

## Chapter 2 / Example 5

# Frequency histograms

The data shown in the table was collected for Hawkmoth caterpillars, measured to the nearest cm.

Length, $l$ (cm)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Frequency	19	56	74	45	5	1

Use the data to draw a frequency histogram.

Open a new document and add a Lists & Spreadsheet page.

Type 'length' in the first cell.

Type the lower values of each of the class intervals in the first column. Type 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, ... 8.5

Press **enter** or **▼** after each number to move to the next cell.

**Note:** The word 'length' is a label that will be used later to create the chart. You can use any letter or name to label the list.

A	length	B	C	D
1	3.5			
2	4.5			
3	5.5			
4	6.5			
5	7.5			

Type 'f' in the cell to the right of 'length'.

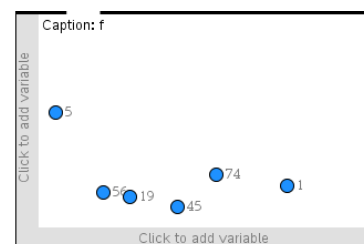
Enter the frequencies of each of the scores in the second column.

Use the **▲ ▼ ► ◀** keys on the touchpad to navigate the spreadsheet.

A	length	B	f	C	D
1	3.5	19			
2	4.5	56			
3	5.5	74			
4	6.5	45			
5	7.5	5			

Add a new Data & Statistics page to your document by pressing **ctrl** **doc** (**+page**) 5: Add Data & Statistics.

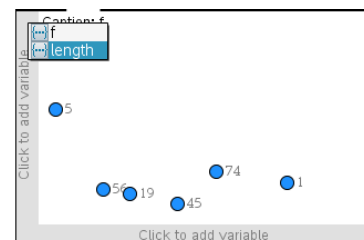
**Note:** Ignore the screen display that you see when this page first opens.



Press **menu** 2: Plot Properties | 5: Add X Variable.

The GDC displays the two variables you created in the spreadsheet: 'f' and 'length'.

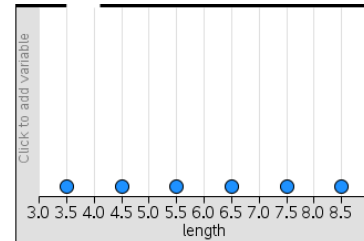
Select 'length' with the touchpad.



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The GDC displays the values of length that you entered in the spreadsheet on the  $x$ -axis.

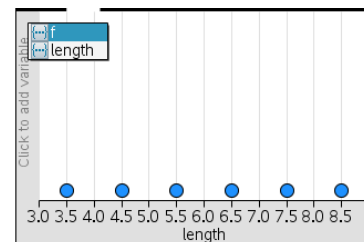


Press **menu** 2:Plot Properties | 9: Add Y Summary List.

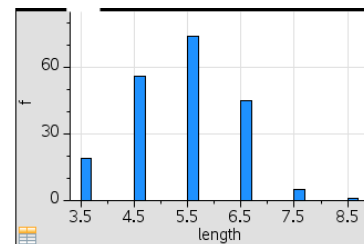
The GDC displays the two variables you created in the spreadsheet: 'f' and 'length'.

Select 'f' with the touchpad.

*The term 'summary list' on this GDC is used to denote frequency.*

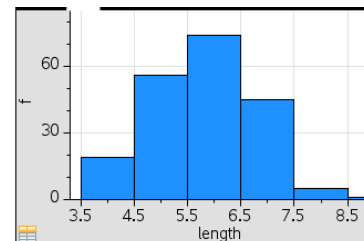


The GDC displays a histogram of the data as this is the default display.



To get the bars of the histogram right, press **menu** 2:Plot Properties | 2: Histogram Properties | 2:Bin Settings | 1:Equal Bin Width.

Set the width to 1 and the alignment to 3.5.



You can also adjust the  $x$ -scale by dragging its right hand end until the full width of the final bar can be seen.

