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Group Work 01

1. My friend and I are slightly bored and decide to figure out how fast I can throw a ball up in the air. We find a baseball and a tall apartment building. The building will help us measure since each level of a typical residential building is 10 feet tall. I throw the ball straight up while my friend takes a video. Reviewing the video, we build the following table, which lists the height h(t) of the ball at a given time t measured in seconds since I threw the ball.

(a) How tall am I?

(b) What is the average velocity of the ball from second 0 to second 1? Call this A_1 . How about from second 1 to second 2? Call this A_2 .

$$A_1 =$$

$$A_2 =$$

To see how fast I throw, let's try to find the velocity of the ball at time t = 1. Let's write v(t) for velocity, so we want to find v(1).

- (c) Which of the following statements is most reasonable: $A_1 = v(1)$, $A_1 < v(1)$, or $A_1 > v(1)$?
- (d) Repeat for: $A_2 = v(1)$, $A_2 < v(1)$, or $A_2 > v(1)$?

Here's the data again:	t (in seconds)	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
	h(t) (in feet)	6	52	90	120	142	156	162

(e) What is the average velocity of the ball over the interval [0.5, 1]? How about [1, 1.5]?

(f) Give your best estimate of v(1) and explain. What would you need to improve your estimate?

- (g) Plot the data from the table on the graph below, and sketch the graph of h(t).
- (h) Draw the line that passes through (0, h(0)) and (1, h(1)) on the graph below. Repeat for the line passing through (1, h(1)) and (2, h(2)). Find the slopes of these two lines and describe how these slopes compare to the average velocities you found in part (b)?

