Special Problem 4.E-7

In the receiver below, we know that:

1. The 1 dB **compression point** of the receiver is **0 dBm.**

2. The **instantaneous** dynamic range of the receiver is **30 dB**.

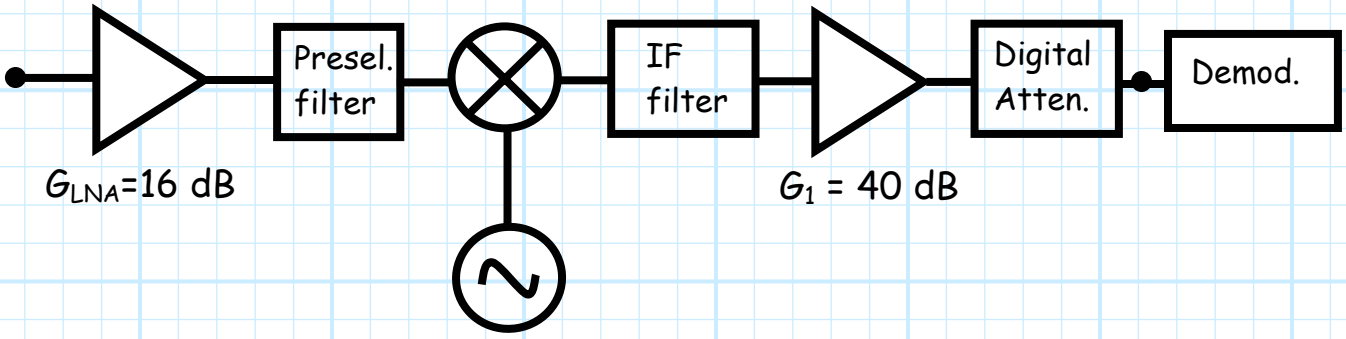
3. The **demodualtor** signal power (i.e. the output power of the receiver) must be $\geq$ **-50 dBm** in order for the signal to be accurately demodulated.

4. The **conversion loss** of the **mixer** is 6 dB, the **insertion loss** of each **filter** is 0 dB.

5. The digital attenuator has a **minimum** attenuation setting of 2 dB.

6. This **attenuator** dynamic range is **just barely** large enough to satisfy the receiver design goals (i.e, to accurate demodulate any input signal within its total dynamic range).

7. The receiver was **properly** designed by a **competent** radio engineer.



Determine the **maximum attenuation** setting of the digital attenuator, and the **minimum discernable signal** (MDS).