Security and Cryptography 1

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Module 3: A little reminder on discrete probability

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Reprise from Module 1

You have been introduced to some ***typical actors***

You understand what ***threats*** are … and what this means

You can tell ***security goals*** (*CIA!*) from ***security services***

You know ***adversary models*** and which aspects they define

Reprise from Module 2

You‘ve learned the tuple (M,C,K,E,D)

You can tell the difference of

- Cryptology
- Cryptography
- Cryptanalysis

You know basic cryptanalysis (statistics/combinatorics)

You know transposition and substitution

You have learned the shift cipher

… Mono- and Polyalphabetic substitution ciphers

… Product ciphers

You know CT only attacks

And you have heard of the legends of Enigma and Alan Turing…

Module Outline

A few words on space and time

Probability distributions

Random variables

Independence

Randomized algorithms

Some characteristics of XOR

A few words on space and time

Recall shift cipher (Caesar)

- How many combinations of possible keys?

  2^5

- random guessing, how long do you need on average?

  2^4

Recall random permutation and Vigenère

- How large were the key spaces? 2^{88} 2^{122}
- How many random trials? 2^{87} 2^{121}

How large is large? (Some context)

Reference Numbers Comparing Relative Magnitudes				
Reference		***Magnitude***		
Seconds in a year		≈ 3	$* 10^{7}$	
Seconds since creation of solar system		≈ 2	$* 10^{17}$	$\approx 4.6 * 10^{9}$ y
Clock cycles per year (50 MHz computer)		≈ 1.6	$* 10^{15}$	
Instructions per year (i7 @ 3.0 GHz)	$\approx 2^{63}$	≈ 7.15	$* 10^{18}$	
Binary strings of length 64	2^{64}	≈ 1.8	$* 10^{19}$	
Binary strings of length 128	2^{128}	≈ 3.4	$* 10^{38}$	
Binary strings of length 256	2^{256}	≈ 1.2	$* 10^{77}$	
Number of 75-digit prime numbers		≈ 5.2	$* 10^{72}$	
Number of 80-digit prime numbers		≈ 5.4	$* 10^{77}$	
Electrons in the universe		≈ 8.37	$* 10^{77}$	

Attacking Cryptography: Brute Force Attack

Brute force attack, try all keys until intelligible plaintext found:

- Every crypto algorithm (save: OTP) can be attacked by brute force
- On average, half of all possible keys will have to be tried

Average Time Required for Exhaustive Key Search

Key Size [bit]	***Number of keys***	***Time required at 1 encryption / µs***	***Time required at 10^6 encryption / µs***
32	$2^{32} = 4.3 * 10^9$	2^{31} µs = 35.8 minutes	2.15 milliseconds
56	$2^{56} = 7.2 * 10^{16}$	2^{55} µs = 1142 years	10.01 hours
128	$2^{128} = 3.4 * 10^{38}$	2^{127} µs = $5.4 * 10^{24}$ years	$5.4 * 10^{18}$ years
(Vigenère 26 chars	$26! = 4 * 10^{26}$	2^{88} µs = $6.4*10^{12}$ years	$6.4*10^6$ years)

i7 could get to around 10^4 encryptions/µs
GPU can perform around $7\text{x}10^5$ hashes

Time since human/chimpanzee lines diverged: 5×10^6 years,
Homo sapiens: 5×10^4 years

Recap: Discrete Probabilities

U: finite set (e.g. $U = \{0,1\}^n$)

Def: **Probability distribution** P over U is a function $P: U \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

more specifically $P(x) \in [0,1]$

such that $\sum P(x) = 1$

Examples:

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

Examples

Fair coin:

U = {H,T}, P(H)=P(T) = ½

Dice:

U= {1,…,6}, P(x) = 1/6, $1 \leq x \leq 6$

Two dice (combined):

U= $\{1,..,6\}^2$ ={(x1,x2): $1 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 6$}

P(x_1, x_2) = 1/36 for all x_1, x_2

Uniform distributions for all of the above

Two dice (sum):

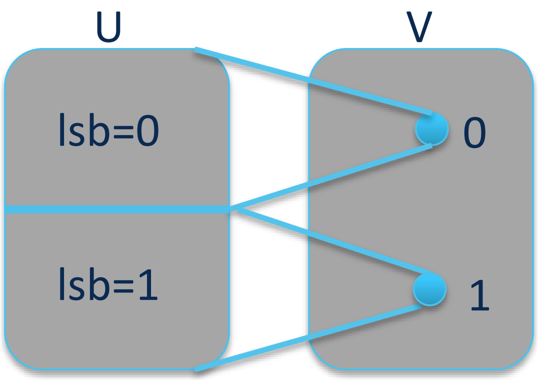
U= {2,3,…,12}

P(2)= 1/36, P(3)=2/36,…,P(12)=1/36

Random Variables

Def: a random variable X is a function $X: U \longrightarrow V$

Example: $X: \{0,1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$; $X(y) = \text{lsb}(y) \in \{0,1\}$



For the uniform distribution on U:

$\Pr[X=0] = 1/2$, $\Pr[X=1] = 1/2$

More generally:

rand. var. X induces a distribution on V: $\Pr[X=v] := \Pr\left[X^{-1}(v)\right]$

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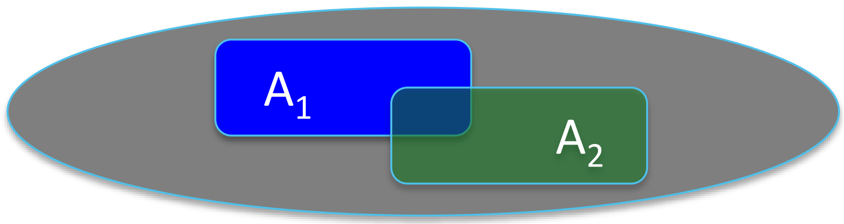

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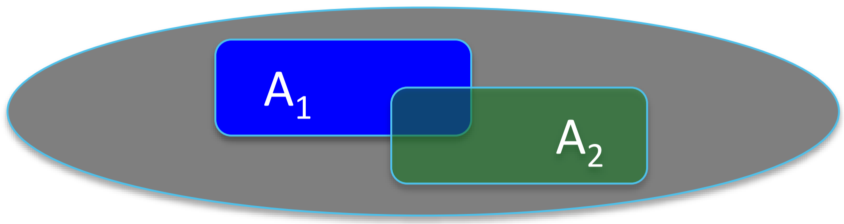

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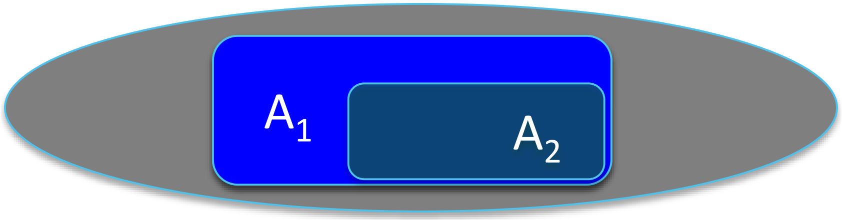
Conditional Probabilities

Suppose event $A \subseteq U$.

The *induced* probability P_A is defined as:

$$P_A(x) = \frac{P(x)}{P(A)} \text{ for x} \in \text{A}$$



For two events, $A_1, A_2 \subseteq U$ we say that $P_{A_1}(A_2)$, or $P(A_2|A_1)$ is

$$P(A_2|A_1) = P_{A_1}(A_1 \cap A_2) = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2)}{P(A_1)}$$

Another Example

For events A_1 and A_2:

$$A_1 = \{x \ in \ \{0,1\}^3 : msb(x) = 1\}$$
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$$P(A_1) = 1/2$$
$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = 2/8 = 1/4$$

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

$\forall$a,b $\in$ V: Pr[X=a and Y=b] = Pr[X=a] x Pr[Y=b]

Example:

$U = \{0,1\}^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ and $r \xleftarrow{R} U$

Define random variables X and Y as: X = lsb(r) , Y = msb(r)

Pr[X=0 and Y=0] =

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