Example 5 Self Tutor

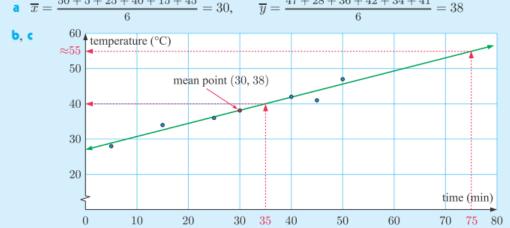
On a hot day, six cars were left in the sun in a car park. The length of time each car was left in the sun was recorded, as well as the temperature inside the car at the end of the period.

Car	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
Time x (min)	50	5	25	40	15	45
Temperature y (°C)	47	28	36	42	34	41



- a Calculate \overline{x} and \overline{y} .
- Draw a scatter diagram for the data.
- Plot the mean point $(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ on the scatter diagram. Draw a line of best fit through this point.
- Predict the temperature of a car which has been left in the sun for:
 - 35 minutes
- ii 75 minutes.
- Comment on the reliability of your predictions in d.

$$\overline{x} = \frac{50 + 5 + 25 + 40 + 15 + 45}{6} = 30, \qquad \overline{y} = \frac{47 + 28 + 36 + 42 + 34 + 41}{6} = 38$$



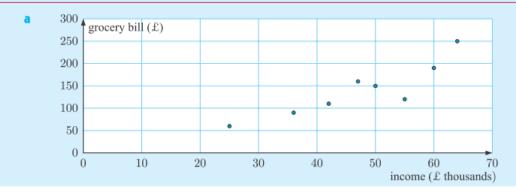
- i When x = 35, $y \approx 40$. The temperature of a car left in the sun for 35 minutes will be approximately 40°C.
 - When x = 75, $y \approx 55$. The temperature of a car left in the sun for 75 minutes will be approximately 55°C.
- The prediction in d i is reliable, as the data appears linear, and this is an interpolation. The prediction in di may be unreliable, as it is an extrapolation, and the linear trend displayed by the data may not continue beyond the 50 minute mark.

Example 6 Self Tutor

The annual income and average weekly grocery bill for a selection of families is shown below:

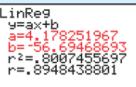
<i>Income</i> (x thousand pounds)								
Grocery bill (y pounds)	120	90	60	160	190	250	110	150

- a Construct a scatter diagram to illustrate the data.
- **b** Use technology to find the least squares regression line.
- **c** Estimate the weekly grocery bill for a family with an annual income of £95 000. Comment on whether this estimate is likely to be reliable.





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Using technology, the line of best fit is $y \approx 4.18x - 56.7$

• When x = 95, $y \approx 4.18(95) - 56.7 \approx 340$

So, we expect a family with an income of £95000 to have a weekly grocery bill of approximately £340.

This is an extrapolation, however, so the estimate may not be reliable.