

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{P_s g_{sd}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{P_s g_{sr} P_r g_{rd}}{\sigma^2 (\sigma^2 + P_s g_{sr} + P_r g_{rd})} \right) \quad (1)$$

Assume there are two relays and let  $a_1 = \frac{g_{sr1}}{\sigma^2}$  and  $b_1 = \frac{P_r g_{r1d}}{\sigma^2}$  similarly  $a_2, b_2$  for relay 2. At a particular source power  $P_s$ , relay 1 is chosen over relay 2 if  $\frac{a_1 b_1}{1 + P_s a_1 + b_1} > \frac{a_2 b_2}{1 + P_s a_2 + b_2}$

Consider the function  $f(p) = \frac{pab}{1+pa+b}$

$$f'(p) = \frac{(1+b)ab}{(1+pa+b)^2} \quad (2)$$

$f'(p)$  is positive and decreasing with  $p$ .

The power at which both the relays give same rate can be obtained by equating  $f_1(p)$  and  $f_2(p)$ .

$$P_0 = (1+b_1)(1+b_2) \frac{\frac{a_1 b_1}{1+b_1} - \frac{a_2 b_2}{1+b_2}}{a_1 a_2 (b_2 - b_1)} \quad (3)$$

For  $P_0$  to be positive, both numerator and denominator should have same sign i.e., if  $\frac{a_1 b_1}{1+b_1} > \frac{a_2 b_2}{1+b_2}$  then  $b_2 > b_1$ . To explain this intuitively, let us assume  $b_1, b_2$  to be much larger than 1 which reduces the first inequality to  $a_1 > a_2$ . What this means is, if at a source power less than  $P_0$