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Problem 1 (PRG) For each of the following PRG, can you state whether it is a secure PRG or not? Please justify your answers. For all the PRGs, suppose λ is a large positive integer (e.g. 1024) and $G : \{0, 1\}^\lambda \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{2\lambda}$. When we write $s_1 || s_2$, each of s_1 and s_2 is a bit-string with λ bits (i.e. $s_1, s_2 \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$). (The system randomly selects 2 out of 5. 10 points in total)

- (1) $H(s_1 || s_2) := G(s_1) \oplus G(s_2) \oplus 1^{3\lambda}$ where $1^{2\lambda}$ is 2λ -bit string with all 1.
- (2) $H(s_1 || s_2) := (s_1, G(s_1 \oplus s_2))$
- (3) $H(s_1 || s_2) := (s_1 \oplus s_2, G(s_1))$
- (4) $H(s_1 || s_2) := (s_1 \oplus 1^\lambda, G(s_1))$
- (5) $H(s_1 || s_2) := (s_1 \oplus s_2, G(s_1 \oplus s_2))$

Problem 2 (Negligible functions)

- (1) Which of the following function is negligible in λ and which is not? Please justify your answers. (The system randomly selects 2 out of 5. 10 points in total)
 - (a) $\frac{1}{\lambda^{\log(\lambda)}}$
 - (b) $\frac{\log(\lambda)}{2^\lambda}$
 - (c) $\frac{1}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}$
 - (d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$
 - (e) $\frac{1}{2^{\log(\lambda^2)}}$
- (2) Suppose f and g are negligible in λ (The system randomly selects 1 out of 2. 5 points.)
 - (a) Show that $f(\lambda) + g(\lambda)$ is negligible
 - (b) Show that $f(\lambda) \cdot g(\lambda)$ is negligible
- (3) Give an example of f and g such that f and g are both negligible but $f(\lambda)/g(\lambda)$ is not negligible. (5 points)

Problem 3 (MAC) Let $H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a collision resistant hash and let $f, f^{-1} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a secure block cipher. Consider the encrypted-hash MAC system (S, V) defined by $S(k, m) := f(k, H(m))$.

- (1) (3 points) Define the algorithm V and show the correctness of the encrypted-hash MAC system.
- (2) (10 points) Show the encrypted-hash MAC system is a UF-CMA secure MAC.

Problem 4 (Trapdoor collision) Consider the two collision-resistant hash functions based on the DLog and RSA assumptions from our lecture. In this problem, we show that if an adversary knows some trapdoor then it can compute a collision. Thus, these two hash functions are only computationally secure.

- (1) (10 points) Let \mathbb{G} be a cyclic group of prime order p generated by g . h is an arbitrary element from \mathbb{G} . Recall that $H_{dl} : \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$ as

$$H_{dl}(a, b) := g^a h^b.$$

Show that if an adversary knows the trapdoor $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $h = g^x$ then it can break the 2nd pre-image resistance. Namely, given (a, b) and x , the adversary can compute a different $(a', b') \neq (a, b)$ but $H_{dl}(a, b) = H_{dl}(a', b')$

- (2) (The system randomly selects 1 out of. 10 points) Let N be an RSA modulus and e be an RSA function (public) key. In particular, e is a prime. y is an arbitrary element from \mathbb{Z}_N^* . Recall that $H_{rsa} : \mathbb{Z}_N^* \times \mathbb{Z}_e \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ as

$$H_{rsa}(a, b) := a^e \cdot y^b \pmod{N}$$

- (a) Show that if an adversary knows the trapdoor $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ such that $x^e = y \pmod{N}$ then it can break the 2nd pre-image resistance.
- (b) Show that if an adversary knows the factorization of N (namely, the prime factors P, Q such that $N = P \cdot Q$) then it can invert the function H_{rsa} . Namely, given $h \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and the factors P, Q , an adversary can compute some $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_N^* \times \mathbb{Z}_e$.

Problem 5 (ElGamal)

- (1) (5 points.) Recall the ElGamal PKE ciphertext as $(c_1, c_2) := (g^r, g^{rx} \cdot m)$. Show that if an adversary learns the randomness r then it can decrypt the ciphertext and get m without using the secret key.
- (2) (The system randomly selects 1 out of 2. 5 points)
 - (a) Suppose you are given an honestly generated ElGamal ciphertext of an unknown $m \in \mathbb{G}$. Show how to construct a different ciphertext that also decrypts to m
 - (b) Suppose you are given two honestly generated ElGamal ciphertext of unknown $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{G}$, respectively. Show how to construct a ciphertext that decrypts to their product $m_1 \cdot m_2$.

Problem 6 (Schnorr-related one-time signature.) Let \mathbb{G} be a cyclic group of prime order p generated by g . Let $H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ be a hash function. We define the following signature scheme (Gen, Sign, Ver) with message space \mathcal{M} :

- Gen(1^λ): choose a, b from \mathbb{Z}_p uniformly at random and compute $A := g^a$ and $B := g^b$. Return the public key $pk := (A, B) \in \mathbb{G}^2$ and secret key $sk := (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2$.
 - Sign(sk, m): compute $h := H(m)$ and $\sigma := h \cdot a + b$. Return the signature σ .
- (1) (3 points) Define the verification algorithm, Ver, and show the correctness of the signature scheme.
 - (2) (10 points) This is a one-time secure scheme (namely, in the UF-CMA security game, the adversary can only ask one signing query). Show that, in the random oracle model (namely, H is modeled as a random oracle), if the DLog assumption holds for \mathbb{G} , then this signature is one-time secure.
 - (3) (7 points) Show why this scheme is not 2-time secure.
 - (4) (7 points) Modify this scheme to get a 2-time secure scheme.
(Hints: For the 2-time secure scheme, the public key is in \mathbb{G}^3 , the signature is in \mathbb{Z}_p , and the hash function is $H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^2$.)