## Secure Nearest Neighbor Revisited

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## Theorem

A truly secure OPE does not exist in standard security models, such as IND-CPA. It also does not exist even in much relaxed security models, such as the indistinguishability under ordered chosen-plaintext attack (IND-OCPA).

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## Attack on Existing SNN Methods

- Vary $|D|$ : Wai Kit Wong, David Cheung, Ben Kao, Nikos Mamoulis: Secure kNN computation on encrypted databases. SIGMOD 2009



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# Thank You 

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