

DD2448 Foundations of Cryptography

Lecture 11

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- ▶ In other words, no function of the plaintext can efficiently be guessed notably better from its ciphertext than without it.

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