You should have a plot of your data!. You may need to use **ZOOM 9:ZOOMSTAT** to fit the data.

4. Data Regression¹. Now that you have your data entered let the TI83 calculate the *coefficients* of the type of curve you want. This is a statistical operation, **fitting the best curve to the data**. Do it like this:
 - a. Go to Catalogue [**2nd 0**] and select **DiagnosticOn²**
 - b. Press **STAT** . Select **CALC**. Select desired regression (in this case: QuadReg). Press **ENTER**
 - c. The screen will show you the A, B, C and sometimes D for the equation that best matches the data. Make sure it makes sense!
 - d. Go to the **Y=** window. Put the cursor in the first function (**Y1=**). Press **VARS** . Select **5:STATISTICS**. Select **EQ**. Select **RegEQ**
 - e. Press **GRAPH**. Both your raw data and the best fit curve will appear.

You probably see:
a= 0.96,
b= -0.72,
c= -0.8

¹ The **TI 83 Regression** operation is very powerful. There are additional 'parameters' that can be entered. We are just using the most basic and simple mode of **Regression** above.

² Turning on the diagnostic will enable the calculator to display the correlation factors!. Remember how if r^2 is close to 1 then something is a good fit?

Some more data to regress for fun!

TABLE A		
Data for a quadratic function		<i>Use a quadratic regression here</i>
Independent variable (in L₁)	Dependent variable (in L₂)	Don't forget!. To make a number negative you need to use the (-) sign, not the subtraction button!
-10	390	
-5	100	
0	-16	
5	9	
10	137	

TABLE B		
Data for a line function		<i>Use the LinReg feature when you select what type of regression you want to do</i>
Independent variable (in L₁)	Dependent variable (in L₂)	
3	5	
8	10	
13	15	
18	20	

Can you *fit* a **Line** to the data in table A? **Try it!**. It will give you an answer! Notice the r^2 is not very good, it is trying to tell that the equation is not a very good match to the data! You need to use your head a little bit in sort of guessing what type of function you are expecting.

TABLE C		
Data for a cubic function		<i>Do a cubic regression!</i>
Independent (in L₁)	Dependent (in L₂)	Don't forget!. To make a number negative you need to use the (-) sign, not the subtraction button!
-4	0	
-2	+140	
0	-200	
2	-540	
6	+700	

TABLE D		
Data for a ??? function		<i>You guess what is the best function here!</i>
Independent (in L₁)	Dependent (in L₂)	
-10	0	
-5	6	
0	2	
5	7	
10	3	