

Introduction to Cryptography and Information Security

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Chapter 12: Message Authentication Codes

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Message Authentication

① Hash function

② Message Encryption

Ex. $\{0,1\}^n$ $H: r \times n$ matrix.

$M = \{m \in \{0,1\}^n : Hm = 0\}$ Error-correcting codes

③ Message Authentication code (MAC)

Assume that two parties A & B share a common secret key k .

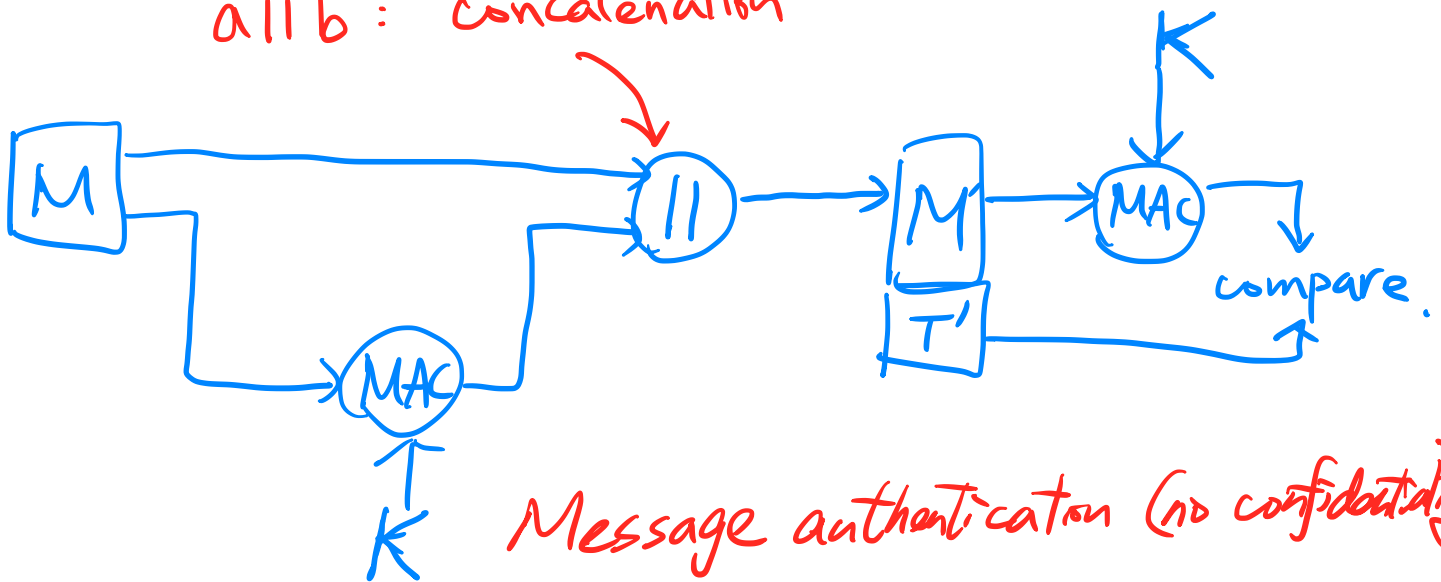
$$T = \text{MAC}(k, M)$$

where MAC : many-to-one function

M is message (variable length)

T : tag. (fixed length)

all b: concatenation



Message authentication (no confidentiality)

Symmetric
Encryption

k -bit key

$\Rightarrow 2^k$ possibilities

MAC

k -bit key

n -bit tag (MAC)

$(k > n)$.

$\sim 2^k / 2^n$ keys will generate
a match. from a
given message/tag pair.

\Rightarrow have to iterate the attack
on several **known** message/tag
pairs.

A & B share K .

A sends $x_1, \text{MAC}(k, x_1)$ to B

\vdots
 $x_n, \text{MAC}(k, x_n)$

Eve wants to construct $x \neq x_i, i=1, \dots, n$.

(doesn't know K) & $t = \text{MAC}(k, x)$.

(Attack)

Round 1.

Given x_1 , $t_1 = \text{MAC}(K, x_1)$

Compare t_1 with $\text{MAC}(K', x_1)$ for all
 $K' \in \{0,1\}^k$

$\approx 2^{k-n}$ matches

Round 2.

Given x_2 , $t_2 = \text{MAC}(K, x_2)$

Compare t_2 with $\text{MAC}(K'', x_2)$

for all K'' left in the previous round.

$\approx 2^{k-2n}$ matches

repeat $\approx \lceil k/n \rceil$ rounds

Ex. $k=80$, $n=32$. roughly three rounds
are required.

Requirements.

1. Given x_i & $\text{MAC}(K, x_i)$, it is computationally infeasible to find $x \neq x_i \rightarrow \text{MAC}(K, x) = \text{MAC}(K, x_i)$
2. $\text{MAC}(K, x)$ should be uniformly distributed in x . That is $\Pr(\text{MAC}(K, x) = \text{MAC}(K, x')) = 2^{-n}$

HMAC: MAC based on hash functions.

1. to use available hash functions without modification
2. easy replaceability of the embedded hash function
3. preserve the original performances of hash functions
4. well-understood cryptanalysis

H : embedded hash function

M = message input

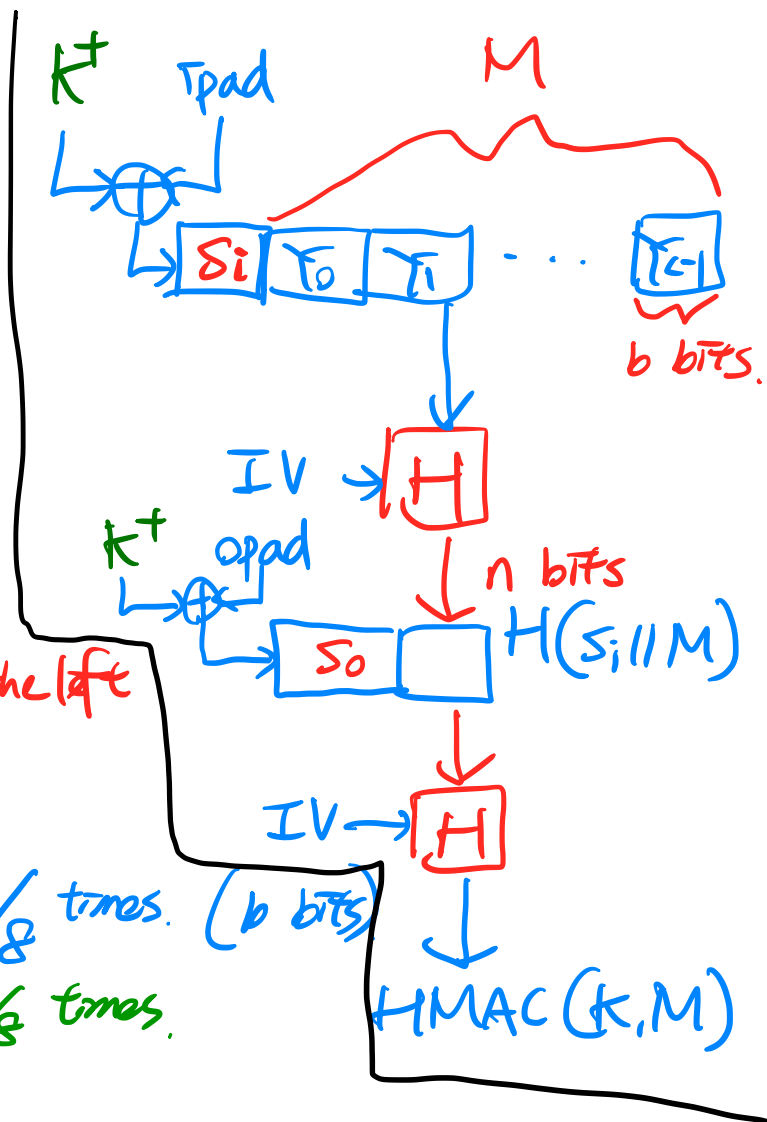
$$= Y_0 || Y_1 || \dots || Y_{L-1}$$

where Y_i of b bits

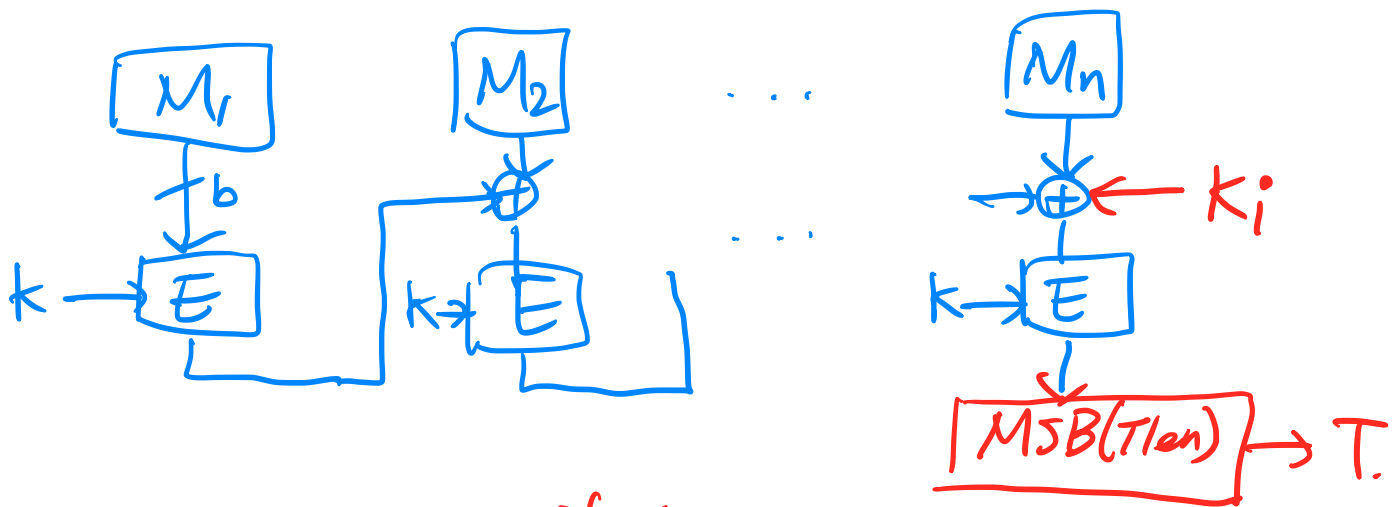
K = secret key of length $\geq n$

K^+ : K padded with zeros on the left to b -bit long.

$Ipad = \underbrace{00110110}_3 \text{ repeated } b/8 \text{ times. } (b \text{ bits})$
 $Opad = \underbrace{01011100}_6 \text{ repeated } b/8 \text{ times.}$



Cipher-based MAC (CMAC)



$Tlen$: length of tag

$$L = E(k, 0^b)$$

$$K_i = \begin{cases} L \cdot x^{00\dots010} & \text{if Message length is integer multiple of } b. \\ L \cdot x^{00\dots0100} & \text{otherwise, with } Mn \text{ zero-padded.} \end{cases}$$

$\underbrace{00\dots0}_{b \text{ times}}$

multiplication in $\mathbb{GF}(2^b)$

PRNG based on Hash functions & MACs.

