

Notebook to support Exercise 3.4.10, modeling a cooling potato.

The data, in time/temperature pairs:

```
times = [0, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 30];  
temps = [204, 193, 184, 169, 162, 156, 149, 143, 138, 130];
```

However, we will operate on the quantities  $(t, \log(u(t)-A)-\log(u(0)-A))$ , with  $u(0)=204$  and  $A = 72$ .

```
A = 72;  
u0 = 204;  
logtemps = log(temps-A)-log(u0-A);
```

A plot:

```
plt1 = plot(times,logtemps, '-r');
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We seek to fit a line  $y = -k*t$  to this

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syms u(t,k);  
u(t,k) = -k*t
```

A least-squares function can be formed as

```
syms SS(k)  
SS(k) = sum((u(times,k)-logtemps).^2);
```

Now adjust  $k$  to minimize this.