

# Network Information Security

## Lecture four: stream cipher

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## Symmetric Ciphers: definition

Def: a **cipher** defined over  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C})$

is a pair of “efficient” algs  $(E, D)$  where

$$E: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}, \quad D: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, k \in \mathcal{K}: D(k, E(k, m)) = m$$

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## Wrap up

- $(E, D, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{C})$  (密码系统五元组)
- Classical cipher
  - Substitution cipher
    - Monoalphabetic cipher: Caesar cipher
    - Polyalphabetic cipher: Vigenère cipher
- How to break?
  - Brute force
  - Frequency analysis



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## Vigenère Cipher exercise

Try to encode  
“UNDERATTACK” using  
the key CAR

message:	U	N	D	E	R	A	T	T	A	C	K
repeated keyword:	C	A	R	C	A	R	C	A	R	C	A
encoded message:	W	N									

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
B	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
C	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A
D	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B
E	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C
F	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D
G	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E
H	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F
I	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
J	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Transposition Cipher (置换密码)

- Rearrange letters in plaintext to produce ciphertext
- Example: **Rail-Fence Cipher** (栅栏密码)
  - Plaintext is **HELLO WORLD**
  - Rearrange as  
     **HLOOL**  
     **ELWRD**
  - Ciphertext is **HLOOL ELWRD**
  - Question: **What is the key?**



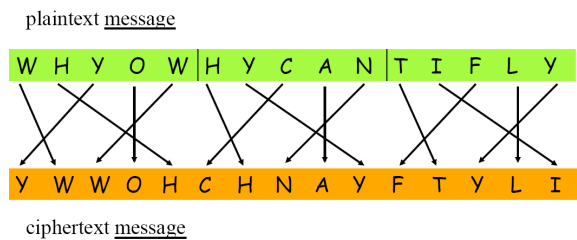
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- Encode the phrase **WE NEED YOUR HELP** using the Rail Fence cipher.


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## Transposition cipher

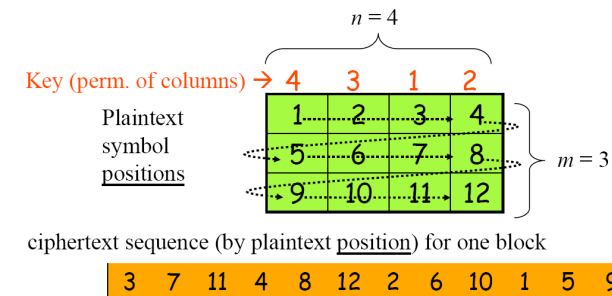
- Transposition cipher example #1:
  - Permute each successive block of 5 letters in the message according to position offset  $\langle +1, +3, -2, 0, -2 \rangle$



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## Transposition cipher (cont'd)

- Transposition cipher example #2:
  - Arrange plaintext in blocks of  $n$  columns and  $m$  rows
  - Then permute columns in a block according to a key  $K$



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## Transposition cipher (cont'd)

- A longer example: plaintext =
- "ATTACK POSTPONED UNTIL TWO AM"

Key: 4 3 1 2 5 7 6

plaintext

A	T	T	A	C	K	P
O	S	T	P	O	N	E
D	U	N	T	I	L	T
W	O	A	M	X	Y	Z

ciphertext

TTNA APTM TSUO AODW COIX PETZ KNLY



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## Classical Cryptography (经典加密方法)

- Two basic types of classical ciphers
  - Transposition ciphers (置换密码)
  - Substitution ciphers (替换密码)
  - Combinations are called *product ciphers* (组合密码)
- Transposition cipher: rearranges the characters in the plaintext to form the ciphertext. The letters are not changed.
- Substitution cipher: change characters in the plaintext to produce the ciphertext.



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## outline

- One time pad (一次密码簿)
- Perfect secrecy – Shannon
- Stream cipher (流密码)



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How to increase the secrecy of cipher?

Randomness(随机性)



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## The One Time Pad

(Vernam 1917)

$$D(k, E(k, m)) = m$$

First example of a "secure" cipher

$$k \in \mathcal{K}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C} = \{0, 1\}^n, \quad \mathcal{K} = \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$E(k, m) = k \oplus m$$

$$D(k, c) = k \oplus c$$

key = (random bit string as long the message)

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## The One Time Pad

(Vernam 1917)

$$D(k, E(k, m)) = D(k, k \oplus m) = (k \oplus k) \oplus m$$

$$= 0 \oplus m = m$$

$$c := E(k, m) = k \oplus m$$

$$D(k, c) = k \oplus c$$

msg:	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
key:	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
$\oplus$							
CT:							

Try to verify the consistency of One Time Pad.

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## One time pad

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C} = \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$E(k, m) = k \oplus m$$

$$D(k, c) = k \oplus c$$

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## Perfect secrecy

Def: A cipher  $(E, D)$  over  $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C})$  has **perfect secrecy** if

$$\forall m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M} \quad (|m_0| = |m_1|) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall c \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$\Pr[E(k, m_0) = c] = \Pr[E(k, m_1) = c] \quad \text{where} \quad k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$$

**Basic idea:** Cipher text (CT) should reveal(揭示) no information about plain text (PT).

如果我是一个攻击者，我截取了一段密文，c，这段密文 c 对应的明文是  $m_0$  的概率与对应的明文是  $m_1$  的概率相同。

唯密文攻击

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### One time pad has perfect secrecy

To prove  $Pr[E(k, m_0) = c] = Pr[E(k, m_1) = c]$

$\forall m, c:$

$$Pr[E(k, m) = c] = (\# \text{keys } k \in K \text{ s.t. } E(k, m) = c) / |K|$$

So, if  $\# \{k \in K \text{ s.t. } E(k, m) = c\} = \text{const}$ ,

We can prove cipher has perfect secrecy.

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### One time pad has perfect secrecy

For OTP:

$\forall m, c:$

If  $E(k, m) = c$

$$\rightarrow k \oplus m = c$$

$$\rightarrow k = m \oplus c$$

$$\rightarrow \# (k \in K \text{ s.t. } E(k, m) = c) = 1$$

$\rightarrow$  OTP has perfect secrecy. ■

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单选题 1分

设置

You are given a message ( $m$ ) and its OTP encryption ( $c$ ).

Can you compute the OTP key from  $m$  and  $c$ ?

- ☐ A No, I cannot compute the key.
- ☒ B Yes, the key is  $k = m \oplus c$ .
- ☐ C I can only compute half the bits of the key.
- ☐ D Yes, the key is  $k = m \oplus m$ .

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### Drawbacks of OTP

- Truly Random
- As long as the message
- Secure exchange of OTP
- One time only use of the key

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## The bad news ...

Thm: perfect secrecy  $\Rightarrow |\mathcal{K}| \geq |\mathcal{M}|$

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To make OTP practical:

**Stream Cipher**

Basic idea: replace “random” key by “pseudorandom” key

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## Stream Ciphers: making OTP practical

idea: replace “random” key by “pseudorandom” key

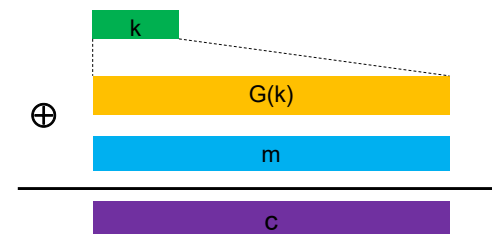
**PRG**: Pseudo Random Generator is a function,  $G$

$$G: \underbrace{\{0, 1\}^s}_{\text{Seed space}} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n, \quad n \gg s$$

Efficiently deterministic algorithm

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## Stream Ciphers: making OTP practical



$$c = E(k, m) := m \oplus G(k)$$

$$d = D(k, c) := c \oplus G(k)$$

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单选题 1分

设置

Can a stream cipher have perfect secrecy?

- ☐ A Yes, if the PRG is really “secure”
- ☐ B No, there are no ciphers with perfect secrecy
- ☐ C Yes, every cipher has perfect secrecy
- ☒ D No, since the key is shorter than the message

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## Attacks on OTP and stream ciphers

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### Attack 1: two time pad is insecure !!

Never use stream cipher key more than once !!

$$C_1 \leftarrow m_1 \oplus \text{PRG}(k)$$

$$C_2 \leftarrow m_2 \oplus \text{PRG}(k)$$

Eavesdropper does:

$$C_1 \oplus C_2 \rightarrow m_1 \oplus m_2$$

Enough redundancy in English and ASCII encoding that:

$$m_1 \oplus m_2 \rightarrow m_1, m_2$$

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### Real world examples

- Project Venona
  - 1941 to 1946, decrypted about 3000 messages
- MS-PPTP (windows NT, point to point transfer protocol):

Need different keys for  $C \rightarrow S$  and  $S \rightarrow C$ 

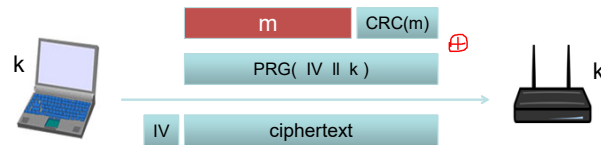
The shared key is actually a pair of keys:  $(K_C \rightarrow S \text{ and } K_S \rightarrow C)$   
Both sides have these pair of keys.

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## Real world examples

### 802.11b WEP:



Length of IV: 24 bits

- Repeated IV after  $2^{24} \approx 16\text{M}$  frames
- On some 802.11 cards: IV resets to 0 after power cycle

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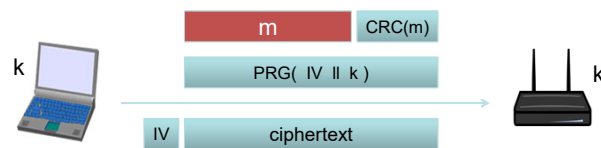
- 假设一个繁忙的AP（无线访问点），以11Mbps的速度发送大小为1500bytes的包，大约多长时间IV会耗光？

$$1500 \cdot 8 / (11 \cdot 10^6) \cdot 2^{24} = 18000 \text{秒}, \text{ 约为 } 5 \text{ hours}$$

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## Avoid related keys

### 802.11b WEP:



key for frame #1: (1 || k)

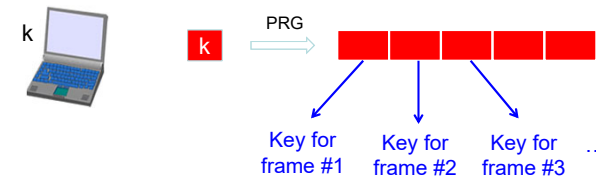
key for frame #2: (2 || k)

⋮

**FMS 2001 → can recover k after  $10^6$  frames, recent attacks  $\approx 40,000$  frames**

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## A better construction

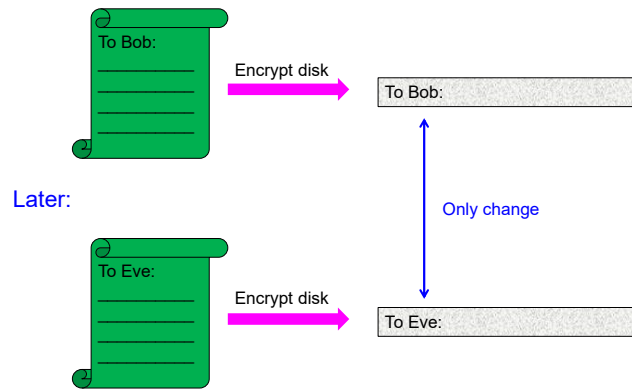


⇒ now each frame has a pseudorandom key

better solution: use stronger encryption method (as in WPA2)

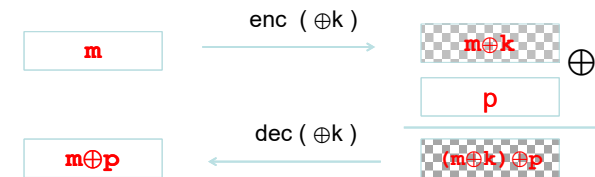
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### Yet another example: disk encryption



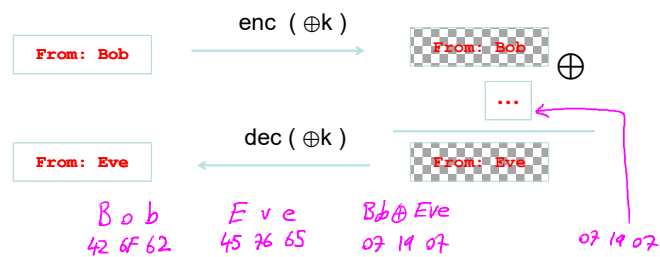
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### Attack 2: no integrity (OTP is malleable)



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Modifications to ciphertext are undetected and have predictable impact on plaintext

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Real world  
stream ciphers

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**RC4 stands for the fourth cipher designed by Ron Rivest  
(Rivest Cipher 4).**