

# SMPTE STANDARD

## Generation and Alignment of Interface Signals to the SMPTE Epoch



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This section is entirely informative and does not form an integral part of this Engineering Document.

This Standard is one part of a series of documents defining a mechanism for creating, distributing and using time synchronization messages in motion imaging and related systems, including but not limited to television, digital cinema and film. This Standard specifically deals with the deterministic generation of interface signals.

Video and Audio systems often operate in a synchronous manner wherein all signals are locked to the same generator's timebase with a deterministic phase of signals with respect to that generator. This is accomplished using reference signals such as black burst or tri-level sync for video, DARS for audio and SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Code. These signals are delivered to equipment to be synchronized through dedicated tree-shaped distribution infrastructures. Equipment uses these signals to derive their output signal timing.

Using distribution of precision time, definition of an Epoch ("SMPTE Epoch") and the relationship of signals to that Epoch, equipment can generate legacy reference signals for use in locking legacy equipment, or can internally derive the timing of video and audio essence signals on their interfaces. In addition, equipment requiring Time Code and/or Time Code-like time and date can internally derive it.

This method differs significantly from existing methods of direct distribution of end-use signals, such as video, DARS or Time Code. Devices receiving precision time have to synthesize the necessary signals locally.

This Standard defines a point in time, the SMPTE Epoch, and the phase relationship (alignment) of various signals to it. Distributing elapsed time since the SMPTE Epoch to equipment enables that equipment to generate signals with deterministic frequency and phase. In addition, this standard specifies the logic and formulae to deterministically generate signals.

One means of distributing time is through the use of the IEEE Std 1588-2008 Precision Time Protocol (PTP). The SMPTE ST 2059-2 Profile for PTP specifies operating parameters and additional metadata for the professional broadcast environment.

## 1 Scope

This Standard defines:

- 1) A point in time, the SMPTE Epoch, which is used for alignment of all real-time signals referenced in this Standard;
- 2) The alignment of these signals to the SMPTE Epoch;
- 3) Formulae which specify the ongoing alignment of these signals to time since the SMPTE Epoch;
- 4) Formulae which specify the calculation of SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address values and SMPTE ST 309 date values from SMPTE Profile IEEE Std 1588-2008 PTP data.

Note: Implementers are encouraged to read both SMPTE ST 2059-1 and SMPTE ST 2059-2 as a pair.

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Normative text is text that describes elements of the design that are indispensable or contains the conformance language keywords: "shall", "should", or "may". Informative text is text that is potentially helpful to the user, but not indispensable, and can be removed, changed, or added editorially without affecting interoperability. Informative text does not contain any conformance keywords.

All text in this document is, by default, normative, except: the Introduction, any section explicitly labeled as "Informative" or individual paragraphs that start with "Note:"

The keywords "shall" and "shall not" indicate requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the document and from which no deviation is permitted.

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A conformant implementation according to this document is one that includes all mandatory provisions ("shall") and, if implemented, all recommended provisions ("should") as described. A conformant implementation need not implement optional provisions ("may") and need not implement them as described.

Unless otherwise specified, the order of precedence of the types of normative information in this document shall be as follows: Normative prose shall be the authoritative definition; Tables shall be next; followed by formal languages; then figures; and then any other language forms.

### **3 Normative References**

The following Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standards indicated below.

SMPTE ST 12-1:2014, Time and Control Code

SMPTE ST 125:2013, SDTV Component Video Signal Coding 4:4:4 and 4:2:2 for 13.5 MHz and 18 MHz Systems

SMPTE ST 170:2004, Television — Composite Analog Video Signal — NTSC for Studio Applications

SMPTE ST 274:2008, Television — 1920 × 1080 Image Sample Structure, Digital Representation and Digital Timing Reference Sequences for Multiple Picture Rates

SMPTE ST 293:2003, Television — 720 × 483 Active Line at 59.94-Hz Progressive Scan Production — Digital Representation

SMPTE ST 296:2012, 1280 × 720 Progressive Image 4:2:2 and 4:4:4 Sample Structure — Analog and Digital Representation and Analog Interface

SMPTE ST 309:2012, Transmission of Date and Time Zone Information in Binary Groups of Time and Control Code

SMPTE ST 318:2015, Television and Audio — Synchronization of 59.94- or 50-Hz Related Video and Audio Systems in Analog and Digital Areas — Reference Signals

SMPTE ST 2048-2:2011, 2048 × 1080 Digital Cinematography Production Image FS/709 Formatting for Serial Digital Interface

SMPTE ST 2051:2014, Two-Frame Marker for 48/(1.001)-Hz, 50-Hz, and 60/(1.001)-Hz Progressive Digital Video Signals on 1.5 Gb/s and 3 Gb/s Interfaces

SMPTE ST 2059-2:2021, SMPTE Profile for Use of IEEE-1588 Precision Time Protocol in Professional Broadcast Applications

AES3-3:2009, AES Standard for Digital Audio — Digital Input-Output Interfacing — Serial Transmission Format for Two-Channel Linearly-Represented Digital Audio Data — Part 3: Transport

AES11:2009, AES Recommended Practice for Digital Audio Engineering — Synchronization of Digital Audio Equipment in Studio Operations

Recommendation ITU-R BT.601-7 (03/2011), Studio Encoding Parameters of Digital Television for Standard 4:3 and Wide-Screen 16:9 Aspect Ratios

Recommendation ITU-R BT.1358-1 (09/2007), Studio Parameters of 625 and 525 Line Progressive Television Systems

Recommendation ITU-R BT.1700-0 (02/2005), Characteristics of Composite Video Signals for Conventional Analogue Television Systems

## **4 Definition of Terms and Acronyms**

### **4.1 AES**

Audio Engineering Society. This is a professional society and Standards Development Organization focused on audio.

### **4.2 Alignment Point**

reference point that occurs periodically in a signal

### **4.3 Alignment Period**

duration between Alignment Points

### **4.4 Alignment Time**

duration from the SMPTE Epoch at which an Alignment Point occurs

### **4.5 Daily Jam**

As defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2.

### **4.6 DARS**

AES3 Digital Audio Reference Signal conforming to AES11

### **4.7 DST**

Daylight Saving Time. This is an offset to local time in effect in summer months in many countries.

### **4.8 EAV**

End of Active Video digital timing reference sequence as defined in SMPTE ST 274

### **4.9 Epoch**

origin of a timescale

### **4.10 IEEE**

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. This is a professional association and Standards Development Organization.

### **4.11 ITU**

International Telecommunications Union. This is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is responsible for issues that concern information and communication technologies.

### **4.12 Local Time**

As defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2.

### **4.13 LTC**

Linear Time Code

Note to entry: Linear Time Code is specified in SMPTE ST 12-1. It was originally intended for recording on a longitudinal audio track of a tape recorder.

**4.14 MJD**

Modified Julian Date

Note to entry: Modified Julian Date is a zero-based Gregorian calendar day number with an origin of 00:00:00 hours UTC time, 1858-11-17. MJD is specified by a number with five significant figures.

**4.15 NTSC**

National Television System Committee

**4.16 PAL**

Phase Alternation Line

**4.17 PTP**

Precision Time Protocol as defined in IEEE Std 1588-2008.

**4.18 PTP time**

As defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2.

**4.19 SMPTE Profile**

PTP Profile defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2

**4.20 TAI**

**International Atomic Time**

timescale established by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) on the basis of data from atomic clocks operating in several establishments conforming to the definition of the second, the unit of time of the International System of Units (SI)

[Source: IEC 60050-713, item 713-05-18]

**4.21 Time Address**

The Time Address of a frame (of video) as defined by SMPTE ST 12-1.

**4.22 UTC**

**Coordinated Universal Time**

timescale maintained by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) and the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS), which forms the basis of a coordinated dissemination of standard frequencies and time signals

It corresponds exactly in rate with International Atomic Time, but differs from it by an integral number of seconds.

[Source: IEC 60050-713, item 713-05-20]

## 5 Nomenclature

### 5.1 Arithmetic Operators

The arithmetic operators used in the conversion formulae in this document are defined as follows:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| +          | Addition  |
| –          | Subtraction   |
| ×          | Multiplication  |
| /          | Division  |
| %          | Modulus operator (remainder from the division of two integers)          |
| floor(x)   | Rounds the element 'x' to the nearest integer towards negative infinity |
| ceiling(x) | Rounds the element 'x' to the nearest integer towards positive infinity |
| >          | greater than  |
| ≥          | greater than or equal to  |
| <          | less than   |
| =          | assignment  |
| ==         | equal to (comparative)  |
| ≠          | not equal to  |

Note: These definitions differ slightly from earlier SMPTE documents (EG40) and are intended to be more precise in definition.

Note: Sufficient precision is necessary in calculations to ensure that rounding or truncation operations will not create errors in the end results.

### 5.2 Variable Names

#### 5.2.1 General

**t** is elapsed continuous time from SMPTE Epoch in seconds.

Note: This is the same as PTP time for PTP-based implementations.

**AlignmentPeriod** is the Alignment Period as defined in section 4.

**AlignmentTime** is the Alignment Time as defined in section 4.

**NextAlignmentTime** is the time at which the next Alignment Point on the interface signal will occur, as a function of current time,  $t$ .

**SR** is the frequency of the sample clock in Hz.

### 5.2.2 Video

**Cf** is the duration of a color field sequence in fields.

Note: This is not the same as variable “CF” defined in section 5.2.4.

**ColorField** is the value of the color field counter (one-based). ColorField value 1 is the 1<sup>st</sup> field of the color field sequence (as defined in the reference standards).

**H** is the duration of an entire video line in sample clock periods.

**HA** is the duration of an active video line in sample clock periods.

**L** is the line number of the vertical Alignment Point (as defined in the reference standards).

**LineNumber** is the value of the vertical counter (one-based). LineNumber 1 is line 1 of the frame (as defined in the reference standards).

**P** is the sample number of the horizontal Alignment Point (as defined in the reference standards).

**R** is the video frame rate in frames per second.

**SampleWordNumber** is the value of the horizontal sample counter (zero-based).

SampleWordNumber 0 is the 1<sup>st</sup> active sample of the line (as defined in the reference standards).

**Tenfield** is the value of the ten-field counter (one-based). Tenfield value 1 corresponds to the start of the ten-field sequence identification (as defined in SMPTE ST 318).

**V** is the size of a complete frame in lines.

### 5.2.3 Audio

**FCnt** is the frame position within an AES3 block (zero-based).

**Tsamp** is the sample clock period.

**tsCnt** is the time slot position within an AES3 subframe (zero-based).

**TtsClk** is the time slot clock period.

### 5.2.4 Timecode

**BitNumber** is the zero-based number of the bit of the LTC codeword (as defined in SMPTE ST 12-1).

**CF** is the duration of a color field sequence in frames.

Note: This is not the same as variable “Cf” defined in Section 5.2.2.

**colorFrameIdentificationMode** is a flag that specifies if color frame identification (alignment) to the SMPTE Epoch is used. This is the “Color Frame Identification” bit in the “timeAddressCountMode” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**currentLocalOffset** is offset in seconds of Local Time from PTP time. This is the “currentLocalOffset” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**currentLocalOffsetActive** is the active offset in seconds of Local Time from PTP time. This factors in the currentLocalOffset and timeOfNextJump information.

**dayLightSavingMode** is a flag that specifies if Daylight Saving time is in effect. This is the “Current Daylight Saving” bit in the “daylightSaving” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**DD** is day of a SMPTE ST 309 date carried in a Time Address value.

**dropFrameMode** is a flag that specifies if drop frame or non-frame drop is used. This is the “Drop Frame” bit in the “timeAddressCountMode” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**Ff** is the LTC codeword rate in codewords per second. This can be indicated by the “Default System Frame Rate” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**FF** is frames of Time Address value.

**FF<sub>pdjam</sub>** is frames of Time Address value at the previous Daily Jam event.

**HH** is hours of Time Address value.

**HH<sub>pdjam</sub>** is hours of Time Address value at the previous Daily Jam event.

**jumpSeconds** is the size of the next discontinuity, in seconds, of Local Time. This is the “jumpSeconds” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**leapSecondJump** is a flag that is true when the next discontinuity of Local Time will be due to the insertion or deletion of a leap second. This is bit 0 of the “leapSecondJump” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**MJD** (modified Julian date) is an abbreviated version of the Julian date (JD) dating method. See SMPTE ST 309 for details.

**MM** is minutes of Time Address value.

**MM<sub>pdjam</sub>** is minutes of Time Address value at the previous Daily Jam event.

**Mo** is month of a SMPTE ST 309 date carried in a Time Address value.

**previousJamLocalOffset** is the offset in seconds of Local Time from PTP time that was active at the previous daily jam event. This is “previousJamLocalOffset” field the in the SMPTE Profile.

**previousDayLightSavingMode** is a flag that specifies if Day Light Saving is in effect at the previous Daily Jam event. This is the “Daylight Saving at previous Daily Jam time” bit in the “daylightSaving” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**SS** is seconds of Time Address value.

**SS<sub>pdjam</sub>** is seconds of Time Address value at the previous Daily Jam event.

**t<sub>epdjamPTP</sub>** is exact time of the previous Daily Jam event in PTP time.

**timeOfNextJam** is the PTP time of the next Daily Jam event. This is the “timeOfNextJam” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**timeOfNextJump** is the PTP time of the Next Jump event. This is the “timeOfNextJump” field in the SMPTE Profile.

**timeOfPreviousJam** is the PTP time of the previous Daily Jam event. This is the “timeOfPreviousJam” field in the SMPTE Profile.

YY is year of a SMPTE ST 309 date carried in a Time Address value.

## 6 SMPTE Epoch and Signal Alignment

### 6.1 SMPTE Epoch

The SMPTE Epoch shall be 01 January 1970 00:00:00 TAI.

Note 1: The SMPTE Epoch is the same as the PTP Epoch specified in IEEE Std 1588-2008.

Note 2: The SMPTE Epoch is 63072010 seconds before 1972-01-01T00:00:00Z (UTC).

### 6.2 Signal Alignment

Signal alignment relative to the SMPTE Epoch is specified in this Standard by the following means:

- definition of an Alignment Point for the signal and the corresponding Alignment Period
- definition of the Alignment Times at which the Alignment Points occur

In all cases where signal alignment is defined in this Standard, the Alignment Times shall be as follows:

$$AlignmentTime = n \times AlignmentPeriod$$

where  $n$  is an integer and  $AlignmentTime$  is measured from the SMPTE Epoch

The result is that signals in scope of this standard are aligned such that the Alignment Point would have occurred at the SMPTE Epoch and the signals subsequently maintained their periodicity in accordance with the time reference used for their generation.

If current time is  $t$ , the next alignment point on the interface signal will occur at:

$$NextAlignmentTime = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t}{AlignmentPeriod} + 1\right) \times AlignmentPeriod$$

Note: For a value of  $t$  which is exactly at an alignment time, the  $NextAlignmentTime$  equation will return a time which is one  $AlignmentPeriod$  later than  $t$ . For example, if a 50 Hz frame rate is evaluated at a time which is an integer second, then the calculated next alignment time will be one frame (20 ms) after the integer second.

Annex A gives an informative summary of alignment point timing.

## 7 Video Signal Generation

For video signals documented in this Standard the Alignment Point is the beginning of vertical sync in an analog signal or the corresponding sample in a digital signal. When color framing is employed, the Alignment Point corresponds to the first field of the color field sequence. For interfaces not documented in this standard the Alignment Point shall be defined in those Standards.

Note: For video signals stored as files, vertical interval might or might not be germane. This document addresses video signals at an interface.

Video signals shall be generated using alignment to the SMPTE Epoch and the formulae in the following sections (or by an alternative method yielding the identical results).

The following tables and formulae describe the relationships of SMPTE and ITU-R standardized legacy video signals with respect to time since the SMPTE Epoch for each video signal interface. This does not imply that generators need to directly use these equations in the implementation of signals; however, any implementation shall produce results identical to those produced by the equations.

Note: The following tables utilize variables derived directly from the underlying SMPTE and ITU-R legacy video standards. As a result of this, there are several variables (e.g., “Cf” or “CF”) which are in effect case sensitive, and may differ between legacy SD and legacy HD usage. This is due to the fact that the underlying SMPTE and ITU-R legacy video standards evolved over time, and were not written necessarily with the thought that readers might be referring to more than one simultaneously nor that signals would be generated using an underlying core synchronization mechanism based on time.

The values in the tables are derived from the reference SMPTE and ITU-R standards for the individual image formats and their interfaces.

### 7.1 Analog Standard Definition Television

For analog standard definition television, the Alignment Point shall be the horizontal reference point at the beginning of the vertical alignment line L, and in the case of composite signals, the frame containing color field 1. The horizontal reference point is defined in the associated reference standards as the half amplitude point of the leading edge of the horizontal sync pulse at the beginning of a line. This is shown in Figure 5 of SMPTE ST 170 and Figure 1 of ITU-R BT.1700. Line numbers increment at the horizontal reference point.

The parameters of Analog Standard Television systems are summarized in Table 1.

Note: The numbering of fields and the relationship of subcarrier phase to horizontal reference point are defined in Recommendation ITU-R BT.1700 (which includes SMPTE ST 170).

Note: ‘Analog Standard Definition Television’ includes both legacy video black burst (color black) reference signals and legacy analog video essence signals.

Table 1 – Signal generation – Analog SD Television

| Television System                 | Frame Rate [Hz]<br>R | Reference Standard | Vertical Alignment Line<br>L | Total Lines<br>V | Color sequence duration [fields]<br>Cf |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| NTSC<br>525 lines                 | 30/1.001             | SMPTE ST 170       | 4                            | 525              | 4                                      |
| 625 PAL<br>625 lines              | 25                   | ITU-R BT.1700      | 1                            | 625              | 8                                      |
| 525 PAL <sup>a</sup><br>525 lines | 30/1.001             | ITU-R BT.1700      | 1                            | 525              | 8                                      |

<sup>a</sup> 525 PAL is often colloquially referred to as "PAL-M".

The period between alignment points shall be:

$$AlignmentPeriod = \frac{1}{R}$$

If the color frame sequence is to be aligned, the period between alignment points shall be:

$$AlignmentPeriod = \frac{Cf}{R \times 2}$$

The vertical counter shall be:

$$LineNumber = (\text{floor}(t \times R \times V + (L - 1)) \% V) + 1$$

The color field counter shall be:

$$ColorField = \left( \text{floor} \left( 2 \times \frac{t \times R \times V + (L - 1)}{V} \right) \% Cf \right) + 1$$

### 7.1.1 SMPTE ST 318 Ten-Field Sequence Identification

SMPTE ST 318 defines the use of composite analog video signals for reference signal purposes. SMPTE ST 318 further defines the generation and encoding of a ten-field Sequence Identification signal for use in 30/1.001 frame rate systems. The video frame carrying the field identified as the first in the sequence shall be aligned to the SMPTE Epoch. This corresponds to an output value of one in the equation below.

$$TenField = \left( \text{floor} \left( 2 \times \frac{t \times R \times V + (L - 1)}{V} \right) \% 10 \right) + 1$$

## 7.2 Digital Standard Definition Television Interfaces

For digital standard definition television, the Alignment Point shall be the horizontal alignment sample P of the vertical alignment line L as shown in Table 2. The horizontal alignment sample P is the Y sample that is coincident with the horizontal reference point ( $0_H$ ) of the corresponding analog signal. Line numbers increment immediately after the last sample of the digital active line (at the first word of the EAV sequence).

**Table 2 – Signal Generation – Digital Standard Definition Television**

| Television System                        | Frame Rate R [Hz] | Reference Standard              | Horizontal Alignment (Y Sample) P | Vertical Alignment Line L | Y samples per total line H | Y Samples per active line HA | Total Lines V | Sample Clock Frequency SR [Hz] |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 525 line Interlaced<br>13.5 MHz Sampling | 30/1.001          | SMPTE ST 125                    | 736                               | 4                         | 858                        | 720                          | 525           | $13.5 \times 10^6$             |
| 625 line Interlaced<br>13.5 MHz Sampling | 25                | SMPTE ST 125                    | 732                               | 1                         | 864                        | 720                          | 625           | $13.5 \times 10^6$             |
| 525 Line Progressive<br>27 MHz Sampling  | 60/1.001          | SMPTE ST 293<br>ITU-R BT.1358-1 | 736                               | 7                         | 858                        | 720                          | 525           | $27 \times 10^6$               |
| 625 Line Progressive<br>27 MHz Sampling  | 50                | ITU-R BT.1358-1                 | 732                               | 1                         | 864                        | 720                          | 625           | $27 \times 10^6$               |

The period between alignment points shall be:

$$AlignmentPeriod = \frac{(H \times V)}{SR} = \frac{1}{R}$$

The horizontal and vertical counters shall be:

$$SampleWordNumber = (\text{floor}(t \times SR) + P) \% H$$

$$LineNumber = \left( \left( \text{floor} \left( \frac{((t \times SR) + P - HA)}{H} \right) + (L - 1) \right) \% V \right) + 1$$

## 7.3 Analog High Definition Television

For Analog High Definition (HD) television, the Alignment Point is defined as horizontal timing reference point ( $0_H$ ) at the beginning of the line 1. The horizontal timing reference point is defined as the positive zero-crossing of the tri-level sync pulse at the beginning of a line.

The parameters of Analog High Definition Television systems with 1920x1080 and 1280x720 image sample structures are defined in SMPTE ST 274 and SMPTE ST 296 respectively. These parameters are summarized in Table 3.

Note: 'Analog High Definition Television' includes both tri-level sync signals and HD analog video essence signals.

**Table 3 – Signal generation – Analog High Definition Television**

| Television System and Reference Standard  | Frame Rate R [Hz] | Reference Standard System Number | Clocks per total line H | Total Lines V | Sample Clock Frequency SR [Hz]  |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 750 line progressive (1280 x 720 active image area) SMPTE ST 296                  | 60                | 1                                | 1650                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 60/1.001          | 2                                | 1650                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |
|   | 50                | 3                                | 1980                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 30                | 4                                | 3300                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 30/1.001          | 5                                | 3300                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |
|   | 25                | 6                                | 3960                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 24                | 7                                | 4125                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 24/1.001          | 8                                | 4125                    | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |
| 1125 line progressive and interlaced (1920 x 1080 active image area) SMPTE ST 274 | 60                | 1                                | 2200                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 60/1.001          | 2                                | 2200                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |
|   | 50                | 3                                | 2640                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 30                | 4 & 7                            | 2200                    | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 30/1.001          | 5 & 8                            | 2200                    | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |
|   | 25                | 6 & 9                            | 2640                    | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 24                | 10                               | 2750                    | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>         |
|   | 24/1.001          | 11                               | 2750                    | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001 |

The period between alignment points shall be:

$$AlignmentPeriod = \frac{(H \times V)}{SR} = \frac{1}{R}$$

**7.4 Digital High Definition and Ultra High Definition Television Interfaces**

In the case of HDTV images transported using SDI:

- For 1280x720 image formats, the image is transported in a 750-line container, as defined in SMPTE ST 296.
- For 1920x1080 progressive or interlaced images, at frame rates up to and including 60 frames per second, the image is transported in an 1125-line progressive or interlaced container as defined in SMPTE ST 274.
- For 2048x1080 images, at frame rates up to and including 60 frames per second, the image is transported in an 1125-line container as defined in SMPTE ST 2048-2.
- In certain mappings, a 1080-line progressive image at 60, 60/1.001, 50, 48 or 48/1.001 frames per second is transported in an 1125-line interlaced container at 30, 30/1.001, 25, 24 or 24/1.001 frames per second as defined in SMPTE ST 372.

- For 1920x1080 and 2048x1080 images, at frame rates > 60 frames per second, the image is transported in an 1125-line container with a half-width line as defined in SMPTE ST 2081-10 and ST 2082-10.

In the case of UHDTV images transported using SDI:

- 2160-line image formats are divided into four 1080-line sub-images and 4320-line images are divided into sixteen 1080-line sub-images. Each 1080-line sub-image is transported in an 1125 line container.

The Alignment Point on SDI is defined in terms of the container. For the formats defined in SMPTE ST 296 and SMPTE ST 274, the horizontal position of the Alignment Point corresponds to the horizontal timing reference point ( $0_H$ ).

For 750-line containers, the Alignment Point shall be the sample which is 260 samples before the first sample after the SAV of line 1.

For 1125-line containers with an active line width of 1920, the Alignment Point shall be the sample which is 192 samples before the first sample after the SAV of line 1.

For 1125-line containers with an active line width of 960 (high frame-rate mappings), the Alignment Point shall be the sample which is 96 samples before the first sample after the SAV of line 1.

For 1125-line containers with an active line width of 2048, the Alignment Point shall be the sample which is 64 samples before the first sample after the SAV of line 1.

For 1125-line containers with an active line width of 1024 (high frame-rate mappings), the Alignment Point shall be the sample which is 32 samples before the first sample after the SAV of line 1.

Table 4 gives the horizontal location of the alignment sample P for each container format.

Note: Line numbers increment immediately after the last sample of the digital active line (at the first word of the EAV sequence).

**Table 4 – Signal Generation – Digital High Definition Television**

| Container Format and Reference Standard(s)   | Frame Rate R [Hz] | Reference Standard System Number | Horizontal Alignment (Y sample) P | Total Y samples per interface line H | Active Y samples per interface line HA | Total Lines V | Interface Sample Clock Frequency SR [Hz] |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 750 line progressive (1280 x 720 active image area) SMPTE ST 296   | 60                | 1                                | 1390                              | 1650                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 60/1.001          | 2                                | 1390                              | 1650                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 50                | 3                                | 1720                              | 1980                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30                | 4                                | 3040                              | 3300                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30/1.001          | 5                                | 3040                              | 3300                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 25                | 6                                | 3700                              | 3960                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24                | 7                                | 3865                              | 4125                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24/1.001          | 8                                | 3865                              | 4125                                 | 1280                                   | 750           | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
| 1125 line progressive and interlaced (1920 x 1080 active image area) SMPTE ST 274 SMPTE ST 372           | 60                | 1                                | 2008                              | 2200                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 60/1.001          | 2                                | 2008                              | 2200                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 50                | 3                                | 2448                              | 2640                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30                | 4 & 7                            | 2008                              | 2200                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30/1.001          | 5 & 8                            | 2008                              | 2200                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 25                | 6 & 9                            | 2448                              | 2640                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24                | 10                               | 2558                              | 2750                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24/1.001          | 11                               | 2558                              | 2750                                 | 1920                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
| 1125 line progressive, high-frame-rate (1920 x 1080 active image area) SMPTE ST 2081-10 SMPTE ST 2082-10 | 120               | --                               | 1004                              | 1100                                 | 960                                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 120/1.001         | --                               | 1004                              | 1100                                 | 960                                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 100               | --                               | 1224                              | 1320                                 | 960                                    | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
| 1125 line progressive (2048 x 1080 image container) SMPTE ST 2048-2                                      | 60                | 1                                | 2136                              | 2200                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 60/1.001          | 2                                | 2136                              | 2200                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 50                | 3                                | 2576                              | 2640                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 48/1.001          | 4                                | 2686                              | 2750                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 48                | 5                                | 2686                              | 2750                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30                | 6                                | 2136                              | 2200                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 30/1.001          | 7                                | 2136                              | 2200                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 25                | 8                                | 2576                              | 2640                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24                | 9                                | 2686                              | 2750                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 24/1.001          | 10                               | 2686                              | 2750                                 | 2048                                   | 1125          | 74.25 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
| 1125 line progressive, high-frame-rate (2048 x 1080 image container) SMPTE ST 2081-10 SMPTE ST 2082-10   | 120               | 14                               | 1068                              | 1100                                 | 1024                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 120/1.001         | 15                               | 1068                              | 1100                                 | 1024                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> / 1.001          |
|  | 100               | 13                               | 1288                              | 1320                                 | 1024                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 96                | 11                               | 1343                              | 1375                                 | 1024                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |
|  | 96/1.001          | 12                               | 1343                              | 1375                                 | 1024                                   | 1125          | 148.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>                  |

The period between alignment points shall be:

$$\textit{AlignmentPeriod} = \frac{(H \times V)}{SR} = \frac{1}{R}$$

Horizontal and vertical counters shall be:

$$\textit{SampleWordNumber} = (\text{floor}(t \times SR) + P) \% H$$

$$\textit{LineNumber} = \left( \left( \text{floor} \left( \frac{((t \times SR) + P - HA)}{H} \right) + (L - 1) \right) \% V \right) + 1$$

In the case of multi-link interfaces, the equations above shall only apply to the first link, i.e. Link A or Link 1.

Note: Multi-link interface standards specify the relative alignment between links.

#### 7.4.1 Two-Frame Alignment

If the Two-Frame Alignment sequence specified in SMPTE ST 2051 is in use, the Alignment Point shall be as specified in section 7.4 except that it shall only occur in the first interface frame of the frame pair. The period between Alignment Points shall be two interface frames:

$$\textit{AlignmentPeriod} = \frac{(2 \times H \times V)}{SR} = \frac{2}{R}$$

The result is that signals with two-frame alignment are aligned such that the first frame would have occurred at the SMPTE Epoch and the sequence subsequently maintained its periodicity in accordance with the time reference used for its generation. The two-frame marker, if used, indicates the two-frame alignment as defined in SMPTE ST 2051.

## 8 Audio Signal Generation

Signals are generated using alignment to the SMPTE Epoch and associated formulae. The following formulae describe the relationships of AES standardized audio signals with respect to time since the SMPTE Epoch. This does not imply that generators need to directly use these equations in the implementation of signals; however, any implementation shall produce results identical to those produced by the equations.

The values in the formulae are derived from the reference AES standards.

### 8.1 AES3 Digital Audio

AES3 Digital Audio signals shall be generated using alignment to the SMPTE Epoch and the associated formulae.

Note: "Digital Audio" includes both digital audio reference signals (DARS) as well as digital essence signals.

The Alignment Point shall be the start of the AES3 digital audio block Z preamble (See AES3-3).

Note: AES11 specifies alignment of either the X or Z preamble of the signal to the video timing reference point. This standard further constrains alignment by specifying that at the SMPTE Epoch the AES alignment is the Z preamble.

$$T_{samp} = \frac{1}{SR}$$

$$AlignmentPeriod = 192 \times T_{samp}$$

AES3 time slot clock period:

$$T_{tsClk} = \frac{T_{samp}}{2 \times 32}$$

To calculate the time slot position within a subframe,  $tsCnt$ , in terms of clocks of period  $T_{tsClk}$ :

$$tsCnt = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t}{T_{tsClk}}\right) \% 32$$

To calculate the current frame position within a block,  $FCnt$ :

$$FCnt = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t}{T_{samp}}\right) \% 192$$

Note:  $FCnt$  has a value of zero for the frame containing the Z preamble.

## 8.2 Audio/Video Alignment Cadence

In 60/1.001-based and 30/1.001-based video systems with 48 kHz synchronous audio embedded in ancillary data space, there exists a video to audio alignment cadence which results in periodic alignment of audio and video. For example, 8008 audio samples are distributed over 5 video frames at the 30/1.001 frame rate. The “ten-field Sequence Identification” optionally signaled in SMPTE ST 318 can be used to control the cadence when embedding AES3 digital audio signals in SDI video signals. See SMPTE ST 272, SMPTE ST 299-1, SMPTE ST 318 and AES11 for additional information.

For video systems with fractions of AES3 frames in one video frame, alignment of video and audio will occur on every  $n$ th frame (e.g.  $n = 5$  at 30/1.001 frames-per-second), which means that every  $n$ th Alignment Point of the video signal is coincident with the start of the X or Z preamble of the AES3 signal and shall comply with the requirements of AES11 Section 5.3.4 (Video reference). AES11 further states that the frame when alignment occurs will be the frame identified by an indicator included in the video reference, which shall be the ten-field sequence identification of SMPTE ST 318. The alignment specifications in this document result in the aligned frame being the one containing the first field of the SMPTE ST 318 ten-field sequence.

## 9 SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Code Generation

### 9.1 Introduction and Overview (Informative)

Generation of SMPTE ST 12-1 time-of-day Time Code is divided into generation of the SMPTE ST 12-1 LTC codeword and calculation of the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value for the payload. Time Code generation requires the use of several metadata elements of the SMPTE Profile defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2.

The SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value for the payload is calculated from the PTP time using the SMPTE Profile Metadata as defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2. This typically yields the time-of-day portion of local time (as defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2).

The Synchronization Metadata TLV messages carrying the SMPTE Profile metadata are issued once per second and can experience slight delays from network transit times and internal processing before being ready for use. These delays need to be considered when designing and implementing devices which use these messages.

The SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Code Binary Groups can optionally include the date encoded in SMPTE ST 309 format. SMPTE ST 2059-1 defines the formulae to calculate the year, month and day or Modified Julian Date (MJD) information.

Devices generating Time Code perform a 'jam' function which causes the current local time to be forced into the Time Code Time Address. This is performed at device startup and initialization, and daily in many systems.

For 1/1.001 based systems, the number of Time Code codewords in a day is not an integer. These systems often use drop frame Time Code and require a Daily Jam event to remove the time error accumulated by the drop frame counting rules. The jam event places a Time Address value into the Time Code payload at a specified time of day from which counting continues. SMPTE EG 35 "Time and Control Code Time Address Clock Precision for Television, Audio and Film" provides background on the time errors in drop frame Time Code and the issue with a non-integer number of frames in a day.

The Daily Jam is usually set to occur at an operationally convenient time, typically during the early morning hours in local time, and is not always coincident with the application time defined by civil authorities for leap second or DST adjustments. At the Daily Jam time transmitted in the SMPTE Profile, a new value of local time is calculated and placed into the Time Address of the next Time Code codeword, from which point counting continues. When Time Code color frame identification is in effect, further calculations are used to establish the correct subsequent video frame in the color frame sequence at which to jam the new Time Address value.

In systems with Daily Jam in use, discontinuities in the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address (such as Leap Seconds and Daylight Saving Time changes) take effect at the Daily Jam event time. In systems without Daily Jam in use, discontinuities are applied manually at a time determined by the operator of the facility.

Note that the SMPTE ST 12-1 LTC codeword is indirectly aligned to the related video frame via the formulae and is within the tolerances specified in SMPTE ST 12-1.

This Standard provides formulae which describe the relationships of SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Code with respect to IEEE Std 1588-2008 PTP time when aligned to the SMPTE Epoch. Other methods and formulae which achieve identical results can be used.

### **9.1.1 Regarding Generation of SMPTE ST 12-1 Codewords** (Informative)

Section 9.3.4 describes a function which converts local time to year, month and day. The calculations in the following sections (9.3.2) depend on some of the values produced by this function.

SMPTE ST 12-1 codewords have to be associated with the correct video frame (or field, as the case may be). For example, in certain implementations this could be the video frame that is acquired at a given PTP time. That implementation could also insert the SMPTE ST 12-1 codewords in an ANC Packet associated with that frame. In other implementations the SMPTE ST 12-1 codeword flows in a compression engine's pipeline with the associated video frame until the codeword can be inserted in the compression engine's output bitstream or associated with the frame by some other means.

### 9.1.2 Considerations Regarding Daily Jam Events (Informative)

As described elsewhere, in operations using fractional frame rates ( $n/1.001$ ), a Daily Jam event is required to re-align the SMPTE ST 12-1 time-of-day addresses with Local Time. Such Daily Jam events will also factor in Daylight Savings adjustments as well as Leap Seconds. In operations not using fractional frame rates, a single Daily Jam event may be introduced operationally to handle Daylight Savings adjustments and Leap Second adjustments.

It is recommended that the choice of Daily Jam time be adopted with consideration of external events such as Daylight Savings adjustments or Leap Second adjustments and to not have an operational impact due to the discontinuity of the time address value.

## 9.2 Generation of the SMPTE ST 12-1 LTC Codeword

The SMPTE ST 12-1 LTC codewords shall be generated using alignment to the SMPTE Epoch. The Alignment Point shall be the timing reference datum for LTC which is defined in SMPTE ST 12-1 as the half-amplitude point of the first transition of bit 0 of the 80-bit LTC codeword.

$$\text{AlignmentPeriod} = \frac{1}{Ff}$$

BitNumber can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{BitNumber} = \text{floor}(t \times 80 \times Ff) \% 80$$

Note: The alignment point is usually coincident with the corresponding video alignment point in most systems.

## 9.3 Generation of the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time-of-Day Time Address Value

### 9.3.1 Introduction and Overview

The time address of the Daily Jam time ("timeOfNextJam") and "currentLocalOffset" shall be as provided by SMPTE ST 2059-2. Local Time (as defined in SMPTE ST 2059-2) shall be the time used for generation of SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address values. "currentLocalOffset" (as specified in SMPTE ST 2059-2) includes any adjustments for daylight saving time (summer time) as required by the rules of the responsible authority and may be adjusted by local operational requirements.

If the "TimeOfNextJam" field is in use, the Local Time value shall be jammed into the Time Address at the time of the Daily Jam. Therefore, leap seconds, daylight saving time and other time discontinuities in "Local Time" are transferred to the Time Address at the "TimeOfNextJam".

Non-1/1.001 Time Code can be directly calculated, however 1/1.001-based Time Code requires additional application of rules to accommodate management of the daily accumulation of error. When color frame identification in the Time Address is required, additional calculations are necessary. The Color Frame Flag in the SMPTE ST 12-1 codeword shall be set to logical 1 when the Time Code is color frame aligned. If color frame identification in the time code is required, the rules are defined in SMPTE ST 12-1.

SMPTE EG 40 defines conversion from local wall clock time to the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value, and makes the assumption that the Daily Jam event occurs at midnight. This standard defines formulae based on the SMPTE EG 40 formulae, however this standard removes the midnight jam assumption and supports a user defined Daily Jam time. The SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address values and binary groups can be used for LTC, VITC and ATC generation.

In addition, this standard defines formulae so that SMPTE ST 309 might optionally be used to encode the date in the SMPTE ST 12-1 binary groups. SMPTE ST 309 states that if the date is specified in MJD format, the time address portion of the time code represents UTC without any offset.

### 9.3.2 Generation of the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value

The SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value payload shall be calculated using the following steps (or equivalents which produce the identical results) that are expanded in detail in the subsections below:

- Step 1: (Startup) Calculate exact date, time, and Time Address value of the previous Daily Jam event.
- Step 2: (Startup) Determine time of first codeword to be generated.
- Step 3: (Test Daily Jam) Check if Daily Jam event has occurred.
- Step 4: (Update Daily Jam Values) If Daily Jam event has occurred, calculate exact date, time, and Time Address value of the local Daily Jam event.
- Step 5: (Output) Calculate the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value and the SMPTE ST 309 date using exact date, time, and Time Address value of the previous Daily Jam event.
- Step 6: (Continue) Increment codeword; go back to Step 3.

Note: If the algorithm is implemented using floating-point arithmetic, the potential for rounding errors needs to be considered.

#### 9.3.2.1 Step 1: (Startup) Calculate exact date, time, and Time Address value of the previous Daily Jam event

The outputs of this step are the exact time ( $t_{epdjamPTP}$ ) and Time Address value ( $HH_{pdjam}$ ,  $MM_{pdjam}$ ,  $SS_{pdjam}$ , and  $FF_{pdjam}$ ) of the previous Daily Jam event. The previous Daily Jam event is the most recent Daily Jam event. This is a conceptual event and it might not have actually occurred (e.g. a cold start).

Note: The steps below are to be followed even in systems not using Daily Jam.

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

1. Calculate time of previous Daily Jam in PTP time

$$t_{pdjamPTP} = timeOfPreviousJam$$

2. Calculate the number of codewords ( $n_{previousJam}$ ) since the SMPTE Epoch at or just after Jam time:

$$n_{previousJam} = \text{ceiling}(t_{pdjamPTP} \times Ff)$$

If color frame identification is in effect (`colorFrameIdentificationMode == 1`), calculate the offset to the first frame of the color frame sequence. Color frame identification is only applicable for 25 Hz and 30/1.001 Hz systems.

*if*  $Ff == 30/1.001$  *then*

$$CF = 2$$

*else if*  $Ff == 25$  *then*

$$CF = 4$$

*endif*

- a. Calculate number of codewords ( $n_{cf}$ ) to the beginning of the color field sequence

$$n_{cf} = (CF - (n_{previousJam} \% CF)) \% CF$$

- b. Calculate the adjusted number of codewords to the beginning of the color field sequence

$$n_{previousJam} = n_{previousJam} + n_{cf}$$

3. Calculate exact time of Daily Jam in PTP time adjusted to beginning of next codeword (or codeword at beginning of color frame sequence if color field identification is in effect)

$$t_{epdjamPTP} = \frac{n_{previousJam}}{Ff}$$

4. Calculate exact time of Daily Jam on Local Time scale

$$t_{epdjamLocal} = t_{epdjamPTP} + previousJamLocalOffset$$

*if* ( $t_{epdjamLocal} < 0$ )

$$t_{epdjamLocal} = t_{epdjamLocal} + (24 \times 60 \times 60)$$

5. Set Time Address value to time of Daily Jam:

$$HH_{pdjam} = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_{epdjamLocal}}{60 \times 60}\right) \% 24$$

$$MM_{pdjam} = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_{epdjamLocal}}{60}\right) \% 60$$

$$SS_{pdjam} = 0$$

*if* ( $Ff == 25$ ) *and* (`colorFrameIdentificationMode == 1`) *then*

$$FF_{pdjam} = 1$$

*else*

$$FF_{pdjam} = 0$$

*endif*

### 9.3.2.2 Step 2: (Startup) Determine time of first codeword to be generated

If the current time is  $t$ , the time of the alignment point of the first codeword occurring on or after time  $t$  will be:

$$t_{codeword} = \left( \text{ceiling} \left( \frac{t}{\text{AlignmentPeriod}} \right) \times \text{AlignmentPeriod} \right)$$

From section 9.2,  $\text{AlignmentPeriod} = \frac{1}{Ff}$ , therefore:

$$t_{codeword} = \frac{\text{ceiling}(t \times Ff)}{Ff}$$

The corresponding codeword number (counting from zero at the SMPTE Epoch) is:

$$\begin{aligned} n_{codeword} &= t_{codeword} \times Ff \\ &= \text{ceiling}(t \times Ff) \end{aligned}$$

### 9.3.2.3 Step 3: (Test Daily Jam) Check if Daily Jam event has occurred

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

1. Calculate `currentLocalOffsetActive`

*if* ( $t_{codeword} \geq \text{timeOfNextJump}$ ) *and* ( $\text{timeOfNextJump}$  is not 0) *then*

$$\text{currentLocalOffsetActive} = \text{currentLocalOffset} + \text{jumpSeconds}$$

*else*

$$\text{currentLocalOffsetActive} = \text{currentLocalOffset}$$

*endif*

2. Calculate time of Daily Jam in PTP time

$$t_{jamPTP} = \text{timeOfNextJam}$$

3. Calculate the number of codewords since the SMPTE Epoch at or just after Jam time

$$n_{nextJam} = \text{ceiling}(t_{jamPTP} \times Ff)$$

If color frame identification is in effect (`colorFrameIdentificationMode = 1`), calculate the offset to the first frame of the color frame sequence. Color frame identification is only applicable for 25 Hz and 30/1.001 Hz systems.

*if*  $Ff == 30/1.001$  *then*

$$CF = 2$$

*else if*  $Ff == 25$  *then*

$$CF = 4$$

*endif*

- a. Calculate number of codewords to the beginning of the color field sequence

$$n_{cf} = ((CF) - (n_{nextJam} \% CF)) \% CF$$

- b. Calculate adjusted number of codewords to the beginning of the color field sequence

$$n_{nextJam} = n_{nextJam} + n_{cf}$$

4. Determine if the Daily Jam event has occurred:

*if* ( $n_{codeword} == n_{nextJam}$ ) *then*

*/\** Daily Jam has occurred *\*/*

Calculate exact date, time, and Time Address value of the Daily Jam event using the method in Section 9.4.2.4 ("Step 4")

*else*

Go to Step 5 (See Section 9.4.2.5).

*endif*

Note: SMPTE ST 2059-2 recommends that there is no more than one Daily Jam event between two successive midnights (local time).

#### **9.3.2.4 Step 4: (Update Daily Jam Values) If Daily Jam event has occurred, calculate exact date, time, and Time Address value of the local Daily Jam event**

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

1. Update number of codewords since the SMPTE Epoch at jam

$$n_{previousJam} = n_{codeword}$$

2. Update exact time of Daily Jam in PTP time

$$t_{epdjamPTP} = \frac{n_{codeword}}{Ff}$$

3. Calculate exact time of Daily Jam on Local Time scale

$$t_{epdjamLocal} = t_{epdjamPTP} + currentLocalOffsetActive$$

4. Set Time Address to time of Daily Jam:

$$HH_{pdjam} = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_{epdjamLocal}}{60 \times 60}\right) \% 24$$

$$MM_{pdjam} = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_{epdjamLocal}}{60}\right) \% 60$$

$$SS_{pdjam} = 0$$

*if*( $Ff == 25$ ) *and* (*colorFrameIdentificationMode* == 1) *then*

$$FF_{pdjam} = 1$$

*else*

$$FF_{pdjam} = 0$$

*endif*

### 9.3.2.5 Step 5: (Output) Calculate the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value and the SMPTE ST 309 date using exact date, time, and Time Address value of the previous Daily Jam event

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used to calculate the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address value:

1. Calculate number of frames since previous Daily Jam event

$$f_e = n_{codeword} - n_{previousJam}$$

2. Calculate the SMPTE ST 12-1 Time Address time value by adding the number of frames since the previous Daily Jam event to the Time Address value at previous Daily Jam event.

The HH, MM, SS and FF of the SMPTE 12-1 Time Address value are calculated by adding  $f_e$  to  $HH_{pdjam}$ ,  $MM_{pdjam}$ ,  $SS_{pdjam}$  and  $FF_{pdjam}$  using the equations in Section 9.3.3 and the value of *dropFrameMode*.

3. Calculate the SMPTE ST 309 date value.

Set date (YY, Mo, DD, MJD) to date calculated using the method set out in Section 9.3.4 with

$$t_{elocal} = (t_{epdjamLocal} + \left( \text{floor} \left( \frac{HH_{notmod24}}{24} \right) \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 \right))$$

### 9.3.2.6 Step 6: (Continue) Increment codeword; go back to Step 3

Increment codeword number:

$$n_{codeword} = n_{codeword} + 1$$

Update time of codeword:

$$t_{codeword} = \frac{n_{codeword}}{Ff}$$

Go to Step 3 (Section 0).

Note: This step is necessary only if generating a continuous stream of codewords.

### 9.3.3 Adding Elapsed Frames Since the Previous Daily Jam Event to the Time Address Value at Previous Daily Jam Event

The value of *dropFrameMode* shall be the same as the value of the “Drop Frame” bit in the “*timeAddressCountMode*” field in the SMPTE ST 2059-2 SMPTE Profile.

The following variables and terms are used in the formulae in the following sections:

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| $f_e$                | Number of LTC codewords since the previous Daily Jam event |
| $Ff$                 | Frame Rate of LTC code word e.g. 30000 / 1001 Hz           |
| <i>dropFrameMode</i> | Drop-frame (DF) or Nondrop-frame (NDF)                     |

#### 9.3.3.1 Introduction

The Time Address value of the previous Daily Jam event is defined in Section 9.3.2.5 and consists of the following fields:

$$HH_{pdjam}, MM_{pdjam}, SS_{pdjam}, \text{ and } FF_{pdjam}$$

The Time Address can be represented equivalently as:

$$framecount = \text{“frames since midnight”}$$

The “frames since midnight” representation is more convenient for arithmetic operations, such as adding a certain number of frames.

The following calculation shall be used add  $f_e$  frames:

1. Convert the Time Address to *framecount*

2. Add  $f_e$  to frame count
3. Convert result back to the new Time Address.

The new Time Address value consists of the following fields:

$HH, MM, SS$  and  $FF$

Note: The equations below are based on those in SMPTE EG 40, Sections 5.1 and 5.5.

### 9.3.3.2 24, 25 and 30 frames-per-second

Per SMPTE ST 12-1, for these frame rates, *dropFrameMode* shall be set to Non-drop frame; (indicating drop frame calculations are not to be used.) The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

1. Calculate Time Address of previous Daily Jam Event as frames since midnight:

$$framecount = FF_{pdjam} + \left( Ff \times \left( SS_{pdjam} + \left( 60 \times \left( MM_{pdjam} + \left( 60 \times HH_{pdjam} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

2. Add number of LTC codewords since previous Daily Jam Event

$$framecount' = framecount + f_e$$

3. Calculate new Time Address value:

$$HH = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount'}{Ff \times 3600} \right)$$

$$HHnotmod24 = HH$$

$$MM = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - (Ff \times 3600 \times HH)}{Ff \times 60} \right)$$

$$SS = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - (Ff \times 60 \times (MM + (60 \times HH)))}{Ff} \right)$$

$$FF = framecount' - (Ff \times (SS + 60 \times (MM + (60 \times HH))))$$

$$HH = HHnotmod24 \% 24$$

### 9.3.3.3 24 / 1.001 and 30 / 1.001 frames-per-second, Non Drop Frame

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

*dropFrameMode* shall be set to Non-drop frame

if  $Ff == 24/1.001 \text{ Hz}$  then

$$Ff_{nom} = 24 \text{ Hz}$$

if  $Ff == 30/1.001 \text{ Hz}$  then

$$Ff_{nom} = 30 \text{ Hz}$$

1. Calculate Time Address of previous Daily Jam Event as frames since midnight:

$$\begin{aligned} framecount &= FF_{pdjam} \\ &+ \left( Ff_{nom} \times \left( SS_{pdjam} + \left( 60 \times \left( MM_{pdjam} + \left( 60 \times HH_{pdjam} \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

2. Add number of LTC codewords since previous Daily Jam Event

$$framecount' = framecount + f_e$$

3. Calculate new Time Address:

$$HH = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount'}{Ff_{nom} \times 3600} \right)$$

$$HHnotmod24 = HH$$

$$MM = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - (Ff_{nom} \times 3600 \times HH)}{Ff_{nom} \times 60} \right)$$

$$SS = \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - (Ff_{nom} \times 60 \times (MM + (60 \times HH)))}{Ff_{nom}} \right)$$

$$FF = framecount' - (Ff_{nom} \times (SS + 60 \times (MM + (60 \times HH))))$$

$$HH = HHnotmod24 \% 24$$

#### 9.3.3.4 30 / 1.001 frames-per-second, Drop Frame

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the identical results) shall be used for these calculations:

*dropFrameMode* shall be set to Drop frame

$$Ff_{nom} = 30 \text{ Hz}$$

1. Calculate Time Address of previous Daily Jam Event as frames since midnight:

$$\begin{aligned} framecount &= FF_{pdjam} \\ &+ (30 \times SS_{pdjam}) + (1798 \times MM_{pdjam}) + \left( 2 \times \text{int} \left( \frac{MM_{pdjam}}{10} \right) \right) \\ &+ (107892 \times HH_{pdjam}) \end{aligned}$$

2. Add number of LTC codewords since previous Daily Jam Event

$$framecount' = framecount + f_e$$

3. Calculate new Time Address:

$$\begin{aligned} HH &= \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount'}{107892} \right) \\ HH_{notmod24} &= HH \\ MM &= \text{floor} \left( \frac{1}{1800} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left( framecount' + 2 \times \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - 107892 \times HH}{1800} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - 2 \times \text{floor} \left( \frac{framecount' - 107892 \times HH}{18000} \right) - 107892 \times HH \right) \right) \\ SS &= \text{floor} \left( \frac{1}{30} \times \left( framecount' - 1798 \times MM \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - 2 \times \text{floor} \left( \frac{MM}{10} \right) - 107892 \times HH \right) \right) \\ FF &= framecount' - 30 \times SS - 1798 \times MM - 2 \times \text{floor} \left( \frac{MM}{10} \right) \\ &\quad - 107892 \times HH \\ HH &= HH_{notmod24} \% 24 \end{aligned}$$

### 9.3.4 Generation of the SMPTE ST 309 Date

This section defines the formulae to convert a local time into one of the date formats required by SMPTE ST 309. SMPTE ST 309 permits the date to be carried in the Gregorian calendar format years, months and day of month or as a Modified Julian Day number. The Modified Julian Day number is an integer counter of the days beginning at 1858-11-17, which is Modified Julian Day Number 0.

These calculations are similar to the functions such as *gmtime* which are provided by many operating systems and languages. These equations shall be used with the same “local time” value used to generate the Time Address, to ensure that the date changes coincident with the Time Address 00:00:00:00.

Note 1: The formulae perform the classic Gregorian calendar algorithm with no UTC Leap Second compensation.

Note 2: The formulae are intended for contemporary time keeping and caution should be exercised when applying them to historic time keeping (or times near the SMPTE Epoch).

$t_{local}$  is the input local time passed to this function and is derived in the earlier sections which call this function. It is expressed in seconds from 01 January 1970 00:00:00.

The Gregorian date consists of the following fields:

$YY, Mo$  and  $DD$

The Modified Julian Day consists of the following field:

*ModifiedJulianDay*

The following formulae (or an alternative method yielding the same results) shall be used for these calculations:

1. Initialize with the year = 1970

$$Y = 1970$$

2. Initialize with the number of days from beginning of 1970

$$D = \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_{local}}{24 \times 60 \times 60}\right)$$

3. Calculate Modified Julian Day number

$$\text{ModifiedJulianDay} = D + 40587$$

4. Estimate year. If days negative, subtract 1

$$Y_g = Y + \text{floor}(D/365)$$

$$\text{if } (D < 0) \\ Y_g = Y_g - 1$$

5. Calculate days from beginning of that year

$$D = D - (Y_g - Y) \times 365 - \text{LeapsThroughEndOf}(Y_g - 1) + \text{LeapsThroughEndOf}(Y - 1)$$

6. Update year

$$Y = Y_g$$

7. Revise year if necessary

$$\text{if}(D < 0 \text{ OR } (\text{IsLeap}(Y) \text{ AND } D \geq 366) \text{ OR } ((\text{not IsLeap}(Y)) \text{ AND } D \geq 365) ) \\ \text{Go back to step 4}$$

Function definitions:

LeapsThroughEndOf( $y$ )  
 return  $\text{floor}(y/4) - \text{floor}(y/100) + \text{floor}(y/400)$

IsLeap ( $y$ )  
 if  $((y \% 4) == 0 \text{ AND } ((y \% 100) \neq 0 \text{ OR } (y \% 400) == 0))$  then  
     return True  
 Else  
     return False

8. Calculate the month and day of month.

The month ( $Mo$ ) is calculated using Table 5. The “Start day in Leap Year” column shall be used if the year is a leap year. Otherwise the “Start day” column shall be used.  $Mo$  shall be the month with the greatest start day that is less than or equal to the day of the year  $D_D$ .

The day of the month ( $D_D$ ) shall be

$$D_D - \text{Start day for the selected month} + 1$$

**Table 5 – Start day of each month**

| Month     | Mo | Start day | Start day in Leap Year |
|-----------|----|-----------|------------------------|
| January   | 01 | 00        | 00                     |
| February  | 02 | 31        | 31                     |
| March     | 03 | 59        | 60                     |
| April     | 04 | 90        | 91                     |
| May       | 05 | 120       | 121                    |
| June      | 06 | 151       | 152                    |
| July      | 07 | 181       | 182                    |
| August    | 08 | 212       | 213                    |
| September | 09 | 243       | 244                    |
| October   | 10 | 273       | 274                    |
| November  | 11 | 304       | 305                    |
| December  | 12 | 334       | 335                    |

## Annex A (Informative) Alignment Point Timing

### A.1 Variable names

Consider a sampled waveform with periodic alignment points and the following parameters:

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| $T$ | sample period                              |
| $N$ | number of samples between alignment points |
| $t$ | current time since SMPTE Epoch             |

For a non-sampled (analogue) waveform,  $N = 1$  and  $T = (\text{period between alignment points})$

### A.2 Alignment points in general

An alignment point occurs at the SMPTE Epoch,  $t(\text{alignmentpoint}) = 0$

Alignment points in general occur at:  $t(\text{alignmentpoint}) = n \times N \times T$  for all integer  $n$

### A.3 Next alignment point

The most recent alignment point relative to current time ( $t_c$ ) occurred at:

$$t(\text{mostrecentalignmentpoint}) = N \times T \times \text{floor}\left(\frac{t_c}{(N \times T)}\right)$$

The next alignment point occurs at:

$$t(\text{nextalignmentpoint}) = N \times T \times \left(\text{floor}\left(\frac{t_c}{(N \times T)}\right) + 1\right)$$

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