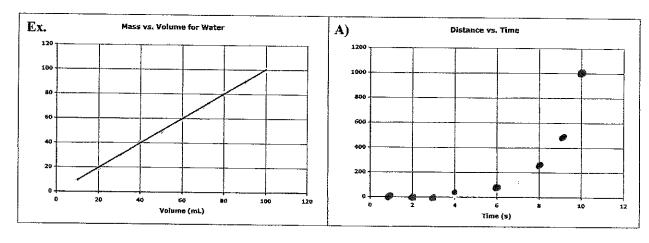
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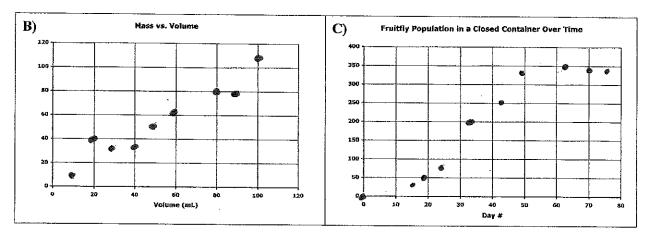
Graphing Skill #5: Best-Fit Line or Curve

With scatter plots it is important to put a best-fit line or curve through points where relationships exist.

- Do you notice a pattern or trend in the data?
- ☐ If so, draw a straight line or curve that represents that trend.
- □ All points should lie on or very near the line
- For points not on the line, about half should be above the line and half below the line
 - The sum of the distance between the line and all points above should approximate the sum of the distance between the line and all points below (residual values)
- Your line should not extend beyond the range of your data

For each of the following graphs, please add the best-fit line or curve. The first one has been done for you.





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Graphing Skill #4: Plotting Points

Plotting points can be easy if you follow these simple steps...

- □ STEP 1: Select the first pair of values from the data table (X and Y).
- ☐ STEP 2: Draw a light dashed line up from the number on the X axis and over from the number on Y axis.
 - o Once you get good at plotting points, you won't need to draw these lines anymore
- ☐ STEP 3: Where these dotted lines cross, put a dark point. Repeat for the next pair of points.

Practice: Please plot these points. The first pair has been plotted for you as an example.

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More Practice: Please plot these points.

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