# **Activity: Cooking the Thanksgiving Day Turkey**

### Collecting the data

Record your data in the table below.

Time	Temperature of Turkey	Temperature difference between Turkey and Oven	
(hours)	(Fahrenheit)	(Fahrenheit) 325 is the temp of the oven	
0	40	285	
1	105	220	
2	128	197	
3	155	170	
4	170	155	

#### Analyze the data

Use the equation you find in number 1 to answer questions 2 through 4.

1. Find an equation for the data in L1 and L2 using Newton's Law of Heating

L1	L2	L3a
0	40	285
1	105	220
2	128	197
3	155	170
4	170	155

$$T(t) = T_{\alpha} + (T_0 - T_{\alpha}) \cdot e^{kt}$$

$$T(t) = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{kt}$$

Solve 
$$(105 = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(k \cdot 1)}, k) = k = -.258862$$
  
 $T(t) = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.258862 \cdot t)}$ 

Enter your equation in Y1 in the TI-83 Plus.

The first equation was not a good fit. Try using another point.

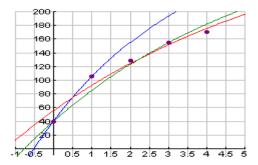
$$\begin{split} T(t) &= 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{kt} \\ &\text{Solve} \Big( 128 = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(k \cdot 2)}, \, k \Big) \\ &T(t) &= 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.184643 \cdot t)} \end{split}$$

The second equation I came up was a bit better, but I'll try one more point of data.

$$T(t) = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{kt}$$

$$Solve(155 = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(k\cdot3)}, k) = k = -.17223$$

$$T(t) = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.17223 \cdot t)}$$



From looking at my results from all 3 I feel that my second equation was the best one to work with.

$$T(t) = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.184643.t)}$$

2. What is the temperature of the turkey after one and a half hours? \_\_\_\_\_

$$325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.184643 \cdot 1.5)} = 108.947$$
 degrees Fahrenheit

3. How long has the turkey been in the oven when the temperature of the turkey is 100°F?

Solve 
$$(100 = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.184643 \cdot t)}, t) = t = 1.28025$$

One hour and approximately 17 minutes

4. A turkey should be cooked until it reaches a temperature of 180°F. At what time should the turkey be taken out of the oven? \_\_\_\_\_

Solve 
$$(180 = 325 + (40 - 325) \cdot e^{(-.184643 \cdot t)}, t) = t = 3.65979$$

Three hours and approximately 40 minutes

#### 5. Find an equation for the data in **L1** and **L3**

$$y = a \cdot b^{x}$$

$$285 = a \cdot b^{0}$$

$$a = 285$$

$$y = 285 \cdot b^{x}$$
Solve  $(170 = 285 \cdot b^{3}, b)$ 

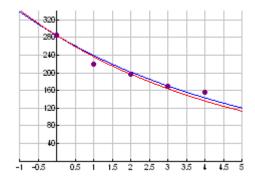
$$= b = .841785$$

 $y = 285 \cdot .841785^x$ 

I used t=3 and 325-temp=170 data point, but I think it would work better with the data point at t=2.

$$y = 285 \cdot b^{x}$$
  
Solve  $(197 = 285 \cdot b^{2}, b)$  =  $b = .831401$  or  $b = -.831401$   
 $y = 285 \cdot .831401^{x}$ 

However, when I graphed the second set of data it did not give as close of an equation. So I am going to work with the first equation that I came up with.



## 6. Enter the equation from your calculator for the exponential regression

$$y =$$
\_\_\_\_\_\_.  $y = 269.589*0.86278^x$ 

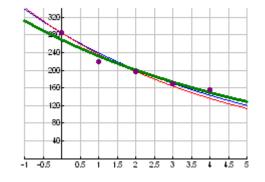
Exponential Equation of Oven - Turkey temps vs. time Exponential Regression  $regEQ(x) = 269.589*.86278^{\circ}x$ 

$$a = 269.589$$

$$b = .86278$$

$$r = -.981629$$

$$r^2 = .963596$$



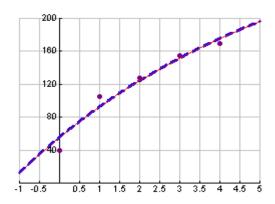
7. Is this equation close to the equation you came up with? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_

What could you have done to come up with a more accurate equation? \_\_instead of using the data points at t=0 and at t=3, I could have used the data points at t=2 and t=3 to come up with the exponential equation\_\_\_

8. Knowing how we changed the data and equation to an exponential equation from Newton's Law of Heating, use your exponential equation from problem 6 to write an equation for the data of time vs. temperature of the turkey (L1 vs. L2).

$$T(t) = 325 - 269.589 \cdot 0.86278^{t}$$

9. How does this equation compare to your equation in problem 1? \_\_\_\_\_They look the same. WOW! :O)\_\_\_\_\_



10. Explain any discrepancies between your data points (**L1** vs. **L2**) and your equation in problem 9.

The discrepancies would be from opening and closing the oven and misreading the temperature and/or being off slightly on the times that I read the turkey's temperature.