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10	Abstract
11	Thermal diffusivity of papaya pulp, stored in metal container with arbitrary geometry
12	obtained through revolution of flat areas, was determined through optimization using
13	experimental data. To describe heat conduction during pulp pasteurization, the diffusion
14	equation in generalized coordinates was discretized and numerically solved, through the
15	finite volume method, with a fully implicit formulation. Temperature over time during
16	heating was measured by placing a thermocouple at the point of the container where the
17	equilibrium temperature occurs with greatest delay. Once the expression for thermal
18	diffusivity as a function of local temperature was known by optimization, it was
19	possible to determine, through simulation, the minimum time necessary for the pulp
20	stored in a new container, also with arbitrary geometry obtained through revolution of
21	flat areas, to come into thermal equilibrium with the pasteurization temperature.
22	Microbiological analysis performed before and after the second pasteurization showed
23	that there was a strong reduction of the total microorganisms. Since the thermal
24	equilibrium time was determined through simulation for the new container, the use of a
25	thermocouple for its experimental determination became unnecessary.

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