



Practice B

Modeling Real-World Data

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1.

x	12	16	20	24	28
y	0.8	3.6	16.2	72.9	328.05

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x	13	19	25	31	37	43
y	-1	17	35	53	71	89

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x	2	7	12	17	22
y	-100	-55	40	185	380

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x	0.10	0.37	0.82	1.45	2.26
y	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.5

Write a function that models the data set.

5.

x	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.8
y	0.68	4.52	9.0	14.12	19.88

6.

x	-5	0	5	10	15	20
y	8	6	4	2	0	-2

7.

x	0.3	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9
y	2.5	3	3.6	4.32	5.184

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x	0.06	0.375	0.96	1.815	2.94
y	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.4

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y	15	1	30.12	102.36	217.72

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x	0.32	2.07	4.8	8.51	13.2
y	0.9	1.6	2.3	3.0	3.7

Solve.

11. The table shows the population growth of a small town.

Years after 1974	1	6	11	16	21	26	31
Population	662	740	825	908	1003	1095	1200

a. Write a function that models the data. _____

b. Use your model to predict the population in 2020. _____



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Linear

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Quadratic

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x	0.10	0.37	0.82	1.45	2.26
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Square root

Write a function that models the data set.

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x	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.8
y	0.68	4.52	9.0	14.12	19.88

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 9$$

6.

x	-5	0	5	10	15	20
y	8	6	4	2	0	-2

$$f(x) = -0.4x + 6$$

7.

x	0.3	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9
y	2.5	3	3.6	4.32	5.184

$$f(x) = 2.18(1.577)^x$$

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x	0.06	0.375	0.96	1.815	2.94
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$$f(x) = 0.816\sqrt{x}$$

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x	-6	1	8	15	22
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$$f(x) = 0.44x^2 + 0.2x + 0.36$$

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x	0.32	2.07	4.8	8.51	13.2
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$$f(x) = 1.318x^{0.378}$$

Solve.

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a. Write a function that models the data.

$$f(x) = 657.3(1.02)^x$$

b. Use your model to predict the population in 2020.

1634 people