

SRS : Problem 2

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1 Questions

- Which field are you working in physics? Are you working in any specialization?
- How long have you been involved in this field?
- Is it theoretical physics or experimental physics?
- Do you use any specific device to perform complex calculations?
- What features do you think are missing from the device or software you're using?
- Are you familiar with Gelfond's constant?
- Are you using or working with this constant in any way?
- In future, if you come across an application that requires this constant in your equations, would it be good to have it in a software that you're using?
- what kind of interface would you prefer for the software or device you'd like to use for calculations?
- Would you rather prefer a simple design that is specific to you or a more generic system?

2 Response

I have contacted Shubham Bhagat, a PhD student at Concordia University. We've had a text-based interview session through instant messaging platform. Here are the responses I have gathered from her.

Q. Which field are you working in physics? Are you working in any specialization?

A. My topic is related to both chem and physics. Broadly it is organic semiconductors.

Q. How long have you been involved in this field?

A. I am completely new to this field. It's been 10 months. Eariler I was working with inorganic semi-conductor.

Q. Is it theoretical physics or experimental physics?

A. Experimental

Q. Do you use any specific device to perform complex calculations?

A. Not calculation but you can say data processing like which material property we want to explore, then deciding which characterization technique(or simply which instrument) to use and then interpreting the experimental data obtained from that instrument.

Q. What features do you think are missing from the device or software you're using?

A. No. Sometimes we don't have access to all that specific technique or its not possible to measure the samples right away. Some of the software are paid. I would like them to be freely available

Q. Are you familiar with Gelfond's constant?

A. No

Q. Are you using or working with this constant in any way?

A. No

Q. In future, if you come across an application that requires this constant in your equations, would it be good to have it in a software that you're using?

A. It would be nice if I can do some noble work and if that require using this constant then I would surely love to have it in my software

Q. what kind of interface would you prefer for the software or device you'd like to use for calculations?

A. I would prefer online interface where I can decide which parameters I would need and easily access it from anywhere. Sometimes one thing does not fit all, and also I won't be really sure about the way that instrument would have been programmed to do certain calculations.

Q. Would you rather prefer a simple design that is specific to you or a more generic system?

A. A generic one which is easy to modify.

3 Analysis

Shubham Bhagat is a PhD student researching organic semiconductors at Concordia University. She is relatively new to this field. It has been 10 months since she has switched from Inorganic Semiconductor. Since she has been working in experimental physics, she has to collect the readings from several experiments and process the data she has collected. She does not use a calculator but she uses a desktop computer to crunch the data and derive the useful calculations. Even though she is not familiar with the Gelfond's constant, she is open to the possibility of working with Gelfond's constant whenever needed. Being experimental physicist, she is more comfortable with the desktop based interface where she can customize it based on the experiments she performs. Even though she prefers to customize the platform, she voted to have as much generic system as possible.