OTP - One Time Pad

→ Improvement over Vigenere cipher

Algorithm: combine the message and the key

Key: an infinite random string

Key space: infinite

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Advantage: this is the perfect cipher!

Disadvantage: hard to use in practice, how to transmit the key?

The impossibility of breaking OTP

The ciphertext bears no statistical relationship to the plaintext

→ No statistical analysis

For any plaintext and ciphertext, there exists a key mapping one to the other, and all keys are equally probable

→ A ciphertext can be decrypted to any plaintext of the same length