

# Cryptography Notes

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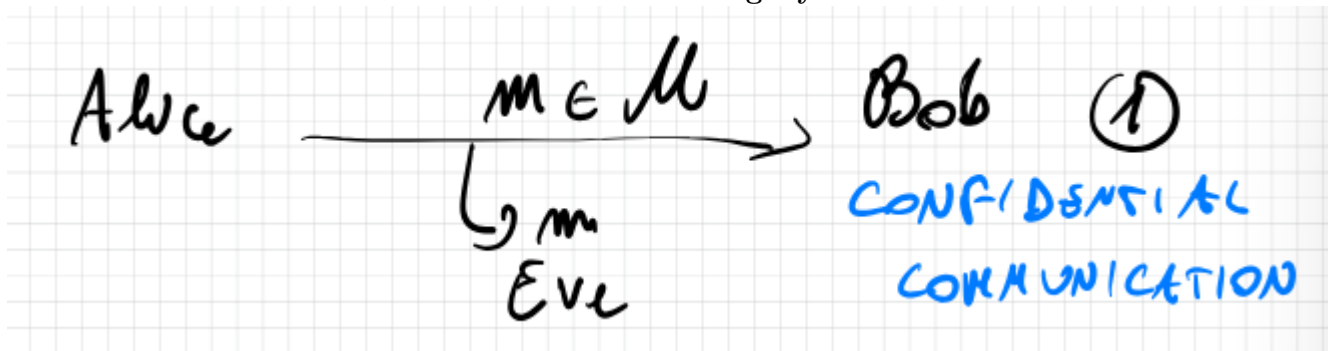
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# 1 Intro to Cryptography

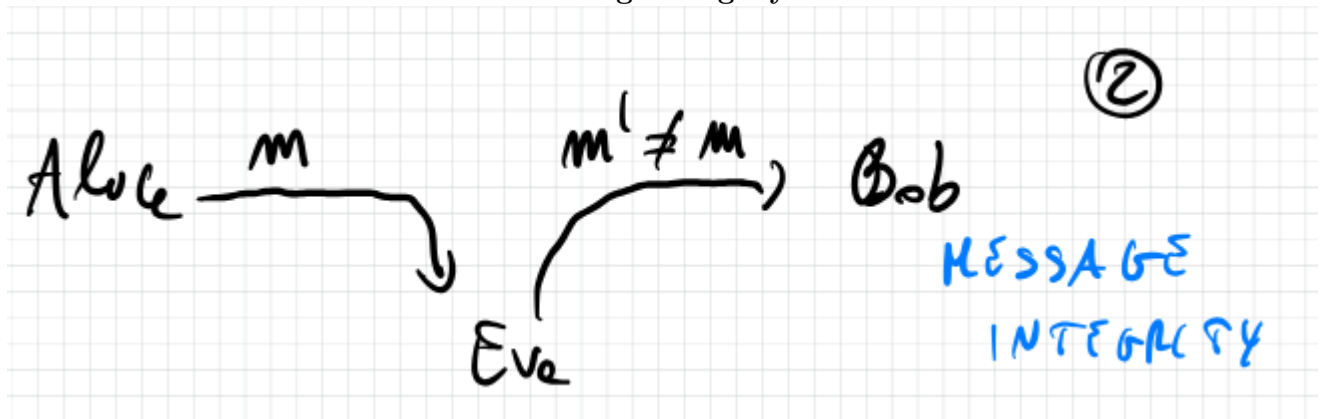
## 1.1 Secure Communication

We have multiple goals in cryptography, the most important ones being:

### Confidential Integrity



### Message Integrity



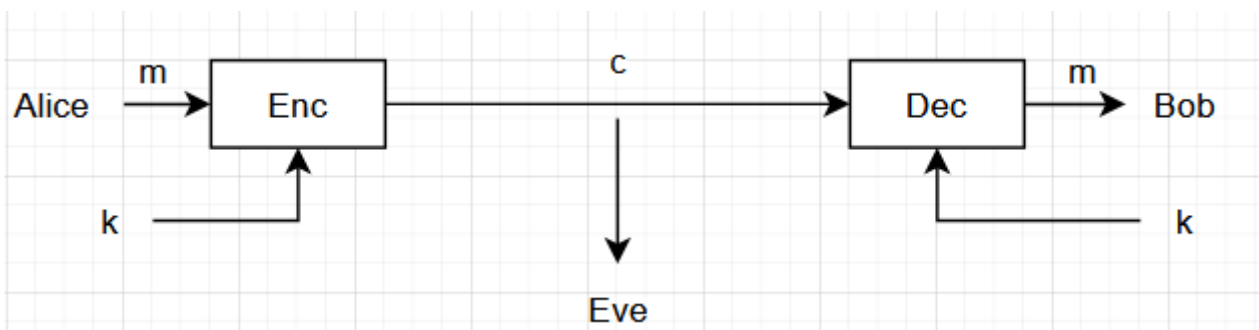
Basically we want our message to be both **confidential**, so no-one except the intended target sees it and we want it to be unmodified, so that its **integrity** has not been compromised.

There are many different ways to do this, but in our case we only see two major ways:

- **Symmetric Cryptography:** Where Alice and Bob share a key  $k \in \mathcal{K}$ , the key is random and unknown to anyone else.
- **Asymmetric Cryptography:** Where Alice and Bob do not share a key, but they have each their own key pair  $(p_k, s_k)$  where  $p_k$  is the public key and  $s_k$  is the secret/private key.

## 1.2 Unconditional Security

To achieve confidential communication, we use symmetric cryptography.



With  $m \in \mathcal{M}, c \in \mathcal{C}, k \in \mathcal{K}$

In this case we have Alice sending a message  $m$  which is then encrypted utilizing a randomly generate key  $k$  to generate the cyphertext  $c$ , after that to get back to the initial message  $m$ , Bob will then need to decrypt it utilizing his own key  $k$  on cyphertext  $c$ .

In a more formal way we can define Symmetric encryption (SKE) as  $\Pi = (Enc, Dec)$  such that:

- $Enc : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$
- $Dec : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$
- $k$  is uniform over  $\mathcal{K}$  ( $k$  is chosen according to some distribution)

An encryption scheme must satisfy the correctness requirement:

**Definition 1.**  $\forall k \in \mathcal{K}, \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$  it holds that  $Dec(k, Enc(k, m)) = m$

**Kerchoff's Principle:**

**Definition 2.** Security should not depend on the secrecy of the algorithm but on the secrecy of the key.

### 1.3 Perfect Secrecy

**Definition 3.** Let  $M$  be any distribution over  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $K$  be uniform over  $\mathcal{K}$  (Then observe  $C = Enc(K, M)$  in a distribution over  $\mathcal{C}$ ), we say that  $(Enc, Dec) = \Pi$  is **perfectly secret** if  $\forall M, \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C} : Pr[M = m] = Pr[M = m | C = c]$  (The probability that  $M$  is  $m$  is equal to the probability that  $M$  is  $m$  knowing that  $C$  is  $c$ , so by knowing the cyphertext, we dont gain additional information).

**Lemma 1.** The following are equivalent:

- Perfect Secrecy
- $M$  and  $C$  are independant
- $\forall m, m' \in \mathcal{M}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C} : Pr[Enc(k, m) = c] = Pr[Enc(k, m') = c]$  with  $k$  being uniform over  $\mathcal{K}$

### 1.4 OTP

Let us see if OTP (One Time Pad) is perfectly secret

We know that the OTP uses  $\oplus$  to generate and later decypher the cyphertext, we have that  $K = M = C = \{0, 1\}^N$  with  $N$  being the length of the string, we know that:

- $Enc(k, m) = k \oplus m$
- $Dec(k, c) = c \oplus k = (k \oplus m) \oplus k = m$

To prove that it is perfectly secret let us utilize the third lemma:

$$Pr[C = c | M = m'] = Pr[Enc_k(m') = c] = Pr[m' \oplus K = c] = Pr[K = m' \oplus c] = 2^{-N}$$

and therefore:

$$Pr[Enc(k, m') = c] = 2^{-N}$$

There seem to be some limitations, the key can only be used once and it must as long as the message, lets assume we encrypt  $m$  and  $m'$ :  $c_1 = k \oplus m_1$   $c_2 = k \oplus m_2$  therefore  $c_1 \oplus c_2 = m_1 \oplus m_2$ , so if I know a pair  $(m_1, c_1)$  then I could compute  $m_2$ , therefore we cannot encrypt two messages with the same key.

**Theorem 1** (Shannon). Let  $\Pi$  be any perfectly secret SKE then we have  $|\mathcal{K}| \geq |\mathcal{M}|$ .

*Proof.* Take  $\prod$  to be uniform over  $\mathcal{M}$ . Take any  $c$  s.t.  $\Pr[C=c] > 0$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{M}' = \{Dec(k, c) : k \in \mathcal{K}\}$  and assume  $|\mathcal{K}| < |\mathcal{M}|$  by contraddiction, then:

$$|\mathcal{M}'| \leq |\mathcal{K}| < |\mathcal{M}| \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}'| < |\mathcal{M}| \rightarrow \exists m \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \mathcal{M}'$$

Now:

$$\Pr[M = m] = |\mathcal{M}|^{-1} \text{ but } \Pr[M = m|C = c] = 0$$

□

## 1.5 Proof that the lemmas imply eachother

Let us prove that  $1 \implies 2 \implies 3 \implies 1$

Let us start by proving that  $1 \implies 2$ :

*Proof.* We know that  $\Pr[M = m] = \Pr[M = m|C = c] \rightarrow \frac{\Pr[M=m \wedge C=c]}{\Pr[C=c]} = \Pr[M = m \wedge C = c] = \Pr[M = m] * \Pr[C = c]$  and therefore we have proved their independence, so  $I(M; C) = 0$

□

Let us prove that  $2 \implies 3$

*Proof.* Let us fix an  $m$  from  $M$  and  $c$  from  $C$ :

$$\Pr[Enc(K, m) = c] = \Pr[Enc(K, M) = c|M = m] \implies \Pr[C = c|M = m] = \Pr[C = c]$$

Remember that  $Enc(\dots)$  is  $c$ !

We do the same thing for  $m'$  and we get:  $\Pr[C = c|M = m] = \Pr[C = c]$  for both of them.

Therefore:  $\Pr[Enc(K, m') = c] = \Pr[C = c]$

□

And now  $3 \implies 1$ : Take any  $c$  from  $C$ :

$\Pr[C = c] = \Pr[C = c|M = m]$  by 2 (we are claiming this)

If the claim is true then:

$$\Pr[M = m|C = c] * \Pr[C = c] = \Pr[M = m \wedge C = c] = \Pr[C = c|M = m] * \Pr[M = m] \implies$$

$$\implies \Pr[M = m] = \frac{\Pr[M=m|C=c]*\Pr[C=c]}{\Pr[C=c|M=m]}$$

However we still need to prove the claim:

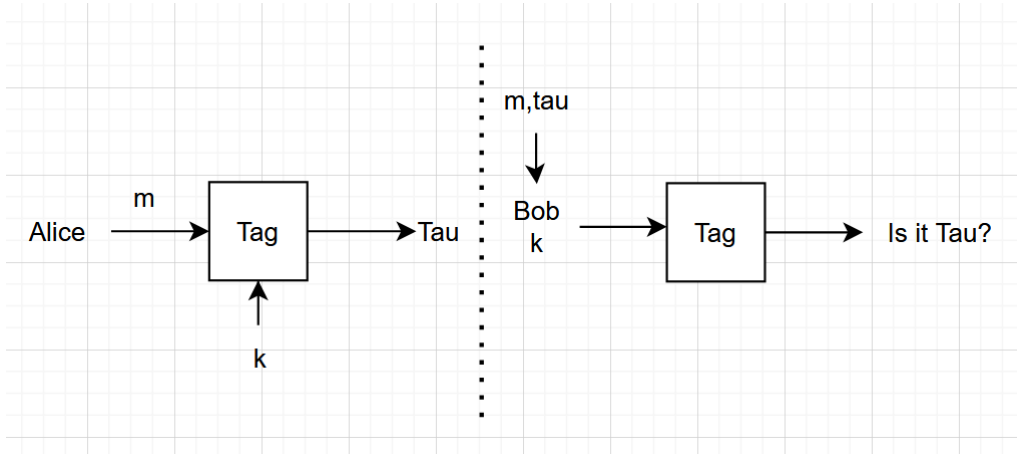
$$\Pr[C = c] = \sum_{m'} \Pr[C = c \wedge M = m'] = \sum_{m'} \Pr[C = c|M = m'] * \Pr[M = m'] =$$

$$\sum_{m'} \Pr[Enc(K, m') = c|M = m'] * \Pr[M = m'] = \sum_{m'} \Pr[Enc(K, m') = c] * \Pr[M = m']$$

$$\sum_{m'} \Pr[Enc(k, m) = c] * \Pr[M = m'] = \Pr[Enc(k, m) = c] * \sum_{m'} \Pr[M = m'] \Leftarrow 1$$

$$\Pr[Enc(k, m) = c] = \Pr[Enc(K, M) = c|M = m] \rightarrow \Pr[C = c|M = m]$$

## 1.6 Message Authentication Codes



In case it is  $\tau$  then we accept it, else no.

There is no need to prove correctness as  $\tau$  is deterministic, so if we had the same  $k$  and  $m$ , we should get the same  $\tau$

### Unforgeability

It should be hard to forge  $\tau'$  such on msg  $m'$  and it should be hard to produce  $(m, \tau)$  as long as  $m' \neq m$

**Definition 4. Statistical secure MAC** We say that  $\Pi = \text{Tag}$  has  $\epsilon$ -statistical security (unforgeability) if  $\forall m, m' \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $m \neq m' \forall \tau, \tau' \in \mathcal{T}$ :

$$\Pr[\text{Tag}(K, m') = \tau' \mid \text{Tag}(K, m) = \tau] \leq \epsilon$$

**TLDR:** Fix any  $m, m'$  with  $m' \neq m$  take  $\tau, \tau'$  on the condition that  $\tau$  is tag of  $m$  and given  $\tau'$ , it is always less than or equal to  $\epsilon$

Here  $\epsilon$  is a parameter e.g.  $2^{-80}$

**Exercise** Let us prove that it is impossible to get  $\epsilon = 0$

Because a random  $\tau' \in \mathcal{T}$  has probability  $\geq \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|}$  to be correct it is impossible.

Note that the definition is valid for One-Time!

We will show:

- The notion is Achievable
- It's inefficient, in fact:

**Theorem 2.** Any  $t$ -time  $2^{-\lambda}$  statistically secure Tag has a key of some  $(t+1)^*\lambda$

We will now show that any form of hash function with a particular property satisfies the definition.

**Definition 5. Pairwise independence** A family  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_k : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}\}_{k \in \mathcal{K}}$  is pairwise independent if:  $\forall m, m' \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $m \neq m'$  then:  $(h(K, m), h(K, m'))$  is uniform over  $\mathcal{T}^2 = \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$  for  $K$  uniform over  $\mathcal{K}$

**Theorem 3.** Any family  $\mathcal{H}$  of pairwise independent functions directly gives a  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|}$  - statistically secure MAC.

*Proof.* Fix any  $m \in \mathcal{M}, \tau \in \mathcal{T}$ :

$$\Pr[\text{Tag}(K, m) = \tau] =$$

$$Pr_k[h(K, m) = \tau] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \text{ by pairwise independence}$$

Similiarly, for any  $m, m'$  s.t.  $m \neq m', \tau, \tau' \in \mathcal{T}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Pr_k[Tag(K, m) = \tau \wedge Tag(K, m') = \tau'] &= \\ Pr_k[h(K, m) = \tau \wedge h(K, m') = \tau'] &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|^2} \end{aligned}$$

By Bayes:

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[Tag(K, m') = \tau' | Tag(K, m) = \tau] &= \\ \frac{Pr[h(K, m') = \tau' \wedge h(K, m) = \tau]}{Pr[h(K, m) = \tau]} &= \\ \frac{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|^2}}{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|}} &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we need to instantiate it, here is a construction, Let  $p$  be a prime:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{a,b}(m) &= am + b \pmod{p} \\ k = (a, b) &\in \mathbb{Z}_p^2 = \mathcal{K} \\ \mathbb{Z}_p &= \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{T} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.** *The above  $\mathcal{H}$  is pairwise independant.*

*Proof.* For all  $m, m' \in \mathbb{Z}_p, \tau, \tau' \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $m \neq m'$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2} [h_{a,b}(m) = \tau \wedge h_{a,b}(m') = \tau'] &= \\ \Pr_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} m & 1 \\ m' & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ \tau' \end{pmatrix} \right] &= \\ \Pr_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m & 1 \\ m' & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ \tau' \end{pmatrix} \right] &= \\ \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|^2} \end{aligned}$$

□

## 1.7 Randomness Extraction

Alice and Bob need a **random** key, how can they generate it?

Randomness is crucial for crypto, and two components are necessary in any RNG (e.g. Fortuna, /dev/rand):

- Randomness extraction: By measuring physical quantities we can get an **unpredictable** sequence of bits (Not necessarily uniform or for cheap!)  
From this we extract a **random**  $Y$  which is short (e.g. 256 bits)
- Expand it to any amount (polynomial) using a pseudorandom generator (PRG) - but this requires computational assumptions.

We want to understand how to extract from an unpredictable source  $X$ .

**Example Von Neumann Extractor** Assume  $B \in \{0, 1\}$  s.t.  $\Pr[B = 0] = p < \frac{1}{2}$ .

- Sample  $b_1 \in B, b_2 \in B$
- if  $b_1 = b_2$  then Resample
- Else output 1  $\iff b_1 = 0, b_2 = 1$ , or 0 if  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 0$

Assuming it outputs something, this will be s.t.

$$\Pr[\text{Output } 0] = \Pr[\text{Output } 1] = p * (1 - p)$$

$$\Pr[\text{No output after } N \text{ tries}] = (1 - 2p(1 - p))^N \text{ which becomes small for large enough } N$$

We want to generalize this question, ideally we want to design a function  $\text{Ext}$  that takes a random variable  $X$  and outputs an uniform  $\text{Ext}(X)$ , but this is impossible as the source must be unpredictable and  $\text{Ext}$  is deterministic

**Definition 6** (Min-Entropy). *The min-entropy of  $X$  is:  $H_\infty = -\log_2 \max \Pr[X = x]$*

**Example:** Let  $X \equiv U_m$  Uniform over  $\{0, 1\}^N$ .  $H_\infty(X) = N$

If  $X$  is a constant we have  $H_\infty(X) = 0$

Here's the next best thing:

Design  $\text{Ext}$  that extracts UNIFORM  $Y = \text{Ext}(X)$  for every  $X$  s.t.  $H_\infty(X) \geq k$

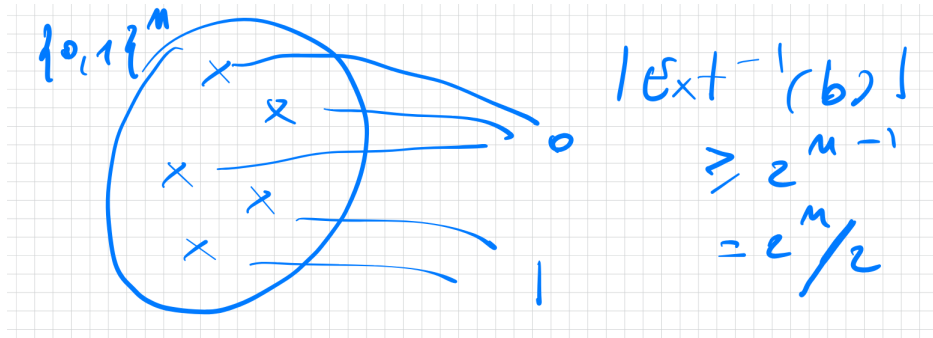
But this is also impossible, even if

$$\text{Ext}(X) = b \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$k = n - 1$$

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

And here's why: fix any  $\text{Ext}: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  and let  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  be the output of maximizing  $|\text{Ext}^{-1}(b)|$



The bad  $X$ : Define  $X$  to be Uniform over  $\text{Ext}^{-1}(b)$ . Since it is uniform:  $H_\infty(X) \geq n - 1$  but  $\text{Ext}(X) = b$  so not uniform.

Solution: Swap the quantifiers.

**Definition 7** (Seeded Extractor). *A function  $\text{Ext} : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is a  $(k, \epsilon)$ -seeded extractor if for every  $X$  over s.t.  $H_\infty(X) \geq k$ :*

$$(S, \text{Ext}(S, X)) \approx_\epsilon (S, U_e)$$

for  $S \equiv U_d$  (uniform over  $\{0, 1\}^d$ ). (Note that  $(S, U_e) \equiv U_{d+\epsilon}$ ).

What does this mean? There is a standard way to measure distance between distributions:

$$Z \equiv_{\epsilon} Z' \iff SD(Z, Z') \leq \epsilon$$

$$SD(Z, Z') = \frac{1}{2} \sum_z |Pr[Z = z] - Pr[Z' = z]|$$

This is equivalent:  $\forall$  Unbounded adversary A:

$$|Pr[A(z) = 1 : z \in Z] - Pr[A(z) = 1 : z \in Z']| \leq \epsilon$$

**Theorem 4** (Leftover Hash Lemma). *Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_s : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^l\}_{s \in \{0, 1\}^d}$  be a family of pairwise independent hash functions. Then  $Ext(x, s) = h_s(x)$  is a  $(k, \epsilon)$ -seeded extractor for  $k \geq l + 2 \log_2(\frac{1}{\epsilon}) - 2$ .*

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $Y$  be a RV over  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Such that:*

$$Col(Y) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} Pr[Y = y]^2 \leq \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} * (1 + 4\epsilon^2)$$

Then,  $SD(Y, U) \leq \epsilon$

*Proof.*

$$SD(Y, U) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} |Pr[Y = y] - Pr[U = y]|$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} |Pr[Y = y] - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|}|$$

$$\text{Let } q_y = Pr[Y = y] - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|}$$

$$\text{Let } s_y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q_y \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Hence } SD(Y, U) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} s_y q_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \langle s, q \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\langle \vec{q}, \vec{q} \rangle * \langle \vec{s}, \vec{s} \rangle} \text{ by Cauchy-Schwarz} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q_y^2 * |\mathcal{Y}|} \end{aligned}$$

Now, We analyze the term  $\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q_y^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} q_y^2 &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} (Pr[Y = y] - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|})^2 = \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} Pr[Y = y]^2 + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|^2} - 2 \frac{Pr[Y = y]}{|\mathcal{Y}|} = \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} Pr[Y = y]^2}_{Col(Y)} + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} - 2 \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} = \\ &= Col(Y) - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} \leq \frac{4\epsilon^2}{|\mathcal{Y}|} \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$SD(Y, U) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4\epsilon^2}{|\mathcal{Y}|} * |\mathcal{Y}|} = \epsilon$$

□



Next we apply the lemma to prove the Leftover Hash Lemma:

*Proof.*

$$Y = (S, \text{Ext}(X, S)) = (S, h(S, X))$$

and compute  $\text{Col}(Y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Col}(Y) &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \Pr[Y = y]^2 = \Pr[Y = Y'] \\ &= \Pr[S = S' \wedge h(S, X) = h(S', X')] \\ &= \Pr[S = S' \wedge h(S, X) = h(S, X')] \\ &= \Pr[S = S'] * \Pr[h(S, X) = h(S, X')] \\ &= \frac{1}{2^d} * \Pr[h(S, X) = h(S, X')] \\ &= \frac{1}{2^d} * (\Pr[X = X'] + \Pr[h(S, X) = h(S, X') \wedge X \neq X']) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^d} * \left(\frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^l}\right) \text{ by pairwise independence and } H_\infty(X) \geq k \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{d+l}}(1 + 2^{l-k}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{d+l}}(2^{2-2\log_2(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|} * (1 + 4\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

□

## 2 Computational Security

We know that without any assumptions we can do Symmetric crypto and randomness generation, with some strong limitations.

- Privacy:  $|msg| = |key|$  and one-time use
- Integrity: same as above.
- Randomness We can't extract more than  $k$  from  $p_y k$

We want to overcome all these limitations. We'll do so off of the base of some assumptions

- Adversary is Computationally Bounded
- Hard Problems exist

We will make conditional statements:

**Theorem 5.** *If Problem  $X$  is hard (against efficient solvers), Then cryptosystem  $\Pi$  is secure (against efficient adversaries)*

Consequence: if  $\Pi$  is insecure,  $\exists$  efficient solver for  $X$ !

Depending on what  $X$  is, the above could be **Groundbreaking**.

**Examples:**

$X = "P \neq NP"$   $X = "Factoring is hard"$

$X = "Discrete Log is hard"$

We are not able to just assume  $P \neq NP$ , we need a stronger assumption: **One-Way Functions:**  
These are functions that are easy to compute but hard to invert.

Clearly  $\text{OWF} \implies P \neq NP$ , why?

Because if  $P = NP$ , OWF do not exist as checking if  $f(x) = y$  is efficient and this it's in  $NP=P$ . We cannot exclude that  $P \neq NP$  but still, OWF do not exist.

To better demonstrate this, we can refer to the following worlds created by Russel Impagliazzo:

- Algorithmica:  $P=NP$
- Heuristica:  $P \neq NP$  but no "average-hard" problems
- Pessiland:  $P \neq NP$  and "average-hard" problems exist, but no OWF
- Minicrypt: OWFs exist
- Cryptomania: OWF exist + Public-key crypto exist

First we must start by fixing a model of computation: Turing Machines  
efficient computation = polynomial time TMs.

Let's be generous: Adversaries can use any amount (polynomial) of randomness: Probabilistic Polynomial Time (PPT) TMs.

In what comes next we could define two approaches:

- **Concrete Security** Security holds w.r.t.  $t$ -time TMs except w.p.  $\leq \epsilon$  (e.g.  $t = 2^{20}$  steps,  $\epsilon = 2^{-80}$ )
- **Asymptotic Security** Let  $\lambda$  be a security parameter. Adversaries are  $\text{poly}(\lambda)$ -time PPT TMs ( $\epsilon = \text{negligible} = \text{negl}(\lambda)$ )

**Definition 8** (Negligible).  $\epsilon : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is negligible if  $\forall p(\lambda) = \text{poly}(\lambda) \exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall \lambda > \lambda_0 : \epsilon(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{p(\lambda)}$

(In other words,  $\epsilon(\lambda) \leq O(\frac{1}{p(\lambda)}) \forall p(\lambda) = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ )

## 2.1 Pseudorandomness

This is our first step towards efficient symmetric crypto. Moreover, pseudorandomness is used in modern computers to simulate real randomness. We will see that OWF are enough for pseudorandomness.

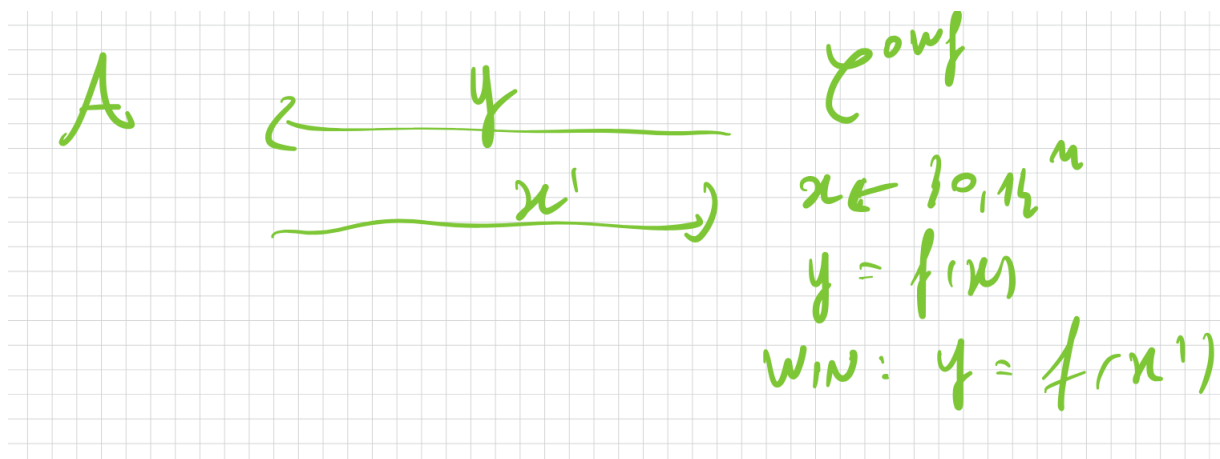
**Definition 9** (OWF). A function  $f : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  is One-Way, if:  $\forall \text{PPT } \mathcal{A}$ :

$$\Pr_{x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n} [f(x') = y : y = f(x); x' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(y)] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

Informally, it goes to zero faster than any inverse of a polynomial function.

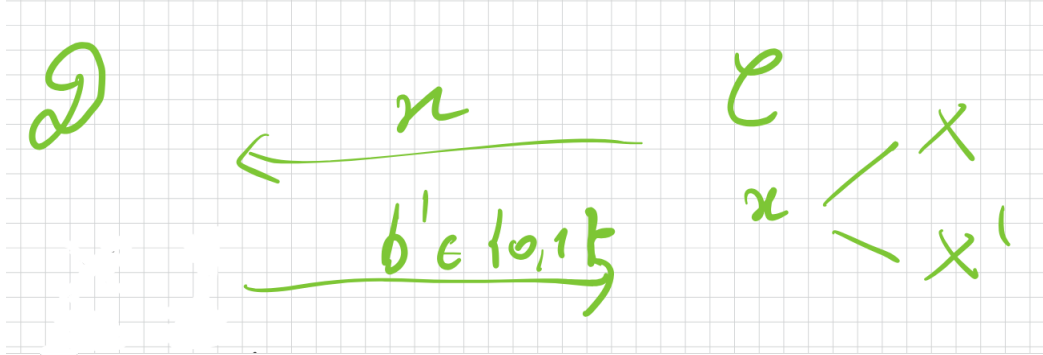
Example of  $\text{negl}(n)$  is  $2^{-n}$

An alternative way to think about it:



**Definition 10** (Pseudorandomness). Pseudorandomness is a sequence of bits that are not random, but look random. We capture this requirement using **Indistinguishability (computational)**. We have already seen something like this in SD. Given  $X, X'$  RVs over some domain,  $SD(X, X') \leq \epsilon$  is equivalent to:  $\forall \mathcal{D}$  (adversary):

$$|Pr[\mathcal{D}(x) = 1 : x \leftarrow X] - Pr[\mathcal{D}(y) = 1 : y \leftarrow X']| \leq \epsilon$$



**Definition 11.**  $X (X_n), Y (Y_n)$  are computationally indistinguishable ( $X \approx_c Y$ ) if  $\forall PPT \mathcal{D}$ :

$$|Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z \leftarrow X_n] - Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z' \leftarrow Y_n]| \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

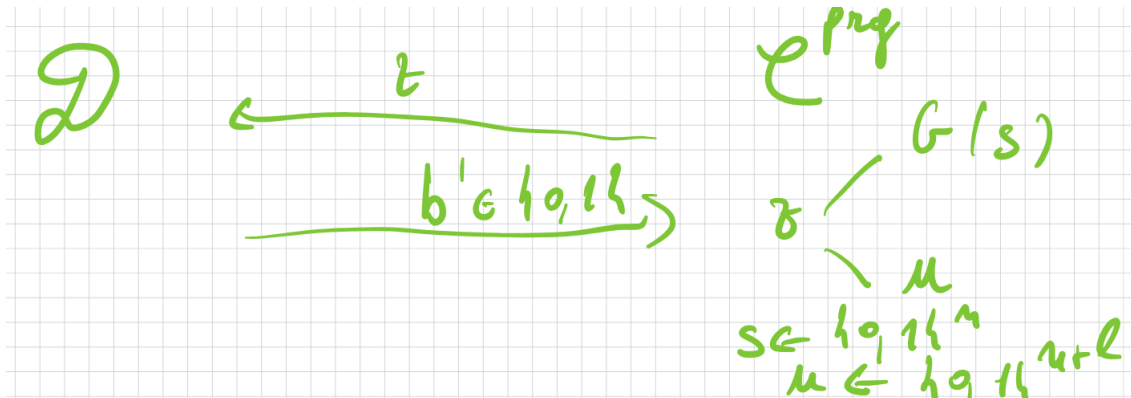
With this we can define pseudorandomness:

**Definition 12** (Pseudorandom Generator (PRG)). A function  $G : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n+l}$  with  $l \geq 1$  (The Stretch) is secure if:

$$G(U_n) \approx_c U_{n+l}$$

$$U_n \equiv \text{uniform over } \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$U_{n+l} \equiv \text{uniform over } \{0, 1\}^{n+l}$$



Let's understand how to build PRGs:

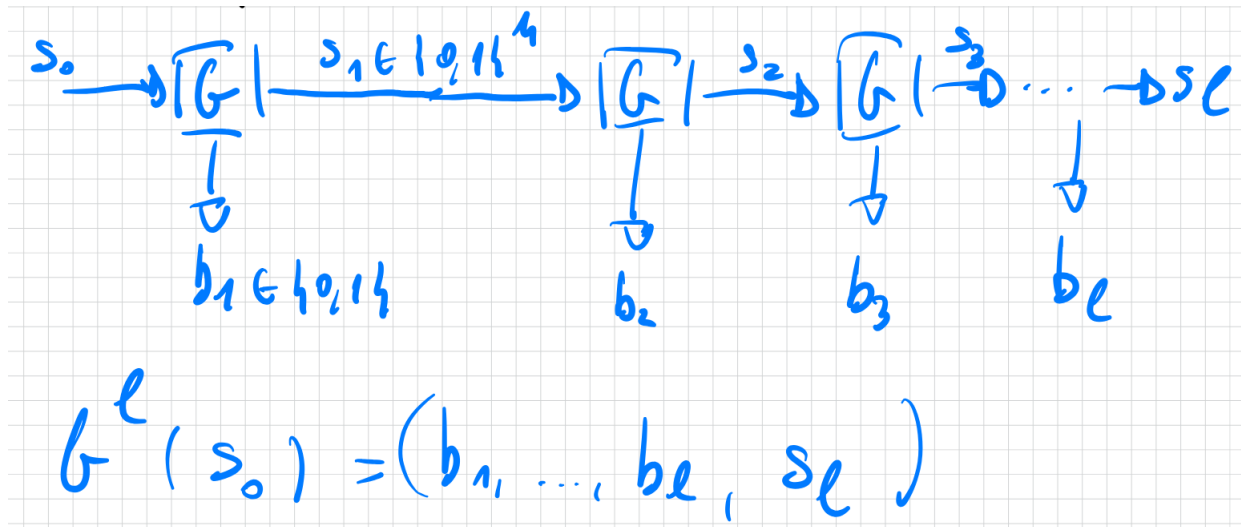
- Use a randomness extractor to get a uniform seed  $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$ .
- Define a simple PRG  $G : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n+1}$  with minimal stretch  $l = 1$ .
- Use  $G$  to stretch any  $l(n) = \text{poly}(n)$ .

Theory vs Practice:

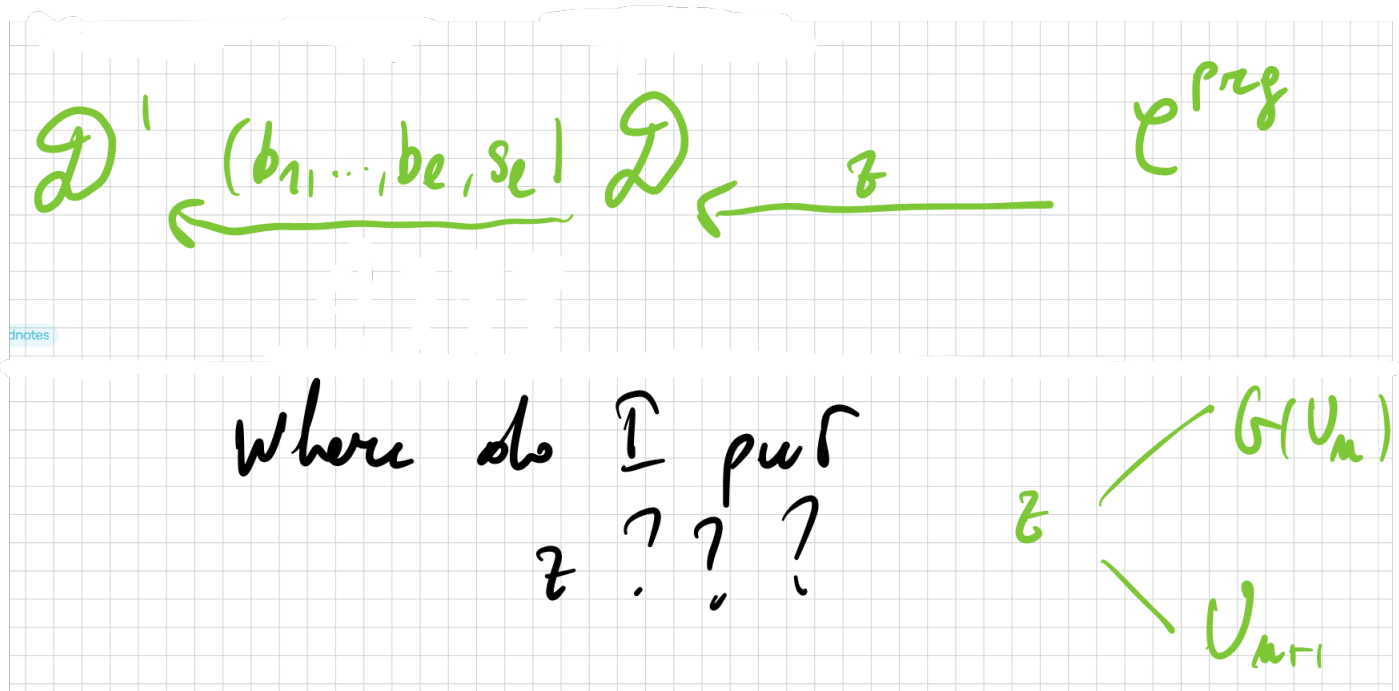
- Randomness extraction is what we already studied. But in practice it is done using Hash Functions.
- Theoretical  $G$  can be obtained from any OWF. Practical  $G$  is Heuristic

- Stretch is the same
- In practice the seed is refreshed periodically collecting new entropy

**Theorem 6.** If there exists a PRG  $G : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n+1}$ , then there exists a PRG  $G^l : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n+l}$  for any  $l(n) = \text{poly}(n)$



*Proof.* Assume  $G^l$  not secure,  $\exists$  PPT  $\mathcal{D}^l$  that can distinguish  $G^l(U_n)$  from  $U_{n+l}$  with probability  $\geq \frac{1}{p(n)}$  for some polynomial. We want to build PPT  $\mathcal{D}$  that can distinguish  $G(U_n)$  from  $U_{n+1}$  with probability  $\frac{1}{p(n)}$ . ( $\mathcal{D}$  is called a reduction)



## Hybrid argument

$$H_0(n) \equiv G^n(U_m)$$

$$b_1, \dots, b_l \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l$$

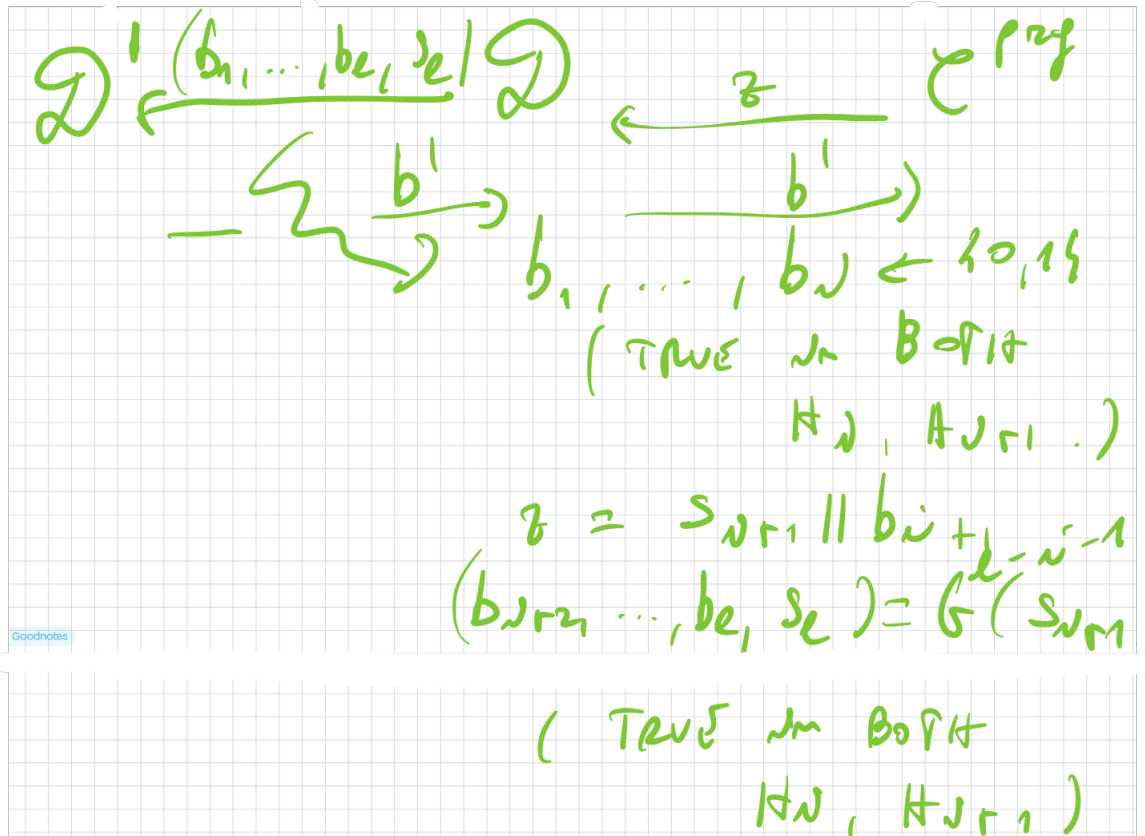
$$H_i(M) \equiv \begin{cases} b_1, \dots, b_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ s_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n \\ (b_{i+1}, \dots, b_\ell, s_\ell) = G(s_i) \end{cases}$$

$$H_\ell(n) \equiv U_{\ell+m}$$

□

**Lemma 4.**  $\forall i : H_i \approx_c H_{i+1}$ .

*Proof.* By reduction (as before):



By the above observations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z = G(s); s \in \{0, 1\}^n] \\ &= \Pr[\mathcal{D}'(b_1, \dots, b_\ell, s_{ell}) = 1 : (b_1, \dots, b_\ell, s_{ell}) \in H_i(n)] \\ \Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z \leftarrow U_{n+1}] &= \Pr[\mathcal{D}'(b_1, \dots, b_\ell, s_{ell}) = 1 : (b_1, \dots, b_\ell, s_{ell}) \in H_{n+1}(n)] \implies \\ & |\Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z = G(U_n)] - \Pr[\mathcal{D}(z) = 1 : z \in U_n + 1]| \geq \frac{1}{p'(n)}. \\ & \implies H_i \approx_c H_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

□