

3.5 Graphing Non- Linear Relations

Investigation: Motion of a Pendulum

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Purpose:

To determine if there is a relationship between the **length of a pendulum** and the **time** it takes it to complete **6 swings**.

Hypothesis:

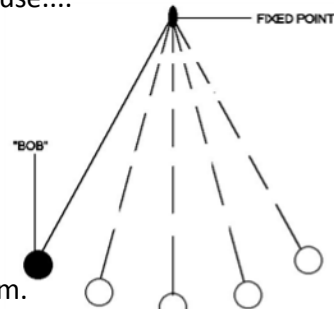
I think that as the length of the pendulum decreases, the time to complete six swings will _____ because....

Materials:

Pencil, investigation recording sheet, pendulum (washer on a string), measuring tape, clock/watch, tape.

Procedure:

1. Start with a pendulum length measuring 50 cm.
2. Secure the pendulum to a pencil with tape. Hold the pencil on the desk so that the pendulum is hanging off the side and swings freely.
3. Release the pendulum from a 35 degree angle and start the timer.
4. Record the length of time it takes to complete six **full** swings.
5. Repeat, after decreasing the length of the pendulum in increments of 10 cm (ie. repeat for lengths of 40 cm, 30 cm, 20 cm and 10 cm).



Observations:

- Record your measurements in the table provided.
- Create a scatter plot of your data.
- Draw a curve of best fit for the data.

Conclusion/Inference:

- Describe the relationship in your own words.

- Was your hypothesis correct?

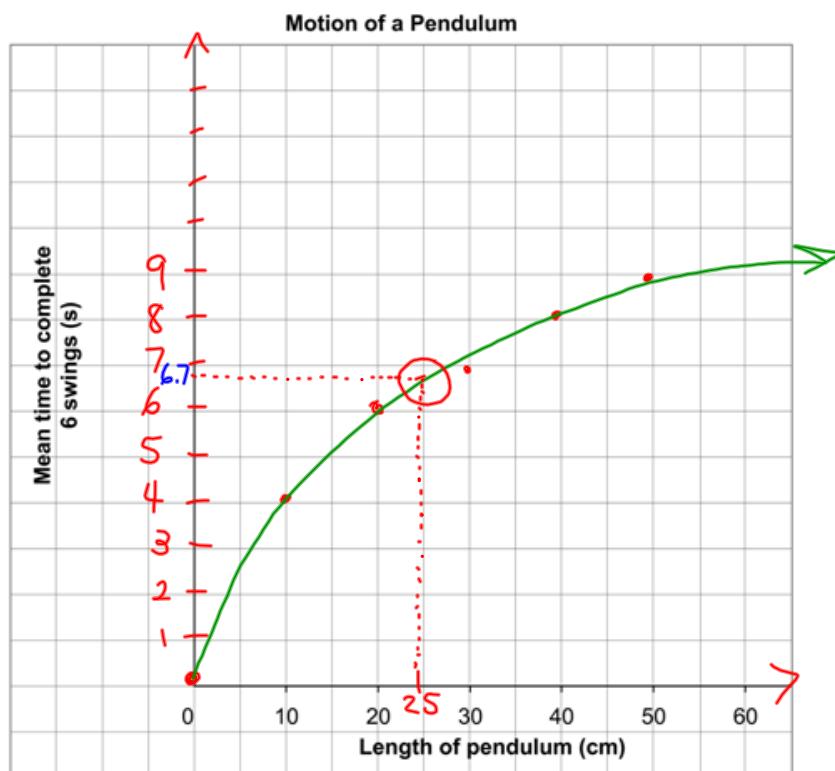
Reflection:

- Describe any factors that may have affected your results.
- Estimate how long it might take to complete 6 swings if your pendulum was 25 cm long.
- What other factors do you think might affect the time for one swing? How could you check?

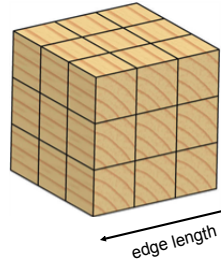
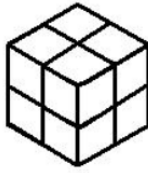
Section 5.5, *Investigate* Recording Sheet

Motion of a Pendulum

Pendulum length (cm)	Time to complete 6 swings (s)				Total time for all 4 trials (s)	Average Mean time (s) ($\frac{\text{Total time}}{4}$)
	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4		
50 cm						8.8
40 cm						8.0
30 cm						6.8
20 cm						6.0
10 cm						4.0



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a) Describe the pattern in the cubes.

b) Extend the pattern to the next two solids that would occur. Copy and complete the table.

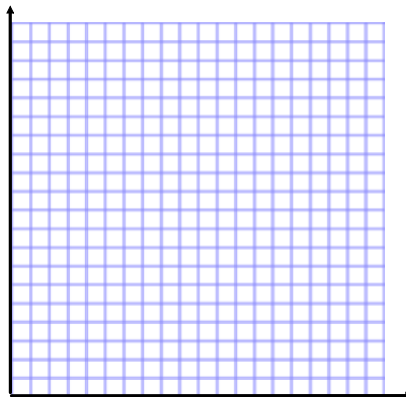
Edge Length	Number of Cubes
1	
2	
3	

c) Describe any trends in the data.

- d) Suppose you know the edge length of a solid in this pattern.
- i) How can you determine the number of cubes needed to build it?
 - ii) How is this number related to the volume of the solid?

e) Continue the table for the next two solids in the pattern.

f) Graph the data.



- g) How is the volume of a solid related to its edge length? Write a rule.
- h) What is the edge length of the solid with 512 cubes?
- i) How many cubes would be needed for the 10th solid?

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