Math 450 - Numerical Analysis Group Assignment # 6 Due: Thursday, November 1st

Name:_

Instructions: Work together in pairs on the following problems.

1. Suppose you are given the following data measuring the speed of a car traveling around a test track.

time (in seconds)	Speed (in feet per second)
0	124
6	134
12	148
18	156
24	147
30	133
36	121
42	109
48	99
54	85
60	78

(a) Use Composite Simpson's rule to approximate the total distance traveled by the car.

(b) What, if anything, can you say about the accuracy of your approximation?

2. Let $f(x) = x^2 \cos x$. Find the number of sub-intervals necessary in order to approximate $\int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$ to within an accuracy of 10^{-4} using Composite Simpson's Rule (you may use the back of this handout if necessary).