

Final Exam

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- Let (E, D) be an authenticated encryption system based by combining a symmetric cipher and a MAC. The system is combined with an error correction code to correct random message errors. In what order should error-guess and error-correction be applied?
☐ Apply the error correction code and then attempt the guess.
☐ The order does not matter... either one is fine.
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☒ Always without apply the error correction code.

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There's reason: The error correction code will do its best to correct random errors, after which the MAC in the ciphertext will be checked to ensure no other errors remain.
- Let E be a random random variable over the set $\{0, 1\}^n$. Let E' be an arbitrary random variable over the set $\{0, 1\}^n$ that necessarily satisfies that a subsequence of E . Define the random variable $Z = E \oplus E'$. Return the probability that Z equals 0?
☒ $1/2^n$
☐ 0
☐ $1/2^E$
☐ 0.5

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The probability is $1/2^n$. For security reasons, that whenever E' is, the probability that $Z = E \oplus E' = 0^n$ is the same as the probability that $E = E'$ which is exactly $1/2^n$ because E is random.
- Suppose (R_1, R_2) is a symmetric cipher that uses 128 bits keys to encrypt 128 bit messages. Suppose (R_1, R_2) is a symmetric cipher that uses 128 bits keys to encrypt 128 bit messages, the encryption algorithms R_1 and R_2 are deterministic and share one secret. Which of the following statements is correct?
☒ (R_1, R_2) can be used to securely encrypt data, but cannot be perfectly secure.
☒ For example (R_1, R_2) can be a secure stream cipher.
☐ (R_1, R_2) can be securely secure under a chosen-plaintext attack.
☐ (R_1, R_2) can be perfectly secure, but cannot be securely securely secure.
☒ (R_1, R_2) can be used to securely securely encrypt and perfectly secure.

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Yes, for example (R_1, R_2) can be the one-time pad.
- Which of the following statements regarding MIT and counter mode is correct?
☐ Both counter mode and MIT mode can operate just using a PRF.
☐ Counter mode encryption requires a block cipher PRF, but MIT mode encryption only needs a PRF.
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Yes, MIT mode is based on PRF for encryption, while counter mode only needs to evaluate the PRF in the forward direction for both encryption and decryption. Therefore MIT is sufficient for counter mode.
- Let $G : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^T$ be a secure PRF where $\mathcal{K} = \{0, 1\}^{128}$. We let $G(k)(i)$ denote the i -th bit of the output and $G(k)(i)$ denote the right half. Which of the following statements is correct?
☐ $F(k, m) = G(k)(i)$ is a secure PRF with key space and message space \mathcal{K} .
☐ $F(k, m) = m \oplus G(k)$ is a secure PRF with key space and message space \mathcal{K} .
☒ $F(k, m) = G(k)(i)$ is a secure PRF with key space \mathcal{K} and message space $m \in \{0, 1\}$.
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Yes, because output of $G(k)$ is indistinguishable from random values, the left and right halves are indistinguishable from random independent values.
- Let (E, D) be a secure based symmetric encryption system (i.e. algorithm D takes as input a key, a message, and a nonce, and outputs the decrypted algorithm also takes as one of its inputs). The system provides chosen-plaintext security (i.e. security as long as the nonce never repeats). Suppose a single encryption key is used to encrypt 2^{16} messages and the nonce are generated independently, at random for each encryption. Assuming that the nonce has to ensure that no two repeats with high probability.
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Yes, the probability of repetition after 2^{16} samples is negligible.
- Let us consider a design that uses the nonce is generated using a counter. The counter starts at 0, which is how big is the counter and how many bits are used for encryption. What is the counter size possible to ensure that the nonce does not repeat when encrypting 2^{16} messages using a single key?
☐ 64 bits
☐ 128 bits
☒ 128 bits
☐ the counter should chosen at random, otherwise the system cannot be PRP secure.

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Yes, with 128 bits there are 2^{16} nonces and each message will use a different nonce.
- Let (E, D) be a deterministic PRP system with message space \mathcal{M} and key space \mathcal{K} . Which of the following properties is not implied by the standard than security definition?
☐ $D(k, m)$ preserves semantic security of m .
That is, the adversary learns nothing about m given $D(k, m)$.
☒ For any two distinct messages m_1 and m_2 , given m_1, m_2 and $D(k, m_1)$ is difficult to compute $D(k, m_2)$.
☐ For any key k in \mathcal{K} it is difficult to find distinct messages m_1 and m_2 such that $D(k, m_1) = D(k, m_2)$.
☐ The function $D(k, m)$ is a secure PRF.

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Yes, there is implicitly semantic indistinguishability under arbitrary message attack.
- Let $H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ be a random oracle hash function where \mathcal{P} is smaller than \mathcal{M} . Which of the following properties is implied by random oracle model?
☒ It is difficult to invert a random oracle message m_1 and m_2 such that $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$.
☐ It is difficult to find m_1 and m_2 such that $H(m_1) = H(m_2) = 0$. (There are more the outputs of H as integers)
☐ It is difficult to find $H(m)$ must be shorter than m .
☐ $H(m)$ preserves semantic security of m . (That is, given $H(m)$ the attacker learns nothing about m).

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Yes, that is the definition of collision resistance.
- Recall that when encrypting data you should not use a symmetric encryption system that provides authenticated encryption. Let (E, D) be a symmetric encryption system providing authenticated encryption. Which of the following statements is implied by authenticated encryption?
☐ Given $m = D(k, m)$ for some secret k and m , the attacker cannot find m' such that $m' \neq D(k', m')$.
☐ Given k and $D(k, m)$ the attacker cannot create a valid encryption of $m \oplus 1$ under key k . (There are more plaintexts as integers)
☒ Given m and $D(k, m)$ it is difficult to find k .

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Yes, otherwise the system would not work for chosen-plaintext attacks.

☒ (E, D) provides chosen-plaintext security.

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Yes, we showed this in class.
- Which of the following statements is true about the basic Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol?
☒ The basic protocol enables key exchange secure against eavesdropping, but it does not protect against an adversary that can eavesdrop and modify messages.

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Yes, Diffie-Hellman is secure against eavesdropping, but it does not protect against man-in-the-middle attacks.

☐ The protocol is based on the concept of a trapdoor function.
☐ As with that, the protocol only provides eavesdropping security in the group \mathbb{G}_q where \mathbb{G} is an elliptic curve.
☒ The protocol can be converted to a public key encryption system using the standard public key system.

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Yes, that is correct.
- Suppose $n = 1$ parties, call them A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n each is using a shared group key. They want a protocol that will let each of the participants all have a common secret key k , but an eavesdropper who sees the entire conversation cannot determine k . The parties agree on the following protocol that runs in a group \mathbb{G} of prime order q with generator g .
 \rightarrow Each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ party A_i chooses a random $a_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}$ and sends publicly all the quantity $A_i = g^{a_i}$.
 \rightarrow Every A_i generates a random $b_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}$ and for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ computes to every A_j with the message $E_{A_j}^{A_i} = A_i^{b_i}$.
The final group key structure is g^{b_i} . Every party then computes the group key. How would each party A_i compute the group key?
☒ Every A_i computes g^{b_i} as $A_i^{b_i^{1/a_i}}$.
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Yes, $A_i^{b_i^{1/a_i}} = g^{b_i^{1/a_i \cdot a_i}} = g^{b_i}$.
- Recall that the multiplicative group modulo n is defined as the group \mathbb{Z}_n^* where \mathbb{Z} is a subset of the integers. Given n , the public key is (N, e) and the private key is (N, d) where d is the inverse of e in $\mathbb{Z}_{\phi(N)}^*$. Suppose the user defined modulo n is prime instead of n that composite N . Show that in that case anyone can compute the private key d from the public key (N, e) by computing
☒ $d = e^{-1} \pmod{p-1}$
☐ $d = e^{-1} \pmod{q}$
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☐ $d = e^{-1} \pmod{q^2}$

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Yes, that is correct.