MATH 230 Practice Exercises

1. The following table records heights (inches) and corresponding shoe sizes of five fourthgrade boys. The pairs of numbers in the table are graphed as well. Draw a "line of good fit" to pass near the points in the graph, and find the equation for your line (which is called a trend line). Use your equation to predict the boys' shoe sizes when given their heights in inches, and comment on how well your line fits the data.

Height (inches)	57	62	64	66	70
Shoe size	5	6	8	8	11.5
Model Predicts					
Error					



2. Suppose P_n = the number of flies in a big jar after n days and the growth in the size of the fly population is shown in the table below. Of course the number of flies in the jar will always be an integer, so we expect some round-off errors.

n	P _n	ΔP _n	P_n/P_{n-1}
0	100		
1	110		
2	121		
3	133		
4	146		
5	161		
6	177		

Complete the graph.



Write a difference equation for P_n:

Write a functional equation for P_n:

3. Consider the relationship between B_n and n shown in the table below. Complete the table and specify a rule for the relationship using a difference equation, and if you can a functional equation.

Δn	n	B _n	ΔB_n	$\Delta (\Delta B_n)$
	1	3		
	2	10		
	3	21		
	4	36		
	5	55		
	6	78		
	7			