APN Configuration using AT+CGDCONT on a Real Modem

The AT+CGDCONT command is used to define a PDP (Packet Data Protocol) context, which is essential for enabling internet access over cellular networks on a modem. The most commonly used PDP type is IP, and the APN (Access Point Name) specifies the network a device should connect to A **PDP context** is a structure used by GSM/UMTS/LTE networks to establish an **IP-based data session** between a modem and the internet via the operator's gateway. It includes:

- **CID** Context ID
- **PDP Type** e.g., IP, IPV6, IPV4V6
- **APN** Access Point Name (provided by operator)

Basic Syntax:

- AT+CGDCONT=<cid>,<PDP type>,<APN>[,<PDP addr>,<d comp>,<h comp>]
- Basic Parameters:

Parameter	Description
<cid></cid>	Context identifier (1–16)
<pdp_type></pdp_type>	"IP", "IPV6", or "IPV4V6" – protocol type
<apn></apn>	APN string (operator-specific)
<pdp_addr></pdp_addr>	(Optional) IP address to assign (usually left empty for dynamic IP)
<d_comp></d_comp>	Data compression $(0 = off, 1 = on)$
<h_comp></h_comp>	Header compression $(0 = off, 1 = on)$

Sample APN Settings for Indian Operators

Operator	APN	Notes
Jio	jionet	No username/password needed
Airtel	airtelgprs.com	Widely used for mobile data
Vodafone-Idea (Vi)	www	May vary by region
BSNL	bsnlnet	For BSNL prepaid users

Expected Response on Real GSM/LTE Modem

Command:

AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","jionet"

Conclusion

- The AT+CGDCONT command is essential for setting up internet access via cellular modems.
- While the **CelerSMS AT Emulator doesn't support PDP context**, the syntax and configuration are **standardized** across most 2G/3G/4G modules.
- This assignment demonstrates an understanding of how internet sessions are configured on GSM/LTE networks using **APN provisioning**.