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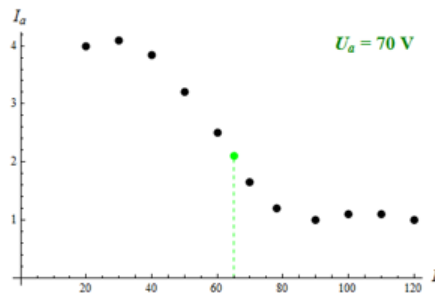
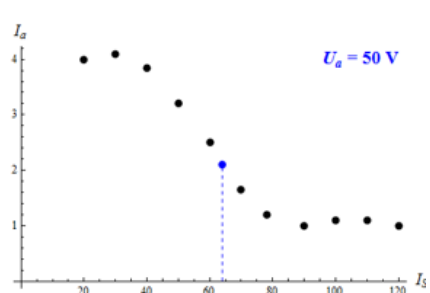
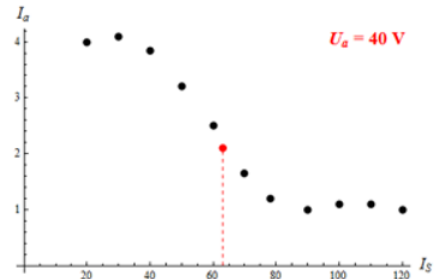
**Task 1.**

Visualize measurement data and estimate position of inflection points  $I_s$ .

**Solution:**

Estimation

$U_a$ [V]	$I_s$ [mA]
40	63
50	64
70	65



**Task 2.**

Choose suitable approximation function  $I_a = I_a(I_s)$  and find its formula. Explain your choice.

Sketch graph of approximation function into the graph of measurement values.

**Solution:**

With respect of the form of the graph of measurement data, the position of inflection point and because all measurements were measured relatively accurately by means of suitable approximation function, the interpolation polynomial will be of degree 3.

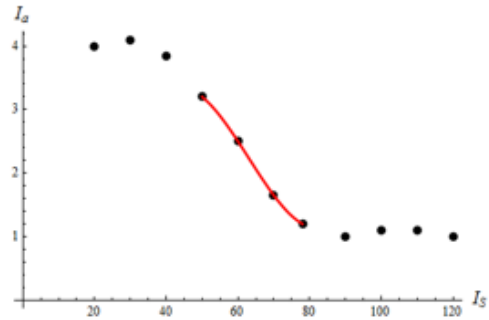
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It is necessary to choose 4 measured values from 11 measurements for the polynomial  $N(x)$ , which are close to the neighbourhood of the estimated inflection point.

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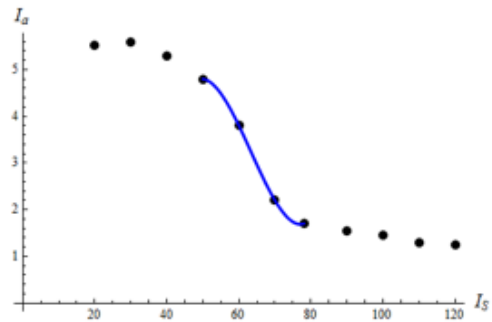
$I_S$	$I_a$
20	4
30	4.1
40	3.85
50	3.2
60	2.5
70	1.65
78	1.2
90	1
100	1.1
110	1.1
120	1



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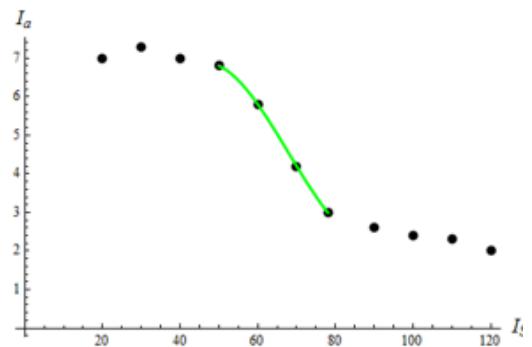
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30	5.6
40	5.3
50	4.8
60	3.8
70	2.2
78	1.7
90	1.55
100	1.45
110	1.3
120	1.25



$$U_a = 70 \text{ V}$$

$$N(x) = -23.8667 + 1.58873x - 0.0258571x^2 + 0.000126984x^3$$

$I_S$	$I_a$
20	7
30	7.3
40	7
50	6.8
60	5.8
70	4.2
78	3
90	2.6
100	2.4
110	2.3
120	2



**Task 3.**

Determine critical values of the current  $I_S$  in the solenoid.

In the graph sketch all critical values that were calculated.

**Solution:**

The interpolation polynomial of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree – calculation of inflection points:

$$I_a(I_S) \approx N(I_S) \Rightarrow I_a''(I_S) \approx N''(I_S)$$

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$$N''(x) = -0.114214 + 0.00180357 x$$

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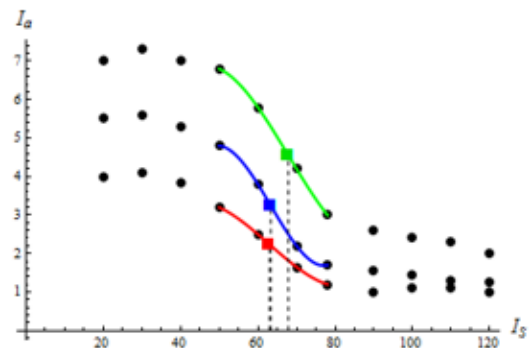
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$$N''(x) = -0.0517143 + 0.000761905 x$$

$$N''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 67.875 \rightarrow I_S = 67.875$$

**Summary**

$U_a$ [V]	$I_S$ [mA]
40	62.9822
50	63.3267
70	67.875



**Task 4.**

- Find formula for the interpolation polynomial function whose graph is passing through points representing all measured values.
- Calculate inflection points of these interpolation polynomial functions.
- Into one picture sketch graphs of all interpolation polynomial functions and indicate also all calculated inflection points.

**Solution:**

Graph of interpolation polynomial passing through all (11) measurement values will be the interpolation polynomial of degree 10.

$$N(x) = a_{10}x^{10} + a_9x^9 + \dots + a_1x + a_0 ; a_{10}, a_9, \dots, a_1, a_0 \in R ; a_{10} \neq 0$$

Calculation of inflection points:

$$I_a(I_s) \approx N_{10}(I_s) \Rightarrow I_a''(I_s) \approx N''(I_s)$$

$$I_a''(I_s) = 0 \approx N''(I_s) = 0$$

**$U_a = 40 \text{ V}$**

$$N(x) = 454.209 - 86.763 x + 7.15347 x^2 - 0.333852 x^3 + 0.00981146 x^4 - 0.000190483 x^5 + 2.48235 \times 10^{-6} x^6 - 2.15057 \times 10^{-8} x^7 + 1.1886 \times 10^{-10} x^8 - 3.79373 \times 10^{-13} x^9 + 5.32163 \times 10^{-16} x^{10}$$

$$N''(x) = 14.3069 - 2.00311 x + 0.117737 x^2 - 0.00380966 x^3 + 0.0000744706 x^4 - 9.03241 \times 10^{-7} x^5 + 6.65618 \times 10^{-9} x^6 - 2.73148 \times 10^{-11} x^7 + 4.78947 \times 10^{-14} x^8$$

$$N''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 63.7205 \rightarrow I_S = 63.7205$$

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$$N(x) = 1548.28 - 303.005 x + 25.5226 x^2 - 1.21855 x^3 + 0.0366382 x^4 - 0.000727061 x^5 + 9.67062 \times 10^{-6} x^6 - 8.53605 \times 10^{-8} x^7 + 4.79758 \times 10^{-10} x^8 - 1.55412 \times 10^{-12} x^9 + 2.20831 \times 10^{-15} x^{10}$$

$$N''(x) = 51.0452 - 7.31129 x + 0.439659 x^2 - 0.0145412 x^3 + 0.000290119 x^4 - 3.58514 \times 10^{-6} x^5 + 2.68664 \times 10^{-8} x^6 - 1.11896 \times 10^{-10} x^7 + 1.98748 \times 10^{-13} x^8$$

$$N''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 63.026 \rightarrow I_S = 63.026$$

**$U_a = 70 \text{ V}$**

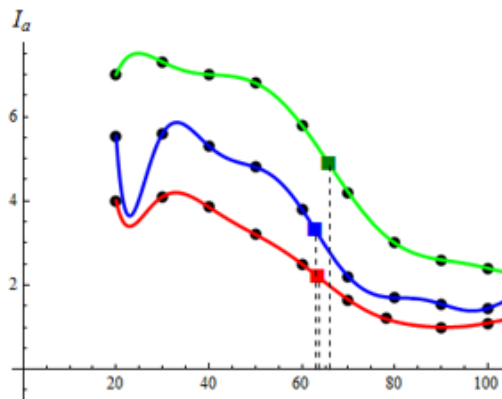
$$N(x) = -69.2 + 12.1178 x - 0.805853 x^2 + 0.0302361 x^3 - 0.000734956 x^4 + 0.0000126971 x^5 - 1.64139 \times 10^{-7} x^6 + 1.56515 \times 10^{-9} x^7 - 1.01687 \times 10^{-11} x^8 + 3.91314 \times 10^{-14} x^9 - 6.61376 \times 10^{-17} x^{10}$$

$$N''(x) = -1.61171 + 0.181417 x - 0.00881947 x^2 + 0.000253942 x^3 - 4.92417 \times 10^{-6} x^4 + 6.57361 \times 10^{-8} x^5 - 5.69444 \times 10^{-10} x^6 + 2.81746 \times 10^{-12} x^7 - 5.95238 \times 10^{-15} x^8$$

$$N''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 66.0101 \rightarrow I_S = 66.0101$$

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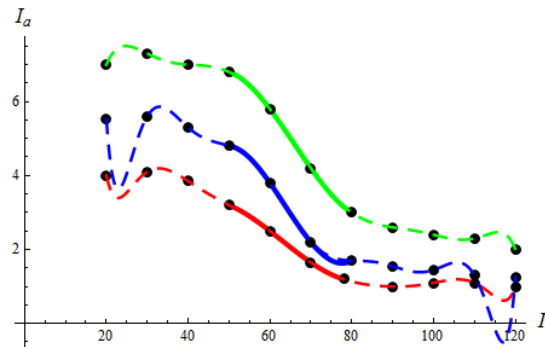


**Task 5.**

Compare values of inflection points calculated using interpolation polynomials of degree 3. and 10.  
 Into one diagram sketch graphs of all interpolation polynomials of degree 3. a 10.

**Solution:**

U [V]	$I_S$ (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	$I_S$ (10 <sup>rd</sup> )	$ I_S (10^{rd}) - I_S (3^{rd}) $
40	62.9822	63.7205	0.738291
50	63.3267	63.026	0.30069
70	67.875	66.0101	1.86488



**Outcomes expected**

- Graphics fitting the solution;
- Numerical results explained and put in context;
- Capture of ICT tools solutions used;
- Sequence of steps followed;
- Remark computations done by hand and done by ICT tools;
- Provide complete answer to questions;
- All the results must be presented in the context of the problem;

**Guide for Learning**














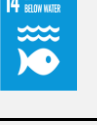
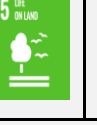















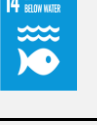
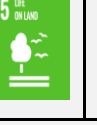















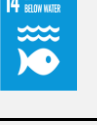
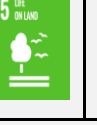


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	<p>Always maintain a global view of all the projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify, or try to do a first draft match, the content units of your lecture notes involved in every task.</li> <li>- Take your lecture notes open and review before starting to solve the problems.</li> <li>- Match output expected with the tasks posted, at least as first draft approach.</li> <li>- Follow the order of the tasks, try to increase the knowledge of the problem while you are solving the activities.</li> <li>- Always think that maybe there are different ways to solve a problem.</li> <li>- Use ICT tools to avoid hard computations and check your solutions are correct in different ways if possible.</li> <li>- The solutions are always part of a context, expressing such a final solution totally integrated in the problem posted.</li> <li>- Be sure you answer the complete questions.</li> <li>- Always try to solve the questions by yourself.</li> <li>- If the project can be done in groups, discuss with the groups the proposed problem, to confirm and detect fails or weaknesses, confront strategies, discuss presentation format, etc. Working in groups doesn't mean work less but work better.</li> </ul>
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Determine critical values of the current  $I_s$  in the solenoid. In the graph sketch all critical values that were calculated.

**Task 4.**

- Find formula for the interpolation polynomial function whose graph is passing through points representing all measured values.
- Calculate inflection points of these interpolation polynomic functions.
- Into one picture sketch graphs of all interpolation polynomial functions and indicate also all calculated inflection points.

**Task 5.**  
Compare values of inflection points calculated using interpolation polynomials of degree 3. and 10.  
Into one diagram sketch graphs of all interpolation polynomials of degree 3. a 10.

<b>Outcomes expected</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Graphics fitting the solution;</li> <li>- Numerical results explained and put in context;</li> <li>- Capture of ICT tools solutions used;</li> <li>- Sequence of steps followed;</li> <li>- Remark computations done by hand and done by ICT tools;</li> <li>- Provide complete answer to questions;</li> <li>- All the results must be presented in the context of the problem;</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Guide for Learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read carefully the problem statement and the tasks posted. Always maintain a global view of all the projects.</li> <li>- Identify, or try to do a first draft match, the content units of your lecture notes involved in every task.</li> <li>- Take your lecture notes open and review before starting to solve the problems.</li> <li>- Match output expected with the tasks posted, at least as first draft approach.</li> <li>- Follow the order of the tasks, try to increase the knowledge of the problem while you are solving the activities.</li> <li>- Always think that maybe there are different ways to solve a problem.</li> <li>- Use ICT tools to avoid hard computations and check your solutions are correct in different ways if possible.</li> <li>- The solutions are always part of a context, expressing such a final solution totally integrated in the problem posted.</li> <li>- Be sure you answer the complete questions.</li> <li>- Always try to solve the questions by yourself.</li> <li>- If the project can be done in groups, discuss with the groups the proposed problem, to confirm and detect fails or weaknesses, confront strategies, discuss presentation format, etc. Working in groups doesn't mean work less but work better.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final report;</li> <li>- Oral presentation;</li> <li>- Peer-assessment: students will apply peer-assessment for their periodic performance using online peer assessment tools used and available at the respective institution.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Others: References</b></p>	<p>Gabková, J., Richtáriková, D. Základy numerickej matematiky. Teória a riešené príklady. Vydavateľstvo STU, Bratislava, 2012.</p> <p>Benco, P. a kol. Technická fyzika. Návody na laboratórne cvičenia. Vydavateľstvo STU, Bratislava, 2003, ISBN 80-227-1869-6</p>

ANNEX 1: RUBRIC

Category	4=Excellent	3=Good	2=Low	1=Poor
<b>Mathematical Concepts</b>	Explanation shows complete understanding of the mathematical concepts used to solve the problem(s).	Explanation shows substantial understanding of the mathematical concepts used to solve the problem(s).	Explanation shows some understanding of the mathematical concepts needed to solve the problem(s).	Explanation shows very limited understanding of the underlying concepts needed to solve the problem(s) OR is not written.
<b>Mathematical Terminology and Notation</b>	Correct terminology and notation are always used, making it easy to understand what was done.	Correct terminology and notation are usually used, making it fairly easy to understand what was done.	Correct terminology and notation are used, but it is sometimes not easy to understand what was done.	There is little use, or a lot of inappropriate use, of terminology and notation.
<b>Strategy/Procedure</b>	Typically, uses an efficient and effective strategy to solve the problem(s).	Typically, uses an effective strategy to solve the problem(s).	Sometimes uses an effective strategy to solve problems, but does not do it consistently.	Rarely uses an effective strategy to solve problems.
<b>Completion</b>	All problems are completed.	All but one of the problems are completed.	All but two of the problems are completed.	Several of the problems are not completed.
<b>Mathematical Errors</b>	90-100% of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.	Almost all (85-89%) of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.	Most (75-84%) of the steps and solutions have no mathematical errors.	More than 75% of the steps and solutions have mathematical errors.

<b>Sources Checking</b>				
<b>Working with Others</b>	Student was an engaged partner, listening to suggestions of others and working cooperatively throughout lesson.	Student was an engaged partner but had trouble listening to others and/or working cooperatively.	Student cooperated with others, but needed prompting to stay on-task.	Student did not work effectively with others.
<b>Neatness and Organization</b>	The work is presented in a neat, clear, organized fashion that is easy to read.	The work is presented in a neat and organized fashion that is usually easy to read.	The work is presented in an organized fashion but may be hard to read at times.	The work appears sloppy and unorganized. It is hard to know what information goes together.
<b>Diagrams and Sketches</b>	Diagrams and/or sketches are clear and greatly add to the reader's understanding of the procedure(s).	Diagrams and/or sketches are clear and easy to understand.	The work is presented in an organized fashion but may be hard to read at times.	Diagrams and/or sketches are difficult to understand or are not used.
<b>CT tools used</b>				

