Homework Set 2

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Problem I

• The aerodynamic drag on a car is given by

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_D A V^2$$

- ρ is air density (1.2 kg/m³), A is projected area, and V is velocity.
- Fit this data to the function to determine the product $C_D A$

V (km/h)	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160
$F_{D}(N)$	10	50	109	180	300	420	565	771



Problem 2

• A paper cup, shaped as a frustum of a cone, with $R_2 = 1.3R_1$, holds 240 cm³ of liquid. Determine R₁ and h such that the amount of paper needed to make the cup is a minimum.





Problem 3

- Fit the US Census data from 1900 to 2000 to an 8th order polynomial.
- When does this approach predict the US population will reach zero!