

# **CSCI971 Advance Computer Security: Homework #1**

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## Problem 1

### Solution

1.  $G'$  is composing PRG so  $G'$  is secure.
2. As algorithm  $G$  is an efficient deterministic algorithm, so the  $msb(G(0))$  is either 0 or 1, we assume that  $msb(G(0)) = 1$ .

We define a statistical test  $A(x)$  as :

if  $[msb(x)]$  output "1" else output 0

As the  $G$  is a secure PRG, so the probability of the

$$\begin{aligned} Adv_{PRG}[A, G] &= |Pr(A(G(0)) = 1) - Pr(A(r) = 1)| \\ &= 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

It is not negligible. So  $G'(k)$  is not secure PRG.

3. As  $G(k)$  is secure PRG, the  $G'(k)$  is secure PRG.

4. We can find that:

$$k \oplus 1^s = \bar{k}$$

because  $k \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^s$  so  $\bar{k} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^s$ , thus:

$$\begin{aligned} Adv_{PRG}[A, G'] &= |Pr(A(G(\bar{k})) = 1) - Pr(A(r) = 1)| \\ &= |Pr(A(G(k)) = 1) - Pr(A(r) = 1)| \end{aligned}$$

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## Problem 2

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(lsb(G'(k_1, k_2)) = 1) &= Pr(lsb(G(k_1)) = 1) \times Pr(lsb(G(k_2)) = 1) \\ &= 1/4 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} Adv_{PRG}[A, G'] &= |Pr(A((lsb(G'(k_1, k_2)) = 1)) - Pr(A(r) = 1)| \\ &= 1/4 \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 3

### Solution

1. The  $E'((k, k'), m) = E(k, m) || E(k', m)$  assume an Attacker game. We have:

$$Adv_{SS}(A, E') = 2Adv_{SS}(A, E)$$

$E'$  is semantically secure.

2. As the  $k$  is fixed, the  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is fixed too. The  $Adv_{SS} = 1$  So it is not semantically secure.
3. The  $k$  from the  $E$ , leak the key. The adversary can encrypt the  $m_0$   $m_1$  to get the ciphertext  $c_0$   $c_1$ , then the  $Adv_{SS} = 1$  So it is not semantically secure.
4. A can deduce  $b$  from the  $LSB(m)$  part of  $E'(k, m)$ , if  $LSB(m_0) \neq LSB(m_1)$  the  $Adv_{SS}$  is not negligible, So it is not semantically secure.

## Problem 4

**Solution** We can know that:

$$c_1 = m_1 \oplus k$$

then:

e

$$k = c_1 \oplus m_1$$

so :

$$\begin{aligned} c_2 &= m_2 \oplus k \\ &= m_2 \oplus c_1 \oplus m_1 \\ &= 6c73d5240a948c86981bc2808548 \end{aligned}$$

the program code are here:

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from functools import reduce

def ByteToHex(bins):
    return ''.join(["%02x" % x for x in bins]).strip()

def BytesXor(b1, b2):
    return [a ^ b for a, b in zip(b1, b2)]

m1 = "attack at dawn".encode('ascii')
m2 = "attack at dusk".encode('ascii')
c1 = bytes.fromhex("6c73d5240a948c86981bc294814d")
c2 = reduce(BytesXor, [m1, m2, c1])
print(ByteToHex(c2))
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## Problem 5

**Solution** We can know that:

$$c_x \oplus c_y = m_x \oplus m_y$$

and another fact: the ASCII of space is 32 so for the plaintext:

$$X \oplus 32 = x$$

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$x$  denote the lower letter whose ASCII is between 97-122 and  $X$  denote upper letter whose ASCII is between 65-90.

we can conclude that if two  $A \oplus B$  is still letter, then either  $A$  or  $B$  is space. That is:

$$A \oplus B = C, C \in Z_{space} \Rightarrow \text{either } A \text{ or } B \text{ is space}$$

so, first we can find certain spaces from point 2.

for the  $j$ th char of  $i$ th ciphertext  $C_{i,j}$ ,  $\forall j \in [1, 10]$  and  $j \neq i$ , if  $C_{i,t} \oplus C_{j,t} = X$ , if  $X$  is letter then  $C_{i,t}$  is space.

then from point 1 we can get  $K_{space}$

$$K_{space} = C_{space} \oplus P_{space}$$

then we can use the  $K_{space}$  to decrypt the letter in ciphertext in the same position with space. Then we can guess the plaintext  $P_{part}$  from the text. and find the  $K_{rest}$ . Loop until find all key  $K_{all}$ .

Finally, we can use the  $K_{all}$  to decrypt the target ciphertext  $C_{target}$  the program code are here:

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import collections
import string

# XORs two string
def str_xor(a, b): # xor two strings (trims the longer input)
    return "".join([chr(ord(x) ^ ord(y)) for (x, y) in zip(a, b)])

# Initialize the ciphertexts list and targetciphertext
def read_ciphertexts(ciphertextpath, targetciphertextpath):
    cyphertext_list = []
    target_ciphertext = ""
    with open(ciphertextpath) as f:
        lines = f.readlines()
        for line in lines:
            cyphertext_list.append(line.strip('\n'))
    with open(targetciphertextpath) as f:
        target_ciphertext = f.readline().strip('\n')
    return cyphertext_list, target_ciphertext

# Gusee key by the space
def dectect_key(ciphertext_list):
    # For each ciphertext
    final_key = [None]*150
    possible_space_idx = []
    for i, cti in enumerate(ciphertext_list):
        counter = collections.Counter()
        for j, ctj in enumerate(ciphertext_list):
            if i != j: # Just dont compare with itself
                for k, char in enumerate(str_xor(cti, ctj)):
                    if char in string.printable and char.isalpha():
                        # space(0x20) ^ letter == letter
                        # the kth position are likely to be the space
                        counter[k] += 1

        for i, val in list(counter.items()):
            # assume position with this situation occuring no less than 6 times as space.
            if val >= 6:
                possible_space_idx.append(i)

    # This is core idea: XOR the current ciphertext with spaces, we can get key in these
    # positions.
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    space_xor_test = str_xor(cti, ' '*150)
    for i in possible_space_idxs:
        final_key[i] = space_xor_test[i]
        possible_space_idxs.add(i)
    return final_key, possible_space_idxs

def run(target):
    ciphertext_list, target_ciphertext = read_ciphertexts(
        "./ciphertext.txt", "./target_ciphertext.txt")
    final_key, possible_space_idxs = detect_key(ciphertext_list)
    final_key_hex = ''.join(
        [val if val is not None else '00' for val in final_key])
    output = str_xor(target_ciphertext, final_key_hex)
    print(''.join(
        [char if index in possible_space_idxs else '*' for index, char in enumerate(output)]))
    print(str_xor(final_key_hex, target_ciphertext))
if __name__ == "__main__":
    run()

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We get the final Key:

$K = 66396e89c9dbd8cc9874352acd6395102eafce78aa7fed28a0$   
 $7f6bc98d29c5\ 0b69b0339a19f8aa401a9c6d708f80c066c763fef$   
 $0123148cdd8e802d05ba98777335daefcecd59c433a6b268b60bf4$   
 $ef03c9a611098bb3e9a3161edc7b804a33522cfd202d2c68c57376$   
 $edba8c2ca50027c61246e2a12b0c4502175010c0a1ba4625786d91$   
 $1100797d8a47e98b0204c4ef06c867a950f11ac989dea88fd1dbf1$   
 $6748749ed4c6f45b34c9d96c4$

$M_{target}$  = When using a stream cipher, never use the key more than once