Quadratic Regression Using the Nspire Graphing Calculator

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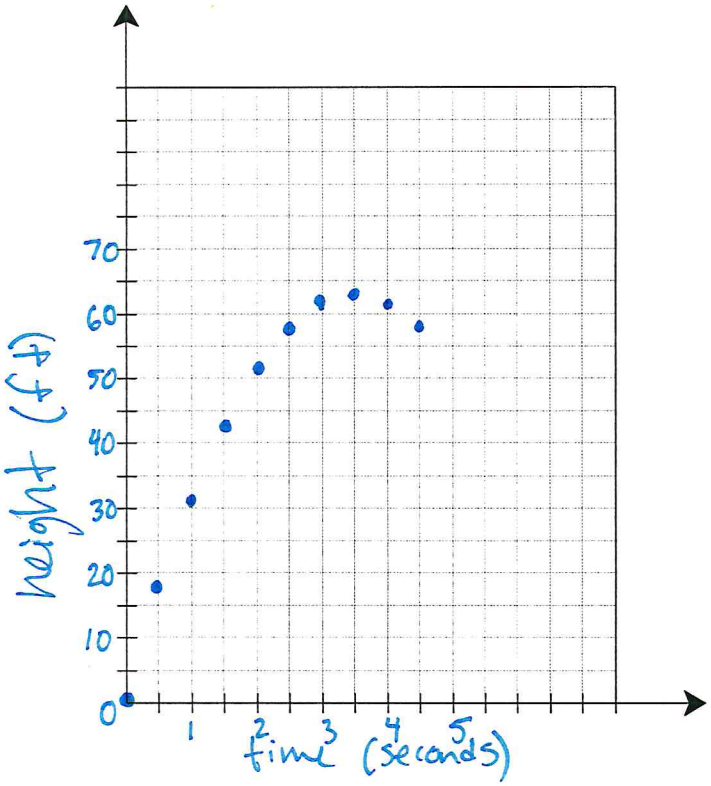
We will use the following data to do a regression equation on our graphing calculator: A golf ball is hit down a straight fairway. The following table shows the height of the ball with respect to time.

Time (s)	0	.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5
Height (ft)	0	17.2	31.5	42.9	51.6	57.7	61.2	62.3	61.0	57.2

First, let's graph the data by hand:



A) What should we label our x-axis and y-axis?

B) Plot the points.

C) Does this appear to be a linear function? Explain.

No, there is a curve. If you imagine how the relationship between height and time continues the function looks like a parabola.

1) **Using the NSpire Graphing Calculator to Enter and Graph Data.**

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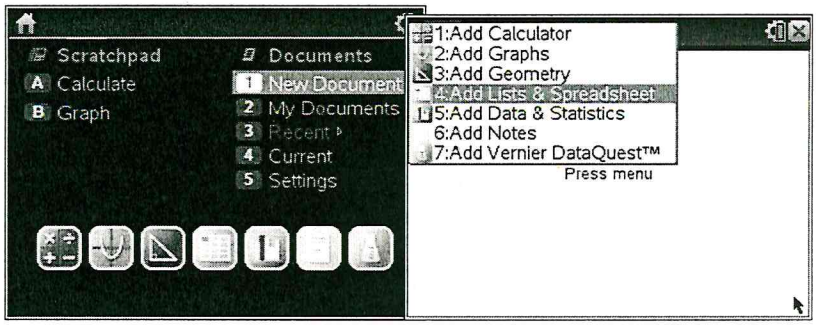
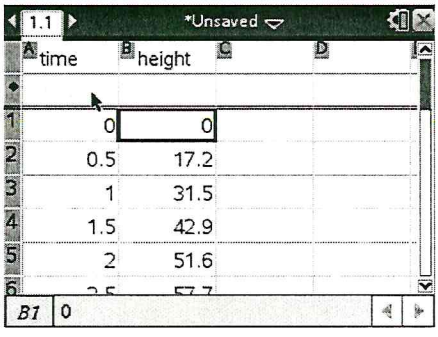
Press Enter.
Select 4: Add Lists & Spreadsheet
Press Enter.



2) Make sure that as you type in the headings of each column you are in the very top part of the columns. Press Enter after each heading is complete. Put the cursor in the first row of the spreadsheet to start entering the data.

Enter all the data from your table.

Please Note: You cannot see all the data in the screen shot.



3) Making a Scatter Plot of the Data on the NSpire Graphing Calculator

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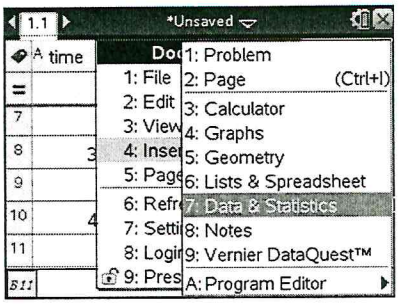
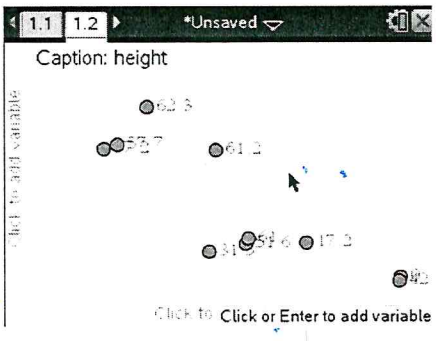
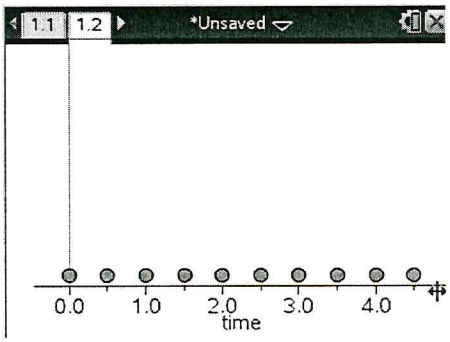
7: Data & Statistics

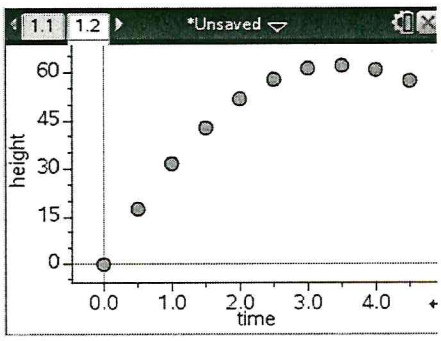


Notice the message at the bottom of the screen and the left part of the screen: **"Click or Enter to add variable"**.

Move the cursor to this message on the x-axis. Press Enter. Select time. Press Enter.	Move the cursor to this message on the y-axis. The message may not appear right away until the cursor gets close to it. Select height.	Press Enter.



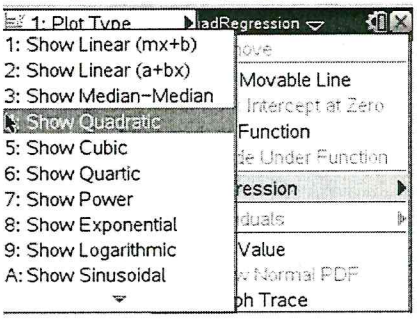




4) What type of function does this appear to be? quadratic

5) Finding a Regression Equation on the Calculator – showing on the graph

Press Menu.
Select 4: Analyze
Use the right arrow on the Touch Pad and select 6: Regression.
Use the right arrow on the Touch Pad and select
4: Show quadratic
Press Enter.



Write out the calculator's function (round to the nearest thousandth).

$y = -5.208x^2 + 35.997x + 0.372$

6) Using your regression model to make predictions and answer questions about a data set.

When using your modeled function to answer questions you need to pay attention to whether you are given an x or y-value.

Example 1: Given an x-value

When given an x-value all that you need to do is plug this value into your equation for 'x'.

Find the approximate height of the golf ball after 1.75 seconds have passed.

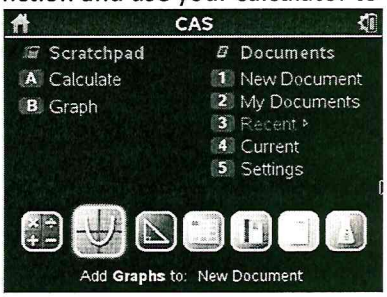
$y = -5.208(1.75)^2 + 35.997(1.75) + 0.372$

$y \approx 47.4$ ft

After 1.75 seconds the golf ball will be about 47.4 ft. in the air

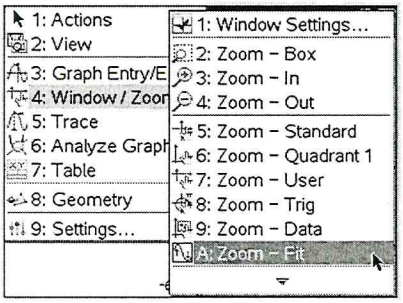
Example 2: Given a y-value

When you are given a y-value you need to graph the function and use your calculator to find corresponding x-values. *There will always be 2 of them!*

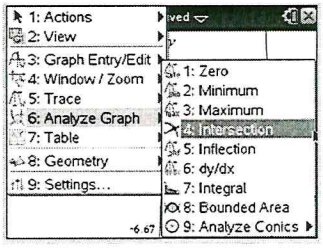


Step 1: Adding a Graph Page
Press the Home (on) button
Select "Add Graphs to: New Document"
Type the equation and press enter
***Do not be alarmed if your function is not present

Step 2: Adjusting your window
Press "menu"
Select "4: Window/Zoom"
Select "A: Zoom – Fit"



Step 3: Finding the Solutions
Press "Tab"
Type the value given for y and press enter
Press "menu"
Select "6: Analyze Graph"
Select "4: Intersection"
Set your bounds to find the answer!
*****There are two intersections so you need to find both...**



Find how many seconds have passed if the golf ball is 50 feet in the air.

After 1.9 seconds and 5.01 seconds the golf ball will be 50 feet in the air.