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F²MC/FR Family, All Series, Method of Confirming Data in Serial Communications

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1 Introduction

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2 Method of using checksum in serial communications

This chapter shows the method of calculating checksum by putting the 16 bit length data on some address. The example of C language program to calculate checksum is shown as follows.

```
unsigned short calc_checksum( unsigned short *addr, int size)
{
        unsigned long sum;
        unsigned long checksum;
        sum = 0;
        while( size > 1 ){
                sum+= *(addr++);
                size-= 2;
        }
        if( size > 0 ){
                sum+= (*addr) & 0xff00;     /* If byte data remains at the end, it is added */
        }
        sum = (sum & 0xffff) + (sum >> 16); /* To 16 bit length. */
        checksum = ~sum;                    /* Complement of one */
}
```

The transmitted side calculates checksum by the above-mentioned and adds it at the end of the transmission data.

The received side calculates by all receive data including checksum.

There is no error if the result of the calculation on the received side is 0xFFFF.

The mistake of the transmitting/receiving data can be easily confirmed by such a method.

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