CS 601.442/642 – Modern Cryptography

Final Exam

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Instructions

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- 1. (10 points) Negligible/Noticeable Functions: If μ_1 is a noticeable function and μ_2 is a negligible function, then prove that μ is also a noticeable function, where $\mu(n) = \mu_1(n) \mu_2(n)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 2. (10 points) Key-Exchange: Consider the following key-exchange protocol:
 - (a) Alice chooses $k, r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ at random, and sends $s = k \oplus r$ to Bob.
 - (b) Bob chooses $t \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^n$ at random and sends $u = s \oplus t$ to Alice.
 - (c) Alice computes $w = u \oplus r$ and sends w to Bob.
 - (d) Alice outputs k and Bob computes $w \oplus t$.

Show that Alice and Bob output the same key. Show a concrete attack on the security of the scheme.

- 3. (15 points) Digital Signatures: Let (Gen, Sign, Verify) be a UF-CMA secure digital signature scheme for signing n-bit messages, and let $H: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^n$ be a collision-resistant hash function. Consider the following new signature scheme (Gen', Sign', Verify') for signing arbitrary-length messages:
 - $\operatorname{\mathsf{Gen}}'(1^n) \colon (sk, vk) \leftarrow \operatorname{\mathsf{Gen}}(1^\lambda) \text{ and output } (sk, vk).$
 - $\mathsf{Sign}'(sk, m)$: Compute $\sigma \leftarrow \mathsf{Sign}(sk, H(m))$. Output σ .
 - $\operatorname{Ver}'(vk, m, \sigma)$: Output 1 if $\operatorname{Ver}(vk, H(m), \sigma)$ outputs 1, else output 0.

Prove that (Gen', Sign', Verify') is also a UF-CMA secure digital signature scheme.

- 4. (15 points) Oblivious Transfer and Public Key Encryption: A two-message oblivious transfer between a receiver R and a sender S is defined by a tuple of 3 PPT algorithms $(\mathsf{OT}_R, \mathsf{OT}_S, \mathsf{OT}_\mathsf{out})$. The OT protocol works as follows (let λ be the security parameter):
 - (a) **Receiver:** The receiver computes $(\mathsf{msg}_R, \rho) \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_R(1^\lambda, b)$, where $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is the receiver's input. It sends msg_R to the sender.
 - (b) **Sender:** The sender computes $\mathsf{msg}_S \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_S(1^\lambda, \mathsf{msg}_R, (m_0, m_1))$, where $m_0, m_1 \in \{0, 1\}^*$ are the sender's input. The sender sends msg_S to the receiver.
 - (c) Receiver's Output: The receiver computes $m_b \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_{\mathsf{out}}(\rho, \mathsf{msg}_S)$.

This protocol satisfies the following properties:

• Correctness: For each $m_0, m_1 \in \{0, 1\}^*, b \in \{0, 1\}$, it holds that

$$\Pr\left[\frac{\left(\rho, \mathsf{msg}_R\right) \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_R\left(1^\lambda, b\right)}{\mathsf{msg}_S \leftarrow OT_S\left(1^\lambda, \mathsf{msg}_R, (m_0, m_1)\right)} \,\middle| \, \mathsf{OT}_{\mathsf{out}}\left(\rho, \mathsf{msg}_R, \mathsf{msg}_S\right) = m_b \right] = 1,$$

• Security against Semi-Honest Sender: It holds that,

$$\left\{ (\mathsf{msg}_R^0, \rho^0) \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_R \left(1^\lambda, 0 \right) \;\middle|\; \mathsf{msg}_R^0 \right\} \approx_c \left\{ (\mathsf{msg}_R^1, \rho^1) \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_R \left(1^\lambda, 1 \right) \;\middle|\; \mathsf{msg}_R^1 \right\}$$

• Security against Semi-Honest Receiver: It holds that for each $b \in \{0, 1\}$, $m_0, m_1, m'_0, m'_1 \in \{0, 1\}^*$, and $m_b = m'_b$,

$$\left\{ \mathsf{OT}_S \left(1^\lambda, \mathsf{msg}_R, (m_0, m_1) \right) \right\} \approx_c \left\{ \mathsf{OT}_S \left(1^\lambda, \mathsf{msg}_R, (m_0', m_1') \right) \right\}$$

where $(\mathsf{msg}_R, \rho) \leftarrow OT_R(1^{\lambda}, b)$.

Public-Key Encryption Scheme: Now consider the following construction of a public-key encryption scheme:

- KeyGen(1 $^{\lambda}$): Compute (msg_R, ρ) \leftarrow OT_R(1 $^{\lambda}$, b). Set $pk = \text{msg}_R$ and $sk = \rho$. Output (pk, sk).
- $\mathsf{Enc}(pk,m)$: Compute $\mathsf{msg}_S \leftarrow \mathsf{OT}_S(1^\lambda, pk, (m,m))$ and set $c = \mathsf{msg}_S$. Output ciphertext c.
- Dec(sk, c): Compute and output $m \leftarrow OT_{out}(sk, c)$.

Prove that the above construction (KeyGen, Enc, Dec) is an IND-CPA secure public-key encryption.

5. (15 points) Secure Multiparty Computation Consider a two-party secure computation protocol Π for computing deterministic functions f, where each party has input x_i , and obtains an output $y = f(x_1, x_2)$. In particular, at the end of the protocol, both the parties learn y.

Now consider the following protocol for computing randomized functions of the form $g(x_1, x_2; r)$: the first party samples a random value r_1 and the parties then run protocol Π with inputs (x_1, r_1) and (x_2) respectively, for the following function

$$y := f((x_1, r_1), (x_2)) = g(x_1, x_2; r = r_1)$$

- (a) Show that this modified protocol is not secure by giving an example of a randomized function g, for which the above protocol leaks input x_2 of the second party to the first party.
- (b) Describe a modification to the above protocol, such that it is secure for all randomized functionalities.

Hint: As before, you only need to modify the function f and use Π to compute the output.

- 6. (10 points) Pseudo-random Functions Consider the following notion of "Restricted PRFs" consisting of three algorithms:
 - Gen(1ⁿ): is PPT algorithm that samples a PRF key $K \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^n$.
 - Restrict(K, x): is PPT algorithm that takes as input a PRF key K and a point x in the input space of the PRF and outputs a restricted key K_x .
 - Eval (K_x, x') : is a deterministic polynomial time algorithm that takes as input a restricted key K_x and an input x' and outputs an element y.

We require two properties:

- Restricted Correctness: on any input point $x' \neq x$, PRF evaluation using the restricted key K_x yields the same result as PRF evaluation using the (unrestricted) key K.
- Restricted Pseudorandomness: the output of the PRF on input x looks pseudorandom to any PPT adversary, even if the restricted key K_x is given to the adversary.

Construction of Restricted PRF: Recall the binary tree based construction of PRFs discussed in class. Let $G: \{0,\}^n \to \{0,1\}^{2n}$ be a length doubling pseudorandom generator. We can imagine $G(s) = G_0(s) \| G_1(s)$, where $G_0(s)$ simply outputs the first *n*-bits of G(s) and $G_1(s)$ outputs the last *n*-bits of G(s). Let $x = x_1 \| x_2 \| \dots \| x_n$ be an *n*-bit input. As discussed in class, the PRF $F_K(x) = G_{x_n} \left(G_{x_{n-1}} \left(\dots \left(G_{x_1}(K) \right) \right) \right)$.

The PRF $F_K(x)$ can also be viewed as a binary tree of size 2^n . The root corresponds to the PRF key K. The nodes at the first level are $K_0 = G_0(K)$ and $K_1 = G_1(K)$. Similarly, the nodes at the second level are $K_{00} = G_0(K_0)$, $K_{01} = G_1(K_0)$, $K_{10} = G_0(K_1)$ and $K_{11} = G_1(K_1)$. Nodes at the remaining levels can be defined in a similar way. The leaf nodes correspond to the outputs of the PRF.

A restricted PRF can also be designed based on the above tree as follows:

- $Gen(1^n)$: Sample a random $K \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^n$.
- Restrict(K,x): Let $x=x_1\|x_2\|\dots\|x_n$ and let $\mathsf{Sibling}(y)$ denote the sibling of node y in the above binary tree. $K_x=\mathsf{Sibling}(K_{x_1})\|\mathsf{Sibling}(K_{x_1x_2})\|\dots\|\mathsf{Sibling}(K_{x_1...x_n})\|x$
- Eval (K_x, x') : Parse $K_x = \text{Sibling}(K_{x_1}) \| \text{Sibling}(K_{x_1x_2}) \| \dots \| \text{Sibling}(K_{x_1...x_n}) \| x$. Let $x = x_1 \| x_2 \| \dots \| x_n$ and $x' = x'_1 \| x'_2 \| \dots \| x'_n$. Find the largest ℓ such that $x_1 \| x_2 \| \dots \| x_\ell = x'_1 \| x'_2 \| \dots \| x'_\ell$. Output $G_{x'_n} \left(G_{x'_{n-1}} \left(\dots \left(G_{x'_{\ell+2}} (\text{Sibling} \left(K_{x_1...x_{y+1}} \right) \right) \right) \right)$

In the above discussion we showed how to define the syntax and security of a PRF that is restricted on a single input and also gave a construction for such a PRF. We can also consider PRFs that are further restricted on more than 1 inputs. The syntax of Restrict and Eval algorithms for such PRFs and their correctness and pseudorandomness properties can be defined in a similar way.

- (a) Show how you can restrict the key in the above tree-based construction such that the PRF is restricted on all inputs with a fixed 3-bit prefix, i.e., on inputs of the form $x = a_1 ||a_2||a_3||x_4|| \dots ||x_n|$, where $a_1 ||a_2||a_3|$ is a fixed value.
- (b) Show how you can restrict the key in the above tree-based construction such that the PRF is restricted on all inputs $X \le x \le Y$, where X < Y and $X, Y \in \{0, 1\}^n$ are fixed values.