Two Hot Two Cold

Student Activity

Name _____

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Introduction

How do we measure temperatures? In almost all countries of the world, the Celsius scale (formerly called the centigrade scale) is used in everyday life, science, and industry. This scale sets the freezing temperature of water at 0 and the boiling temperature at 100. The distance between these two points is divided into 100 equal intervals called degrees.

The United States uses the Fahrenheit scale. This scale employs a smaller degree unit than the Celsius scale and its freezing point is set to a different temperature. For the temperatures we commonly use and observe, Celsius readings are lower than Fahrenheit readings. You have probably noticed this if you have seen a thermometer that has both Celsius and Fahrenheit markings or if you have driven by signs at banks and other businesses that display time and dual temperatures.

In this experiment, you will collect data in both Celsius and Fahrenheit temperatures using two temperature probes in the same cups of water. Based on the data collected, you will develop an equation to convert Celsius temperatures to Fahrenheit temperatures.

Objectives

In this activity you will:

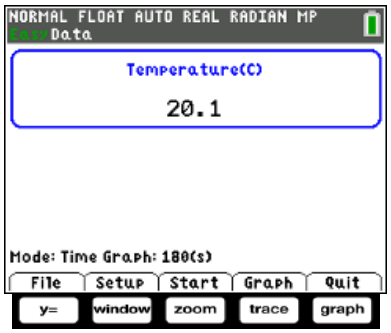
- Graph scatter plots
- Analyze and graph linear equations
- Compute and model slope
- Derive and apply a conversion equation

You'll Need

- 2 TI-84 Plus CE calculators, with Vernier EasyData™ App
- 2 Vernier Easy Temps® Sensors
- 5 cups per student group, of water with varying temperatures

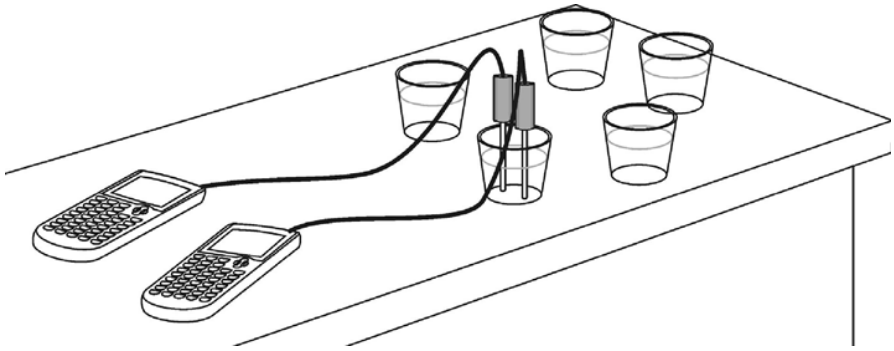
Using the Vernier EasyTemp® and Vernier EasyData® App

Connect the handheld with the EasyTemp sensor, and EasyData will immediately open, and the temperature probe will begin collecting temperature data. In the EasyData app, the tabs at the bottom indicate the menus that can be accessed by pressing the actual calculator keys directly below the tab.

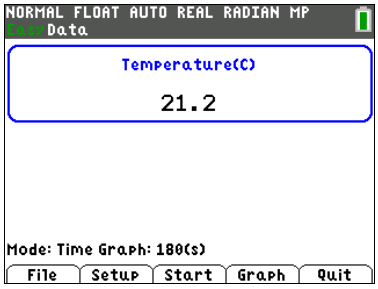


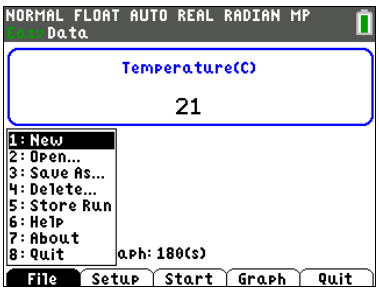
Collecting the Data

1. Each group will need 5 cups with water of varying temperatures.
   a) One cup of water should be room temperature or fresh out of the tap.
   b) One should be very cold with many solid ice cubes in the cup.
   c) One should have water that is cool with only a few cubes of ice that have just melted.
   d) One should be considerably warmer than room temperature.
   e) One should be either boiling water or very close to boiling.
2. Link two **EasyTemp** probes to two different TI-84 Plus CE calculators. Refer to the figure below.

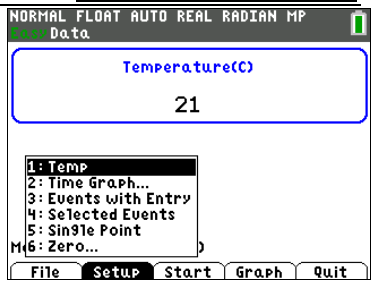


3. When you connect the **EasyTemp** probe to your TI-84 Plus CE calculator, the **EasyData App** will launch automatically.
4. The **EasyData** information screen is displayed for about 3 seconds followed by the main screen. The **EasyData App** identifies the temperature sensor. The main screen of **EasyData** will display the current temperature across the top of the screen in degrees Celsius.
5. Press the [y=] key to access the **File** menu and select **1:New** by pressing [1] . Or, since **1:New** is highlighted, you can press [enter]. This resets the program and clears out old data.

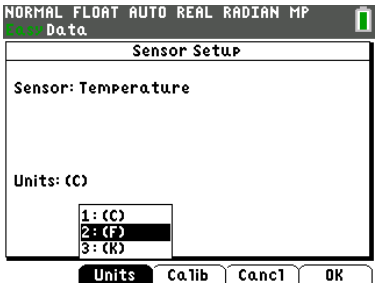




6. Leave one of the calculators with the Celsius setting but the other calculator will need to be changed to Fahrenheit. Press the window key to select **Setup** and choose **1:Temp** from the menu displayed.



7. From the next screen, press the window key to select **Units**. Select **2:(F)** from the menu to change from Celsius to **Fahrenheit**.
8. When the screen appears confirming that your choice has been accepted, select **OK** by pressing graph.



9. You will be returned to the main screen of the **App**. Select **Setup** on both calculators and select **4:Selected Events**.
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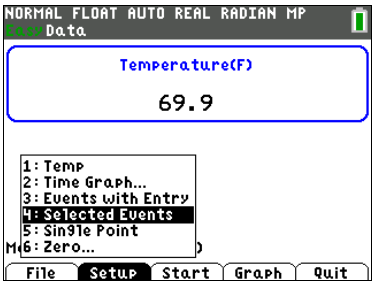
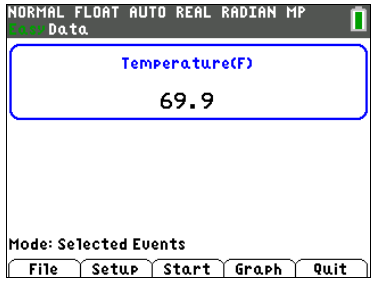
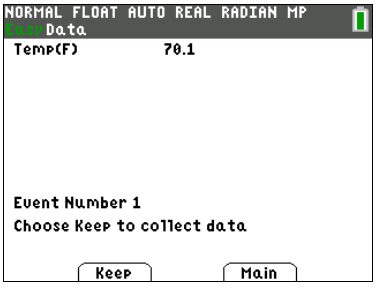
11. You will be taken to a screen that displays the temperature reading in real time at the top of the screen.
12. To begin collecting data, position the two probes next to each other but not touching. Select **Start** by pressing zoom. Let the first reading be the room temperature. To record the temperature of the first reading, select **Keep**.
13. Repeat the procedure until you have collected the **six** readings. This includes the air temperature and the five cups of water. It does not matter which order the readings are taken in.

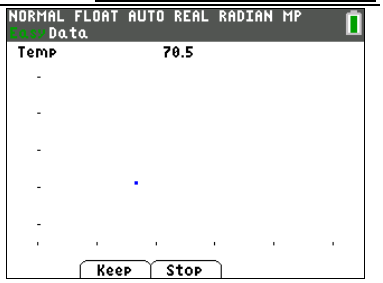
    Record the readings in the table in the ***Looking at the Results*** section at the very end. *The important thing is to keep the two probes close together so they are measuring the same temperature*. Select **Keep** at the same time on both calculators after the temperature readings have become relatively stable.



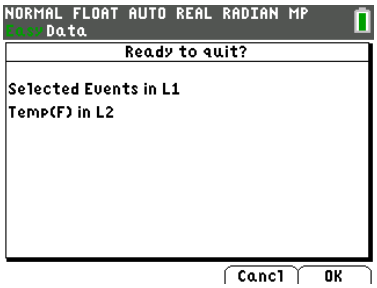




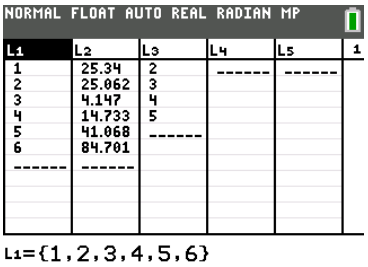
14. With each recorded value, a new data point will be displayed on the graph. When finished, select **Stop** by pressing zoom. The graph of all the data points will be displayed. At this point you can use the right and left arrow keys to view the coordinates of the points.



15. You will **NOT** analyze the data from within the **App**. Select **Main** by pressing graph and then **Quit** to exit the **App**.



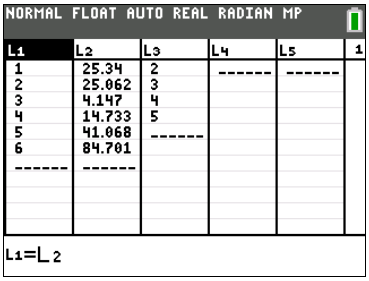
16. The new screen will inform you that your data are in lists one and two. **L1** contains the numbers 1-6. The temperatures are stored in **L2**. The Celsius and Fahrenheit readings are stored in **L2** on two separate calculators. The lists need to be in both calculators so that the Celsius data is in **L1** and the Fahrenheit data is in **L2**. This allows you to examine the relationship between them.



17. On the calculator that took the readings in the Celsius scale, press stat and select **1:Edit** to see the lists displayed. We need to replace **L1** with the values in **L2**.

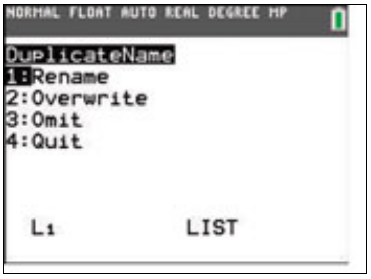
18. Position the cursor so the name **L1** is highlighted. Press 2nd [list] to access **L2.** You will see **L2** at the bottom of the screen. Press enter.

19. **L1** should fill in with the data from **L2**.

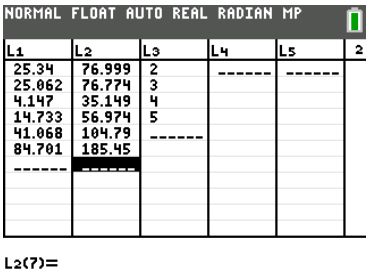


20. Link the two calculators together and pass **L1** from the Celsius calculator to the Fahrenheit calculator and the **L2** from the Fahrenheit calculator to the Celsius calculator. In both cases, because the receiving calculator already has data in the target list, your calculator will ask you if you would like to **2:Overwrite** the data.

21. When the list is sent successfully, you will receive confirmation.

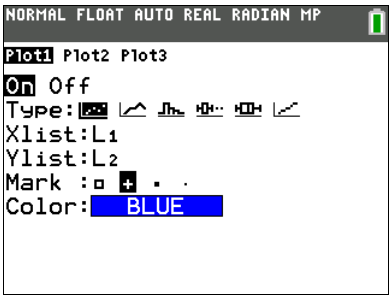


22. Press stat and select **1:Edit** to see the lists displayed on both calculators. Link both **L1** and **L2** to all students in the class.

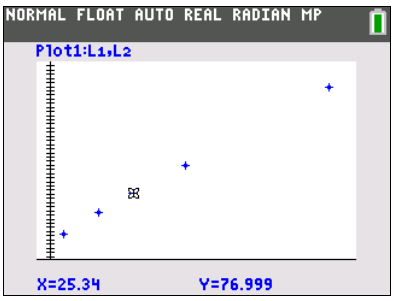


Data Analysis

1. Set up a scatter plot with temperature in degrees Celsius as the independent variable (Xlist) and the corresponding temperature in degrees Fahrenheit as the dependent variable (Ylist).

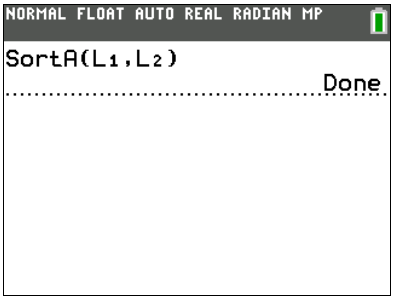


2. Press zoom and select **9:ZoomStat** to see the graph of the scatter plot. When trace is selected, you may have trouble scrolling through the points. When a scatter plot is traced using the right arrow key, the points are scrolled through in the order they were entered in the data list of the independent variable. Often this is the order in which they appear on the screen from left to right, but that is not what happened in this scatter plot. The right arrow will allow you to scroll through the points in the order they are listed in **L1** and **L2** regardless of where they appear on the screen.

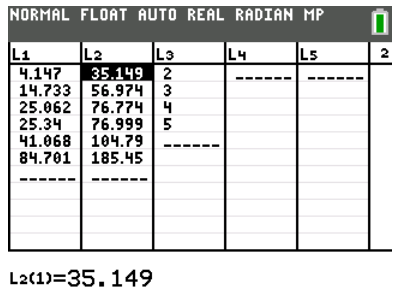


3. Sort the lists so that the data points are in order from smallest to largest. Use the calculator to sort the list for you. Press stat and select **2:SortA(** from the menu. This will sort the list in ascending order.

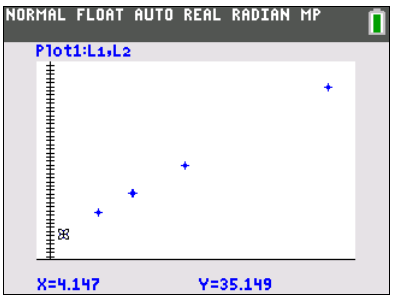
4. This takes you to the home screen. If you enter **L1**, the calculator will arrange the numbers in list one in order, but it will leave the numbers in **L2** alone. Because the numbers in **L2** are related to the numbers in **L1**, the entire row needs to be carried along with the lead entry from **L1**. To do this, type **SortA(L1, L2)**. Press enter to execute the command.



5. Press stat and select **1:Edit**.Your data has been sorted. Notice that the elements in **L1** have been listed in ascending order, as have their corresponding values in **L2**.



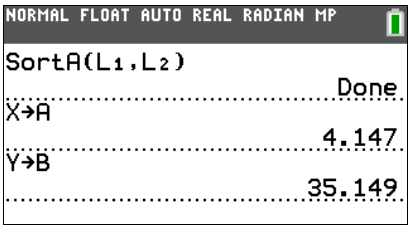
6. Now the points can be traced in order from left to right.



7. Next, find the trend line or the line of best fit. There are several ways to do this, and your teacher may advise you to use a specific method from the list below:

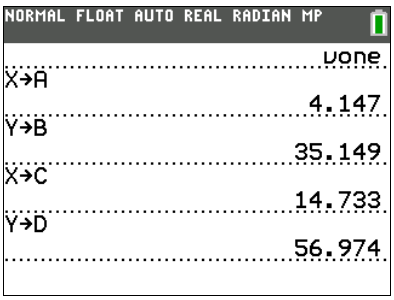
- One method is to estimate the slope and Y-intercept and enter it in **Y1**. Next, check to see how closely it matches the points and adjust the values until you are satisfied with the fit. This can be done manually or using the **Manual-Fit** option under the [stat] ▸ **CALC** menu.
- Another method is to choose two ordered pairs on the graph and calculate the slope. Then, using the slope and Y-intercept (or any other point), find the equation of the line, graph the line, and see how well it fits the data points.
- Using the built-in linear regression feature of the calculator is a quick and accurate method.

8. The calculator can help with the computation of the slope. After tracing to the first point, press [2nd] [mode] to [quit] and return to the home screen. Press [X,T,θ,n] [sto→] [alpha] **A** [enter]. This will store the X-value from the point you last traced on the graph screen to the variable **A**. Repeat this procedure to store the Y-value in **B**. Press [alpha] Y[sto→] [alpha] B [enter].

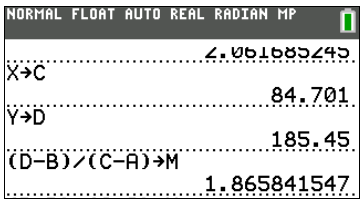


9. Press [graph] and then [trace] and use the right arrow key to move to the last point on the right. Once again, notice the **X-** and **Y-** values displayed at the bottom of the screen.

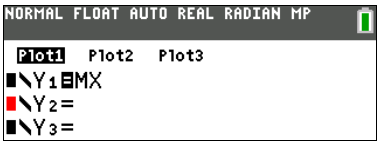
10. Repeat the procedure to store these values in **C** and **D**. Press [2nd] [mode] to access [quit] and return to the home screen. Press [X,T,θ,n] [sto→] [alpha] **C** [enter]. This will store the X-value from the last point to the variable **C**. Next, press [alpha] **Y** [sto→] [alpha] **D** [enter].

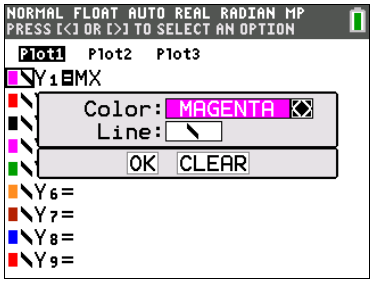


11. Using the slope definition, have the calculator find the slope and store the value in **M** as shown. Be sure to enclose both the numerator and denominator in parentheses. The keystroke sequence is (alpha **D** − alpha **B**) ÷ (alpha **C** − alpha **A**) sto→ alpha **M** enter.

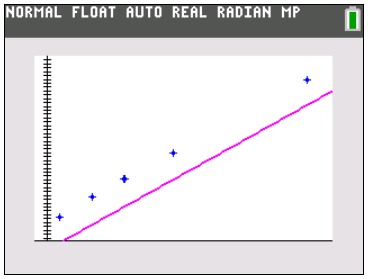


12. Go to the y= window and press alpha M X,T,θ,n to type in **MX** behind **Y1**. To change the color of the line press ◀◀ to highlight the slash and color icon and press enter. Press ▶ or ◀ to scroll through the colors.

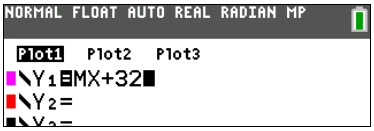




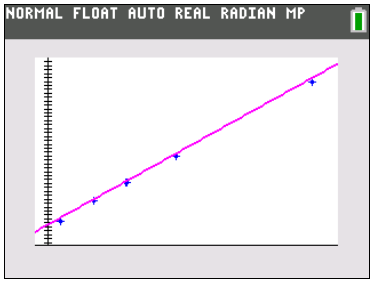
13. Press graph to see how closely this line fits the points. In the example shown, it looks like the slope is correct since the line is parallel to an imaginary line through the points. The vertical position of the line needs to be moved up by adjusting the Y-intercept.



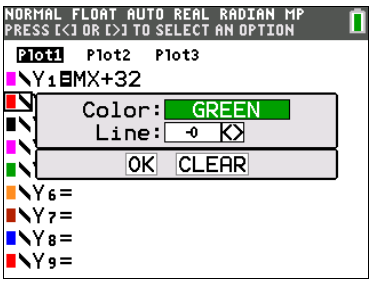
14. Determine how much your line is below where it needs to be. Add this value to the equation you entered in **Y1**. Think about the relationship between Celsius and Fahrenheit. What is 0 degrees Celsius in Fahrenheit?



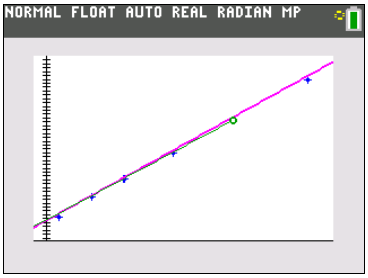
15. Press graph to see how closely this fits the points.



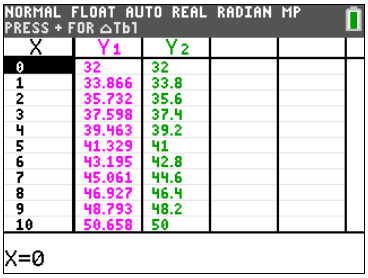
16. Look up the formula to convert Celsius to Fahrenheit and enter it in **Y2**. Press ◄ ◄ to highlight the slash and color icon and press enter in front of **Y2**. Press enter to change the color of the line and the symbol. Choose the symbol with the ball and the small line to the left of the ball. Then press ▼ and enter on **OK**.



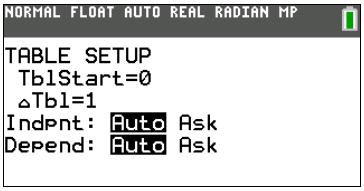
17. Press graph. **Y1** is graphed normally. A circular cursor traces the leading edge of the graph of **Y2** and helps emphasize how close the lines are to each other.



18. Press 2nd [table]. This will allow you to see how close your regression equation is to the formula. A numerical comparison rather than just the visual comparison on the graph screen can confirm that the two lines are very close to being the same line.

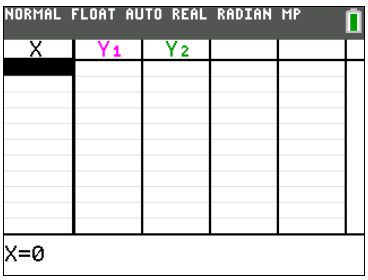


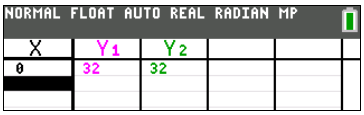
19. Press 2nd [tablset] to access the **TABLE SETUP** Menu. The defaults on the table are to start at zero, to count by one, and to automatically fill in all the values. With these settings, it could take a while to scroll and find specific values.



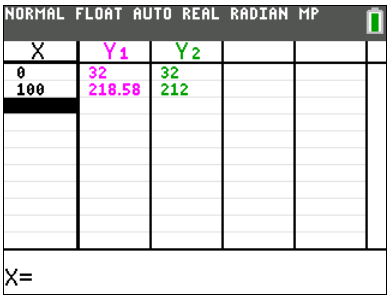
20. To take more control over what numbers the table displays, change the **Indpnt:** to **Ask** instead of **Auto**. Leave the **Depend:** set on **Auto**. Use the arrow keys to position the cursor on the word **Ask** and then press enter.

21. Press [2nd] [graph] to access the **TABLE**. You will be taken to a blank table. Type **zero**. It will be entered beside the **X=** at the bottom of the screen. Pressing [enter] will fill in both **Y1** and **Y2**. Remember: you entered the Y-intercept from your knowledge of the fact that 0 degrees Celsius is 32 degrees Fahrenheit. So, this exact match is not an indicator for all points.





22. Another common set of values is the boiling point of water. Celsius is 100 degrees and Fahrenheit is 212. Type in **100** beside the **X=** and compare the value in **Y1** to the value in **Y2**.



Looking at the Results

1. Fill in the table with the data you collected from the six readings.

Cup of Water	°C	°F
Air room temperature		
Tap water		
Ice water (lots of ice still present)		
Cool water, ice has melted		
Warm water		
Very hot/ boiling water		

2. Why is the order in which you collect the data not important?

3. You put the Celsius readings in **L1** and the Fahrenheit readings in **L2**. Why did you throw away the numbers 1-6 that were originally in **L1** after running the EasyData App?

4. You used two of these data points to find the slope of the regression equation. Would you get the same answer as if you used two different points? Explain.

5. What was your regression equation?

6. The definition of the slope of a line is the change in **Y** divided by the change in **X**. For this problem, that would be the change in Fahrenheit divided by the change in Celsius. Use your own words to state what that means in respect to this problem.

7. What was the regression equation the calculator found?

8. What is a reasonable explanation for why the two regression equations are different from each other and also different from the formula?

9. If your equation is in **Y1**, the formula is in **Y2**, and the calculator's regression equation is in **Y3**, use the **Ask** feature on the table of the calculator and fill in this chart for the given temperatures.

X°C	Y1	Y2	Y3
5			
15			
25			
35			
60			
85			