# Mathematical modeling of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

# Abstract

- Greenhouse gases like CO<sub>2</sub> are the drivers of climate change and global warming.
- We employ integral calculus and statistics-based methods to model and estimate the cumulative  $CO_2$  emissions as a function of time.
- We study both global and country wise emissions, focusing on the largest emitters of  $CO_2$  in the environment. We study the science of how  $CO_2$  in the environment leads to global warming and implications for future if current emission trends are continued.
- Current advances for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> footprint that are being used for environmental sustainability include use of alternative sources of energy like solar and wind energy, developing mass transit to limit  $CO_2$  emissions, use of electric vehicles, etc.
- We will also discuss current research on  $CO_2$ trapping in olivine minerals that scientists hope will help contain  $CO_2$  and clean our environment in future.

# Objectives

- This project focuses on CO<sub>2</sub> as a driver of climate change.
- We utilize integral calculus and statistics for  $CO_2$  emissions modeling.
- We explore advances in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, including alternative energy sources, green spaces, electric vehicles, and mass transit.
- We discusses research on CO<sub>2</sub> trapping in olivine minerals for environmental cleanup.
- We Integrate mathematical modeling and scientific research for environmental sustainability issues.





- The greenhouse effect is a natural process crucial for maintaining Earth's temperature within a habitable range.
- It involves gases like CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and water vapor trapping heat from the sun in the atmosphere.
- Greenhouse gases trap infrared radiation reflected from Earth's surface, preventing it from escaping back into space.
- The greenhouse effect is beneficial in moderation, as it keeps the planet warm enough to support life and ensures climate stability.
- However, human activities have increased greenhouse gas concentrations, leading to an enhanced greenhouse effect.
- This enhanced effect is causing global warming, with rising temperatures and associated impacts like severe weather events and melting polar ice caps.
- The current imbalance in greenhouse gases is disrupting ecosystems, biodiversity, and sea levels.



# Background

### **Green House Gas Effect:**

# Research

### Percentage of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



https://www.worldometers.info/co2-emissions/co2-emissions-by-country/

### Average Global Temperature (C °) t years after 1880



# Results

### Total CO2 emissions (million metric tons) of USA and China, t years after 1950



### Total Per Capita CO2 emissions (million metric tons) of USA and China, t years after 1950 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# https://sustainabilitymath.org/

USA Left Riemann sum: 216407 million metric tons USA Right Riemann sum: 216555 million metric tons China Left Riemann sum: 219389 million metric tons China Right Riemann sum: 229212 million metric tons Average rate of change from 1980 to 2020 (Per capita): China: 0.15569 metric ton per person per year

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Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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China per capita emission (metric ton per person)

**Total CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Since 1950** 

- USA: -0.16493 metric ton per person per year

# Conclusion



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- Industrialization has contributed to increased CO<sub>2</sub> in our environment that leads to climate change...
- We study the science of how CO<sub>2</sub> in the environment leads to global warming and implications for future if current emission trends are continued.

• Ways to reduce carbon footprint are suggested. Recent research suggests that trapping  $CO_2$  from environments into rocks and olivine minerals look promising towards reducing  $CO_2$  in our environment!

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