

Finding a Line of Best Fit

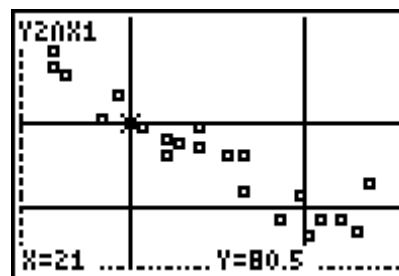
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In this activity, you will explore:

- Creating a scatter plot representing resting heart rates versus age.
- Graphing vertical and horizontal lines to show Q1 and Q3 for both the ages and the heart rates.
- Using the vertices of the Q1 and Q3 lines to calculate a line of best fit and graph it.



Enter the 21 data points shown in the screens below in the **AGE** and **RHR** lists.

L6	AGE	RHR	7	L6	AGE	RHR	7	L6	AGE	RHR	7
-----	10	90			26	75			45	68	
	10	93			28	77			42	64	
	12	89			31	80			48	64	
	17	81			37	75			46	61	
	19	85			31	76			51	64	
	23	80			35	75			53	62	
	27	78			37	69			55	70	
AGE(7) = 26				AGE(14) = 37				AGE(21) = 55			

Plot this data as a scatter plot.

- What are Q1 and Q3 of the ages? Graph these as horizontal lines.
- What are Q1 and Q3 of the heart rates? Graph these as vertical lines.
- Where do these lines intersect? Write the coordinates of the four points.
- Identify the diagonal across the center rectangle that follows the direction of the points. What two intersection points does it connect?
- Use these two points to write the equation for the line that will form the diagonal using the point-slope form.

Graph the equation.