

## L4.1: Provable-perfectly-secure secret key encryption - OTP

### 第4.1讲：可证明完美安全的私钥加密 – 一次一密

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- Security proof of the secret key encryption construction
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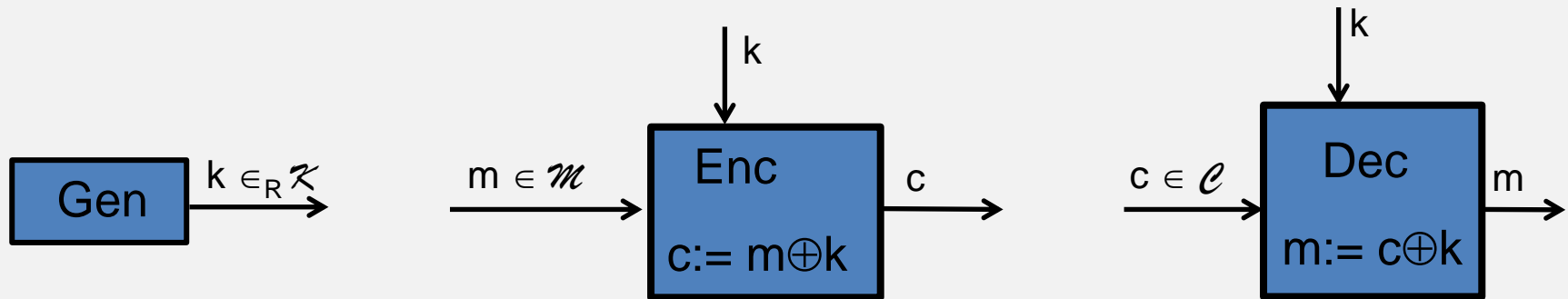
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# Secret key encryption - construction

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**Correctness:**  $\text{Dec}_k(\text{Enc}_k(m)) = m$

One-time  
pad  
encryption  
(OTP)

Vernam Cipher  
[1917]: But  
Shannon proved  
its security after  
formulating  
perfect security



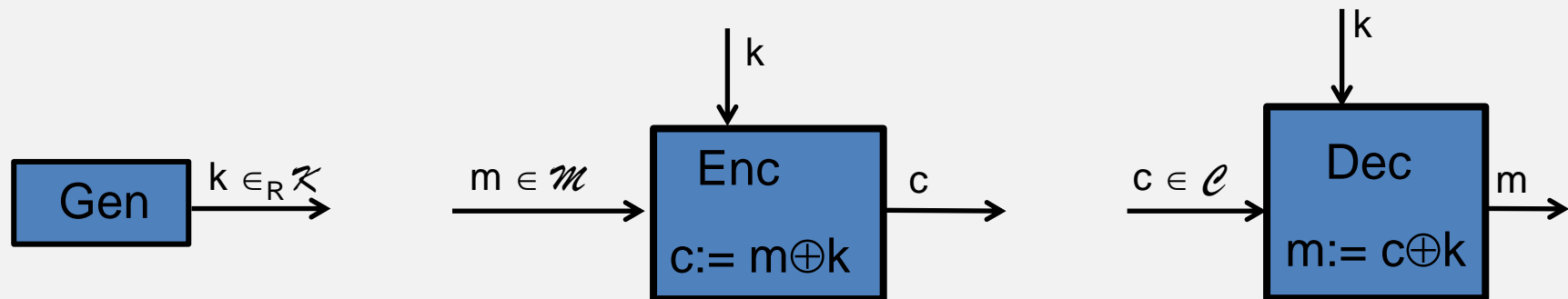
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# Perfectly-secure encryption - proof 1/2

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Theorem 2.9 (Security): Vernam Cipher is perfectly-secure

Proof: To prove  $\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr[M = m]$

For arbitrary  $c$  and  $m$ ,  $\Pr[C = c \mid M = m]$

$$= \Pr[\text{Enc}_k(m) = c]$$

$$= \Pr[m \oplus K = c]$$

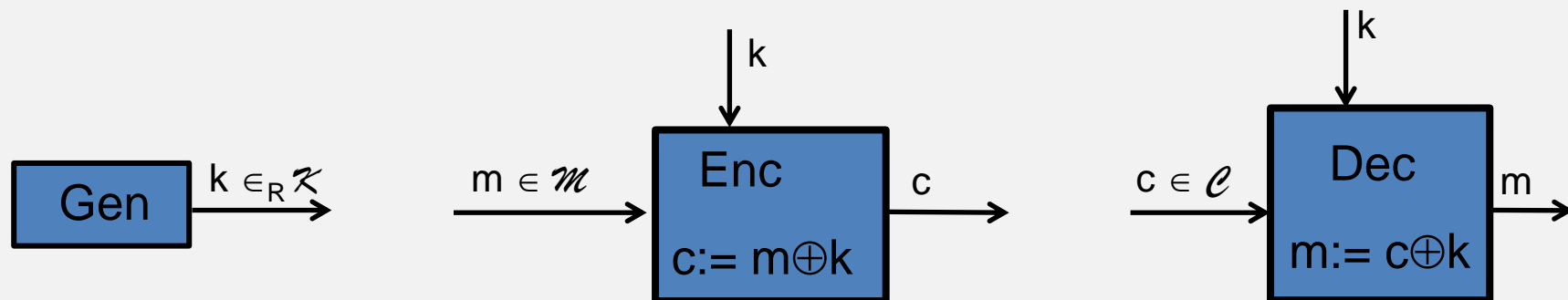
$$= \Pr[K = c \oplus m]$$

$$= 1/2^l$$

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Theorem 2.9 (Security): Vernam Cipher is perfectly-secure

Proof  $\Pr[C = c] = \sum_{m \in M} \Pr[C = c \mid M = m] \Pr[M = m]$  (irrespective of  $c$ )

$$= 1/2^l \sum_{m \in M} \Pr[M = m] = 1/2^l$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[M = m \mid C = c] &= \frac{\Pr[C = c \mid M = m] \Pr[M = m]}{\Pr[C = c]} \\ &= \Pr[M = m] \end{aligned}$$

Historical Use of Vernam Cipher: Redline between White House & Kremlin during Cold war.

# What have we done so far..

- ✓ Formulate a formal definition (threat + break model)
- Identify assumptions needed
- ✓ Prove security of the construction relative to the definition



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# Vernam Cipher is not all that nice because..

- How long is the key?      length is as long as the message
  - For long messages hard to agree on long key
  - What happens the parties cannot predict the message size in advance

- Can we re-use the key

VENONA Project:  
US & UK decrypted  
Russian Plaintext  
exploiting the use  
of same key to pad  
many messages



Michael Rabin

“You should  
never re-use a  
one-time pad.  
It’s like toilet  
paper; if you re-  
use it, things get  
messy.”

# Key space must be as large as the message space

Theorem 2.10: If  $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  is a perfectly-secure encryption scheme with message space  $\mathcal{M}$  and key space  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $|\mathcal{K}| \geq |\mathcal{M}|$

Proof: Assume  $|\mathcal{K}| < |\mathcal{M}|$

Let  $c$  be a ciphertext with  $\Pr[C = c] > 0$

$M(c) := \{m \mid m = \text{Dec}_k(c) \text{ for some } k\}$   
the set of all possible messages that can decrypt to  $c$

$$|M(c)| \leq |\mathcal{K}| < |\mathcal{M}|$$

$\exists m \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $m \notin M(c)$

$$\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = 0 \neq \Pr[M = m]$$

No perfect Security!

Show the other limitation is inevitable too!

OTP is  
optimal key  
length-wise  
and key  
usability-wise

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# Perfectly-secure encryption: equivalent definition

Definition 2.3 Perfectly-secure Encryption (Shannon's Definition):

$$\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr[M = m], \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}$$

Interpretation: probability of knowing a plain-text remains the same **before** and **after** encryption

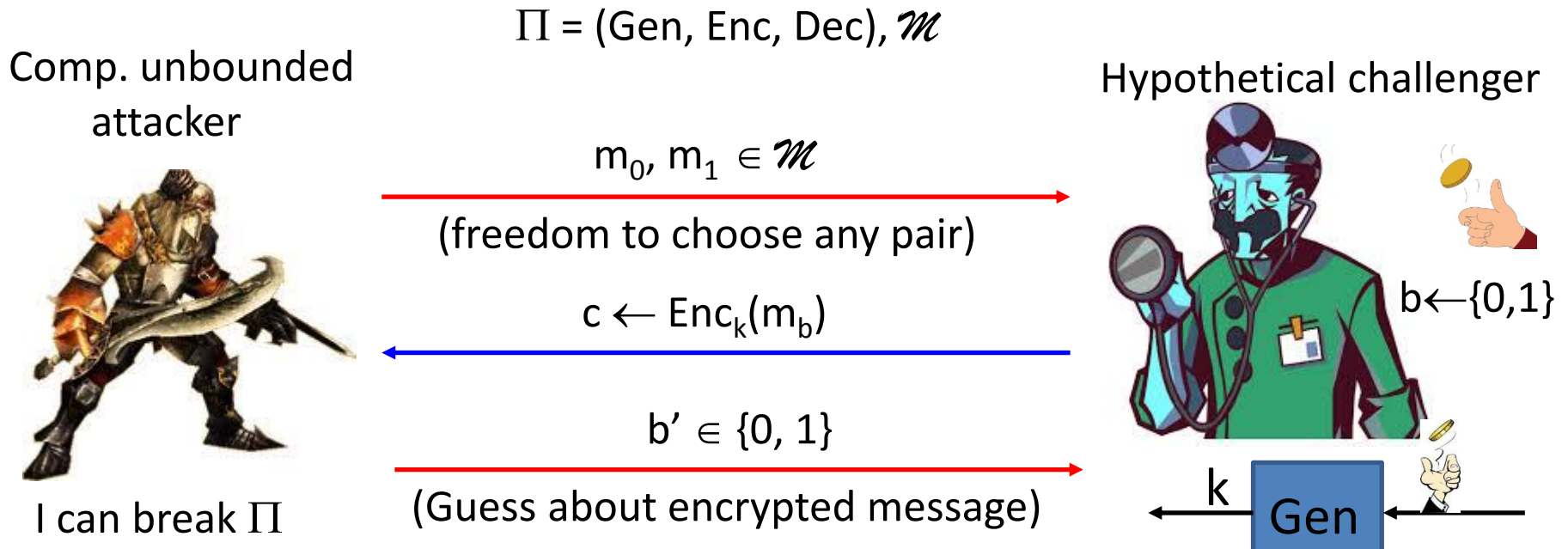
- Easy to check (i) and (ii).
- No need of any probability calculation unlike original perfect security definition

Theorem 2.11: A scheme is perfectly secure if and only if it satisfies the following conditions with  $|\mathcal{K}| = |\mathcal{M}| = |\mathcal{C}|$  is

- (i) Every key  $k$  is chosen uniformly at random from  $\mathcal{K}$  by Gen.
- (ii) For every  $m$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $c$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a **unique** key  $k$  s.t.  $\text{Enc}_k(m) = c$ .

# Perfect secrecy as an indistinguishability game

- Formulated as a **challenge-response game** between adv. and a challenger



□ Game output :

- 1 if  $b = b'$  ➔ Attacker won
- 0 if  $b \neq b'$  ➔ Attacker lost

# Perfect secrecy as an indistinguishability game

Comp. unbounded  
attacker  $\mathcal{A}$



$\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec}), \mathcal{M}$

$m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$



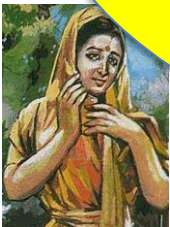
$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$

Gen

❑ Adversary should learn the underlying message from  $c$  only with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$

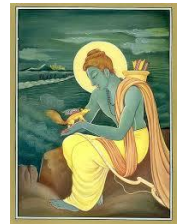
➤ No better than **guessing**  $m$

❑ Wh



$m$

$k$  

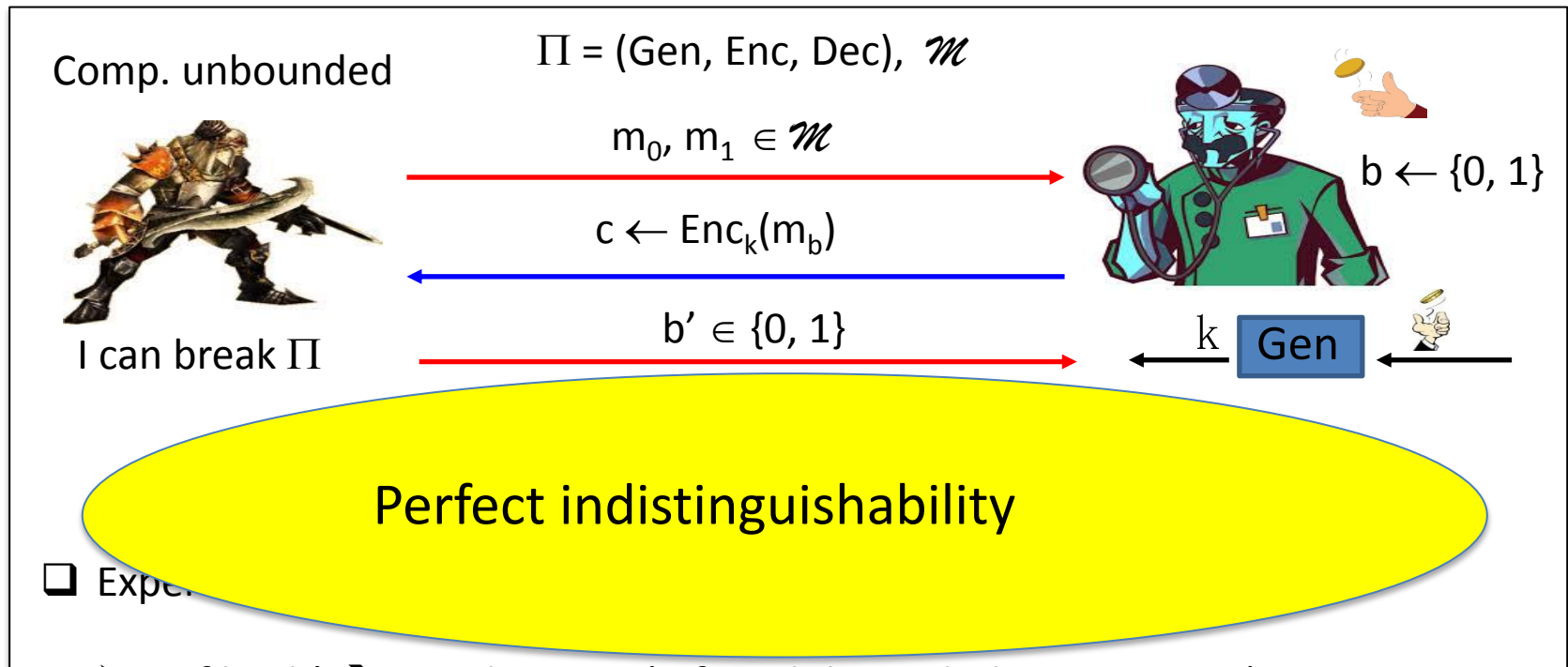


$k$  

(I know that either  $m_0$  or  $m_1$  will be communicated with equal prob.)

❑ Perfect secrecy : adversary should not get “**any advantage**” by seeing  $c$  above

# Perfect secrecy as an indistinguishability game



Lemma 2.6  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  over  $\mathcal{M}$  is perfectly-secure if and only if it is perfectly indistinguishable

Definition 2.5  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  over  $\mathcal{M}$  is perfectly indistinguishable if for every attacker  $A$

$$\Pr \left[ \text{PrivK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{coa}} = 1 \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$



# Perfectly-secure Encryption : Equivalent Definition

Definition 2.3 Perfectly-secure Encryption (Shannon's Definition):

$$\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr[M = m], \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}$$

Interpretation: probability of knowing a plain-text remains the same **before** and **after** seeing the cipher-text

Lemma 2.4 The equivalence holds for **any probability distribution** over  $M$

Perfectly-secure Encryption (Alternate Definition):

$$\Pr[C = c \mid M = m_0] = \Pr[C = c \mid M = m_1], \forall m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}$$

Interpretation: probability distribution of cipher-text is **independent** of plain-text

# Perfect secrecy: equivalence of definitions

Definition 2.3: For every probability dist over  $\mathcal{M}$

$$\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr[M = m]$$

$$\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}$$

Lemma 2.4: For every probability dist over  $\mathcal{M}$

$$\Pr[C = c \mid M = m_0] = \Pr[C = c \mid M = m_1]$$

$$\forall m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}$$



Theorem 2.11: For every probability distribution over  $\mathcal{M}$

- (i) Every key  $k$  is chosen with probability  $1/|\mathcal{K}|$
- (ii) For every  $m$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  and every  $c$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a **unique** key  $k$  s.t.  $\text{Enc}_k(m) = c$ .

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Unbounded Powerful



I can break  $\Pi$

(Perfect Indistinguishability)

$$m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$$

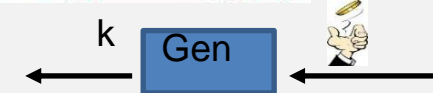
$$c \leftarrow \text{Enc}_k(m_b)$$

$$b' \in \{0, 1\}$$

Experiment :  $\text{PrivK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{coa}}$



$$b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$$



$\Pi$  is perfectly-secure if for every adversary  $A$

$$\Pr \left[ \text{PrivK}_{A, \Pi}^{\text{coa}} = 1 \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

# Concluding Perfect Security



CCA

Birth of  
Computational /  
Cryptographic  
Security.

limitations:

as large as mes  
not be reused

relaxations

Can we overcome  
the hurdles?

**Yes!!**

Remember that at the end  
of the day crypto is an  
**applied science** and we  
need to construct  
schemes that has practical  
relevance. The hurdles in  
achieving perfect security  
outweighs the strength of  
perfect security

No break allowed



Break is allowed but with 'very  
**small**' probability

Unbound

Bounded Powerful /  
Polynomially Bounded

# Perfect Security vs. Computational Security



Threat is Unbounded Powerful



No break allowed



A scheme is secure if

$$\Pr [M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr [M = m] \quad \forall m, c$$



Key as large as the message



Fresh key for every encryption



Threat is 'Computationally Bounded'



Break is allowed with 'small' probability



A scheme is secure if any computationally bounded adversary succeeds in 'breaking' the scheme with at most 'some very small probability'.



A small key will do



Key reuse is permitted.

Is it necessary to relax the threat and break to overcome the limitations?

YES Absolutely!

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