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1. [5 points] Let  $\text{negl}_1$  be a negligible function. Prove that for any positive polynomial  $p$ , the function  $\text{negl}_2$  defined by  $\text{negl}_2(n) = p(n) \cdot \text{negl}_1(n)$  is negligible.

**Solution:** Write your answer here

2. [5 points] When the one-time pad is used with the all-zeros key, i.e.  $k = 0^l$ , we have  $\text{Enc}_k(m) = m \oplus k = m$ . This means that the plaintext will be sent as it is. To prevent this, suppose we modify the one-time pad to use only non-zero keys,  $k \neq 0^l$ . The key generation algorithm **Gen** picks key  $k$  uniformly from the set  $\{0, 1\}^l \setminus \{0^l\}$  which has cardinality  $2^l - 1$ . Is this modified scheme still perfectly secret? Justify your answer either with a proof or a counterexample.

**Solution:** Write your answer here