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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2017

Satellite Communication

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.

PART – A

- 1 a. Explain the services provided by a satellite. (06 Marks)
- b. State and explain Kepler's three laws of planetary motion and give necessary equations. (08 Marks)
- c. Define the terms:
 - i) Retrograde orbit and prograde orbit
 - ii) Mean anomaly and true anomaly
 - iii) Ascending and descending node. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. Calculate the semimajor axis for the satellite parameter $NN = 14.23304826 \text{ day}^{-1}$ and explain the phenomenon Earth eclipse of satellite. Assume $\mu = 3.986005 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2$. (08 Marks)
- b. Calculate the apogee and perigee heights for the orbital parameters $e = 0.0011501$ and $a = 7192.335 \text{ km}$. Assume a mean earth radius of 6371 km. (03 Marks)
- c. Define Sidereal day and Solar day. (02 Marks)
- d. A geostationary satellite is located at 90°W . Calculate the azimuth angle for an earth station antenna at latitude 35°N and longitude 100°W . Also find the range and antenna elevation angle. Assume radius of orbit $a_{450} = 42164 \text{ km}$ and the average radius of earth $R = 6371 \text{ km}$. (07 Marks)
- 3 a. A QPSK signal is transmitted by a satellite. Raised-Cosine filtering is used, for which the roll off factor is 0.2 and BER of 10^{-5} with $[E_b/N_0] = 9.6 \text{ dB}$ is required. For the satellite downlink, the losses amount to 200 dB the receiving earth station G/T ratio is 32 dBK^{-1} , and the transponder bandwidth is 36 MHz. Calculate: i) the bit rate which can be accommodated, and ii) the EIRP required. Assume $K = -228.6$ with losses 200 in dB. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain carrier to noise ratio of a satellite link. (07 Marks)
- c. Show that the rain attenuation in decibels is given by $A_p = aR_p^b L_s r_p$ dB. (07 Marks)
- 4 a. Explain momentum wheel stabilization of satellite. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain how station keeping is done in satellites. (06 Marks)
- c. What is transponder of satellite and with a neat diagram, explain wideband receiver of satellite transponder. (08 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. With the help of a block diagram, explain transmit-receive earth station. (08 Marks)
- b. Describe briefly the modes of interference that can occur in a satellite communication system. (06 Marks)
- c. What is master antenna TV system? With the help of a diagram, describe an arrangement for MATV system. (06 Marks)

- 6 a. A 14 GHz uplink operates with transmission losses and margins totaling 212 dB and a satellite $(G/T) = 10$ dB/K. The required uplink $[E_b/N_0]$ is 12 dB.
- i) Assuming FDMA operation and an earth station uplink antenna gain of 46 dB, calculate the earth station transmitter power needed for transmission of a T1 baseband signal.
 - ii) If the down link transmission rate is fixed at 74 dBb/s, calculate the uplink power increase required for TDMA operation. For T1 bit rate is 1.544 Mb/s or $[R_b] = 62$ dBb/s, $K = -228.6$. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain the following methods in demand-assigned FDMA:
- i) Polling method
 - ii) Centrally controlled random access. (04 Marks)
- c. Explain on-board signal processing for FDMA/TDM operation. (10 Marks)
- 7 a. Calculate the bit rate that can be carried in the 24 MHz channel using QPSK, allowing a roll off factor of 0.2. (04 Marks)
- b. With respect to direct broadcast satellite service, explain the following:
- i) Orbital spacing
 - ii) Power rating of transponder
 - iii) Frequencies and polarization (08 Marks)
- c. Explain the following:
- i) Transponder capacity
 - ii) Bit rate for digital TV (08 Marks)
- 8 a. Explain a very small aperture terminal system. (08 Marks)
- b. Write short note on:
- i) Radarsat
 - ii) Global positioning system (12 Marks)

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