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The basic radio frequency link transmission formula with a sample calculation is also presented.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Frequently a need exists to calculate the required radio-frequency (RF) carrier deviation, receiver intermediate-frequency (IF) bandwidth, and the postdetection signal-to-noise (SNR) ratios in a given frequency modulation (FM) or double frequency-modulation (FM/FM) transmission link. Also, when certain postdetection SNR requirements are established, the link parameters must be correspondingly specified.

The elements of a typical FM or FM/FM transmission link are shown in Figure 1. An FM link would begin with the transmitter modulator input and terminate at the receiver-demodulator output after postdetection filtering. An FM/FM link would begin at the subcarrier oscillator input and terminate at the subcarrier discriminator low-pass filter output. The modulating data signals considered will be assumed sinusoidal and periodic; however, this is not a limitation, since the postdetection SNR derived can be considered to apply to aperiodic signals during their time of occurrence. The general and special case formulas for calculating the elements of Figure 1 are given in Section II of this report. The special case formulas are for the Inter-range Instrumentation Group (IRIG)¹ proportional bandwidth (PBW) and constant-bandwidth (CBW) channels. Sample calculations are made where appropriate. Section III presents the formulas required for calculating the parameters involved in the radio-frequency transmission link.

The symbols used in Section II are defined in the List of Symbols.

II. SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO IMPROVEMENT FORMULAS FOR FREQUENCY-MODULATED AND DOUBLE FREQUENCY-MODULATED RADIO LINKS

A. General Formulas for Frequency-Modulated Radio Links

1. Single FM System - The formula used for calculating the output SNR versus the input SNR (same as the second detection system in an FM/FM link) is

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{out}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{in}} \left[\frac{\sqrt{1.5} (B_{\text{if}})^{1/2} \Delta F_c}{(F_m)^{3/2}} \right] \quad (1)$$

2. First Detection Process in an FM/FM System - To calculate the sub-carrier filter output SNR versus the carrier input SNR,

¹ Telemetry Working Group, Interrange Instrumentation Group, "Telemetry Standards (Revised January 1971)," Secretariat, Range Commanders Council, Document 106-71.

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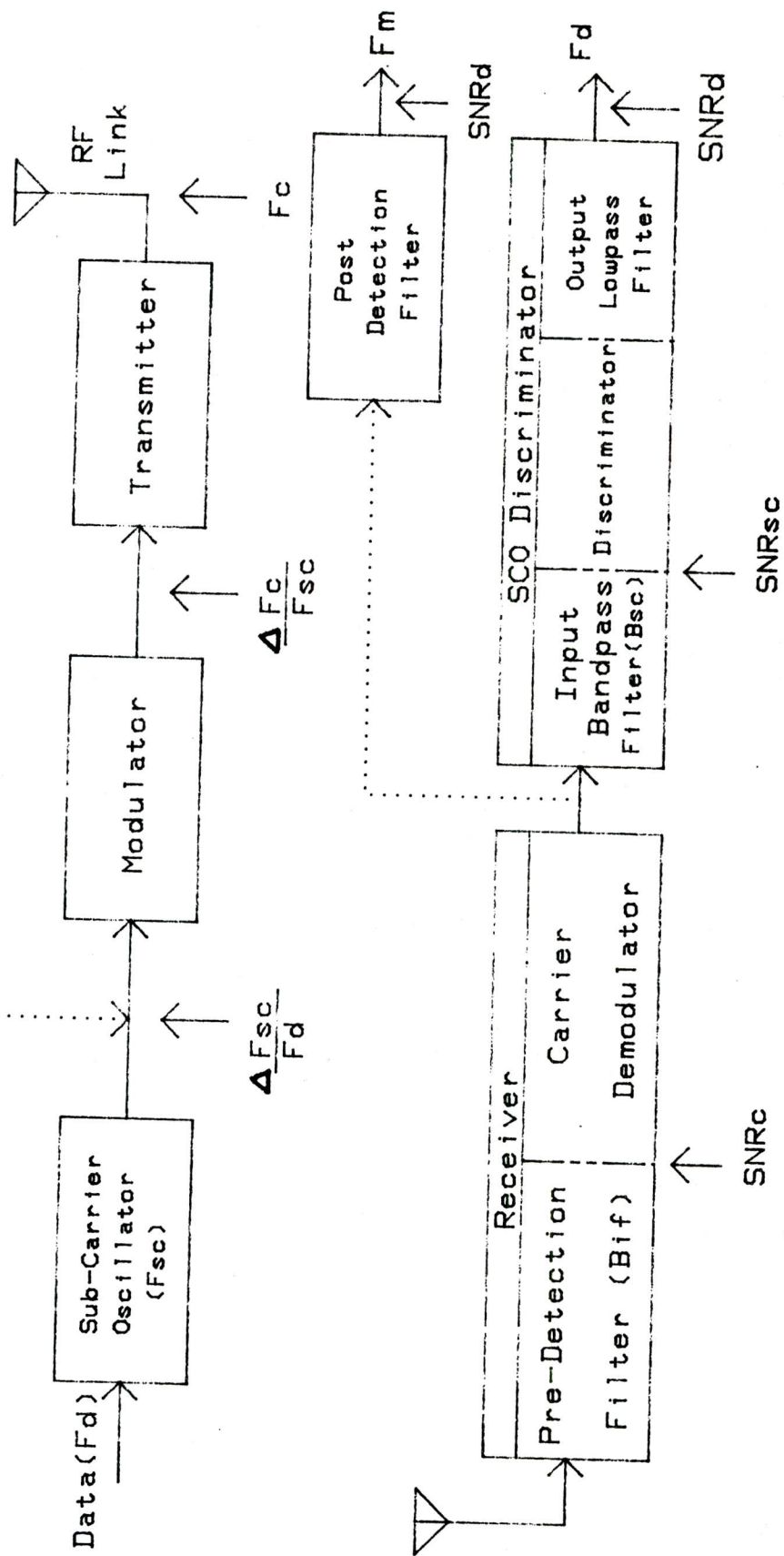


Figure 1. Elements of an FM or PM/FM Transmission Link

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{sc}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{c}} \left[\frac{\sqrt{1.5} (B_{\text{if}})^{1/2} \Delta F_{\text{c}}}{(F_{\text{u}}^3 - F_{\text{l}}^3)^{1/2}} \right] \quad (2)$$

is used.

For subcarrier peak deviations, small in comparison to the subcarrier center frequency, (i.e., the IRIG channels) Eq. (2) can be simplified to

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{sc}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{c}} \left[\frac{(B_{\text{if}})^{1/2} \Delta F_{\text{c}}}{(2B_{\text{sc}})^{1/2} F_{\text{sc}}} \right] \quad (3)$$

3. Second Detection Process in an FM/FM System - The equation used for calculating the data output SNR versus the subcarrier filter output SNR is given by

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{d}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{sc}} \left[\frac{(1.5)^{1/2} (B_{\text{sc}})^{1/2} \Delta F_{\text{sc}}}{(F_{\text{d}})^{3/2}} \right] \quad (4)$$

4. Overall FM/FM System - The data output SNR versus the carrier input SNR is calculated from

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{d}} = \text{SNR}_{\text{c}} \left[\frac{(0.75)^{1/2} (B_{\text{if}})^{1/2} \Delta F_{\text{c}} \Delta F_{\text{sc}}}{(F_{\text{d}})^{1/2} F_{\text{sc}} F_{\text{d}}} \right] \quad (5)$$

B. First (Carrier) Detection Process for the Standard Interrange Instrumentation Group Channels

These equations are used for calculating the subcarrier filter output SNR versus the carrier input SNR using a constant K derived from the IRIG standard subcarrier bandwidths and deviations. This is represented by a special case of Eq. (3).

1. Proportional Bandwidth Channels

Using the term $(2 B_{sc})^{1/2}$ from Eq. (3), where

$$(2 B_{sc})^{1/2} = (2 \times 2 \times \frac{\% \text{ deviation}}{100} \times F_{sc})^{1/2},$$

and introducing

$$K = \left(\frac{100}{4 \times \% \text{ deviation}} \right)^{1/2},$$

Eq. (3) then becomes

$$SNR_{sc} = SNR_c \left[\frac{K (B_{if})^{1/2} \Delta F_c}{(F_{sc})^{3/2}} \right]. \quad (6)$$

The constant K is 1.826 for IRIG Channels 1-25 ($\pm 7 \frac{1}{2} \%$ deviation) and 1.291 for IRIG Channels A-L ($\pm 15\%$ deviation).

2. Constant Bandwidth Channels

Again examining the term $(2 B_{sc})^{1/2}$ from Eq. (3) for this case,

$$(2 B_{sc})^{1/2} = (2 \times 2 \times \Delta F_{sc})^{1/2} = 1/K.$$

Eq. (3) then becomes

$$SNR_{sc} = SNR_c \left[\frac{K (B_{if})^{1/2} \Delta F_c}{F_{sc}} \right]. \quad (7)$$

The magnitude of K is

- 11.18 x 10⁻³ for ± 2 kHz deviation,
- 7.9 x 10⁻³ for ± 4 kHz deviation,
- 5.59 x 10⁻³ for ± 8 kHz deviation,
- 3.95 x 10⁻³ for ± 16 kHz deviation, or
- 2.79 x 10⁻³ for ± 32 kHz deviation.

C. Second (Subcarrier) Detection Process for the Standard Interrange Instrumentation Group Channels

These equations are used for calculating the data output SNR versus the subcarrier filter output SNR using a constant K derived from the IRIG standard subcarrier bandwidths and deviations. These are represented by a special case of Eq. (4).

1. Proportional Bandwidth Channels

Using the terms $(1.5)^{1/2} (B_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc}$ from Eq. (4),

$$(1.5)^{1/2} (B_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc} = (1.5)^{1/2} (1.05 \times 2 \times \frac{\% \text{ deviation}}{100} F_{sc})^{1/2} (\frac{\% \text{ deviation}}{100} F_{sc}) ,$$

and

$$K = (3.15)^{1/2} (\frac{\% \text{ deviation}}{100})^{3/2} .$$

Eq. (4) then becomes

$$SNR_d = SNR_{sc} \left[\frac{K (F_{sc})^{3/2}}{(F_d)^{3/2}} \right] , \quad (8)$$

where the values for K are 3.65×10^{-2} for IRIG Channels 1-25 ($\pm 7 \frac{1}{2} \%$ deviation) and 10.31×10^{-2} for IRIG Channels A-L ($\pm 15\%$ deviation).

2. Constant Bandwidth Channels

Using the terms $(1.5)^{1/2} (B_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc}$ from Eq. (4) ,

$$(1.5)^{1/2} (B_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc} = (1.5)^{1/2} (1.05 \times 2 \times \Delta F_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc} = K ,$$

where

$$K = (3.15)^{1/2} (\Delta F_{sc})^{3/2} ,$$

Eq. (4) then becomes

$$SNR_d = SNR_{sc} \left[\frac{K}{(F_d)^{3/2}} \right] , \quad (9)$$

where K is

1.59×10^5	for ± 2 kHz deviation,
4.49×10^5	for ± 4 kHz deviation,
12.70×10^5	for ± 8 kHz deviation,
35.92×10^5	for ± 16 kHz deviation, or
101.60×10^5	for ± 32 kHz deviation.

D. Composite (Overall) Signal-to-Noise Ratio for the Standard Interrange Instrumentation Group Channels

These equations are used for calculating the data output SNR versus the carrier input SNR using a constant K derived from the IRIG standard sub-carrier bandwidths and deviations. (Special case of Eq. (5)).

1. Proportional Bandwidth Channels

Using the terms $\frac{(0.75)^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc}}{F_{sc}}$ from Eq. (5) ,

it can be shown that

$$\frac{(0.75)^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc}}{F_{sc}} = \frac{(0.75)^{1/2} (\% \text{ Deviation} \times F_{sc})}{100 F_{sc}} = K .$$

Simplifying all terms,

$$K = 0.866 \times 10^{-2} (\% \text{ deviation}),$$

and Eq. (5) then becomes

$$SNR_d = SNR_c \left[\frac{K (B_{if})^{1/2} \Delta F_c}{(F_d)^{3/2}} \right] , \quad (10)$$

where K is 6.495×10^{-2} for IRIG Channels 1-25 ($\pm 7 \frac{1}{2} \%$ deviation) or 12.99×10^{-2} for IRIG Channels A-L ($\pm 15 \%$ deviation).

The formula for calculating the RF carrier deviation (ΔF_c) when SNR_d is specified as 40 db (100:1) at a receiver threshold of $SNR_c = 10$ db (3.162:1) is

$$\Delta F_c = \frac{31.63 (F_d)^{3/2}}{K (B_{if})^{1/2}} . \quad (11)$$

From the relationships

$$DR = \frac{\Delta F_{sc}}{F_d} ,$$

and

$$\Delta F_{sc} = P F_{sc} ,$$

where P , a constant, is either 0.075 or 0.15,

Eq. (11) becomes

$$\Delta F_c = \frac{31.63 (P)^{3/2}}{K(B_{if})^{1/2} (DR)^{3/2}} \times (F_{sc})^{3/2} . \quad (12)$$

In a proportional bandwidth system, P, K, B_{if} , and DR are constant and it can be seen that the RF carrier deviation (ΔF_c) varies with respect to $(F_{sc})^{3/2}$. This fact illustrates the classical "3/2" power pre-emphasis characteristic.

2. Constant Bandwidth Channels

Using the terms $(0.75)^{1/2} \Delta F_{sc}$ for the value of K, Eq. (5) becomes

$$SNR_d = SNR_c \left[\frac{K (B_{if})^{1/2} \Delta F_c}{F_{sc} (F_d)^{3/2}} \right] , \quad (13)$$

where K is 1.732×10^3 for ± 2 kHz deviation,
 3.464×10^3 for ± 4 kHz deviation,
 6.928×10^3 for ± 8 kHz deviation,
 13.856×10^3 for ± 16 kHz deviation, or
 27.712×10^3 for ± 32 kHz deviation.

The formula for calculating the RF carrier deviation (ΔF_c) when SNR_d is specified as 40 db (100:1) at a receiver threshold of $SNR_c = 10$ db (3.162:1) is

$$\Delta F_c = \frac{31.63 F_{sc} (F_d)^{3/2}}{K (B_{if})^{1/2}} . \quad (14)$$

From the relationship

$$DR = \frac{\Delta F_{sc}}{F_d} ,$$

Eq. (14) then becomes

$$\Delta F_c = \frac{31.63 (\Delta F_{sc})^{3/2}}{K(B_{if})^{1/2} (DR)^{3/2}} \times F_{sc} . \quad (15)$$

In a constant bandwidth system, ΔF_{sc} , K , B_{if} and DR are constant, and it can be seen that the RF carrier deviation (ΔF_c) varies proportionately with respect to F_{sc} .

3. Sample Calculation of RF Carrier Deviation

The requirement for this example is to find the required RF carrier deviations for five standard proportional bandwidth channels in order to have a data output SNR of 40 db at receiver threshold. An FM/FM link requires an $SNR_c = 10$ db. The parameters given include a receiver IF bandwidth of 500 kHz, the IRIG channels selected are 14 thru 18, and the deviation ratio (DR) is 5.

From Eq. (12),

$$\Delta F_c = \frac{31.63 (.075)^{3/2} (F_{sc})^{3/2}}{6.495 \times 10^{-2} (500 \times 10^3)^{1/2} (5)^{3/2}}, \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta F_c = 1.265 \times 10^{-3} (F_{sc})^{3/2}.$$

TABLE 1. SAMPLE CALCULATION

Channel No.	F_{sc} (kHz)	ΔF_c (kHz)	M
14	22	4.13	0.19
15	30	6.57	0.22
16	40	10.12	0.25
17	52.5	15.22	0.29
18	70	23.43	0.33

E. Receiver Intermediate-Frequency Bandwidth Considerations

There seems to be a number of schools of thought for calculating the required receiver IF bandwidth for an FM/FM multiplex system. Schwartz,²

² M. Schwartz, Information Transmission, Modulation and Noise, McGraw Hill, New York, 1959.

Gruenberg,³ and Stein⁴ state that a general rule of thumb equation based on a single-frequency sinusoidal modulating signal is,

$$B_{if} = 2 (\Delta F_c + F_{sc}) , \quad (16)$$

where F_{sc} is taken as the highest subcarrier frequency in the multiplex system. This equation designates a bandwidth that is wide enough to include all sideband current pairs that are greater than 10% of the amplitude of the unmodulated carrier. If the unmodulated carrier and sideband current amplitudes were converted to power levels, then Eq. (16) would include all sidebands having power levels greater than 1% of the unmodulated carrier power.

The Radio Engineers Handbook⁵ states that an estimate of the IF bandwidth required for transmission of a complex modulation signal is given by

$$B_{if} = 2(\Delta F_c + 2 F_{sc}) . \quad (17)$$

This equation, based on a single-frequency sinusoidal modulating signal, designates a bandwidth that includes all sideband current pairs greater than 4% of the amplitude of the unmodulated carrier. This corresponds to 0.16% for power levels.

Eqs. (16) and (17) plus a table of Bessel functions can be plotted in convenient form as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The Bessel functions are plotted to include sideband current pairs that are greater than 1% of the unmodulated carrier. The IF bandwidth on the plots has been normalized to the subcarrier frequency for convenience.

³ E.L. Gruenberg, Handbook of Telemetry and Remote Control, McGraw Hill, New York, 1967.

⁴ S. Stein and J.J. Jones, Modern Communication Principles, McGraw Hill, New York, 1967.

⁵ ITT, Reference Data for Radio Engineers, 5th Edition, Howard W. Sams, New York, 1970.

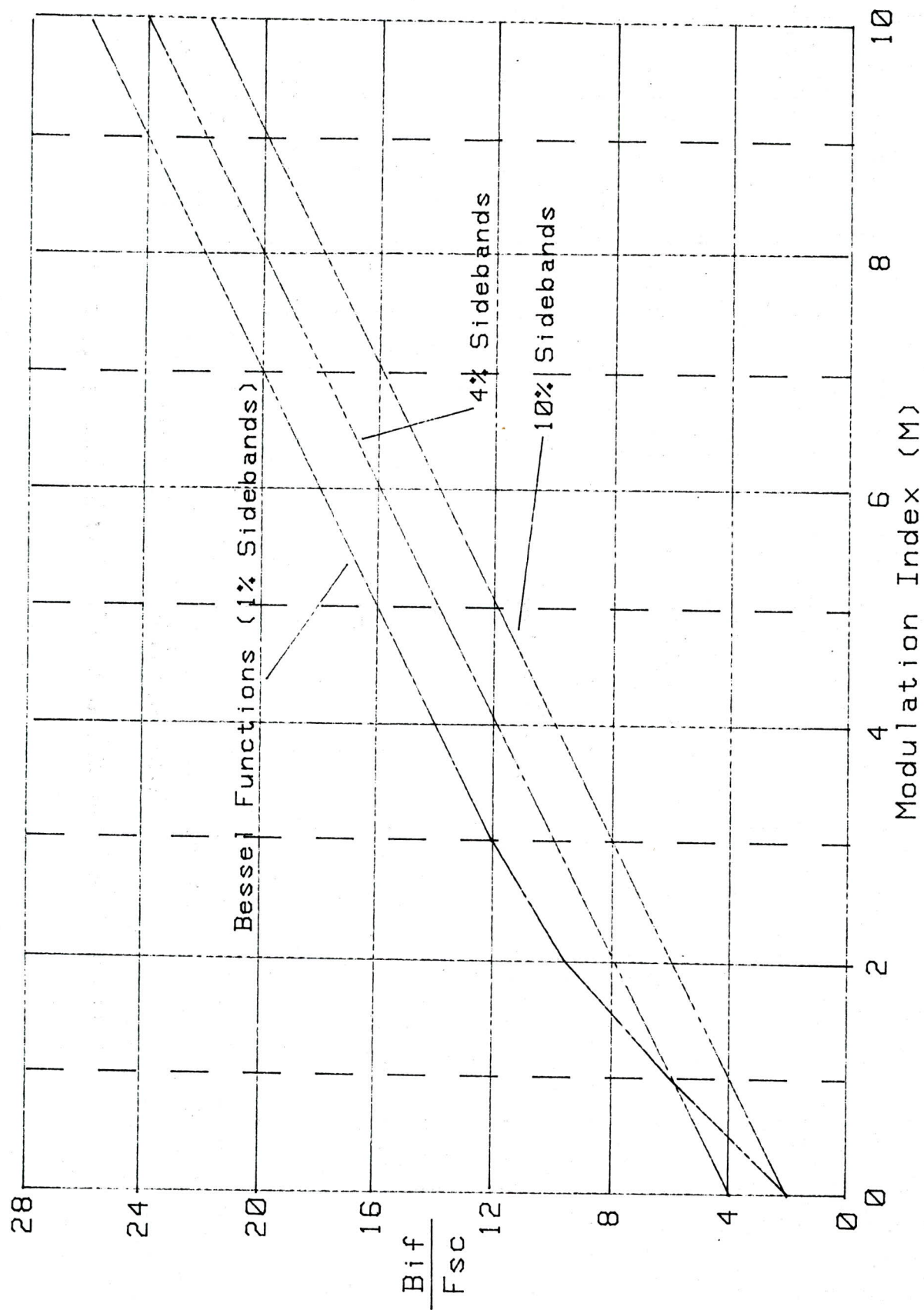


Figure 2. Receiver Bandwidth vs Modulation Index, Large M

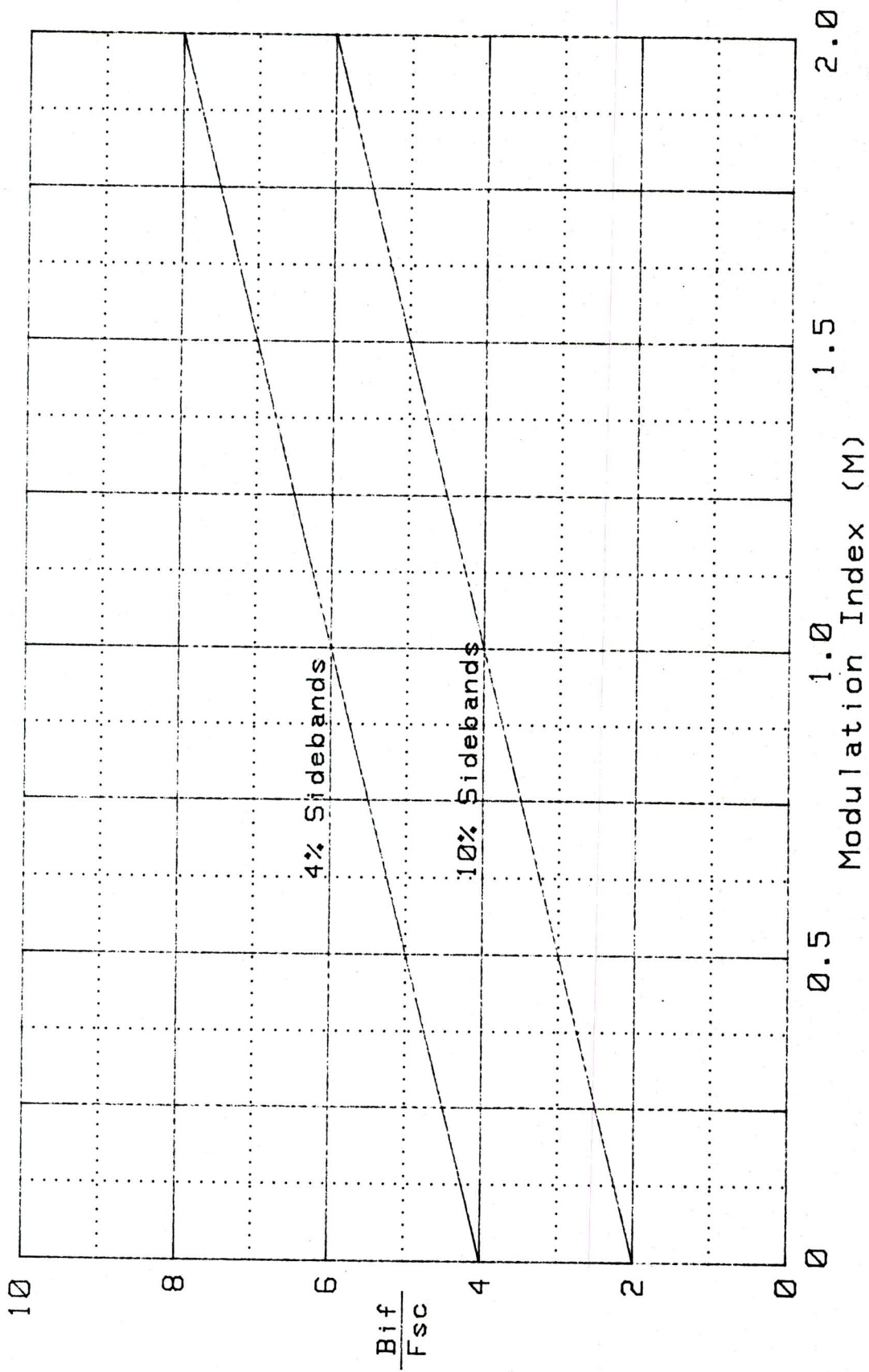


Figure 3. Receiver Bandwidth vs Modulation Index, Small M

F. Derivation of Optimum Intermediate-Frequency Bandwidth and Radio-Frequency Deviation for a Single Subcarrier Frequency

The optimum IF bandwidth and RF carrier deviation for a single subcarrier frequency, (usually the highest SCO frequency in a multiplex) is derived from Eq. (5),

$$\text{SNR}_d = \text{SNR}_c \left[\frac{\sqrt{0.75} (B_{if})^{1/2} \Delta F_c \Delta F_{sc}}{(F_d)^{1/2} F_{sc} F_d} \right] .$$

Assuming that

$$C = \frac{\text{SNR}_D}{\text{SNR}_c \sqrt{0.75}} , \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta F_{sc} = R F_{sc} , \text{ and} \quad (19)$$

$$F_d = K F_{sc} , \quad (20)$$

and substituting Eqs. (17), (18), (19), and (20) in Eq. (5),

$$C = \frac{(2 \Delta F_c + 4 F_{sc})^{1/2} \Delta F_c R F_{sc}}{(K F_{sc})^{1/2} F_{sc} K F_{sc}} .$$

Simplifying and squaring all terms,

$$C^2 = \frac{(2 \Delta F_c + 4 F_{sc}) \Delta F_c^2 R^2}{(K F_{sc}) F_{sc}^2 K^2} .$$

Multiplying all terms and separating,

$$C^2 = \frac{2 \Delta F_c^3 R^2}{K^3 F_{sc}^3} + \frac{4 F_{sc} \Delta F_c^2 R^2}{K^3 F_{sc}^3} .$$

Simplifying and substituting M for $\Delta F_c / F_{sc}$,

$$C^2 = \frac{2M^3 R^2}{K^3} + \frac{4M^2 R^2}{K^3} ,$$

and we arrive at the result

$$M^3 + 2 M^2 = \frac{C^2 K^3}{2 R^2} . \quad (21)$$

A sample problem, given that $SNR_d = 100$ (40 db), $\Delta F_{sc} = 32$ kHz, $SNR_c = 3.162$ (10 db), $F_d = 8$ kHz, and $F_{sc} = 256$ kHz results in the following:

$$C = \frac{100}{3.162 \times 0.866} = 36.518 \text{ (from Eq. (18))},$$

$$R = \frac{32 \times 10^3}{256 \times 10^3} = 0.125 \text{ (from Eq. (19))}, \text{ and}$$

$$K = \frac{8 \times 10^3}{256 \times 10^3} = 3.125 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (from Eq. (20))}.$$

Solving Eq. (21),

$$M^3 + 2M^2 = 1.302 \quad .$$

Using the solution for solving a cubic equation,

$$M = 0.695 \quad (\text{A positive real root}).$$

Since $M = \Delta F_c / F_{sc}$ then

$$\Delta F_c = 177.92 \text{ kHz},$$

and from Eq. (17),

$$B_{if} = 1379.84 \text{ kHz}.$$

The value of M will vary for each of the IRIG constant bandwidth channels but will remain constant for each set of the proportional bandwidth channels. The values of M for the PBW channels are $M = 0.4076$ for $\pm 7\frac{1}{2}\%$ deviation channels and $M = 0.559$ for $\pm 15\%$ deviation channels.

III. RADIO-FREQUENCY LINK TRANSMISSION FORMULA

The radio-frequency link transmission formula is a very useful tool for calculating a safety factor when all link parameters are defined, or determining any of the individual factors in the link. The basic formula can be stated in terms of power levels relative to a fixed reference. For this discussion a reference of 1 milliwatt into 50 ohms (0 dbm) will be used. This formula is a convenient tool for link calculations since all parameters are expressed in the same terms instead of meters, seconds, Hertz, etc.

A. Basic Transmission Formula

The basic equation for transmission is

$$P_t = R_n + \text{SNR} - G_t - G_r + L + \text{PL} + \text{SF} \quad , \quad (22)$$

where P_t is the transmitter power (dbm), R_n is the equivalent noise input of receiving system (dbm) (this term will be discussed in Part B), SNR is the signal-to-noise ratio required for a particular type of transmission (normally 9-12 db is required for an FM/FM Telemetry link), G_t is the transmitter antenna gain (db), G_r is the receiving antenna gain (db), L represents the Miscellaneous losses (polarization fade, cable losses, vswr, etc., 10 db is normally used), and PL is the Path loss or attenuation (db). The latter term is represented by

$$PL = C + 20 \log f + 20 \log d^{(5)}, \quad (23)$$

where f is the transmitter frequency (MHz), d is the distance, and $C = 36.58$ when d is expressed in miles (statute), -37.87 when d is given feet, and -27.55 when d is cited in meters. The term SF in Eq. (22) is the Safety factor (db).

B. Equivalent Noise Input of Receiving System (R_n)

The formula for the term R_n of Eq. (22) is,

$$R_n = K T_e B_{if} \text{ (Watts)}^{(5)} \quad (24)$$

where K is equal to 1.38×10^{-23} joules/ 0K (Boltzmanns constant), T_e is the effective receiving system noise temperature (0K), and B_{if} is the Receiver IF bandwidth (Hz). Eq. (24) can be expressed in Logarithmic notation referenced to 0 dbm,

$$R_n = -198.6 + 10 \log T_e + 10 \log B_{if}. \quad (25)$$

The term T_e in Eq. (24) and Eq. (25) can be calculated from

$$T_e = T_R + TA/L + T_L (1 - 1/L), \quad (26)$$

where T_R is the receiving system noise temperature referred to its input (0K), T_A is the effective antenna temperature (0K), T_L is the temperature of losses between antenna and receiving system (normally 290^0K), and L is the power-loss ratio between antenna and receiving system. In most cases the term T_A/L can be neglected for frequencies above 20 MHz.

Some receiving systems are composed of a preamplifier located near the antenna and a receiver located at a distance in a building or van. For this case the formula for the system noise temperature of networks in cascade is

$$T_R = T_1 + \frac{T_2}{G_1} + \frac{T_3}{G_1 G_2} + \dots, \quad (27)$$

where T_1 is the noise temperature of first network (0K), T_2 is the noise temperature of second network (0K), G_1 is the effective gain (power ratio) between first and second networks (i.e. gain minus losses), and G_2 is the effective gain (power ratio) between second and third networks.

Most specifications for preamplifiers and receivers state the system noise temperature in terms of a db noise figure. This noise figure can be converted to noise temperature by use of the following equation,

$$T = (Nf - 1) T_o, \quad (28)$$

where Nf is the noise factor (power ratio of the noise figure) and $T_o = 290^0K$.

A useful formula for finding the overall noise figure of a preamplifier and receiver in cascade can be found by substituting Eq. (28) in Eq. (27) which yields

$$(Nf_R - 1) T_o = (Nf_1 - 1) T_o + \frac{(Nf_2 - 1) T_o}{G_1}.$$

Simplifying all terms,

$$Nf_R = Nf_1 + \frac{(Nf_2 - 1)}{G_1}. \quad (29)$$

The cascaded noise figure is then

$$NF_R = 10 \log NF_R. \quad (30)$$

C. Sample Calculation for the Safety Factor in a Radio-Frequency Transmission Link

Presuming that the following parameters are given for a transmission link,

transmitter power (P_t) = 250 milliwatts (+ 24 dbm),
 transmitter antenna gain (G_t) = + 4 db,
 receiver antenna gain (G_r) = + 16 db,
 distance (d) = 12 miles,
 frequency (f) = 1500 MHz,
 receiver IF bandwidth (B_{if}) = 500 kHz,
 preamplifier gain = 18 db (63:1) with a noise temperature = 600 °K (NF = 4.87 db),
 receiver noise temperature = 3000 °K (NF = 10.55 db), and
 cable losses, for antenna to preamplifier = 5 db (3.16:1) and for
 preamplifier to receiver = 6 db (3.98:1),

all parameters of Eq. (22) are defined except R_n and PL. They may be calculated as follows:

$$TR = 600 + \frac{3000}{(63-3.98)} \quad (\text{from Eq. (27)}), \text{ yielding}$$

$$TR = 651^{\circ}\text{K}, \text{ and}$$

$$T_e = 651 + 290 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3.16}\right) \quad (\text{from Eq. (26)}), \text{ or}$$

$$T_e = 849^{\circ}\text{K}.$$

From Eq. (25)

$$R_n = - 198.6 + 10 \text{ Log } 849 + 10 \text{ Log } (500 \times 10^3), \text{ which gives}$$

$$R_n = - 112 \text{ dbm (rounded off).}$$

From Eq. (23)

$$PL = 36.58 + 20 \text{ Log } 1500 + 20 \text{ Log } 12, \text{ or}$$

$$PL = 122 \text{ db (rounded off).}$$

The safety factor (SF) is calculated by inserting all given and computed values into Eq. (22),

$$P_t = R_n + \text{SNR} - G_t - G_r + L + PL + \text{SF}, \text{ which gives} \quad (22)$$

$$24 = - 112 + 12 - 4 - 16 + 10 + 122 + \text{SF}, \text{ and the result}$$

$$\text{SF} = 12 \text{ db.}$$

The significance of the safety factor is that the signal at the input of the receiver will be 12 db greater than that required for the FM threshold of the receiver at a maximum range of 12 miles.

The radio link parameters can be expressed in tabular form, but the use of a level diagram permits easy visualization and helps to prevent errors of sign or omission during link calculations. Figure 4 presents a convenient form using the parameters from the sample calculation.

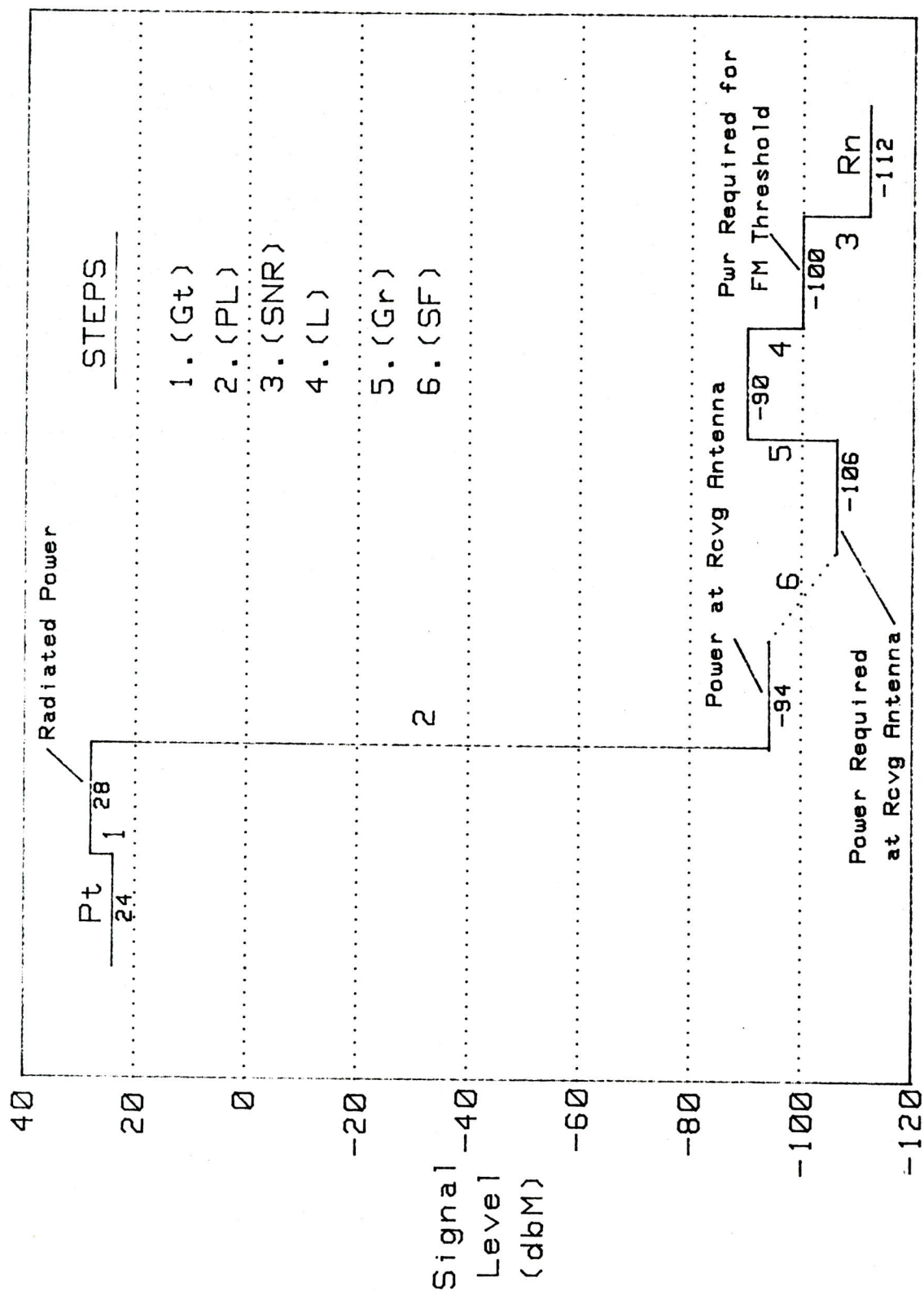


Figure 4. Radio Transmission Link Level Diagram

IV. SUMMARY

The relationships and formulas presented in this report should give the FM/FM telemetry system designer enough information to design a practical operating telemetry system. Further information on the derivation of the formulas and additional theory can be found in the list of references.

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APPENDIX A

**COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE CALCULATION OF TELEMETRY RF DEVIATIONS AND RECEIVER
IF BANDWIDTH (WRITTEN IN BASIC LANGUAGE FOR THE HEWLETT PACKARD MODEL 9845
COMPUTER)**

CALCULATION OF TELEMETRY R.F. DEVIATIONS AND I.F. BANDWIDTH (3/28/75)
 --- OPTIONS: 1=DEV FOR ACTUAL BW, 2=OPTIMUM DEV VS BW, 3=BOTH ---

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10  OPTION BASE 1!          TMDEV
20  PRINTER IS 0
30  PRINT "CALCULATION OF TELEMETRY R.F. DEVIATIONS AND I.F. BANDWIDTH (3/28/7
5)"
40  PRINT "--- OPTIONS: 1=DEV FOR ACTUAL BW, 2=OPTIMUM DEV VS BW, 3=BOTH ---"
50  PRINT "*****"
***"
60  PRINT LIN(3)
70  INPUT "WHAT IS INPUT OPTION =",O
80  IF O=1 THEN 110
90  IF O=2 THEN 130
100 IF O=3 THEN 150
110 PRINT "*** CALC OF DEVIATION FOR ACTUAL BANDWIDTH ***"
120 GOTO 160
130 PRINT "*** CALCULATION OF OPTIMUM DEVIATION VS BANDWIDTH ***"
140 GOTO 160
150 PRINT "*** CALCULATION OF OPTIMUM DEV VS BW AND DEV FOR ACTUAL BW ***"
160 PRINT LIN(2)
170 INPUT "WHAT IS INPUT CARRIER SNR = (DB)",N1
180 INPUT "WHAT IS OUTPUT DATA SNR = (DB)",N3
190 PRINT "INPUT CARRIER SNR = ";N1;" DB";" OUTPUT DATA SNR = ";N3;" DB"
200 PRINT
210 N2=10^(N1/20)
220 N4=10^(N3/20)
230 C9=N4/(N2*SQR(.75))
240 INPUT "WHAT IS SCO CENTER FREQ (KHz)",F
250 INPUT "WHAT IS SCO FREQ DEV (KHz)",F1
260 INPUT "WHAT IS SCO DEVIATION RATIO",D
270 PRINT "SCO CENTER FREQ = ";F;" KHz SCO FREQ DEV = ";F1;" KHz DEV RATIO
   = ";D
280 PRINT
290 F=F*1000
300 F1=F1*1000
301 F3=F1/D
310 IF O=1 THEN 1170
320 PRINT "C9 = ";C9
330 PRINT
340 P=1
350 Q=0
360 R=-(C9^2/(2*D^3))*F1/F
370 A=1/3*(3*Q-P^2)
380 B=1/27*(2*P^3-9*P*Q+27*R)
390 C=B^2/4+A^3/27
400 PRINTER IS 0
410 PRINT "P= ";P;" Q= ";Q;" R= ";R
420 PRINT "A= ";A;" B= ";B;" C= ";C
430 PRINT
440 IF C<0 THEN Unequal
450 IF C>0 THEN Imag
460 PRINT "THERE ARE THREE REAL ROOTS, TWO ARE EQUAL"
470 PRINT
480 S1=1
490 B1=-B/2
500 IF B1>=0 THEN 520
510 S1=-1
520 M1=S1*ABS(B1)^(1/3)*2-P/3
530 M2=-S1*ABS(B1)^(1/3)-P/3

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540  M3=M2
550  M=M1
560  Rep:PRINT "M1= ";M1;" M2= ";M2;" M3= ";M3
570  PRINT
580  PRINT "M= ";M
590  PRINT
600  S1=M1^3+2*M1^2+R
610  S2=M2^3+2*M2^2+R
620  S3=M3^3+2*M3^2+R
630  PRINT "S1= ";S1;" S2= ";S2;" S3= ";S3
640  GOTO Quit
650  Imag:A1=-(B/2)+SQR(C)
660  PRINT "THERE IS ONE REAL & TWO CONJUGATE IMAGINARY ROOTS"
670  PRINT
680  B1=-(B/2)-SQR(C)
690  S1=1
700  S2=1
710  IF A1>=0 THEN 730
720  S1=-1
730  IF B1>=0 THEN 750
740  S2=-1
750  A1=S1*ABS(A1)^(1/3)
760  B1=S2*ABS(B1)^(1/3)
770  PRINT "A1= ";A1;" B1= ";B1
780  PRINT
790  M1=A1+B1-P/3
800  M=M1
810  M2=-(A1+B1)/2-P/3
820  I2=(A1-B1)/2*SQR(3)
830  M3=M2
840  I3=-I2
850  PRINT "M1= ";M1
860  PRINT "M2= ";M2;" I2= ";I2
870  PRINT "M3= ";M3;" I3= ";I3
880  PRINT
890  PRINT "M= ";M
900  PRINT
910  S1=M1^3+2*M1^2-C9^2/(2*D^3)*F1/F
920  PRINT "S1= ";S1
930  GOTO Quit
940  Unequal: T2=-(B/2)/SQR(-A^3/27)
950  PRINT "THERE ARE THREE REAL UNEQUAL ROOTS"
960  PRINT
970  T3=SQR(1-T2^2)
980  T=ATN(T3/T2)
990  IF T2>0 THEN 1010
1000 T=-T+PI
1010 T1=2*SQR(-A/3)
1020 M1=T1*COS(T/3)-P/3
1030 M2=T1*COS(T/3+2*PI/3)-P/3
1040 M3=T1*COS(T/3+4*PI/3)-P/3
1050 M=M1
1060 IF M2<M THEN 1080
1070 M=M2
1080 IF M3<M THEN 1100
1090 M=M3
1100 GOTO Rep
1110 Quit: F2=M*F/1000
1120 W=2*(F2*1000+2*F)/1000
1130 PRINT
1131 Imag1:IMAGE "OPT CARRIER DEV= ",DDD," KHz    OPT I.F. BW= ",DDDD," KHz"
1140 PRINT USING Imag1;F2;W
1150 IF O=2 THEN Blank
1160 PRINT
1170 INPUT "WHAT IS ACTUAL I.F. BW (Hz)",W1
1180 PRINT

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1190 F2=C9*F*F3^1.5/(SQR(W1)*F1)
1191 Imag2:IMAGE "ACTUAL I.F. BW = ",DDDD," KHz   R.F. DEV = ",DDD," KHz"
1200 PRINT USING Imag2;W1/1000;F2/1000
1210 PRINT
1220 W2=2*(F2+F)
1221 Imag3:IMAGE "REQUIRED BW FOR R.F. DEV= ",DDDD," KHz"
1230 PRINT USING Imag3;W2/1000
1240 Blank:PRINT LIN(3)
1250 PRINTER IS 16
1260 STOP
1270 END

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APPENDIX B

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE SAFETY FACTOR FOR AN RF
TRANSMISSION LINK (WRITTEN IN BASIC LANGUAGE FOR THE HEWLETT PACKARD MODEL
9845 COMPUTER)

CALCULATION OF SAFETY FACTOR FOR RF TRANSMISSION LINK

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10  OPTION BASE 1 !      RFLINK
20  PRINTER IS 0
30  PRINT "              CALCULATION OF SAFETY FACTOR FOR RF TRANSMISSION LINK"
40  PRINT "              *****"
50  PRINT LIN(2)
60  INPUT "ENTER TRANSMITTER POWER=(MW)",P1
70  PRINTER IS 16
80  INPUT "ENTER TRANSMITTER ANTENNA GAIN=(DB)",G1
110 PRINT PAGE
120 PRINTER IS 0
130 INPUT "ENTER RECEIVER ANTENNA GAIN MINUS CABLE LOSS TO PRE-AMP OR RCVR=(DB
)",G2
140 INPUT "ENTER TRANSMISSION RANGE=(FEET)",D
150 INPUT "ENTER TRANSMISSION FREQUENCY=(MHZ)",F
160 INPUT "ENTER RECEIVER I.F. BANDWIDTH=(HZ)",B
170 INPUT "ENTER PREAMPLIFIER GAIN=(DB), ENTER 0 WITHOUT PREAMPLIFIER",G3
180 INPUT "ENTER PREAMPLIFIER NOISE FIGURE=(DB), ENTER 0 WITHOUT PREAMPLIFIER"
,N1
190 INPUT "ENTER RECEIVER NOISE FIGURE=(DB)",N2
200 INPUT "ENTER CABLE LOSS(PREAMP-RCVR)=(DB)ENTER 0 IF NO PRE-AMP USED",L2
210 INPUT "ENTER REQUIRED SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO=(DB)",S
220 INPUT "ENTER SYSTEM MISCL LOSSES=(DB)",L
230 P=10*LGT(P1)
240 A=-37.87+20*LGT(F)+20*LGT(D)
250 N4=10^(N2/10) !      RCVR NF
260 IF (G3=0) AND (N1=0) THEN 330
270 N3=10^(N1/10) !      P.A. NF
280 G4=10^(G3/10) !      P.A. GAIN
290 L4=10^(L2/10) !      P.A. RCVR
300 N=N3+(N4-1)/(G4-L4)
310 T=(N-1)*290
320 GOTO 340
330 T=(N4-1)*290
340 R=-198.6+10*LGT(T)+10*LGT(B)
350 S1=P-R+G1+G2-S-L-A
360 PRINT "INPUT PARAMETERS"
370 PRINT
380 PRINT "      TRANSMITTING    POWER OUTPUT= ";P1;" MILLIWATTS"
390 PRINT "      SYSTEM          ANTENNA GAIN= ";G1;" DB"
400 PRINT
410 PRINT "      RECEIVING        ANTENNA GAIN= ";G2;" DB"
420 PRINT "      SYSTEM          PREAMPLIFIER NOISE FIGURE= ";N1;" DB,(0=NO PRE-
AMP)"
430 PRINT "      PREAMPLIFIER GAIN= ";G3;" DB,(0=NO PRE-AMP)"
440 PRINT "      RECEIVER NOISE FIGURE= ";N2;" DB"
450 PRINT "      I.F. BANDWIDTH= ";B/1000;" KHz"
460 PRINT "      REQUIRED SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO= ";S;" DB"
470 PRINT
480 PRINT "      SYSTEM LOSSES    PREAMPLIFIER TO RECEIVER= ";L2;" DB"
490 PRINT "      MISCELLANEOUS= ";L;" DB"
500 PRINT
510 PRINT "      TRANSMISSION    RANGE= ";D;" FEET"
520 PRINT "      FREQUENCY= ";F;" MHz"
530 PRINT LIN(2)
540 PRINT "OUTPUT DATA"

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550 PRINT
551 Imag1:IMAGE 5X,"PATH LOSS= ",DDD," DB"
560 PRINT USING Imag1;A
570 PRINT
571 Imag2:IMAGE 5X,"EQUIVALENT NOISE OF RECEIVER= ",MDDD," DBM"
580 PRINT USING Imag2;R
590 PRINT
591 Imag3: IMAGE 5X,"OVERALL SAFETY FACTOR= ",DDD," DB"
600 PRINT USING Imag3;S1
610 PRINT LIN(2)
620 PRINTER IS 16
630 STOP
640 END
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LIST OF SYMBOLS

B_{if}	Receiver intermediate frequency equivalent noise* bandwidth (Hz)
B_{sc}	Sub-carrier filter equivalent noise* bandwidth (Hz)
DR	Deviation ratio = $\Delta F_{sc}/F_d$
ΔF_c	Carrier peak deviation produced by the sub-carrier output voltage (Hz)
ΔF_{sc}	Sub-carrier peak deviation produced by the input data voltage (Hz)
F_c	Carrier radio frequency (Hz)
F_d	Discriminator output low pass filter frequency or maximum data frequency (Hz)
F_l	Output filter-lower band edge (Hz)
F_m	Modulating frequency (Hz) - in most cases $F_m = F_d$
F_{sc}	Sub-carrier center frequency (Hz)
F_u	Output filter-upper band edge (Hz)
M	Modulation index - $\Delta F_c/F_{sc}$
SNR_c	Carrier pre-detection RMS signal-to-noise ratio (db)
SNR_d	Data or discriminator output RMS signal-to-noise ratio (db)
SNR_{sc}	Sub-carrier pre-detection RMS signal-to-noise ratio (db)

* The noise bandwidth is assumed equal to $\sqrt{1.05} \times (-3 \text{ db bandwidth})$

NOTE: All signal-to-noise ratios used in the formulas of Section II are RMS voltage ratios. Power ratios can be found by squaring all terms within the brackets.

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