1. a Dry weight (Y) does increase with increasing Age (X) but the scatter diagram illustrates that the relationship may not be linear. An exponential relationship between X and Y may better fit the data.

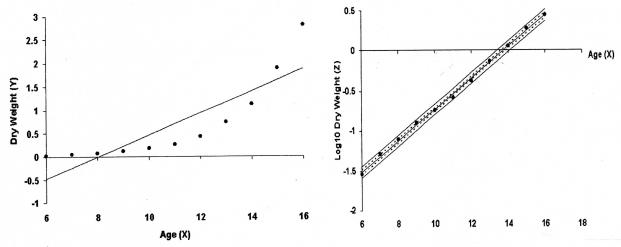
Log dry weight (Z) increases linearly with increasing Age (X). The scatter diagram illustrates an almost perfect linear relationship between the independent variable X and the dependent variable Z.

b
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + E$$
 $Z = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + E$

c The least squares estimates of the regression lines are:

 $\hat{Y} = -1.885 + 0.235X$ $\hat{Z} = -2.689 + 0.196X$.

d The regression line for Log_{10} dry weight regressed on Age has a better fit. It is more appropriate to run a linear regression of Z on X because there is an obvious linear relationship between Log_{10} dry weight and Age.



e $\hat{\beta}_{1}^{\cdot} = 0.196 \ S_{\hat{\beta}_{1}^{\cdot}} = 0.003.$ $\hat{\beta}_{0}^{\cdot} = 2.689 \ S_{\hat{\beta}_{0}^{\cdot}} = 0.031.$

Using these values, we can calculate the 95% confidence intervals (CI): 95% CI for β_1 : $\hat{\beta}_1$ $\pm t_{n-2,0.975}$ $S_{\hat{\beta}_1}$ =0.196 $\pm (2.262)(0.003)$ =(0.19, 0.20). We are 95% confident that the true slope is between 0.19 and 0.20. Since the interval does not contain zero we reject the null hypothesis that the slope equals zero at α =0.05.

95% CI for β_0 : $\hat{\beta}_0$ $\pm t_{n-2,0.975}$ ·S $\hat{\beta}_0$ =-2.689 $\pm (2.262)(0.031)$ =(-2.76, -2.62). We are 95% confident that the true intercept is between -2.76 and -2.62. Since the interval does not contain zero we reject the null hypothesis that the slope equals zero at α =0.05.

f The confidence and prediction bands are shown on the plot above, and can be used to find the requested confidence interval. For a more accurate answer, the SAS output shown in the textbook can be used; observation 3 is for an eight-day-old chick, and the confidence interval is shown. We are 95% confident that the true mean Log₁₀ dry weight of an eight-day-old chick is between -1.15 and -1.10.