

Order-Preserving Encryption Secure Beyond One-Wayness

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Order Preserving Encryption (OPE)

Secret Key Encryption Scheme s.t.

- Plaintext and Ciphertext Spaces are intervals of the set of integers.
- It satisfies the **order-preserving property**:

$$m < m' \iff \text{Enc}_K(m) < \text{Enc}_K(m')$$

Application

- OPE can be used in **encrypted outsourced database**
- (Range Query)** Because OPE enables one to find documents m satisfying

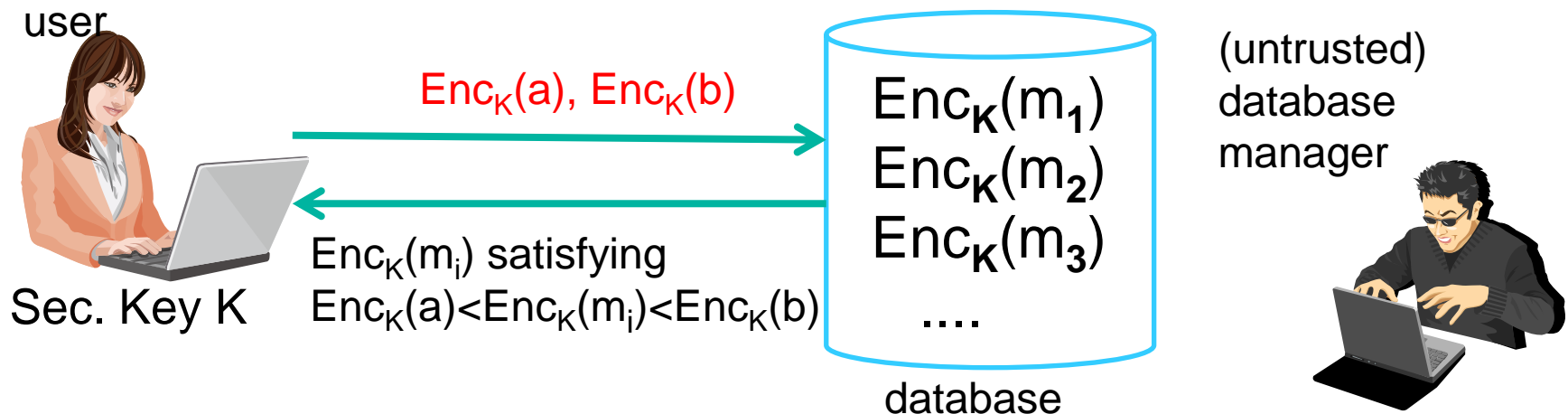
$$a < m < b$$

without decrypting ciphertexts.

- In fact, due to the order-pres. property, one can find such m by checking whether

$$\text{Enc}_K(a) < \text{Enc}_K(m) < \text{Enc}_K(b)$$

holds or not.



Subject and Results of This Paper

- However, **security of OPE is far from being understood at this time.**
 - In fact, a naturally defined indistinguishability notion (IND-O-CPA) **cannot be achievable** (under some natural condition) [1].
- In this paper we tackle the following fundamental problem for OPE:
**what exactly must OPE leak?,
and what can it hide?**
- And we show a **positive** results for it:
 - Define a **weaker indistinguishability** notion, (\mathbf{X}, T, q) -IND, for OPE than the known (unachievable) one while the known result[2] is about one-wayness
 - the notion is **natural in the database setting** mentioned before.
 - the notion can ensure that **secrecy of lower bits of plaintext**.
 - Propose **a new OPE scheme** satisfying our indistinguishability notion.

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Review of $(r, q+1)$ -WOW (Window-OneWay)

Our security notion is obtained by modifying the following known **one-way based** notion, $(r, q+1)$ -WOW [2]

challenger (on behalf of an honest user of the database)



“reference plaintexts”

Unif $\rightarrow m_1$

Unif $\rightarrow m_2$

....

Unif $\rightarrow m_q$

“target plaintext”

Unif $\rightarrow m^*$

Enc_K

Enc_K(m₁)

Enc_K(m₂)

....

Enc_K(m_q)

Enc_K(m^{*})

database



adversary A

→ an interval I of length r

$$\forall A \text{ (polytime)} \Pr[m^* \in I] \leq \text{neg}(\text{Mess. Sp. Size})$$

Our notion (\mathbf{X}, T, q) -IND

Here $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_q)$ be a tuple of (indep.) distributions on the Mess. Sp.

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“reference plaintexts”

$\mathbf{X}_1 \rightarrow m_1$

$\mathbf{X}_2 \rightarrow m_2$

....

$\mathbf{X}_q \rightarrow m_q$

Sec
bit b

Enc_K

$\text{Enc}_K(m_1)$

$\text{Enc}_K(m_2)$

....

$\text{Enc}_K(m_q)$

$\text{Enc}_K(m^*)$

database



adversary A

→ bit d

“target plaintext”

$\mathbf{Mg} \rightarrow (m^*[0], m^*[1])$

$m^*[b] \rightarrow m^*$

\mathbf{Mg} is polytime algo.
called Message Generator

$\forall \mathbf{Mg}$ (polytime) whose output satisfies $|m^*[0] - m^*[1]| < T$

$\forall A$ (polytime) $|\Pr[d=b] - 1/2| \leq \text{neg}(\text{Mess. Sp. Size})$

Why $|m^*[0]-m^*[1]| < T$?

In our def., we require a message generator **Mg** to output $(m^*[0], m^*[1])$ satisfying

$$|m^*[0]-m^*[1]| < T$$

This is because otherwise, an OPE is broken easily using the following idea [1]:

- The order-pres. property

$$m < m' \Rightarrow \text{Enc}_K(m) < \text{Enc}_K(m')$$

means that Enc_K is **monotone increasing**.

- Hence, if we allow an adversary to select $(m^*[0], m^*[1])$ such that

$$m^*[1] - m^*[0]$$

is large, the difference

$$\text{Enc}_K(m^*[1]) - \text{Enc}_K(m^*[0])$$

has to **become noticeably large**.

- Therefore, the adversary can distinguish $\text{Enc}_K(m^*[0])$ and $\text{Enc}_K(m^*[1])$ easily.

Property of (\mathbf{X}, T, q) -IND

Our (\mathbf{X}, T, q) -IND implies that **the least significant $\log T$ bits of a plaintext are hidden** from the adversary in our database setting.

Proof (rough idea)

Consider the following two messages:

$m^*[0]$: any message

$m^*[1]$: lower $\log T$ bits are selected randomly

and the other bits are the same as those of $m^*[0]$

Then, it holds that

$$|m^*[0] - m^*[1]| < T,$$

which is our condition for (\mathbf{X}, R, q) -IND.

Hence, $\text{Enc}_K(m^*[0])$ is indis. from $\text{Enc}_K(m^*[1])$.

Recall that the lower $\log T$ bits of $m^*[1]$ is random.

This means that an **adversary given $\text{Enc}_K(m^*[0])$ cannot know the lower $\log T$ bits of $m^*[0]$.**

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Our Result (Informal)

Very roughly, we construct an OPE scheme such that

Main Thm.(informal) if min-entropies of $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_q$ are large, our scheme is (\mathbf{X}, T, q) -IND for a large T . (Here $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_q)$.)

To formalize the above statement, we give some def.

- The **min-entropy** of random variable \mathbf{X}_i on a Mess. Sp. is

$$H_{\infty}(\mathbf{X}_i) := \min \{ -\log \Pr[\mathbf{X}_i = m] \mid m \in \text{Mess. Sp.} \}$$

- It is known that the min-entropy of \mathbf{X}_i has to less than that of **Unif** on Mess. Sp:

$$H_{\infty}(\mathbf{X}_i) \leq H_{\infty}(\mathbf{Unif}) (= \log \#(\text{Mess. Sp.}))$$

- So we define **“normalized” min-entropy** of \mathbf{X} as follows:

$$H_{\infty}^*(\mathbf{X}_i) := H_{\infty}(\mathbf{X}_i) / H_{\infty}(\mathbf{Unif}) \leq 1$$

- for a *tuple* $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_q)$ of random variables, we also define

Our Result (Formal)

We construct an OPE scheme $E[\alpha, \beta]$ satisfying the following property:

Main Thm (Formal):

For a tuple of (indep) rand. variable $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_q)$ satisfying

$$H^*_{\infty}(\mathbf{X}) > \beta,$$

our scheme $E[\alpha, \beta]$ satisfies

$$(\mathbf{X}, M^{\alpha}, q)\text{-IND}$$

for any $0 < \alpha < \beta$.

Here M is Mess. Sp.Size.

Our scheme is based on a PRF and the above result holds under security of PRF.

Corollaries

Recall that our $(\mathbf{X}, M^{\alpha, q})$ -IND can hide lower bits of a plaintext

Hence, the following corollaries hold (under the same assumption as above).

Corollary: Our scheme $E[\alpha, \beta]$ can hide fraction α of lower bits of plaintexts for any $\alpha < \beta$ satisfying $\beta < H^*_{\infty}(\mathbf{X})$.

In particular, if \mathbf{X} is a tuple of the **Unif** distributions, it follows that

Corollary: Our scheme $E[\alpha, 1]$ can hide any fraction of lower bits of plaintexts.

$(r, q+1)$ -WOW of Our Scheme.

■ We can show the following fact as well:

Theorem: (Unif^q, T, q) -IND implies $(r, q+1)$ -WOW for suitable r .

■ In particular, we can conclude the following corollary:

Corollary: Our scheme satisfies $(M^s, q+1)$ -WOW for any

$$0 < s < 1$$

■ In the case of the known scheme [1], it is shown that

■ the known scheme is $(1, q+1)$ -WOW

■ but it is *not* $(M^s, q+1)$ -WOW for $s > 1/2$.

Hence, our scheme achieve $(r, q+1)$ -WOW for better parameter r than the known scheme [1].

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Construction (1/4)

We construct our scheme in the following two steps:

- First, we construct a scheme
 - which satisfies our $(\mathbf{X}, M^\alpha, q)$ -IND **without assuming any computational assumption.**
 - But the enc. and dec. of this scheme requires **super-polytime**

→ [Today we talk about this scheme](#)

- Second, we improve the above scheme
 - Here we use the “lazy sampling” technique [2],
 - So we use a PRF
 - and the security of this scheme is based on PRF.
 - The scheme achieves poly-time enc. and dec. costs.

→ [See our paper for this scheme](#)

Construction (2/4)

For an encryption function Enc_K , we let

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= \text{Enc}_K(0) \\ D[i] &:= \text{Enc}_K(i) - \text{Enc}_K(i-1) \end{aligned}$$

Then we can write $\text{Enc}_K(m)$ as follows:

$$\text{Enc}_K(m) = R + \sum_{i=1}^m D[i].$$

Therefore, a design of Enc_K can be reduced to the selections of R and $D[i]$.

Construction (3/4)

How to select $D[i]$:

we set $D[i] \leftarrow$ **small** value with high probability,
but set it to a “**large** random value” with low probability.

Specifically,

- Let p be a “small” fixed value.
- Take a coin $r[i]$ which becomes 1 with high prob $1-p$.
- if ($r[i] = 1$)
 - $D[i] \leftarrow$ **small** value (say, 1).
- Otherwise,
 - $D[i] \xleftarrow{\$}$ $\{1, \dots, L\}$,
where $L =$ **large** value (say, $2^{\text{poly}(\text{SecParam})}$)

We take a value R in a similar manner

Construction (4/4)

Then we set

Key $K \leftarrow (R, D[1], \dots, D[M])$, (Here $\text{Mess.Sp} = \{0, \dots, M\}$)

$$\text{Enc}_K(m) \leftarrow R + \sum_{i=1}^m D[i].$$

But the problems are that,

when the Mess. Sp. size M is super-polynomial of SecParam,

- the above key K is **not** polysize
- the above Enc_K is **not** polytime

So, finally, we improve the above scheme using “lazy sampling” technique [1].

- We omit the explanation of this final part. See our paper.

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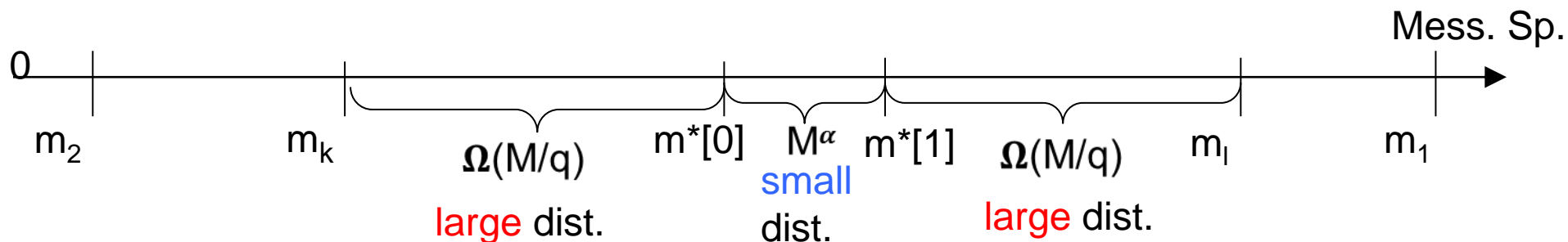
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$(\mathbf{X}, M^\alpha, q)$ -IND of Our Scheme

Proof)

Consider the Mess. Sp. $= \{1 \dots M\}$

- Due to the def. of $(\mathbf{X}, M^\alpha, q)$ -IND, messages $m^*[0]$ and $m^*[1]$ of the challenge have to be within the distance $T = M^\alpha$.
- Since $\alpha < 1$, the distance $T = M^\alpha$ is **small** compare to M (when $M \rightarrow \infty$)
- Recall that we consider the case where components of \mathbf{X} has high min-



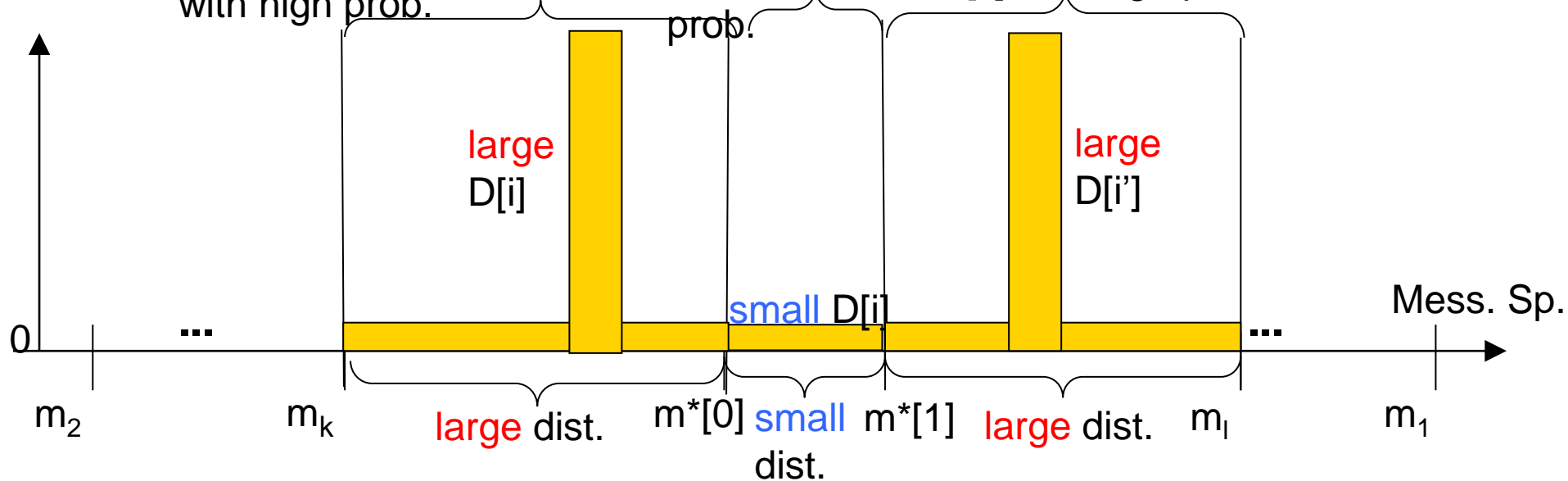
$(\mathbf{X}, M^\alpha, q)$ -IND of Our Scheme

Recall that we take $D[i]$ as follows:

- with high probability $D[i] \leftarrow$ **small** value.
- with small probability $D[i]$ becomes **large** random value.

But since this interval is **large**, it contains **large** $D[i]$ with high prob.

Since this interval is **small**, all $D[i]$ in it are **large**, it contains **large** $D[i']$ with high prob.

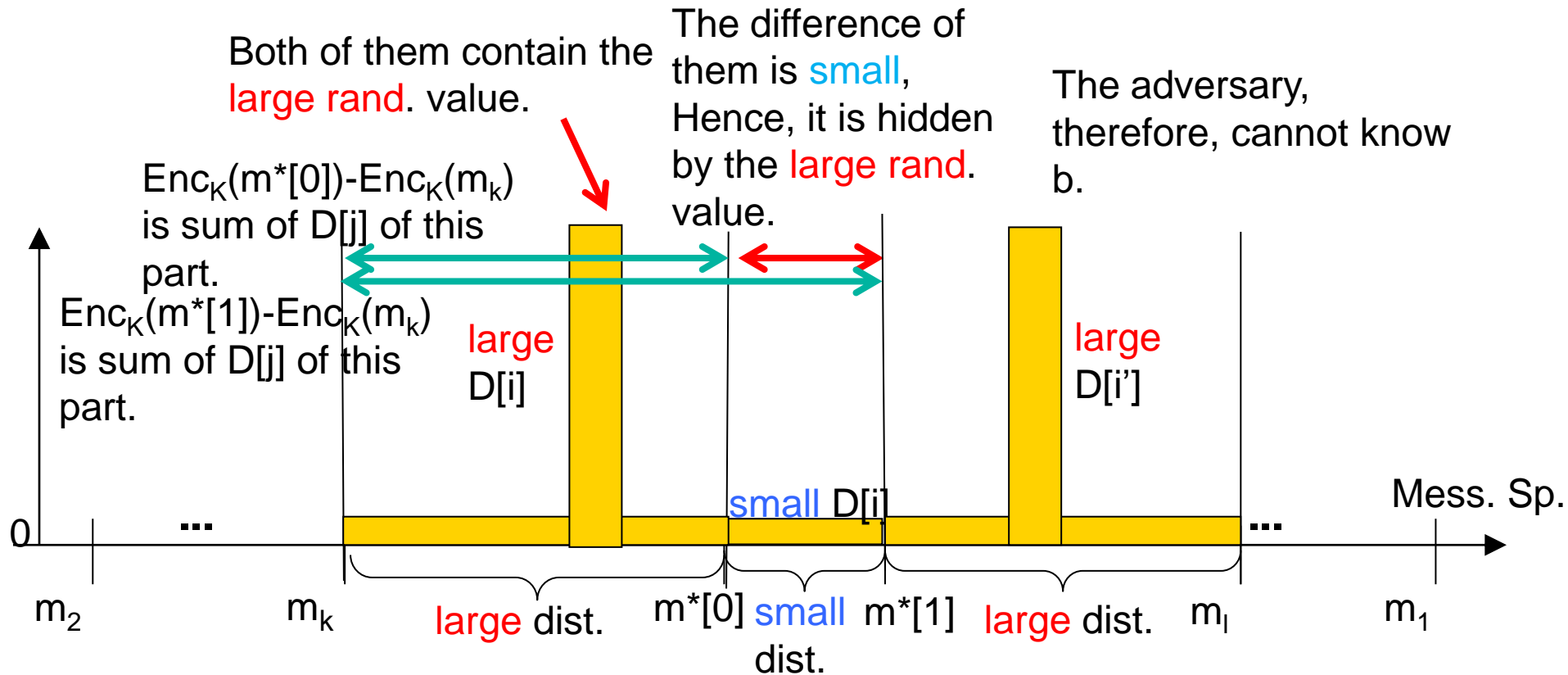


$(\mathbf{X}, M^\alpha, q)$ -IND of Our Scheme

Consider an adversary who want to know b from

$$\text{Enc}_K(m^*[b]) - \text{Enc}_K(m_k) \quad (\text{for } m_k < m^*[0])$$

$$= \sum_{j=m_k}^{m^*[b]} D[j] \quad (\text{by definition.})$$

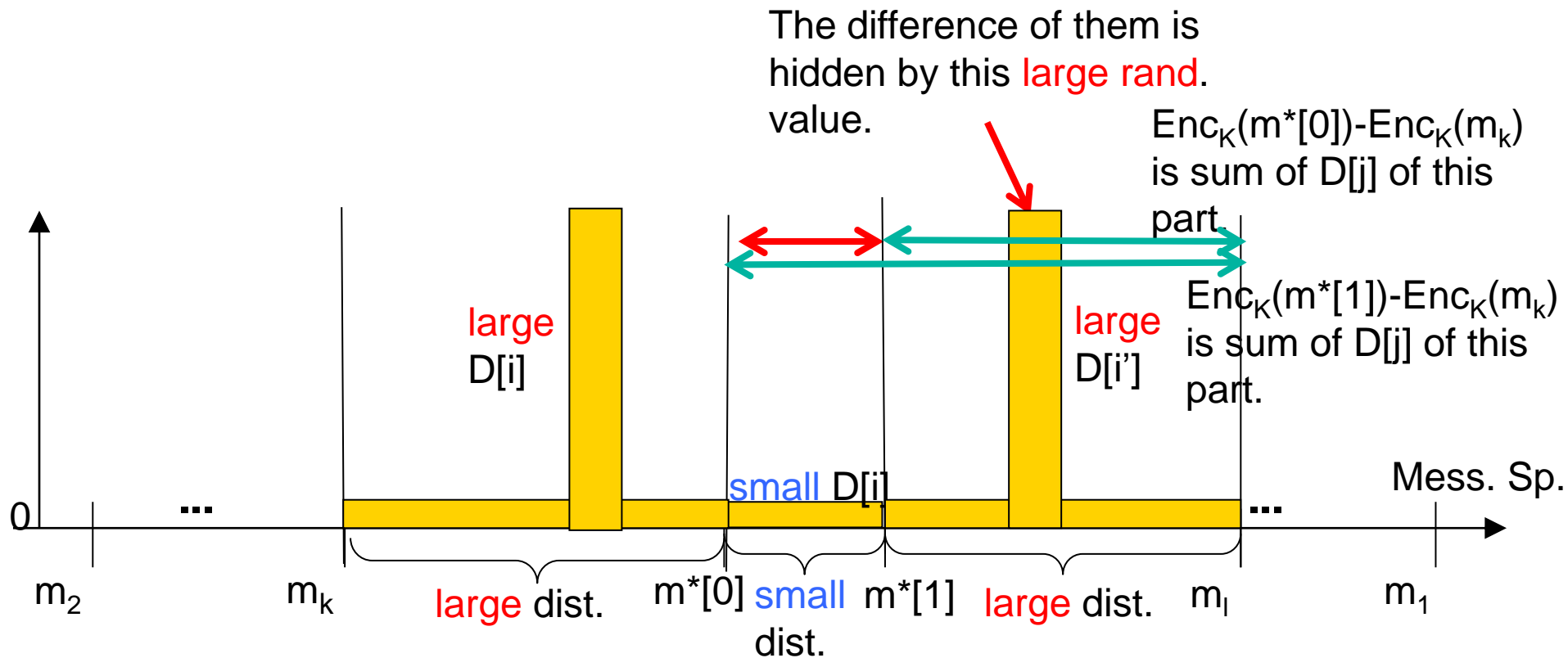


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Similarly, even if an adversary tries to know b from

$$\text{Enc}_K(m_l) - \text{Enc}_K(m^*[b]) \quad (\text{for } m_l > m^*[1]),$$

he cannot know it due to a similar reason.



Conclusion

- OPE is very powerful for encrypted database
- but so far, security for it is poorly understood beyond just onewayness the encryption
- We proposed a new indistinguishability notion for OPE.
- This notion can ensure secrecy of lower bits of a plaintext.
- We construct a new OPE scheme which satisfies our new ind. notion.
- In some application hidden lower bits is significant security property like physical measurement, may be trade secret.
- Many question are remaining open.

Thank you