

Cryptography: HW3

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1 Secure PRF: F'

Given $F'(k, r) = G(F(k, r))$ we will show that it is a secure PRF.

First we rewrite $F'(k, r)$ as an algorithm. Then after following a series of steps that do not affect the output of the program, we will arrive at a double-length PRF.

(a)

$\begin{array}{l} F'(k, r): \\ \text{return } G(F(k, r)) \end{array}$

(b)

$\begin{array}{l} F'(k, r): \\ s \leftarrow F(k, r) \\ \text{return } G(s) \end{array}$

(c)

$\begin{array}{l} F'(k, r): \\ s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n \\ \text{return } G(s) \end{array}$
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(d)

$\begin{array}{l} F'(k, r): \\ s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n+\ell} \\ \text{return } s \end{array}$
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- (a) This is the formation of F' as an algorithm.
- (a) \Rightarrow (b) s is used to hold the output of $F(k, r)$. No effect on program.
- (b) \Rightarrow (c) Because we are given F is a secure PRF, meaning it is indistinguishable from randomness, we can replace the call to $F(k, r)$ with a random string.
- (c) \Rightarrow (d) By the same logic in (b) \Rightarrow (c) we can replace G .
- (d) $F'(k, r)$ is a secure PRF.

2 Distinguisher for insecure F'

Given $F'(k, r) = F(k, r) \oplus F(k, \bar{r})$, there exists the following distinguisher A that can tell with non-negligible probability the use of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-real}}^{F'}$ over $\mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}^{F'}$.

A():
 $k \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$
 $l := F'(k, 0^n)$
 $m := F'(k, 1^n)$
 $\text{return}(l = m)$

The bias for A is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{bias}(A, \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-real}}^{F'}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}^{F'}) &= |Pr[A \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-real}}^{F'} \text{ outputs } 1] - Pr[A \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}^{F'} \text{ outputs } 1]| \\
 &= |1 - \frac{1}{2^n}| \\
 &= \text{Non-negligible amount}
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Insecurity of a 2-Round Feistel Network

Given two distinct strings L_1 and L_2 , the following distinguisher can be used in a CPA attack against a 2-Round Feistel Network.

$ \begin{array}{l} \overline{A()}: \\ R \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n \\ (a_L, a_R) := F(L_1, R) \\ (b_L, b_R) := F(L_2, R) \\ \text{return } a_L \oplus b_L = L_1 \oplus L_2 \end{array} $

In a 2-round Feistel network, with distinct f round functions, the output of $F(L, R)$ is a 2-tuple:

$$(f_1(R) \oplus L, f_2(f_1(R) \oplus L) \oplus R).$$

Calling $F(L, R)$ twice, with a constant R , and distinct L_i provides the unique property of:

$$(f_1(R) \oplus L_1) \oplus (f_1(R) \oplus L_2)$$

which reduces to:

$$L_1 \oplus L_2$$

4 PRP Distinguisher

$ \begin{array}{l} \overline{A()}: \\ k \leftarrow \text{KEYGEN} \\ (r_1, z_1) := \text{ENC}(k, 0^n) \\ (r_2, z_2) := \text{ENC}(k, 0^n) \\ \text{return } (r_1 \oplus z_1 \oplus r_2 \oplus z_2) = 0 \end{array} $

To show that F does **not** have CPA-security, the above distinguisher is given. ENC returns a 2-tuple: (r, z) with the property of $r \oplus z = F(k, m)$. Given two calls to ENC the distinguisher is able to check the equality of $F(k, m)$. $F(k, m)$ will not be equal when using $\mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}$.

The bias for A is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{bias}(A, \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-real}}^F, \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}^F) &= |Pr[A \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-real}}^F \text{ outputs } 1] - Pr[A \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{prg-rand}}^F \text{ outputs } 1]| \\
&= |1 - \frac{1}{2^n}| \\
&= \text{Non-negligible amount}
\end{aligned}$$