

Question 1.

Marks: 6.0

Consider the Vigenere cipher over the lowercase English alphabet, where the key can have length 1 or length 2, each with 0.5 probability. Let the distribution over plaintexts be $Pr[M = "aa"] = 0.4$ and $Pr[M = "ab"] = 0.6$. What is $Pr[M = "aa" | C = "bb"]$? You do not have to simplify the answer to decimal places, simplify as much as you can. Please answer with detailed steps.

Question 2.

Marks: 2.0

Prove or refute: An encryption scheme with message space \mathcal{M} is perfectly secret if and only if for every probability distribution over \mathcal{M} and every $c_0, c_1 \in \mathcal{C}$ we have $Pr[C = c_0] = Pr[C = c_1]$.

Question 3.

Marks: 2.0

Prove or refute: For every perfectly secret encryption scheme it holds that for every distribution on the message space \mathcal{M} , every $m, m' \in \mathcal{M}$, and every $c \in \mathcal{C}$:

$$Pr[M = m | C = c] = Pr[M = m' | C = c].$$