

# Introduction to Modern Cryptography



2nd lecture:

Perfectly-Secure Encryption

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University College London MSc InfoSec 2010 course given by Jens Groth  
Thank you very much!

# Finite Sets

- Sets       $A = \{1,2\}$        $B = \{1,2,3,4\}$        $C = \{4\}$
- Empty set       $\emptyset = \{\}$
- Subsets/supersets       $A \subseteq B$  ,  $B \supseteq C$
- Intersection       $A \cap B = \{1,2\}$
- Disjoint sets       $A \cap C = \emptyset$
- Union       $A \cup C = \{1,2,4\}$
- Relative complement       $B \setminus A = \{3,4\}$
- Cartesian product       $A \times C = \{(1,4),(2,4)\}$
- Cardinality       $|A| = 2$  ,  $|\emptyset| = 0$
- Rules       $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

# Probability Theory

- Sample space, e.g.  $\Omega = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$
- Probability mass function:  $\text{Pr}: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- $\text{Pr}[a] + \text{Pr}[b] + \dots + \text{Pr}[z] = 1$
- Event  $A \subseteq \Omega$
- $\text{Pr}[A] = \sum_{x \in A} \text{Pr}[x]$
- $\text{Pr}[\emptyset] = 0$        $\text{Pr}[\Omega] = 1$
- $0 \leq \text{Pr}[A] \leq 1$

# Probability Theory II

- If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $\Pr[A] \leq \Pr[B]$
- $\Pr[A \cap B] \leq \min(\Pr[A], \Pr[B])$
- $\max(\Pr[A], \Pr[B]) \leq \Pr[A \cup B] \leq \Pr[A] + \Pr[B]$
- $\Pr[A \cup B] = \Pr[A] + \Pr[B] - \Pr[A \cap B]$
- $\Pr[A] - \Pr[B] \leq \Pr[A \setminus B] \leq \Pr[A]$
- independent events:  $\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \Pr[B]$
- conditional probabilities: For  $B$  with  $\Pr[B] > 0$   
define  $\Pr[A|B] := \Pr[A \cap B] / \Pr[B]$
- $A$  and  $B$  are independent if and only if  
 $\Pr[A|B] = \Pr[A]$

union bound

# Random Variables (RV)

- Random variable:  $X: \Omega \rightarrow S$
- Define  $\Pr[X = y] := \Pr[X^{-1}(y)]$
- Joined random variables  
 $X: \Omega \rightarrow S, Y: \Omega \rightarrow T$   
yields the random variable  
 $(X, Y): \Omega \rightarrow S \times T$
- Independent random variables if for all  $x, y$   
 $\Pr[(X, Y) = (x, y)] = \Pr[X = x] \Pr[Y = y]$

# Dependent RV

- $X: \Omega \rightarrow S, \quad Y: \Omega \rightarrow T$
- $\Pr[X=x | Y=y] = \Pr[(X,Y)=(x,y)] / \Pr[Y=y]$
- $\Pr[X=x, Y=y] = \Pr[X=x | Y=y] \Pr[Y=y]$
- Theorem:  
 $\Pr[X=x] =$   
 $\Pr[X=x | Y=y] \Pr[Y=y] + \Pr[X=x | Y \neq y] \Pr[Y \neq y]$

# Gilbert Vernam

1890 – 1960



- engineer at AT&T Bell Labs
- inventor of stream cipher and one-time pad in 1919
- U.S. Patent 1,310,719

# Frank Miller

1842 – 1918 or so



- banker in Sacramento, CA
- trustee of Stanford University
- invented one-time pad in 1882, 35 years earlier than Vernam!



# One-Time Pad (OTP)

- Encryption:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} m & = & 101111 \\ k & = & 001010 \\ \hline \text{Enc}_k(m) = c & = & m \oplus k = 100101 \end{array}$$

- Decryption:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} c & = & 100101 \\ k & = & 001010 \\ \hline \text{Dec}_k(c) = m & = & c \oplus k = 101111 \end{array}$$

# Problems with OTP

- key needs to be **as long as message**
- key can only be used **once**
- provides **no authentication**
- key has to be **truly random**
- more info on wikipedia, another source

# Claude Elwood Shannon

1916 - 2001



- Father of Information Theory
- Graduate of MIT
- Bell Labs
- juggling, unicycling, chess
- ultimate machine