Problem 9.10 A DSC-SC modulated signal is transmitted over a noisy channel, with the power spectral density of the noise as shown in Fig. 9.19. The message bandwidth is 4 kHz and the carrier frequency is 200 kHz. Assume the average received power of the signal is -80 dBm, determine the output signal-to-noise ratio of the receiver.

Solution

From Fig. 9.19, the noise power spectral density ate 200 kHz is approximately 5×10^{-19} W/Hz. Using this value for $N_0/2$ (we are assuming the noise spectral density is approximately flat across a bandwidth of 4 kHz), the post-detection SNR is given by

$$SNR = \frac{A_c^2 P}{2N_0 W}$$
$$= \frac{10^{-11}}{4 \times 10^3 \times 5 \times 10^{-19}}$$
$$= 5 \times 10^3$$
$$\sim 37 \text{ dB}$$

where we have used the fact that the received power is -80 dBm implies that $A_c^2 P/2 = 10^{-11}$ watts.