

Problem 3.2. *Prove that Definition 3.8 cannot be satisfied if Π can encrypt arbitrary-length messages and the adversary is not restricted to output equal-length messages in experiment $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{eav}}$.*

Since the encoder of Π is PPT, there is some bound $q(n, |m|)$, polynomial in the security parameter n and the plaintext message m , on the length of its ciphertext. The idea of the proof is to have the adversary distinguish between a single-bit message and a message which is larger than the largest ciphertext the encoder may admin.

Because Π is correct, and so encryption is injective, by the pidgeonhold principle it must hold that with all but negligible probability that the encryption of a message is at least as long as the message.

By abuse of notation, let $q(n) = q(n, 1)$. Construct the adversary \mathcal{A} as follows:

1. Receive the security parameter n . Emit $m_0 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $m_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{q(n)+1}$, uniformly at random.
2. Receive the ciphertext c . Return 0 if $|c| \leq q(n)$ and 1 otherwise.

By construction of q , if the random bit is 0, \mathcal{A} always succeeds. On the other hand, if the random bit is 1, and so with all but negligible probability the length of the ciphertext is at least than $q(n) + 1$, \mathcal{A} succeeds with all but negligible probability. Hence Π is not secure.

Problem 3.7. *Prove the converse of Theorem 3.18. Namely, show that if G is not a pseudorandom generator then Construction 3.17 does not have indistinguishable encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper.*

Let G fail to be a pseudorandom generator, such that there exists a (PPT) distinguisher D which distinguishes outputs of G with non-negligible probability, i.e.

$$|\Pr[D(G(s)) = 1] - \Pr[D(r) = 1]| \text{ is non-negligible,} \quad (1)$$

where the probability is taken over choice of s and r and over the randomness of D .

We need to construct an adversary to Construction 3.17. Let \mathcal{A} act as follows:

1. Receive the security parameter n . Emit messages m_0 and m_1 uniformly at random.
2. Receive the challenge ciphertext c . Return $D(m_1 \oplus c)$.

Let b be the bit chosen by the experiment. If $b = 1$, then

$$m_1 \oplus c = m_1 \oplus (m_1 \oplus k) = k,$$

which is $G(s)$ for a uniform random s . If $b = 0$, then $r := m_1 \oplus c$ is uniform random, since m_1 was uniform random.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ succeeds}] &= \frac{1}{2}(\Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ succeeds} \mid b = 1] + \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ succeeds} \mid b = 0]) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\Pr[D(G(s)) = 1] + \Pr[D(r) = 0]) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \Pr[D(G(s)) = 1] - \Pr[D(r) = 1]), \end{aligned}$$

which is non-negligible by (1).