

Notebook to support Exercise 3.4.11, 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];
```

A plot:

```
plt1 = plot(times,temps,'-r');
```

We seek to a function $u(t)$ of the form

```
A = 72;  
u0 = 204;  
syms u(t,k,r);  
u(t,k,r) = A + ((u0-A)^(1-r) + k*(r-1)*t)^(1/(1-r))
```

A least-squares function can be formed as

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

Now adjust k and r to minimize this

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fsurf(log(SS(k,r)),[0 0.0004 2 2.5])
```