

# Fondamenti di Cybersecurity – Modulo I

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# Piattaforma didattica

- Virtuale

e verrà costantemente aggiornato con:

- Informazioni
- **Materiale didattico (slides)**
- **Annunci**

# Materiale didattico

- **Slide** caricate su Virtuale del corso
- Testi consigliati:
  - Jean-Philippe Aumasson,  
*Serious Cryptography: A Practical Introduction to Modern Encryption.*
  - Bruce Schneier,  
*Applied Cryptography: Protocols, Algorithms, and Source Code in C.*
  - Mark Stamp,  
*Information Security: Principles and Practice.*
  - William Stallings  
*Crittografia*
  - Dan Boneh, Victor Shoup,  
*A Graduate Course in Applied Cryptography.* (approccio matematico)

# Esame

- Prova scritta

- Voto finale = Scritto + Successo laboratori

Scritto: 24/25 pt

Laboratori: max 8 pt

NO orali

- Date esami: consultare il sito del Dipartimento

Due appelli a **Giugno**, uno a **Luglio** e uno a **Settembre**

# Roadmap

**0. What is Cryptography - History of Cryptography**

**1. Introduction Mathematics: Modular Arithmetic - Discrete Probability**

**2. One-time pad, Stream Ciphers and Pseudo Random Generators**

**3. Attacks on Stream Ciphers and The One-Time Pad**

**4. Real-World Stream Ciphers (weak(RC4), eStream,nonce, Salsa20)**

**5. Secret key cryptographic systems;**

**6. Public key cryptographic systems**

**7. DES protocols (just as an introduction), AES**

**8. Electronic Signatures, Public-key Infrastructure, Certificates and Certificate Authorities**

**9. Sharing of secrets; User authentication; Passwords**

**10. Tutor Training**

**Bonus. Legislation, Ethics and Management**

# Introduction

# Welcome

## Course **objectives**:

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

# Che cos'è la Crittografia?

- **Crittografia**

- *Kryptós*: nascosto
- *Graphía*: scrittura
- Metodi che consentano di **memorizzare, elaborare e trasmettere** informazioni in presenza di agenti ostili

- **Crittoanalisi**

- Analisi di un testo cifrato nel tentativo di decifrarlo senza possedere la chiave

- **Crittologia**: Crittografia + Crittoanalisi



# Cryptography is everywhere

## **Secure communication:**

- web traffic: HTTPS
- wireless traffic: Wireless Network, GSM, Bluetooth

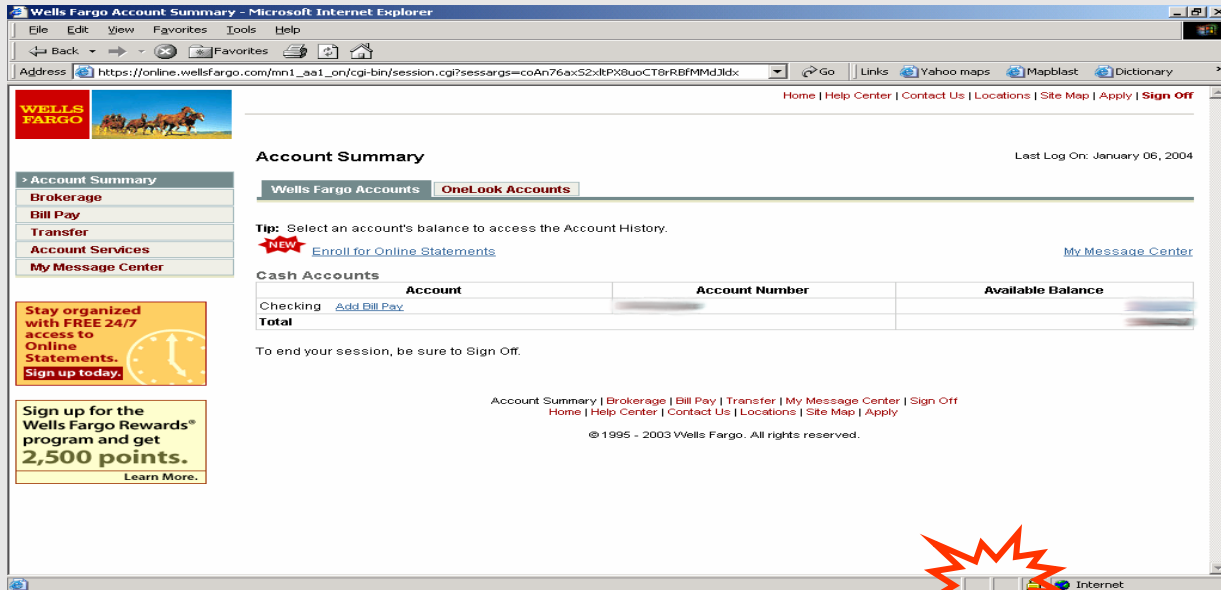
## **Encrypting files on disk**

## **Content protection (e.g., DVD, Blu-ray)**

## **User authentication**

... and much much more (more “magical” applications later...)

# Secure communication

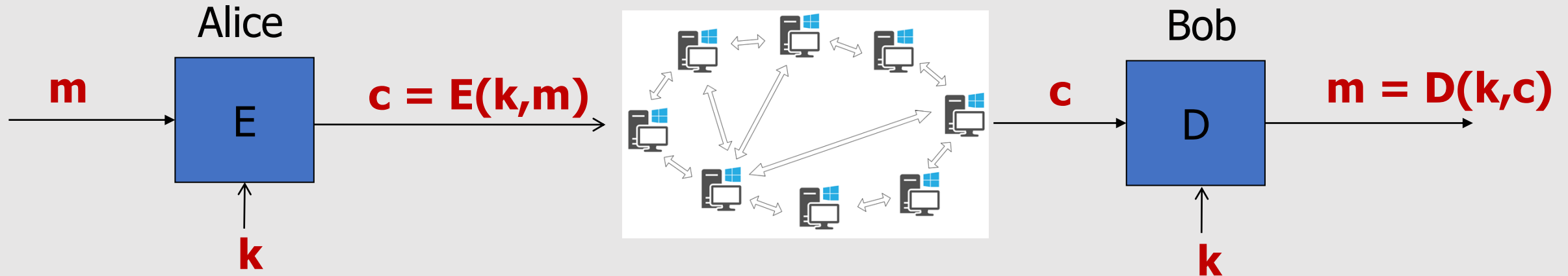


HTTPS



no eavesdropping  
no tampering

# Symmetric Encryption (confidentiality)



- **k**: secret key (A SHARED SECRET KEY)
- **m**: plaintext
- **c**: ciphertext
- **E**: Encryption algorithm
- **D**: Decryption algorithm
- **E, D**: Cipher
- **Confidentiality** scenario
- Other scenarios are possible, with the secret key used differently...
  - e.g., **MACs** (for integrity)

Algorithms are **publicly known**, never use a proprietary cipher

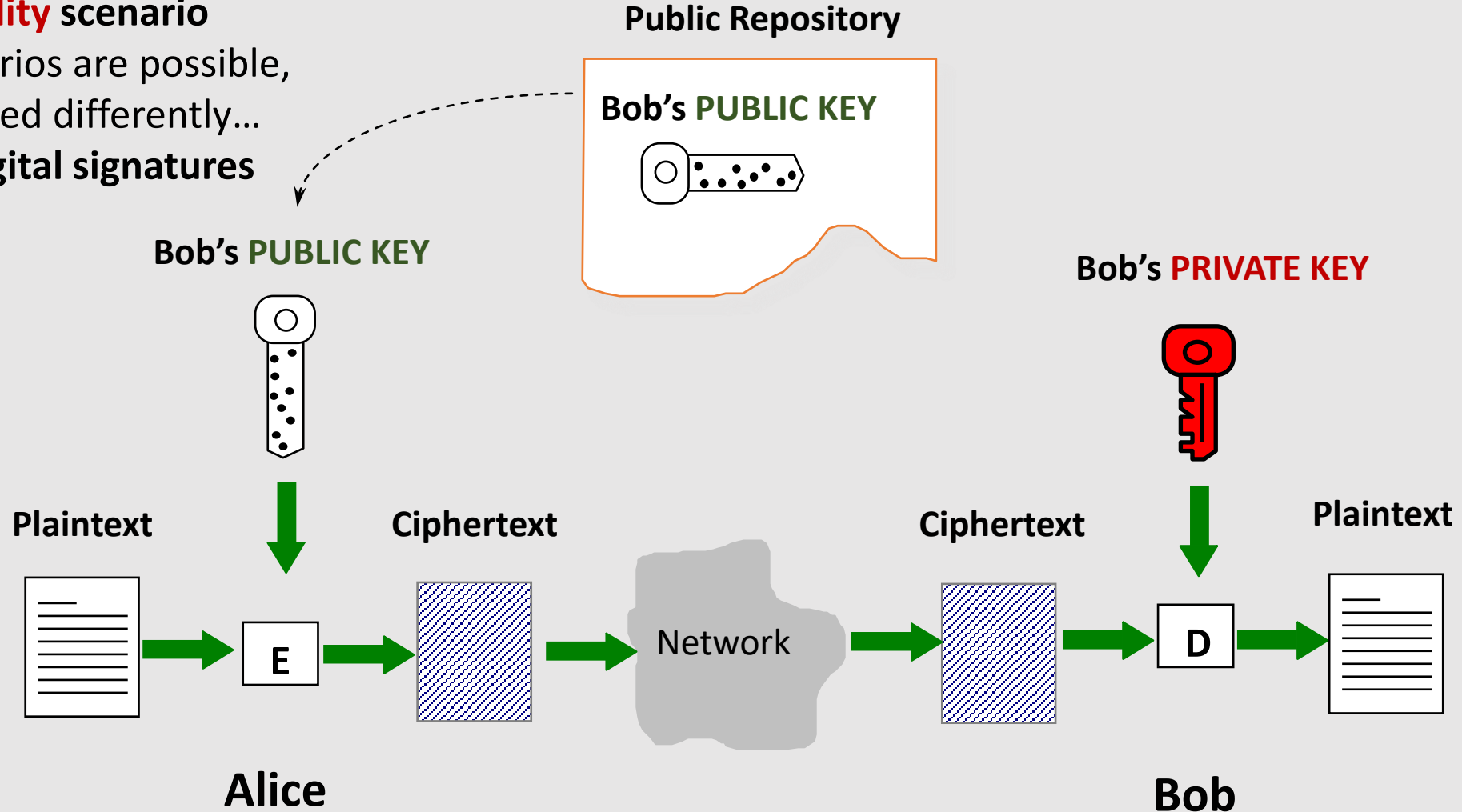
# Use Cases

- **Single-use key: (or one-time key):**  
Key is only used to encrypt **one message**
  - encrypted email: new key generated for every email
- **Multi-use key: (or many-time key):**  
Same key used to encrypt **multiple messages**
  - encrypted files: same key used to encrypt many files

Need more machinery than for one-time key

# Asymmetric Encryption

- **Confidentiality** scenario
- Other scenarios are possible, with keys used differently...
  - e.g., **Digital signatures**



# Things to remember

## Cryptography is:

- A tremendous tool
- The basis for many security mechanisms

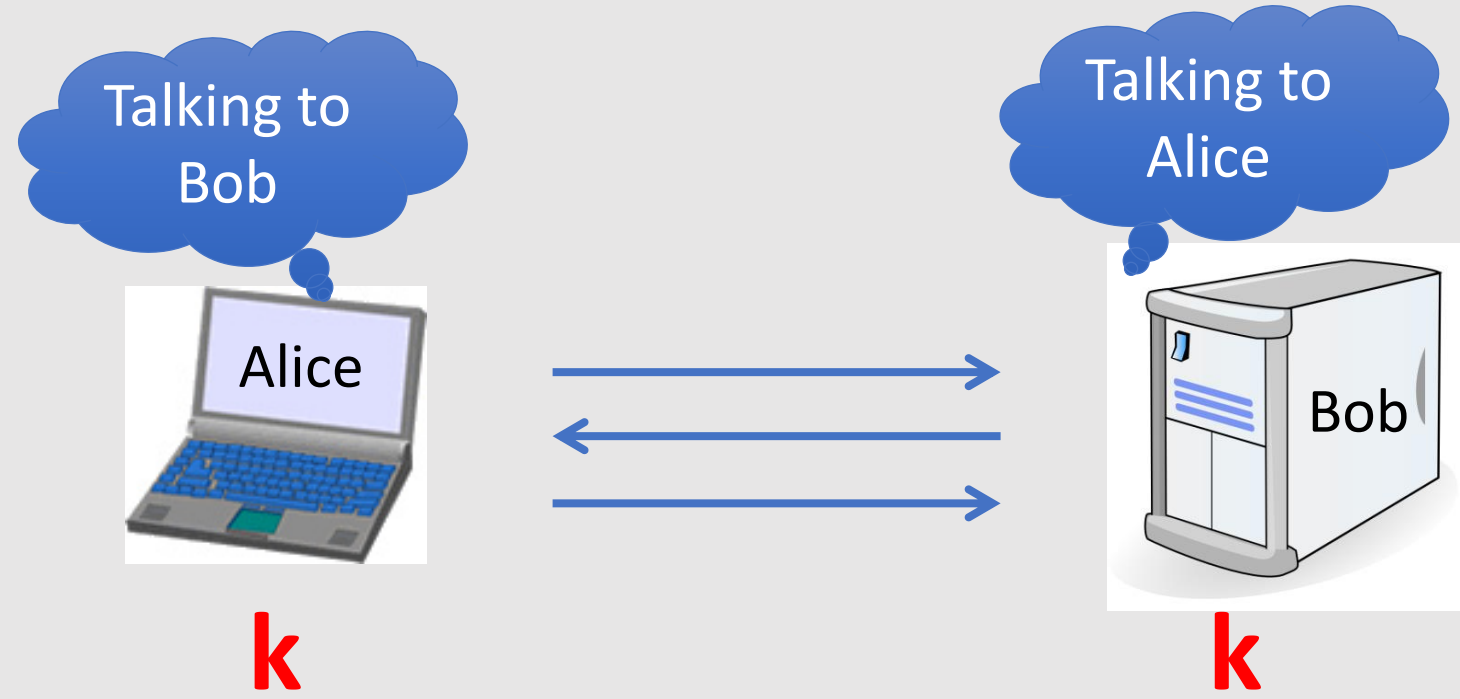
## Cryptography is **not**:

- 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

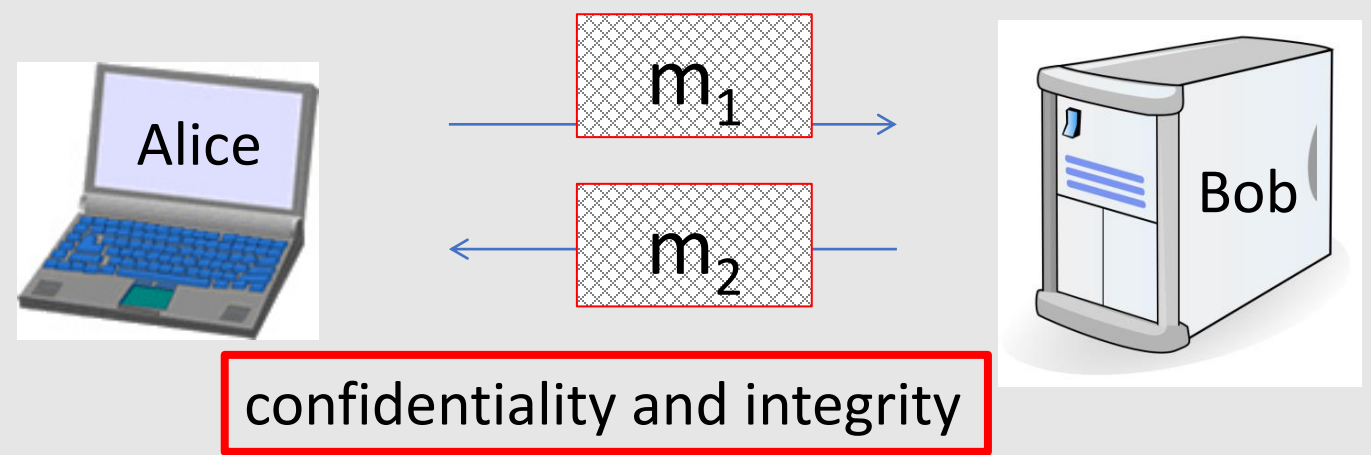
# Some Applications

# Secure communication

1. Secret key establishment:



2. Secure communication:





# But crypto can do much more

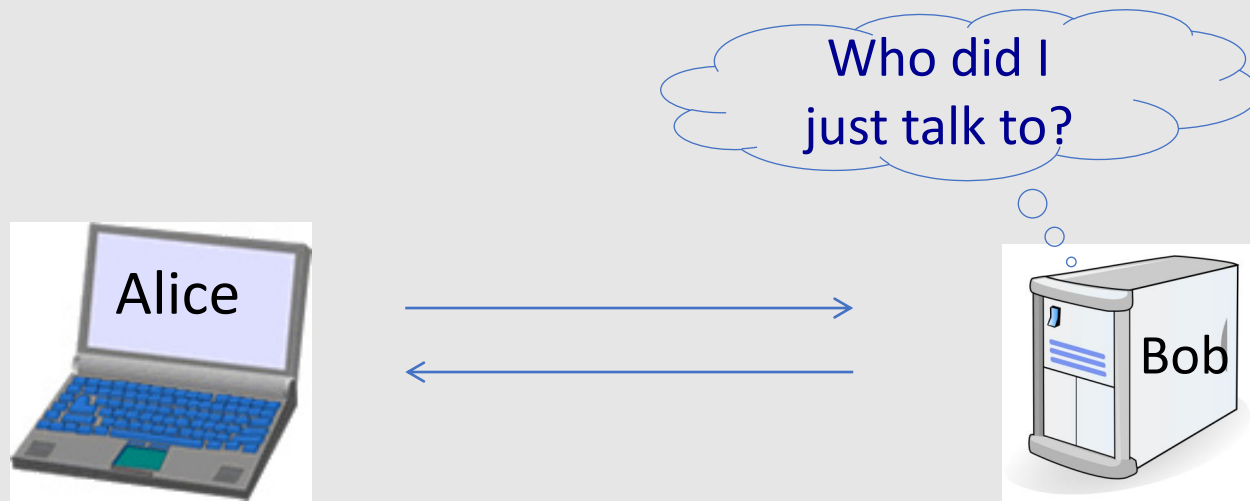
- Digital signatures



- Signatures of the same person change over different documents
- Asymmetric Cryptography is used

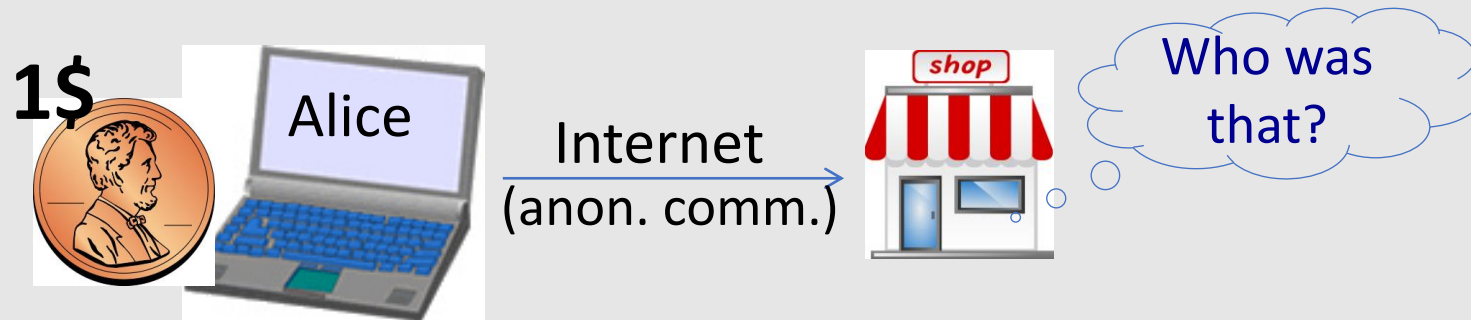
# But crypto can do much more

- Anonymous communication  
(e.g., mix networks)



# But crypto can do much more

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



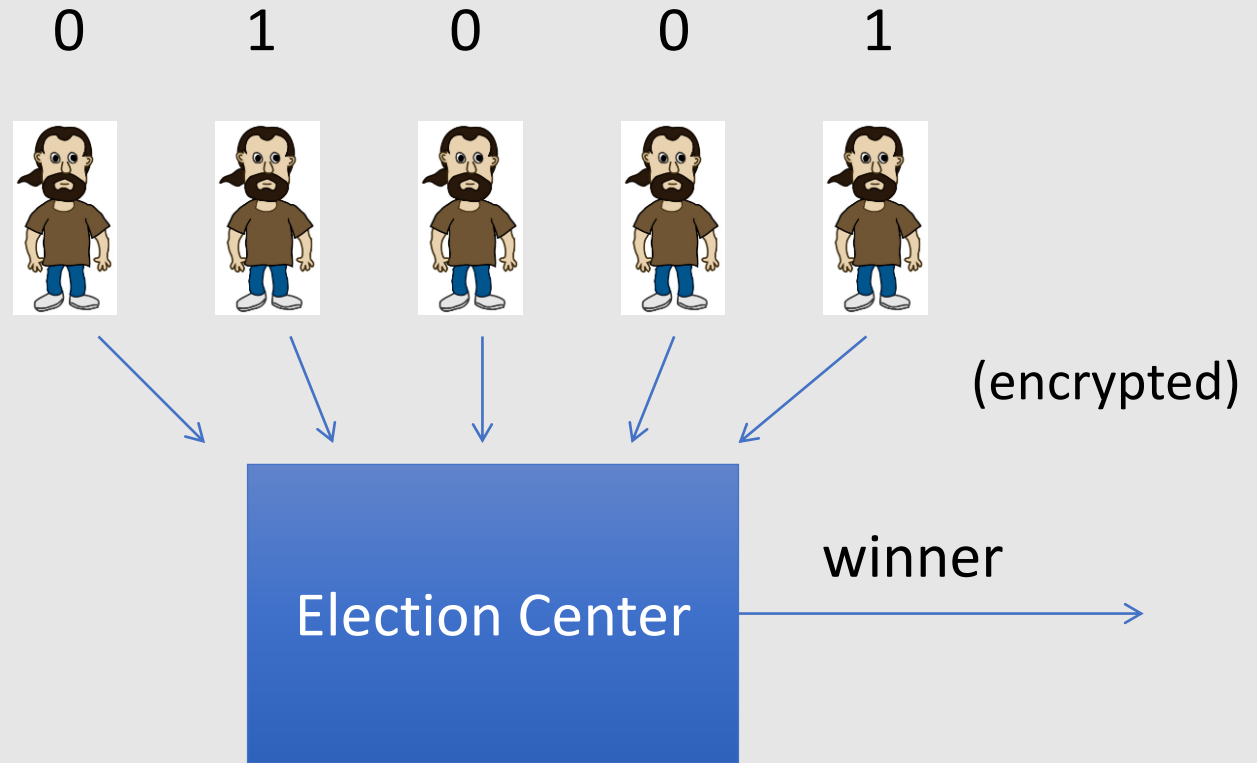
# Protocols

- Elections
- Private auctions

winner= majority [votes]

(Vickrey Auction)

Auction winner = highest bidder  
pays 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid



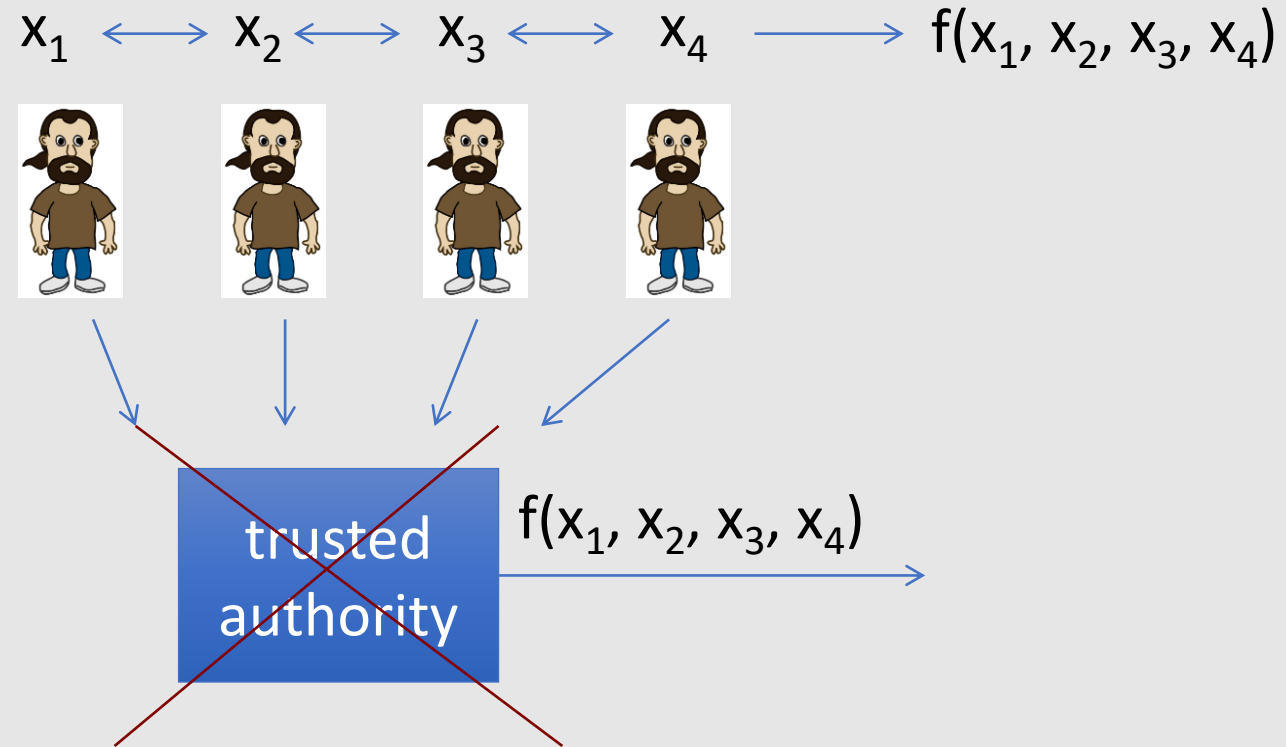
**Election Center must determine the winner  
without knowing the individual votes!**

# Protocols

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## Secure multi-party computation

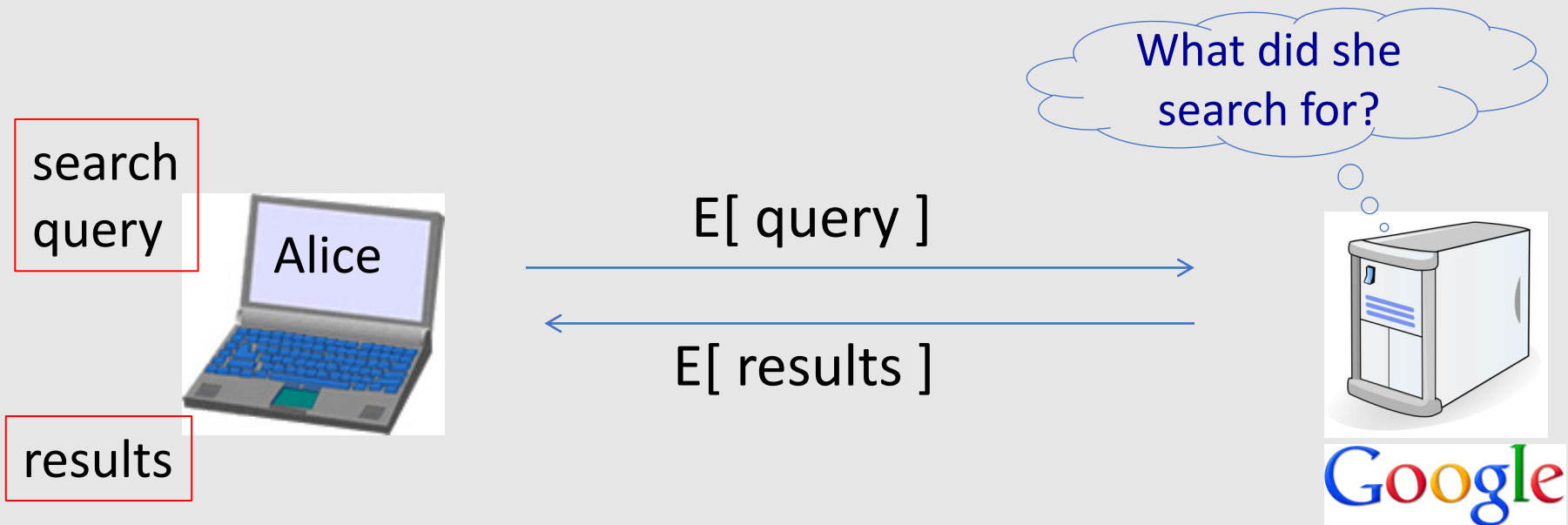
Goal: compute  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$



“Thm:” anything that can done with trusted auth. can also be done without

# Crypto magic

- Privately outsourcing computation



# Crypto magic

- Zero knowledge (proof of knowledge)



I know the password  
→  
Can you prove it?  
←



# A rigorous science

The three steps in cryptography:

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



# Brief History of Crypto

# Che cos'è la Crittografia?

- Metodi per **memorizzare, elaborare e trasmettere** informazioni in maniera **sicura** in presenza di agenti ostili
- **Crittografia**: *Kryptós*: nascosto + *Graphía*: scrittura



Scytala

400 aC



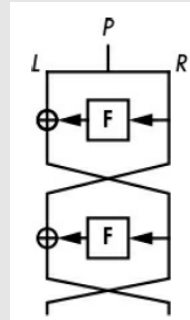
Cifrario di Cesare

50 aC



Enigma

1918



DES

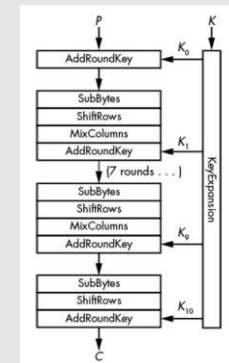
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$$n = p \times q$$

$p, q?$

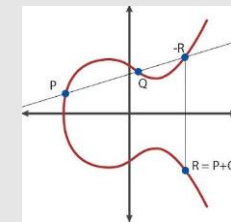
RSA

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AES

2001

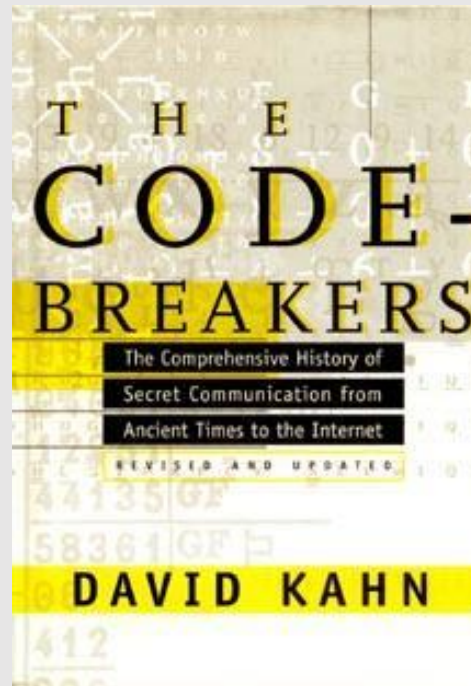


Crittografia ellittica

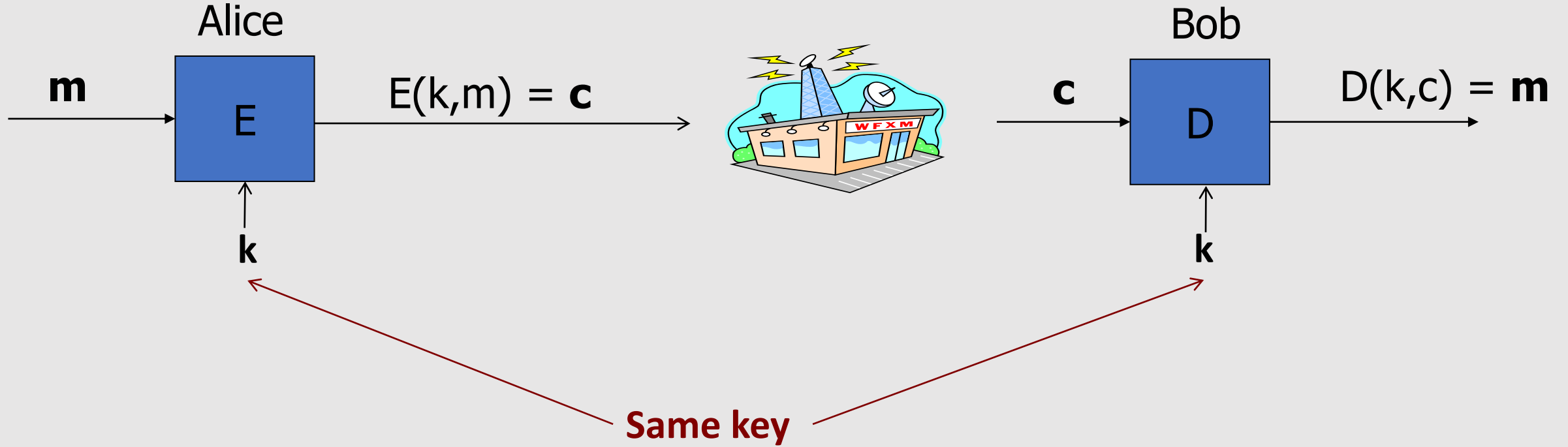
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# History

David Kahn, “The code breakers” (1996)



# Symmetric Ciphers



Cypher: (E, D)

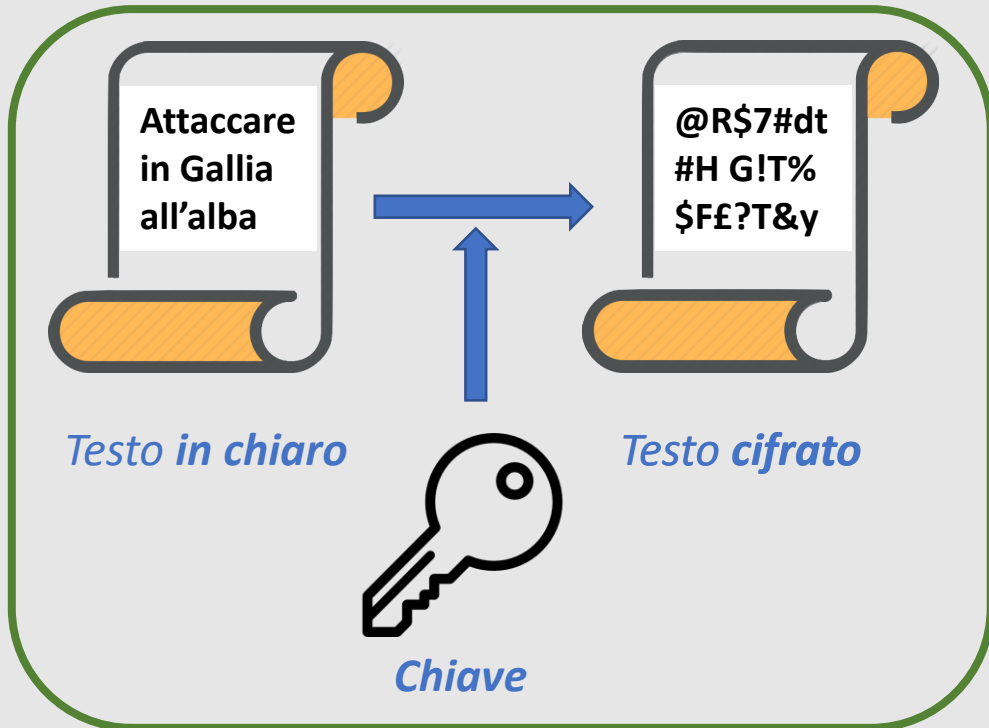
# Un classico scenario

Algoritmi di cifratura e decifratura: **pubblici**

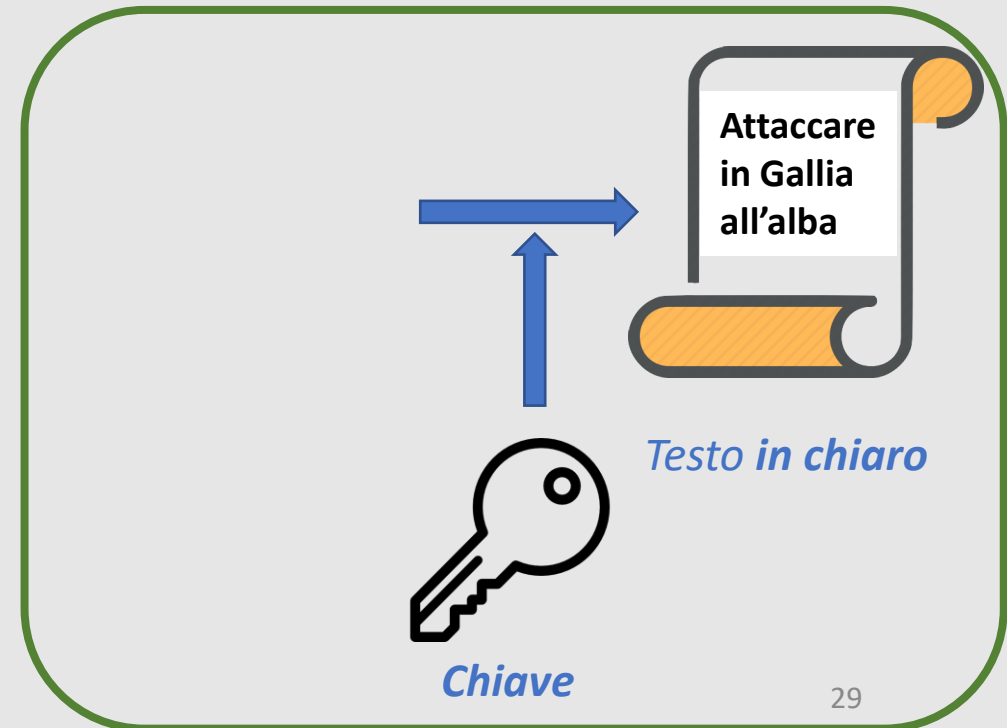
Crittografia **simmetrica** e **asimmetrica**



**Cifratura**



**Decifratura**



# Cifrario di Cesare

*Chiave*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C



*Testo in chiaro*



*Testo cifrato*

**(Cifrario a sostituzione)**

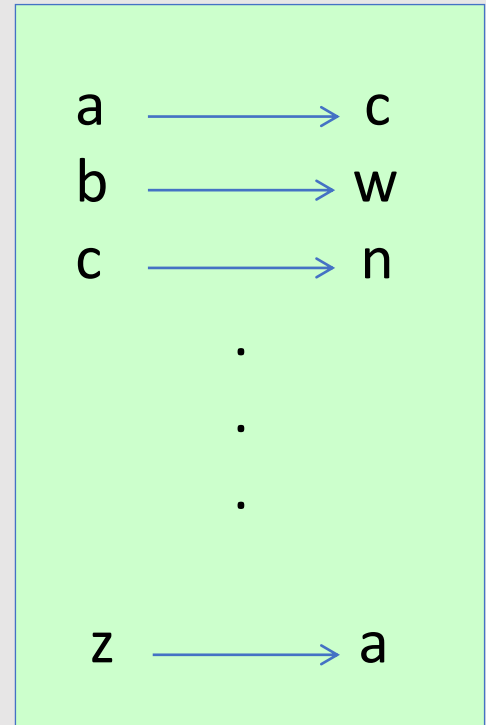
# Few Historic Examples (all badly broken)

## 1. Substitution cipher

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

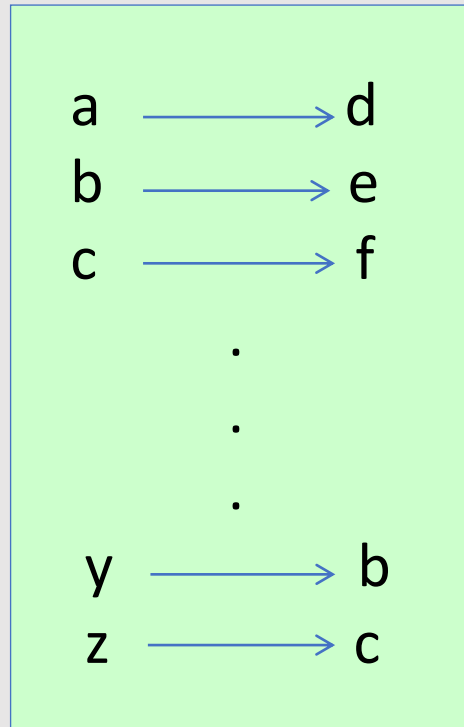
$D(k, c) = \text{“bcza”}$

$k :=$



# Caesar Cipher (no key)

Shift by 3

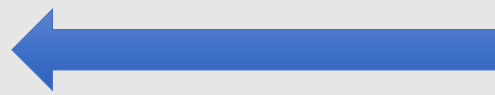




What is the size of key space in the substitution cipher assuming 26 letters?

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

$$|\mathcal{K}| = 26!$$



$$26! \approx 2^{88}$$

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

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

# How to break a substitution cipher?

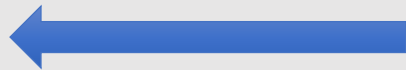
What is the most common letter in English text?

“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**

# An Example

UKBYBIPOUZBCUFEEBORUKBYBHOBBERFESPVKBWFOFERVNBCVBZPRUBOFERVNBCVBPCYYFVU  
FOFEIKNWFRFIKJNUPWRFIPOUNVNIPUBRNCUKBEFWWFDNCHXCYBOHOPYXPUBNCUBOYNRV  
NIWNCPOJIOFHOPZRVFZIXUBORJRUBZRBCHNCBBONCHRJZSFWNVRJRUBZRPCYZPUKBZPUNV  
PWPCYVFZIXUPUNFCPWRVNBCVBRPYYNUNFCPWWJUKBYBIPOUZBCUIPOUNVNIPUBRNCHOP  
YXPUBNCUBOYNRVNIWNCPOJIOFHOPZRNCRVNBCUNENVVFZIXUNCHPCYVFZIXUPUNFCPWZP  
UKBZPUNVR

B	36
N	34
U	33
P	32
C	26

→ E

→ T

→ A

NC	11
PU	10
UB	10
UN	9

digrams

→ IN

→ AT

UKB	6
RVN	6
FZI	4

trigrams

→ THE

## 2. Vigenère cipher (16'th century, Rome)

$k =$  **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**

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$c =$  **Y Y Y I T B K T C S T M V F B P R**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

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**Polyalphabetic cypher**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
B	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A
C	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B
D	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C
E	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D
F	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E
G	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F
H	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
I	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
J	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
K	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
L	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
M	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
N	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
O	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
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Q	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
R	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
S	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
T	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
U	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
V	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
W	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
X	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W
Y	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
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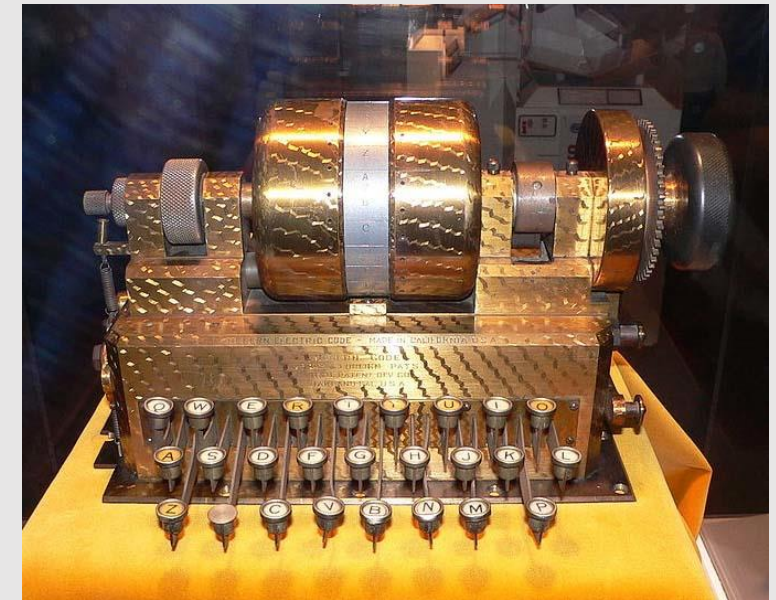
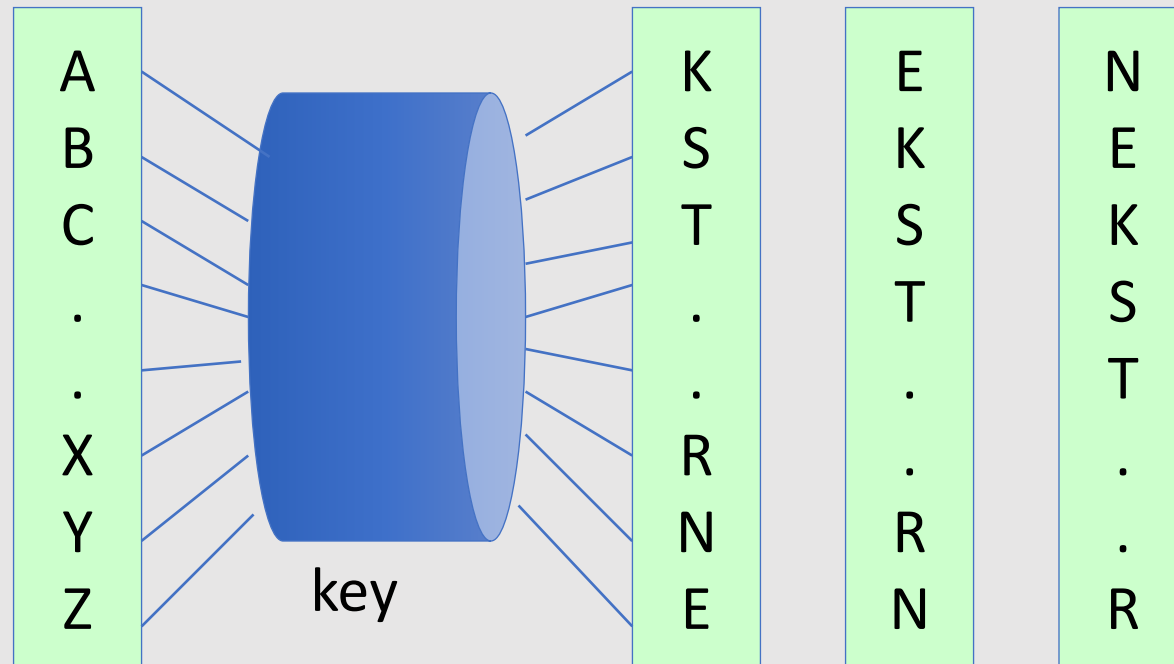
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c = **Y Y Y I T B | K T C S T M | V F B P R**

Suppose the most common letter is "G"  $\longrightarrow$  It is likely that "G" corresponds to "E"  
 $\longrightarrow$  **First letter of key = "G" - "E" = "C"**  $(c[i] = m[i] + k[i] \Rightarrow k[i] = c[i] - m[i])$

### 3. Rotor Machines (1870-1943)

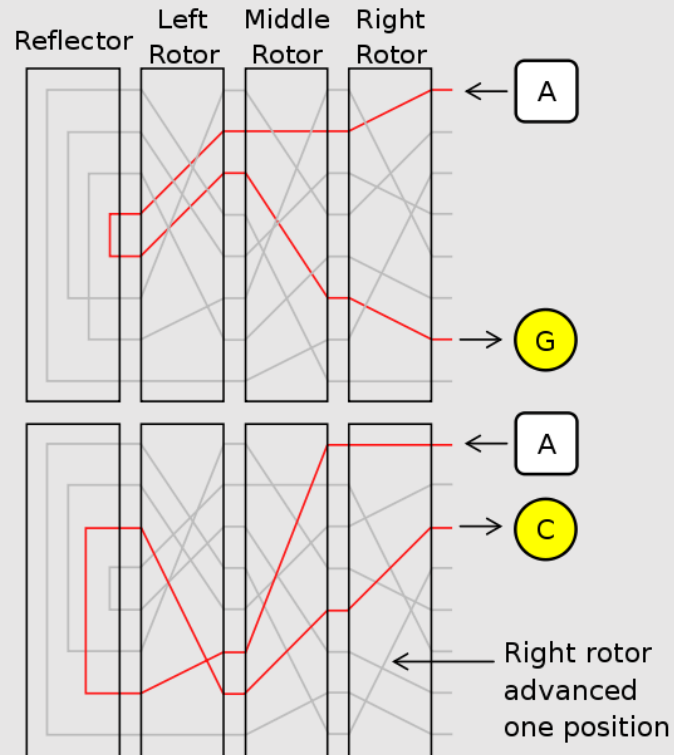
Early example: the Hebern machine (single rotor)





# Rotor Machines (cont.)

Most famous: the Enigma (3-5 rotors)



## 4. Data Encryption Standard (1974)

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

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

# Discrete Probability (crash course)

# Probability distribution

- **U: finite set**, called **Universe** or **Sample space**

## Examples:

- Coin flip:  $U = \{ \text{heads, tail} \}$  or  $U = \{ 0, 1 \}$
- Rolling a dice:  $U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$

- A **Probability distribution**  $P$  over  $U$  is a function  $P : U \rightarrow [0,1]$

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

## Examples:

- Coin flip:  $P(\text{heads}) = P(\text{tail}) = 1/2$
- Rolling a dice:  $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$

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- Notation:  $U = \{0,1\}^n$
- **Example:**

Universe  $U = \{0,1\}^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$

Probability distribution  $P$  defined as follows:

$$P(00) = 1/2$$

$$P(01) = 1/8$$

$$P(10) = 1/4$$

$$P(11) = 1/8$$

# Probability distributions

## Examples:

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

... and many others

# Events

Let us consider a universe  $\mathbf{U}$  and a probability distribution  $\mathbf{P}$  over  $\mathbf{U}$ .

- An **event** is a subset  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $\mathbf{U}$ , that is,  $A \subseteq U$
- The **probability of  $\mathbf{A}$**  is  $\Pr[\mathbf{A}] = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{A}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$

Note:  $\Pr[\mathbf{U}] = 1$

## Example

- Universe  $U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$
- Probability distribution  $P$  s.t.  $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$
- $\mathbf{A} = \{1, 3, 5\}$
- $\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{A}] = 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 = 1/2$

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## Example

- Universe  $U = \{0,1\}^8$
- Uniform distribution  $P$  over  $U$ , that is,  $P(x) = 1/2^8$  for every  $x \in U$
- $A = \{ \text{all } x \text{ in } U \text{ such that } \text{lsb}_2(x) = 11 \} \subseteq U$
- $\Pr[A] = 1/4$

Hints:  $\Pr[A] = 1/2^8 \times |A|$

each element in  $A$  is of the form  $\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 1 1$



# Union of Events

Given events  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$ ,  
 $\mathbf{A}_1 \cup \mathbf{A}_2$  is an event.

- $\Pr[ A_1 \cup A_2 ] = \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2] - \Pr[A_1 \cap A_2 ]$
- $\Pr[ A_1 \cup A_2 ] \leq \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2]$  (“Union bound”)
- $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow \Pr[ A_1 \cup A_2 ] = \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2]$

# Random Variables

Def: a **random variable**  $X$  is a function  $X : \mathbf{U} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$

**Example** (Rolling a dice):

$U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$

Uniform distribution  $P$  over  $U$ :  $P(1) = P(2) = P(3) = P(4) = P(5) = P(6) = 1/6$

Random variable  $X : \mathbf{U} \rightarrow \{ \text{"even"}, \text{"odd"} \}$

$X(2) = X(4) = X(6) = \text{"even"}$

$X(1) = X(3) = X(5) = \text{"odd"}$

$$\Pr[ X=\text{"even"} ] = 1/2 \quad , \quad \Pr[ X=\text{"odd"} ] = 1/2$$

More generally:  $X$  *induces* a distribution on  $\mathbf{V}$

# The **uniform** random variable

Let  $S$  be some set, e.g.  $S = \{0,1\}^n$

We write  $r \leftarrow S$  to denote a **uniform random variable** over  $S$

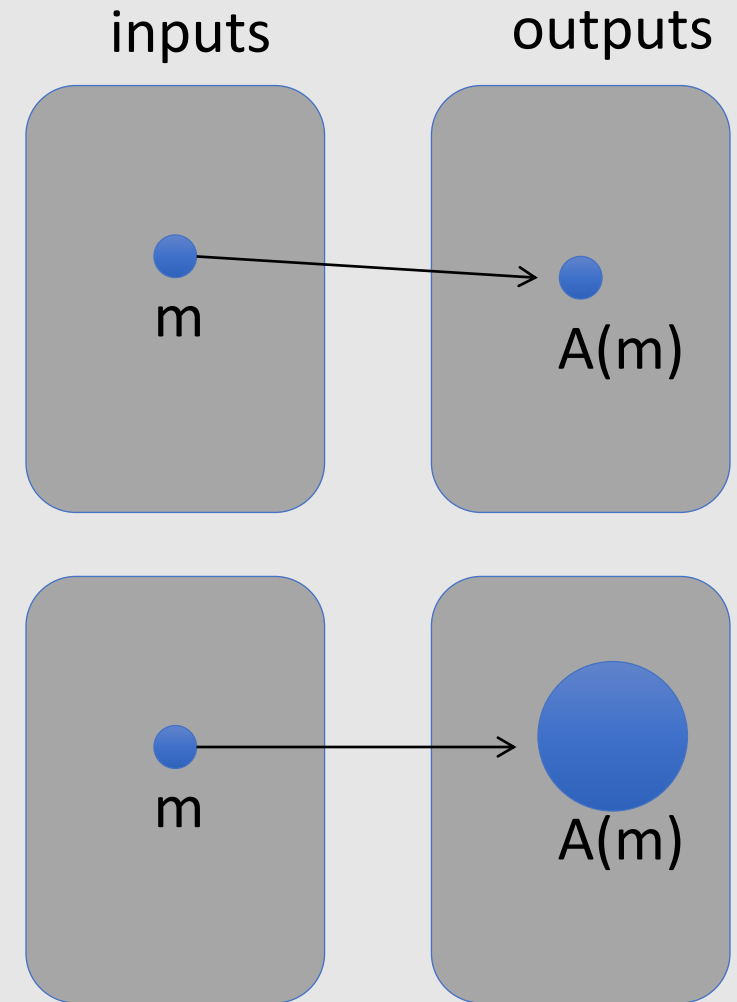
$$\text{for all } a \in S: \quad \Pr[ r=a ] = 1/|S|$$

# Defining a random variable in terms of another

- Let  $r$  be a uniform random variable on  $\{0,1\}^2$
- Define the random variable  $X = r_1 + r_2$
- Then  $\Pr[X=2] = \frac{1}{4}$
- Hint:  $\Pr[X=2] = \Pr[r=11]$

# Randomized algorithms

- **Deterministic** algorithm:  $y \leftarrow A(m)$
- **Randomized** algorithm  
output is a random variable  $y \leftarrow A(m)$



# Recap

- U: **Universe** or **Sample space** (e.g.,  $U = \{0,1\}^n$  )
- A **Probability distribution** P over U is a function  $P : U \rightarrow [0,1]$  such that  $\sum_{x \in U} P(x) = 1$
- An **event** is a subset A of U, that is,  $A \subseteq U$
- The **probability of event A** is  $\Pr[A] = \sum_{x \in A} P(x)$
- A **random variable** is a function  $X : U \rightarrow V$   
**X takes values in V** and defines a distribution on V

# Independence

## **Definition. Independent events**

Events A and B are **independent** if

$$\Pr[ A \cap B ] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$$

## **Definition. Independent random variables**

Random variables X and Y taking values in V are **independent** if

$$\forall a, b \in V: \Pr[ X=a \text{ and } Y=b ] = \Pr[X=a] \cdot \Pr[Y=b]$$

# XOR

XOR of two strings in  $\{0,1\}^n$  is their bit-wise addition mod 2

X	Y	$X \oplus Y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110111 \\ 1011010 \\ \hline 1101101 \end{array} \oplus$$



# An important property of XOR

## Theorem:

1. **X**: a random variable over  $\{0,1\}^n$  with a **uniform distribution**
  2. **Y**: a random variable over  $\{0,1\}^n$  with an **arbitrary distribution**
  3. **X** and **Y** are **independent**
- Then **Z := Y ⊕ X** is a **UNIFORM** random variable over  $\{0,1\}^n$

**Proof:** (for  $n=1$ )

$$\Pr[ Z=0 ] =$$

$$\Pr[(X,Y)=(0,0) \text{ or } (X,Y)=(1,1)] =$$

$$\Pr[(X,Y)=(0,0)] + \Pr[(X,Y)=(1,1)] =$$

$$p_0/2 + p_1/2 = 1/2$$

$$\text{Therefore } \Pr[ Z=1 ] = 1/2$$

Y	Pr
0	$p_0$
1	$p_1$

X	Pr
0	$1/2$
1	$1/2$

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

# The birthday paradox

Let  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in U$  be **independent identically distributed** random variables

**Theorem:** when  $n = 1.2 \times |U|^{1/2}$  then  $\Pr[\exists i \neq j: r_i = r_j] \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Example:

- $U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 366\}$
- When  $n = 1.2 \times \sqrt{366} \approx 23$ , two people have the same birthday with probability  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$

Example:

- Let  $U = \{0,1\}^{128}$
- After sampling about  $2^{64}$  random messages from  $U$ , some two sampled messages will likely be the same

$|U|=10^6$

