Introduction

Course Overview

Welcome

Course objectives:

- Learn how crypto primitives work
- Learn how to use them correctly and reason about security

My recommendations:

- Take notes
- Pause video frequently to think about the material
- Answer the in-video questions

Cryptography is everywhere

Secure communication:

- web traffic: HTTPS
- wireless traffic: 802.11i WPA2 (and WEP), GSM, Bluetooth

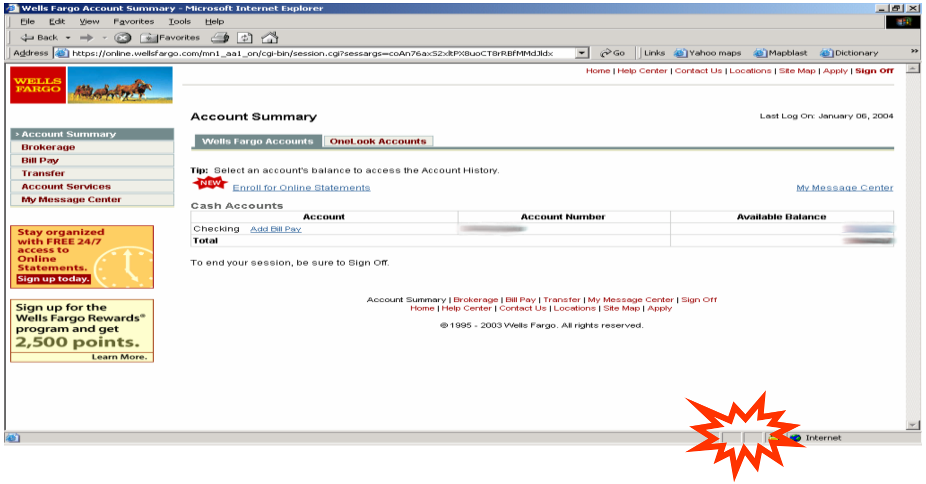
Encrypting files on disk: EFS, TrueCrypt

Content protection (e.g. DVD, Blu-ray): CSS, AACS

User authentication

… and much much more

Secure communication



HTTPS

no eavesdropping
no tampering

Secure Sockets Layer / TLS

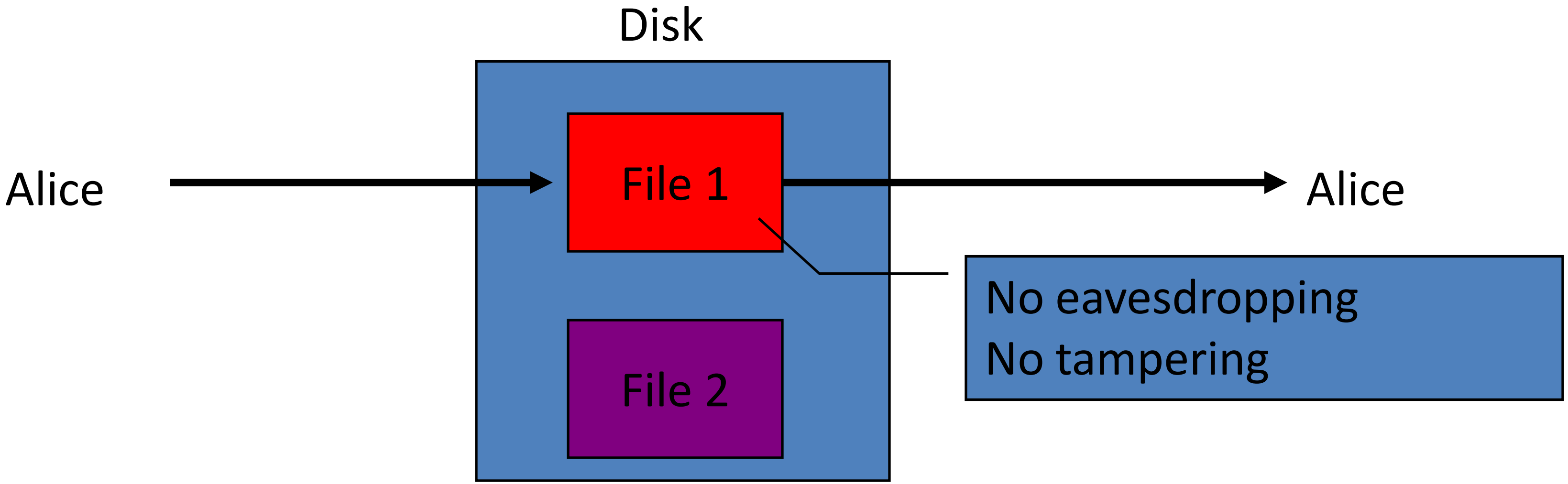
Two main parts

1. Handshake Protocol: **Establish shared secret key using public-key cryptography** (2nd part of course)

2. Record Layer: **Transmit data using shared secret key**

   Ensure confidentiality and integrity (1st part of course)

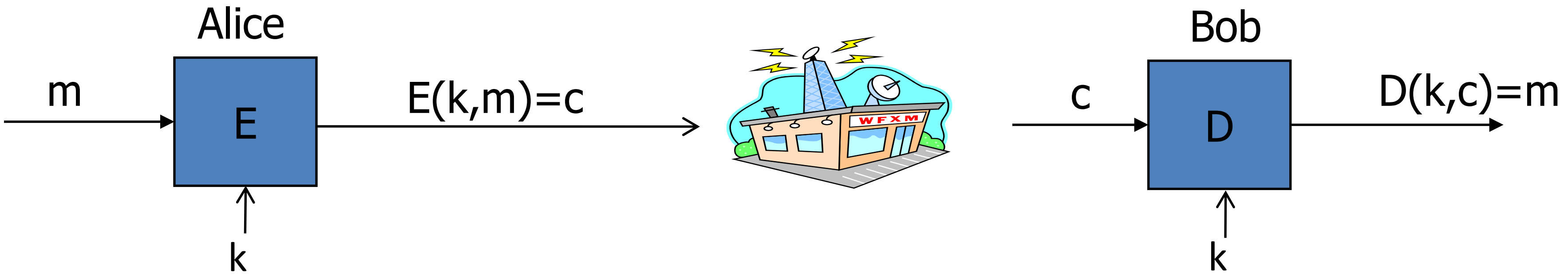
Protected files on disk



Analogous to secure communication:

Alice today sends a message to Alice tomorrow

Building block: sym. encryption



E, D: cipher   k: secret key (e.g. 128 bits)

m, c: plaintext, ciphertext

Encryption algorithm is publicly known

- Never use a proprietary cipher

Use Cases

Single use key: (one time key)

- Key is only used to encrypt one message
  - encrypted email: new key generated for every email

Multi use key: (many time key)

- Key used to encrypt multiple messages
  - encrypted files: same key used to encrypt many files
- Need more machinery than for one-time key

Things to remember

Cryptography is:

- A tremendous tool
- The basis for many security mechanisms

Cryptography is not:

- The solution to all security problems
- Reliable unless implemented and used properly
- Something you should try to invent yourself
  - many many examples of broken ad-hoc designs

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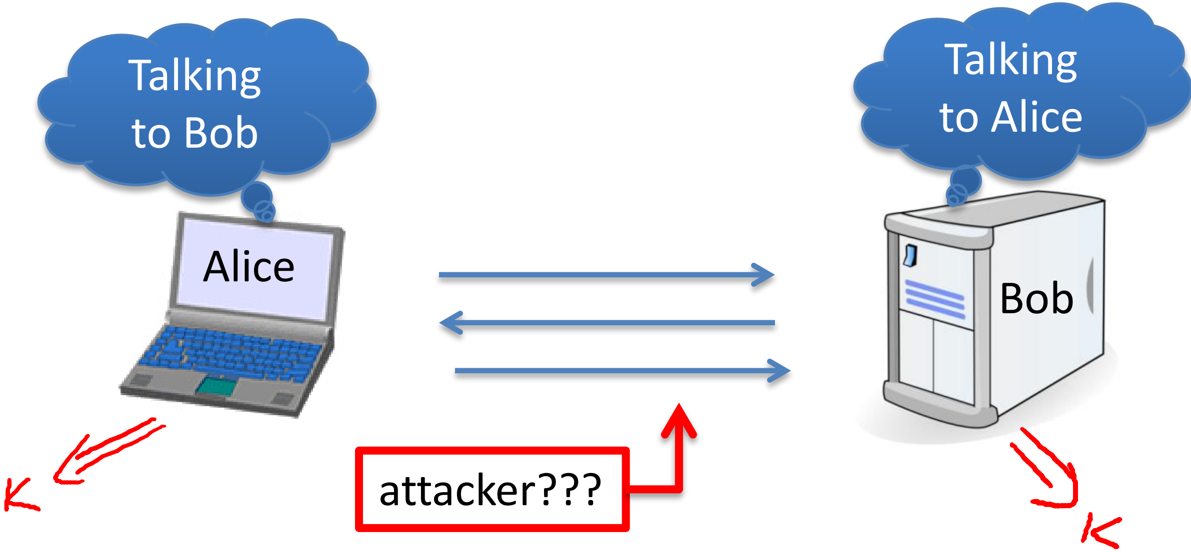
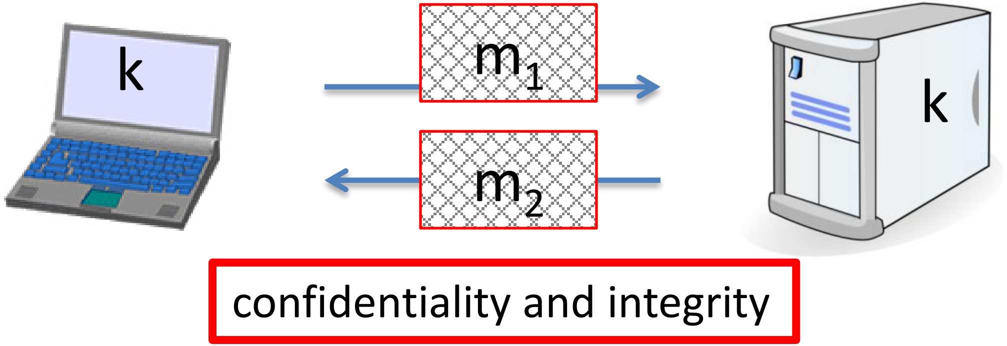
What is cryptography?

Crypto core

Secret key establishment:



Secure communication:



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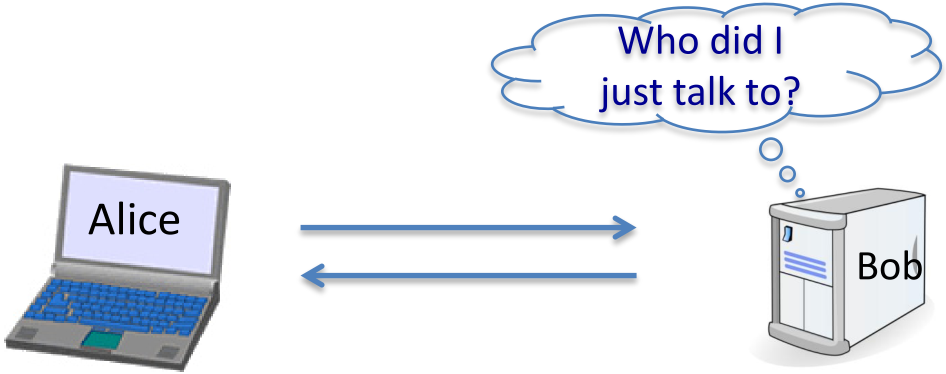
- Anonymous communication



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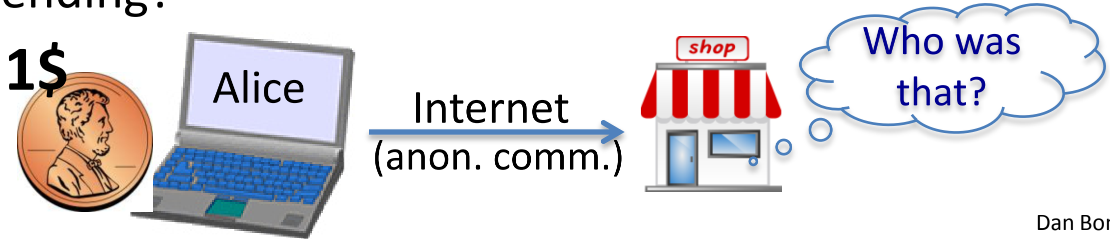
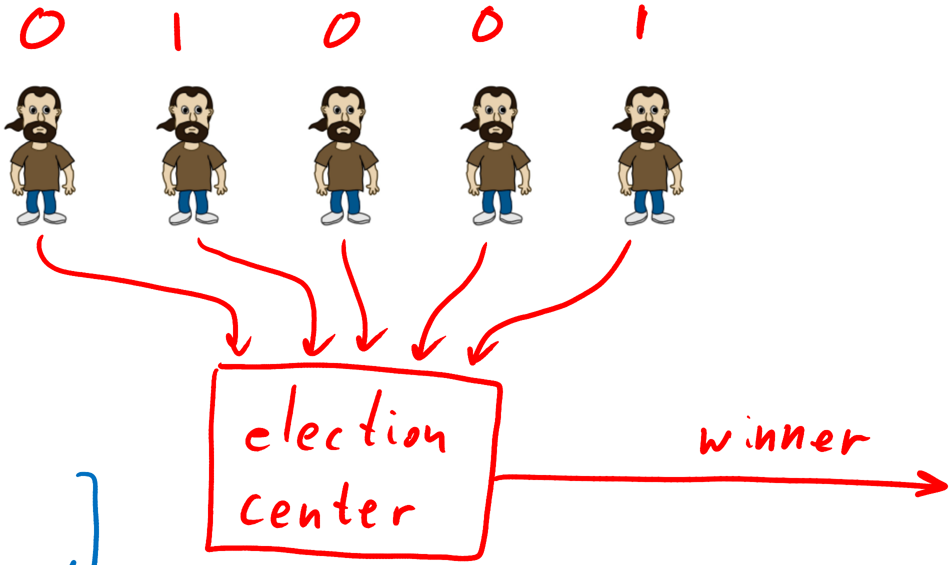
- Anonymous **digital** cash
  - Can I spend a “digital coin” without anyone knowing who I am?
  - How to prevent double spending?



Protocols

- Elections
- Private auctions



winner = MAJ[votes]

auction winner = [highest bidder, pays 2nd highest bid]

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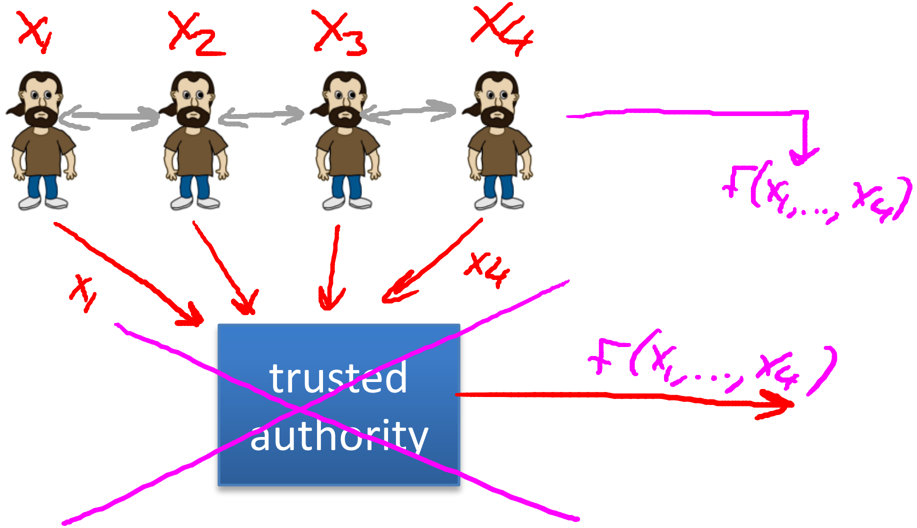


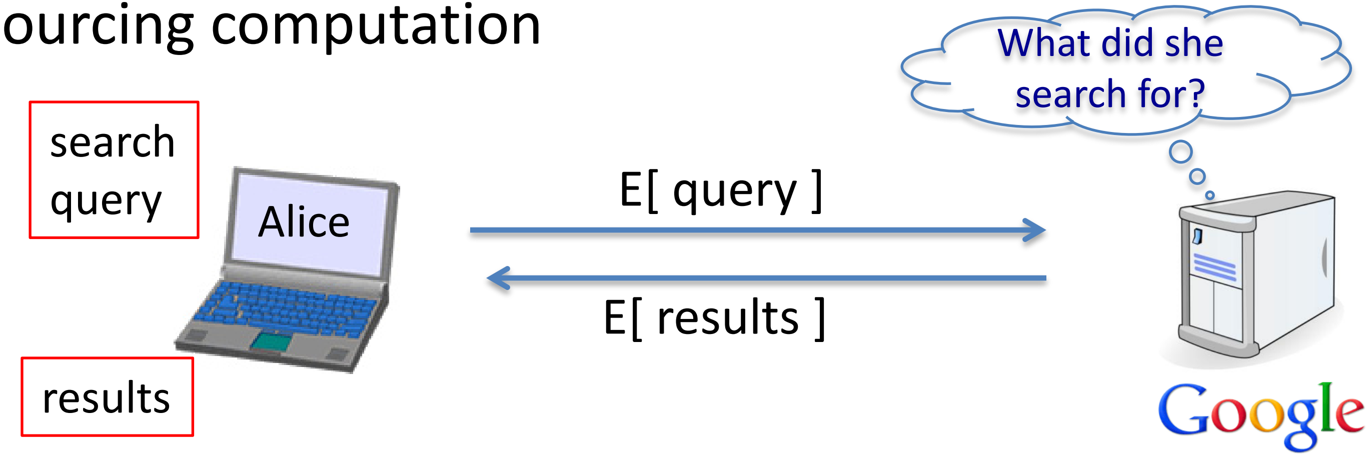
Goal: compute $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$

"Thm:" anything the can done with trusted auth. can also be done without

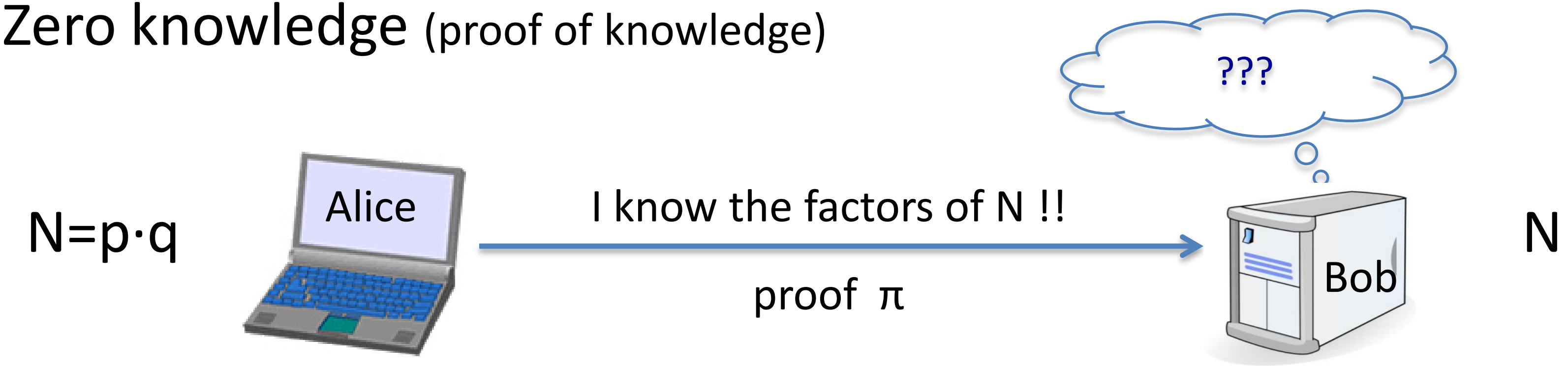
- Secure multi-party computation

Crypto magic

- Privately outsourcing computation



- Zero knowledge (proof of knowledge)



A rigorous science

The three steps in cryptography:

- Precisely specify threat model
- Propose a construction
- Prove that breaking construction under threat mode will solve an underlying hard problem

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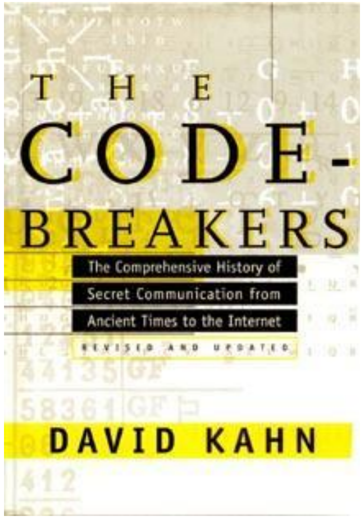
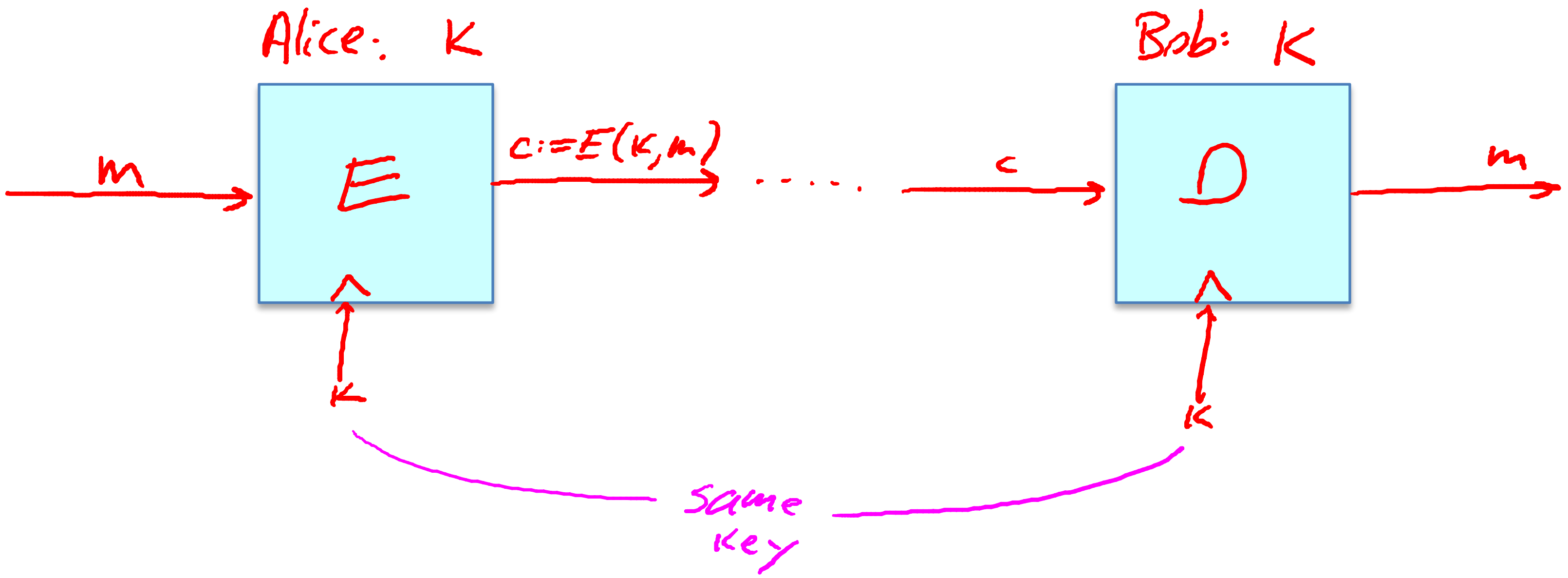
David Kahn, "The code breakers" (1996)



Symmetric Ciphers



Few Historic Examples (all badly broken)

1. Substitution cipher

$c := E(k, \text{"bcza"}) = \text{"wnac"}$

$D(k, c) = \text{"bcza"}$

k :=

$a \to c$
$b \to w$
$c \to n$
$\vdots$
$z \to a$

Caesar Cipher (no key)

shift by 3 :

$a \to d$
$b \to e$
$c \to f$
$\vdots$
$y \to b$
$z \to c$

What is the size of key space in the substitution cipher assuming 26 letters?

$|\mathcal{K}| = 26$

$|\mathcal{K}| = 26!$ (26 factorial) $\Longleftarrow$

$26! \approx 2^{88}$

$|\mathcal{K}| = 2^{26}$

$|\mathcal{K}| = 26^2$

How to break a substitution cipher?

What is the most common letter in English text?

“X”

“L”

“E”

“H”

How to break a substitution cipher?

(1) Use frequency of English letters

"e": 12.7%, "t": 9.1%, "a": 8.1%

(2) Use frequency of pairs of letters (digrams)

"he", "an", "in", "th"

$\Rightarrow$ CT only attack!!

An Example

UKBYBIPOUZBCUFEEBORUKBYBHOBBRFESPVKBWFOFERVNBCVBZPRUBOFERVNBCVBPCYYFVUFO
FEIKNWFRFIKJNUPWRFIPOUNVNIPUBRNCUKBEFWWFDNCHXCYBOHOPYXPUBNCUBOYNRVNIWN
CPOJIOFHOPZRVFZIXUBORJRUBZRBCHNCBBONCHRJZSFWNVRJRUBZRPCYZPUKBZPUNVPWPCYVF
ZIXUPUNFCPWRVNBCVBRPYYNUNFCPWWJUKBYBIPOUZBCUIPOUNVNIPUBRNCHOPYXPUBNCUB
OYNRVNIWNCPOJIOFHOPZRNCRVNBCUNENVVFZIXUNCHPCYVFZIXUPUNFCPWZPUKBZPUNVR

B	**36**	→ E
N	**34**	
U	**33**	→ T
P	**32**	→ A
C	**26**	

NC	**11**	→ IN
PU	**10**	→ AT
UB	**10**	
UN	**9**	

digrams

UKB	**6**	→ THE
RVN	**6**	
FZI	**4**	

trigrams

2. Vigener cipher (16'th century, Rome)

k = $\boxed{\texttt{C R Y P T O}}$ C R Y P T O C R Y P T

(+ mod 26)

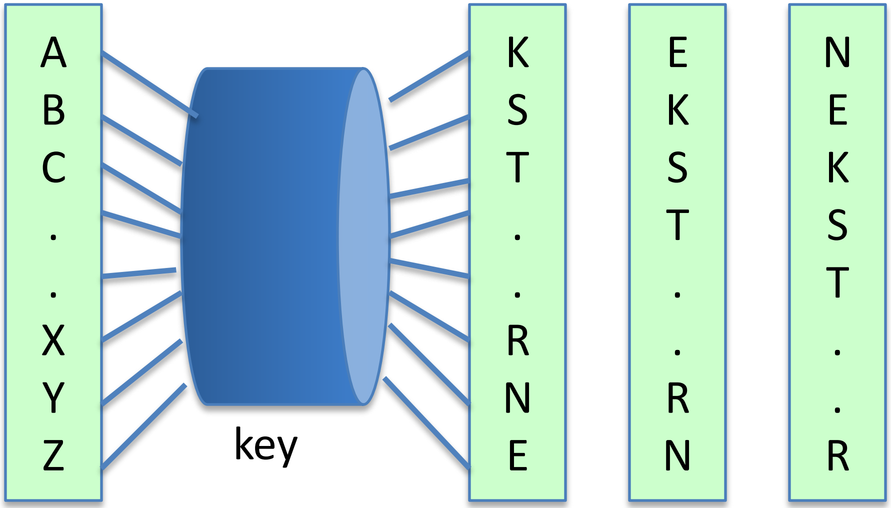
m = W H A T A N I C E D A Y T O D A Y

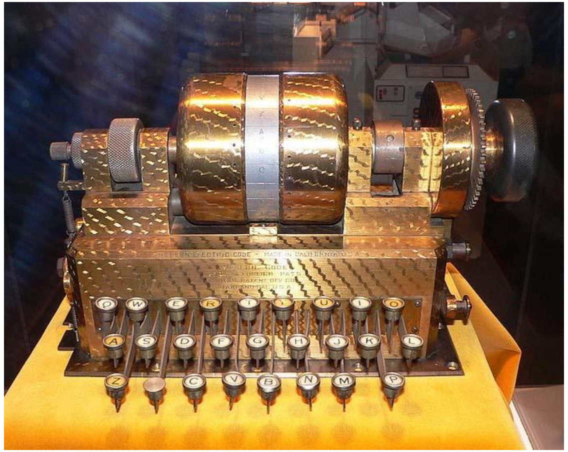
c = Z Z Z J U C L U D T U N W G C Q S

suppose most common = "H" ⟹ first letter of key = "H" – "E" = "C"

3. Rotor Machines (1870-1943)

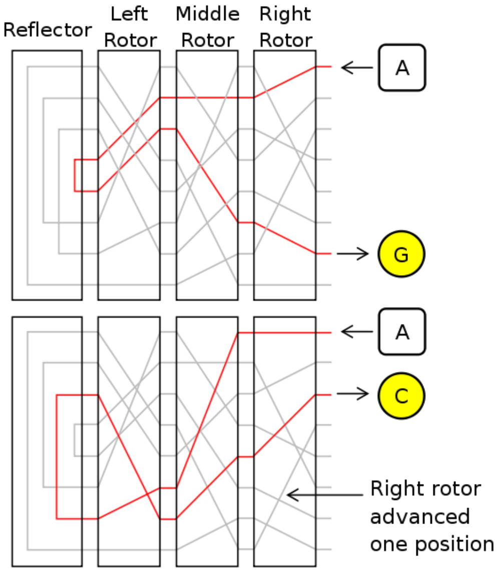
Early example: the Hebern machine (single rotor)





Rotor Machines (cont.)

Most famous: the Enigma (3-5 rotors)



keys = $26^4 = 2^{18}$ (actually 2^{36} due to plugboard)

4. Data Encryption Standard (1974)

DES: # keys = 2^{56} , block size = 64 bits

Today: AES (2001), Salsa20 (2008) (and many others)

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Discrete Probability (crash course)

U: finite set (e.g. $U = \{0,1\}^n$)

Def: **Probability distribution** P over U is a function $P: U \longrightarrow [0,1]$

such that $\sum_{x \in U} P(x) = 1$

Examples:

1. Uniform distribution: $\forall x \in U: \; P(x) = 1/|U|$
2. Point distribution at x_0: $P(x_0) = 1, \quad \forall x \neq x_0: \; P(x) = 0$

Distribution vector: $\big(\; P(000), P(001), P(010), \ldots, P(111) \; \big)$

Notation

- For a set $A \subseteq U$: $\Pr[A] = \sum_{x \in A} P(x) \in [0,1]$

- The set A is called an **event**

Example:

- $A = \{$ all x in $\{0,1\}^n$ such that $lsb_2(x)=11$ $\}$

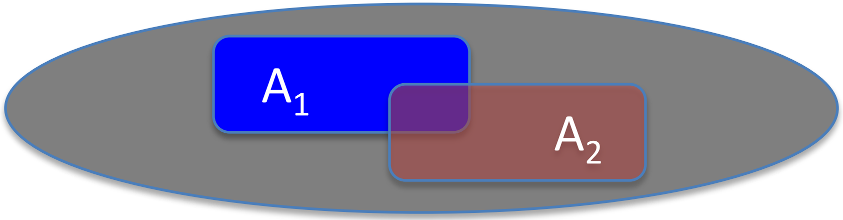
  for the uniform distribution on $\{0,1\}^n$: $\Pr[A] =$

The union bound

- For events A_1 and A_2

$$\Pr[A_1 \cup A_2] \leq \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2]$$

$A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow \Pr[A_1 \cup A_2] = \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2]$



Example:

$A_1 = \{$ all x in $\{0,1\}^n$ s.t $\text{lsb}_2(x)=11$ $\}$; $A_2 = \{$ all x in $\{0,1\}^n$ s.t. $\text{msb}_2(x)=11$ $\}$

$$\Pr[\,\text{lsb}_2(x)=11 \text{ or } \text{msb}_2(x)=11\,] = \Pr[A_1 \cup A_2] \leq \tfrac{1}{4}+\tfrac{1}{4} = \tfrac{1}{2}$$

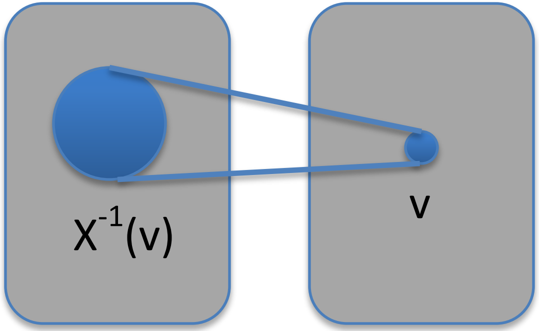
Random Variables

Def: a random variable X is a function $X: U \longrightarrow V$

Example: $X: \{0,1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0,1,\ldots,n\}$; $X(y) = \#1\text{'s}(y)$

Random variable X induces a distribution on V:

$$\Pr[X=v] := \Pr\left[X^{-1}(v)\right]$$



In the example, for $v \in \{0,1,\ldots,n\}$: $\Pr[X = v] =$

Randomized algorithms

- Deterministic algorithm: $y \longleftarrow A(x)$

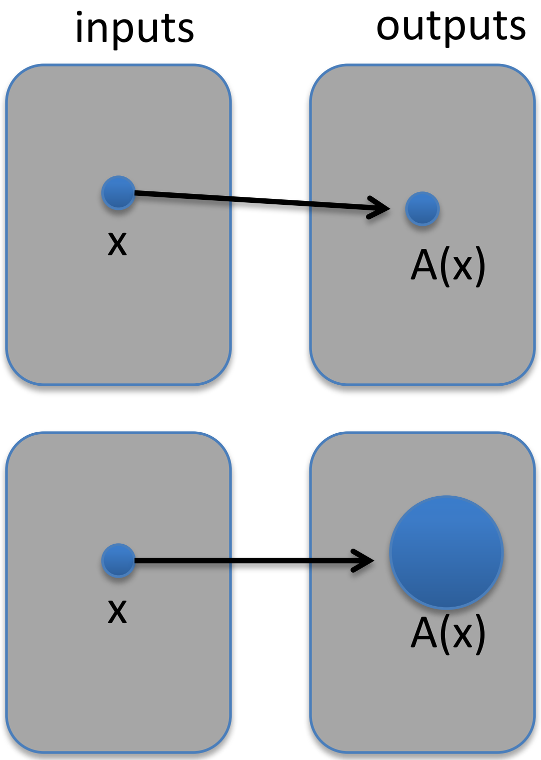
- Randomized algorithm $y \longleftarrow A(x\,;r)$

  output is a random variable

$$y \xleftarrow{R} A(x)$$

Example: $A(x\,;k) = E(k, x)$, $y \xleftarrow{R} A(x)$

$r \xleftarrow{R} \Omega$ denotes **uniform** rand. var. over Ω



Independence

Def: events A and B are **independent** if Pr[A and B] = Pr[A] · Pr[B]

random variables X,Y : U⟶V are independent if

$\forall a,b \in V$: Pr[X=a and Y=b] = Pr[X=a] · Pr[Y=b]

Thm: A a rand. var. over $\{0,1\}^n$, X an indep. uniform var. on $\{0,1\}^n$

Then $Y := A \oplus X$ is uniform var. on $\{0,1\}^n$

Proof: (for n=1)

Pr[Y=0] = $\frac{p_0}{2} + \frac{p_1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(p_0 + p_1) = \frac{1}{2}$

A	Pr
0	p_0
1	p_1

X	Pr
0	1/2
1	1/2

A	X	Pr
0	0	$p_0/2$
0	1	$p_0/2$
1	0	$p_1/2$
1	1	$p_1/2$

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