

Provable Security.

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Exercise 1 (20 points). Show that indistinguishability is preserved under taking multiple independent (efficient) samples. That is, let X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2 be independent random variables where each is efficiently samplable by algorithm of running time t_s . If X_1 and Y_1 are (t, ε) -indistinguishable and so is X_2 and Y_2 , i.e., for every probabilistic distinguisher D of running time t we have

$$|\Pr[D(X_1) = 1] - \Pr[D(Y_1) = 1]| \leq \varepsilon$$

$$|\Pr[D(X_2) = 1] - \Pr[D(Y_2) = 1]| \leq \varepsilon$$

Then, we must have that (X_1, X_2) and (Y_1, Y_2) are (t', ε') -indistinguishable, where t' and ε' are functions of t, t_s and ε .

Exercise 2 (20 points). Suppose that $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is a private-key encryption scheme that has indistinguishable encryptions under a chosen-plaintext attack (i.e., CPA-secure) where by definition $\text{Gen}(1^n)$ samples a key uniformly at random, i.e., $k \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$. Now if we replace Gen with Gen' that samples a key from a PRG $g : \{0, 1\}^{n-1} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$, i.e., $k \leftarrow g(U_{n-1})$, then the resulting scheme $\Pi' = (\text{Gen}', \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ remains CPA-secure. Prove or disprove the argument.

Exercise 3 (20 points). Design an attack (with as much efficiency as possible) against the LPN problem with secret size n and noise rate $\mu = o(1)$, assuming you can obtain as many samples as needed. Analyze the time complexity of the attack you propose.

Notice: the noise rate is subconstant so the BKW algorithm may not be the best choice.

Exercise 4 (20 points). Let $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ be a (t, ε) -one-way permutation and for integer s define the following function

$$g(x, r^1, \dots, r^s) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f(x), r^1, \dots, r^s, \text{gl}(x, r^1), \dots, \text{gl}(x, r^s))$$

where $x, r^1, \dots, r^s \in \{0, 1\}^n$, and for every $j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$: $\text{gl}(x, r^j) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot r_i^j \pmod{2}$, $x = x_1 \dots x_n$ and $r^j = r_1^j \dots r_n^j$.

1. Show that for appropriate value of s function g is a pseudorandom generator with stretch s (the case for $s = 1$ is given as Theorem 1 of Handout 4).
2. What is the upper bound on s to keep g a PRG (i.e., s cannot be too large as otherwise it will leak too much about x , and thus g is trivially broken)?

Hint: it suffices to show that for every $j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ function

$$f^{j-1}(x, r^1, \dots, r^j) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f(x), r^1, \dots, r^j, \text{gl}(x, r^1), \dots, \text{gl}(x, r^{j-1}))$$

is a one-way function (for some parameters related to ε , t and j) and thus $\text{gl}(x, r^j)$ is a hard-core function of f^{j-1} (by Goldreich-Levin). Then we complete the proof for statement 1 by a hybrid argument. We can observe that the one-wayness of f^{j-1} deteriorates as the value of j increases, from which we can derive the upper bound on s .

Exercise 5 (20 points). Design secure multiparty computation protocols for the following scenarios, and justify the security.

1. Two parties P_1 and P_2 who want to compute the XOR sum of their respective inputs $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $y \in \{0, 1\}^n$ in the semi-honest adversary model.
2. t parties P_1, \dots, P_t , who want to compute the (modulo p) sum of their respective values x_1, \dots, x_t all over Z_p (for prime p) in the semi-honest adversary model.
3. assume there are t parties P_1, \dots, P_t with respective inputs x_1, \dots, x_t , and two semi-honest servers S_1 and S_2 , where all parties and servers can communicate with each other securely. Design an efficient way to reduce the problem of multiparty computation of function $f(x_1, \dots, x_t)$ among P_1, \dots, P_t to that of two-party computation between S_1 and S_2 , both in the semi-honest adversary model.