

Quiz 0920@znlady

Question 1

Winning a lottery with 1 million contestants _____ (the biggest number) times in a row is easier than correctly guessing a random **256-bit** AES key on the first try.

Question 2

Suppose that using commodity hardware it is possible to build a computer for about \$2000 that can brute force about 1 trillion AES keys per second. Suppose an organization wants to run an exhaustive search for a single **128-bit** AES key and was willing to spend 4 trillion dollars to buy these machines (this is more than the annual US federal budget, for 2016, US federal budget is \$3.999 trillion). **How many years** would it take the organization to brute force this single **128-bit** AES key with these machines? Ignore additional costs such as power and maintenance.

Question 3

Let F be a secure pseudorandom function with 128-bit key and 256-bit block length. **Which** are the following functions G are secure pseudorandom generators? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ $G(x) = F_x(0 \dots 0)$, where x is a 128-bit input.
- ☐ $G(x) = F_x(0 \dots 0) \parallel F_x(0 \dots 0)$, where x is a 128-bit input.
- ☐ $G(x) = F_x(0 \dots 0) \parallel F_x(1 \dots 1)$, where x is a 128-bit input.
- ☐ $G(x) = F_{0 \dots 0}(x) \parallel F_{1 \dots 1}(x)$, where x is a 256-bit input

Question 4

Say we use CBC-mode encryption based on a block cipher with 256-bit key length **and** 128-bit block length to encrypt a 512-bit message. **How long** is the resulting ciphertext?

Question 5.1

Let m be a message consisting of ℓ AES blocks (say $\ell=100$). Alice encrypts m using **CBC mode** and transmits the resulting ciphertext to Bob. Due to a network error, ciphertext block number $\ell/2$ is corrupted during transmission. All other ciphertext blocks are transmitted and received correctly. Once Bob decrypts the received ciphertext, **how many** plaintext blocks will be corrupted?

Question 5.2

Let m be a message consisting of ℓ AES blocks (say $\ell=100$). Alice encrypts m using randomized **counter mode** and transmits the resulting ciphertext to Bob. Due to a network error, ciphertext block number $\ell/2$ is corrupted during transmission. All other ciphertext blocks are transmitted and received correctly. Once Bob decrypts the received ciphertext, **how many** plaintext blocks will be corrupted?

Question 6

Let $F: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ be a secure PRF (i.e. a PRF where the key space, input space, and output space are all $\{0,1\}^n$) and say $n=128$. **Construct** at least 3 secure PRF with F . **(try your best)**

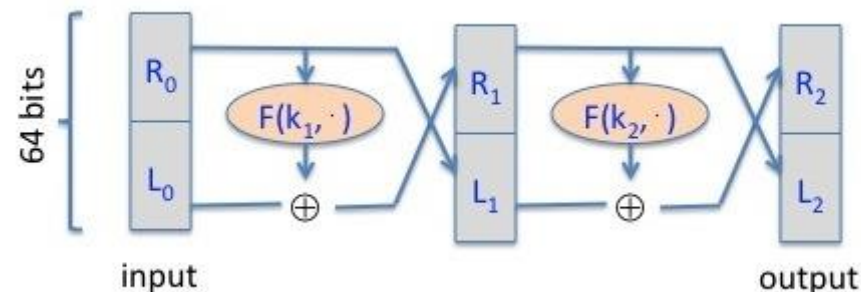
Question 7

Recall that the Luby-Rackoff theorem discussed in [Lecture 3.2](#) states that applying a **three** round Feistel network to a secure PRF gives a secure block cipher. **Prove** that a **two** round Feistel cannot give a secure block cipher.

Let $F: K \times \{0,1\}^{32} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{32}$ be a secure PRF. Recall that a 2-round Feistel defines the following PRP $F_2: K^2 \times \{0,1\}^{64} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{64}$:

Hint: give a counterexample say that F_2 is not a secure block cipher

Question 8



Let $R := \{0,1\}^4$ and consider the following PRF $F: R^5 \times R \rightarrow R$ defined as follows: **Prove** that this PRF is insecure.

$$F(k, x) := \begin{cases} t = k[0] \\ \text{for } i=1 \text{ to } 4 \text{ do} \\ \quad \text{if } (x[i-1] == 1) \quad t = t \oplus k[i] \\ \text{output } t \end{cases}$$

Solution to Quiz 00912@znlady

Question 1

Assume an honest user wants to send an 8-bit integer to their bank indicating how much money should be transferred to the bank account of an attacker. The user uses **CTR-mode** encryption based on a block cipher F with 8-bit block length. (Yes, this is a made-up example.) The attacker knows that the amount of money the user wants to transfer is exactly **\$16**, and has compromised a router between the user and the bank. The attacker receives the ciphertext 10111100 01100001 (in binary) from the user. **What ciphertext** should the attacker forward to the bank to initiate a transfer of exactly **\$32**? (Recall that CTR-mode decryption of a ciphertext c_0, c_1 using key k is done by outputting $c_1 \oplus F_k(c_0+1)$.) **10111100 01010001**

Question 2

Assume CTR-mode encryption with PKCS #5 padding and a block cipher with 8-byte block length. Say a 4-byte message is encrypted, resulting in ciphertext 0x00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07. **Which** of the following ciphertexts will NOT yield an error upon decryption?

0x00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 00 01 02 03 05 05 06 07

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