Table 1: Data for the height of fluid remaining in the cylindrical container at time $t$

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TOTAL POINTS VALUE: 5
Question [6] The height \( h(t) \) of fluid draining in a cylindrical container with a small hole is described by the differential equation \( \frac{dh}{dt} = -k\sqrt{h} \), \( h(0) = h_0 \). Here we will use the fact that a solution to this differential equation is

\[
h(t) = (\sqrt{h_0} - \frac{1}{2}kt)^2. \tag{1}
\]

In an experiment at home with a simple pop bottle, I got the (approximate) data shown on the cover page. It is recommended to put this data on a spreadsheet.

(a) Rewrite the relationship in (1) so that it is linear in \( t \) (“transform variables”). (Remark: you did something like this in OSH 4 with exponentials and logs, but consider just taking square-roots of both sides of (1)).

My rewritten (“linear”) version of Equation (1) is:

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(b) Use your spreadsheet to find a best-fit line \( y = ax + b \) to the (transformed) data. Use that line to find the value of the constant \( k \) and the initial height of the fluid, \( h(0) = h_0 \).

Bestfitline: \( y = \_______________________ \)

\[ h_0 = \_______________________ , \ k = \_______________________ . \]

(c) According to the prediction of the model, at what time would the fluid level have dropped to \( h = 0 \)?

At \( t = \_______________________ \)
Solution to Q5
(b) The function is

\[ h(t) = (\sqrt{h_0} - \frac{1}{2}kt)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{h} = \sqrt{h_0} - \frac{1}{2}kt \]

Hence, plotting \( \sqrt{h} \) against \( t \) should give a line of slope \(-k/2\) and intercept \( \sqrt{h_0} \).

The answers to the next questions depend on whether you used the data given on the cover page, or the data collected in class

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Table 2: Data I got earlier for the height of fluid remaining in the cylindrical container at time \( t \)

For the data in Table 2 (c) The best fit line to the transformed data (using excel linear fit) is

\[ y = 3.6321 - 0.021x \]

Hence \( \sqrt{h_0} = 3.6321 \) so \( h_0 = 3.6321^2 = 13.19215 \) and the value of the constant \(-k\) is the slope so \( k = 2 \times 0.021 = 0.042 \)

(d) The height of the water at time \( t = 0 \) was \( h_0 = 3.19215^2 = 13.19215 \)? The container is empty when

\[ h(t) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{h_0} - \frac{1}{2}kt = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 2\sqrt{h_0}/k = \frac{2 \cdot 3.19215}{0.042} = 173 \text{ min.} \]
For the data collected in class:

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Table 3: Data collected in class for the height of fluid remaining at time $t$

If you used the data in Table 3 (c) The best fit line to the transformed data (using excel linear fit) is

$$y = 3.7436 - 0.0221x$$

Hence $\sqrt{h_0} = 3.7436$ so $h_0 = 3.7436^2 = 14.014541$ and the value of the constant $-k$ is the slope so $k = 2 \times 0.0221 = 0.0442$

(d) The height of the water at time $t = 0$ was $h_0 = 3.7436^2 = 14.01454096$. The container is empty when

$$h(t) = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{h_0} - \frac{1}{2}kt = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 2\sqrt{h_0}/k = \frac{2 \cdot 3.7436}{0.0442} = 169.4 \text{ min.}$$