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[ A helpful worksheet for Exercise 3.4.1.
[ > with(plots) :
[ Here is the data for Exercise 3.4.1:
[ > data := [[0.1, 0.11], [0.6, 0.5], [1.1, 0.6], [1.4, 0.5]]
[ A plot:
[ > plt1 := pointplot(data, symbol=solidcircle, symbolsize=20)
[ To fit a function  $u(a,t) = a \cdot t$  to this data by adjusting "a", define
[ >  $u(a, t) := a \cdot t$ 
[ and form sum of squares
[ >  $SS := \text{add}((u(a, data[j][1]) - data[j][2])^2, j = 1..4)$ 
[ Then minimize the resulting expression SS as a function of a.
[ For parts b, c, and d, do the same but with appropriate modifications to u.

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