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csci54 – discrete math & functional programming  
relations, RSA

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# Relations recap

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- ▶ A (binary) relation on a set  $A$  is a subset of  $A \times A$
- ▶ A relation can be any, or none, of the following:
  - ▶ reflexive
  - ▶ symmetric
  - ▶ transitive
- ▶ A relation that is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive is called an equivalence relation
- ▶ An equivalence relation on a set  $A$  partitions  $A$  into a set of equivalence classes



## Practice questions

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- ▶ For each of the following relations, indicate if it is reflexive, symmetric, and/or transitive. If it's all three and therefore an equivalence relation, describe the equivalence classes.
  1.  $S =$  all juniors and seniors at Pomona.  $(x,y)$  in  $R_1$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  share a major.
  2.  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ .  $(x,y)$  in  $R_2$  iff  $x=y$ .
  3.  $S = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$ .  $R_3 = \{\langle 1, 5 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$ .
- ▶  $S =$  all students at Pomona. Define an equivalence relation on  $S$  that isn't one of the ones discussed in lecture last time.



# Closures

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**Definition 8.11: Reflexive, symmetric, and transitive closures.**

Let  $R \subseteq A \times A$  be a relation. Then:

The *reflexive closure* of  $R$  is the smallest relation  $R' \supseteq R$  such that  $R'$  is reflexive.

The *symmetric closure* of  $R$  is the smallest relation  $R'' \supseteq R$  such that  $R''$  is symmetric.

The *transitive closure* of  $R$  is the smallest relation  $R^+ \supseteq R$  such that  $R^+$  is transitive.

- ▶ Consider the relation  $R = \{\langle 1, 5 \rangle, \langle 2, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$  on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ 
  - ▶ What is the reflexive closure?
  - ▶ What is the symmetric closure?
  - ▶ What is the transitive closure?
- ▶  $S =$  all students at Pomona.  $(x,y)$  in  $R_1$  if  $x$  and  $y$  share a major.



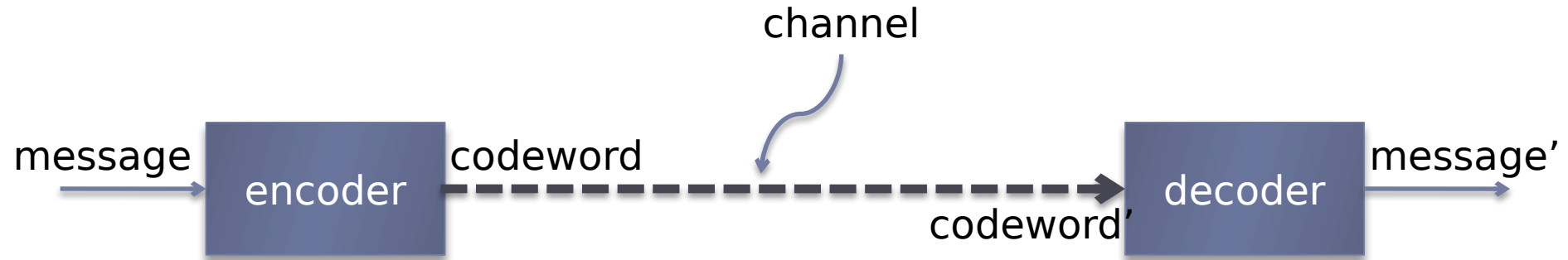
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# Transmitting information

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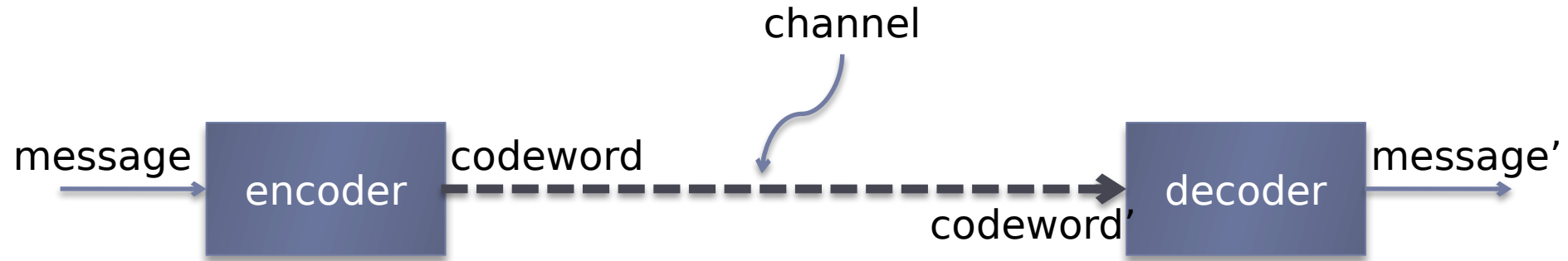


- ▶ cryptography
- ▶ error correction
- ▶ compression



# Transmitting information - cryptography

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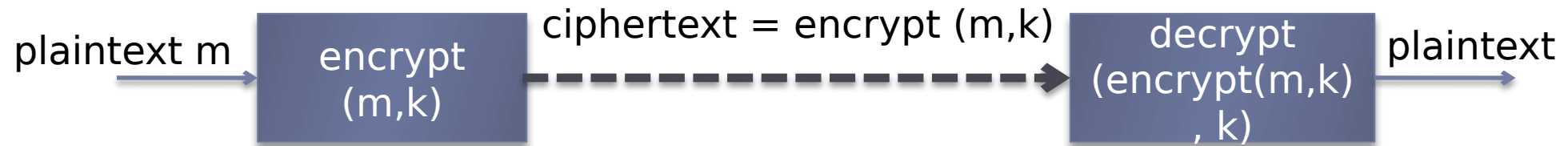


- ▶ goal is to keep someone with access to the channel from finding out information about the message.
- ▶ assumptions (for now)
  - ▶ message = message'
  - ▶ codeword = codeword'
- ▶ why?
- ▶ how?



# Private key cryptography

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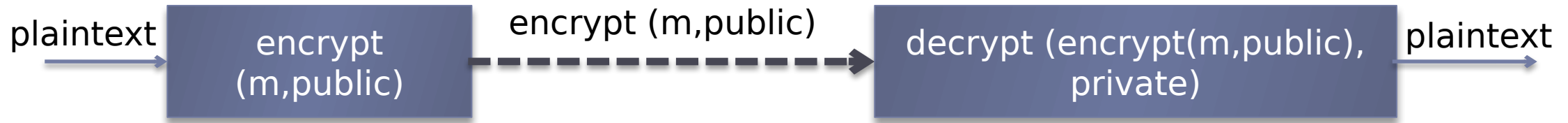
- ▶ Symmetric-key algorithms
- ▶ The communicating parties share a piece of secret information (the key  $k$ )
- ▶ Examples?
- ▶ Challenges?





# Public key cryptography

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- ▶ asymmetric-key algorithm
  - ▶ Everyone publishes their public key.
  - ▶ If you want to send a message to someone, you encrypt it with their public key.
  - ▶ When you get a message you can decrypt it with your private key.
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# Public key encryption in practice

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## Richard Adams

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## Encrypted Email

If you use PGP encryption, here is our fingerprint and link to our public key. If you use our public key with a mail encryption plugin, for example Mailvelope or Enigmail, this encrypts the contents of your message but not the subject line or the name of the sender.

Fingerprint:

**EC6C 2905 F0F9 3C03 7394 6CA1 0642  
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Email: [lockbox@washpost.com](mailto:lockbox@washpost.com)

The Post's public key

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# RSA algorithm

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- ▶ A very widely used public key encryption algorithm
- ▶ Three algorithmic components
  - ▶ key generation
  - ▶ encryption
  - ▶ decryption
- ▶ Our plan
  - ▶ What is the algorithm?
  - ▶ Why does it work?
  - ▶ How to implement it efficiently?



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# Modular arithmetic – definitions and properties

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$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$

i.e., exists  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $a = x * m + z \wedge b = y * m + z$

Some useful facts from Wikipedia:

(if  $a_1 \equiv a_2 \pmod{m}$  and  $b_1 \equiv b_2 \pmod{m}$ ):

$a + k \equiv b + k \pmod{m}$  for any integer  $k$  (compatibility with translation)

$k a \equiv k b \pmod{m}$  for any integer  $k$  (compatibility with scaling)

$k a \equiv k b \pmod{k * m}$  for any integer  $k$

$a_1 + a_2 \equiv b_1 + b_2 \pmod{m}$  (compatibility with addition)

$a_1 - a_2 \equiv b_1 - b_2 \pmod{m}$  (compatibility with subtraction)

$a_1 * a_2 \equiv b_1 * b_2 \pmod{m}$  (compatibility with multiplication)

$a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$  for any non-negative integer  $k$  (compatibility with exponentiation)

