

1. Your engineering firm has been asked to determine the deceleration of a car during hard braking. To do so, you decide to measure the lengths of the skid marks when stopping from various initial speeds. Your data are as follows

speed (m/s)	Skid length (m)
10	7
15	14
20	27
25	37
30	58

- a) which kinematic equation would be appropriate for analyzing the data?
- b) Using python, make a plot of  $v^2$  (square all velocities) vs. skid length.
- c) What you did in part (b) is called linearizing a data set. By looking at the graph from part (b), do you think the data support the assertion that the acceleration is constant, independent of speed? Why or why not?
- d) Using Python, fit the modified data ( $v^2$  vs. skid length) to a line. From the fit function, extract a numerical value for the acceleration of the car. (Note: For instruction on how to fit a data set to a function, see section 12.2 in the python book)