

Ex 3.6 Let G be a pseudorandom generator where $|G(s)| \geq 2 \cdot |s|$.

- (a) Define $G'(s) \stackrel{def}{=} G(s0^{|s|})$. Is G' necessarily a pseudorandom generator?

Answer: No, the function G' is not necessarily a pseudorandom generator.

Proof. Let G'' be any pseudorandom generator that has expansion factor $l(n) = 4 \cdot n$. If we define $H(s) = H(s_1, s_2) = G''(s_2)$, which $|s| = 2n, |s_1| = |s_2| = n$. We can show that H is a pseudorandom generator by reduction. Otherwise, assume that there's a distinguisher D which can distinguish $H(s)$ from a truly random string w ($|w| = 4n$) with probability non-negligible.

$$|Pr[D(w) = 1] - Pr[D(H(s)) = 1]| > \text{negl}(n),$$

We can then construct a PPT distinguisher D' for pseudorandom generator G'' as follows: When receives input string w , which $|w| = 4n$, D' delivers w to D and outputs whatever D outputs. If w is generated by pseudorandom function G' with some random seed s' at length n , then the probability for D to succeed is the same as D' since the distribution of H and G'' over $\{0, 1\}^{4n}$ is the same. So we have:

$$Pr[D'(G''(s')) = 1] = Pr[D(H(\{0, 1\}^n | s')) = 1]$$

If w is chosen uniformly at random, then

$$Pr[D'(w) = 1] = Pr[D(w) = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus $|Pr[D'(w) = 1] - Pr[D'(G''(s')) = 1]| = |Pr[D(w) = 1] - Pr[D(H(s)) = 1]| > \text{negl}(n)$. Hence we can conclude that $H(s)$ is a pseudorandom generator. What if we replace G in our question with H ? Now, $G'(s) = G(s0^{|s|}) = H(s0^{|s|}) = G''(0^{|s|})$, which is obviously not pseudorandom generator. \square

- (b) Define $G'(s) \stackrel{def}{=} G(s_1 \dots s_{n/2})$, where $s = s_1 \dots s_n$. Is G' necessarily a pseudorandom generator?

Answer: Yes, the function G' is necessarily a pseudorandom generator. The expansion condition is preserved since $|G'(s)| = |G(s_1, \dots, s_{n/2})| > 2 \cdot |n/2| = n$. And its pseudorandomness condition is satisfied too, which can be shown easily by reduction.

Ex 3.10 Let G be a pseudorandom generator and define $G'(s)$ to be the output of G truncated to n bits (where s is of length n). Prove that the function $F_k(x) = G'(k) \oplus x$ is not pseudorandom.

Proof. We can make a polynomial-time distinguisher D act as follows:

1. D outputs a random plaintext $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$.
2. A random key k is fixed and used by Gen . The ciphertext $c \leftarrow Gen_k(m)$ is generated and given to D .
3. D calculates: $r = m \text{ XOR } c$ and records r . Then D checks that if this r ever appeared previously. If it does, D outputs 0, which means it is pseudorandom. Otherwise, D outputs 1, which means it is random.

This will work since $G'(k)$ is fixed and everytime a ciphertext is generated with $F_k(x)$, it will use the same $G'(k)$. Thus an XOR of the ciphertext and the original plaintext will always output the same value if the ciphertext is generated by $F_k(x)$. As D goes with this process round by round, it will get more and more accurate with its guessing. □

Ex 3.13 Answer: Construct F' such that $F'_k(k) = 0^{|k|}$, thus the adversary can get the key k by the reverse permutation, thus the adversary can distinguish the later ciphertext that whether it is generated by $F'_k(k)$ or a random permutation. However, if the adversary only knows one direction of F' , it will get no idea of the key, thus it is indistinguishable.

Ex 3.15 Let F be a pseudorandom function, and G a pseudorandom generator with expansion factor $l(n) = n+1$. For each of the following encryption schemes, state whether the scheme has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper and whether it is CPA-secure. In each case, the shared key is a random $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$.

- (a) To encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^{2n+2}$, parse m as $m_1 || m_2$ with $|m_1| = |m_2|$ and send $\langle G(k) \oplus m_1, G(k+1) \oplus m_2 \rangle$.

Answer: Yes, he has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper, but it is not CPA-secure. It is trivial for an adversary to make a CPA attack.

- (b) To encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^{n+1}$, choose a random $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ and send $\langle r, G(r) \oplus m \rangle$.

Answer: Yes, he has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper, and it is CPA-secure.

- (c) To encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, send $m \oplus F_k(0^n)$.

Answer: Yes, he has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper. Since in this case, the distribution of $F_k(0^n)$ is indistinguishable from random string of length $n+1$, thus the encryption is just like one-time pad.

However, it is not CPA-secure, which is obvious.

- (d) To encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^{2n}$, parse m as $m_1 || m_2$ with $|m_1| = |m_2|$, then choose $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ at random, and send $\langle r, m_1 \oplus F_k(r), m_2 \oplus F_k(k + 1) \rangle$
Answer: Yes, he has indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper, and it is CPA-secure.
- (c) To encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, send $m \oplus F_k(0^n)$.

Ex 3.21 Let $\Pi_1 = (Gen_1, Enc_1, Dec_1)$ and $\Pi_2 = (Gen_2, Enc_2, Dec_2)$ be two encryption schemes for which it is known that at least one is CPA-secure. The problem is that you don't know which one is CPA-secure and which one may not be. Show how to construct an encryption scheme Π that is guaranteed to be CPA-secure as long as at least one of Π_1 or Π_2 is CPA-secure. Try to provide a full proof of your answer.

Answer: Our new encryption scheme $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$ is defined as follows:

Gen: Given input n , it sets Π 's message space \mathcal{M} , key space \mathcal{K} , and ciphertext space \mathcal{C} , Π_1 's message space \mathcal{M}_1 , key space \mathcal{K}_1 , and ciphertext space \mathcal{C}_1 , Π_2 's message space \mathcal{M} , key space \mathcal{K} , and ciphertext space \mathcal{C} all equal to $\{0, 1\}^n$. Then it generates keys for Π_1 and Π_2 as: $k_1 \leftarrow Gen(1^n)$ and $k_2 \leftarrow Gen(1^n)$. Then it sets G to be a pseudorandom generator which takes input $s \in \{0, 1\}^l$ ($l < n$) and outputs string of length n .

Enc: Given keys $k_1, k_2 \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and a message $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$. First, **Enc** gets a pseudorandom string $s \in \{0, 1\}^n$ using G . It outputs $m_1 = s$ as the plaintext input for Π_1 and $m_2 = s \oplus m$ as the input for Π_2 . Then **Enc** invokes **Enc**₁, **Enc**₂ with keys k_1, k_2 separately to get ciphertexts c_1, c_2 , outputs $c := (c_1, c_2)$.

Dec: Given keys $k_1, k_2 \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and a ciphertext $c = (c_1, c_2) \in \{0, 1\}^{2n}$. **Dec** uses **Dec**₁, **Dec**₂ with keys k_1, k_2 to decrypt c_1, c_2 separately and get two plaintexts m_1, m_2 , output $m := m_1 \oplus m_2$.

Next, we will prove that our scheme is guaranteed to be CPA secure as long as at least one of Π_1 and Π_2 is CPA secure.

Proof. Since at least one of Π_1 or Π_2 is CPA-secure, the adversary can not distinguish both ciphertexts of Π_1 and Π_2 with non-negligible probability. So the adversary can not recover both m_1 and m_2 with non-negligible probability. Thus the adversary can not recover $m = m_1 \oplus m_2$ with non-negligible probability. \square