

310 Communication Engineering Exam Formulae

Probabilities of Symbol Error

- Binary transmission with arbitrary pulses $p(t)$ and $q(t)$

$$P_e = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_p + E_q - 2E_{pq}}{2N_0}} \right) \quad E_{pq} = \int_0^{T_b} p(t)q(t)/dt$$

- Binary PCM with NRZ

$$P_e = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}} \right)$$

- BPSK

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- BASK

$$P_e = Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_b}{N_0}} \right)$$

- MPSK

$$\begin{aligned} P_{eM} &\approx 2Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b \log_2 M}{N_0}} \sin \frac{\pi}{M} \right) \\ &\approx 2Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi^2 E_b \log_2 M}{M^2 N_0}} \right) \quad \text{for } M \gg 1 \end{aligned}$$

- MASK ($M > 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} P_{eM} &= 2 \left(\frac{M-1}{M} \right) Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{6 \log_2 M E_b}{M^2 - 1 N_0}} \right) \\ &\approx 2Q \left(\sqrt{\frac{6 \log_2 M E_b}{M^2 N_0}} \right) \quad \text{for } M \gg 1 \end{aligned}$$

- pdf of a Gaussian rv X , where $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

Area under right Gaussian tail:

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_b^\infty \exp \left\{ \frac{-(x - A)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} dx = Q \left(\frac{b - A}{\sigma} \right)$$

Area under left Gaussian tail:

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^c \exp \left\{ \frac{-(x - A)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} dx = 1 - Q \left(\frac{c - A}{\sigma} \right) = Q \left(\frac{A - c}{\sigma} \right)$$

- Other useful items:

$$Q(\alpha) = 1 - Q(-\alpha)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} Q \left(\frac{\alpha + A}{\sigma} \right) = -\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(\alpha + A)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} Q \left(\frac{-\alpha + A}{\sigma} \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(A - \alpha)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

Trigonometric Identities:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} \{ \sin(x + y) + \sin(x - y) \}$$

$$\cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(x + y) + \cos(x - y) \}$$

$$\sin x \sin y = \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(x - y) - \cos(x + y) \}$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2x)$$

• Table of Q Function

Table 10.2
 $Q(x)$

x	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0000	.5000	.4960	.4920	.4880	.4840	.4801	.4761	.4721	.4681	.4641
.1000	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
.2000	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
.3000	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
.4000	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
.5000	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
.6000	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
.7000	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
.8000	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
.9000	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
1.000	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
1.100	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
1.200	.1151	.1131	.1112	.1093	.1075	.1056	.1038	.1020	.1003	.9853E-01
1.300	.9680E-01	.9510E-01	.9342E-01	.9176E-01	.9012E-01	.8851E-01	.8691E-01	.8534E-01	.8379E-01	.8226E-01
1.400	.8076E-01	.7927E-01	.7780E-01	.7636E-01	.7493E-01	.7353E-01	.7215E-01	.7078E-01	.6944E-01	.6811E-01
1.500	.6681E-01	.6552E-01	.6426E-01	.6301E-01	.6178E-01	.6057E-01	.5938E-01	.5821E-01	.5705E-01	.5592E-01
1.600	.5480E-01	.5370E-01	.5262E-01	.5155E-01	.5050E-01	.4947E-01	.4846E-01	.4746E-01	.4648E-01	.4551E-01
1.700	.4457E-01	.4363E-01	.4272E-01	.4182E-01	.4093E-01	.4006E-01	.3920E-01	.3836E-01	.3754E-01	.3673E-01
1.800	.3593E-01	.3515E-01	.3438E-01	.3362E-01	.3288E-01	.3216E-01	.3144E-01	.3074E-01	.3005E-01	.2938E-01
1.900	.2872E-01	.2807E-01	.2743E-01	.2680E-01	.2619E-01	.2559E-01	.2500E-01	.2442E-01	.2385E-01	.2330E-01
2.000	.2275E-01	.2222E-01	.2169E-01	.2118E-01	.2068E-01	.2018E-01	.1970E-01	.1923E-01	.1876E-01	.1831E-01
2.100	.1786E-01	.1743E-01	.1700E-01	.1659E-01	.1618E-01	.1578E-01	.1539E-01	.1500E-01	.1463E-01	.1426E-01
2.200	.1390E-01	.1355E-01	.1321E-01	.1287E-01	.1255E-01	.1222E-01	.1191E-01	.1160E-01	.1130E-01	.1101E-01
2.300	.1072E-01	.1044E-01	.1017E-01	.9903E-02	.9642E-02	.9387E-02	.9137E-02	.8894E-02	.8656E-02	.8424E-02
2.400	.8198E-02	.7976E-02	.7760E-02	.7549E-02	.7344E-02	.7143E-02	.6947E-02	.6756E-02	.6569E-02	.6387E-02
2.500	.6210E-02	.6037E-02	.5868E-02	.5703E-02	.5543E-02	.5386E-02	.5234E-02	.5085E-02	.4940E-02	.4799E-02
2.600	.4661E-02	.4527E-02	.4396E-02	.4269E-02	.4145E-02	.4025E-02	.3907E-02	.3793E-02	.3681E-02	.3573E-02
2.700	.3467E-02	.3364E-02	.3264E-02	.3167E-02	.3072E-02	.2980E-02	.2890E-02	.2803E-02	.2718E-02	.2635E-02
2.800	.2555E-02	.2477E-02	.2401E-02	.2327E-02	.2256E-02	.2186E-02	.2118E-02	.2052E-02	.1988E-02	.1926E-02
2.900	.1866E-02	.1807E-02	.1750E-02	.1695E-02	.1641E-02	.1589E-02	.1538E-02	.1489E-02	.1441E-02	.1395E-02
3.000	.1350E-02	.1306E-02	.1264E-02	.1223E-02	.1183E-02	.1144E-02	.1107E-02	.1070E-02	.1035E-02	.1001E-02
3.100	.9676E-03	.9354E-03	.9043E-03	.8740E-03	.8447E-03	.8164E-03	.7888E-03	.7622E-03	.7364E-03	.7114E-03
3.200	.6871E-03	.6637E-03	.6410E-03	.6190E-03	.5976E-03	.5770E-03	.5571E-03	.5377E-03	.5190E-03	.5009E-03
3.300	.4834E-03	.4663E-03	.4501E-03	.4342E-03	.4189E-03	.4041E-03	.3897E-03	.3758E-03	.3624E-03	.3495E-03
3.400	.3369E-03	.3248E-03	.3131E-03	.3018E-03	.2909E-03	.2802E-03	.2701E-03	.2602E-03	.2507E-03	.2415E-03
3.500	.2326E-03	.2241E-03	.2158E-03	.2078E-03	.2001E-03	.1926E-03	.1854E-03	.1785E-03	.1718E-03	.1653E-03
3.600	.1591E-03	.1531E-03	.1473E-03	.1417E-03	.1363E-03	.1311E-03	.1261E-03	.1213E-03	.1166E-03	.1121E-03
3.700	.1078E-03	.1036E-03	.9961E-04	.9574E-04	.9201E-04	.8842E-04	.8496E-04	.8162E-04	.7841E-04	.7532E-04
3.800	.7235E-04	.6948E-04	.6673E-04	.6407E-04	.6152E-04	.5906E-04	.5669E-04	.5442E-04	.5223E-04	.5012E-04
3.900	.4810E-04	.4615E-04	.4427E-04	.4247E-04	.4074E-04	.3906E-04	.3747E-04	.3594E-04	.3446E-04	.3304E-04
4.000	.3167E-04	.3036E-04	.2910E-04	.2789E-04	.2673E-04	.2561E-04	.2454E-04	.2351E-04	.2252E-04	.2157E-04
4.100	.2066E-04	.1978E-04	.1894E-04	.1814E-04	.1737E-04	.1662E-04	.1591E-04	.1523E-04	.1458E-04	.1395E-04
4.200	.1335E-04	.1277E-04	.1222E-04	.1168E-04	.1118E-04	.1069E-04	.1022E-04	.9774E-05	.9345E-05	.8934E-05
4.300	.8540E-05	.8163E-05	.7801E-05	.7455E-05	.7124E-05	.6807E-05	.6503E-05	.6212E-05	.5934E-05	.5668E-05
4.400	.5413E-05	.5169E-05	.4935E-05	.4712E-05	.4498E-05	.4294E-05	.4098E-05	.3911E-05	.3732E-05	.3561E-05
4.500	.3398E-05	.3241E-05	.3092E-05	.2949E-05	.2813E-05	.2682E-05	.2558E-05	.2439E-05	.2325E-05	.2216E-05
4.600	.2112E-05	.2013E-05	.1919E-05	.1828E-05	.1742E-05	.1660E-05	.1581E-05	.1506E-05	.1434E-05	.1366E-05
4.700	.1301E-05	.1239E-05	.1179E-05	.1123E-05	.1069E-05	.1017E-05	.9680E-06	.9211E-06	.8765E-06	.8339E-06
4.800	.7933E-06	.7547E-06	.7178E-06	.6827E-06	.6492E-06	.6173E-06	.5869E-06	.5580E-06	.5304E-06	.5042E-06
4.900	.4792E-06	.4554E-06	.4327E-06	.4111E-06	.3906E-06	.3711E-06	.3525E-06	.3348E-06	.3179E-06	.3019E-06
5.000	.2867E-06	.2722E-06	.2584E-06	.2452E-06	.2328E-06	.2209E-06	.2096E-06	.1989E-06	.1887E-06	.1790E-06
5.100	.1698E-06	.1611E-06	.1528E-06	.1449E-06	.1374E-06	.1302E-06	.1235E-06	.1170E-06	.1109E-06	.1051E-06

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x	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
5.200	.9964E-07	.9442E-07	.8946E-07	.8476E-07	.8029E-07	.7605E-07	.7203E-07	.6821E-07	.6459E-07	.6116E-07
5.300	.5790E-07	.5481E-07	.5188E-07	.4911E-07	.4647E-07	.4398E-07	.4161E-07	.3937E-07	.3724E-07	.3523E-07
5.400	.3332E-07	.3151E-07	.2980E-07	.2818E-07	.2664E-07	.2518E-07	.2381E-07	.2250E-07	.2124E-07	.2006E-07
5.500	.1899E-07	.1794E-07	.1695E-07	.1601E-07	.1512E-07	.1428E-07	.1349E-07	.1274E-07	.1203E-07	.1135E-07
5.600	.1072E-07	.1012E-07	.9548E-08	.9010E-08	.8503E-08	.8022E-08	.7569E-08	.7140E-08	.6735E-08	.6352E-08
5.700	.5990E-08	.5649E-08	.5326E-08	.5022E-08	.4734E-08	.4462E-08	.4206E-08	.3964E-08	.3735E-08	.3519E-08
5.800	.1316E-08	.1242E-08	.1171E-08	.1101E-08	.1031E-08	.9642E-08	.9000E-08	.8404E-08	.7852E-08	.7339E-08
5.900	.1818E-08	.1711E-08	.1610E-08	.1515E-08	.1425E-08	.1341E-08	.1261E-08	.1186E-08	.1116E-08	.1049E-08
6.000	.9866E-09	.9276E-09	.8721E-09	.8198E-09	.7706E-09	.7242E-09	.6806E-09	.6396E-09	.6009E-09	.5646E-09
6.100	.5303E-09	.4982E-09	.4679E-09	.4394E-09	.4126E-09	.3874E-09	.3637E-09	.3414E-09	.3205E-09	.3008E-09
6.200	.2823E-09	.2649E-09	.2486E-09	.2332E-09	.2188E-09	.2052E-09	.1925E-09	.1805E-09	.1692E-09	.1587E-09
6.300	.1488E-09	.1395E-09	.1308E-09	.1226E-09	.1149E-09	.1077E-09	.1009E-09	.9451E-10	.8854E-10	.8294E-10
6.400	.7769E-10	.7276E-10	.6814E-10	.6380E-10	.5974E-10	.5593E-10	.5235E-10	.4900E-10	.4586E-10	.4292E-10
6.500	.4016E-10	.3758E-10	.3515E-10	.3288E-10	.3076E-10	.2877E-10	.2690E-10	.2516E-10	.2352E-10	.2199E-10
6.600	.2056E-10	.1922E-10	.1796E-10	.1678E-10	.1568E-10	.1465E-10	.1369E-10	.1279E-10	.1195E-10	.1116E-10
6.700	.1042E-10	.9731E-11	.9086E-11	.8483E-11	.7919E-11	.7392E-11	.6900E-11	.6439E-11	.6009E-11	.5607E-11
6.800	.5231E-11	.4880E-11	.4552E-11	.4246E-11	.3960E-11	.3692E-11	.3443E-11	.3210E-11	.2993E-11	.2790E-11
6.900	.2600E-11	.2423E-11	.2258E-11	.2104E-11	.1960E-11	.1826E-11	.1701E-11	.1585E-11	.1476E-11	.1374E-11
7.000	.1280E-11	.1192E-11	.1109E-11	.1033E-11	.9612E-12	.8946E-12	.8325E-12	.7747E-12	.7208E-12	.6706E-12
7.100	.6238E-12	.5802E-12	.5396E-12	.5018E-12	.4667E-12	.4339E-12	.4034E-12	.3750E-12	.3486E-12	.3240E-12
7.200	.3011E-12	.2798E-12	.2599E-12	.2415E-12	.2243E-12	.2084E-12	.1935E-12	.1797E-12	.1669E-12	.1550E-12
7.300	.1439E-12	.1336E-12	.1240E-12	.1151E-12	.1068E-12	.9910E-13	.9196E-13	.8531E-13	.7914E-13	.7341E-13
7.400	.6809E-13	.6315E-13	.5856E-13	.5430E-13	.5034E-13	.4667E-13	.4326E-13	.4010E-13	.3716E-13	.3444E-13
7.500	.3191E-13	.2956E-13	.2739E-13	.2537E-13	.2350E-13	.2176E-13	.2015E-13	.1866E-13	.1728E-13	.1600E-13
7.600	.1481E-13	.1370E-13	.1268E-13	.1174E-13	.1086E-13	.1005E-13	.9297E-14	.8600E-14	.7954E-14	.7357E-14
7.700	.6803E-14	.6291E-14	.5816E-14	.5377E-14	.4971E-14	.4595E-14	.4246E-14	.3924E-14	.3628E-14	.3350E-14
7.800	.3095E-14	.2859E-14	.2641E-14	.2439E-14	.2253E-14	.2080E-14	.1921E-14	.1773E-14	.1637E-14	.1511E-14
7.900	.1395E-14	.1287E-14	.1188E-14	.1096E-14	.1011E-14	.9326E-15	.8602E-15	.7934E-15	.7317E-15	.6747E-15
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8.300	.5206E-16	.4785E-16	.4398E-16	.4042E-16	.3715E-16	.3413E-16	.3136E-16	.2881E-16	.2646E-16	.2431E-16
8.400	.2232E-16	.2050E-16	.1882E-16	.1728E-16	.1587E-16	.1457E-16	.1337E-16	.1227E-16	.1126E-16	.1033E-16
8.500	.9480E-17	.8697E-17	.7978E-17	.7317E-17	.6711E-17	.6154E-17	.5643E-17	.5174E-17	.4744E-17	.4348E-17
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8.800	.6841E-18	.6257E-18	.5723E-18	.5234E-18	.4786E-18	.4376E-18	.4001E-18	.3657E-18	.3343E-18	.3055E-18
8.900	.2792E-18	.2552E-18	.2331E-18	.2130E-18	.1946E-18	.1777E-18	.1623E-18	.1483E-18	.1354E-18	.1236E-18
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9.100	.4517E-19	.4119E-19	.3756E-19	.3425E-19	.3123E-19	.2847E-19	.2595E-19	.2365E-19	.2155E-19	.1964E-19
9.200	.1790E-19	.1631E-19	.1486E-19	.1353E-19	.1232E-19	.1122E-19	.1022E-19	.9307E-20	.8404E-20	.7714E-20
9.300	.7022E-20	.6392E-20	.5817E-20	.5294E-20	.4817E-20	.4382E-20	.3987E-20	.3627E-20	.3299E-20	.3000E-20
9.400	.2728E-20	.2481E-20	.2255E-20	.2050E-20	.1864E-20	.1694E-20	.1540E-20	.1390E-20	.1271E-20	.1155E-20
9.500	.1049E-20	.9533E-21	.8659E-21	.7864E-21	.7142E-21	.6485E-21	.5882E-21	.5345E-21	.4852E-21	.4404E-21
9.600	.3997E-21	.3627E-21	.3292E-21	.2986E-21	.2709E-21	.2458E-21	.2229E-21	.2022E-21	.1844E-21	.1663E-21
9.700	.1507E-21	.1367E-21	.1239E-21	.1123E-21	.1018E-21	.9233E-22	.8358E-22	.7573E-22	.6851E-22	.6215E-22
9.800	.5629E-22	.5098E-22	.4617E-22	.4181E-22	.3766E-22	.3427E-22	.3102E-22	.2808E-22	.2542E-22	.2300E-22
9.900	.2081E-22	.1883E-22	.1704E-22	.1541E-22	.1394E-22	.1261E-22	.1140E-22	.1031E-22	.9333E-23	.8429E-23
10.00	.7620E-23	.6888E-23	.6225E-23	.5626E-23	.5084E-23	.4593E-23	.4150E-23	.3749E-23	.3366E-23	.3058E-23

Note: (1) E-01 should be read as $\times 10^{-1}$; E-02 should be read as $\times 10^{-2}$, and so on.

(2) This table lists $Q(x)$ for x in the range of 0 to 10 in the increments of 0.01. To find $Q(5.36)$, for example, look up the row starting with $x = 5.3$. The sixth entry in this row (under 0.06) is the desired value 0.4161×10^{-7} .

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