

Exercise 0	Resistance measurement – derivation of measurement uncertainties		<i>Experiment results:</i>
Team:	Name:		
Date:	Weeks day and hour:	Major, group:	<i>Remarks:</i>

Aim

Current-voltage characteristics measurement of simple resistor – derivation of the resistance value from the measurement including its uncertainty.

Equipment

Lab power supply, resistor, PC.

Exercise plan:

1. Connect resistor to the power supply. By pressing and releasing a knob of voltage control, enter power supply adjust mode (blinking digits of voltage display).
2. Measure I-V characteristics (current-voltage) for the voltage values given by teaching assistant (do not exceed 3 V) (approximately 6 pairs of measurement points). Type measured values (with unit) in table below.
3. Turn voltage to 0, disconnect resistor.
4. Using spreadsheet software (for example *Calc* from *Open Office*), draw current-voltage characteristics. Complete table calculations using spreadsheet formulas.
5. By using the equation for one-parameter linear regression, calculate the resistance:

$$R = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_i \cdot V_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n I_i^2} \quad R = \dots\dots\dots$$

6. Draw the regression line R-I in the graph V(I) completed in the point 3,
7. Calculate the uncertainty of the resistance using the equation:

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(R \cdot I_i - V_i)^2]}{\sum_{i=1}^n I_i^2}}, \quad \Delta R = \dots\dots\dots$$

<i>i</i>	Voltage V[V]	Current I[A]	I² [A²]	I·V [W]	R·I [V]	R·I-V [V]	(R·I-V)² [V²]
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6 (n)							
Σ	X	X	Σ		X	X	

Measured resistance (with its uncertainty, rounded): $R = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots$

Relative uncertainty: $\Delta R/R = \dots\dots\dots \%$