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Example:

$3 \leftarrow \text{Gen}$

Enc(3, "DOG") = "GRJ"

Enc(3, "ZOO") = "CRR"

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Suppose you see a ciphertext:

$c = \text{"FCJJMUMPJB"}$

Dec(0, c) = "FCJJMUMPJB".

Dec(1, c) = "EBIILTLOIA".

Dec(2, c) = "DAHHKSKNHZ".

\vdots

Dec(24, c) = "HELLOWORLD"

Dec(25, c) = "GDKKNVNQKC"

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 = $k \leftarrow \text{Gen}$

Enc($k, \text{"DOG"}$) = "PNM"

Enc($k, \text{"ZOO"}$) = "HNN"

Enc($k, \text{"BEE"}$) = "CSS"

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Let E_1 and E_2 be events that might be the result of some randomized process.

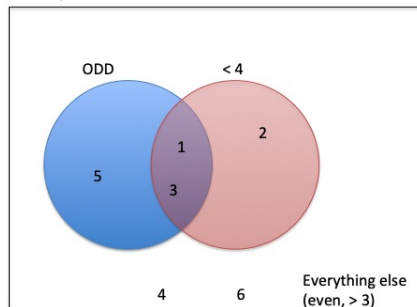
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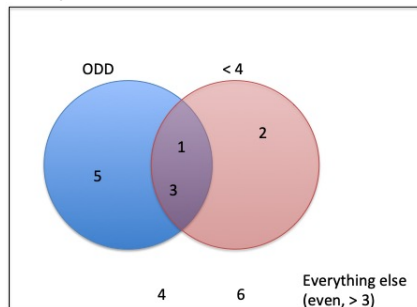
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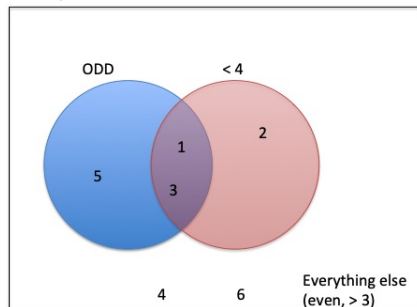
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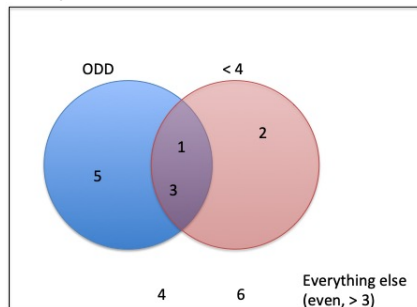
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$\frac{2}{6}$ of the outcomes are in the intersection, and $\frac{3}{6}$ of the outcomes are in the pink circle.

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Bayes's Theorem:

$$\Pr[E_1 \mid E_2] \Pr[E_2] = \Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] = \Pr[E_2 \mid E_1] \Pr[E_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[E_1 \mid E_2] = \frac{\Pr[E_2 \mid E_1] \Pr[E_1]}{\Pr[E_2]}$$

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Choose $m \leftarrow \{ \text{"DOG"}, \text{"ZOO"}, \text{"BEE"} \}$, uniformly at random

$c = \text{Enc}(k, m)$

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The ciphertext c reveals something about the plaintext!

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$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[m = \text{"ann"} \mid c = \text{"DQQ"}] &= \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"ann"}] \frac{\Pr[m = \text{"ann"}]}{\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}]} \\ &= \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}}[k = 3] \left(\frac{.2}{\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}]} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}] &= \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"kim"}].5 \\ &\quad + \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"ann"}].2 \\ &\quad + \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"boo"}].3 \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{26}.2 + \frac{1}{26}.3 = \frac{1}{26}.5\end{aligned}$$

Insecurity of Caesar cipher

Consider the following message distribution, \mathcal{M} :

$$\Pr_{m \leftarrow \mathcal{M}}[m = \text{"kim"}] = .5$$

$$\Pr_{m \leftarrow \mathcal{M}}[m = \text{"ann"}] = .2$$

$$\Pr_{m \leftarrow \mathcal{M}}[m = \text{"boo"}] = .3$$

Suppose the adversary sees ciphertext $c = \text{"DQQ"}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[m = \text{"ann"} \mid c = \text{"DQQ"}] &= \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"ann"}] \frac{\Pr[m = \text{"ann"}]}{\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}]} \\ &= \Pr_{k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}}[k = 3] \left(\frac{.2}{\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}]} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{26} \left(\frac{.2}{\frac{1}{26} \cdot .5} \right) = .4 > .2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"}] &= \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"kim"}] \cdot .5 \\ &\quad + \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"ann"}] \cdot .2 \\ &\quad + \Pr[c = \text{"DQQ"} \mid m = \text{"boo"}] \cdot .3 \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{26} \cdot .2 + \frac{1}{26} \cdot .3 = \frac{1}{26} \cdot .5\end{aligned}$$