

1. Let G and F be PRGs with expansion factor $l(n)=2n$.
 World 0: We generate a n -bit random seed s and are given $F(G(s))$.

World 1: We are given a uniform bit string r of length $4n$.
 Let D be a PPTA distinguisher, which outputs 1 if it thinks it is in World 0.

Intermediate world: World I. In this world, we generate a $2n$ -bit random string z and provide $F(z)$ to the distinguisher.

Difference between world 1 and I

Since F is a PRG, by definition,

$$|\Pr[D(r)=1] - \Pr[D(F(z))=1]| \leq \text{negl}_1(n)$$

Difference between world I and 0

Let $D' = D \circ F$. Since F runs in polynomial time, so does D' .

Since D is a distinguisher, so does D' . By definition,

$$|\Pr[D'(z)=1] - \Pr[D'(G(s))=1]| \leq \text{negl}_2(n)$$

which is equivalent to

$$|\Pr[D(F(z))=1] - \Pr[D(F(G(s)))=1]| \leq \text{negl}_2(n)$$

Using $|a-c| + |c-b| \geq |a-b|$

$$|\Pr[D(r)=1] - \Pr[D(F(G(s)))=1]| \leq |\Pr[D(r)=1] - \Pr[D(F(z))=1]| +$$

$$|\Pr[D(F(z))=1] - \Pr[D(F(G(s)))=1]| = \text{negl}_1(n) + \text{negl}_2(n) = \text{negl}(n)$$

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

$F \circ G$ is a PRG.

2. (F, G) is not a PRG. Here is a counterexample:

Let $F = G$ and their expansion factor be $L(n) = 2n$.

For input string $w = (w_1, w_2) \in \{0, 1\}^{4n}$, define a distinguisher D such that

$$D(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w_1 = w_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } w_1 \neq w_2 \end{cases}$$

Thus $D((F(s), G(s))) = 1$ and

for a uniform random string $r \in \{0, 1\}^{4n}$.

$$D(r) = \frac{2^{2n}}{2^{4n}} = \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$$

$|\Pr[D((F(s), G(s))) = 1] - \Pr[D(r) = 1]| = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$, which is not negligible.

3(a) Since G is a PRG,

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

Let $r \in \{0, 1\}^{\frac{n}{2}}$ be a uniform random string. Rewrite the above equation:

$$|\Pr[D(G'(s)) = 1] - \Pr[D(r') = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\frac{n}{2})$$

Since $\text{negl}(n)$ is negligible, so is $\text{negl}(\frac{n}{2})$.

Thus G' is a PRG.

3(b) Define H to be a PRG with $L(n) = 6n$ and $G(s_1 || s_2) = H(s_1)$ with $L(n) = 3n$.

G is also a PRG.

$$G'(s) = G(0^n || s) = H(0^n || s)$$

Define a distinguisher D such that

$$D(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w = H(0^n) \\ 0 & \text{if } w \neq H(0^n) \end{cases}$$

$$|Pr[D(G'(s))=1] - Pr[D(w)=1]| = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{6n}}$$

which is not negligible.

Thus G' is not a PRG.

3(c) Define H to be a PRG with $l(n) = 2n+2$ ($\{0,1\}^{n+1} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{2n+2}$) and $G(s) = H(s, \dots, s_{n+1})$

G is also a PRG.

If the last bit of s is 0, then

$$G'(s) = G(s) \parallel G(s+1) = H(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1}) \parallel H(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1})$$

Since the seed is uniform, the last bit has $\frac{1}{2}$ probability to be 0.

Define a distinguisher D such that on input $w = (w_1, w_2)$

$$D(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w_1 = w_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } w_1 \neq w_2 \end{cases}$$

$$|Pr[D(G'(s))=1] - Pr[D(w)=1]| = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

which is not negligible.

Thus G' is not a PRG.

4. Let $e_i = [0, 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0]'$ be a column vector such that all the entries are 0s and the i th entry is 1.

Define a distinguisher D and let D do the following

D queries the oracle with $[0, 0, \dots, 0]'$, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n .

D recovers A and b because $b = O([0, 0, \dots, 0]')$ and

$a_i = O(e_i) - b$ where a_i is the i th column of A .

D queries the oracle with a new string x . Let $y = O(x)$

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = Ax + b \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq Ax + b \end{cases}$$

D only performs $n+2$ queries, so it is PPTA.

If $D = F_{A,b}$, D outputs 1. If $D = f$, $f \in \text{Func}_n$, the probability that $f(x) = Ax + b$ is $\frac{(2^n)^{2^n-1}}{(2^n)^{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2^n}$

$$|\Pr[D^{F_{A,b}}(1^n) = 1] - \Pr[D^{f^{(1)}}(1^n) = 1]| = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

which is not negligible.

Thus, F is not a PRF.