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# Module 2 - Function Review, Function Notation, Inverse Functions

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## General Notes

- **Quantity:** A characteristic or attribute of some object you can imagine measuring.
  - When defining or identifying a quantity, we must be specific about what object, and what specific characteristic about that object, we're referring to.
- **Variable:** A character or symbol used to represent a quantity.
- **Evaluate:** To find the output of a function corresponding to a given input.
- **Solving:** To find the input of a function corresponding to a given output
- **Domain:** the set of all reasonable inputs values of a function.
- **Range:** The set of all corresponding output values of a function
- **Interval Notation:**  $[0, 100]$
- **Inequality:**  $0 \leq x \leq 100$

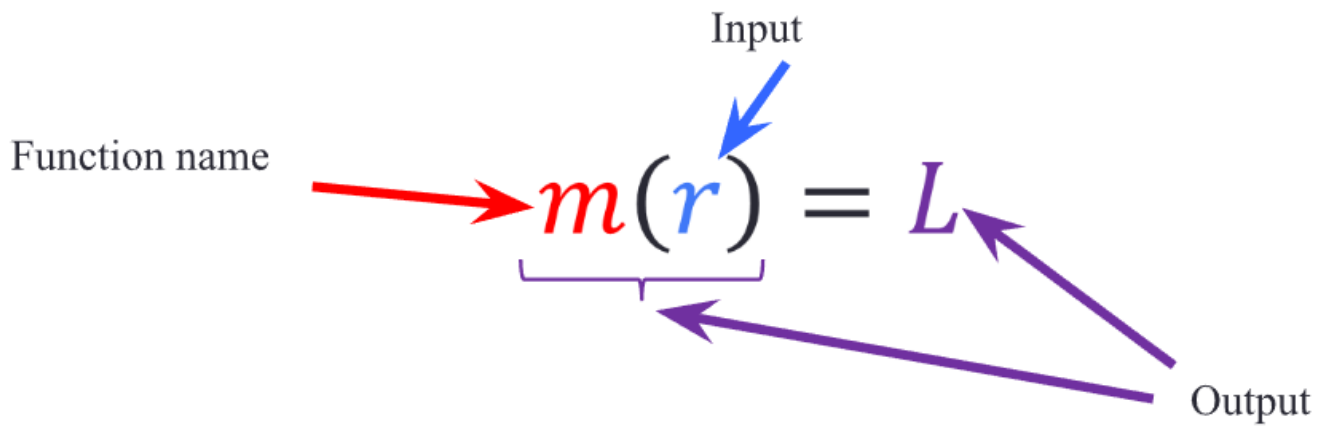
## Functions

### Function Language

We say "*output* as a function of *input*" or "*output* in terms of *input*"

- $y$  as a function of  $x$  **or**  $y$  in terms of  $x$
- *E.g. Length of the steel band with respect to the radius of the oil drums*

If an input points to more than one output, then it is **not** a function.



## Example 1

Suppose the following graph of the function  $f$  represents John's weight (in pounds) as a function of time  $t$ , measured in days since January 1, 2008.

- a. Identify the input and output quantities for the function  $f$ .

**input:**  $t$  – number of days since Jan 1, 2008

**output:**  $f(t)$  – John's weight in pounds

- b. Evaluate  $f(60)$ . What does this value represent in the context of the problem?

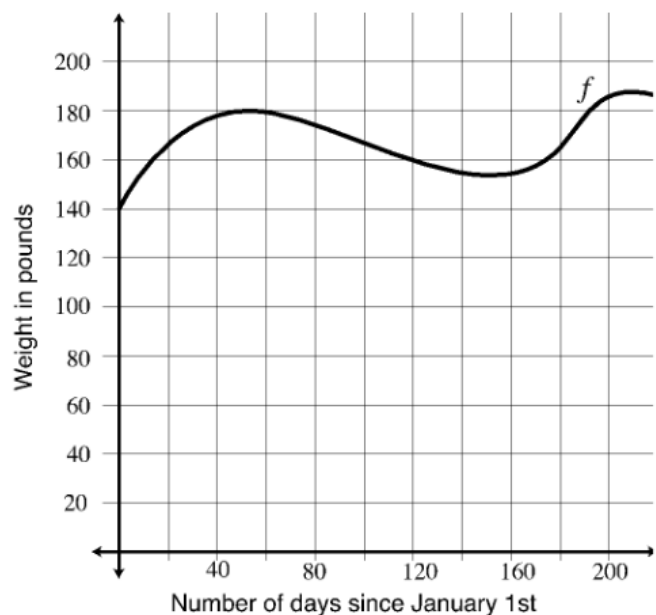
**$f(60) = 180$**

**John's weighs 180 pounds 60 days after Jan 1, 2008.**

- c. Solve  $f(t) = 160$  for  $t$  using the graph. Describe what each solution represents.

**$f(t) = 160$  when  $t = 15, 119, \& 175$**

**Fifteen days after Jan 1, 2008, John weighed 160 pounds. John also weighed 160 pounds 119 days after Jan 1, 2008 and 175 days after Jan 1, 2008**



## Example 2

Given  $m(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x+4}$ ,

a. Evaluate  $m(4)$

$$m(4) = \frac{2(4) - 3}{4 + 4} = \frac{5}{8}$$

b. Evaluate  $m(z)$

$$m(z) = \frac{2z - 3}{z + 4}$$

c. Evaluate  $m(w + 2)$

$$m(w + 2) = \frac{2(w + 2) - 3}{(w + 2) + 4} = \frac{2w + 4 - 3}{w + 6} = \frac{2w + 1}{w + 6}$$

d. Solve  $m(x) = 3$

$$3 = \frac{2x - 3}{x + 4}$$

$$3(x + 4) = 2x - 3$$

$$3x + 12 = 2x - 3$$

$$x = -15$$

## Example 3 - Oil Drum Problem

### For the Oil Drum Problem

It turns out that the function that determines the length of the steel band needed to tie three oil drums of radius  $r$  is

$$L = m(r) = (6 + 2\pi)r$$

• Evaluate  $m(3.5)$

$$m(3.5) = (6 + 2\pi)(3.5)$$

$$m(3.5) \approx 42.99 \text{ feet}$$

$$\text{Solve } m(r) = 29$$

• Solve  $m(r) = 29$

$$29 = (6 + 2\pi)r$$

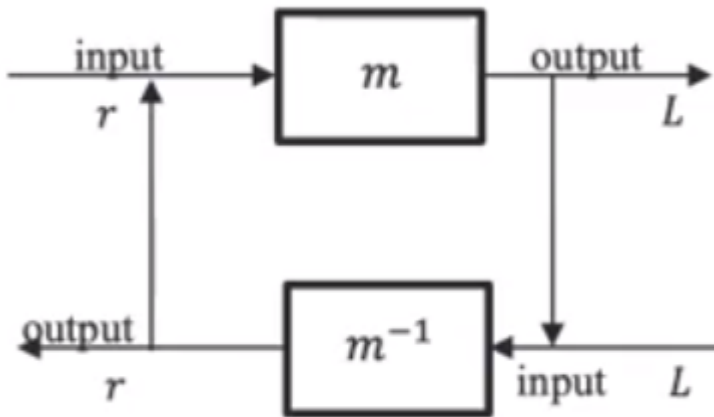
$$\frac{29}{6 + 2\pi} = r$$

$$2.36 \approx r$$

- L is the output
- r is the input

# Inverse Functions

An inverse function is a function that undoes the operations of an original function.



- This function inverses the oil drum problem's function.
- The  $m$  is the inverse, not a negative exponent
- This image shows that  $L$  is a function of  $r$  (the name of the function is  $m$ ) and that  $r$  is a function of  $L$  (specifically, the function is the inverse of function  $m$  and is written  $m^{-1}$ ).
- **$y = f(x)$  means that  $x = f^{-1}(y)$  if the inverse of  $f$  is a function.**
- The inverse of a function is not always a function.
  - *A function has one input and one output*

The formula  $F = p(c) = 1.8c + 32$  will input the temperature in degrees Celsius and output the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.



- a. Find the formula for the inverse function.

$$F = 1.8c + 32$$

$$F - 32 = 1.8c$$

$$\frac{F - 32}{1.8} = c$$

Since  $F = p(c)$  means  $c = p^{-1}(F)$ ,

$$c = p^{-1}(F) = \frac{F - 32}{1.8}$$

- b. Evaluate  $p^{-1}(50)$  and explain its meaning in the problem context.

$$p^{-1}(50) = \frac{50 - 32}{1.8} = 10$$

Meaning: When the temperature is 50° Fahrenheit, it is 10° Celsius.

- F is the output
- c is the input
- Always write the notation indicating that the input and outputs have switched.

## Finding The Inverse

1. Write the formula without the notation:

1.  $c = j(b) = 5b + 12$

2.  $c = 5b + 12$

2. Isolate the input until it's by itself

# Inverse of a Graph Example

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10. The graph of  $g$  is given to the right.

a. Find each of the following:

i.  $g(0) = 4$       ii.  $g(-1) = 3$

iii.  $a$  when  $g(a) = -2$       iv. Solve  $g(a) = 0$ .

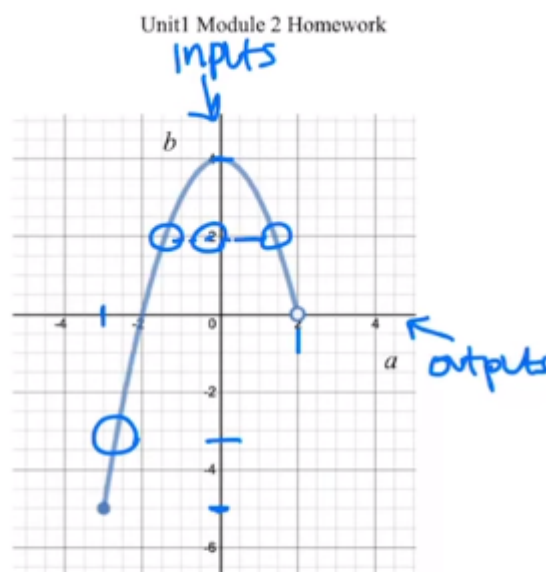
$a = -2.5$        $a = -2$

b. List the domain and range of the function.

$D: -3 \leq a < 2$        $[-3, 2)$   
 $R: -5 \leq g(a) \leq 4$        $[-5, 4]$

c. Is the inverse a function? Explain

NO. For some inputs, there are 2 outputs



## Example problem

- Remember not to use linear regression when creating the linear formula, instead use the **point-slope form**:  $y - b = m(x - a)$

A devastating freeze in California's Central Valley in January 2007 wiped out approximately 75% of the state's citrus crop. It turns out that the cost for a box of oranges is a function of the percentage of the citrus crop that was frozen, i.e.  $c = g(P)$ , where  $c$  is the price of a box of oranges and

$P$  is the percentage of the citrus crop that was frozen. When only 20% of the crop was frozen, the price for a box of oranges was 11.58. However, the price per box was 25.32 when 80% of the crop was frozen.

## Finding The Linear Function

- Identify the two given points: **(20, 11.58)** and **(80, 25.32)**
- Calculate the slope ( $m$ ) using the formula:  $m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$ , where  $(x_1, y_1) = (20, 11.58)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) = (80, 25.32)$

3. Plug in the values into the formula to get:  $m = (25.32 - 11.58) / (80 - 20)$   
 $= (13.74) / (60) = 0.229$
4. Use the point-slope form of a linear equation to find the equation of the line:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ , where  $(x_1, y_1) = (20, 11.58)$
5. Plug in the values into the formula to get:  $y - 11.58 = 0.229(x - 20)$
6. Rearrange the equation to the standard form:  $y = 0.229x + b$ , where  $b$  is the y-intercept
7. Calculate the y-intercept using the formula:  $b = y_1 - m * x_1$ , where  $(x_1, y_1) = (20, 11.58)$
8. Plug in the values into the formula to get:  $b = 11.58 - (0.229 * 20) =$   
 $11.58 - 4.58 = 7$
9. The equation of the line is:  $y = 0.229x + 7$ , which represents the cost of a box of oranges as a function of the percentage of the citrus crop that was frozen.

## Finding The Inverse Function

1. Write the original function in the form  $y = f(x)$ :  $c = 0.229P + 7$
2. Replace  $y$  with  $x$  and  $x$  with  $y$ :  $x = 0.229P + 7$
3. Solve for  $P$ :  $x - 7 = 0.229P$ , then  $P = (x - 7) / 0.229$
4. The inverse function is:  $P = (c - 7) / 0.229$

### Summary:

1. To find the inverse of a function, switch the roles of  $x$  and  $y$ .
2. Write the original function in the form  $y = f(x)$ .
3. Replace  $y$  with  $x$  and  $x$  with  $y$ .
4. Solve for the original variable (in this case,  $P$ ).
5. The inverse function is the result from step 4.

*Note: The inverse of a function is not always a function. The inverse of a function is a function only if the original function is a one-to-one function.*



# Writing Out Functions

11. Given a function  $p(s) = b$  where  $s = \text{the number of square mile of a forest}$  and  $b = \text{the number of rabbits in the forest}$ , explain the meaning of the following.

a.  $p(100) = 85$

↑ #sq    ↑ #rab

When the size of a forest is 100 sq miles,  
there are 85 rabbits

b.  $p(54)$

↑ #sq  
~~~~~  
#rab

The # of rabbits in a forest that is 54 sq miles

c.  $p^{-1}(93)$

↑ #rabbits  
~~~~~  
#sq mi

The # of square miles a forest is with  
93 rabbits in it.

## Domain and Range

- **Domain:** the set of all reasonable inputs values of a function.
- **Range:** The set of all corresponding output values of a function

### Example 1

The function that determines the length of the steel band needed to tie three oil drums of radius  $r$  is

$$L = m(r) = (6 + 2\pi)r$$

What would be a practical domain and range for this function? i.e., what values make sense for the radius and length of the steel band?

I would guess that the radius of an oil drum is not less than one half of a foot and probably not more than 5 feet. So the *practical domain* would be  $0.5 \leq r \leq 5$  also written as  $[0.5, 5]$  in interval notation.

Since a radius of 0.5 feet would require a steel band of 6.14 feet, and a since a radius of 5 feet would require a steel band of 61.42 feet, the *practical range* would be

$6.14 \leq L \leq 61.42$  also written as  $[6.14, 61.42]$  in interval notation.

## Example 2

The letter grade earned on a test with respect to the percentage grade earned.

**Practical Domain:**  $[0, 100]$

**Practical Range:**  $\{A, B, C, D, F\}$

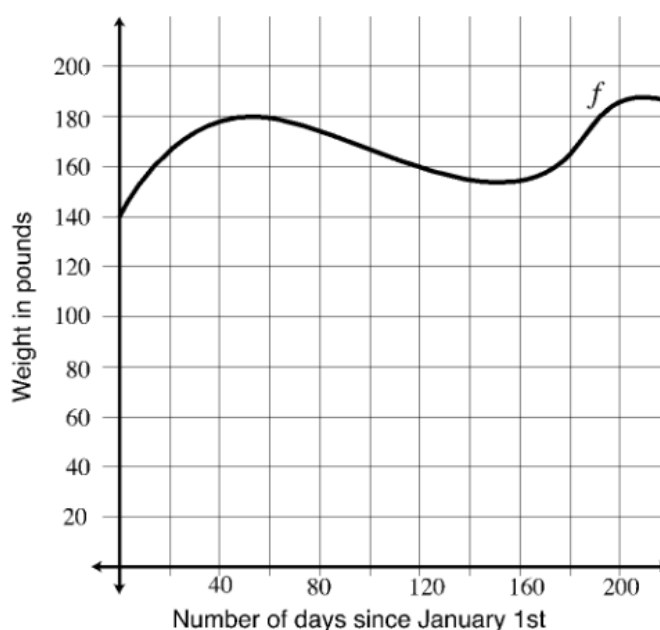
## Example 3

Suppose the following graph of the function  $f$  represents John's weight (in pounds) as a function of time  $t$ , measured in days since January 1, 2008.

Determine the practical domain and range.

**Practical Domain:**  $[0, 220]$

**Practical Range:**  $[140, 190]$



## Intercepts

### Vertical Intercepts

The **Vertical Intercept** of a function is the coordinate point where the graph of the function crosses the vertical axis.

- This point will always be in the form  $(0, b)$

- The vertical intercept can be found graphically by determining the point where the graph crosses the vertical axis.
- The vertical intercept can be found in a table or algebraically by first determining the value of **b**.
  - To do this, find the output of the function for an input of 0 (or  $f(0) = b$ ). You then write the intercept in the form **(0, b)**.

## Horizontal Intercepts

The **Horizontal Intercept** of a function is the coordinate point where the graph of the function crosses the horizontal axis.

- The point will always be in the form **(a, 0)**.
- The horizontal intercept can be found graphically by determining the point where the graph crosses the horizontal axis.
- The horizontal intercept can be found in a table or algebraically by first determining the value of **a**.
  - To do this, find the input of the function for an output of 0 (or solve for **a** when  $f(a) = 0$ ). You then write the intercept in the form **(a, 0)**.

## Constant Rate of Change

$$\frac{\text{change in output value}}{\text{change in input value}}$$

It is said that two quantities are related by a **\*\*constant rate of change (CROC)**

**\*\***

if the *ratio of the changes in quantities* is always the same.

- Find the changes between each value in a table for all relevant columns, and use those in this formula.

## Example 1

Change in time elapsed $\Delta t$	Time Elapsed in min $t$	Amount of water in a bath tub in gallons, $a$	Change in amount of water in tub $\Delta a$
	1	11.75	
1.5	2.5	14.375	2.625
2.5	5	18.75	4.375
3	8	24	5.25

- The triangle just means change

To figure out if the ratio is the same, the changes should all equal the same number when put into the formula:

$$\frac{\Delta a}{\Delta t} = \frac{2.625}{1.5} = \frac{4.375}{2.5} = \frac{5.25}{3} = 1.75$$

- Because all the numbers equal the same, it is **constant**.

This would be written as: ***For every additional minute*** that the water is left running, the ***amount of water*** in the bathtub ***increases*** by 1.75 gallons.

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## Module 3 - Constant Rate of Change and Linear Functions

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# General Notes

## Constant Rate of Change (Continued)

The value of the constant rate of change can always be determined by:

$$\text{Constant Rate of Change (CROC)} = \frac{\text{change in output value}}{\text{change in input value}}$$

Knowing this info, you can also get the other values.

### Change in Output Value

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{change in} \\ \text{output value} \end{array} \right) = (\text{CROC}) \cdot \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{change in} \\ \text{input value} \end{array} \right)$$

### Change in Input Value

$$\frac{\text{change in output value}}{\text{CROC}} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{change in} \\ \text{input value} \end{array} \right)$$

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Instead of always using the formula to find the change in input / output or the CROC, you can use repeated reasoning.

Imagine you have a pool with a hose in it filling it with water (it already has some in it). The CROC is **18.2**, and after **63 minutes**, there's **1382.6 gallons** inside. Instead of using formulas to find each value per different minute, you could create a formula:

- Find  $\Delta t$  (change in input value)
  - $t - 63 = \Delta t$
- Find  $\Delta v$  (change in output value)
  - $18.2(\Delta t) = \Delta v$

$$2. 18.2(t - 63) = \Delta v$$

3. Find  $v$  (*total volume*)

$$1. \Delta v + 1382.6 = v$$

$$2. 18.2(t - 63) + 1382.6 = v$$

- $\Delta$  means **Increment / Change**

The last one is the finished formula for a function that defines a relationship between the volume of water in the pool and the amount of time the pool has been filling. It can also be summarized as:

## Change In Output

$$v = \text{CROC}(t - \text{reference input}) + \text{reference Output}$$

$$v = \text{CROC}(t - t_{\text{ref}}) + v_{\text{ref}}$$

## General Form of a Linear Function

Whenever two quantities are related by a CROC, it's a line on a graph.

- That's where the **Linear Function** comes from
- The process above can be used any time there's a CROC and a known reference point.

# Module 4 - Linear Functions, Average Rate of Change and Linear Regression

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## General Notes

General form of a linear function:

$$v = \underbrace{\text{constant rate of change} \left( \underbrace{t - \text{reference input}}_{\text{change in input}} \right)}_{\text{change in output}} + \text{reference output}$$

$$v = \underbrace{\text{CROC} \left( \underbrace{t - t_{ref}}_{\text{change in input}} \right)}_{\text{change in output}} + v_{ref}$$

When the reference point is the vertical intercept, the formula simplifies:

1.  $v = \text{CROC}(t - t_{ref}) + v_{ref}$
2.  $v = \text{CROC}(t - 0) + \text{output of VI}$
3.  $v = \text{CROC}(t) + \text{Output of VI}$  or  $y = m(x) + b$ 
  - This formula is a *special case* of a Linear Function and can only be used if the reference point is the vertical intercept.

## Average Rate of Change

When the rate is not constant, the rate is called the **Average Rate of Change (AVROC)**.

- The average rate of change can be found between **any two points** by:
  1. finding the constant rate of change between those two points.
  2. Dividing the constant rate of change by the input.

## Example

Number of weeks dieting	Brandon's weight in pounds
0	196
2	187
7	190
12	184

- The average rate of change between week **0** and **7** is **-0.86**, but the rate does not go down constantly at this rate. Because of this, the average rate of change means in this scenario:

“ IF Brandon's weight had **changed by the same amount each week between week 0 and week 7**, he *would have* lost 0.86 pounds each week.

- If you needed to write this about a graph:

“ IF the function changed at a constant rate of change between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 7$ , we would have a line between those two points and that line *would have* a constant rate of **-0.86** (as shown in {color} on the graph).

- It's also important to use the data that is most closely related to the point in time that you are trying to find (*in this case, it would be between week 7 and 12, not 0 and 7*).

The average rate of change is a *hypothetical* constant rate.

To find what the output would be at any specific non-given point, multiply the average rate of change by the change in input:

- output = AROC( $\Delta$ Input)**



- The same as

$$\text{output} = f(\text{input})$$

The average rate of change is calculated by dividing the changes of two outputs by the changes in the corresponding inputs. That is,

$$\text{Average Rate of Change} = \frac{\Delta \text{output}}{\Delta \text{input}} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

where  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$  are any two data points of the function  $f$ .

## Polynomial Example

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - 3x - 4$$

Determining the average rate of change between  $x = 5$  and  $x = 1$ :

1. **Average Rate of Change** =  $\frac{g(5) - g(1)}{5 - 1}$
2.  $g(5) = 2(5^2) - 3(5) - 4 = 31$
3.  $g(1) = 2(1^2) - 3(1) - 4 = -5$
4. **Average Rate of Change** =  $\frac{g(5) - g(1)}{5 - 1} = \frac{31 - (-5)}{4} = \frac{36}{4} = 9$

Image Reference:

$$\text{Average Rate of Change} = \frac{g(5) - g(1)}{5 - 1}$$

$$g(5) = 2(5^2) - 3(5) - 4 = 31 \quad g(1) = 2(1^2) - 3(1) - 4 = -5$$

$$\text{Average Rate of Change} = \frac{g(5) - g(1)}{5 - 1} = \frac{31 - (-5)}{4} = \frac{36}{4} = 9$$

# Linear Regression

When data is not perfectly linear but is close, we create a **Linear Model**, a function that *models* the data. This is done using a process called **Linear Regression**.

## [How To Graph Linear Regression On Desmos](#)

1. Click the plus button (Add an item)
  2. Choose **Table**
  3. Add some values (enter or copy/paste)
  4. Change graph settings to better match the data.
  5. Instead of  $y_1 = mx_1 + b$ , use the **tilde (~)** symbol for the **equals (=)** sign:  $y_1 \sim mx_1 + b$  to use linear regression.
    - To use an exponential pattern, use:  
 $y_1 \sim a * b^{x_1}$
  6. To predict a value, use either:
    1.  $x = \{\text{desired x value}\}$
    2.  $m(\{\text{desired x value}\}) + b$
- It can be helpful to create a folder hitting the plus button, dragging the table into it, and then closing it.

## Coefficient of Determination

When computing a linear regression model, the  $r^2$  is known as the coefficient of determination, and it describes the strength of the fit of a linear regression model to a set of data.

**The closer the value of  $r^2$  is to 1, the stronger the fit.**

$r^2$  is always a value between **0** and **1**.