

Module 4 Final Project

Due 24th November 2008

Use the techniques that you have seen in the lectures to answer the question asked by a direct calculation and by solving a differential model.

Prepare a poster display of the problem and your group's solution. Presentation of the posters will be during lecture time on 24th November in the MSC.

The poster should show the viewer, at least:

- A description of the physical context of the problem.
- The data, and the selected interpolation function that fits the data.
- An approximation of the solution using only the data given
- One, or more, improved approximation of the solution using the interpolation function.
- The best possible approximation (that Mathematica will allow) using the interpolation function.
- Derivation of a differential model of the quantities.
- The solution of the differential model.

The quality of the posters should be sufficient to be displayed at URCAS

At least one member of the group must stay with the poster during the presentation to answer any questions about the group's work. Other members of the group will view and evaluate the other posters on display. At the end of the presentation the posters should be handed to your professor, and by 5:00pm on Monday 24th November, the Mathematica notebook(s) that your group used to solve the problem must be placed attached to the assignment within Moodle.

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1 Research Paper

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Title Spatial and temporal variation of below-ground N transfer from a leguminous tree to an associated grass in an agroforestry system

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2 Data

Distance (m)	Concentration of C (mg kg^{-1})
0	38.9
1	34.9
2	33.7
3	31.9
4	31.8
5	31.1

3 Interpolation Function

Use the most appropriate of the interpolation functions that you fitted to this data in your Module 3 project.

4 Question

A trench 0.5m deep, 0.75m wide and 7m long is dug in the same line along which the above measurements were taken. Estimate the total mass of Carbon contained in the excavated soil.