

**Manual Calculation of Break-Even Point  
for the Use of Remote Subscriber Switches**

Solution of Case study

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**SOLUTION**

**CASE STUDY, MANUAL CALCULATION OF ECONOMICAL BREAK-EVEN POINT FOR THE USE OF REMOTE SUBSCRIBER SWITCHES**

a Traffic, Case 1 and Case 3, 500 subscribers, 0.1 E

$$500 \times 0.1 E = 50 E$$

50 E, 0.1 % congestion => 71 circuits

Traffic, Case 2 and Case 4, 2 000 subsc., 0.1 E

$$2\ 000 \times 0.1 E = 200 E$$

200 E, 0.1 % congestion => 238 circuits

b Number of PCM systems

71 circuits => 3 PCM systems  
238 circuits => 8 PCM systems

**CASE 1**

Check that transmission plan is not violated!

Loss B-C (maximum) 2 km, 0.5 mm cable:  $2 \times 1.21 = 2.42\ dB$

Remains for A-B:  $8 - 2.42 = 5.58\ dB$

if 0.4 mm cable corresponding to  $\frac{5.58}{1.60} = 3.48\ km$

if 0.5 mm cable corresponding to  $\frac{5.58}{1.21} = 4.61\ km$

if 0.7 mm cable corresponding to  $\frac{5.58}{0.79} = 7.06\ km$

Suppose that X is in the interval  $3.48 < X < 4.61\ km$  and calculate with 0.5 mm cable (for VF) between A and B!

Suppose that Y intermediate PCM repeater points are required.

=> **Cost of (RSS + PCM) alternative:**

$$2 \times 16\ 000 \times X + 350\ 000 + 16\ 000 \times Y + 3 \times 1\ 500 \times Y + 20\ 000 + 8\ 000 + 12\ 000 / 3 + 4\ 000 \times Y$$

=> **Cost of (SS + cabinet) alternative:**  $5\ 000 + 113\ 000 \times X$

To find the economical break-even distance, set the two costs equal.

$$(113\ 000 - 32\ 000) X = 350\ 000 + 32\ 000 - 5\ 000 + (16\ 000 + 4\ 500 + 4\ 000) \times Y$$

$$81\ 000 \times X = 377\ 000 + 24\ 500 \times Y$$

$$X = \frac{377\ 000}{81\ 000} + \frac{24\ 500 \times Y}{81\ 000} = 4.65 + 0.30Y$$

$Y = 1 \Rightarrow 4.95\ km > 4.61\ km$  (PCM signal loss = 12 dB/km, max. loss = 35 dB => Y = 1)

Thus, 0.7 mm cable is necessary for determining X. Try again:

$$5000 + 166000 X = 2 \times 16000 X + 350000 + 16000 \times Y + 3 \times 1500 Y + 20000 + 8000 + 4000 + 4000 Y$$

$$(166000 - 32000) X = 350000 + 32000 + (16000 + 4500 + 4000) Y$$

$$134000 X = 382000 + 24500 Y$$

$$X = \frac{382000}{134000} + \frac{24500}{134000} Y$$

$$X = 2.85 + 0.18 Y$$

$$\text{Attenuation } 12 \text{ dB/km, maximum loss } 35 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow Y = 1 \Rightarrow X = 2.85 + 0.18 = 3.03 \text{ km}$$

### Conclusion

Up to 4.61 km SS with main cable, 0.5 mm is used because:

- it is cheaper than a solution with RSS
- it is permitted with regard to the transmission plan

Above 4.61 km, the RSS alternative is used. This alternative is cheaper than SSS + 0.7 mm main cable already above 3.03 km.

### CASE 2

$$2 \times 16000 \times X + 350000 + 16000 \times Y + 8 \times 1500 \times Y + 20000 + 7 \times 4000 + 4000 + 4000 \times Y = 20000 + 300000 \times X$$

$$268000 \times X = 350000 + 52000 - 20000 + (16000 + 12000 + 4000) \times Y = 382000 + 32000 Y$$

$$X = \frac{382000}{268000} + \frac{32000}{268000} Y = 1.43 + 0.1 Y \Rightarrow Y = 0$$

$$X = \underline{1.43 \text{ km}}$$

### CASE 3

$$350000 + 16000 \times Y + 3 \times 1500 \times Y + 20000 + 8000 + 4000 + 4000 \times Y = 5000 + 96000 \times X + 96000 \times X$$

(assume 0.4 mm cable, add 100 % for new duct)

$$192000 \times X = 350000 + 32000 - 5000 + (16000 + 4500 + 4000) Y = 377000 + 24500 Y$$

$$X = 1.96 + 0.128 Y \Rightarrow Y = 1$$

$$X = \underline{2.09 \text{ km}}$$

### CASE 4

$$350000 + 16000 \times Y + 8 \times 1500 \times Y + 20000 + 7 \times 4000 + 4000 + 4000 \times Y = 20000 + 300000 \times X + 300000 \times X$$

$$600000 \times X = 350000 + 52000 - 20000 + (16000 + 12000 + 4000) \times Y = 382000 + 32000 Y$$

$$X = 0.64 + 0.053 Y \Rightarrow Y = 0$$

$$X = \underline{0.64 \text{ km}}$$