Computer Networks I

Network Security

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What is network security?

confidentiality: only sender, intended receiver should "understand" message contents

- sender encrypts message
- receiver decrypts message

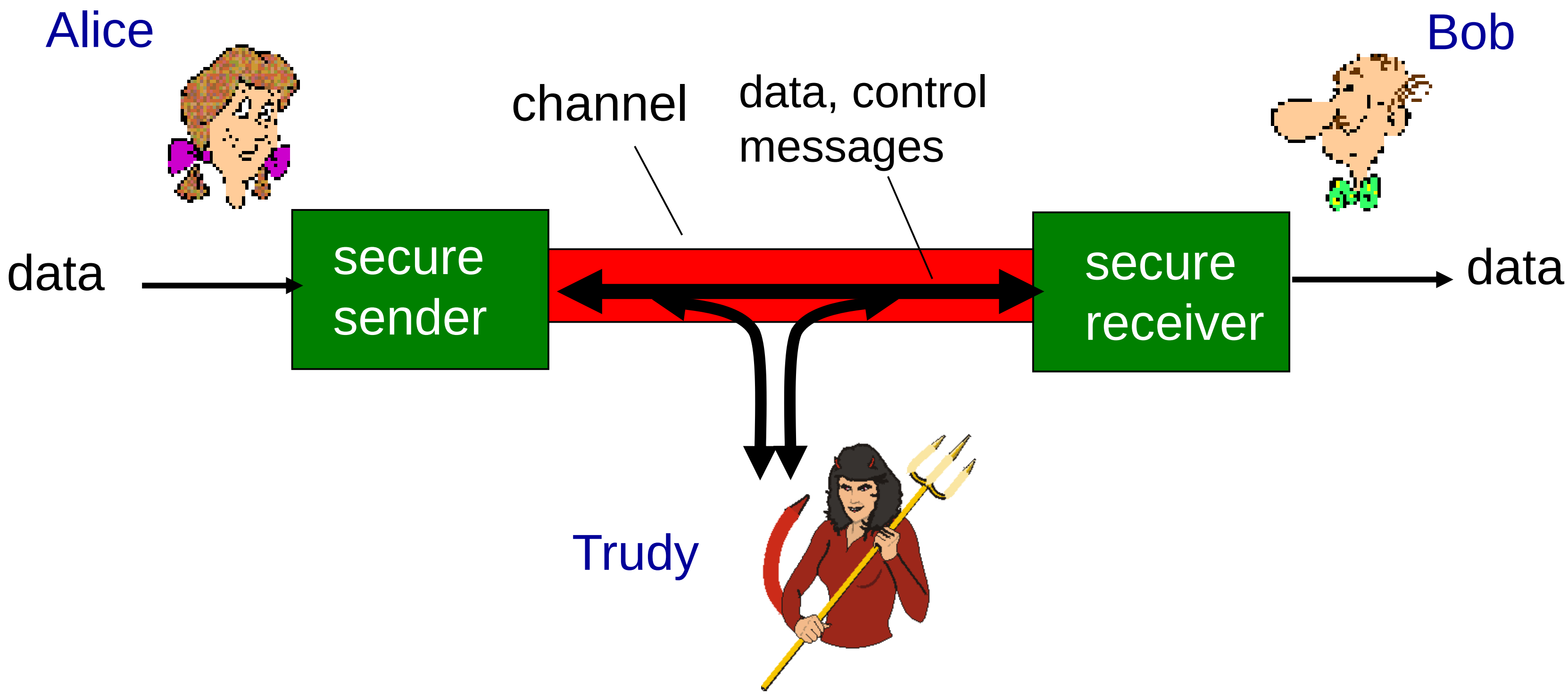
authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

message integrity: sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards) without detection

access and availability: services must be accessible and available to users

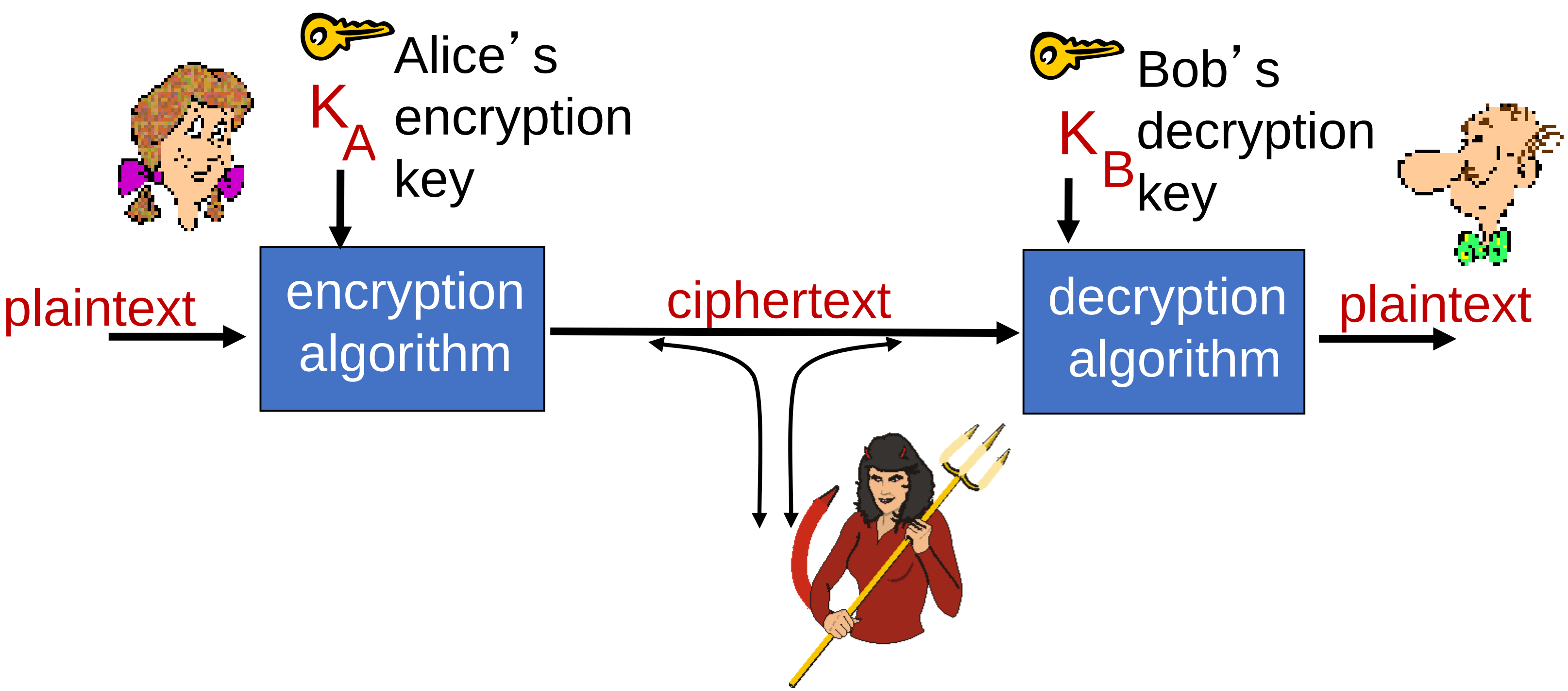
Friends and enemies: Alice, Bob, Trudy

- Bob, Alice want to communicate "securely"
- Trudy (intruder) may intercept, delete, add messages



Principles of Cryptography

The language of cryptography



m plaintext message

$K_A(m)$ ciphertext, encrypted with key K_A

$m = K_B(K_A(m))$

Simple encryption scheme

substitution cipher: substituting one thing for another

- monoalphabetic cipher: substitute one letter for another

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 plaintext:   abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

ciphertext:   mnbvcxzasdfghjklpoiuytrewq
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e.g.:
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Plaintext:   i             Alice
ciphertext:  s gktc wky   mgsbc
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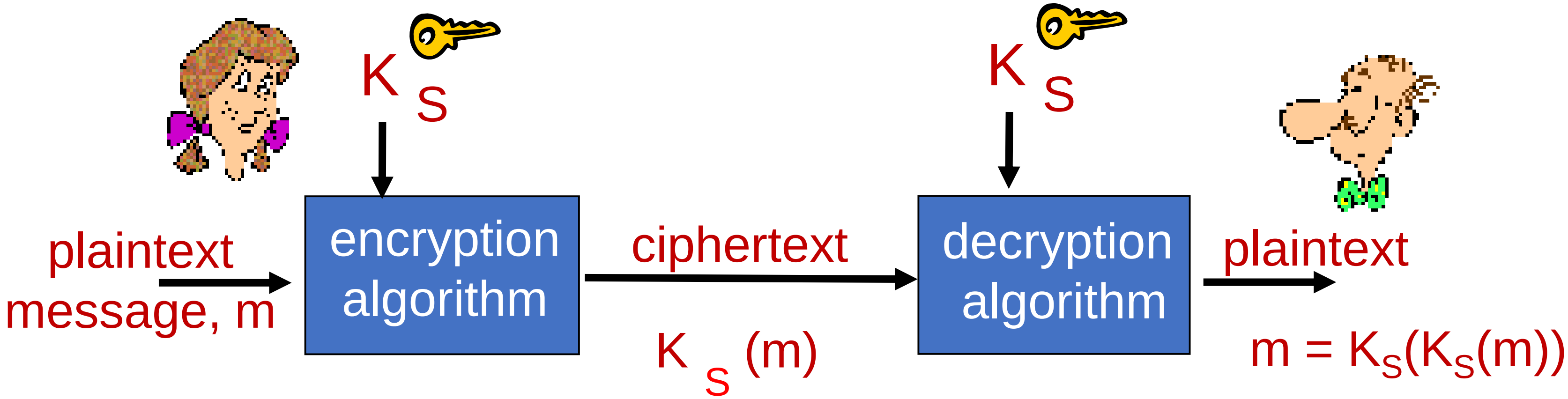
Encryption key: mapping from set of 26 letters to set of 26 letters

Symmetric key cryptography



symmetric key crypto: Bob and Alice share same (symmetric) key: K_S

Examples: DES (Data Encryption Standard), AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)

Public Key Cryptography

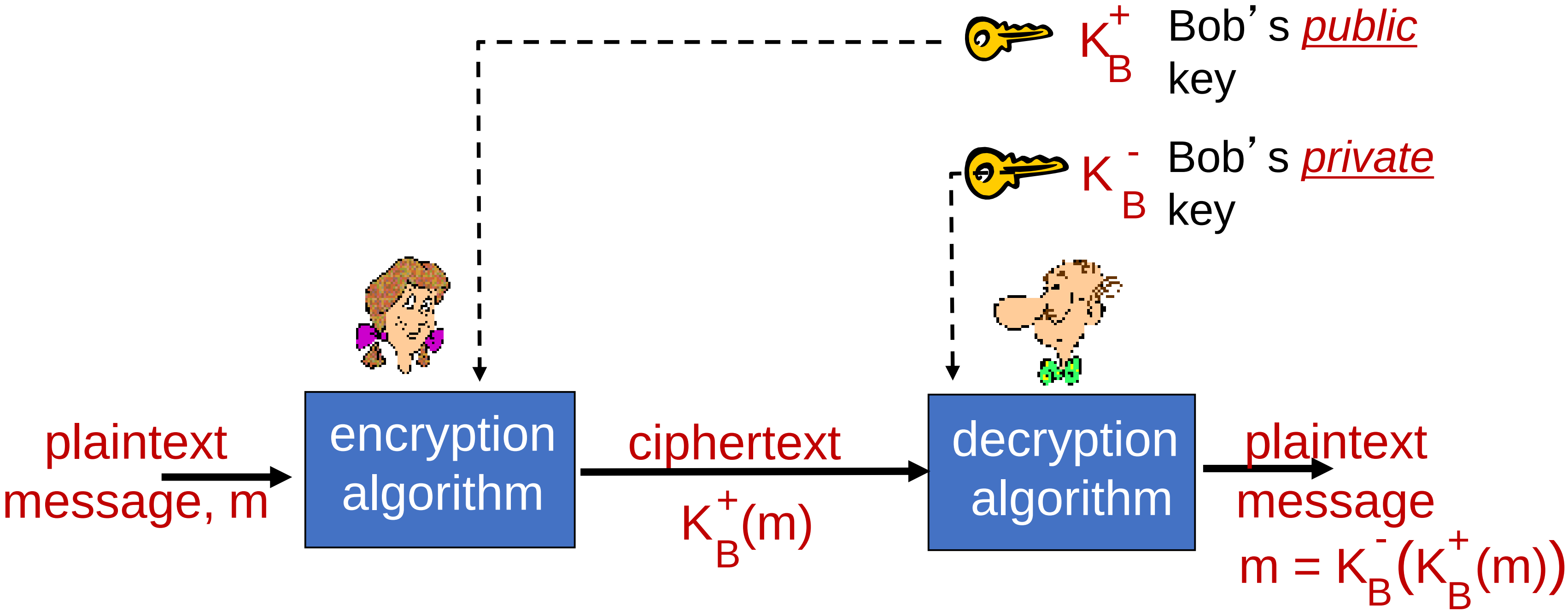
symmetric key crypto

- requires sender, receiver know shared secret key
- Q: how to agree on key in first place (particularly if never "met")?

public key crypto

- radically different approach [Diffie-Hellman76, RSA78]
- sender, receiver do *not* share secret key
- *public* encryption key known to *all*
- *private* decryption key known only to receiver

Public key cryptography



Public key encryption algorithms

1. need $K_B^+(\cdot)$ and $K_B^-(\cdot)$ such that

$$K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m$$

2. given public key K_B^+, it should be impossible to compute private key K_B^-

RSA: Rivest, Shamir, Adelson algorithm

RSA: Creating public/private key pair

1. choose two large prime numbers p, q. (e.g., 1024 bits each)

2. compute $n = pq$, $z = (p-1)(q-1)$

3. choose e (with $e<n$) that has no common factors with z (e, z are "relatively prime").

4. choose d such that $ed-1$ is exactly divisible by z. (in other words: $ed \bmod z = 1$).

5. *public* key is $\underbrace{(n,e)}_{K_B^+}$. *private* key is $\underbrace{(n,d)}_{K_B^-}$.

RSA: encryption, decryption

0. given (n,e) and (n,d) as computed above

1. to encrypt message m $(<n)$, compute

$$c = m^e \bmod n$$

2. to decrypt received bit pattern, c, compute

$$m = c^d \bmod n$$

magic happens!

$$m = (\underbrace{m^e \bmod n}_{c})^d \bmod n$$

$$\textit{Why?} \quad m = \underbrace{(m^e \bmod n)}_{c}{}^d \bmod n$$

- Useful number theory result: If p, q are prime and n = pq, then $x^y \bmod n = x^{y \bmod (p-1)(q-1)} \bmod n$

- $(m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n$

  $= m^{ed} \bmod n$

  $= m^{ed \bmod (p-1)(q-1)} \bmod n$ [using the theorem]

  $= m^1 \bmod n$ [as ed-1 is divisible by (p-1)(q-1)]

  $= m$

RSA: another important property

The following property will be *very* useful later:

$$\underbrace{K_B^-(K_B^+(m))}_{\text{use public key first, followed by private key}} = m = \underbrace{K_B^+(K_B^-(m))}_{\text{use private key first, followed by public key}}$$

Why $K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m = K_B^+(K_B^-(m))$?

follows directly from modular arithmetic:

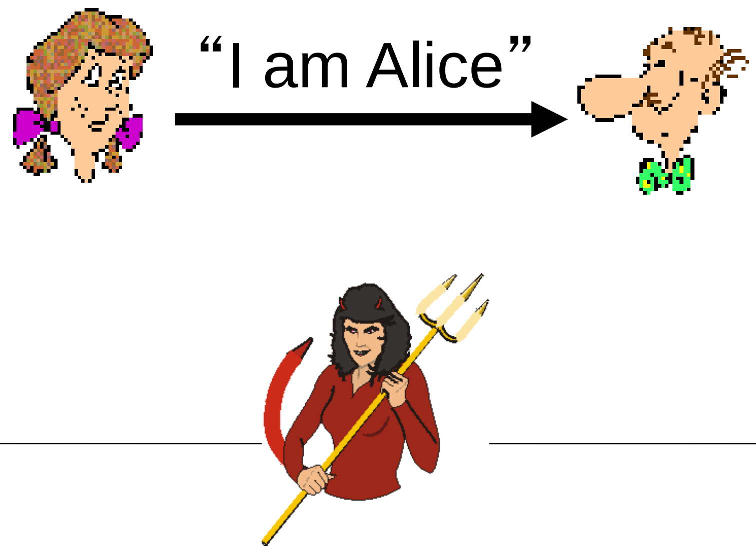
$$(m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = m^{ed} \bmod n$$
$$= m^{de} \bmod n$$
$$= (m^d \bmod n)^e \bmod n$$

Authentication

Authentication

Goal: Bob wants Alice to "prove" her identity to him

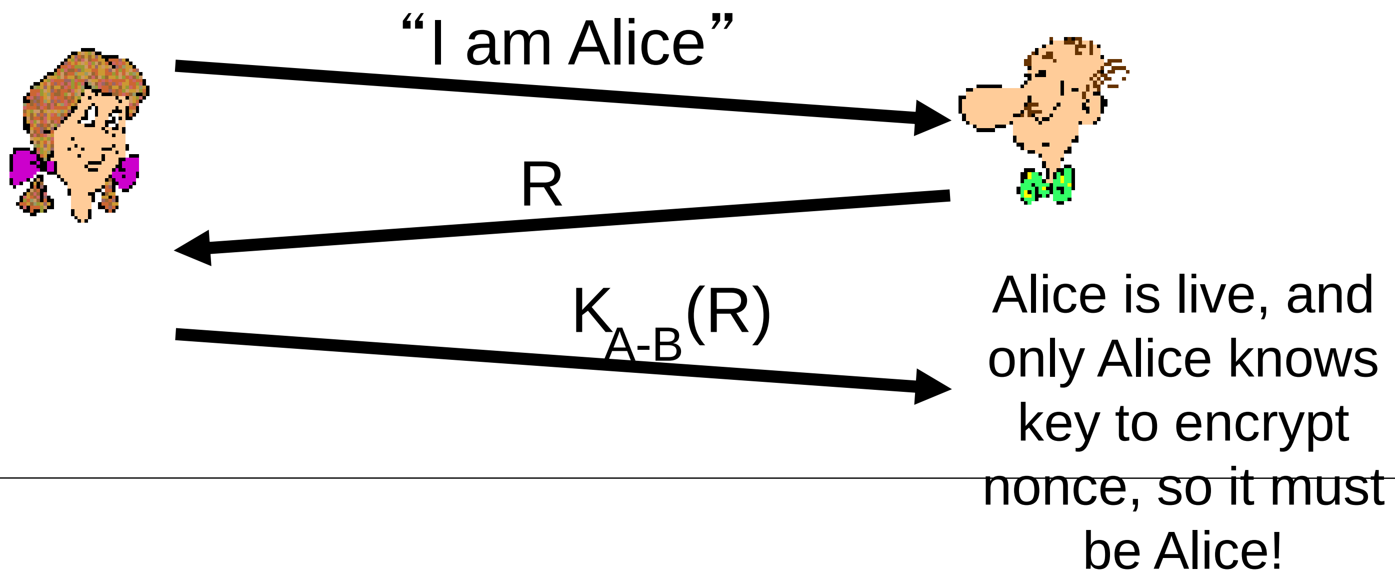
Approach: Alice says "I am Alice"



Authentication

nonce: number (R) used only *once-in-a-lifetime*

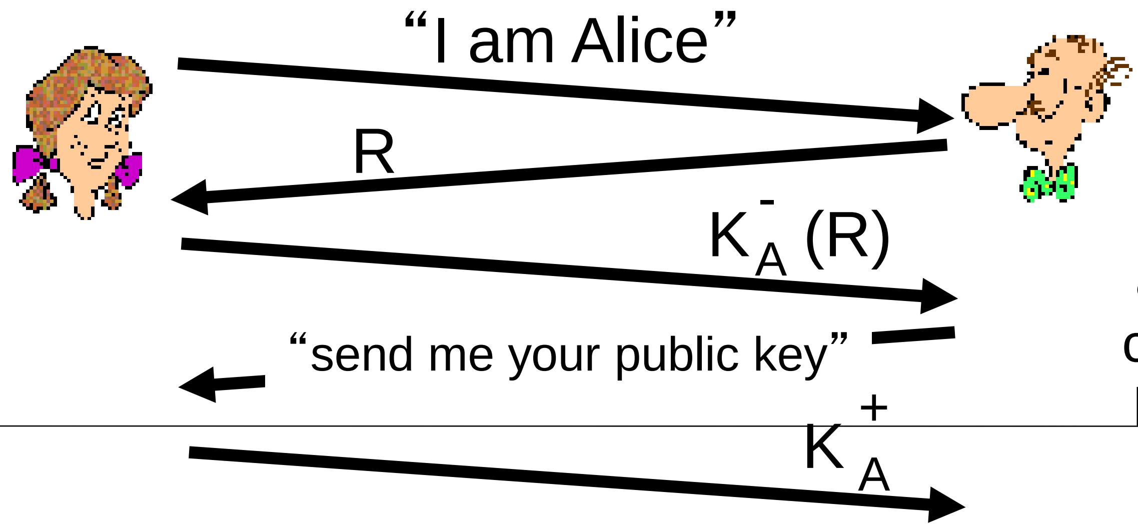
Approach: to prove Alice "live", Bob sends Alice *nonce*, R.
Alice must return R, encrypted with shared secret key



Authentication

- Can we authenticate using public key techniques?

Approach: use nonce, public key cryptography



Bob computes

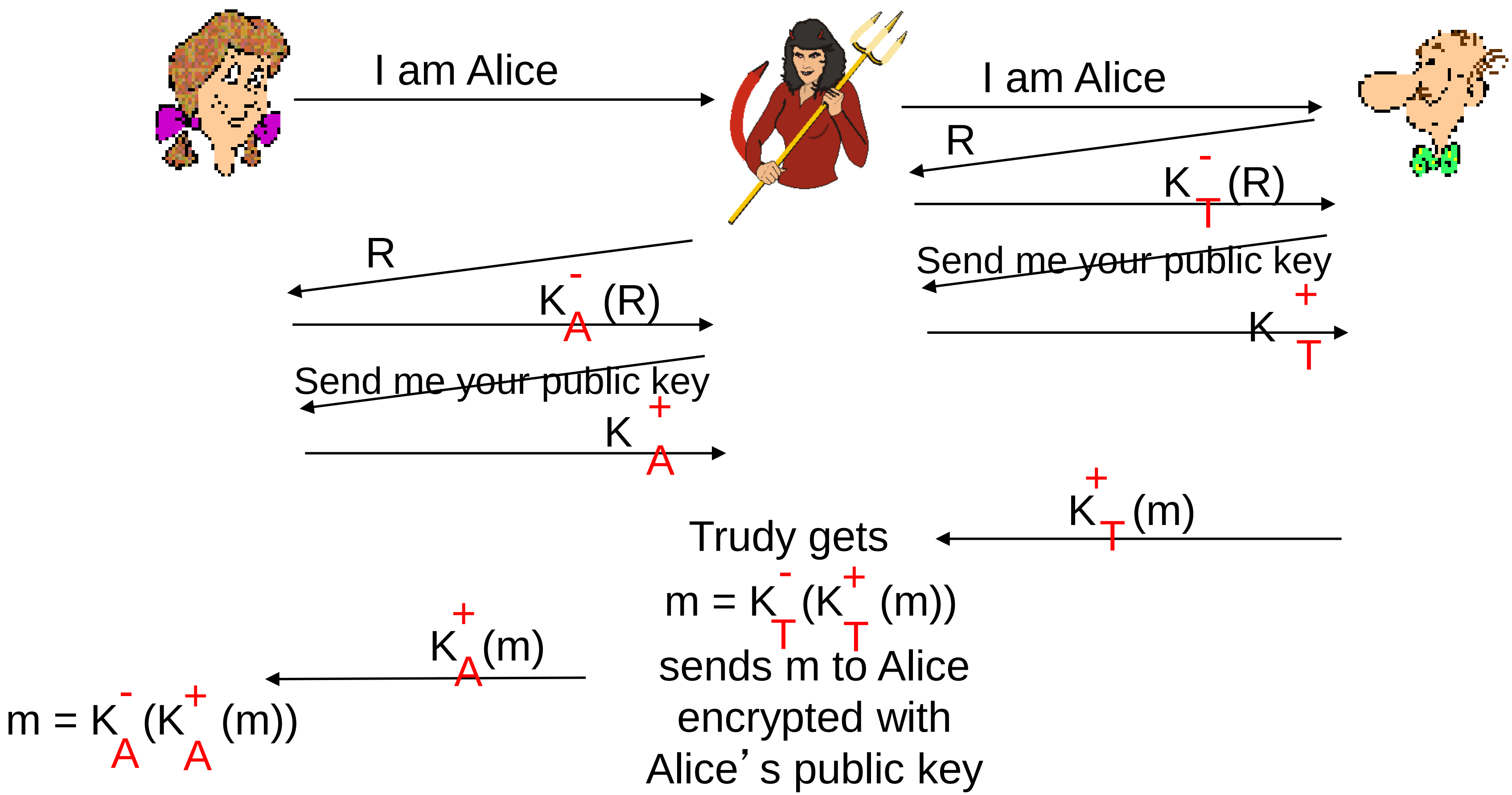
$$K_A^+(K_A^-(R)) = R$$

and knows only Alice could have the private key, that encrypted R such that

$$K_A^+(K_A^-(R)) = R$$

Authentication

man (or woman) in the middle attack: Trudy poses as Alice (to Bob) and as Bob (to Alice)



Message Integrity

Digital signatures

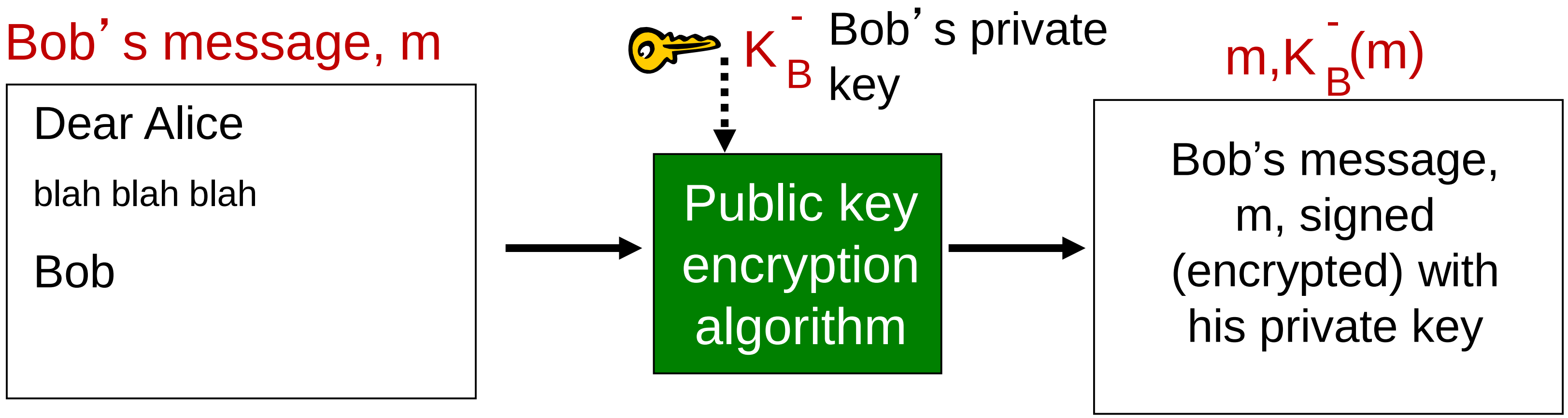
cryptographic technique analogous to hand-written signatures:

- sender (Bob) digitally signs document, establishing he is document owner/creator.
- *verifiable, nonforgeable:* recipient (Alice) can prove to someone that Bob, and no one else (including Alice), must have signed document

Digital signatures

simple digital signature for message m:

- Bob signs m by encrypting with his private key K_B^-, creating “signed” message, $K_B^-(m)$



Digital signatures

- suppose Alice receives msg m, with signature: m, $K_B^-(m)$
- Alice verifies m signed by Bob by applying Bob's public key K_B^+ to $K_B^-(m)$ then checks $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$.
- If $K_B^+(K_B^-(m)) = m$, whoever signed m must have used Bob's private key.

Alice thus verifies that:

- Bob signed m
- no one else signed m

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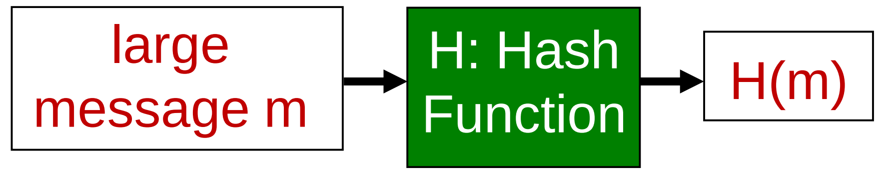
Message digests

computationally expensive to public-key-encrypt long messages

goal: fixed-length, easy- to-compute digital "fingerprint"

- apply hash function H to *m*, get fixed size message digest, *H(m)*.

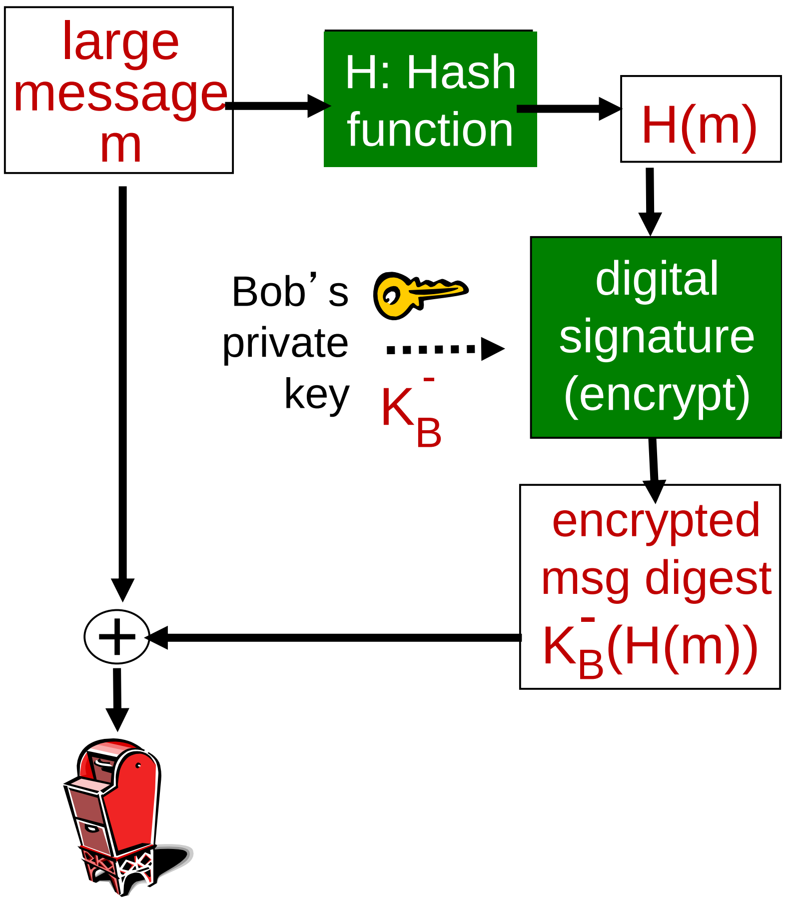


Hash function properties:

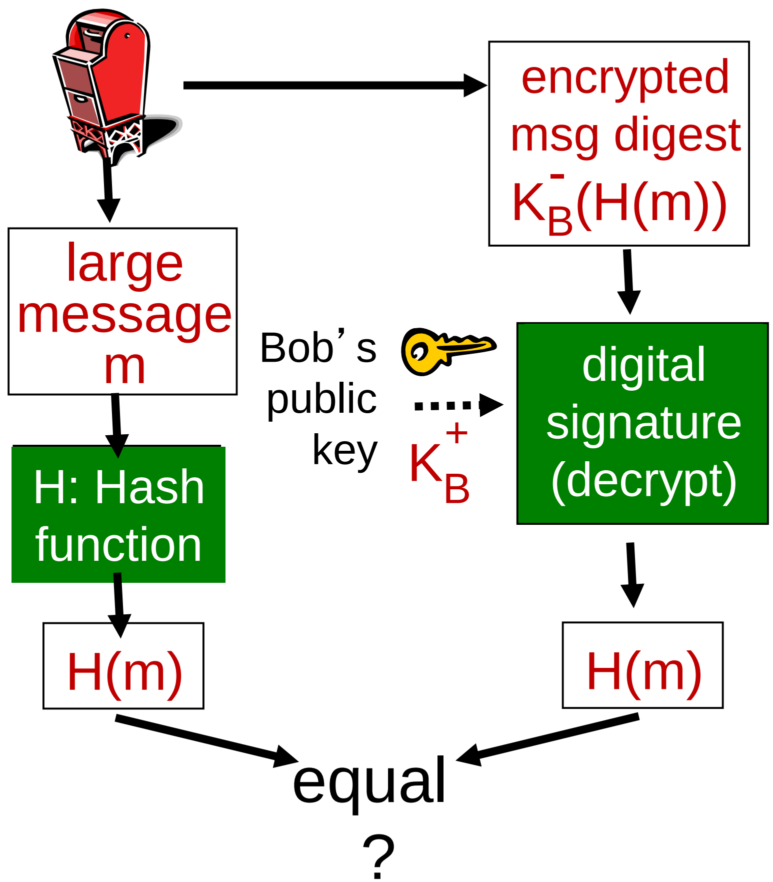
- many-to-1
- produces fixed-size msg digest (fingerprint)
- given message digest x, computationally infeasible to find m such that x = H(m)

Digital signature = signed message digest

Bob sends digitally signed message:



Alice verifies signature, integrity of digitally signed message:



Hash function algorithms

- MD5 hash function widely used (RFC 1321)
  - computes 128-bit message digest in 4-step process.
- SHA-1 is also used
  - US standard [NIST, FIPS PUB 180-1]
  - 160-bit message digest

- Other SHA standards: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SHA-1

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS???