Find the Equation of the Regression Line



Let's assume there is data in two lists, MPH and FINE.



And we've checked the scatterplot for the Straight Enough Condition. Good to go!

Let's have the calculator give us the Linear Regression numbers. After the **LinReg** function, add the x-variable and the y-variable as before...but also add another comma and the item **Y1**.



STAT CALC 8:LinReg(a+bx) LMPH, LFINE

Now add another comma and the function **Y1**. Here's how...

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The regression equation: $\widehat{fine} = -77.39 + 2.61 (mph)$.



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Presto! The regression line is now on the scatterplot.

Check the Residuals

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Name=RESID			

MPH	FINE	RESID 9
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Remember that you're not finished until you check the residuals! Are they sufficiently scattered?

Create a list named **RESID**. **STAT EDIT**

When you press **ENTER**, the residuals should pop into the list.

This list will stay here and every time you ask the calculator to compute a **LinReg**, it will update this list for you!

Now you want to see the graph of the residuals.

STAT PLOT

Suggestion: Leave the original data in Plot1, but turn it Off.

In **Plot2**, use the same x-axis as the original data. Put the **RESID** list on the y-axis.

Before you graph the data...

Y=

The regression equation has been pulled into **Y1**. That's good! But you don't want it to be graphed, so turn the highlighting (on the equal sign) off.



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What do you see? Looks like there might be a curve. B A linear model might not be the most appropriate for the data.

Moral of the story: Always check the residuals!

What do we do now? The next two chapters will show us how to deal with these situations.

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