

Homework 5

1. **Stretching PRG Output.** (10 points) Suppose we are given a length-doubling PRG G such that

$$G : \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2B}$$

Using G , construct a new PRG G' such that

$$G' : \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{100B}$$

(Remark: We do not need a security proof. You should only use the PRG G to construct the new PRG G' . In particular, you should not use any other cryptographic primitive like one-way function etc.)

Solution.

2. **New Pseudorandom Function Family.** Let G be a length-doubling PRG $G: \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2B}$. Recall the basic GGM PRF construction presented below.

- Define $G(x) = (G_0(x), G_1(x))$ where $G_0, G_1 : \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^B$
- We define $g_{\text{id}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ as $G_{x_n}(\dots G_{x_2}(G_{x_1}(\text{id})) \dots)$ where $\text{id} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^B$.

Recall that in the class we studied that g_{id} is a PRF family for $\{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^B$, for a fixed value of n when the key id is picked uniformly at random from the set $\{0, 1\}^B$.

- (a) (6 points) Why is the above-mentioned GGM construction not a pseudorandom function family from the domain $\{0, 1\}^*$ to the range $\{0, 1\}^B$?

Solution.

- (b) (13 points) Given a length-doubling PRG $G: \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2B}$, construct a PRF family from the domain $\{0, 1\}^n$ to the range $\{0, 1\}^{100B}$.

(Remark: Again, in this problem, do not use any other cryptographic primitive like one-way function etc. You should only use the PRG G in your proposed construction.)

Solution.

- (c) (6 points) Consider the following function family $\{h_1, \dots, h_\alpha\}$ from the domain $\{0, 1\}^*$ to the range $\{0, 1\}^B$. We define $h_{id}(x) = g_{id}(x, [|x|]_2)$, for $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \alpha\}$. Show that $\{h_1, \dots, h_\alpha\}$ is not a secure PRF from $\{0, 1\}^*$ to the range $\{0, 1\}^B$.

(Note: The expression $[|x|]_2$ represents the length of x in n -bit binary expression.)

Solution.

3. **Variant of Pseudorandom Function Family.** Let G be a length-doubling PRG $G: \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2B}$, recall the GGM construction taught in class to construct PRF family from $\{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^T$

- Define $G(x) = (G_0(x), G_1(x))$ where $G_0, G_1 : \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^B$
- Let $G' : \{0, 1\}^B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^T$ be a PRG.
- We define $g_{\text{id}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ as $G'(G_{x_n}(\dots G_{x_2}(G_{x_1}(\text{id})) \dots))$ where $\text{id} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^B$.

(15 points) Prove that the above-mentioned PRF construction is not secure when $G' = G$.

Solution.

4. **OWF.** (15 points) Let $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ be a one-way function. Define $g : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n+1}$ as

$$g(x) = f(x)\|0$$

where $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$. Show that g is also a one-way function.

Hint. Suppose there exists an efficient adversary \mathcal{A} that inverts the function g . You should now construct a new efficient adversary \mathcal{A}' that uses \mathcal{A} as a subroutine to invert the function f .

Solution.

5. **Encryption using Random Functions.** Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all functions $\{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$. Consider the following private-key encryption scheme.

- $\text{Gen}()$: Return $\text{sk} = F$ uniformly at random from the set \mathcal{F}
- $\text{Enc}_{\text{sk}}(m)$: Return (c, r) , where r is chosen uniformly at random from $\{0, 1\}^n$, $c = m \oplus F(r)$, and $\text{sk} = F$.
- $\text{Dec}_{\text{sk}}(\tilde{c}, \tilde{r})$: Return $\tilde{c} \oplus F(\tilde{r})$.

- (a) (12 points) Suppose we want to ensure that even if we make 10^9 calls to the encryption algorithm, all randomness r that are chosen are distinct with probability $1 - 2^{-100}$. What value of n shall you choose?

Solution.

- (b) (8 points) Conditioned on the fact that all randomness r in the encryption schemes are distinct, prove that this scheme is secure.

Solution.

6. **Attack on an Encryption Scheme.** (15 points) Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all function $\{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$. Consider the following private-key encryption scheme.

- $\text{Gen}()$: Return $\text{sk} = F$ chosen uniformly at random from the set \mathcal{F}
- $\text{Enc}_{\text{sk}}(m)$: Return $m \oplus F(m)$, where $\text{sk} = F$

We have knowingly not defined the decryption scheme because it might not be efficient to decrypt this scheme even given $\text{sk} = F$! However, the encryption algorithm itself has an issue.

Prove that the encryption scheme is not secure.

Solution.

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