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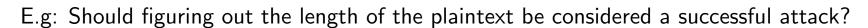
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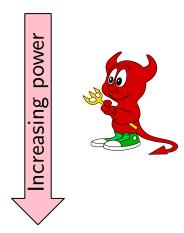
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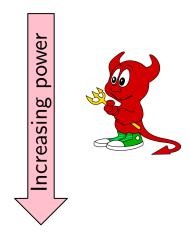
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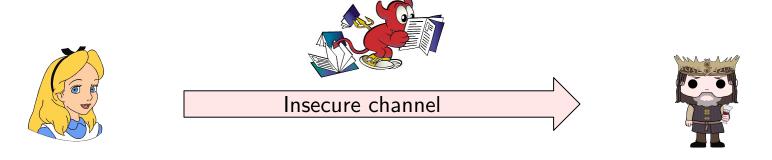
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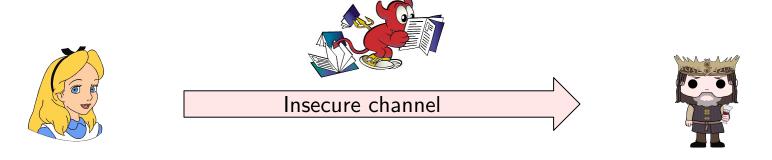
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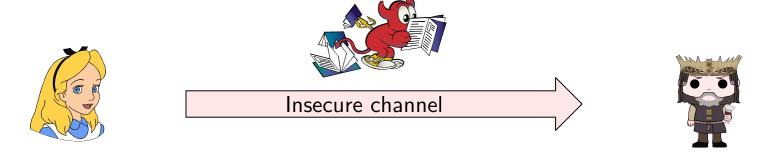


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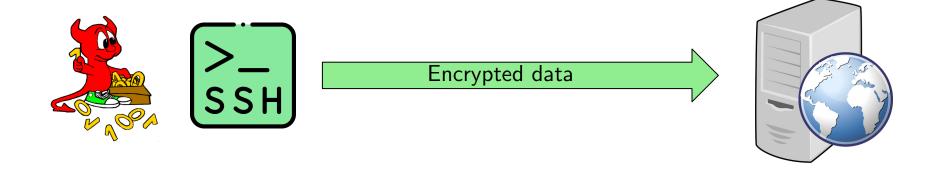
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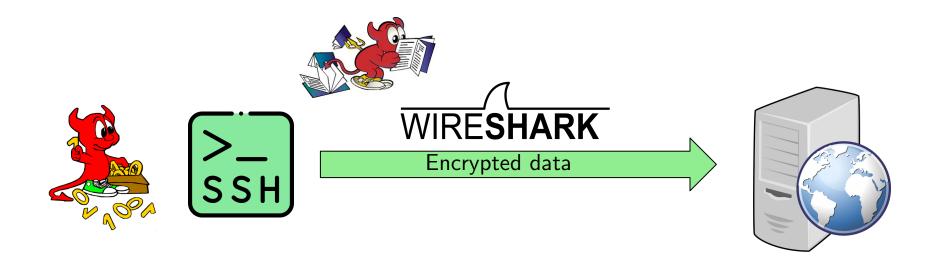
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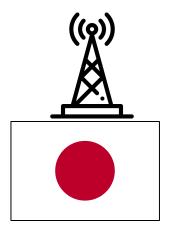
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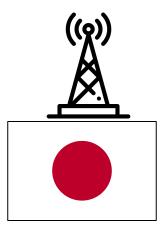
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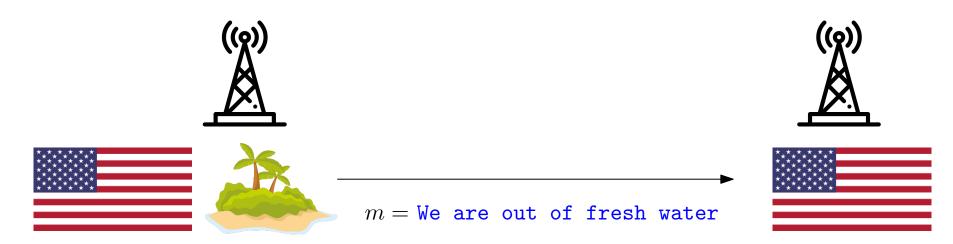


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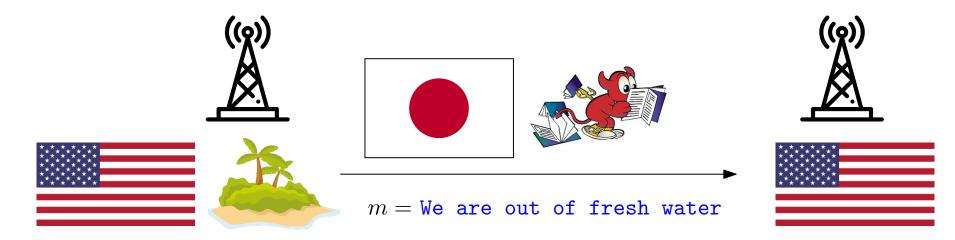


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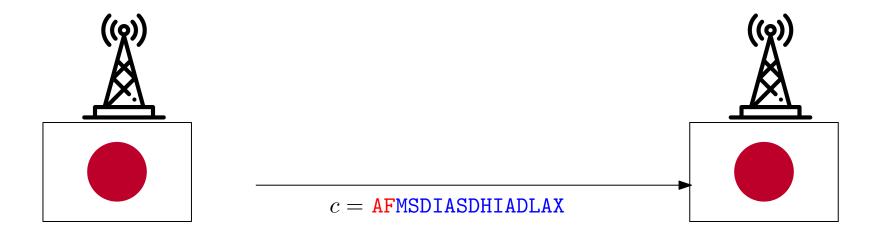
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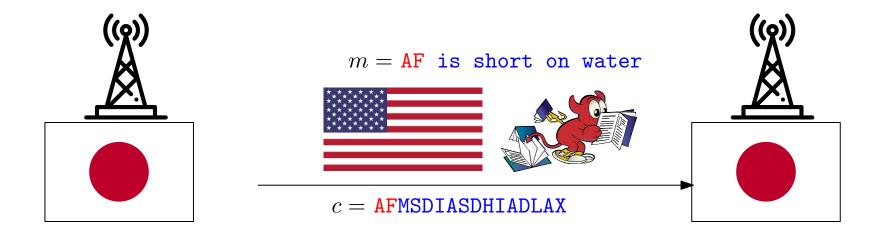
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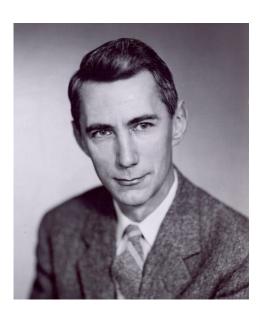
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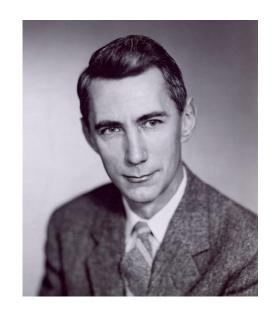
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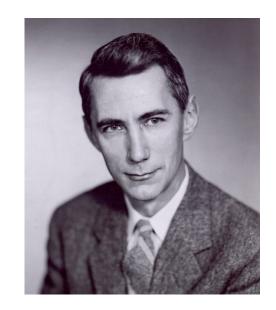
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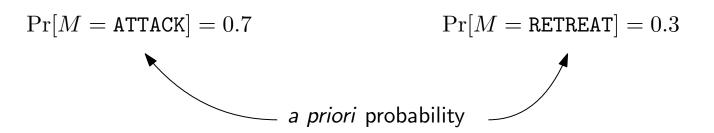
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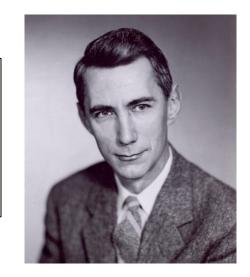
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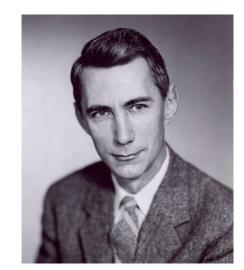


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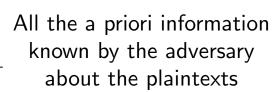
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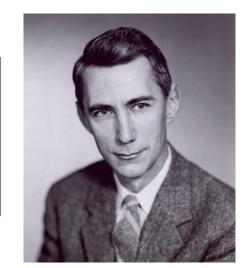
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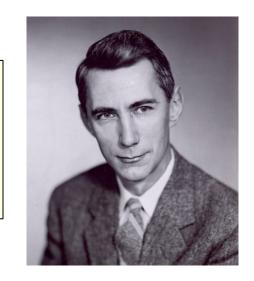




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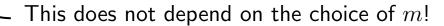


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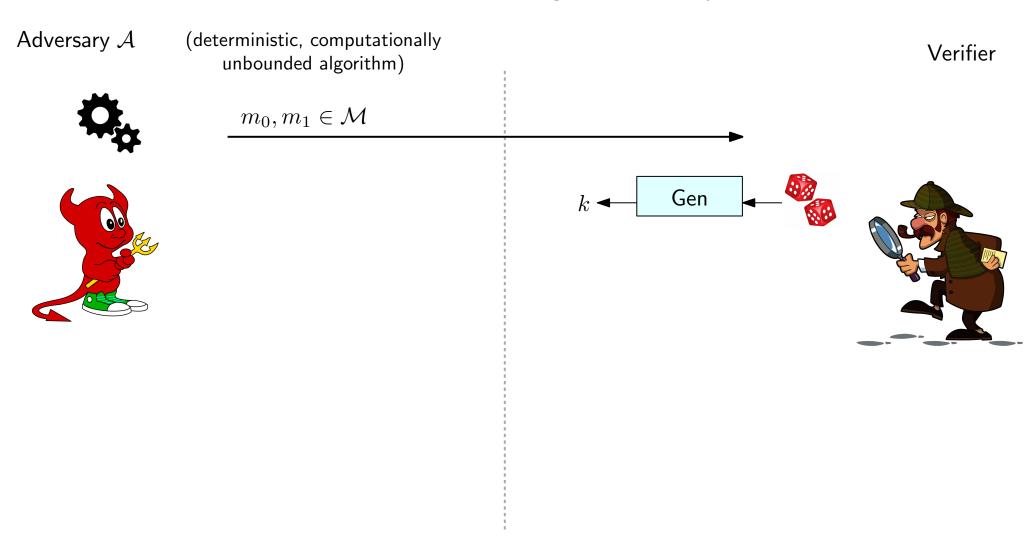
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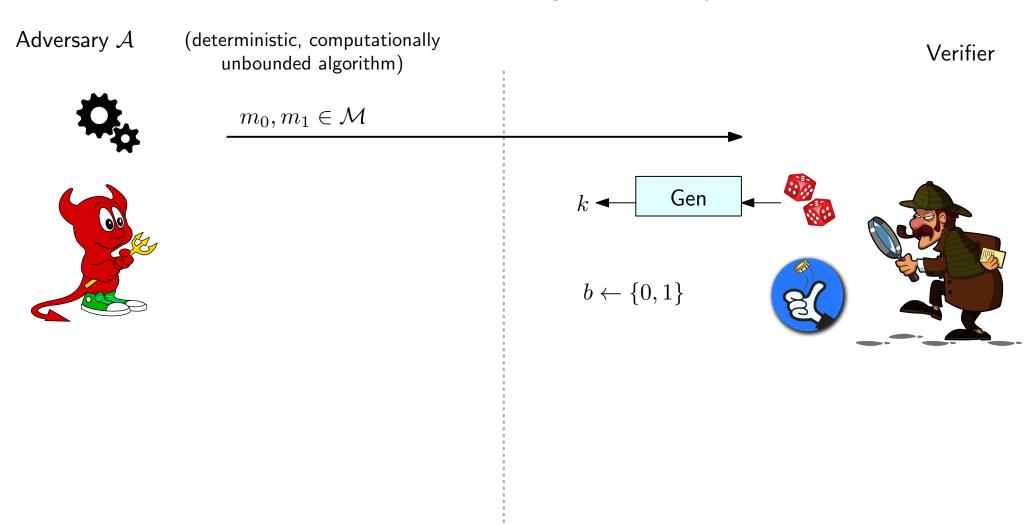


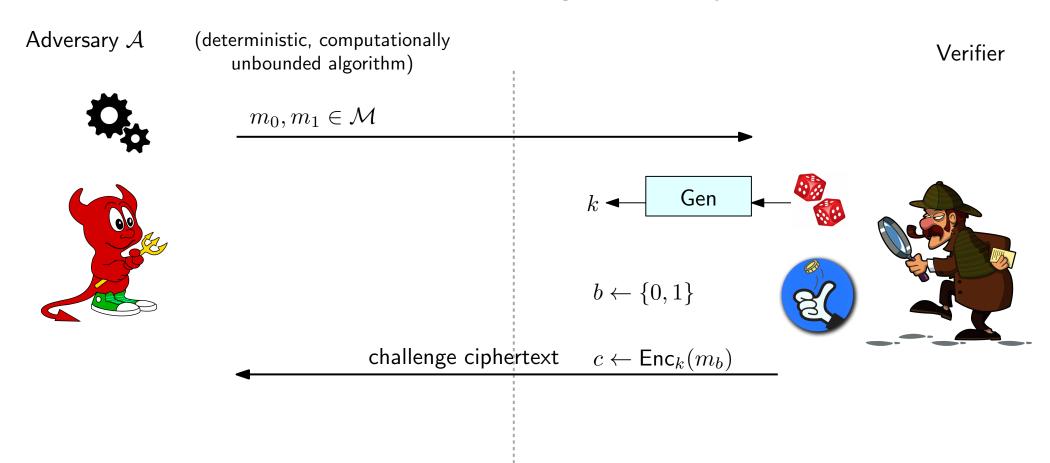
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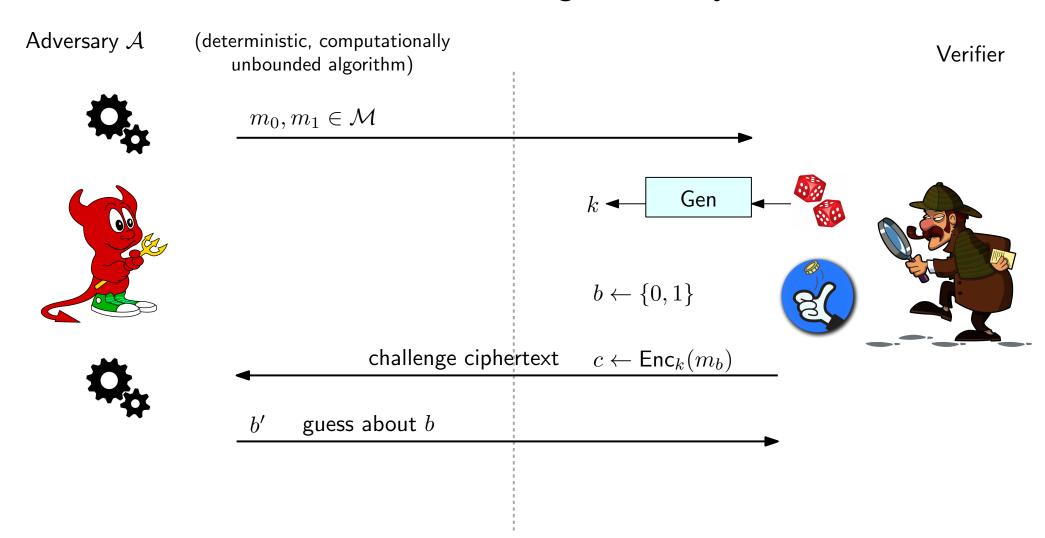


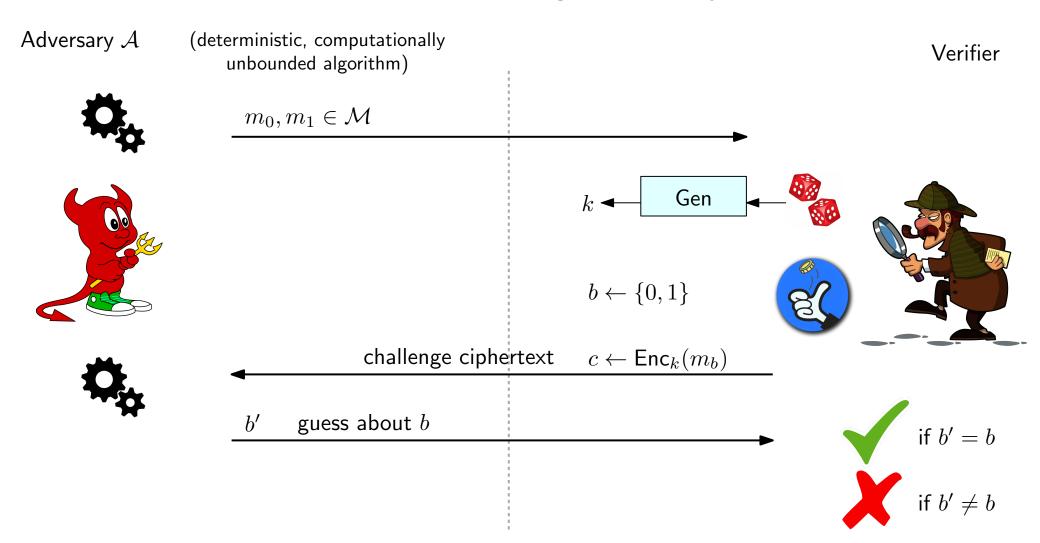








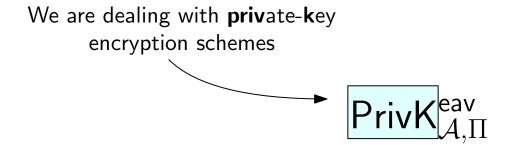




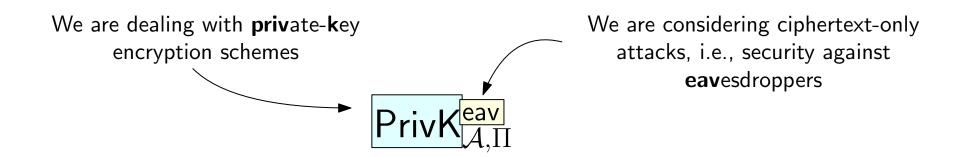
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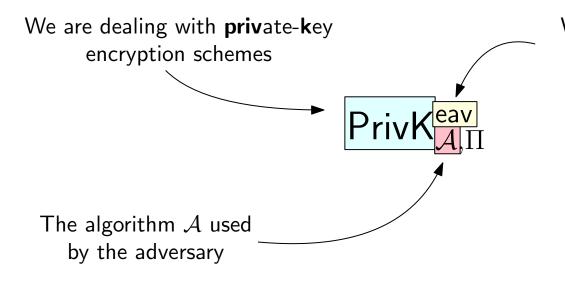
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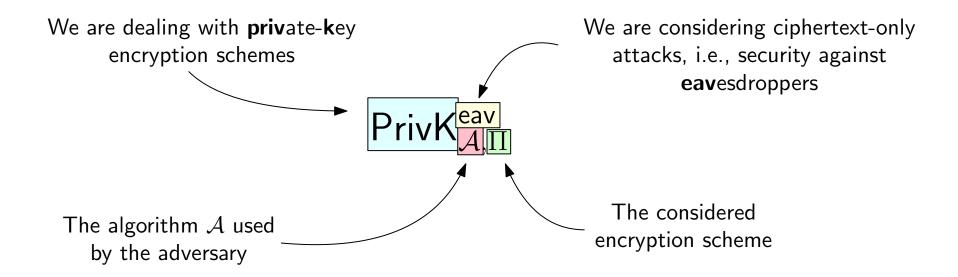


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# Recap: Equivalent definitions



**Definition:** An encryption scheme (Gen, Enc, Dec) with message space  $\mathcal{M}$  is **perfectly secret** if **for every** probability distribution over  $\mathcal{M}$ , **every** message  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ , and **every** ciphertext  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\Pr[C = c] \neq 0$ :

$$\Pr[M = m \mid C = c] = \Pr[M = m]$$

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$$\Pr[Enc_K(m) = c] = \Pr[Enc_K(m') = c]$$



**Definition**: A private key encryption scheme  $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$  with message space  $\mathcal{M}$  is **perfectly indistinguishable** if for every  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds:

$$\Pr[\textit{PrivK}^{\textit{eav}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi} = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

