

Special Problem 4.E-3

To operate properly, a certain **detector** requires an SNR of at least 10.0 dB, and an input signal power of greater than -50.0 dBm.

The compression (i.e., saturation) point of this detector is **unknown**.

This detector is attached to a receiver that has a **noise figure** of 3.0 dB.

The **input compression point of the receiver** is + 9.0 dBm

The **bandwidth** of the receiver IF filter is 10 MHz

The receiver **AGC** uses an attenuator whose value is adjustable between a **minimum** of 3dB of attenuation and a **maximum** of 50 dB of attenuation.

- 1) Determine the **minimum discernable signal** in dBm (assume $T_A = 290$ K).
- 2) Determine the **gain** required by the receiver to adequately detect the MDS.
- 3) Determine what the compression point of the **detector** must be in order to accurately detect all signals within the total dynamic range of the receiver.