EECS 575: Advanced Cryptography Fall 2022 Lecture 2

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Announcements

- Homework/exam schedule is (tentatively) done:
 - HW1: put online 9/5, due 9/16

HW2: put online 9/16, due 9/30

Take-home exam #1: put online 10/3, due 10/10

HW3: put online 10/7, due 10/21

HW4: put online 10/21, due 11/4

HW5: put online 11/4, due 11/18

HW6: put online 11/16, due 11/28*

Take-home exam #2: put online 11/28, due 12/5

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Modelling Secure Communication

Eve

algorithm $E: \mathbf{C} \to *$

Alice

Bob

algorithm $A: M \rightarrow C$

algorithm $B: C \rightarrow M$

Desired functionality: for any m in M, B(A(m)) = m

Desired security?

Can just set E = B and learn any message. Hmm...

Fixing the Model

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Kerchoff's Law:

A cryptographic algorithm should be secure even if its description is public.

algorithm $B: C \rightarrow M$

What if the algorithm *B* was secret?

Security through obscurity

Symmetric-Key Encryption

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Enc: $K \times M \rightarrow C$

 $Dec: K \times C \rightarrow M$

Instead, allow both Enc and Dec to take a *key* k. K is generated by a randomized algorithm Gen

Desired functionality: for any m in M and k in K, Dec(k, Enc(k, m)) = m

Questions:

- In this model, how must |M| and |C| be related?
- Can we infer anything about |K| in relation to |M| or |C|?

Security of Symmetric-Key Encryption

What security properties might we want here?

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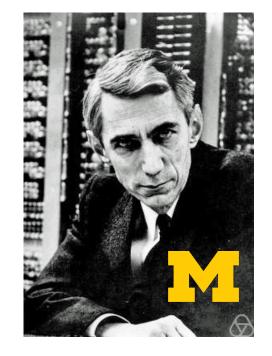
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Enc: $K \times M \rightarrow C$

 $\mathrm{Dec}: \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{M}$

Seeing the ciphertext should be no better than seeing *nothing at all*



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Shannon Secrecy

Definition 2.1 (Shannon secrecy). A symmetric-key encryption scheme (Gen, Enc, Dec) with message space \mathcal{M} and ciphertext space \mathcal{C} is *Shannon secret with respect to a probability distribution* D over \mathcal{M} if for all $\bar{m} \in \mathcal{M}$ and all $\bar{c} \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\Pr_{m \leftarrow D, \ k \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}}[m = \bar{m} \mid \mathsf{Enc}_k(m) = \bar{c}] = \Pr_{m \leftarrow D}[m = \bar{m}].$$

The scheme is *Shannon secret* if it is Shannon secret with respect to every distribution D over \mathcal{M} .

Rewriting Shannon Secrecy

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Perfect Secrecy

Definition 2.2 (Perfect secrecy). A symmetric-key encryption scheme (Gen, Enc, Dec) with message space \mathcal{M} and ciphertext space \mathcal{C} is *perfectly secret* if for all $m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$ and all $\bar{c} \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}}[\mathsf{Enc}_k(m_0) = \bar{c}] = \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}}[\mathsf{Enc}_k(m_1) = \bar{c}].$$

The One-Time Pad

Perfect Secrecy of the One-Time Pad

Theorem 2.4. The one-time pad is a perfectly secret symmetric-key encryption scheme.

Proof:

Questions to think about

If we replaced XOR with AND in the one-time pad, would it still be a valid encryption scheme? Would it be perfectly secret?