

# COS 433/Math 473: Cryptography

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# Announcements/Reminders

- HW1 due September 15
- PR1 due October 6

Previously on COS 433...

# Perfect Security for Multiple Messages

**Definition:** A stateless scheme **(Enc, Dec)** has **perfect secrecy for  $d$  messages** if, for any two sequences of messages  $(m_0^{(i)})_{i \in [d]}$ ,  $(m_1^{(i)})_{i \in [d]} \in M^d$

$$\left( \text{Enc}(K, m_0^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]} \stackrel{d}{=} \left( \text{Enc}(K, m_1^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]}$$

Notation:  $( f(i) )_{i \in [d]} = ( f(1), f(2), \dots, f(d) )$

# Randomized Encryption

## Syntax:

- Key space  $\mathbf{K}$  (usually  $\{0,1\}^\lambda$ )
- Message space  $\mathbf{M}$  (usually  $\{0,1\}^n$ )
- Ciphertext space  $\mathbf{C}$  (usually  $\{0,1\}^m$ )
- **Enc:**  $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  (potentially probabilistic)
- **Dec:**  $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  (usually deterministic)

## Correctness:

- For all  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{M}$ ,  
$$\Pr[ \text{Dec}(\mathbf{k}, \text{Enc}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m})) = \mathbf{m} ] = 1$$

**Theorem:** No stateless *randomized* encryption scheme can have perfect security for multiple messages

# Proof of Easy Case

Let **(Enc, Dec)** be stateless, deterministic

Let  $\mathbf{m}_0^{(0)} = \mathbf{m}_0^{(1)}$

Let  $\mathbf{m}_1^{(0)} \neq \mathbf{m}_1^{(1)}$

Consider distributions of encryptions:

- $( \mathbf{c}^{(0)} , \mathbf{c}^{(1)} ) = ( \mathbf{Enc}(K, \mathbf{m}_0^{(0)} ) , \mathbf{Enc}(K, \mathbf{m}_0^{(1)} ) )$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \mathbf{c}^{(1)}$  (by determinism)
- $( \mathbf{c}^{(0)} , \mathbf{c}^{(1)} ) = ( \mathbf{Enc}(K, \mathbf{m}_1^{(0)} ) , \mathbf{Enc}(K, \mathbf{m}_1^{(1)} ) )$   
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# Generalize to Randomized Encryption

$$(c^{(0)}, c^{(1)}) = (\text{Enc}(K, m), \text{Enc}(K, m))$$

$\Pr[c^{(0)} = c^{(1)}]$  ?

- Fix  $k$
- Conditioned on  $k$ , ciphertexts  $c^{(0)}$  and  $c^{(1)}$  are two independent samples from same distribution  $\text{Enc}(k, m)$

**Lemma:** Given any distribution  $\mathbf{D}$  over a finite set  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\Pr[Y=Y': Y \leftarrow \mathbf{D}, Y' \leftarrow \mathbf{D}] \geq 1/|\mathbf{X}|$

- Therefore,  $\Pr[c^{(0)} = c^{(1)}]$  is non-zero

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$$\Rightarrow \Pr[\mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \mathbf{c}^{(1)}] > 0$$

$$\bullet (\mathbf{c}^{(0)}, \mathbf{c}^{(1)}) = (\text{Enc}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{m}_1^{(0)}), \text{Enc}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{m}_1^{(1)}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[\mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \mathbf{c}^{(1)}] = 0$$

Today: Relaxing  
Perfect Secrecy

# What do we do now?

Tolerate tiny probability of distinguishing

- If  $\Pr[\mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \mathbf{c}^{(1)}] = 2^{-128}$ , in reality never going to happen

# How Small Is Ok?

## Practice:

- Something unlikely to happen in lifetime of data/person/civilization/universe
- Typically something like  **$2^{-80}$** ,  **$2^{-128}$** , or maybe  **$2^{-256}$** 
  - Being struck by lightning twice:  **$2^{-23}$**
  - Winning the lottery:  **$2^{-26}$**
  - World-ending asteroid while on this slide:  **$2^{-46}$**

# How Small Is Ok?

Theory:

- Maybe things will change as technology improves
- Want a more conceptual answer
- Absolute constants unsatisfactory
- Instead, use “negligible” functions

# Negligible functions

**Def:** A function  $\mathbf{f}$  is **polynomial** if  $\mathbf{f}(n) = O(n^c)$  for some constant  $\mathbf{c}$

**Def:** A function  $\mathbf{g}$  is **super-polynomial** if, for every polynomial  $\mathbf{f}$ ,  $\mathbf{f}(n) = O(\mathbf{g}(n))$

**Def:** A function  $\mathbf{p}$  is **inverse polynomial** if  $\mathbf{1/p}(n)$  is polynomial

**Def:** A function  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is **negligible** if, for every inverse polynomial  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(n) = O(\mathbf{p}(n))$

(equivalently,  $\mathbf{1/\varepsilon}$  is super-polynomial)

# Examples

$2^n$  super-polynomial

$n^{-n/7}$  negligible

$3^{-5 \log n}$  inverse polynomial (=  $n^{-5 \log 3}$ )

$1.5^{-\sqrt[3]{n}}$  negligible

$8^{\log^3 n}$  super-polynomial (=  $n^{(\log 8)(\log^2 n)}$ )

$(\log n)/n$  inverse polynomial



# Security Parameter $\lambda$

Additional input to system, dictates “security level”

Key, message, ciphertext size all **polynomial** in  $\lambda$

Probability of adversary success is **negligible** in  $\lambda$

# Defining Encryption Again

## Syntax:

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- **Dec:**  $\mathbf{K}_\lambda \times \mathbf{C}_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_\lambda$

## Correctness:

- $\log|\mathbf{K}_\lambda|, \log|\mathbf{M}_\lambda|, \log|\mathbf{C}_\lambda|$  polynomial in  $\lambda$
- For all  $\lambda, k \in \mathbf{K}_\lambda, m \in \mathbf{M}_\lambda,$   
 $\Pr[\text{Dec}(k, \text{Enc}(k,m)) = m] = 1$

# Statistical Distance

Given two distributions  $\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2$  over a set  $\mathbf{X}$ , define

$$\Delta(\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} | \Pr[\mathbf{D}_1 = \mathbf{x}] - \Pr[\mathbf{D}_2 = \mathbf{x}] |$$

Observations:

$$0 \leq \Delta(\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2) \leq 1$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2) = 0 \iff \mathbf{D}_1 \stackrel{d}{=} \mathbf{D}_2$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2) \leq \Delta(\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_3) + \Delta(\mathbf{D}_3, \mathbf{D}_2)$$

( $\Delta$  is a metric)

# Another View of Statistical Distance

**Theorem:**  $\Delta(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2) \geq \varepsilon$  iff  $\exists$  (potentially randomized)  $\mathbf{A}$  s.t.

$$\left| \Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{D}_1) = 1] - \Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{D}_2) = 1] \right| \geq \varepsilon$$

**Terminology:** for any  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  
 $\left| \Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{D}_1) = 1] - \Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{D}_2) = 1] \right|$   
is called the “advantage” of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  
distinguishing  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$

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To lower bound  $\Delta$ , just need to show adversary  $\mathbf{A}$  with that advantage

# Examples

$D_1$  = Uniform distribution over  $\{0,1\}^n$

- $\Pr[D_1=x] = 2^{-n}$

$D_2$  = Uniform conditioned on even parity

- $\Pr[D_2=x] = 2^{-(n-1)}$  if  $x$  has even parity, 0 otherwise

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(D_1, D_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{even } x} |2^{-n} - 2^{-(n-1)}| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{odd } x} |2^{-n} - 0| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{even } x} 2^{-n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{odd } x} 2^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

# Examples

$\mathcal{D}_1 =$  Uniform over  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

$\mathcal{D}_2 =$  Uniform over  $\{1, \dots, n+1\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left| 0 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x=1}^n \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

# Statistical Security (Concrete)

**Definition:** A scheme **(Enc, Dec)** has  **$\epsilon$ -statistical secrecy for  $d$  messages** if  $\forall$  two sequences of messages  $(m_0^{(i)})_{i \in [d]}$ ,  $(m_1^{(i)})_{i \in [d]} \in M^d$

$$\Delta \left[ \left( \text{Enc}(K, m_0^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]}, \left( \text{Enc}(K, m_1^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]} \right] < \epsilon$$

We will call such a scheme  **$(d, \epsilon)$  statistically secure**



# Statistical Security (Asymptotic)

**Definition:** A scheme **(Enc, Dec)** has **statistical secrecy for  $d$  messages** if  $\exists$  negligible  $\varepsilon$  such that  $\forall$  two sequences  $(m_0^{(i)})_{i \in [d]}$ ,  $(m_1^{(i)})_{i \in [d]} \in \mathcal{M}_\lambda^d$ ,

$$\Delta \left[ \left( \text{Enc}(K_\lambda, m_0^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]}, \left( \text{Enc}(K_\lambda, m_1^{(i)}) \right)_{i \in [d]} \right] < \varepsilon(\lambda)$$

We will call such a scheme  **$d$ -time statistically secure**

# Stateless Encryption with Multiple Messages

Ex:

$$M = C$$

$$K = \text{Perms}(M)$$

$$\text{Enc}(K, m) = K(m)$$

$$\text{Dec}(K, c) = K^{-1}(c)$$

Q: Is this statistically secure for two messages?


**Theorem:** For any  $\epsilon < 1$ , no stateless *deterministic* encryption scheme can have  $\epsilon$ -statistical security for **2** messages

(Proof basically the same as before)

Importantly: proof does **not** hold for randomized schemes for  $\epsilon > 0$

# Stateless Encryption with Multiple Messages

Ex:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= M \times R && r \leftarrow R \\ K &= \text{Perms}(C) \\ \text{Enc}(K, m) &= K(m, r) \\ \text{Dec}(K, c) &= (m', r') \leftarrow K^{-1}(c), \text{ output } m' \end{aligned}$$


Q: Is this statistically secure for two messages?

Q: Is it practical?

# Example

A more efficient example:

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ (} p \text{ a prime of size } 2^\lambda, \lambda=128 \text{)}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbb{Z}_p^2$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Z}_p^2$$

$$\mathbf{Enc}( (a,b), m ) = ( r, (ar+b) + m )$$

$$\mathbf{Dec}( (a,b), (r,c) ) = c - (ar+b)$$

Random in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$



# Proof of Example

Let  $\mathbf{D}_b$  be distribution of  $( \text{Enc}(k, m_b^{(i)}) )_{i \in \{0,1\}}$

Let  $\mathbf{D}_b'$  be the following:

1. Run  $(c_0, c_1) \leftarrow \mathbf{D}_b$
2. If  $r_0 = r_1$ , output  $\perp$
3. Else output  $(c_0, c_1)$

Fix  $r_0 \neq r_1, m_0, m_1, c_0, c_1$

$$\Pr_{(a,b)}[ar_0 + b + m_0 = c_0, ar_1 + b + m_1 = c_1] = 1/p^2$$

$$\text{So } \mathbf{D}_0' \stackrel{d}{=} \mathbf{D}_1' \quad ( \Delta(\mathbf{D}_0', \mathbf{D}_1') = 0 )$$

# The Symbol $\perp$ (“bot”)

Represents an abort/reject/bad outcome

Augments whatever set we are talking about

- Ex: support of  $\mathbf{D}_b = \mathbf{C}^2$ , so support of  $\mathbf{D}_b' = \mathbf{C}^2 \cup \{\perp\}$

# Proof of Example

Lemma:  $\Delta(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2) \leq \frac{1}{2}\Pr[\text{bad}|\mathcal{D}_1] + \frac{1}{2}\Pr[\text{bad}|\mathcal{D}_2] + \Delta(\mathcal{D}_1', \mathcal{D}_2')$

Where:

- “**bad**” is some event
- $\Pr[\text{bad}|\mathcal{D}_b]$  is probability “**bad**” when sampling from  $\mathcal{D}_b$
- $\mathcal{D}_b'$  is  $\mathcal{D}_b$ , except outputs  $\perp$  on “**bad**”



# Proof of Lemma

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(D_1, D_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_x | \Pr[D_1=x] - \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{bad}} | \Pr[D_1=x] - \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{good}} | \Pr[D_1=x] - \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{bad}} | \Pr[D_1=x] | + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{bad}} | \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{good}} | \Pr[D_1=x] - \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{bad}} | \Pr[D_1=x] | + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x:\text{bad}} | \Pr[D_2=x] | \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_x | \Pr[D_1'=x] - \Pr[D_2'=x] | \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Pr[\text{bad}|D_1] + \frac{1}{2} \Pr[\text{bad}|D_2] + \Delta(D_1', D_2')\end{aligned}$$

# Proof of Example

Let  $\mathbf{D}_b$  be distribution of  $(\text{Enc}(k, m_b^{(i)}))_{i \in \{0,1\}}$

Let **bad** be when  $r_0 = r_1$

Let  $\mathbf{D}_b'$  be the following:

1. Run  $(c_0, c_1) \leftarrow \mathbf{D}_b$
2. If **bad**, output  $\perp$
3. Else output  $(c_0, c_1)$

$$\Pr[\text{bad} | \mathbf{D}_b] = 1/p$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{D}_0', \mathbf{D}_1') = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Delta(\mathbf{D}_0, \mathbf{D}_1) \leq 1/p \approx 2^{-\lambda}$$

# Summary so Far

Stateless encryption for multiple messages



But, key length grows with number of messages



And, key length grows with length of message



# Limits of Statistical Security

**Theorem:** Suppose **(Enc,Dec)** has plaintext space  $\mathbf{M} = \{0,1\}^n$  and key space  $\mathbf{K} = \{0,1\}^t$ . Moreover, assume it is **(d, 0.4999)**-secure. Then:

$$t \geq d n$$

In other words, the key must be at least as long as the total length of all messages encrypted

# Proof Idea: Compression

Use an encryption protocol to build a compression protocol



$$m' \leftarrow \text{Comp}(m)$$

$$m \leftarrow \text{Decomp}(m')$$

$$\text{Goal: } |m'| < |m|$$

# For Now: Easier Goal



$m$



$s \leftarrow \text{Setup}()$



$m' \leftarrow \text{Comp}(s, m)$

$m \leftarrow \text{Decomp}(s, m')$

Goal:  $|m'| < |m|$

# The Protocol

Let  $m_0$  be some arbitrary message in  $M$

## Setup():

- Choose random  $k_0 \leftarrow K$
- Let  $c_1 \leftarrow \text{Enc}(k_0, m_0), \dots, c_d \leftarrow \text{Enc}(k_0, m_0)$
- Output  $(c_1, \dots, c_d)$


 In  $M^d$

## Comp( $(c_1, \dots, c_d), (m_1, \dots, m_d)$ ):

- Find  $k, r_1, \dots, r_d$  such that  $c_i = \text{Enc}(k, m_i; r_i) \quad \forall i$
- If no such values exist, abort
- Output  $k$

# The Protocol

Let  $\mathbf{m}_0$  be some message in  $\mathbf{M}$

**Comp**(  $(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d)$ ,  $(\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d)$  ):  In  $\mathbf{M}^d$

- Find  $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_d$  such that  $\mathbf{c}_i = \text{Enc}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m}_i; \mathbf{r}_i) \quad \forall i$
- If no such values exist, abort
- Output  $\mathbf{k}$

**Decomp**( $(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d)$ ,  $\mathbf{k}$  ):

- Compute  $\mathbf{m}_i = \text{Dec}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{c}_i)$
- Output  $(\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d)$



# Analysis of Protocol

If **Comp** succeeds, **Decomp** must succeed by correctness

- Since  $c_i = \text{Enc}(k, m_i; r_i)$ ,  $\text{Dec}(k, c_i)$  must give  $m_i$

Therefore, must figure out when **Comp** succeeds

**Claim:** For any sequence of messages  $m_1, \dots, m_d$ , **Comp** succeeds with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon$

(Probability over the randomness used by **Setup()** )

**Claim:** For any sequence of messages  $\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d$ , **Comp** succeeds with probability at least  $1-\epsilon$

Proof:

- Suppose **Comp** succeeds with probability  $1-p$  for messages  $\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d$
- Let  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d)$  be the algorithm that runs  $\mathbf{Comp}((\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d), (\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d))$  and outputs **1** if **Comp** succeeds
- If  $\mathbf{c}_i = \mathbf{Enc}(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{m}_i)$ , then  $\Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d)=1] = 1$
- If  $\mathbf{c}_i = \mathbf{Enc}(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{m}_0)$ , then  $\Pr[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_d)=1] = 1-p$
- By  $(d, \epsilon)$ -statistical security of **Enc**,  $p$  must be  $\leq \epsilon$

**Claim:** For any sequence of messages  $\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d$ ,  
**Comp** succeeds with probability at least  $1-\epsilon$

**Claim:** For **a random** sequence of messages  
 $\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d$ , **Comp** succeeds with prob at least  $1-\epsilon$

( Probability over the randomness used by **Setup()**  
and the random choices of  $\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_d$  )

# Next step: Removing Setup

We know:

$$\Pr[\text{Comp succeeds: } \underset{m_i \leftarrow M}{(c_1, \dots, c_d) \leftarrow \text{Setup()}}] \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

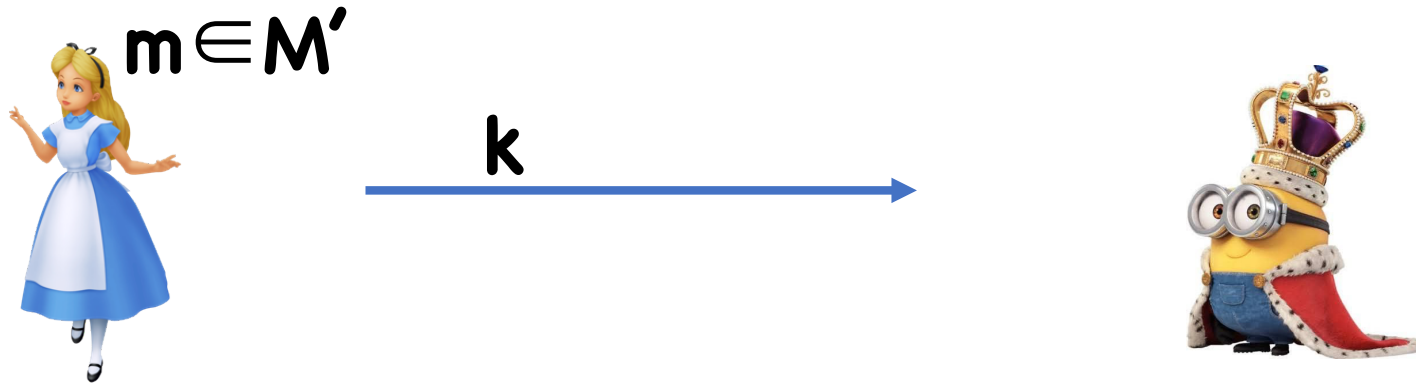
$\Rightarrow$  there must exist *some*  $(c_1^*, \dots, c_d^*)$  such that

$$\Pr[\text{Comp succeeds: } m_i \leftarrow M] \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

Fix  $(c_1^*, \dots, c_d^*)$ , define:  $M' = \{(m_1, \dots, m_d): \text{Comp succeeds}\}$

- Note that  $|M'| \geq (1 - \varepsilon) |M|^d$

# The Protocol



Find  $k, r_1, \dots, r_d$  such that  
 $c_i^* = \text{Enc}(k, m_i; r_i) \quad \forall i$

For each  $i$ ,  
Let  $m_i \leftarrow \text{Dec}(k, c_i^*)$   
Output  $(m_1, \dots, m_d)$

By previous analysis,

- Alice always successfully compresses
- Bob always successfully decompresses

# Final Touches

Can compress messages in  $\mathbf{M}'$  into keys in  $\mathbf{K}$

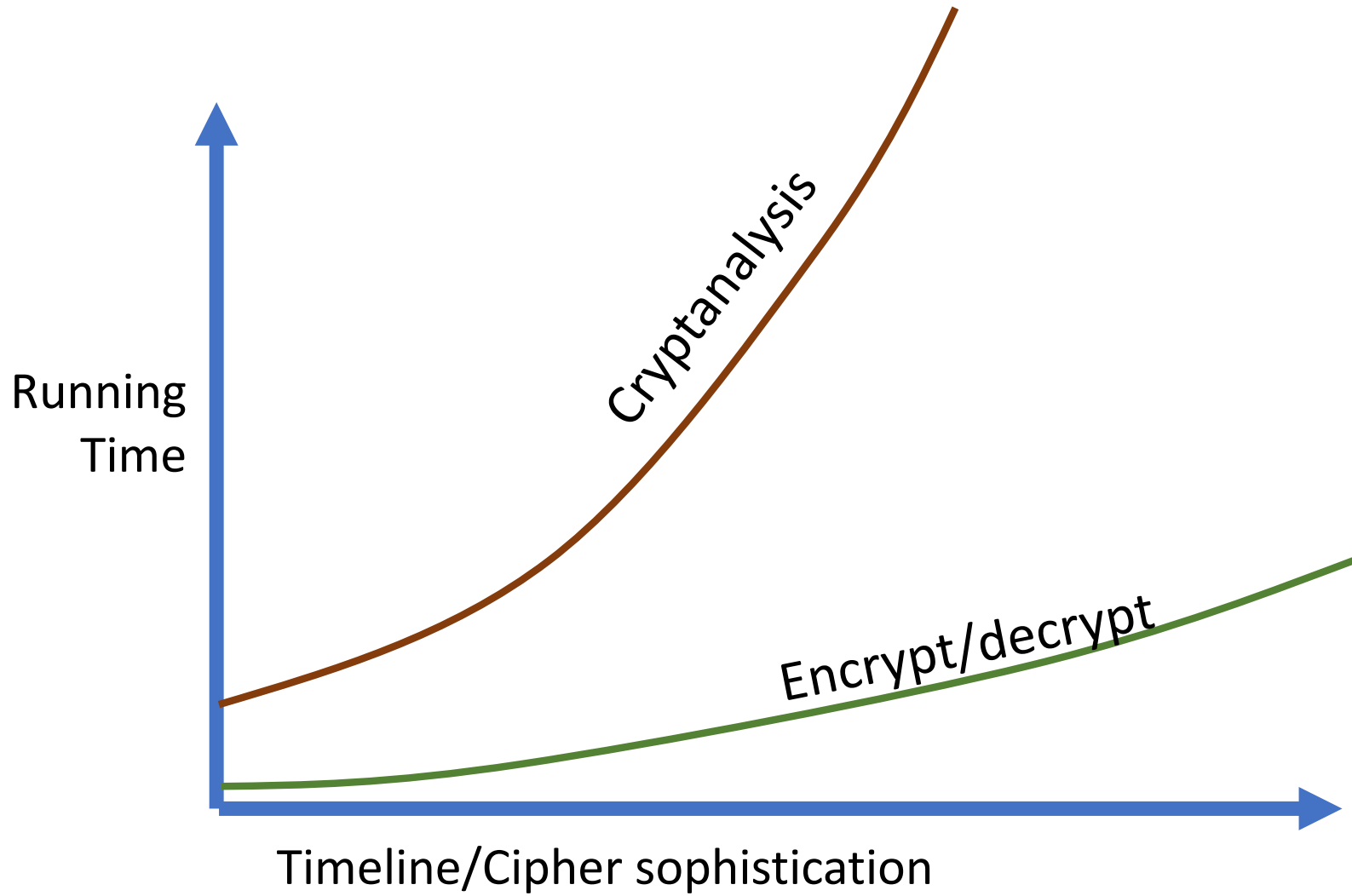
Therefore, it must be that  $|\mathbf{M}'| \leq |\mathbf{K}|$

Meaning  $t = \log |\mathbf{K}|$   
 $\geq \log |\mathbf{M}'|$   
 $\geq \log [ (1-\varepsilon) |\mathbf{M}|^d ]$   
 $= d \log |\mathbf{M}| + \log [1-\varepsilon]$   
 $= dn + \log [1-\varepsilon]$   
 $\geq dn$  (as long as  $\varepsilon < 1/2$ )

# Takeaway

If you don't want to physically exchange keys frequently, you cannot obtain statistical security

So, now what?





# Computational Security

We are ok if adversary takes a really long time

Only considered attack for adversaries that don't take too long

# How Long Is Ok?

Practice:

- Lifetime of data/person/civilization/universe
- Typically something like  $2^{80}$ ,  $2^{128}$ , or maybe  $2^{256}$ 
  - Lifetime of universe in nanoseconds:  $2^{58}$
  - Number of atoms in known universe:  $2^{265}$

# How Long Is Ok?

Theory:

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- Want a more conceptual answer
- Absolute constants unsatisfactory
- Instead, consider an attack if time bounded by polynomial function

# Brute Force Attacks

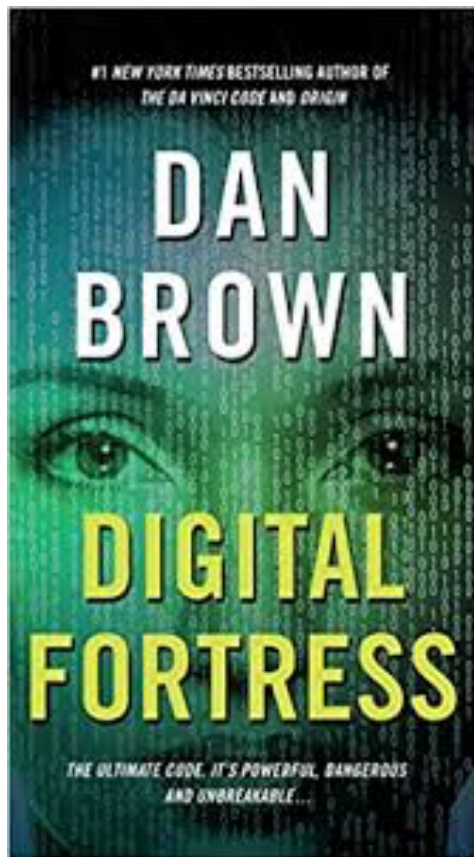
Simply try every key until find right one

If keys have length  $\lambda$ ,  $2^\lambda$  is upper bound on attack

Not always applicable – requires being able to test when guess was correct

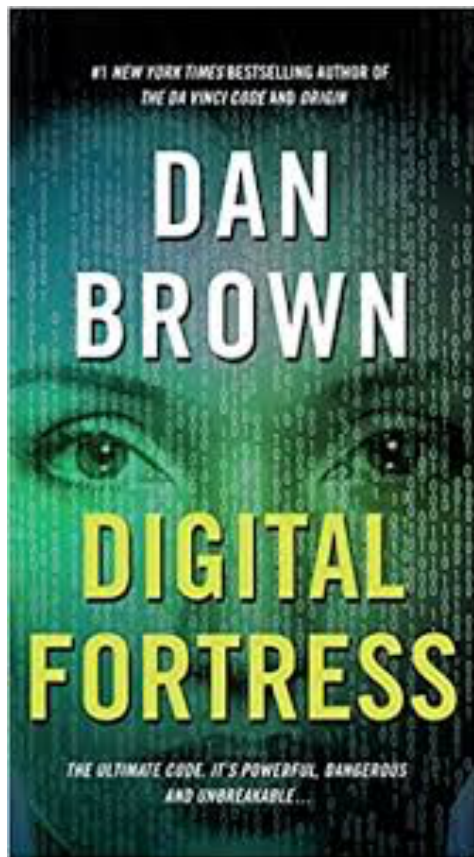
- Always applicable when  $|key| \leq |message|$

# Holiwudd Criptoe!



[TRANSLTR]'s three million processors would all work in parallel ... trying every new permutation as they went

# Holiwudd Criptoe!



“What’s the longest you’ve ever seen TRANSLTR take to break a code?”

“About an hour, but it had a ridiculously long key—ten thousand bits”

# Reminders

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