

**LESSON**  
**4.6**

## Challenge Practice

For use with the lesson "Fit a Line to Data"

**In Exercises 1 and 2, write a linear model for the data by finding the *median-median* line as explained in the steps below. Round your answers to the nearest hundredth.**

In order to find a *median-median* line, follow these steps.

**STEP 1:** Order the points so the  $x$ -coordinate values are in increasing order.

**STEP 2:** Group the ordered data into three sets, each containing the same number of points. Find the median of the  $x$ -values and the median of the  $y$ -values for each set, starting with the set containing the smallest  $x$ -values. Write these medians as  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ , and  $(x_3, y_3)$ .

**STEP 3:** Write an equation in the form  $y = mx + b$  for the line passing through the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$ .

**STEP 4:** Use the values from Steps 2 and 3 to write an equation of the median-median line  $y = mx + \frac{2}{3}b + \frac{1}{3}(y_2 - mx_2)$ .

- $(2, 5), (4, 7), (5, 8), (7, 9), (8, 11), (10, 14), (13, 14), (14, 15), (16, 18), (18, 20), (19, 22), (19, 23)$
- $(1, 4), (4, 3), (5, 6), (6, 9), (8, 10), (9, 12), (13, 14), (15, 14), (16, 15), (18, 16), (19, 18), (19, 20)$

**In Exercises 3-5, use the table that contains data on shoe size and height for 9 male high school seniors. Round your answers to the nearest hundredth.**

<b>Shoe Size</b>	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.5	10.5	11.0
<b>Height (in.)</b>	66.0	68.5	67.5	70.0	70.0	72.0	71.5	69.5	71.5

- Use the method of finding the *median-median* line to write a linear model for the relation between shoe size and height. Let  $x$  represent shoe size and  $y$  represent height.
- Use the model found in Exercise 3 to estimate the height of a male high school senior with a shoe size of 9.0.
- Use the model found in Exercise 3 to estimate the height of a male high school senior with a shoe size of 15.0.