

Build a provably secure PRG

A deterministic polynomial time algorithm G , inputs n bits and outputs $l(n)$ bits where:

- a. $l(n) > n$, and
- b. Output of G is computationally indistinguishable from uniform distribution

In other words, let $l(\cdot)$ be a polynomial and let G be a deterministic polynomial-time algorithm such that for any input s belonging to $\{0,1\}^n$, algorithm G outputs a string of length $l(n)$. We say that G is a pseudorandom generator if the following two conditions hold:

1. (Expansion:) For every n it holds that $l(n) > n$.
2. (Pseudorandomness:) For all probabilistic polynomial-time distinguishers D , there exists a negligible function negl such that:

$$|\Pr[D(r) = 1] - \Pr[D(G(s)) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(n),$$

Where r is chosen uniformly at random from $\{0,1\}^{l(n)}$, the seed s is chosen uniformly at random from $\{0,1\}^n$, and the probabilities are taken over the random coins used by D and the choice of r and s .

The function $l(\cdot)$ is called the expansion factor of G .

There are three ways of designing PRGs from computational hardness.

1. Single bit expansion PRG to arbitrary expansion PRG
2. From one-way functions to single-bit expansion PRG
3. Candidate PRG from Discrete Logarithm

Following Step 3, Let f be a one-way permutation and let hc be a hardcore predicate of f . Then, $G(s) = (f(s), hc(s))$ constitutes a pseudorandom generator with expansion factor $l(n) = n + 1$.

In case of discrete logarithms : $G(s) = (g^s \bmod p, \text{msb}(s))$

Here, $\text{msb}(x)$ is a hardcore predicate of Discrete Logarithm Problem and it is the hardest bit of information about x to obtain from $f(x)$.

A function $hc : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is a hard-core predicate of a function f if

1. hc can be computed in polynomial time, and
2. For every probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm A there exists a negligible function negl such that

$$\Pr(x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n) [A(f(x)) = hc(x)] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n),$$

Where the probability is taken over the uniform choice of x in $\{0,1\}^n$ and the random coin tosses of A .