

First, remember that  $\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}(\sqrt{\gamma}) = Q(\sqrt{2\gamma})$

So the integral becomes  $\int_0^{\infty} Q(\sqrt{2\gamma}) p(\gamma) d\gamma$

To solve this, use integrate by parts, by definition

$$\int f(x)g(x) dx = F(x)g(x) - \int F(x)g'(x)$$

Which is another way of rewriting the usual  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

In this case we have  $\int f(\gamma)g(\gamma) d\gamma = F(\gamma)g(\gamma) - \int F(\gamma)g'(\gamma)$

$$\text{Let } f(\gamma) = p(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}}$$

$$F(\gamma) = \int f(\gamma) d\gamma = \int \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}} d\gamma = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)} \int e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}} d\gamma$$

Then

$$F(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)} \left[ -\frac{E_b}{N_0} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}} \right] = -e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}}$$

Let  $g(\gamma) = Q(\sqrt{2\gamma})$

By definition we have  $Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$

Also  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_{u(x)}^{v(x)} f(t) dt = f(v(x))v'(x) - f(u(x))u'(x)$

Hence  $\frac{d}{dx} Q(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

And then  $\frac{d}{d\gamma} Q(\sqrt{2\gamma}) = \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\gamma} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \gamma^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$

$$P_b = \int f(\gamma) g(\gamma) d\gamma = F(\gamma) g(\gamma) - \int F(\gamma) g'(\gamma)$$

$$\text{So } P_b = -Q\left(\sqrt{2\gamma}\right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}} \Bigg|_{\gamma=0}^{\gamma=\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\gamma} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$P_b = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\gamma \left(1 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}\right)}$$

To solve the integral, we have  $\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-ax} = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{a^{n+1}} & (n > -1, a > 0) \\ \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}} & (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, a > 0) \end{cases}$

in this case, use the first part by setting  $n = -1/2$  and  $x = \gamma$

$$\text{Hence, we have } P_b = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\gamma \left(1 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} + 1}}$$

By definition,  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$

$$\text{And thus } P_b = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)}}\right)$$