

# REVIEW FOR MIDTERM PART TWO

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**Security** Both are crackable, but won't go into that here.

# A Problem with MOST of our Ciphers/Terminology

1. Most of our ciphers are deterministic so always code  $m$  the same way. This leaks information.
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