

Question 1: Population of Mexico

Year | Population (millions)

1960 | 37.0

1970 | 48.2

1980 | 68.3

1990 | 81.4

2000 | 100.4

2010 | 112.3

2020 | 128.9

Model:

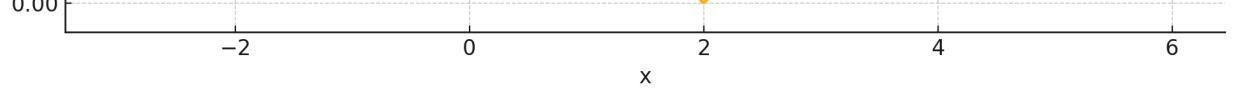
$$\text{Pop}(y) = 36.9 + 1.515 (y - 1960)$$

Projection for 2050:

$$\approx 36.9 + 1.515 \cdot 90 \approx 173.3 \text{ million}$$

Residual analysis:

Mean residual ≈ 0 ; Std dev ≈ 4 -5; slight curvature suggests quadratic or logistic model might improve the fit.



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Assumptions:

- e_i are IID with $E[e_i]=0$, $\text{Var}(e_i)=\sigma^2$
- Uncorrelated with $|x_i - 2|$

Least-squares estimate:

$$b_1 = (1.5 \cdot 4 + 0.5 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2) / (4^2 + 2^2 + 2^2) = 9/24 = 0.375$$

Graph of data and fitted curve: