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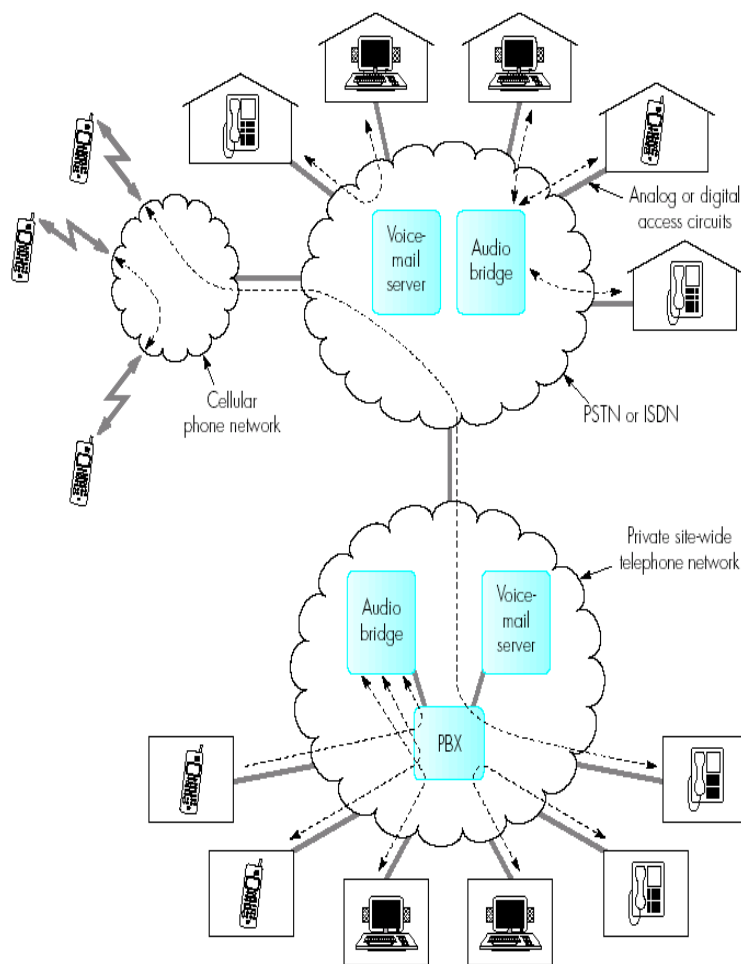
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Q1) Solution :

- Application that involve multiple media types:
  - Interpersonal Communications: May involve speech, image, text or video
  - Interactive Applications over the Internet: Browsing through sales, literature, newspapers, etc.
  - Entertainment Applications: Movie/Video on demand, interactive television



PSTN = Public switched telephone network  
PBX = Private branch exchange

ISDN = Integrated services digital network

Traditional interpersonal communication involving speech was provided by using telephones connected to either PSTN/ISDN or PBX hub.

Today multimedia PC equipped with a microphone and speakers can be used to make telephone calls. This technology is known as computer telephony integration (CTI)

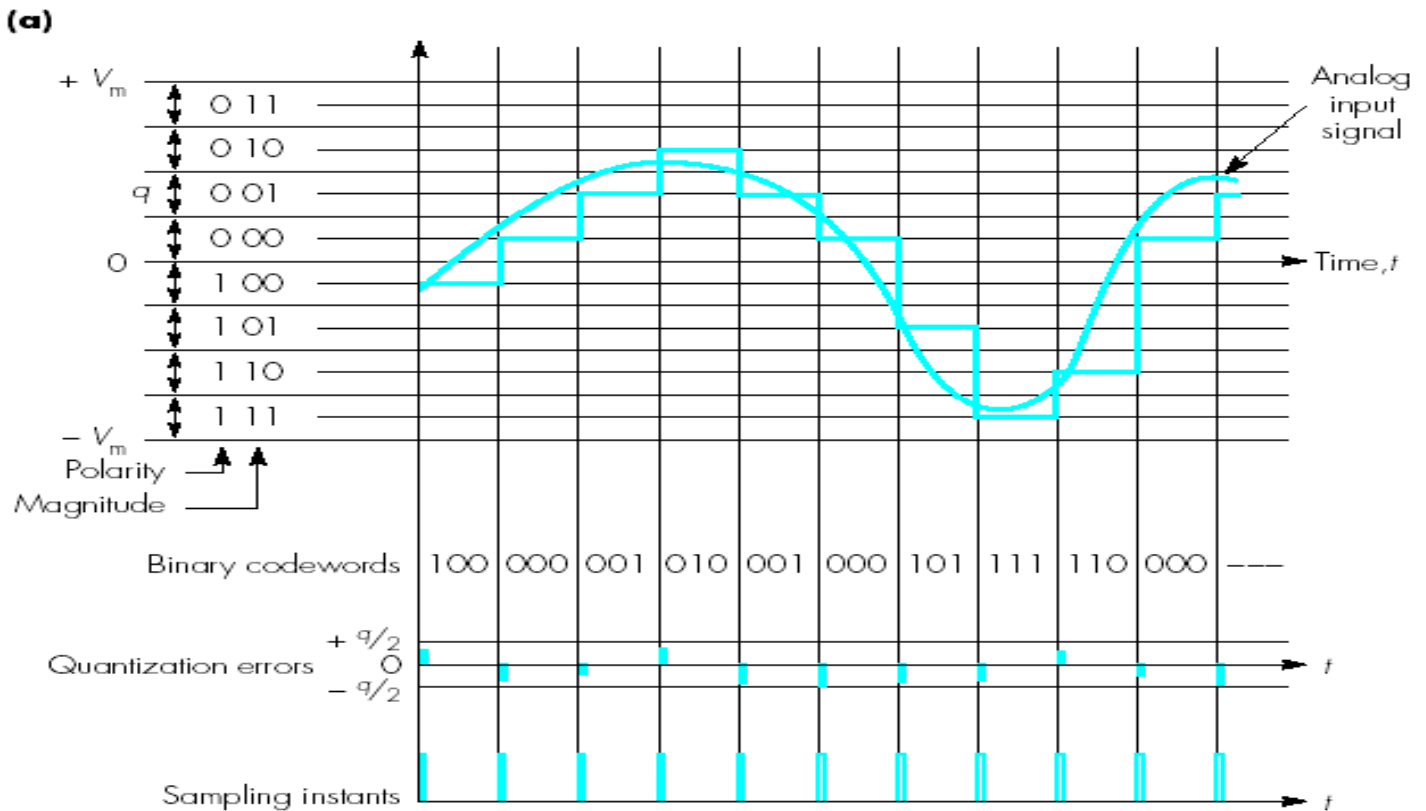
- The users can create their own private directory of numbers and can initiate a call simply by selecting the desired numbers from the PC screen

- Provides access circuit to the network with more capacity known as the **bandwidth**
- Integration of the PC based network services with the telephony is possible
- **Voice mail:** Used in the event of the called party being unavailable. The voice mail is saved in the server mailbox and can be read by the owner next time they contact the server
- **Teleconferencing:** Involves multiple interconnected telephones/PCs. Each person can talk to all the others involved in the call. This is known as a conference call. A central unit called an audio bridge provides the necessary support to set up the call automatically

Q2) Solution:

### Quantization Intervals

Representation of the analogue samples require an infinite number of digits



Three bits are used to represent each sample ( 1 bit for the sign and two bits to represent the magnitude)

If  $V_{\max}$  is the maximum positive and negative signal amplitude and  $n$  is the number of binary bits used then the *quantization interval*,  $q$ , is defined as

$$q = 2V_{\max} / 2^n$$

A signal anywhere within the quantization interval will be represented by the same binary codeword

Each codeword is at the centre of the corresponding quantization interval

Therefore a difference of  $\pm q/2$  from the actual signal level is present. This difference is known as the quantization error

*Pixel depth*: Number of bits per pixel that determines the range of different colours that can be produced

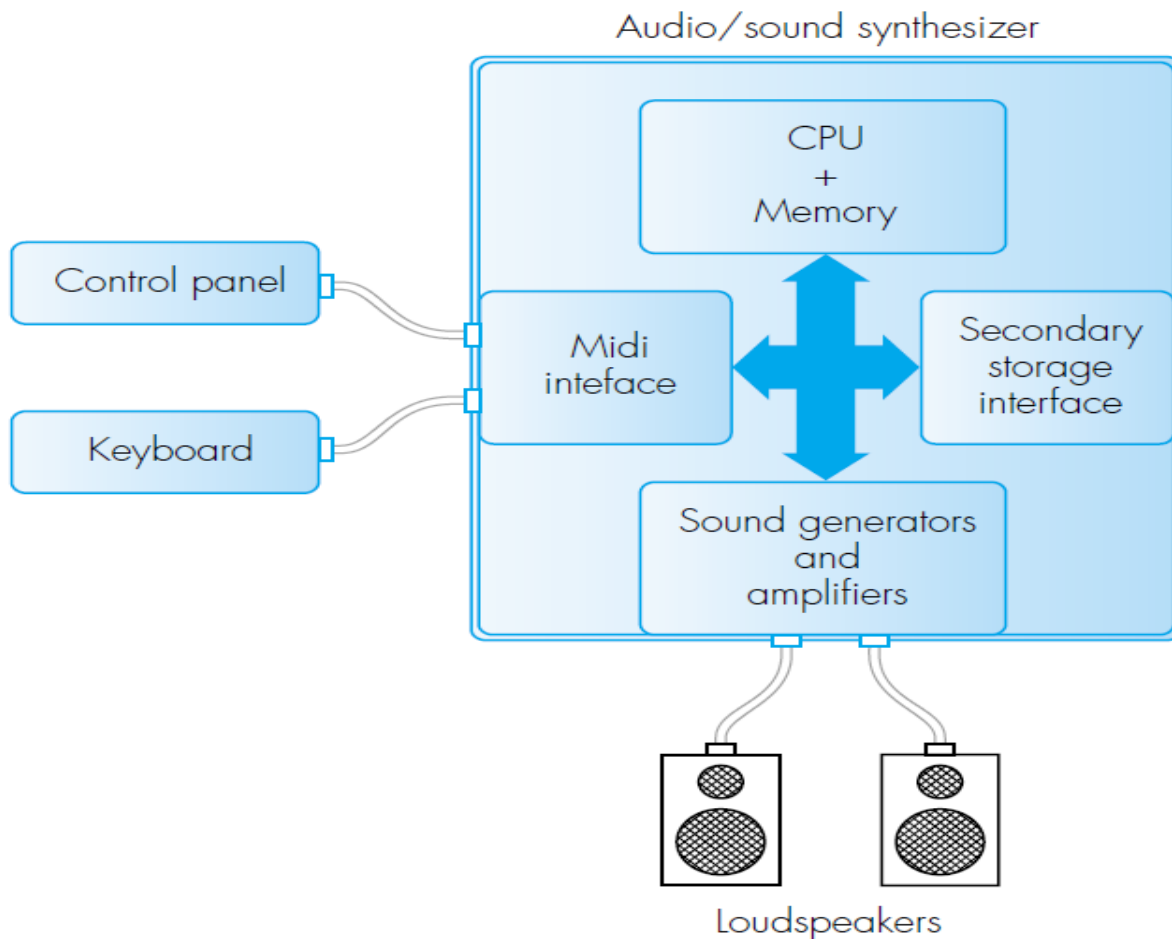
*Aspect Ratio*: This is the ratio of the screen width to the screen height ( television tubes and PC monitors have an aspect ratio of 4/3 and wide screen television is 16/9)

The source intermediate format (SIF) give a picture quality comparable with video recorders(VCRs)

- The common intermediate format (CIF) for use in videoconferencing applications



### Q3) Solution :



#### CD- QUALITY AUDIO

STANDARD FOR CD PLAYERS AND CDROMS –CD-DA STANDARD

#### SYNTHESIZED AUDIO:

Synthesized audio uses less memory

It is easier to edit synthesized audio

Mix several passages together

Three components are- computer, keyboard, sound generators

Keyboard sends commands to computer which is sent to sound generators which produces

Sound waveform via DAC to drive speakers

For each key different codeword known as the message with a synthesizer keyboard is generated and read by the computer program  
The control panel has switches and sliders which indicate the volume and sound effects for the prog.

Secondary interface stores audio in secondary  
Storage devices

There are programs to allow the users to edit a previously entered passage or mix several stored passages together

There is a range of other inputs from instruments

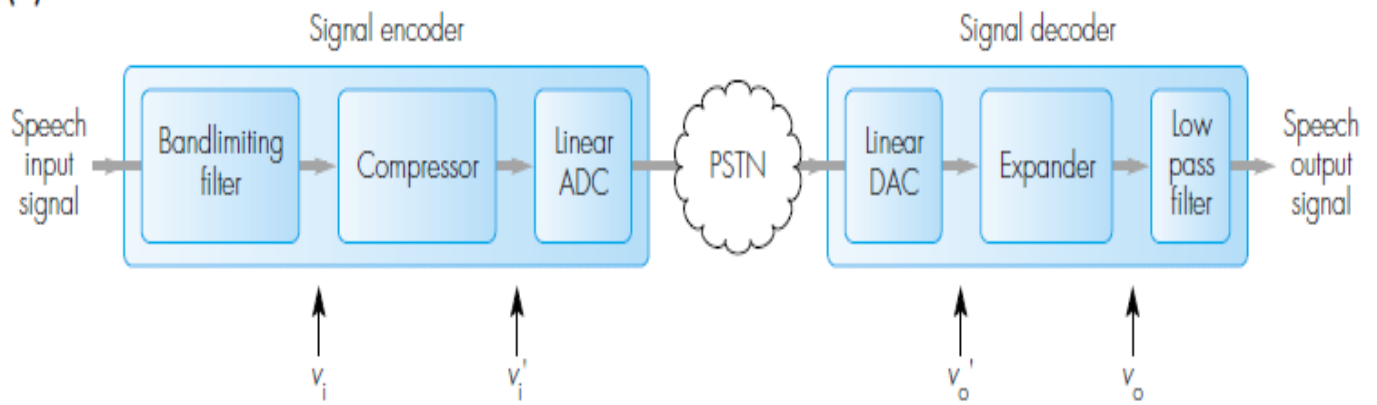
To discriminate between inputs from different possible sources a standard messages are defined for corresponding sound generators

These are defined in a standard – music instrument digital interface-MIDI

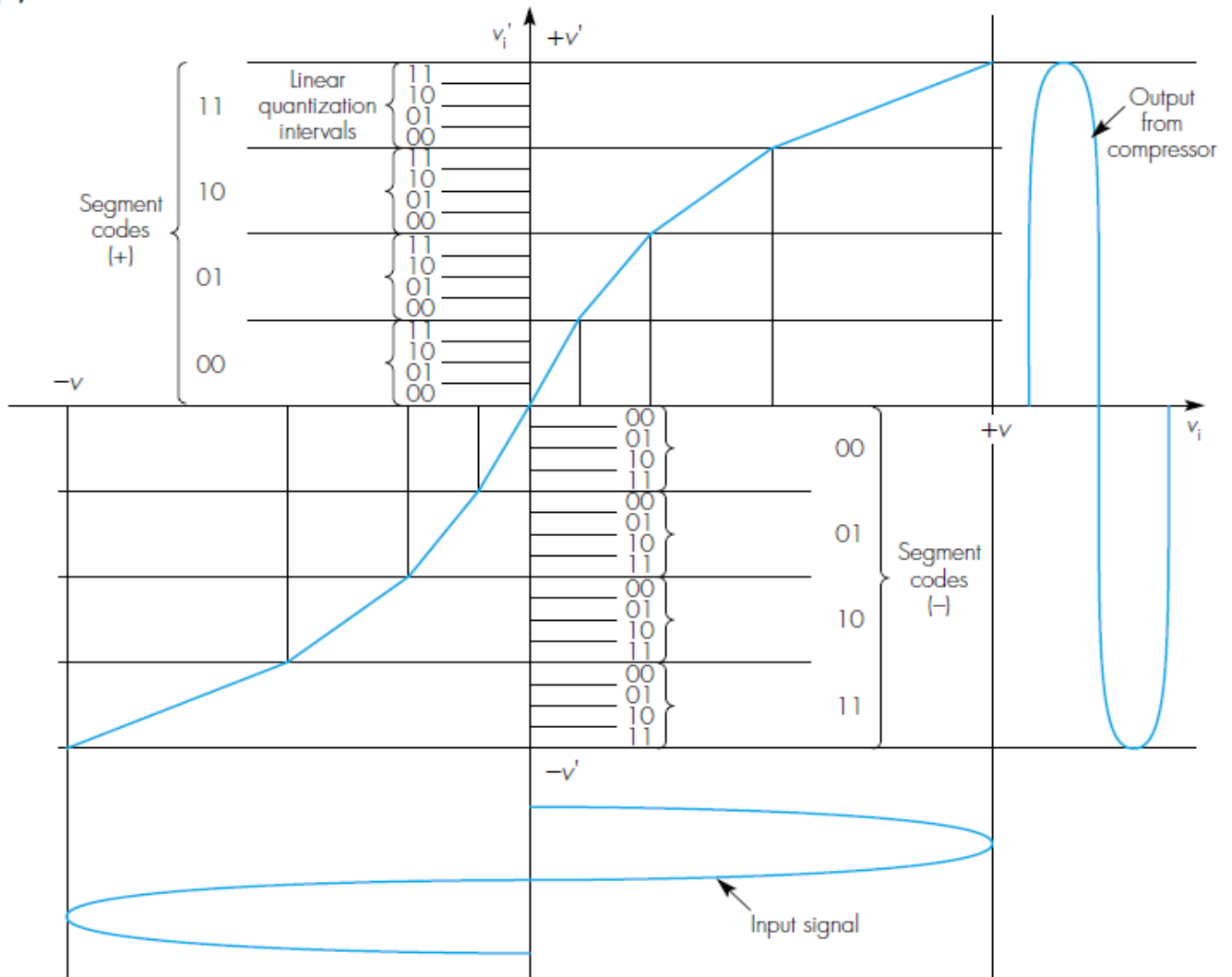
It defines format of standardized set of messages used by synthesizer, types of connectors, cables and electrical signals .

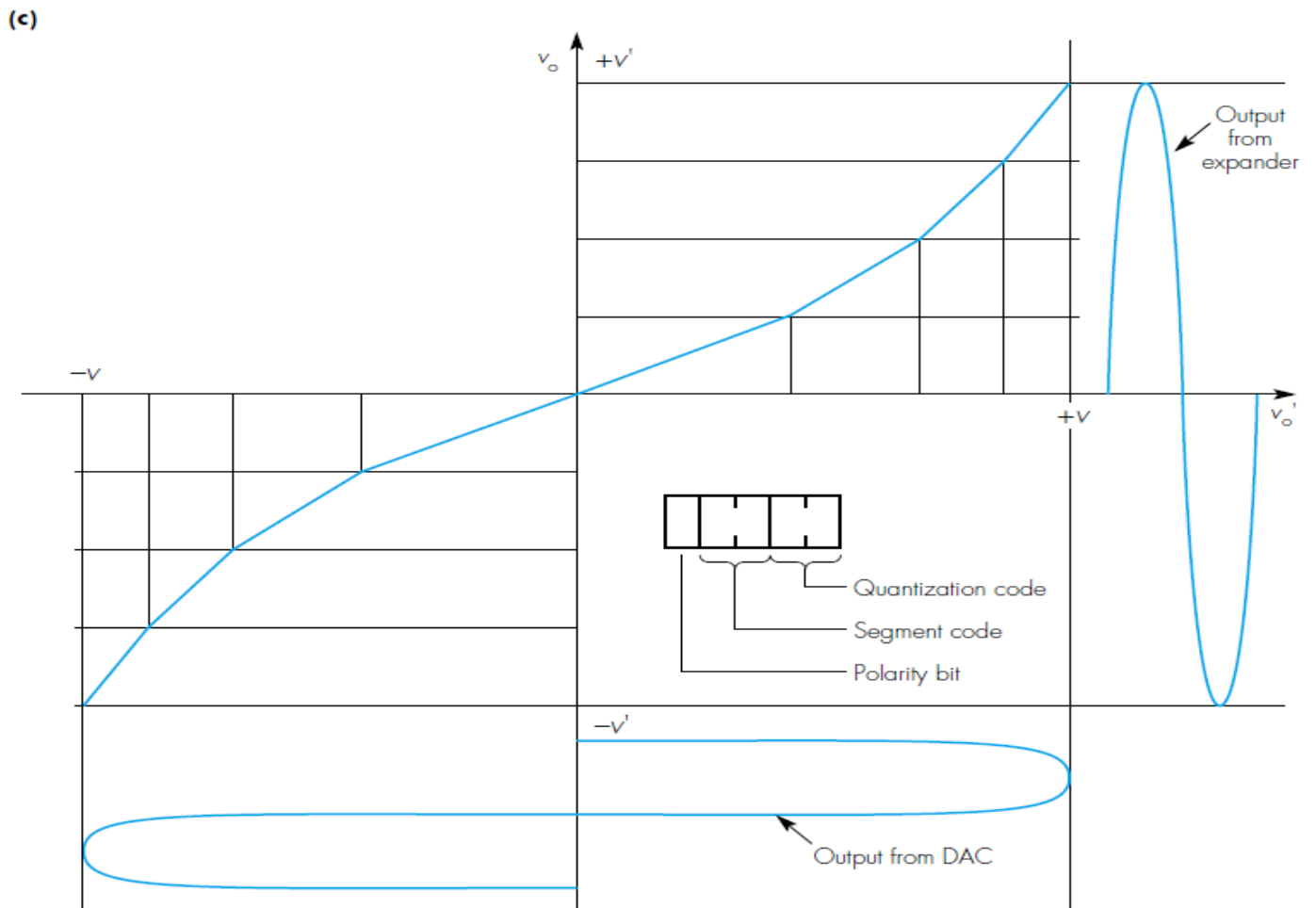
## Q4) Solution:

(a)



(b)





Note that in the G.711 standard a 3-bit segment code and 4-bit quantization code are used.

TWO TYPES OF AUDIO SIGNALS- SPEECH SIGNALS AND MUSIC QUALITY AUDIO

AUDIO IS PRODUCED - MICROPHONE / SYNTHESIZER

SYNTHESIZER PRODUCES AUDIO IN DIGITAL FORMAT WHICH CAN STORE IN COMPUTER

PCM SPEECH:

It is a digitization process

Defined in ITU-T Recommendations G.711

PCM CONSISTS OF ENCODER AND DECODER

IT CONSISTS OF EXPANDER AND COMPRESSOR

AS COMPARED TO EARLIER WHERE LINEAR QUANTIZATION IS USED – NOISE LEVEL SAME FOR BOTH LOUD AND LOW SIGNALS.

AS EAR IS MORE SENSITIVE TO NOISE ON QUIET SIGNALS THAN LOUD SIGNALS, PCM SYSTEM CONSISTS OF NON-LINEAR QUANTIZATION WITH NARROW INTERVALS THROUGH COMPRESSOR AT THE DESTINATION EXPANDER IS USED THE OVERALL OPERATION IS COMPANDING BEFORE SAMPLING AND USING ADC, SIGNAL PASSED THROUGH COMPRESSOR FIRST AND PASSED TO ADC AND QUANTIZED. AT THE RECEIVER, CODEWORD IS FIRST PASSED TO DAC AND EXPANDER TWO COMPRESSOR CHARACTERISTICS – A LAW AND MU LAW

## Q5) Solution:

a)

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- (i) a connection through a private telephone network of 1 km,
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Assume that the velocity of propagation of a signal in the case of (i) and (ii) is  $2 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and in the case of (iii)  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

*Answer:*

Propagation delay  $T_p = \text{physical separation} / \text{velocity of propagation}$

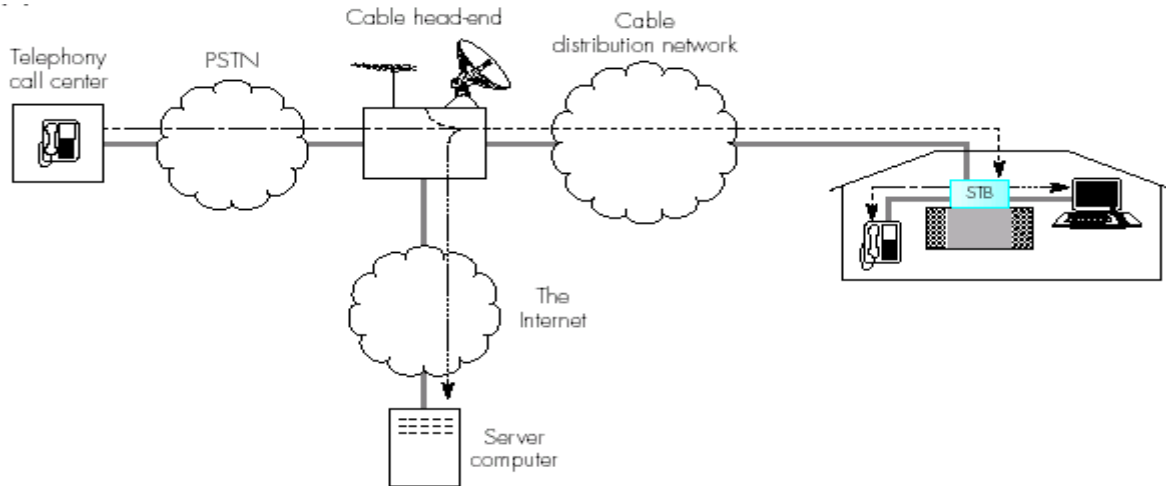
$$(i) \quad T_p = \frac{10^3}{2 \times 10^8} = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$(ii) \quad T_p = \frac{200 \times 10^3}{2 \times 10^8} = 10^{-3} \text{ s}$$

$$(iii) \quad T_p = \frac{5 \times 10^7}{3 \times 10^8} = 1.67 \times 10^{-1} \text{ s}$$

b)

## Interactive television (Cable network)

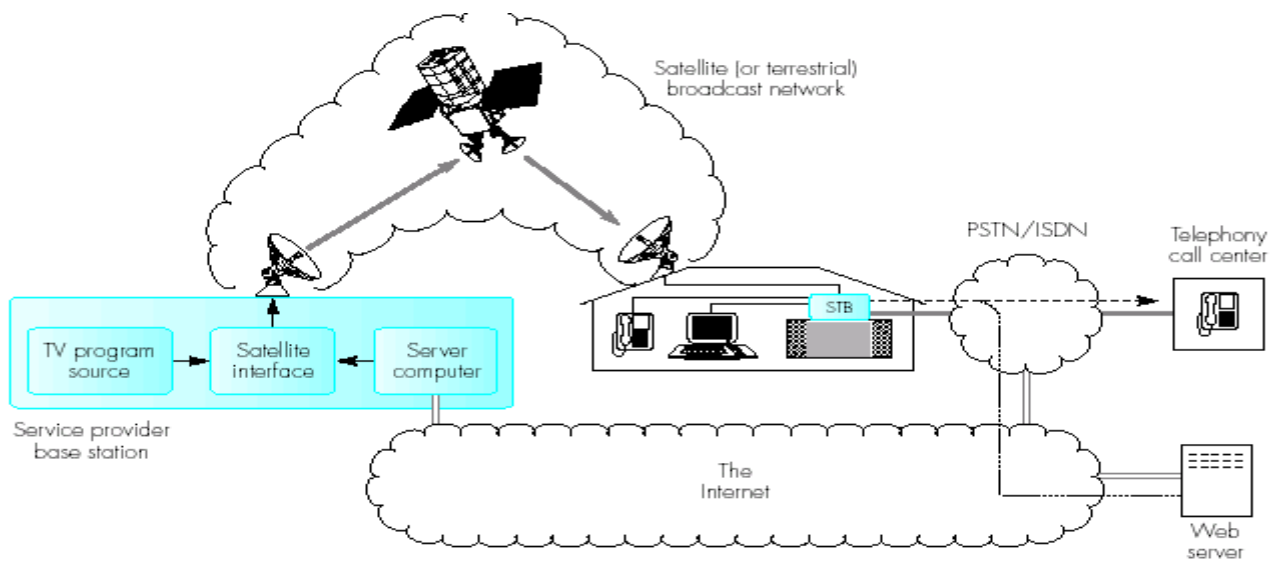


The set-top box (STB) provides both a low bit rate connection to the PSTN and a high bit rate connection to the internet

Through the connection to the PSTN, the subscriber is able to actively respond to the information being broadcast

## Interactive television (Satellite/terrestrial broadcast network)





The STB associated requires a high speed modem to provide the connections to the PSTN and the Internet.

## Q6) Solutions :

Derive the bit rate and the memory requirements to store each frame that result from the digitization of both a 525-line and a 625-line system assuming a 4:2:2 format. Also find the total memory required to store a 1.5 hour movie/video.

*Answer:*

**525-line system:** The number of samples per line is 720 and the number of visible lines is 480. Hence the resolution of the luminance ( $Y$ ) and two chrominance ( $C_b$  and  $C_r$ ) signals are:

$$Y = 720 \times 480 \\ C_b = C_r = 360 \times 480$$

**Bit rate:** Line sampling rate is fixed at 13.5 MHz for  $Y$  and 6.75 MHz for both  $C_b$  and  $C_r$ , all with 8 bits per sample.

**Hence:** Bit rate =  $13.5 \times 10^6 \times 8 + 2 (6.75 \times 10^6 \times 8) = 216 \text{ Mbps}$

**Memory required:** Memory required per line =  $720 \times 8 + 2 (360 \times 8)$   
= 11 520 bits or 1440 bytes

Hence memory per frame, each of 480 lines =  $480 \times 11\,520$   
= 5.5296 Mbits or 691.2 kbytes

and memory to store 1.5 hours assuming 60 frames per second:  
=  $691.2 \times 60 \times 1.5 \times 3600$  kbytes  
= 223.9488 Gbytes

**625-line system:** Resolution:  $Y = 720 \times 576$   
 $C_b = C_r = 360 \times 576$

Bit rate =  $13.5 \times 10^6 \times 8 + 2 (6.75 \times 10^6 \times 8) = 216 \text{ Mbps}$

Memory per frame =  $576 \times 11\,520 = 6.635\,55 \text{ Mbits}$  or 829.44 kbytes

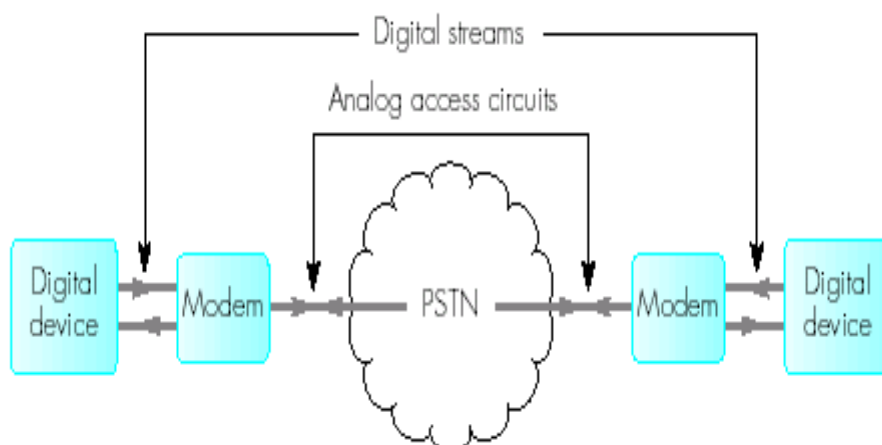
and memory to store 1.5 hours assuming 50 frames per second:  
=  $829.44 \times 50 \times 1.5 \times 3600$  kbytes  
= 223.9488 Gbytes

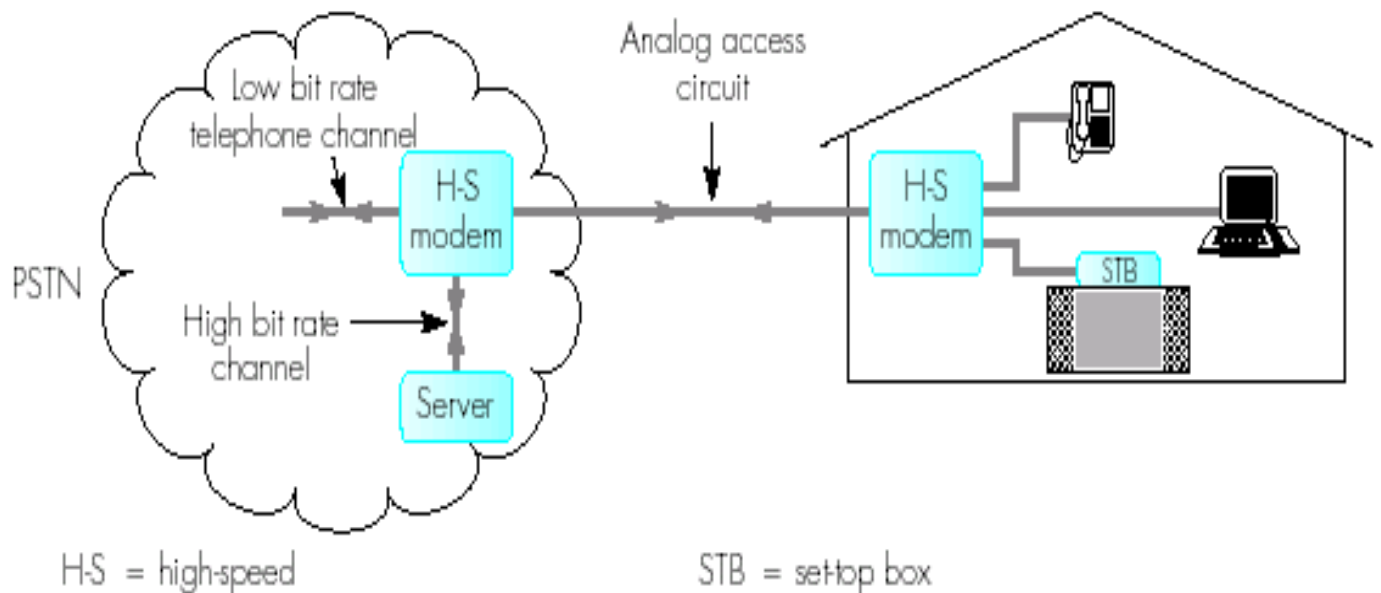
It should be noted that, in practice, the bit rate figures are less than the computed values since they include samples during the retrace times when the beam is switched off. Nevertheless, as we can deduce from the computed values, both the bit rate and the memory requirements are very large for both systems and it is for this reason that the various lower resolution formats have been defined.

Q7) Solutions :

# Telephone Networks

- **Circuit mode** – Telephone networks operate in this mode in which a separate circuit is set up through the network for each call for the duration of the call
- **Access Circuits** – Link the telephone handsets to a PSTN or PBX and carry two-way analogue signals associated with a call





Today with *high bit-rate channels* in addition to the voice using the same access networks high resolution audio and video can be downloaded from a range of entertainment related servers.

## Data Networks

- Designed to provide basic data communication services such as email and general file transfer
- Most widely deployed networks: **X.25 network** (low bit rate data) not suitable for multimedia and the **Internet** (Interconnected Networks)
- **Communication protocol**: set of rules (defines the sequence and syntax of the messages) that are adhered to by all

communicating parties for the exchange of information/data

- ***Packet***: Container for a block of data, at its head, is the address of the intended recipient computer which is used to route the packet through the network.
- **Packet mode** – Operates by transfer of packets as defined earlier
- This mode of operation is chosen because normally the data associated with data applications is in discrete block format.
- With the new multimedia PCs packet mode networks are used to support in addition to the data communication applications a range of multimedia applications involving audio video and speech.