

TI-83 Plus Science Tools Application

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What Is the Science Tools Application?

The Science Tools application consists of four tools:

- Use the **Sig-Fig Calculator** tool to:
 - Display the significant figures of entered values
 - Perform mathematical operations using either decimal or scientific notation, and display the result with the correct number of significant figures
 - Convert entries in decimal notation to scientific notation, or vice versa
- Use the **Unit Converter** tool to:
 - Display the numerical value and default units of pre-defined constants
 - Convert displayed constants into other consistent units
 - Convert any numerical value from one pre-defined unit to another consistent unit
 - Export displayed or converted values to the calculator home screen

- Use the **Data/Graphs Wizard** tool to:
 - Enter, view, or edit data
 - View and analyze data graphically
 - Find a best-fit function for data
 - Perform basic statistical analysis of data
- Use the **Vector Calculator** tool to:
 - Construct vectors
 - Perform basic vector operations

What You Need

To install and run the Science Tools application, you need:

- A TI-83 Plus calculator with version 1.13 or later of the operating system software to optimize the performance of your calculator and the application. You can download a free copy of the latest operating system software from education.ti.com/softwareupdates.
- TI-GRAPH LINK™ computer-to-calculator cable. If you do not have this cable, call your educational dealer, or order the cable online from TI's [online store](http://education.ti.com/onlinestore).
- 9-pin to 25-pin cable adapter (required only if you are connecting to a 25-pin serial port on the computer).
- TI-GRAPH LINK software that is compatible with the TI-83 Plus. You can download a free copy of this software from education.ti.com/softwareupdates.

Where to Find Installation Instructions

Detailed instructions on installing this and other applications are available at education.ti.com/guides. Follow the link to Flash installation instructions.

Sig-Fig Calculator Tool

Calculations that involve measurements include a certain amount of error. The precision of the measurement determines which digits (known as significant digits or significant figures) should be included when you report measurement results. However, you will often encounter measurement values reported with arbitrary precision. The Sig-Fig Calculator tool lets you:

- Display the significant figures of entered values.
- Perform mathematical operations using either decimal or scientific notation and display the result with the correct number of significant digits.
- Convert entries in decimal notation to scientific notation.
- Convert entries in scientific notation to decimal notation.

Selecting the Sig-Fig Calculator Tool

If the Science Tools application is not already running:

1. Press **[APPS]** to display a list of applications on your calculator.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **SciTools**, and then press **[ENTER]** to select it. The information screen is displayed.

3. Press any key to continue. The **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
4. Press **[ENTER]** to select **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR**. The **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR** screen is displayed.

If the Science Tools application is already running:

1. If necessary, press **[2nd] [QUIT]** until the **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
2. Press **[ENTER]** to select **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR**. The **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR** screen is displayed.

If the Fundamental Topics in Science application is running:

1. Select **UP** as many times as necessary to display the **SCIENCE CHAPTERS** screen.
2. Select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.
3. Press **[ENTER]** to select **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR**. The **SIG-FIG CALCULATOR** screen is displayed.

Note

If you have the international version of Science Tools installed on your calculator, you must exit Fundamental Topics in Science, and then use the **[APPS]** menu to select Science Tools.

Sig-Fig Calculator Tool Features

The Sig-Fig Calculator performs calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and by raising a value to a power. You can use scientific or decimal notation.

If an operation contains more than 15 operands, you have to divide it into separate operations to calculate it. Rounding is performed at the end of each operation. If a long operation is divided into many sub-operations, rounding is performed multiple times, which has an impact on the final result.

You cannot use parentheses in the Sig-Fig Calculator tool. See [Example 2 under Combined Operations](#) for instructions on performing calculations that require parentheses.

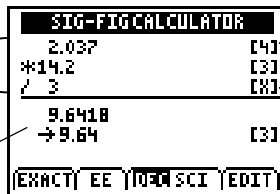
Like any other real-life measuring or calculating instrument, the Sig-Fig Calculator tool has limited precision. The final result of a calculation is displayed with the correct number of significant figures up to the maximum of 16 characters, which includes the decimal point, negation sign(s), E (denotes scientific notation), and exponents.

See the [Significant Figure Rules](#) used to round the final result.

The number of significant figures displayed in brackets to the right of the processed result matches the number of significant figures actually displayed in the final processed value.

Operands and the operations performed on them (add, subtract, multiply, divide, raise to a power)

Result based on your entries, followed by the result rounded to the correct number of significant figures



Number of significant figures

Exact value designator

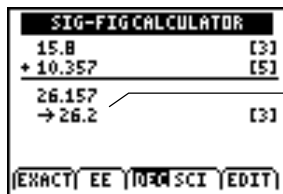
The exponent function of the Sig-Fig Calculator tool is intended for integer exponents only. Entering non-integer exponents may produce unexpected results.

Addition and Subtraction

To add or subtract numbers in the Sig-Fig Calculator:

1. Enter the numbers and operators in the order the operations should be performed.
2. Press **[ENTER]** to calculate the result. The result is rounded to the correct number of significant figures.

- **Example:** A force of 15.8 newtons and another force of 10.357 newtons are acting in the same direction. Find the sum of these two forces.



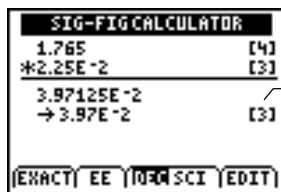
For addition and subtraction, the rounded result has the same decimal-place precision as the least precise term. In this case, 15.8 is precise to tenths, so the result is also precise to tenths.

Multiplication and Division

To multiply or divide numbers in the Sig-Fig Calculator:

1. Enter the numbers and operators in the order the operations should be performed.
2. Press **ENTER** to calculate the result. The result is rounded to the correct number of significant figures.

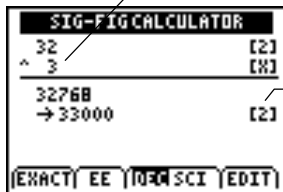
- **Example:** Power (in watts) in an electrical circuit is found by multiplying voltage (in volts) with the current (in amperes). Find the power developed in a circuit with a current of 0.0225 amperes and a voltage of 1.765 volts.



For multiplication and division, the rounded result has the same number of significant figures as the factor with the least number of significant figures.

Raising a Value to a Power

To raise a value to a power, use the carat symbol (press \wedge) for the operator. The power is automatically set as an exact value, and does not affect the number of significant figures that are displayed.



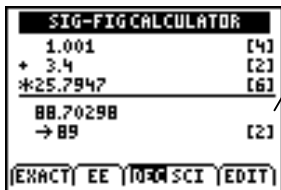
Use integer exponents only. Non-integer exponents may produce unexpected results.

For powers, the rounded result has the same number of significant figures as the base.

Combined Operations

You can use any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and raising a value to a power in the Sig-Fig Calculator. Multiplication and division are performed first, and then addition and subtraction are performed.

► **Example:** Compute $1.001 + 3.4 \times 25.7947$.



Since the calculation contains no parentheses, 25.7947×3.4 is computed first, then 1.001 is added to the result.

You cannot use parentheses in the Sig-Fig Calculator. To perform calculations that would normally include parentheses, you must perform the operations separately.

- **Example:** An electric circuit has three resistances: 14.2 ohms, 101.23 ohms, and 4.65 ohms connected in series. The current, I , through the circuit is 3.55 amperes. Find the voltage drop across the three resistors, $V = IR$.

First, add the ohms to find the cumulative resistance.

SIG-FIG CALCULATOR	
14.2	[3]
+ 101.23	[5]
+ 4.65	[3]

120.08	
→ 120.1	[4]
EXACT EE NR SCI EDIT	

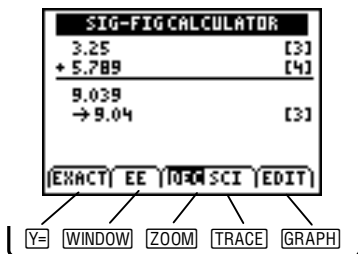
SIG-FIG CALCULATOR	
120.1	[4]
* 3.55	[3]

426.355	
→ 426	[3]
EXACT EE NR SCI EDIT	

Next, press \square . The result from the previous screen is pasted into a new screen. Multiply the result by the current to find the voltage.

Significant Figures Options

Several options are displayed across the bottom of the Sig-Fig Calculator screen. To select an option, press the graphing key directly under the option.



Option	Lets you:
EXACT	Set a value as “exact” so that it will not be subject to rounding.
EE	Enter a value in scientific notation.
DEC or SCI	Specify whether results are displayed in decimal notation (DEC) or scientific notation (SCI).
EDIT	Edit the previous calculation.

Setting a Value as Exact

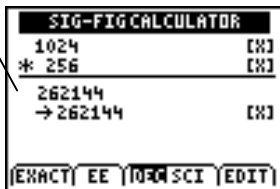
Some values, such as defined or counted quantities, are exact. They should not be rounded and should not affect the rounding of other numbers.

To set a value as exact:

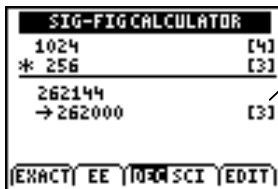
1. Enter the value in the Sig-Fig Calculator.
2. Select **EXACT**.

► **Example:** 1K of computer memory consists of exactly 1024 bytes. How many bytes are there in a 256K computer?

If you set 1024 and 256 as exact, the answer is not rounded.



If you do not use exact values, the answer is rounded to 3 significant figures.



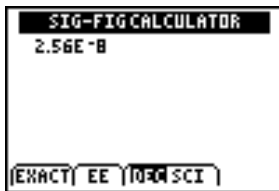
Entering a Value in Scientific Notation

1. Enter the number.
2. Select **EE**. An **E** is displayed on the screen to denote scientific notation.
3. Enter the exponent.

Tip

Although you can enter a number in scientific notation at any time, if the current mode setting is **DEC**, that number is displayed in decimal notation. Also, numbers between 0 and 1 are always displayed in scientific notation.

► **Example:** Enter the number 2.56×10^{-8}



Displaying Results in Decimal or Scientific Notation

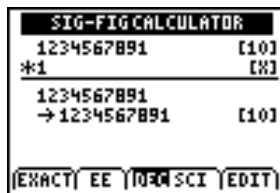
DEC (decimal) or **SCI** (scientific) is highlighted to indicate the current mode. Press either **ZOOM** or **TRACE** to change the mode. The mode change does not apply to a calculation currently displayed; it applies to the next entry you make.

Example

Display

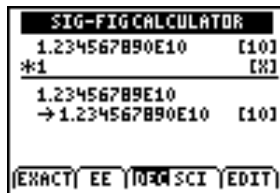
Multiply **1234567891** by exactly **1**.
Be sure to select **EXACT** after typing **1**.

Decimal notation is retained.



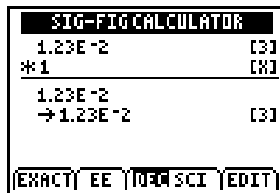
Multiply **12345678901** by exactly **1**.

Number is converted to scientific notation because the entry exceeds the number of characters that can be displayed.



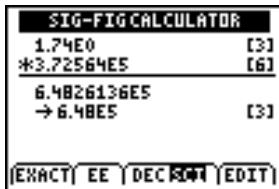
Multiply **0.0123** by exactly **1**.

Any number $-1 < x < 1$, except 0, is always displayed in scientific notation, regardless of the display mode



► **Example:** Calculate 1.74×372564 in scientific notation.

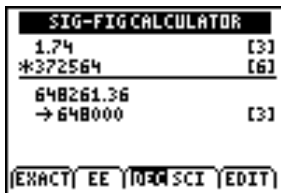
1. Select **SCI**.
2. Enter **1.74** \times **372564**, and then press **ENTER**.



To convert a calculation from one notation type to the other, use the **EDIT** option as follows.

► **Example:** Change the display of the previous calculation to decimal notation.

1. Select **EDIT**. The cursor moves to the end of the top line of the calculation.
2. Select **DEC** and then press **[ENTER]**. The calculation is displayed in decimal notation.



Editing a Calculation

You can correct mistakes using the EDIT option, even after the calculation has been performed.

1. Select **EDIT**. The result is removed and the cursor moves to the end of the top line.
2. Refer to the table below to correct the mistake. Numbers or characters at the cursor location are overwritten when you enter a new number or character.

3. Press **ENTER** to perform the calculation.

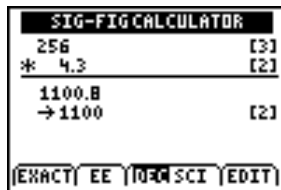
Use the following key sequences as needed to correct mistakes.

Press ...	To do this:
↑ or ↓	Move to the line that contains the error.
→ or ←	Move to the location of the error within the line.
↵	Enter edit mode after a calculation has been performed. The result is deleted and the cursor moves to the end of the top line.
← from the leftmost digit	Move the cursor to the operator.
→ from the operator	Move the cursor to the number field.
2nd [INS] when the cursor is in the number field	Turn insert mode on. Insert mode remains on until you press 2nd [INS] again or use the arrow keys to move the cursor.
2nd [INS] when the cursor is on an operator	Insert a new line above the line the cursor is on. The initial value of the new line is + 0.
2nd ←	Jump to the leftmost digit in the number field.
2nd →	Jump to the rightmost digit in the number field.

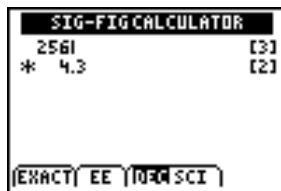
Press ...	To do this:
CLEAR when the cursor is in a number field	Clear the field, leaving the operator. If you do not enter a new number, the previous number is restored when you press an arrow key or ENTER .
CLEAR when the cursor is on an operator	Clear the operator. If you do not enter a new operator, the previous operator is restored when you press an arrow key or ENTER .
DEL when the cursor is on a number or character	Delete that number or character.
DEL when the cursor is on an operator	Delete the entire line.

- **Example:** Find the distance an object falls in 4.023 seconds if its velocity is 256 meters per second.

The computation should have been
 256×4.023 .

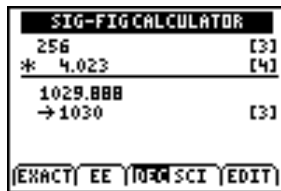


Select **EDIT**. The cursor moves to the end of the top line.



Press \downarrow $\boxed{4}$ $\boxed{2nd}$ $\boxed{[INS]}$ to move the cursor to the correct location and prepare to insert the correct numbers.

Enter **02**, and then press \boxed{ENTER} to perform the calculation.



Significant Figures Rules

The Sig-Fig Calculator tool uses the following commonly employed rules to determine which figures are significant.

Standard Decimal Notation

The following rules determine the correct number of significant figures for values in standard decimal notation. The highlighted figures are significant.

Rule	Value	Number of significant figures
Nonzero digits are always significant.	11	2
	5.759	4
Zeros between nonzero digits are significant.	10.05	4
	90005	5
Zeros in front of nonzero digits are <i>not</i> significant.	0.0003	1
	0.0509	3
Zeros at the end of a number to the right of a decimal point are significant.	23	2
	23.0000	6
Zeros at the end of a whole number are significant only if the decimal point is shown.	46000	2
	46000.	5

Scientific Notation

Only significant figures are included when writing a number in scientific notation. For example, 3×10^6 contains 1 significant figure; 3.00×10^6 contains 3 significant figures.

Significant Figures in Arithmetic Operations

When you perform calculations that involve measurements, the answer can be no more precise than the least precise measurement. A conventional calculator does not consider precision; it shows results with the maximum number of digits that it can display. To maintain the precision of the measurements, these calculated results should be rounded to the correct number of significant figures. The Sig-Fig Calculator tool automatically applies the following common rounding rules.

Rounding Rules

To round numbers to the correct number of significant figures, the digit following the last digit to be retained is examined. In the following examples, the numbers are rounded to 3 significant figures. The highlighted digit is the last to be retained.

Rule	Example
If the digit following the last digit retained is ≥ 5 , the last digit is raised by 1.	6.318 → 6.32
If the digit following the last digit retained is < 5 , the last digit remains the same.	0.94728 → 0.947

Addition and Subtraction Rules

Addition and subtraction are performed in floating-point mode. The result is rounded so that the decimal-place value of the rightmost significant digit in the result is the same as that of the term whose rightmost significant digit has the greatest decimal-place value. For example, if the least precise term is precise to the nearest tenth, then the final result is rounded to the nearest tenth.

► Example 1:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.95 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to hundredths}) \\ + 213.6 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to tenths}) \\ + 2.879 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to thousandths}) \\ \hline 220.429 \rightarrow 220.4 \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to tenths}) \end{array}$$

► Example 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 29000 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to thousands}) \\ + 6.0 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to tenths}) \\ \hline 29006 \rightarrow 29000 \qquad \qquad (\text{precise to thousands}) \end{array}$$

Multiplication, Division, and Power Rules

Multiplication and division are performed in floating-point mode. The final result is rounded so that the number of significant figures in the result is the same as the number of significant figures in the factor having the least number of significant figures.

► **Example:**

$$\begin{array}{r} 12.257 \quad (5 \text{ significant figures}) \\ \times 1.36 \quad (3 \text{ significant figures}) \\ \hline 16.66952 \rightarrow 16.7 \quad (3 \text{ significant figures}) \end{array}$$

When you raise a value to a power, the base is the factor that determines the number of significant figures in the result. The exponent is always an exact value in the calculation.

► **Example:**

$$\begin{array}{r} 33 \quad (2 \text{ significant figures}) \\ ^2 \quad (\text{treated as exact}) \\ \hline 1089 \rightarrow 1100 \quad (2 \text{ significant figures}) \end{array}$$

Note

The Sig-Fig Calculator tool evaluates a number with a negative sign as a single element. Therefore, certain operations on negative numbers may result in errors. For example, if you evaluate $-8^{.5}$ on the TI-83 Plus home screen, the result is -1.109569472 (the square root of 8 is evaluated first, and then the negative sign is applied). However, since -8 is evaluated as a single element, the result is an arithmetic error because the square root of a negative number is non-real (complex).

Rounding Mixed Operations

All calculations are performed in floating-point mode, and all digits are retained in intermediate steps.

► **Example:**

6	(precise to ones)
+ 2.31	(precise to hundredths)
× 4.8	(2 significant figures)
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17.088 → 17	(precise to ones)

If a mixed operation involves addition or subtraction, the final result is rounded according to the [Addition and Subtraction Rules](#). Otherwise, the result is rounded according to the [Multiplication, Division, and Power Rules](#).

Exact or Defined Values

When you use an exact or defined value, the number of significant figures in the result depends only on the *other* measured values. Exact values do not limit the number of significant figures.

- **Example:** By definition, a centimeter contains exactly 10 millimeters. To convert 24.67 centimeters to millimeters:

24.67	(4 significant figures)
× 10	(select EXACT after typing 10)
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246.7	(4 significant figures)

Unit Converter Tool

The Unit Converter tool lets you:

- Display the numerical value and default units of pre-defined constants.
- Convert displayed constants into other consistent units.
- Convert any numerical value from one pre-defined unit to another consistent unit.
- Export displayed or converted values to the calculator home screen.

The values of constants, converted values, and values you input are displayed in scientific notation.

The values of constants in the Unit Converter tool are the latest values recommended by the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). For more information, check the NIST web site at <http://physics.nist.gov/>.

Selecting the Unit Converter Tool

If the Science Tools application is not already running:

1. Press **[APPS]** to display a list of applications on your calculator.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **SciTools**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The information screen is displayed.
3. Press any key to continue. The **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
4. Use the arrow keys to highlight **UNIT CONVERTER**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The **UNIT CONVERTER** menu is displayed.

If the Science Tools application is already running:

1. If necessary, press **[2nd] [QUIT]** until the **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **UNIT CONVERTER**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The **UNIT CONVERTER** menu is displayed.

If the Fundamental Topics in Science application is running:

1. Select **UP** as many times as necessary to display the SCIENCE CHAPTERS screen.
2. Select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.
3. Select **UNIT CONVERTER**.

Note

If you have the international version of the Science Tools application installed on your calculator, you must exit Fundamental Topics in Science, and then use the **APPS** menu to select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.

Converting a Value

1. Choose the conversion category.
2. Enter the value.
3. Select the units to convert *from*, and then press **ENTER**.
4. Select the units to convert *to*, and then press **ENTER**.

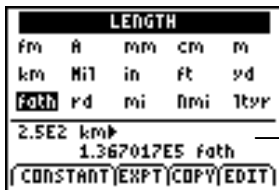
The result is displayed at the bottom of the screen. You can edit the result, or select **EXPT** to paste (export) it to the home screen.

► **Example:** Convert 250 kilometers to fathoms.

1. Select **LENGTH** from the UNIT CONVERTER menu. The LENGTH conversions screen is displayed, listing the available units.

Tip You can press the number (or **ALPHA** plus the letter) corresponding to the conversion category to select it.

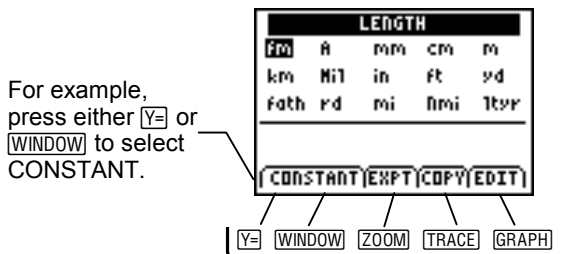
2. Enter **250**, the numerical value to convert.
3. Use the arrow keys to select **km**, the conversion unit to convert *from*, and then press **ENTER**.
4. Use the arrow keys to select **fath**, the conversion unit to convert *to*, and then press **ENTER**. The result is displayed.



Entries and results are shown in scientific notation.

Conversion Screen Options

The conversion screen displays the following options at the bottom of the screen. To select an option, press the graphing key below the option.



Option	Description
CONSTANT	Displays the CONSTANTS menu.
EXPT	Pastes (exports) the converted value to the home screen. You must exit the application to view the home screen.
COPY	Displays the UNIT CONVERTER menu. After you select another conversion category, the converted value is pasted into the conversions screen.
EDIT	Lets you edit the converted value.

To paste the result you just converted into a new 'convert from' workspace, press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ $\boxed{\text{ANS}}$.

Conversion Units

The Unit Converter tool converts the following units:

Conversion Type	Units				
Length	fm (femtometer)	Å (Angstrom)	mm (millimeter)	cm (centimeter)	m (meter)
	km (kilometer)	Mil	in (inch)	ft (foot)	yd (yard)
	fath (fathom)	rd (rod)	mi (mile)	Nmi (nautical mile)	ltyr (lightyear)
Area	cm² (square centimeter)	m² (square meter)	ha (hectare)	km² (square kilometer)	in² (square inch)
	ft² (square foot)	yd² (square yard)	acre	mi² (square mile)	
Volume	cm³ (cubic centimeter)	mL (milliliter)	L (liter)	m³ (cubic meter)	tsp (teaspoon)
	tbsp (tablespoon)	in³ (cubic inch)	ozuk (UK ounce)	oz (fluid ounce)	cup
	pt (pint)	qt (quart)	gal (gallon)	galuk (UK gallon)	ft³ (cubic foot)

Conversion Type	Units				
Time	ns (nanosecond)	μ S (microsecond)	ms (millisecond)	s (second)	min (minute)
	h (hour)	day	week	yr (year)	
Temperature	$^{\circ}$ C (degrees Celsius)	K (Kelvin)	$^{\circ}$ F (degrees Fahrenheit)	$^{\circ}$ R (degrees Rankine)	
Velocity	m/s (meter per second)	km/h (kilometer per hour)	ft/s (foot per second)	mi/h (mile per hour)	knot
Mass	u (atomic mass unit)	g (gram)	kg (kilogram)	lbm (pound mass)	slug
	ton	mton (metric ton)			
Force/Weight	dyne	N (newton)	kgf (kilogram of force)	lbf (pound of force)	tonf (ton of force)
Pressure	Pa (Pascal)	kPa (kiloPascal)	bar	mmH ₂ O (millimeter of water)	mmHg (millimeter of Mercury)
	inH ₂ O (inch of water)	inHg (inch of Mercury)	lb/in ² (pound per square inch)	atm (atmosphere)	

Conversion Type	Units				
Energy/Work	eV (electron volt)	erg	J (Joule)	ft-lbf (foot-pound)	cal (calorie)
	l-atm (liter atmosphere)	Btu (British thermal unit)	kwh (kilowatt hour)		
Power	W (Watt)	ft-lbf/s (foot-pound per second)	cal/s (calorie per second)	Btu/min (British thermal unit per minute)	hp (horsepower)
SI Prefixes	f (femto)	p (pico)	n (nano)	μ (micro)	m (milli)
	c (centi)	d (deci)	base (unit value of 1, or 10 ⁰)	k (kilo)	M (mega)
	G (giga)	T (tera)	P (peta)	E (exa)	

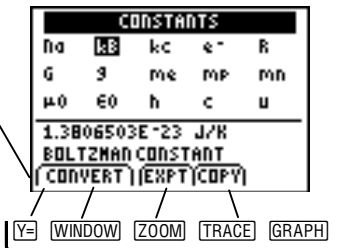
Using a Constant Value

1. Select **CONSTANT**.
2. Move the cursor to highlight the constant.
3. Select **COPY** to copy the constant to a conversion screen, or select **EXPT** to paste (export) the constant to the home screen.

Constants Screen Options

The constants screen displays the following options at the bottom of the screen. To select an option, press the graphing key below the option.

For example, press either $\boxed{Y=}$ or $\boxed{\text{WINDOW}}$ to select CONVERT.



Option	Description
CONVERT	Returns to the UNIT CONVERTER menu.
EXPT	Pastes (exports) the constant to the home screen. You must exit the application to view the home screen.
EDIT	Copies the constant to a conversion screen. If the constant corresponds to a conversion category, the category is automatically selected. (For example, when you select the proton mass constant, it is pasted automatically into the MASS conversion screen.) If the constant does not correspond to a conversion category, the UNIT CONVERTER menu is displayed. After you select a conversion category, the constant is pasted into the conversion screen.

- **Example:** Convert the gravitational acceleration from m/s^2 to ft/s^2 .
1. From the **UNIT CONVERTER** menu, or from any conversion screen, select **CONSTANT**. The **CONSTANTS** menu is displayed.
 2. Use the arrow keys to select **g**, the gravitational acceleration constant. The constant's name and value are displayed at the bottom of the screen.
 3. Select **COPY** to display the **UNIT CONVERTER** menu.
 4. Select **LENGTH**. The gravitational acceleration constant is displayed on the **LENGTH** conversion screen.
 5. Use the arrow keys to select **m**, the conversion unit to convert *from*, and then press **ENTER**.
 6. Use the arrow keys to select **ft**, the conversion unit to convert *to*, and then press **ENTER**. The result is displayed.

► **Example:** Convert the electron mass constant from kg to g.

1. From the **UNIT CONVERTER** menu, or from any conversion screen, select **CONSTANT**. The **CONSTANTS** menu is displayed.
2. Use the arrow keys to select **me**, the electron mass constant. The constant's name and value are displayed at the bottom of the screen.
3. Select **COPY** to copy the constant into the **MASS** conversion screen. The constant is pasted with its unit of measure.
4. Use the arrow keys to select **g**, the conversion unit to convert to, and then press **ENTER**. The result is displayed.

Constants

The Unit Converter tool contains the following constants.

Constant	Name	Value
Na	Avogadro constant	$6.02214199 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
kB	Boltzman constant	$1.3806503 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$
kc	Coulomb constant	$8.987551787 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$
e-	Elementary charge	$1.602176462 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
R	Molar gas constant	$8.314472 \text{ E0 J/molK}$
G	Universal gravitational constant	$6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$
g	Gravitational acceleration	9.80665 E0 m/s^2
me	Electron mass	$9.10938188 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
mp	Proton mass	$1.67262158 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
mn	Neutron mass	$1.67492716 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
μ_0	Magnetic constant	$1.256637061 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N/A}^2$
ϵ_0	Electric constant	$8.854187817 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{Nm}^2$

Constant	Name	Value
h	Planck constant	6.62606876E-34 Js
c	Speed of light in a vacuum	2.99792458E8 m/s
u	Unified atomic mass unit	1.66053873E-27 kg

Data and Graphs Wizard Tool

The Data and Graphs Wizard tool provides an easy way to perform basic, common tasks associated with:

- Entering, viewing, or editing data
- Viewing and analyzing data graphically
- Finding a best-fit function for the data
- Performing basic statistical analysis of the data

Selecting the Data and Graphs Wizard

If the Science Tools application is not already running:

1. Press **[APPS]** to display a list of applications on your calculator.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **SciTools**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The information screen is displayed.
3. Press any key to continue. The **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
4. Use the arrow keys to highlight **DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The **DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD** screen is displayed.

If the Science Tools application is already running:

1. If necessary, press **[2nd]** **[QUIT]** until the **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The **DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD** screen is displayed.

If the Fundamental Topics in Science application is running:

1. Select **UP** as many times as necessary to display the **SCIENCE CHAPTERS** screen.
2. Select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.
3. Select **DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD**.

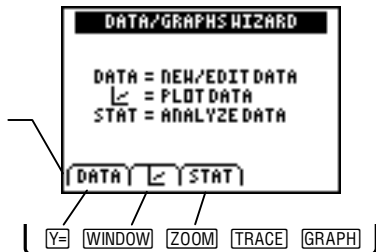
Note

If you have the international version of the Science Tools application installed on your calculator, you must exit Fundamental Topics in Science, and then use the **[APPS]** menu to select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.

Selecting an Option

The DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD main screen lists the main components of the Data and Graphs Wizard tool. To select an option, press the graphing key directly below it.

For example, press $\boxed{Y=}$ to select DATA.



Option	Lets you:
DATA	Enter or edit data in lists
$\boxed{\text{PLOT}}$	Plot data
STAT	Analyze data

To exit the Data and Graphs Wizard tool, press $\boxed{2nd}$ \boxed{QUIT} .

Entering or Editing Data

- Select **DATA** to enter data into the calculator's list editor.
- Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to return to the Data and Graphs Wizard tool.

The list editor displays data in a column-and-row format. Each column contains one list of data. The lists are labeled L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, and L6. The labels can be changed, and more lists can be added to the list editor. Each row in a list contains one data element. Each list can contain up to 999 rows. Basic information about lists and the list editor is given below. Also see the TI-83 Plus guidebook.

Each list must contain at least three elements. If the list contains fewer than three elements, it is not displayed in the selection menu when you plot data.

Note

FREQ and RESID are reserved list names. You cannot plot data in lists that have these names. Any data stored in these lists will be overwritten.

Working with Lists

- Data elements are rounded to six characters for display, although the list variable contains the entire value. For example, 123.4567 displays as 123.46.

- The row label and its value are displayed on the entry/edit line at the bottom of the screen.
- If a value is already in the list row, any new entry replaces the entire previous value.
- Pressing **[ENTER]** completes the current cell entry and moves the cursor to the next row in the list.
- Use **[▶]** **[◀]** to move from one list to another.
- Use **[▲]** **[▼]** to move from one row to another in a list.
- The default lists are blank unless data already exists.
- The list element at the current cursor position—the active cell—is highlighted and is available for entry or editing.

List Header Operations

When the list header (L1, L2, etc.) is the active cell:

- To enter a named list, press **[2nd]** **[INS]**. The Name = prompt is displayed, and the calculator is in alpha-lock mode so that you can enter the list name. The list name can contain up to five characters.

- To insert a formula for the list, such as $L_2=L_1^2$, you can:
 - Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{1}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{2}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{3}$, etc., to enter the list name.
 - Use any of the following operators: $\boxed{+}$, $\boxed{-}$, $\boxed{\times}$, $\boxed{\div}$, $\boxed{(-)}$, $\boxed{\wedge}$, $\boxed{x^{-1}}$, $\boxed{x^2}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{[\sqrt{\quad}]}$, $\boxed{\text{LOG}}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{[10^x]}$, $\boxed{\text{LN}}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{[e^x]}$, $\boxed{2\text{nd}} \boxed{[EE]}$.
- The list contents are generated by applying the formula entered at the list header level to each cell in the referenced lists.
- Cell contents of a formula-generated list do not change if the formula-referenced list is changed unless the formula was entered in quotation marks. For example, $L_2="L_1^2"$.
- Press $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$ to delete the list contents when the active cell is the cell header. For example, to delete the contents of L_1 , move the cursor to the cell header (which shows L_1) and press $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$ and then $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$.

Plotting Data

You can plot data for lists you have created. Each list must contain at least three elements.

After the plot is drawn, you can explore its values by pressing the arrow keys (free-moving cursor), or by pressing $\boxed{\text{TRACE}}$ and then pressing the arrow keys (cursor is positioned only at the data elements of the plotted lists).

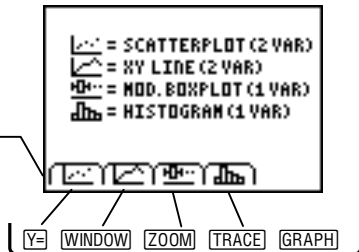
After you plot a function, you can display the equation of that function by pressing **TRACE** and then pressing **▲** or **▼**.

Note The Data and Graphs Wizard does not reset graph settings. For example, if you previously set y_1 to shade below the expression, that setting is still active. To change graph settings after you plot the data, press **Y=** to display the Y= editor.

To plot data:

1. Select **2nd** to display the CHOOSE A PLOT TYPE menu.
2. Select a plot type by pressing the graphing key that corresponds to the plot type.

For example, press **Y=** to select **1: [Scatterplot]** for a scatterplot.







3. Select the list that corresponds to the independent (x) variable.

4. Select the list that corresponds to the dependent (y) variable.
The plot is displayed.

Note

- The only lists displayed in the dependent variable (y) pick list are those that contain the same number of elements as the list chosen from the independent variable (x) pick list.
- Only the first 18 lists that contain valid data for plotting are displayed. Any other lists are not shown.

Plotting option	Description
 = SCATTERPLOT (2 VAR)	Plots the points independently on the graphing screen. You must have two lists of data (one for x values; one for y values).
 = XY LINE (2 VAR)	Plots the points and connects them with a line. You must have two lists of data (one for x values; one for y values).
 = MOD. BOXPLOT (1 VAR)	Graphs the min, max, median, and third quartiles of the data.
 = HISTOGRAM (1 VAR)	Displays a histogram of the data.

Displaying a Scatter Plot

A scatter plot lets you graphically view the relationship between two corresponding data sets. Choose one data list as the independent (x) data set and a second list as the dependent (y) data set. The first element of each list is treated as one coordinate pair and plotted as the first data point, and so on through all the elements.

- **Example:** Consider the relationship between a certain individual's age and weight. Using the Data and Graphs Wizard tool, enter age (in years) in list L1; enter weight (in pounds) in list L2.

L1={0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18}

L2={7,27,35,44,55,71,92,110,123,124}

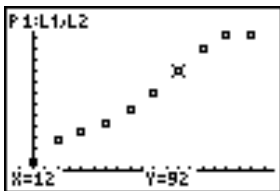
1. [Enter the data](#) above into lists L1 and L2.

L1	L2	L3	2
0	7		
2	27	-----	
4	35		
6	44		
8	55		
10	71		
12	92		

L2(1)=7

2. Press **[2nd]** **[QUIT]** to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.

3. Select $\boxed{\text{F1}}$ from the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.
4. Select $\boxed{\text{F2}}$.
5. Select list L1, which represents the independent x data set.
6. Select list L2, which represents the dependent y data set.
The plot is displayed.
7. To display the (x,y) values of each point on the scatter plot, press $\boxed{\text{TRACE}}$, and then press $\boxed{\leftarrow}$ and $\boxed{\rightarrow}$ to move the cursor along the plot. The (x,y) coordinates are displayed at the bottom of the screen.



Note

The plot initially displays with the viewing window automatically adjusted to include all data points (ZoomStat). To adjust the viewing window, either:

- Press $\boxed{\text{WINDOW}}$ and then change the window parameters or
- Press $\boxed{\text{ZOOM}}$ and then select a Zoom option.

Previous window parameters are not restored when you exit the Data and Graphs Wizard.

8. Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to exit the graph. The CHOOSE A FIT METHOD menu is displayed.
9. Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen, or see [Fitting a Graph to a Regression](#) for more information about regressions.

Displaying an XY Line

An xy line plot also shows the graphical relationship between two corresponding data sets. The difference between the xy line and the scatter plot is that the xy line draws line segments between consecutive data points.

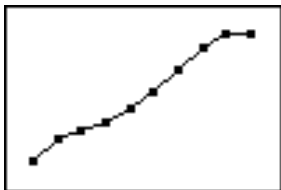
Note

You might think that you are viewing a piecewise linear graph when you view an xy line. However, this is not necessarily the case. The xy line simply helps you see the trend of the plot.

► **Example:** View the data from the previous scatter plot graph as an xy line.

1. Select $\boxed{\text{r}(\text{L1})}$ from the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.
2. Select $\boxed{\text{r}(\text{L2})}$.
3. Select list L1, which represents the independent x data set.

4. Select list L2, which represents the dependent y data set. The graph is displayed.
5. To display the (x,y) values of each point on the scatter plot, press **TRACE**, and then press **◀** and **▶** to move the cursor along the plot. The (x,y) coordinates are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

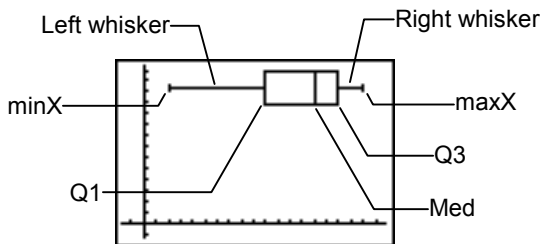


6. Press **2nd** [QUIT] to exit the graph. The CHOOSE A FIT METHOD menu is displayed.
7. Press **2nd** [QUIT] to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen, or see [Fitting a Graph to a Regression](#) for more information about regressions.

Displaying a Modified Box Plot

A modified box plot lets you view the distribution of elements within a single data set. Choose one data list as the independent (x) data set. The resulting plot resembles a rectangular box with “whiskers” extending to the left and right, dividing the data into four groups. Each data group contains 25% of the data elements.

- The left whisker extends from the minimum value $\min X$ to the first quartile value $Q1$ (represented by the left edge of the box).
- The left portion of the box extends from $Q1$ to the median value Med (represented by the vertical line within the box).
- The right portion of the box extends from Med to the third quartile value $Q3$ (represented by the right edge of the box).
- The right whisker extends from $Q3$ to the maximum value $\max X$ (represented by the tip of the right whisker).
- The width of the rectangle and the length of the whiskers indicate how tightly the data is clustered around the median value.



- **Example:** Consider the distribution of the weight of a group of 14 year old students. Using the Data and Graphs Wizard tool, enter weight (in pounds) in list L3.

$L3 = \{120, 92, 104, 132, 114, 110, 145, 85, 116, 108\}$

1. [Enter the data](#) above into list L3.

L1	L2	L3	3
8	55	114	
10	71	110	
12	92	145	
14	110	85	
16	123	116	
18	124	108	

L3(10) = 108			

2. Press $\boxed{2nd}$ [QUIT] to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.
3. Select $\boxed{\sqrt{\square}}$ from the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.

4. Select $\overline{\text{STAT}}$.
5. Select list L3, which represents the independent x data set. The plot is displayed.

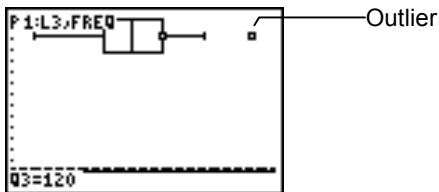
Note

The plot initially displays with the viewing window automatically adjusted to include all data points (ZoomStat). To adjust the viewing window, either:

- Press $\overline{\text{WINDOW}}$ and then change the window parameters or
- Press $\overline{\text{ZOOM}}$ and then select a Zoom option.


Previous window parameters are not restored when you exit the Data and Graphs Wizard.

6. To display the values **minX**, **Q1**, **Med**, **Q3**, and **maxX**, press $\overline{\text{TRACE}}$, and then press $\overline{\leftarrow}$ and $\overline{\rightarrow}$ to move the cursor along the plot. The plot values are displayed at the bottom of the screen.



Note

The whiskers do not extend to the statistical outliers, defined as those data points greater than $1.5 \times (Q3 - Q1)$ from the right or left edge of the box. Outliers are plotted as distinct points.

7. Press  [QUIT] to exit the graph and return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.

Displaying a Histogram

A histogram lets you graphically view the distribution of elements within a single data set. Choose one data list as the independent (x) data set. The resulting plot shows how many data elements (n) fall within certain equally-spaced intervals.

► **Example:** View the data from the [previous box plot graph](#) as a histogram.

1. Select  from the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.
2. Select .

3. Select L3, which represents the independent x data set. The graph is displayed.

Note

The plot initially displays with the viewing window automatically adjusted to include all data points (ZoomStat). To adjust the viewing window, either:

- Press **WINDOW** and then change the window parameters or
- Press **ZOOM** and then select a Zoom option.

Previous window parameters are not restored when you exit the Data and Graphs Wizard.

4. To display the values **min**, **max**, and **n** for each interval in the histogram, press **TRACE**, and then press **◀** and **▶** to move the cursor along the plot. The plot values are displayed at the bottom of the screen. Notice that the greatest occurrence of weight values is in the interval ≥ 100 and < 115 .



5. Press **2nd** **[QUIT]** to exit the graph and return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.

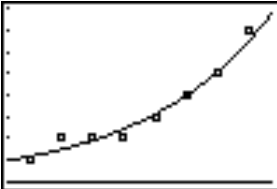
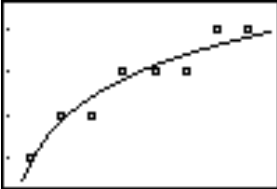
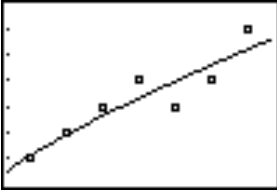
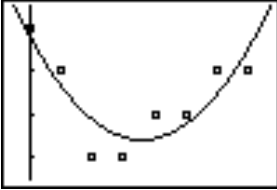
Fitting a Graph to a Regression

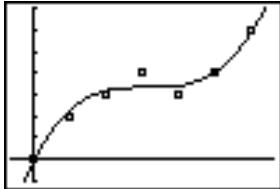
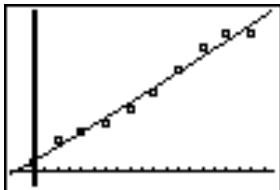
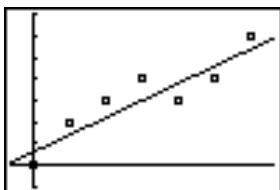
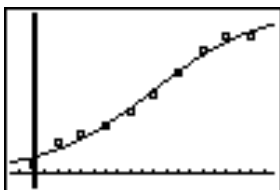
After you graph a scatter plot or an xy line, you can fit that graph to a regression to see how the data fits into a curve.

Note Regressions are stored to Y1. If you have a function stored in Y1, it will not be restored when you exit the Science Tools application.

1. Display the graph of a [scatter plot](#) or [xy line](#).
2. Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to exit the graph and display the CHOOSE A FIT METHOD screen.
3. Select a fit method.

Fit Method	Description	Graph
LIN REG	Displays a linear regression that fits the model $y=ax+b$ to the data using a least-squares fit.	

Fit Method	Description	Graph
EXP REG	Displays an exponential regression that fits the model equation $y=ab^x$ to the data using a least-squares fit and transformed values x and $\ln(y)$.	 <p>A scatter plot with approximately 10 data points showing an upward exponential trend. A smooth curve is drawn through the points, representing an exponential regression fit. The axes are marked with tick marks but no numerical values are provided.</p>
LN REG	Displays a logarithmic regression that fits the model equation $y=a+b \ln(x)$ to the data using a least-squares fit and transformed values $\ln(x)$ and y .	 <p>A scatter plot with approximately 10 data points showing an upward trend that levels off as x increases. A smooth curve is drawn through the points, representing a logarithmic regression fit. The axes are marked with tick marks but no numerical values are provided.</p>
PWR REG	Displays a power regression that fits the model equation $y=ax^b$ to the data using a least-squares fit and transformed values $\ln(x)$ and $\ln(y)$.	 <p>A scatter plot with approximately 10 data points showing a linear upward trend. A straight line is drawn through the points, representing a power regression fit. The axes are marked with tick marks but no numerical values are provided.</p>
QUAD REG	Displays a quadratic regression that fits the second-degree polynomial $y=ax^2+bx+c$ to the data.	 <p>A scatter plot with approximately 10 data points forming a U-shape. A parabolic curve is drawn through the points, representing a quadratic regression fit. The axes are marked with tick marks but no numerical values are provided.</p>

Fit Method	Description	Graph
CUBIC REG	Displays a cubic regression that fits the third-degree polynomial $y=ax^3+bx^2+cx+d$ to the data.	 <p>The graph shows a set of data points on a coordinate plane. A smooth cubic curve is drawn through the points, starting from the origin and curving upwards as it moves to the right.</p>
QUART REG	Displays a quartic regression that fits the fourth-degree polynomial $y=ax^4+bx^3+cx^2+dx+e$ to the data.	 <p>The graph shows a set of data points on a coordinate plane. A quartic curve is fitted to the points, showing a complex shape that generally trends upwards but has a slight dip in the middle before rising again.</p>
MED-MED	Displays a median-median regression that fits the model equation $y=ax+b$ to the data using the median-median line (resistant line) technique, calculating the summary points for $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3,$ and y_3 .	 <p>The graph shows a set of data points on a coordinate plane. A straight line is drawn through the points, representing a median-median regression fit. The line is resistant to outliers.</p>
LOGISTIC	Fits the model equation $y= \frac{c}{1+a \cdot e^{-bx}}$ to the data using an iterative least-squares fit.	 <p>The graph shows a set of data points on a coordinate plane. A logistic curve is fitted to the points, showing an S-shaped curve that levels off as it approaches the right side of the graph.</p>

Analyzing Data

The **STAT** option performs statistical calculations on a single data set. Choose a data list as the independent (x) data set, then compute and display the following values for that data set.

Abbreviation	Description
\bar{x}	Mean of x values
Σx	Sum of x values
Σx^2	Sum of x^2 values
Sx	Sample standard deviation of x
σx	Population standard deviation of x
n	Number of data points
minX	Minimum of x values
Q1	First quartile
Med	Median
Q3	Third quartile
maxX	Maximum of x values

► **Example:** View the 1-variable statistics from the [previous box plot graph](#).

1. If necessary, press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.
2. Select **STAT**.
3. Select L3, which represents the independent X data set. The analysis is displayed.
4. Press $\boxed{\downarrow}$ to display the second screen of values.

```
1-VAR STATS FOR L3
   $\bar{x}$  = 112.6
   $\Sigma x$  = 1126
   $\Sigma x^2$  = 129570
   $Sx$  = 17.5828199
   $\sigma x$  = 16.6052757
   $\downarrow$  n = 10
```

```
1-VAR STATS FOR L3
† min $\bar{x}$  = 85
  Q1 = 104
  Med = 112
  Q3 = 120
  max $\bar{x}$  = 145
```

The down arrow indicates that additional values are on the next screen.

5. Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] to return to the DATA/GRAPHS WIZARD screen.

Vector Calculator Tool

The Vector Calculator tool allows you to construct vectors and perform basic vector operations. Vectors are graphically displayed on the screen and are stored to V1 through V9. After you create vectors, you can edit or delete them as needed or perform these vector operations: addition, subtraction, scalar multiplication (dot product), or vector multiplication (cross product).

Selecting the Vector Calculator Tool

If the Science Tools application is not already running:

1. Press **[APPS]** to display a list of applications on your calculator.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **SciTools**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The information screen is displayed.
3. Press any key to continue. The **SELECT A TOOL** menu is displayed.
4. Use the arrow keys to highlight **VECTOR CALCULATOR**, and press **[ENTER]** to select it. The **VECTOR CALCULATOR** screen is displayed.

If the Science Tools application is already running:

1. If necessary, press **2nd** [QUIT] until the SELECT A TOOL menu is displayed.
2. Use the arrow keys to highlight **VECTOR CALCULATOR**, and press **ENTER** to select it. The VECTOR CALCULATOR screen is displayed.

If the Fundamental Topics in Science application is running:

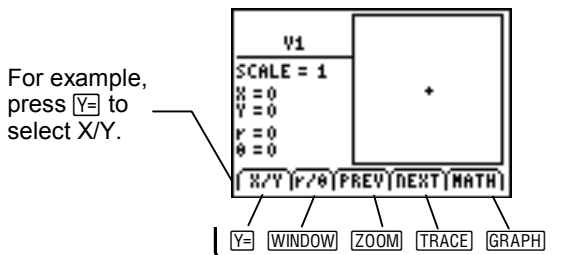
1. Select **UP** as many times as necessary to display the SCIENCE CHAPTERS screen.
2. Select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.
3. Select **VECTOR CALCULATOR**.

Note

If you have the international version of the Science Tools application installed on your calculator, you must exit the Fundamental Topics in Science application, and then use the **APPS** menu to select **SCIENCE TOOLS**.

Selecting an Option

Options are displayed at the bottom of the screen to help you navigate and perform specific tasks. To select an option, press the graphing key directly below it.



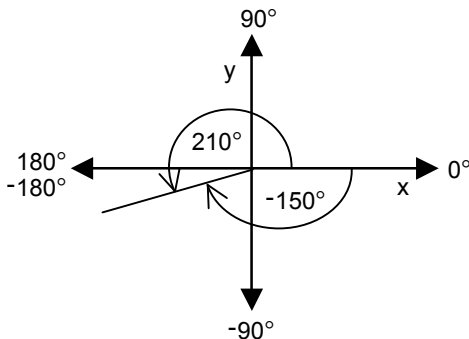
Option	Lets you:
X/Y	Enter x and y coordinates for the head of the vector
r/θ	Enter r and θ coordinates for the head of the vector
PREV	Display the previous vector screen
NEXT	Display the next vector screen
MATH	Display the vector math operators at the bottom of the screen (+, -, •, and ×)
VIEW	Display all of the values for the vector (x, y, r, and θ)
PICK	Select the current vector for a vector math operation

Creating a Vector

In the Vector Calculator tool, all vectors are drawn from the origin. Therefore, the tail of each vector is fixed at the coordinates $x=0$, $y=0$. You create a vector by specifying the coordinates of its head in either of two ways:

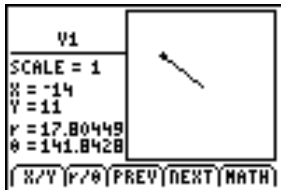
- Move the cursor to the coordinates.
- Directly enter the (x,y) or (r,θ) values.

The TI-83 Plus displays angles using 0° to 180° , and 0° to -180° notation. If you enter an angle of 210° , for example, the Vector Calculator tool displays -150° , not 210° .



Creating a Vector Graphically

1. Use the arrow keys to move the cursor to the (x,y) coordinates of the vector's head and press **ENTER**. The (x,y) and (r,θ) values are displayed on the left side of the screen as you move the cursor.



2. Select **NEXT** and then create another vector, or select **MATH** to [perform vector math](#).

Tip You can also press **ENTER** instead of selecting **NEXT** to display the next vector entry screen.

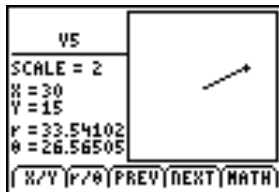
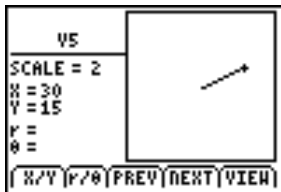
Creating a Vector by Directly Entering Coordinates

Note You must enter integer values ≥ 0 and $\leq 10,000$ for **x**, **y**, **r** or θ .

1. Select **r/θ** or **X/Y** to move the cursor to the appropriate field.
2. Enter the values for (x,y) or (r,θ). Press **ENTER** to move from the first field to the second, and then press **ENTER** again to complete the vector.

Tip

- Select **r/θ** to move the cursor to the **r** field to edit the entries.
- Select **X/Y** to move the cursor to the **X** field to edit the entries.
- Select **VIEW** to view **r/θ** and **X/Y** values.



3. Select **NEXT**, and then create another vector following steps 1 and 2 above, or select **MATH** to [perform vector math](#).

Editing a Vector

You can change any vector that you create, or reset all of its values to 0.

1. Select **PREV** or **NEXT** to display the vector you want to edit.
2. You can either [use the cursor keys](#) to change the vector, or you can [directly enter values](#) for (x,y) or (r,θ).

—or—

Press **CLEAR** to reset all values to 0.

You can use the following key sequences to edit the vector.

Press ...	To do this:
DEL	Delete the character at the cursor location.
2nd [INS]	Turn on insert mode. Insert mode remains on until you press 2nd [INS] again or move the cursor to another field.
CLEAR	Clear the coordinate field.
▼ or ▲	Move from one field to another.

Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying Vectors

You can add, subtract, or multiply vectors. When you multiply vectors, you can find the dot (scalar) or cross (vector) product of two vectors. The resultant vector is stored to V9.

Note

A vector that has an x or y component $> 10,000$ as a result of a math operation cannot be correctly displayed graphically. However, the (x,y) and (r, θ) coordinates *are* displayed correctly. The vector is not stored to V9.

Adding or Subtracting Vectors

Vector addition and subtraction is graphically displayed using the head-to-tail method. That is, if two vectors V1 and V2 are added, the tail of V2 is translated to the head of V1. The resultant is drawn from the origin (0,0) to the head of V2.

Note

All three vectors (the resultant plus the two constituent vectors) are displayed unless they cannot all be shown with the same scale factor. When the scale factors are different, only the resultant vector is displayed. In Figure 1 below, all three vectors are shown. In Figure 2, only the resultant vector is shown.

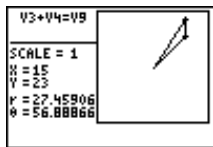


Figure 1

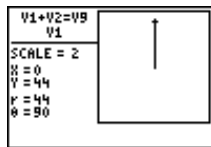


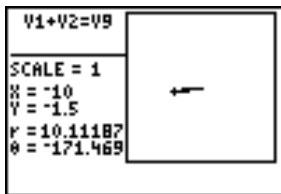
Figure 2

- **Example:** A child is playing with a toy truck on the floor of a train that is moving westward. While the train travels 10.0 meters, the child pushes the truck 1.5 meters southward on the floor of the train. What is the resulting displacement of the truck?

Create a vector for the train and a vector for the child's truck, and then add the vectors to find the resulting displacement. This example uses V1 for the train and V2 for the child's truck.

1. On the V1 screen, select **X/Y** and enter the (x,y) coordinates for the train, **X = -10; Y = 0**.
2. Select **NEXT** to display V2.
3. Select **X/Y** and enter the (x,y) coordinates for the child's truck, **X = 0; Y = -1.5**.
4. Select **VIEW** to display the (x,y) and (r,θ) values for V2. This also displays the **MATH** option.
5. Select **MATH** to perform vector math. V1 is displayed.
6. Select **PICK** to choose V1. The operators are displayed at the bottom of the screen.
7. Select **+**.

8. Select **NEXT** to display V2, and then select **PICK** to choose it. The resulting vector is displayed.



Subtract 171.469 from 180 to find the resulting displacement of 8.53° south of west.

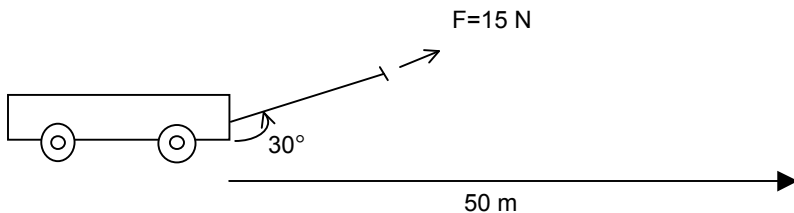
9. Press $\boxed{2\text{nd}}$ [QUIT] twice to return to the first screen.

Calculating a Dot Product

The dot (scalar) product of two vectors V1 and V2 is a scalar whose magnitude is calculated by the equation $\vec{V1} \cdot \vec{V2} = (V1)(V2) \cos \beta$, where β is the angle between V1 and V2.

Work is a scalar quantity defined by the scalar (dot) product of a force vector and a displacement vector: $W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{S}$.

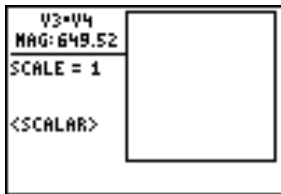
► **Example:** A child pulls a wagon 50 m along level ground by pulling with a force of 15 N on the wagon handle, which is inclined 30 degrees from the ground. Find the work done by the child.



Create a vector for the force and a vector for the distance that the wagon was pulled, and then find the dot product to find the work done. This example uses V3 for the force and V4 for the distance that the wagon was pulled.

1. On the V3 screen, select r/θ to [enter the polar coordinates](#) $r = 15$ and $\theta = 30$.
2. Select **NEXT** to display V4.
3. Select r/θ to enter the polar coordinates $r = 50$ and $\theta = 0$.
4. Select **VIEW** to display the (x,y) and (r,θ) values for V4. This also displays the **MATH** option.

5. Select **MATH** to perform vector math. V1 is displayed.
6. Select **NEXT** two times to display V3, and then select **PICK** to choose it. The operators are displayed at the bottom of the screen.
7. Select \cdot .
8. Select **NEXT** to display V4, and then select **PICK** to choose it. The magnitude of the scalar result is displayed.



Note

The units of measure are not displayed. You can determine these units as force times distance. For this problem, you have units of work = (units of force) (units of distance) = N•m.

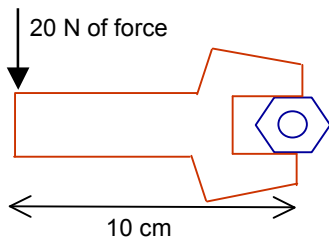
Calculating a Cross Product

The cross (vector) product of two vectors V_1 and V_2 is a vector whose magnitude is calculated by the equation $\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2 = (V_1)(V_2) \sin \beta$, where β is the angle between V_1 and V_2 .

When you find a cross product of two vectors, the resulting vector is not displayed graphically because that requires 3-dimensional plotting capability. However, the magnitude of the vector is displayed. If the magnitude is a negative value, the vector lies along the negative z-axis. If the magnitude is positive, the vector lies along the positive z-axis.

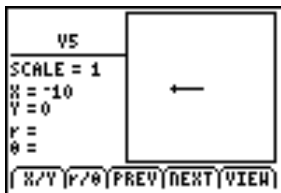
Torque is a vector quantity defined by the cross product of a position vector and a force vector, $\vec{\tau} = \vec{R} \times \vec{F}$, where R is the radius about the axis of rotation.

- **Example:** Find the magnitude and direction of the torque imparted to a nut by applying a force of 20 N perpendicularly at the end of a 10 cm wrench.



Create a vector for position and a vector for the force. Find the cross product of these vectors to determine the magnitude and direction of the torque. This example uses V5 for the position vector and V6 for the force vector.

1. On the V5 screen, select **X/Y** to enter the coordinates of the position vector **X = -10** and **Y = 0**. Press **ENTER** to complete the vector.

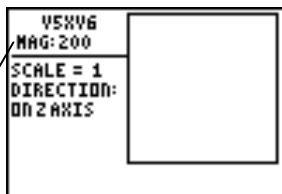


2. Select **NEXT** to display V6.
3. Select **X/Y** to enter the coordinates for the force vector, **X = 0** and **Y = -20**.
4. Select **VIEW** to display the (x,y) and (r,θ) values for V6. This also displays the **MATH** option.
5. Select **MATH** to perform vector math. V1 is displayed.
6. Select **NEXT** to display V5, and then select **PICK** to choose it. The operators are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

7. Select **X**.

8. Select **NEXT** to display V6, and then select **PICK** to choose it.
The magnitude of the scalar result is displayed.

The magnitude is a positive value, indicating that the vector lies along the positive z-axis.



Note

The units of measure are not displayed. You can determine these units as force times distance. For this problem, you have units of torque = (units of force) (units of distance) = N•cm. Since N•cm is not a proper derived SI unit, you can use the Constants and Conversions tool to convert 200 N•cm to N•m.

Deleting the Science Tools Application

Deleting the Science Tools application completely removes the application from your calculator.

Be sure to exit the application. Then:

1. Press **[2nd] [MEM]** to display the MEMORY menu.
2. Select **Mem Mgmt/Del**.
3. Use **[↓]** or **[↑]** to select **Apps**, and then press **[ENTER]**.
4. Use **[↓]** or **[↑]** to select **SciTools** (the arrow points to **SciTools**).
5. Press **[DEL]**.
6. Select **Yes**.

Science Tools Error Messages

Arithmetic Error

This is a general error caused by a limitation error (such as an overflow error when a result is $\geq 1E100$) or a mathematical error (such as divide-by-zero).

Err: Memory

This error occurs when the TI-83 Plus does not have enough free RAM to perform the operation. Also, if the unit has less than 1300 bytes, the application will not start.

Fit Error

This error occurs when a regression fit cannot be performed on a scatterplot or xyline plot because the data in the lists is not compatible with that type of regression. The error also occurs if you press **ON** to break (stop) a regression fit calculation in progress.

Input Error

This error occurs when an invalid entry is entered in an editor field. For example, an error occurs if you enter **1..2** instead of **1.2**.

Stat Error

This error occurs if you select **STAT** to perform a one-variable statistical calculation on a list containing data that is incompatible with one-variable analysis.

Errors While Downloading

Low Battery Condition

Do not attempt a Flash download if the low-battery message appears on the calculator. Low-battery indication is shown on the initial screen. If you receive this error during an installation, change the batteries before trying again.

Archive Full

This error occurs when the TI-83 Plus does not have sufficient memory for the application. To make room for another application, you must delete an application and/or archived variables from the TI-83 Plus. Before you delete an application, you can back it up by using the TI-GRAPH LINK™ software for the TI-83 Plus. You can reload it to the TI-83 Plus later using the TI-GRAPH LINK software.

Link Transmission Error

This error indicates that the TI-GRAPH LINK software is unable to communicate with the TI-83 Plus. The problem is usually associated with the TI-GRAPH LINK cable and its connection to the TI-83 Plus and/or to the computer. Make sure the cable is firmly inserted in the calculator I/O port and the computer. Verify that the correct cable type is selected in the TI-GRAPH LINK link settings.

If this does not correct the problem, try a different TI-GRAPH LINK cable and reboot your computer. If you continue to get this error, please contact [TI-Cares™ Customer Support](#) for assistance.

Error in Xmit

This problem is usually associated with the TI-GRAPH LINK™ cable and its connection between the TI-83 Plus calculators. Make sure the cable is firmly inserted in the I/O port of each calculator.

If you continue to get this error, please contact [TI-Cares™ Customer Support](#).

Invalid Signature or Certificate

Either this calculator does not have a certificate to run the application, or electrical interference caused a link to fail. Try to install the application again. If you continue to receive this error, contact [TI-Cares Customer Support](#).

Checking Version Numbers and Free Space

Verifying the Operating System Version and ID Number

The Science Tools application is compatible with the TI-83 Plus operating system 1.13 and higher.

To verify the TI-83 Plus operating system version number:

1. From the home screen, press **2nd** [MEM].
2. Select **ABOUT**.

The operating system version number is displayed below the calculator name and has the format x.yy. The ID number appears on the line below the product number.

Verifying the Flash Application Version

1. Press **[APPS]**.
2. Select **SciTools**. The information screen is displayed.

The version number appears on the information screen below the application name.

Checking the Amount of Flash Application Free Space

1. From the home screen, press **[2nd]** **[MEM]**.
2. Select **Mem Mgmt/Del**.

The Science Tools application requires at least 32,768 bytes of ARC FREE (Flash) to load the application.

For more information about memory and memory management, refer to the [TI-83 Plus manual](#).

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