

# Authentication Based on Secret-Key Generation

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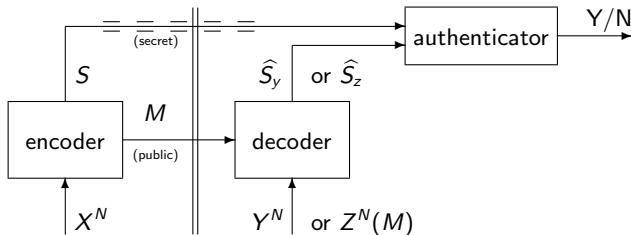
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- **ENROLLMENT:** An individual presents his biometric sequence  $X^N$  to an encoder. From this **enrollment sequence**  $X^N$  a **secret**  $S$  is generated. Also a **public helper message**  $M$  is produced.
- **LEGITIMATE PERSON:** The person presents a **legitimate observation sequence**  $Y^N$  to a decoder. The decoder produces an **estimated secret**  $\hat{S}_y$  using helper message  $M$ .
- **IMPOSTOR:** An impostor **who has access to the helper message**  $M$  presents an **impostor sequence**  $Z^N(M)$  to the decoder that now forms estimated secret  $\hat{S}_z$  using  $M$ .
- **AUTHENTICATOR:** Checks whether the estimated secret  $\hat{S}_y$  or  $\hat{S}_z$  equals the enrolled secret  $S$ , and outputs **yes or no**.

# INTRODUCTION: Enrollment and Authentication Statistics

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The symbols of the enrollment and legitimate observation sequences assume values in the **finite alphabets**  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  respectively.

The joint probability

$$\Pr\{X^N = x^N, Y^N = y^N\} = \prod_{n=1}^N Q(x_n, y_n), \text{ for all } x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N, y^N \in \mathcal{Y}^N. \quad (1)$$

where  $Q(x, y)$  for  $x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}$  is a probability distribution, hence the pairs  $(X_n, Y_n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$  are **independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)**.

Also the symbols of the impostor sequences assume values in the alphabet  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

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**Encoding function:**

$$(S, M) = e(X^N), \quad (2)$$

where  $S \in \{\phi_e, 1, 2, \dots, |S|\}$  is the generated secret and  $M \in \{1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{M}|\}$  the public helper message. Here  $\phi_e$  is the secret-value if the encoder could not assign a secret.

**Decoding function:**

$$\widehat{S}_y = d(M, Y^N), \quad (3)$$

where  $\widehat{S}_y \in \{\phi_d, 1, 2, \dots, |S|\}$  is the estimated secret. Again  $\phi_d$  is the estimated secret-value if the decoder could not find an estimated secret.

Note that an **impostor** can choose

$$Z^N = i(M), \quad (4)$$

depending on the helper data  $M$ . This impostor sequence  $z^N \in \mathcal{Z}^N$  is then presented to the decoder that forms

$$\widehat{S}_z = d(M, Z^N) = d(M, i(M)). \quad (5)$$

The **authenticator** checks whether the output of the encoder, i.e. the secret  $S$ , and the output of the decoder, i.e. the estimated secret  $\widehat{S}_y$  or  $\widehat{S}_z$ , are equal.

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The **False Reject Rate (FRR)** and **False Accept Rate (FAR)** are typical performance measures for authentication systems. They are defined as follows:

$$\text{FRR} \triangleq \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{FAR} \triangleq \Pr\{\widehat{S}_z = S\}. \quad (6)$$

**NOTE** that, given the probability distribution  $Q(\cdot, \cdot)$ , the FRR depends only on the encoder and decoder functions  $e(\cdot)$  and  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . The FAR moreover depends on the impostor strategy  $i(\cdot)$ .

# INTRODUCTION: Ahlswede-Csiszar Secret-Generation [1993]

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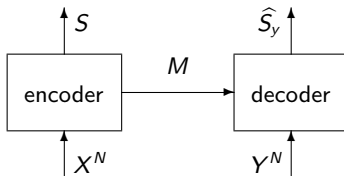
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Both the enrolled and estimated secret assume values in  $\{1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{S}|\}$ .

**A:** The secret must be **recoverable** by the decoder. **B:** It should be **large and uniform**. **C:** The helper message should be **uninformative about the secret**.

## Definition

Secrecy rate  $R$  is achievable if, for all  $\delta > 0$  and all  $N$  large enough, there exist encoders and decoders such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} &\leq \delta, \\ \frac{1}{N} H(S) + \delta &\geq \frac{1}{N} \log_2 |\mathcal{S}| \geq R - \delta, \\ \frac{1}{N} I(S; M) &\leq \delta. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

## Theorem (Ahlsvede-Csiszar, 1993)

*For a secret-generation system the maximum achievable secrecy rate is equal to  $I(X; Y)$ . We call this largest rate the **secrecy capacity**  $C_S$ .*

### QUESTION and REMARK:

- Only statement about FRR. What is the consequence of this theorem in terms of FAR?
- Note that an impostor has access to the helper data  $M$ .

Next we will consider two distributions  $P(m, s)$  realized by an encoder. The distributions **satisfy the achievability constraints**, hence

$$\frac{1}{N} I(S; M) \leq \delta,$$

$$\frac{1}{N} H(S) + \delta \geq \frac{1}{N} \log_2 |\mathcal{S}| \geq R - \delta. \quad (8)$$

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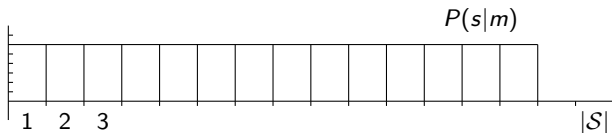
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For each  $m$  let  $P(s|m) = 1/(\alpha|S|)$  or 0. Then an impostor can achieve

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 \frac{1}{\text{FAR}} &= \log_2(\alpha|S|) \\ &= H(S|M) \\ &= H(S) - I(S; M) \\ &\geq N(R - 2\delta) - N\delta \\ &= N(R - 3\delta). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{N} \log_2 \frac{1}{\text{FAR}} \geq R - 3\delta. \tag{10}$$



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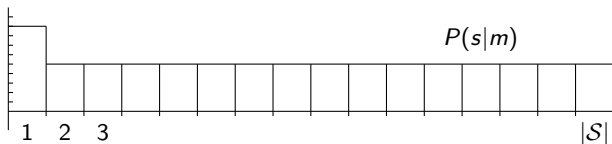
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For each  $m$  let  $P(s|m) = 1 - \beta$  for a single  $s$ , and  $\beta/(|S| - 1)$  for all the others. Then

$$\begin{aligned} H(S|M) &= H(S) - I(S; M) \geq H(S) - N\delta = (H(S) + N\delta) - 2N\delta \\ H(S|M) &= h(\beta) + \beta \log_2(|S| - 1) \\ &\leq 1 + \beta \log_2 |S| \leq 1 + \beta(H(S) + N\delta). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Hence

$$(1 - \beta)(H(S) + N\delta) \leq 1 + 2N\delta, \quad (12)$$

$$\text{FAR} = (1 - \beta) \leq \frac{1 + 2N\delta}{H(S) + N\delta} \leq \frac{3\delta}{R - \delta}, \quad (13)$$

for large enough  $N$ , and for a MAP-impostor

$$\frac{1}{N} \log_2 \frac{1}{\text{FAR}} \geq \frac{1}{N} \log_2 \frac{R - \delta}{3\delta}.$$

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- **CONCLUSION** is that, in the Ahlswede-Csiszar setting, a small  $I(S; M)$  does not guarantee an exponentially small FAR.
- **QUESTION** is whether  $\text{FAR} \approx 2^{-NC_s} = 2^{-MI(X; Y)}$  can be guaranteed in an authentication system based on secret-generation for all impostors.
- **QUESTION** is whether  $I(X; Y)$  is a **fundamental limit for the false-accept exponent**, just as is it the fundamental limit for secret-key rate.
- **QUESTION** is (a) how to define achievability, (b) how to construct an achievability proof and a (c) converse that support the statement that  $I(X; Y)$  is maximal false-accept exponent.

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## Definition

False-accept exponent  $E$  is achievable if for all  $\delta > 0$  and all  $N$  large enough there exists an encoder and a decoder such that

$$\text{FRR} \leq \delta, \quad (15)$$

while all impostor strategies will result in

$$\frac{1}{N} \log_2 \frac{1}{\text{FAR}} \geq E - \delta. \quad (16)$$

We will prove here the following result:

## Theorem

*For a biometric authentication model based on secret-generation the maximum achievable false-accept exponent  $E$  is equal to  $I(X; Y)$ .*

Note that in our achievability proof we must demonstrate

- that there **exist encoders and decoders** that achieve the FRR constraint (15),
- and that guarantee, **for all impostor strategies**, that the FAR constraint (16) is met for  $E = I(X; Y)$ .

# ACHIEVABILITY: FRR, M-Labeling (Slepian-Wolf)

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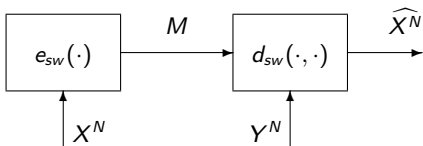
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First we show that there exist a (Slepian-Wolf) code for reconstruction of  $\widehat{X}^N$  by the decoder, see figure below.



This code defines the  $M$ -labeling.

It guarantees that  $\Pr\{\widehat{X}^N \neq X^N\} \leq \delta$  for  $|\mathcal{M}| = 2^{N(H(X|Y)+3\epsilon)}$  and  $N$  large enough.

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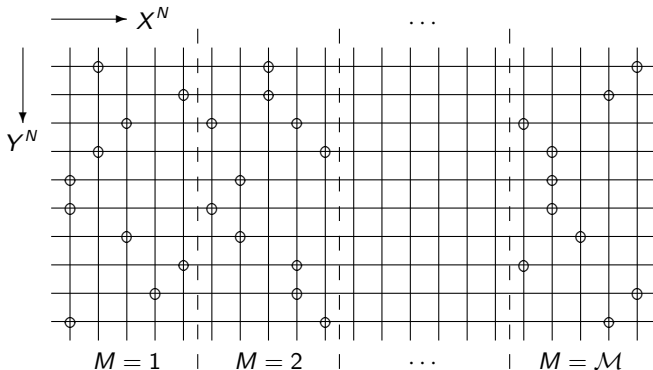
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Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and an  $N$ . Consider the typical set  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(XY)$ .

To each  $x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N$  a label  $m$  that is **uniformly chosen** from  $\{1, 2, \dots, M\}$  is assigned. Denote this label by  $m(x^N)$ . See figure above.

**ENCODING:** Upon observing  $x^N$  the encoder sends  $m(x^N)$  to the decoder.

**DECODING:** The decoder chooses the unique  $\widehat{x}^N$  such that  $m(\widehat{x}^N) = m(x^N)$  and  $(\widehat{x}^N, y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(XY)$ . If such an  $\widehat{x}^N$  cannot be found, the decoder declares an error<sup>1</sup>.

**ERROR PROBABILITY:** Averaged over the ensemble of labelings

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\{\widehat{X}^N \neq X^N\} \\ &= \Pr\left\{(X^N, Y^N) \notin \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N \cup \bigcup_{x^N \neq X^N, (x^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N} M(x^N) = M(X^N)\right\} \\ &\leq \Pr\{(X^N, Y^N) \notin \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N\} + \Pr\left\{\bigcup_{x^N \neq X^N, (x^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N} M(x^N) = M(X^N)\right\} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

First term, for  $N$  large enough, is

$$\Pr\{(X^N, Y^N) \notin \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N\} \leq \varepsilon. \quad (18)$$

<sup>1</sup>It is not important what value  $\widehat{x}^N$  gets in that case.

Second term, again for  $N$  large enough, is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Pr \left\{ \bigcup_{x^N \neq X^N, (x^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N} M(x^N) = M(X^N) \right\} \\
 & \leq \sum_{x^N, y^N} P(x^N, y^N) \sum_{\tilde{x}^N \neq x^N, (\tilde{x}^N, y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N} \Pr\{M(\tilde{x}^N) = M(x^N)\} \\
 & \leq \sum_{x^N, y^N} P(x^N, y^N) |\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(X|y^N)| \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|} \\
 & \leq 2^{N(H(X|Y)+2\varepsilon)} \frac{1}{2^{N(H(X|Y)+3\varepsilon)}} \\
 & = 2^{-N\varepsilon} \\
 & \leq \varepsilon,
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

when we take

$$|\mathcal{M}| = 2^{N(H(X|Y)+3\varepsilon)}. \tag{20}$$



**Averaged over the ensemble of  $M$ -labelings**, the error probability is smaller than or equal to  $2\varepsilon$ , for  $N$  large enough, hence **there exists** an  $M$ -labeling with

$$\Pr\{\widehat{X}^N \neq X^N\} \leq 2\varepsilon. \quad (21)$$

**S-Labeling used by the encoder during enrollment:**

ANY labeling  $s(x^N) : \mathcal{X}^N \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |S|\}$  for  $x^N \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(X)$ , and  $s(x^N) = \phi_e$  for  $x^N \notin \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(X)$ .

**Behavior of decoder:**

The decoder outputs as estimated secret  $s(\widehat{x}^N)$ , where  $\widehat{x}^N$  is the output of the SW-decoder, if this decoder didn't declare an error, and  $\phi_d$  if an error was declared by the SW-decoder.

**Note** that if no error occurred the SW-encoder input  $x^N$  and equal SW-decoder output  $\widehat{x}^N \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(X)$ . This implies, that for an authorized individual, our encoder and decoder guarantee that

$$\text{FRR} = \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \leq \Pr\{\widehat{X}^N \neq X^N\} \leq 2\varepsilon.$$

**Fix a Slepian-Wolf code constructed before**, and define for all  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  the sets of typical sequences

$$\mathcal{A}(m) \triangleq \{x^N \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(X) \text{ for which } m(x^N) = m\}. \quad (23)$$

Now consider an  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ .

- An impostor, knowing the helper message  $m$ , tries to pick a sequence  $z^N$  such that the resulting estimated secret  $\widehat{S}_z$  is equal to the secret key  $S$  of the individual he claims to be.
- The impostor, knowing  $m$ , can decide for the most promising secret-key  $\widehat{S}_z$  and then choose a  $z^N$  that results, together with  $m$ , in this most promising key.
- The impostor, knowing  $m$ , **need only consider secrets  $\widehat{S}_z$  that result from typical sequences**, i.e. from  $x^N \in \mathcal{A}(m)$ . Other such sequences can not be output of the SW-decoder.

# ACHIEVABILITY: Uniform S-labeling

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For each  $m$ , we distribute all the sequences  $x^N \in \mathcal{A}(m)$  **roughly uniform over the  $s$  labels**. All non-typical sequences get label  $\phi_e$ .

- The number of typical sequences with label  $m$  is upper bounded by

$$\Pr\{M = m\}/2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}.$$

- Distributing these sequences over all  $s$ -labels uniformly leads to at most

$$\lceil \Pr\{M = m\}/(2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}|\mathcal{S}|) \rceil$$

typical sequences having a certain secret label.

- The joint probability that  $m$  occurs and an impostor, knowing  $m$ , **chooses the correct secret**, is therefore upper-bounded by

$$\left[ \frac{\Pr\{M = m\}}{2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}|\mathcal{S}|} \right] \cdot 2^{-N(H(X)-\varepsilon)}.$$

An upper bound for the FAR follows if we carry out the summation over all  $m$ . This results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{FAR} &\leq \sum_{m=1, |\mathcal{M}|} \left[ \frac{\Pr\{M = m\}}{2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}|\mathcal{S}|} \right] \cdot 2^{-N(H(X)-\varepsilon)} \\
 &\leq \sum_{m=1, |\mathcal{M}|} \left( \frac{\Pr\{M = m\}}{2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}|\mathcal{S}|} + 1 \right) 2^{-N(H(X)-\varepsilon)} \\
 &= \sum_{m=1, |\mathcal{M}|} \frac{\Pr\{M = m\}}{2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}|\mathcal{S}|} 2^{-N(H(X)-\varepsilon)} + \sum_{m=1, |\mathcal{M}|} 2^{-N(H(X)-\varepsilon)} \\
 &= 2^{-N(I(X;Y)-4\varepsilon)} + 2^{-N(I(X;Y)-4\varepsilon)} \\
 &\leq 2^{-N(I(X;Y)-5\varepsilon)}, \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

for large enough  $N$ , for all impostors, if we **take the number of s-labels**

$$|\mathcal{S}| = 2^{N(I(X;Y)-2\varepsilon)}. \tag{25}$$

The upper bound (22) on the FRR and the upper bound (24) on the FAR, results in the **achievability of false-accept exponent**  $E = I(X; Y)$ .

# CONVERSE: Definition set $\mathcal{B}(m)$ and $B$ -function

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**We will show that for all encoders and decoders that achieve the FRR constraint (15), there is at least one impostor that does NOT satisfy the FAR constraint (16) for  $E > I(X; Y)$ .**

First consider an encoder and decoder achieving (15). Now

$$\mathcal{B}(m) \triangleq \{s : \text{there exists an } y^N \text{ such that } d(m, y^N) = s\}, \quad (26)$$

hence  $\mathcal{B}(m)$  is the set of secrets that can be reconstructed from  $m$ .

Moreover let  $B(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a function of  $s$  and  $m$ , such that  $B(s, m) = 1$  for  $s \in \mathcal{B}(m)$  and  $B(s, m) = 0$  otherwise.

Next note that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \geq \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} &\geq \sum_m \Pr\{M = m, S \notin \mathcal{B}(m)\} \\ &= P(B = 0), \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

since  $S \notin \mathcal{B}(M)$  will always lead to an error.

# CONVERSE: A Conditional-MAP Impostor Strategy

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An impostor chooses, knowing  $m$ , a target secret  $\hat{s}_z \in \mathcal{B}(m)$  with **maximum conditional probability**, i.e.,

$$\hat{s}_z(m) = \arg \max_{s \in \mathcal{B}(m)} P(s|m). \quad (28)$$

Since the **target secret can be realized**, this impostor achieves

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FAR} &= \sum_m P(m) \max_{s \in \mathcal{B}(m)} P(s|m) \\ &= \sum_m P(m) P(B=1|m) \max_{s \in \mathcal{B}(m)} \frac{P(s|m)}{P(B=1|m)} \\ &= \sum_m P(m) P(B=1|m) \max_{s \in \mathcal{B}(m)} \frac{P(s, B=1|m)}{P(B=1|m)} \\ &= \sum_m P(m, B=1) \max_s P(s|m, B=1). \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

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Next we consider a **relation between conditional entropy and FAR**.

$$\begin{aligned} H(S|M, B = 1) &= \sum_m P(m|B = 1) \sum_s P(s|m, B = 1) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(s|m, B = 1)} \\ &\geq \sum_m P(m|B = 1) \sum_s P(s|m, B = 1) \log_2 \frac{1}{\max_s P(s|m, B = 1)} \\ &= \sum_m P(m|B = 1) \log_2 \frac{1}{\max_s P(s|m, B = 1)} \\ &\geq \log_2 \frac{1}{\sum_m P(m|B = 1) \max_s P(s|m, B = 1)} \\ &= \log_2 \frac{P(B = 1)}{\text{FAR}}. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

See Feder and Merhav [1994], Ho and Verdú [2009].

Now can combine

$$\begin{aligned} P(B = 1)H(S|M, B = 1) &\leq H(S|M, B) \\ &\leq H(S|M) \\ &\leq I(S; Y^N|M) + F \\ &\leq H(Y^N) - H(Y^N|M, S, X^N) + F \\ &= H(Y^N) - H(Y^N|X^N) + F \\ &= NI(X; Y) + F, \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

where  $F = 1 + \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \log_2 |\mathcal{X}|^N$ , is the **Fano-term**.



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Combining (30) and (31) we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(B=1) \log_2 \frac{P(B=1)}{\text{FAR}} &\leq P(B=1)H(S|M, B=1) \\ &\leq NI(X; Y) + 1 + \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \log_2 |\mathcal{X}|^N. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Consider an achievable exponent  $E$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(B=1)N(E - \delta) + P(B=1) \log_2 P(B=1) \\ \leq NI(X; Y) + 1 + \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \log_2 |\mathcal{X}|^N. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

If we now let  $\delta \downarrow 0$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$  then since  $\Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \leq \delta$ , and  $P(B=1) \geq 1 - \Pr\{\widehat{S}_y \neq S\} \geq 1 - \delta$ , we get that

$$E \leq I(X; Y). \quad (34)$$

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Consider the mutual information  $I(X^N; M)$  of the biometric sequence  $X^N$  and the helper data  $M$ . This mutual information is what we call the **privacy-leakage**. We can write for our code that demonstrates the achievability of  $E = I(X; Y)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} I(X^N; M) &\leq H(M) \\ &\leq \log_2 |\mathcal{M}| \\ &= N(H(X|Y) + 3\epsilon) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

**QUESTION:** What is the trade-off between false-accept exponent and privacy-leakage rate?

Consider again our authentication system based on secret generation.

## Definition

False-accept exponent - privacy-leakage rate combination  $(E, L)$  is achievable if for all  $\delta > 0$  and all  $N$  large enough there exist encoders and decoders such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FRR} &\leq \delta, \\ \frac{1}{N} I(X^N; M) &\leq L + \delta, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

while all impostor strategies will result in

$$\frac{1}{N} \log_2 \frac{1}{\text{FAR}} \geq E - \delta. \quad (37)$$

The region of achievable exponent-rate combinations is defined as  $\mathcal{R}_{EL}$ .

We will prove here the following result:

## Theorem

*For a biometric authentication system based on secret-generation the region  $\mathcal{R}_{EL}$  of achievable false-accept exponent - privacy-leakage combinations satisfies*

$$\mathcal{R}_{EL} = \{(E, L) \quad : \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq E \leq I(U; Y), \\ L &\geq I(U; X) - I(U; Y), \\ &\text{for } P(u, x, y) = Q(x, y)P(u|x) \end{aligned}\} \quad (38)$$

(A) In the achievability part we will **transform the biometric source  $(X, Y)$  into a source  $(Q, Y^N)$**  with roughly  $H(Y^N|Q) \leq NH(Y|U)$  and

$Q \in \{\phi_q, 1, 2, \dots, |Q|\}$  with roughly  $|Q| = 2^{NI(U;X)}$ . We can say that  $Q$  is a **quantized version of  $X^N$** . For this new source we use the achievability part of the first theorem.

(B) The converse part is standard.

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Fix a  $P(u|x)$ . Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . For the properties of  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N$  we refer to Cover and Thomas [2006].

## Definition

Assuming that transition probability matrix  $P(u|x)$  determines the joint probability distribution  $P(u, x, y) = Q(x, y)P(u|x)$  we define

$$\mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX) \triangleq \{(u^N, x^N) : \Pr\{Y^N \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(Y|u^N, x^N) | (U^N, X^N) = (u^N, x^N)\} \geq 1 - \sqrt{\varepsilon}\}, \quad (39)$$

where  $Y^N$  is the output sequence of a “channel”  
 $Q(y|x) = Q(x, y) / \sum_x Q(x, y)$  when sequence  $x^N$  is input.

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## Property

If  $(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)$  then also  $(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UX)$ .

## Property

Let  $(U^N, X^N)$  be i.i.d. according to  $P(u, x)$  then

$$\Pr\{(U^N, X^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)\} \geq 1 - \sqrt{\epsilon} \quad (40)$$

for all large enough  $N$ .

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- 1 Observe that  $(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)$  implies that at least one  $y^N$  exist such that  $(u^N, x^N, y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UXY)$ . Thus  $(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UX)$ .
- 2 When  $(U^N, X^N, Y^N)$  is i.i.d. with respect to  $P(u, x, y)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\{(U^N, X^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UXY)\} \\ & \leq \sum_{(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)} P(u^N, x^N) + \sum_{(u^N, x^N) \notin \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)} P(u^N, x^N)(1 - \sqrt{\epsilon}) \\ & = 1 - \sqrt{\epsilon} + \sqrt{\epsilon} \Pr\{(U^N, X^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\{(U^N, X^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon^N(UX)\} \\ & \geq 1 - \frac{1 - \Pr\{(U^N, X^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UXY)\}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

The weak law of large numbers implies that

$\Pr\{(U^N, X^N, Y^N) \in \mathcal{A}_\epsilon^N(UXY)\} \geq 1 - \epsilon$  for large enough  $N$ . From (42) we now obtain the second property.

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- **Random coding:** For each index  $q \in \{1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{Q}|\}$  generate an auxiliary sequence  $u^N(q)$  at random according to  $P(u) = \sum_{x,y} Q(x,y)P(u|x)$ .
- **Quantizing:** When  $x^N$  occurs, let  $Q$  be the smallest value of  $q$  such that  $(u^N(q), x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX)$ . If no such  $q$  is found set  $Q = \phi_q$ .
- **Events:** Let  $X^N$  and  $Y^N$  be the observed biometric source sequences,  $Q$  the index determined by the quantizer. Define, for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{Q}|$ , the events:

$$E_q \triangleq \{(u^N(q), X^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX)\}. \quad (43)$$



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As in Gallager [1968], p. 454, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left\{ \bigcap_q E_q^c \right\} &= \sum_{x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N} Q(x^N) \prod_q \left( 1 - \sum_{u^N \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(U|x^N)} P(u^N) \right) \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sum_{x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N} Q(x^N) (1 - 2^{-N(I(U;X)+3\varepsilon)}) \cdot \sum_{u^N \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(U|x^N)} P(u^N|x^N)^{|Q|} \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sum_{x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N} Q(x^N) \left( 1 - \sum_{u^N \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(U|x^N)} P(u^N|x^N) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \exp(-|Q|2^{-N(I(U;X)+3\varepsilon)}) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{(u^N, x^N) \notin \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX)} P(u^N, x^N) + \sum_{x^N \in \mathcal{X}^N} Q(x^N) \exp(-2^{N\varepsilon}) \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}, \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

for  $N$  large enough, if  $|Q| = 2^{N(I(U;X)+4\varepsilon)}$ .

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Here (a) follows from the fact that for  $(u^N, x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX)$ , using the first property, we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(u^N) &= P(u^N|x^N) \frac{Q(x^N)P(u^N)}{P(x^N, u^N)} \\ &\geq P(u^N|x^N) \frac{2^{-N(H(X)+\varepsilon)}2^{-N(H(U)+\varepsilon)}}{2^{-N(H(U,X)-\varepsilon)}} \\ &= P(u^N|x^N)2^{-N(I(U;X)+3\varepsilon)}, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

(b) from the inequality  $(1 - \alpha\beta)^K \leq 1 - \alpha + \exp(-K\beta)$ , which holds for  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$  and  $K > 0$ , and (c) from the second property.

We have shown that, over the ensemble of auxiliary sequences, for  $N$  large enough,  $\Pr\{Q = \phi_q\} \leq 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ .

Therefore there exists a set of auxiliary sequences achieving

$$\Pr\{Q = \phi_q\} \leq 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}. \quad (46)$$

Consider such a set of auxiliary sequences (a quantizer).

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With probability  $\geq 1 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}$  an  $x^N$  occurs for which there is a  $q$  such that  $(u^N(q), x^N) \in \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon^N(UX)$ .

Then, with probability  $\geq 1 - \sqrt{\varepsilon}$  the observed  $y^N$  is in  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(Y|u^N(q), x^N)$  and consequently in  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(Y|u^N(q))$ . Furthermore note that  $|\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^N(Y|u^N(q))| \leq 2^{N(H(Y|U)+2\varepsilon)}$ .

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y^N|Q) &\leq 2\sqrt{\varepsilon} \log_2 |\mathcal{Y}|^N + (1 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}) + (1 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon})\sqrt{\varepsilon} \log_2 |\mathcal{Y}|^N \\ &\quad + (1 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon})(1 - \sqrt{\varepsilon}) \log_2 2^{N(H(Y|U)+2\varepsilon)} \\ &\leq N(1 - 3\sqrt{\varepsilon} + 2\varepsilon)H(Y|U) + N(3\sqrt{\varepsilon} - 2\varepsilon) \log_2 |\mathcal{Y}| \\ &\quad + (1 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

By decreasing  $\varepsilon$  and increasing  $N$ , we can get  $H(Y^N|Q)/N$  arbitrarily close to  $H(Y|U)$ , or

$$I(Q; Y^N)/N = H(Y) - H(Y^N|Q)/N \quad (48)$$

arbitrary close to  $I(U; Y)$ .

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Moreover in the same way we can get

$$\begin{aligned} H(Q|Y^N)/N &= H(Q)/N + H(Y^N|Q)/N - H(Y) \\ &\leq I(U; X) + 4\epsilon + H(Y^N|Q)/N - H(Y) \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

arbitrary close to  $I(U; X) - I(U; Y)$ .

We apply the **achievability proof for the basic theorem** now. This leads to the achievability of the combination

$$(E, L) = (I(U; Y), I(U; X) - I(U; Y)). \quad (50)$$

We only consider the basic steps. First we bound

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(S|M) &\leq I(S; Y^N|M) + H(S|Y^N, M) \\
 &\leq I(S; Y^N|M) + H(S|\widehat{S}_y) \\
 &\leq I(S, M; |Y^N) + F \\
 &= \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M; Y_n|Y^{n-1}) + F \\
 &= \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, Y^{n-1}; Y_n) + F \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, Y_{n-1}, X^{n-1}; Y_n) + F \\
 &= \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, X^{n-1}; Y_n) + F, \tag{51}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $F \triangleq 1 + \delta \log |\mathcal{X}|^N$ .

This is plugged into the FAR part of the basic converse.

Now we continue with the privacy leakage.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(X^N; M) &= H(M) - H(M|X^N) \\
 &\geq H(M|Y^N) - H(S, M|X^N) \\
 &= H(S, M|Y^N) - H(S|M, Y^N, \widehat{S}_y) - H(S, M|X^N) \\
 &\geq H(S, M|Y^N) - H(S|\widehat{S}_y) - H(S, M|X^N) \\
 &\geq H(S, M|Y^N) - F - H(S, M|X^N) \\
 &= I(S, M; X^N) - I(S, M; Y^N) - F \\
 &= \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M; X_n|X^{n-1}) - \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M; Y_n|Y^{n-1}) - F \\
 &= \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, X^{n-1}; X_n) - \sum_{n=1}^N I(S, M, Y^{n-1}; Y_n) - F \\
 &\geq \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, X^{n-1}; X_n) - \sum_{n=1, N} I(S, M, X^{n-1}; Y_n) - F,
 \end{aligned}$$

(52)

where  $(S, M, X^{n-1}) - X_n - Y_n$ . Etc.

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- **One-way function** can be used to convey the secret  $S$  safely to the authenticator.
- We extended the work of Ahlsvede-Csiszar [1993] on the **secrecy capacity** to authentication with an impostor that has access to the helper-message. We found the fundamental limit on the false-accept exponent. As expected it is equal to the secrecy capacity.
- We also determined the fundamental **trade-off** between false-accept exponent and privacy-leakage rate. In this way we strengthened the results of Ignatenko-W [2008,2009] and Lai, Ho, and Poor [2008,2011] on the trade-off between secret-key rate and privacy-leakage rate. Again there is no difference in regions.
- Related to hypothesis testing literature (Ahlsvede-Csiszar [1986]), ... , however impostor can use  $M$ .
- Extensions to **identification with helper data** and FAR with impostor?
- **Code constructions**. In the binary symmetric case **fuzzy commitment** (Juels and Wattenberg [1999]) could be fine.
- Comparison to **unprotected case** shows that same FAR-exponent can be achieved. Leakage case different.
- Authentication models **not based on secret generation**.