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QUESTION

Determine the maximum length of the cable (in km) for transmitting data at a rate of 500 Mbps in an Ethernet LAN with frames of size 10,000 bits. Assume the signal speed in the cable to be 2,00,000 km/s.

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- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 2.5
- (D) 5

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SOLUTION**Given Data:**

Rate of transmission = 500 Mbps

Size = 10^4 bitsSignal speed = 2×10^5 km/sec**Solution:**Transmission time \geq round trip time of 1 bitTransmission time $\geq 2 \times$ propagation time

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SOLUTION

Transmission time $\geq 2 \times$ propagation time

$$\text{Transmission time} = \frac{\text{Message Size}}{\text{Bandwidth}}$$

$$\text{Propagation time} = \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Propagation Speed}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Message Size}}{\text{Bandwidth}} = \frac{2 \times \text{Length}}{\text{Propagation Speed}}$$

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SOLUTION

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits}}{500 \text{ Mbps}} \geq \frac{2 \times L}{2 \times 10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits}}{500 \text{ Mbps}} \geq \frac{L}{10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits} \times 10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}{500 \text{ Mbps}} \geq L$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits} \times 10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}{500 \times 10^6 \text{ bps}} \geq L$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ Km/sec}}{500 \times 10} \geq L$$

$$2 \text{ Km} \geq L$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits} \times 10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}{500 \text{ Mbps}} \geq L$$

$$\frac{10^4 \text{ bits} \times 10^5 \text{ Km/sec}}{500 \times 10^6 \text{ bps}} \geq L$$

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