Cryptography

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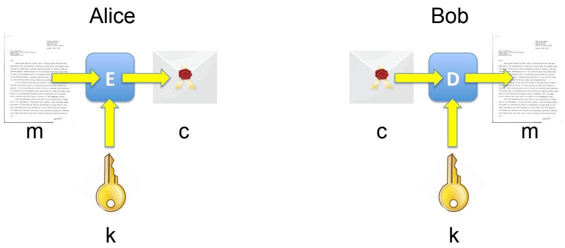
Symmetric ciphers

- encryption algorithm $E : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{C}$
  decryption algorithm $D : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$
  st. $\forall k \in \mathcal{K}$, and $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, $D(k, E(k, m)) \; = \; m$



- same key k to encrypt and decrypt
- the key k is secret: only known to Alice and Bob

Examples: One-time pad, DES, AES, ...

Asymmetric ciphers

- key generation algorithm: $G : \to \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$
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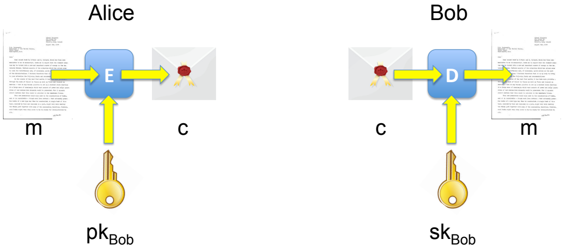
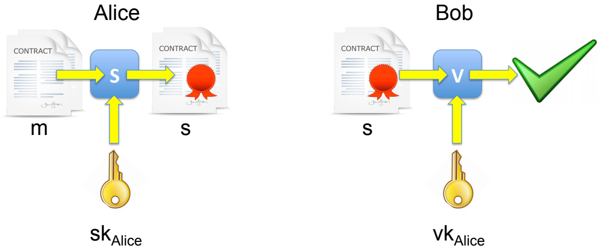


- the decryption key sk is secret (only known to Bob). The encryption key pk is known to everyone. And $sk \neq pk$

Examples: RSA, ElGamal, Diffie-Hellman, ...

Digital signatures

- key generation algorithm: $G : \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$
  signing algorithm $S : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$
  verification algorithm $V : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \{\top, \bot\}$
  st. $\forall(sk, vk) \in G$, and $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, $V(vk, S(sk, m)) = \top$

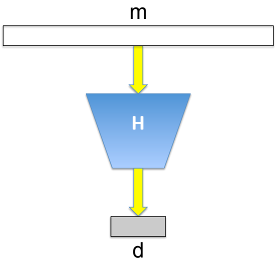


- the signing key sk is secret (only known to Alice). The verification key vk is known to everyone. And $sk \neq vk$

Examples: RSA based, ElGamal based, Schnorr, ...

Hashes

- hash algorithm $H: \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{D}$



  - **preimage resistant**: given a digest d, it is computationally infeasible to find any message m such that $H(m) = d$
  - **collision resistance**: it is hard to find two different messages $m_1 \neq m_2$ such that $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$
- applications: commitment schemes, signature schemes, MACs, key derivation algorithms, ...

Examples: MD5, SHA-1, ...

Many more crypto primitives

- Message Authentication Codes (MACs)
- Zero Knowledge Proofs (ZKPs)
- Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE)
- ...

Historical ciphers

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But small key space size: $k < |c| \Rightarrow$ brute force attack!!

Substitution cipher

- shared secret: a permutation ϖ of the set of characters

$$\varpi = \begin{array}{l} a \mapsto q\ b \mapsto w\ c \mapsto e\ d \mapsto r\ e \mapsto t\ f \mapsto y\ g \mapsto u\ h \mapsto i\ i \mapsto o\ j \mapsto m\ k \mapsto a\ l \mapsto s \\ m \mapsto d\ n \mapsto f\ o \mapsto g\ p \mapsto h\ q \mapsto j\ r \mapsto k\ s \mapsto l\ t \mapsto z\ u \mapsto x\ v \mapsto c\ w \mapsto v\ x \mapsto b \\ y \mapsto n\ z \mapsto p \end{array}$$

- Encryption: apply ϖ to each character of the plaintext.

$$E(\varpi, m_1 \dots m_n) \;=\; \varpi(m_1) \dots \varpi(m_n)$$

- Decryption: apply ϖ^{-1} to each character of the plaintext.

$$D(\varpi, c_1 \dots c_n) \;=\; \varpi^{-1}(c_1) \dots \varpi^{-1}(c_n)$$

Substitution cipher: example

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- Exploit regularities of the language
  - Use frequency of letters in english text

    $$\mathsf{e} > \mathsf{t} > \mathsf{a} > \mathsf{o}$$

  - Use frequency of digrams in english text

    $$\mathsf{th} > \mathsf{he} > \mathsf{in} > \mathsf{er}$$

  - Use frequency of trigrams in english text

    $$\mathsf{the} > \mathsf{and} > \mathsf{ing}$$

  - Use expected words

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Most common letters in c: t > z > . . .

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t$\mapsto$z suggests h$\mapsto$i

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We identify in c the word INTEKNET

suggests r$\mapsto$k

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c = THIS EGXRSE QIDS TG INTRGRXEE NGX TG THE HRINEIHSES QNR TEEHNIJXES GY SEEXRINU EGDHXTERS QNR EGDHXTER NETVGRAS VITH YGEXS GN INTERNET SEEXRITN. THE EGXRSE IS EYYEETICESN SHSIT INTG TVG HQRTS. YIRST INTRGRXEINU THE THEGRN GY ERNHTGURQHHN INESXRINU HGV DQNN ESQSSIEQS QNR HGHXSQR QSUGRITHDS VGRA E.U. RES, RSQ, RIUITQS SIUNQTXRES, QNR SEEGNR HRGCIRINU RETQISS GY REQS INTERNET SEEXRITN HRGTGEGSS, QSUGRITHDS, QNR THREQTS, E.U. IHSEE, CIRXSES, YIREVQSSS. HENEE, NGX VISS SEQRN WGTH THEGRETIEQS QSHEETS GY EGDHXTER QNR NETVGRA SEEXRITN QS VESS QS HGV THQT THEGRN IS QHHSIER IN THE INTERNET. THIS ANGVSERUE VISS HESH NGX IN RESIUNINU QNR RECESGHINU SEEXRE QHHSIEQTIGNS QNR NETVGRA HRGTGEGSS QS VESS QS WXISRINU SEEXRE NETVGRAS.

The first word is THIL

suggests s$\mapsto$l

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Going back to letter frequency and a few more guesses!!

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+ & w_1 & \dots & w_{|w|} \\
\hline
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Concatenate the resulting blocks to retrieve the message

Vigenere cipher: example

$w = MACBETH$

$m =$ WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN IN THUNDERLIGHTNING OR IN RAIN

$$
\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccc}
 & M & A & C & B & E & T & H & M & A & C & B & E & T & H & \dots & M & A \\
+ & W & H & E & N & S & H & A & L & L & W & E & T & H & R & \dots & I & N \\
\hline
 & J & I & H & P & X & B & I & Y & M & Z & G & Y & B & Z & \dots & V & O
\end{array}
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$c =$ IHGO WAHXL YF XAYQE OFIM HSAKO MG ATUPEIKSUGJVRBUS OT JR KHUN

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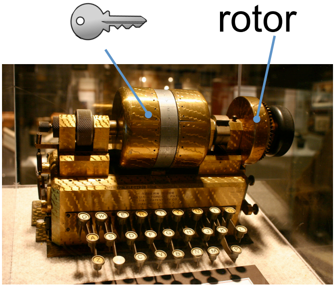
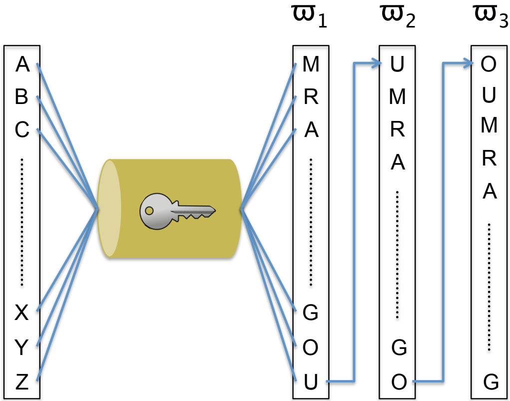
- If the size of w is not known apply Kasiski's method to narrow the possibilities:
  - identify all the sequences of letters of length greater than 4 that occur more than once
  - for each such sequence compute the distance between two of its occurences
  - compute the corresponding possible key-length

Rotor machines: the Herbern machine





Rotor machines: the enigma machine