

**HOMEWORK 2** Due Feb 14 11:59PM on Gradescope.

**Problem 1.** (100 points.) Define the family of functions  $F: \{0, 1\}^{256} \times \{0, 1\}^{256} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$  by

**Algorithm**  $F_{K_1 \| K_2}(x_1 \| x_2)$ :  
Return  $\text{AES}^{-1}(K_1, x_1 \oplus x_2) \| \text{AES}(K_2, \overline{x_2})$

for all  $K_1, K_2, x_1, x_2 \in \{0, 1\}^{128}$ . Here ‘ $\|$ ’ denotes string concatenation, ‘ $\oplus$ ’ denotes bit-wise exclusive-or, and  $\overline{x}$  denotes the bit-wise complement of a string  $x$ . Let  $T_{\text{AES}}$  denote the time for one computation of AES or  $\text{AES}^{-1}$ . *Below, running-times are worst case and should be functions of  $T_{\text{AES}}$ . For full credit avoid use of asymptotics.*

(Part A - 15 points.) Prove that  $F$  is a blockcipher according to the definition given in class.

(Part B - 15 points.) What is the running-time of a 2-query exhaustive key search adversary against  $F$ ?

(Part C - 40 points.) Give the most efficient 2-query consistent key recovery adversary that you can with advantage 1 against  $F$ . Your answer should consist of the pseudocode for your proposed adversary followed by an analysis of its advantage (proving that it is 1) and resource usage (running-time and number of queries). *For full credit, your adversary should be significantly faster than exhaustive key search. Exhaustive key search gets no points.*

(Part D - 30 points.) Would you expect your adversary in Part C to recover the target key (rather than merely a consistent key)? Why or why not? *The right yes/no answer with missing or completely incorrect justification gets no points.*