

1 An important property of XOR

Y is a random variable over $\{0, 1\}^n$, X is an independent uniform variable over $\{0, 1\}^n$. Then $Z := X \oplus Y$ is a uniform variable over $\{0, 1\}^n$.

2 Symmetric ciphers: definition

A cipher defined over (K, M, C) is a pair of "efficient" algorithms (E, D) where $E : K \times M \rightarrow C, D : C \rightarrow M$ s.t. $\forall m \in M, D(k, E(k, m)) = m$.

3 Information theoretic security

A cipher (E, D) over (K, M, C) has perfect secrecy if $\forall m_0, m_1 \in M, (|m_0| = |m_1|)$, and $\forall c \in C, Pr[E(k, m_0) = c] = Pr[E(k, m_1) = c]$ where $k \leftarrow \text{rand } K$.