

MODERN CRYPTOGRAPHY

1. THE OPPONENT KNOWS THE SYSTEM BEING USED

2. THE OPPONENT HAS ACCESS TO ANY AMOUNT OF CORRESPONDING PLAINTEXT->CIPHERTEXT

3. THE OPPONENT MAY HAVE ACCESS TO THE KEY USED IN THE ENCRYPTING TRANSFORMATION. $E_k(M)=C$

4. SECURITY IS TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE OPPONENT NOT BEING ABLE TO CONSTRUCT THE DECRYPTING TRANSFORMATION $D_k(C)=M$

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