## Graphing Straight Lines

AP Physics

## Graphing Software

- TI N-spire (Hopefully you remember from last year)
- Vernier Graphical Analysis -4 (See Link on Notes page)



## GRAPHING RELATIONSHIPS

Y-axis

- Dependent Variable
- What is measured $y$-axis


X-axis

- Independent Variable
- Predetermined


## Types of Relationships: Direct Relationship




- Straight Line
- $\Delta y$ constant as $x$ changes
- EASY TO MAKE PREDICTIONS
- $y=m x+b$
- $m=$ slope $=\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$
- $b=y$-intercept $=$ starting point

Describing Relationship

- Y is DIRECTLY related to X


## Direct Relationship: Example

The current (I) in a simple circuits is increased in 2 Amp increments.
The potential difference ( V ) across a resistor measured (Volts)
This Data is used to determine the Resistance.

Independent Variable? I
Dependent Variable?

| CURRENT (amps): | POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE (volts) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 3.1 |
| 4 | 5.9 |
| 6 | 9.1 |
| 8 | 11.9 |
| 10 | 15.1 |

## Analyze w/

Vernier Software


Types of Relationships: Exponential Relationship

- Parabola
- $\Delta y$ will increase and decrease as $x$ changes.

- $y=A x^{2}+B x+C$

How to describe relationship:

- $y$ exponentialily related to $x$
- $y$ directly related to $x^{2}$



## GRAPHING RELATIONSHIPS

## Lab Example:

The temperature of a balloon is increased from $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in 10 degree increments.

The diameter of the balloon is measured and recorded as the temperature increases.

## Independent Variable:

Temperature

Dependent Variable:
Diameter


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## Types of Relationships: Inverse Relationship



Light vs Distance


- Hyperbola
- $\Delta y$ will decrease as $x$ changes.
- Never reaches zero
- $y=\frac{n}{x}=-n x^{-1}$
- $y$ inversely related to $x$
- $y$ directly related to the inverse of $x$

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y=\frac{149}{x^{2}}
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## Inverse Relationship:

The acceleration of a cart is measured when the mass is added to a cart pulled along a frictionless track.

Use the data below to determine the Force on the cart.


| mass (kg): | Acceleration (m/s ${ }^{2}$ ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 3.9 | Analyze w/ Vernier Software |
| 8 | 2.6 | a |
| 15 | 1.3 |  |
| 18 | 1.1 |  |
| 22 | 0.91 | =ma |

The period of a pendulum is can be found with the following equation:
$T=2 \pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$
Solve equation for g :

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g=4 \pi^{2} \frac{L}{T^{2}}
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Use the data given and the equation to graph a straight line, and use the slope of the line to determine the acceleration of gravity:


| Length $(\mathrm{m})$ | Period $(\mathrm{s})$ | $\tau^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.3 | 1.10 |  |
| .4 | 1.27 |  |
| .5 | 1.42 |  |
| .6 | 1.55 |  |
| .7 | 1.68 |  |

$L$ is independent variable (x-axis)

Period / Period squared id dependent variable. ( Y -axis)

Slope of straight line is $\frac{T^{2}}{L}$

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g=4 \pi^{2} \frac{L}{T^{2}} \quad g=4 \pi^{2} \frac{1}{\text { slope }} \quad g=\frac{4 \pi^{2}}{\text { Slope }}
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