


Indistinguishability

Roughly, distributions / r.v.'s D_1, D_2 are indistinguishable if for all adversaries A ,

$$\text{Adv}(A) := \Pr[A(D_1) \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A(D_2) \Rightarrow 1] \leq \epsilon(\epsilon)$$

for some small ϵ .

$D_1 \approx_s D_2$ when A is unbounded.

$D_1 \approx_c D_2$ when A is bounded

(ϵ, ϵ) - indistinguishable

One-wayness

(X, Y) correlated r.v.'s

$(X, f(X))$

We say f is o.w. on X if $\Pr[A(f(X)) \Rightarrow x] \leq \epsilon$ for every A and some small ϵ .

$$A(f(x)) \Rightarrow x$$

if f is injective

$$A(f(x)) \Rightarrow x' \text{ st. } f(x) = f(x')$$

in general

* One-wayness, indistinguishability
are fundamental notions
in cryptography.

Collision-resistance

$$A \Rightarrow (x, y) \text{ st. } f(x) = f(y) \\ x \neq y.$$

and collision-resistance!

Hash function

$$H: \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n}$$

SHA family SHA3

Merkle-Damgård paradigm

Start with a fixed-length
compression function

want to
construct
H

$$\Rightarrow h: \{0,1\}^{n+k} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

this h is often built out of
a blockcipher

Aside: blockciphers and PRF

$$E: \{0,1\}^k \times \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

AES

typical assumption about
blockciphers:

PRF

$$\text{Adv}_E^{\text{prf}}(A) = \Pr[A^{E_{k(\cdot)}} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{\$} \Rightarrow 1]$$

Davies-Meyer

$$h: \{0,1\}^{k+n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$h(k || x) = E_k(x) \oplus k$$

check
this w/
boolc

$$H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$h: \{0,1\}^{nk} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

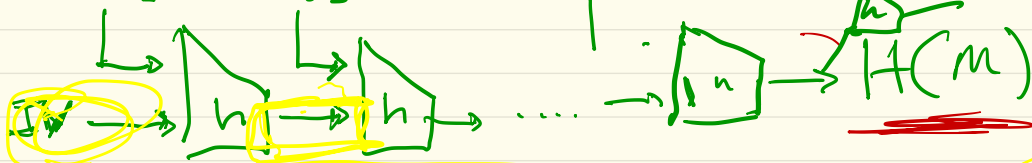
Merkle-Damgård

$m[1]$

$m[2]$

$m[n]$

$\| \text{HMM}_n \|$



Want to show if h is collision-resistant then H is collision resistant

need "strengthening": append length of message.

length-extension attack.

Given $H(x)$ for unknown x , can compute $H(x||z)$ for any z .

Key derivation

$$H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

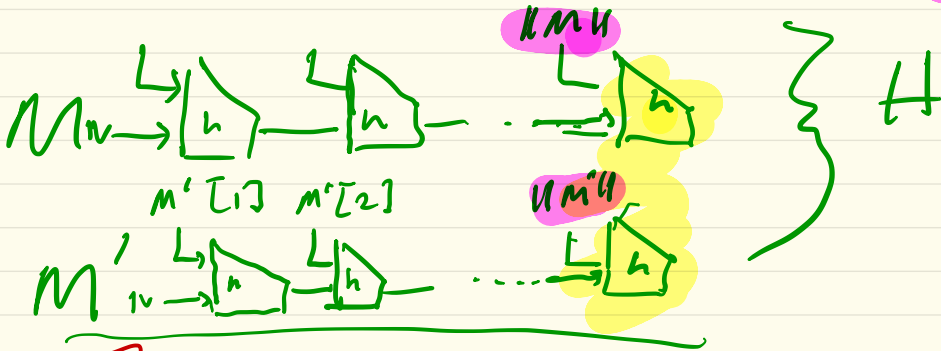
and a distribution X with "entropy"

$$H(X) \approx_c \#$$

Proof of MD

SHA1

256 bits output



Case 1: $\|m\| \neq \|m'\|$

Case 2: $\|m\| = \|m'\|$

idea:

line up the computations of little h and "work backwards"

- How to construct H out of h ✓
- How to construct h out of a blockcipher

↓ Davies-Meyer

PRF

$$h(x||y) = E_x(y) \oplus y$$

blockcipher: family of permutations indexed by a key.

$$E: \text{Key} \times \text{Dom} \rightarrow \text{Dom}$$

DES
AES

→ Conventional security assumption
about blockciphers:
pseudorandom function

AES 128 key length
 128 block length

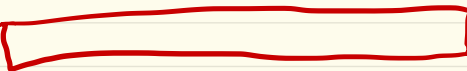
→ Stronger security "assumption"

ideal cipher model

- blockcipher is modeled as an independent uniform permutation on every key.

K_1 

$\vdots$

K_n 

Constructing MACs from hash functions.

→ What are MACs?

$$\text{MAC} = (I_2, \tau, \nu)$$

- key-generation algorithm I_2
 $k \leftarrow \tau/k$

f is O.W.

If $P_r \left\{ A(f(x)) \Rightarrow x' \right.$
st $f(x) = f(x') \}$
 $\leq \varepsilon$.

r.v. uniform on domain

f is C.R. if

$P_r \left\{ A \Rightarrow (x, y) \text{ st. } \right.$
 $x \neq y, f(x) = f(y) \}$
 $\leq \varepsilon$.

$CR \Rightarrow O.W.$

If f is compressing

O.W. $\Rightarrow$ CR?

NO

How to prove a non-implication

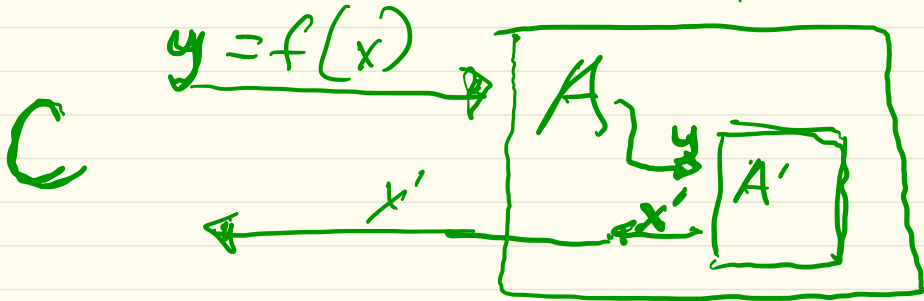
Suppose O.W. function f
exists. Construct f' st:

* f' is O.W. * f' is not C.R.

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \{1, 2\} \\ f(x) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

→ collision on 1, 2.

→ W.T.S. if you can break one-wayness of f' then you can break one-wayness of f .



A' breaks f'

if A' succeeds: $f'(x') = y$

W.T.S.

$$f(x') = y$$

To construct f' :

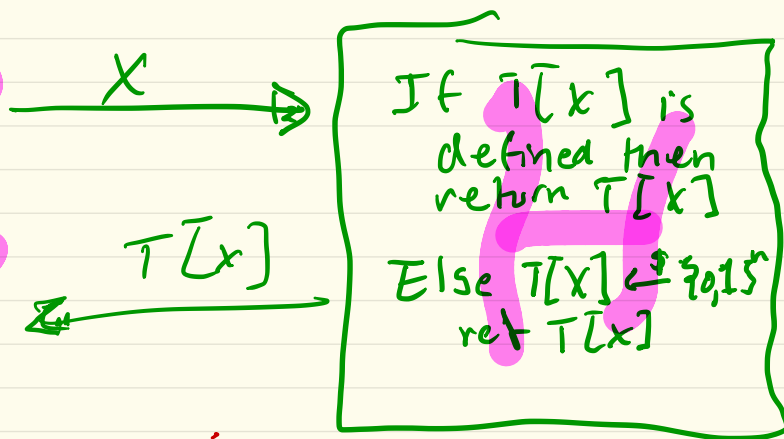
Find y st. $|f^{-1}(y)|$
is "small"

- If no such y exists
then f is not O.W.

Define $f'(x) = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } x=1 \\ \text{~~0~~ } f(x) & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

Random Oracle Model

- Model of computation where every algorithm (scheme algs, adversaries...) have access to the same random function.



Warm-up:

RO

How to design PRFs in the R.O. model?

Note: $F: \text{Keys} \times \text{Dom} \rightarrow \text{Rng}$ is a PRF if $\forall A$

$$\Pr[A^{F_k(\cdot)} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{\$ (\cdot)} \Rightarrow 1]$$

is small.

where the 1st probability is over K and $\$$ is a random function from Dom to Rng .

RO model guarantees no "black box" attacks

"prepend" construction

$$F_k^{\text{pre}}(x) = H(k \| x)$$

$$F_k^{\text{post}}(x) = H(x \| k)$$

very important to understand to proof!

$$F_k^{\text{envelope}}(x) = (k \| x \| k)$$

Claim. F^{pre} is a PRF in the RO model.

Intuition:

two oracles

$$F^{\text{pre}}, H \approx \$, H$$

$x \in \mathcal{D}$

pseudorandom function

PRFs in the RO model

Attack model

Recall PRF def in standard model:
 $F: \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$

Real Game:

$k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$
 $b \xleftarrow{\$} A^{F_k(\cdot)}$
ret b

Rand Game:
 $f \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Func}[\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{R}]$
 $b \xleftarrow{\$} A^{f(\cdot)}$
ret b

$$\text{Adv}_F^{\text{prf}}(A) =$$

$$\Pr[\text{Real} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{Rand} \Rightarrow 1]$$

Note: Rand game can be implemented efficiently via "lazy sampling"

Attack Model in RO model

$\text{Exp}[b] = \begin{cases} \emptyset \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Func}[\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{R}] \\ \text{If } b=1 \quad k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}; f \leftarrow F_k(\cdot) \\ \text{If } b=0 \quad f \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Func}[\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}] \\ d \xleftarrow{\$} A^{(f(\cdot), f(\cdot))} \\ \text{ret } (d=b) \end{cases}$

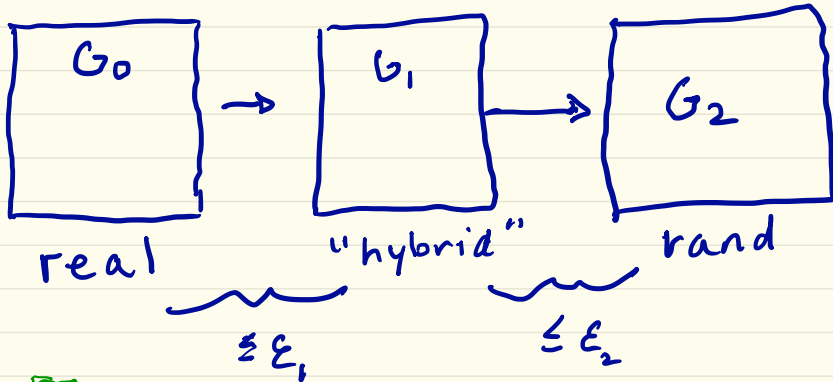
$\text{Exp}[1]$ is "real"

$\text{Exp}[0]$ is "rand"

A makes distinct queries
 To prove: In the RO PRF wlog
 attack model

$\text{Adv}_{F, \text{pre}}^{\text{prf}}(A)$ is small.

We're going to use
 "game-playing" or
 "game hopping"



G_0 / G_1

Initialize empty array
 $\text{Map}: D \rightarrow R$

$K \leftarrow K$

On F_{pre} query x do:

$y \leftarrow R$

If $K \| x \in \text{Dom}(\text{Map})$

then $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$

$y \leftarrow \text{Map}(K \| x)$

$\text{Map}(K \| x) \leftarrow y$

return y

G_1 / G_2

On $\mathcal{U}$ -query m do:

$y \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$

$\text{if } m \in \text{Dom}(\text{map}) \text{ then } \{$

$\text{bad}_2 \leftarrow \text{true}$

$\{ y \leftarrow \text{map}(m) \}$

$\text{map}(m) \leftarrow y$

$\text{ret } y$

$K \| z$

$H(K \| \cdot), H(\cdot)$

A

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Fundamental Lemma of
Game ... 11

Lemma. Let G_0 ...

until bad is set. Then

$$\Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1] \leq \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets bad}]$$

$$Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] - Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1]$$

$$\leq Pr[G_0 \text{ sets bad}]$$

$$\leq \frac{q_{\text{FPR}}}{|K|} \quad (\text{union bound})$$

$$Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1] - Pr[G_2 \Rightarrow 1]$$

$$\leq Pr[G_1 \text{ sets bad}]$$

$$\leq \frac{q_{\text{FPR}}}{|K|}$$

q_{FPR}

$$\text{MAC}: \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$$

Suppose we have a MAC for short messages (eg a blockcipher)
Extend it to be a MAC for long messages via

$$\text{MAC}'_K(x) = \text{MAC}_K(H(x))$$

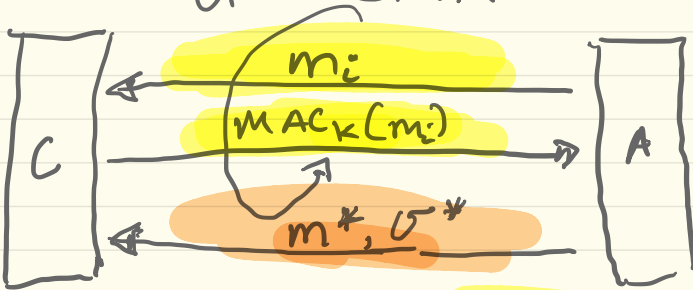
where $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^l$ and MAC works on messages of length l

Theorem. If MAC is a secure MAC (eg a PRF) and H is CR then MAC' is a secure MAC.

[Recall: Secure MAC

UF-CMA

$$K \xleftarrow{*} \mathcal{K}$$



Output 1 ("WIN")

if

$$\rightarrow \text{MAC}_K(m^*) = \sigma^*$$

$$- m^* \neq m_i \quad \forall i$$

Called a forgery

A adv

WTS

Adv_{mac}^{ut-cma}(A) is
small

Efficient A

Game G_1 :

On forgery attempt

(m^*, σ^*) :

$y \leftarrow H(m^*)$

If $\exists i$ st $H(m_i) = H(m^*)$

then $y \leftarrow^* \{0, 1\}^L$

If $\text{MAC}_K(y) = \sigma^*$

Ret 1

Else ret 0.

$$(m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow A^{\text{Otag}(K, \cdot)}$$

Oracle $\text{Otag}(x)$

$x_i \leftarrow x$
 $y_i \leftarrow \text{Eval}(K, x)$
 ret y_i

Proof: by sequence of games

Game G_0 : UF-LMA game

Set BAD if $\exists i$ st $H(m_i) = H(m^*)$

Game G_1 : Return 0 when BAD is set!

$$\Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] \leq \Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1]$$

$\text{Adv}_{\text{MAC}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A)$

$+ \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets BAD}]$

We give a CR adversary A_H that finds a collision in H w/p G_0 sets BAD.

Adversary $A_{\#}$:

$K \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}$

Run A :

When A makes
query m_i do:

$\sigma_i \leftarrow \text{Eval}(K, m_i)$

Until A outputs
 (m^*, σ^*)

If $\exists i$ st $H(m^*)$
 $= H(m_i)$

then RETURN
 (m^*, m_i)

ret $\perp$

$$\Pr[A_{\#} \text{ wins}] = \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets BAD}]$$

QUESTION:

What is the goal in defining G_1 ?

ANSWER:

We want to construct an adversary against the base (i.e. starting) MAC scheme such that its advantage is at least as large as the probability G_1 outputs 1.

WTS: $\exists B_m$ st.

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{mac}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(B_m) \geq \Pr[G_1 = 1]$$

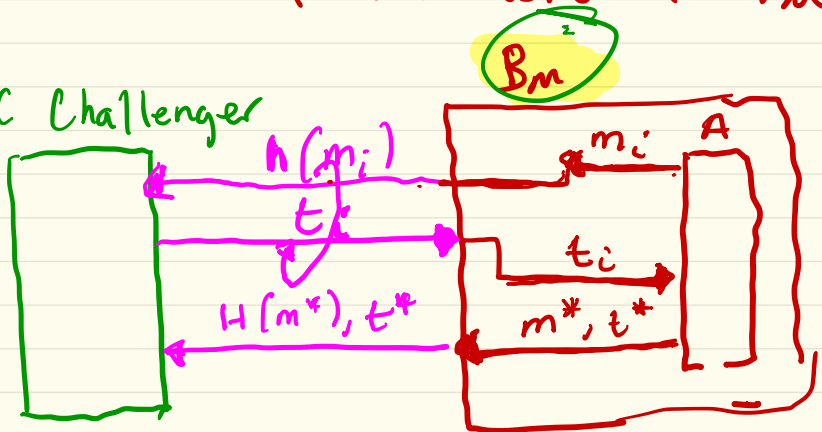
QUESTION:

Why?

QUESTION:

What is G_1 and what is B_m ?

MAC Challenger

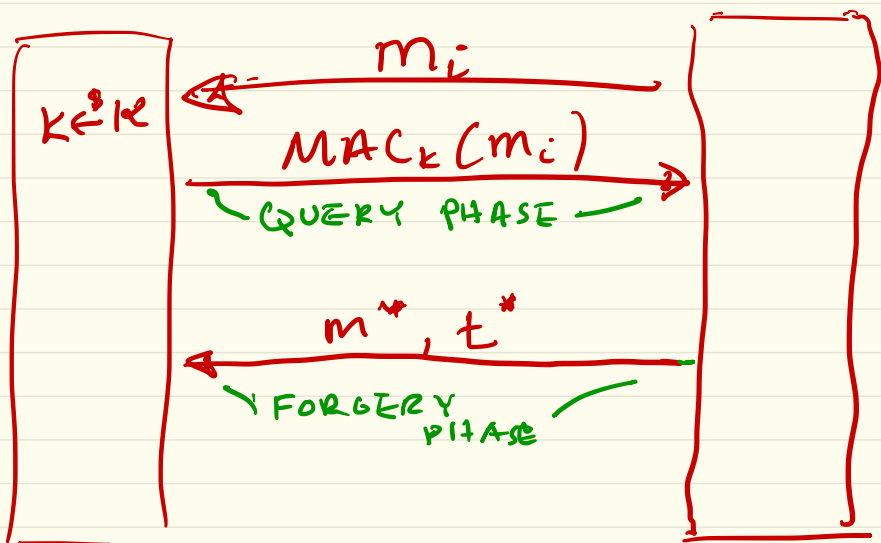


A : attacking D16 MAC $t^* = \text{MAC}_k(H(m^*))$

B_m : attacking little MAC

UF-CMA GAME

$$\text{MAC} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$$



Challenger

Adversary

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{return 1 if:} \\ m^* \neq m_i \forall i (*) \\ t^* = \text{MAC}_K(m^*) \end{array} \right\}$

m^*, t^* is
 said to be
 a forgery if this
 holds.

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{MAC}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A) =$$

$$\Pr[\text{UF-CMA GAME} \Rightarrow 1]$$

executed with A and MAC

MAC is UF-CMA secure if

$\forall$ efficient A ,

$\text{Adv}_{\text{mac}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(A)$ is small.

A message authentication code is a function family

$$MAC = (Keygen, Tag)$$

$$MAC \text{ or } MAC : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$$

17 MAC

- How to MAC using a hash function?

preliminary ideas:

* append the key

$$H(m \parallel k)$$

- offline attack!

* prepend the key

$$H(k \parallel m)$$

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* envelope

$$H(k \parallel m \parallel k)$$

Offline - Online attack against append-the-key

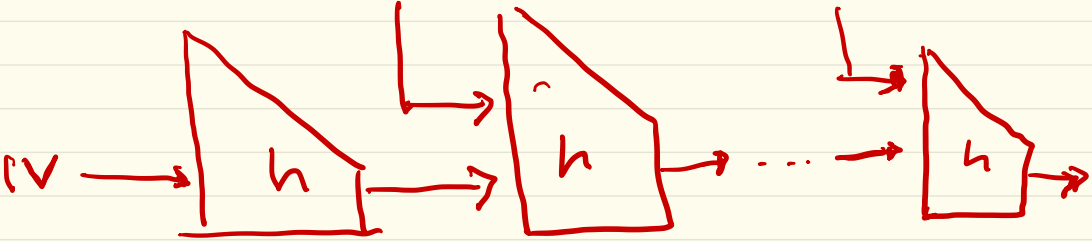
Offline. Find m_0, m_1 s.t. $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$	Online $t \leftarrow \text{TAG}(m_0)$ $\text{ret}(m_1, t)$
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Merkle - Damgard

H:

$M[i]$

$\|M\|$



Offline attack on H:
Birthday Attacks

For output of size N , finds a collision in expected

$O(\sqrt{N})$ time.

Alg Birthday Attack

- $s \leftarrow \lceil 2\sqrt{N} \rceil + 1$

- Generate s uniform random messages $m_1, \dots, m_s$

- Compute $x_i \leftarrow H(m_i) \forall i$

- Look for $i \neq j$ st. $H(m_i) = H(m_j)$

Output m_i, m_j

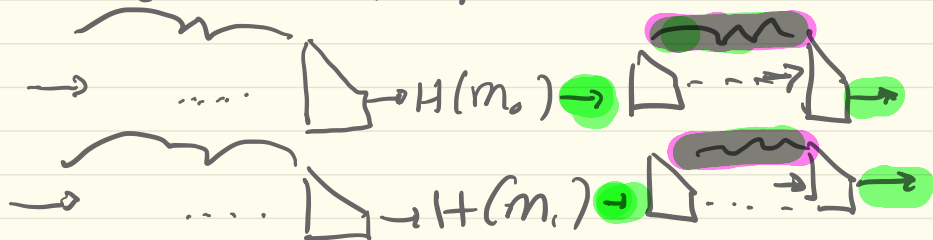
$$H: [M] \rightarrow [N]$$

Theorem. Let $m_1, \dots, m_s$ be the uniformly random messages sampled. Assume $|M| \geq 100 \cdot N$. Then w.p. at least $1/2 \exists i, j$ s.t. $H(m_i) = H(m_j)$

"proof": If x_i are random independent, a collision among the x_i will occur w.p. $1 - e^{-s(s-1)/2N} \geq 3/4$.

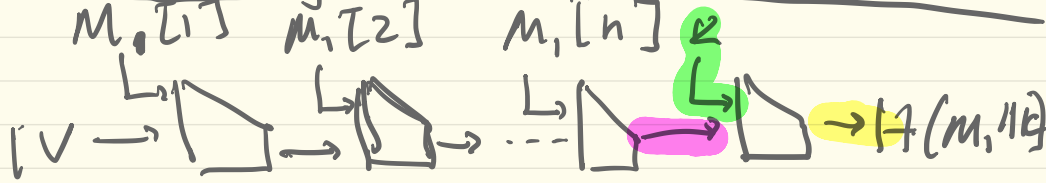
- $x_1, \dots, x_m$ are distinct w.p. $4/5$ b/c $|M| \geq 100 \cdot |N|$

Claim. If $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$ then $H(m_0 \| k) = H(m_1 \| k)$. (assuming H is M.D.)





Hashing of ~~$m_0 || k$~~ $(m_0 || k)$

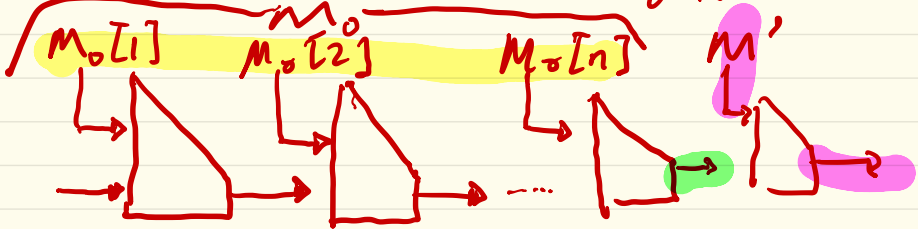


hashing of $m_0 || k$

Prepend-the-Key

$$H(k || m_0) \rightarrow H(k || m_0 || m')$$

length extension attack

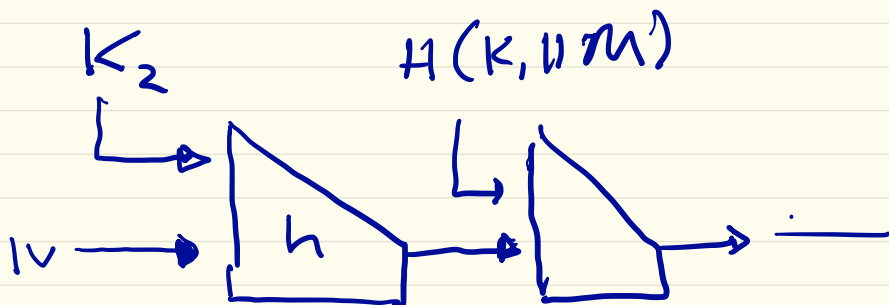


don't know m_0 , just $H(m_0)$
 Claim. Can compute $H(m_0 || \underline{m}')$
 for any m' .

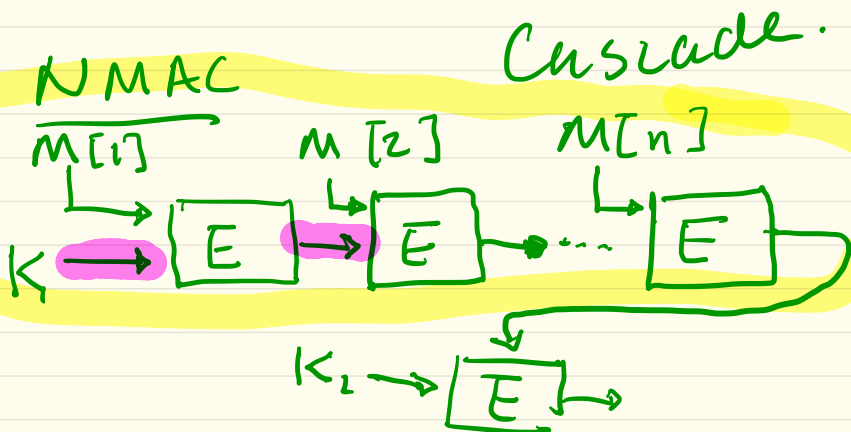
Prefix-Free MAC: no message allowed to be proper prefix of another message.

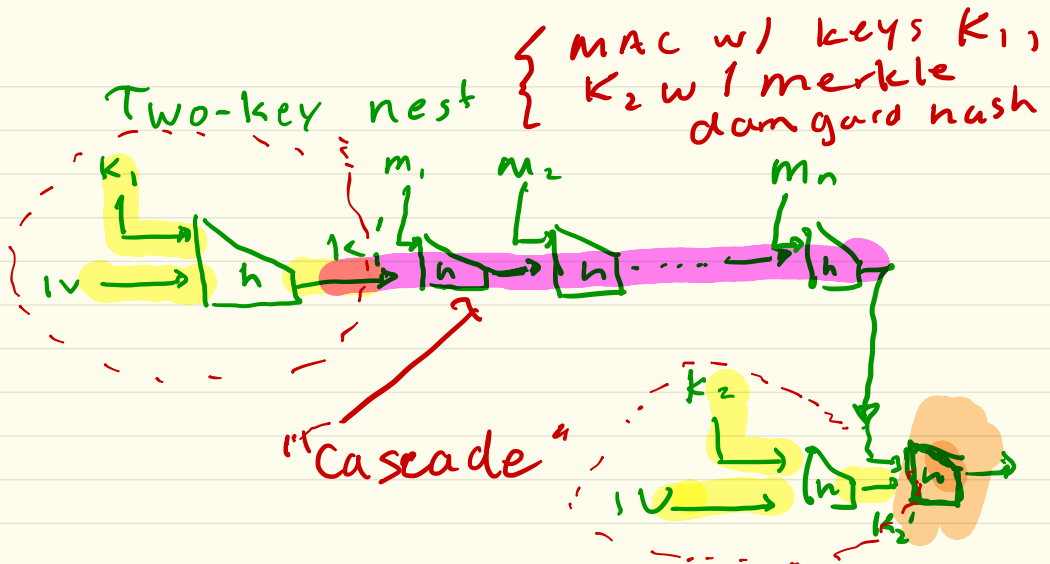
Two-key Nest:

$$\underline{H(K_2 \parallel H(K_1 \parallel m))}$$



related to HMAC.





How to analyze two-key nest?

- ① replace k_1', k_2' with $\$$ by PRF sec of h_{top}
- ② + this is "NMAC" applied to h_{bot}

$$h_{bot}(k, m) = h(k, m)$$

$$h_{top}(k, m) = h(m, k)$$

What is NMAC?

* Cascade - then - PRF

$$EF((k_1, k_2), m) := F(k_2, PF(k_1, m))$$

→ Theorem. If PF is extendable and prefix-free PRF, then EF is a secure PRF. and F is a PRF

- Prefix-free MAC:

restricted game in which adversary cannot query any m, m' st m is a prefix of m' .

(block-wise prefixes.)

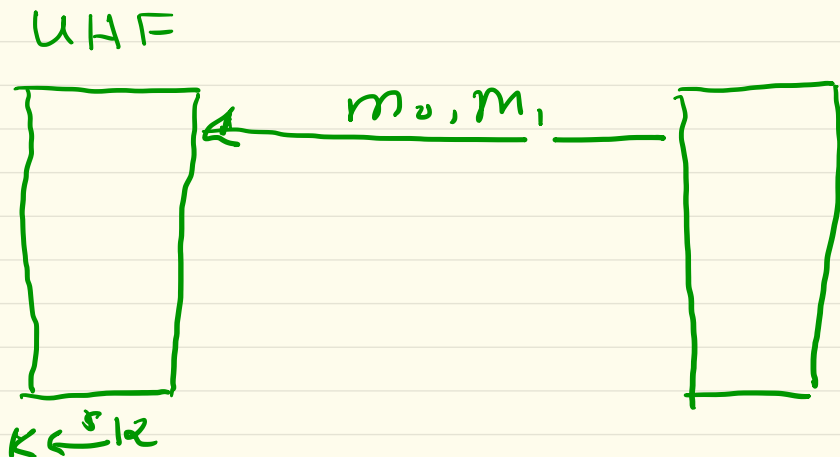
Extendable:

$$\text{If } PF(k, x) = PF(k, y)$$

then $\forall a$

$$PF(k, x||a) = PF(k, y||a)$$

Theorem: If PF is extendable and prefix-free PRF then PF is a computational UHF.



WIN if $H_k(m_0) = H_k(m_1)$

H is a computational UHF if $\forall$ efficient A the probability that A wins is small.

Theorem. If H is a
computational UHF and
 E is a PRF then the
"hash-then-PRF" MAC w/
 H and E is UF-CMA.

Question: Why can't we just
assume a MAC here??

Answer: We can't reveal
info about the hashes.

Theorem. Cascade is extendable
and prefix-free PRF.

$$F_{\text{bot}}(k, m) = h(k, m)$$

$$F_{\text{top}}(k, m) = h(m, k)$$

Used to reduce HMAC to NMAC

Cascade
is prefix-free
& extendable

prefix-free & extendable
PRF is a CUHF

$$h(a) = h(b)$$

$$h(a||x) = h(b||x)$$

PRF (CUHF) is
UF-CMA

GGM for variable prefix
length inputs free
& n-ary trees

GGM for variable length prefix
inputs free

GGM

Cascade.

input: $k, m = (a_1, \dots, a_v)$

output: a tag

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t ← k  
for i = 1 to v do:  
  t ← F(t, a_i)  
output t
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If $a_1, \dots, a_v$ are bits
call this
bitwise cascade

Goldreich - Goldwasser - Micali PRF.

Suppose we have a PRG

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

(length-doubling)

$$G(\overline{\text{seed}}) \approx_c U$$

seed

where R is uniform on $\{0,1\}^n$

U is uniform on $\{0,1\}^{2n}$

How to construct a PRF
with domain

$$\{0,1\}^m$$

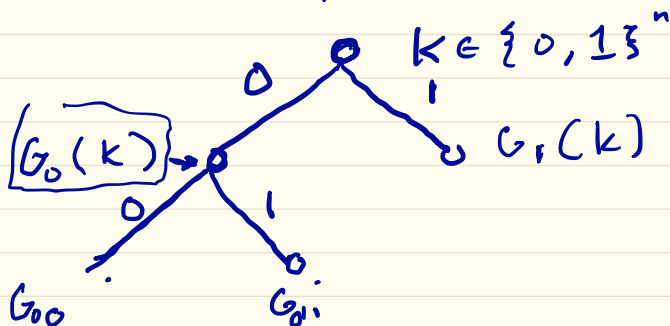
range

$$\{0,1\}^n$$

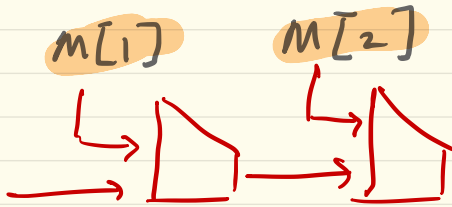
$$G(R)_0$$

$$G(R)_1$$

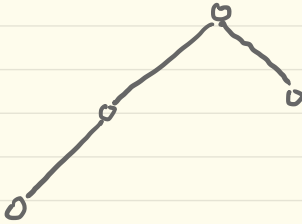
Idea: Key is a SEED



$$G^*(k) = F_k(0) \parallel F_k(1)$$



Apply GGM to G^*



$F_{F_k(0)}(0)$

fixed-length

Claim. If GGM is prefix-free
PRF then the cascade is prefix-free
PRF.
(bit-wise)
fixed length

↖
- This is how Cascade
is connected to GGM

- how does Cascade
connect to NMAC?

prefix-free
PRF $\implies$ CUF
+ extendable

Recall



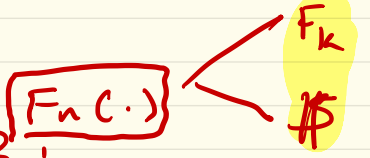
WIN if
 $H_k(m_0) = H_k(m_1)$

For all efficient A , $\Pr[\text{WIN}]$
is small.

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Theorem. If F is an extendable prefix-free PRF then it is a computational URF.

proof. Suppose A is a cURF adversary attacking F . Consider PRF adversary B

Adversary B : 

$(m_0, m_1) \xleftarrow{*} A$
 $y_0 \leftarrow F_n(m_0)$
 $y_1 \leftarrow F_n(m_1)$
 If $y_0 = y_1$ ret 1
 Else ret 0.

swap m_0, m_1  $m_0 || a$
 $m_1 || a$ st.

neither is a prefix of the other.

at most q queries.

proof. Let A be a multi-query CHTF adversary. Consider the single-query CHTF adversary

Adversary: A'
 $i, j \xleftarrow{\$} [q]$
 $(m_1, \dots, m_q) \xleftarrow{\$} A$
return (m_i, m_j)

Fix an arbitrary coin sequence on which A outputs a collision. If A' runs A on that coin sequence, then it has $\frac{1}{q^2}$ probability of producing a collision. Thus

says Joseph $\leftarrow \text{Adv}(A) \leq 2q^2 \text{Adv}(A')$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[A \text{ outputs collision} \wedge A' \text{ is right for } i, j] \\ &= \Pr[A \text{ outputs collision}] \cdot \Pr[A' \text{ is right}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{F} = H \circ F$$

Construction

$$H : K_H \times D \rightarrow R \quad \leftarrow \text{CUHF}$$

$$F : K_F \times R \rightarrow R' \quad \leftarrow \text{PRF}$$

$$\text{Define } \tilde{F} : (K_H \times K_F) \times D \rightarrow R'$$

$$\tilde{F}_{K_H, K_F}(x) = F_{K_F}(H_{K_H}(x))$$

$\leftarrow \text{PRF}$

This is the

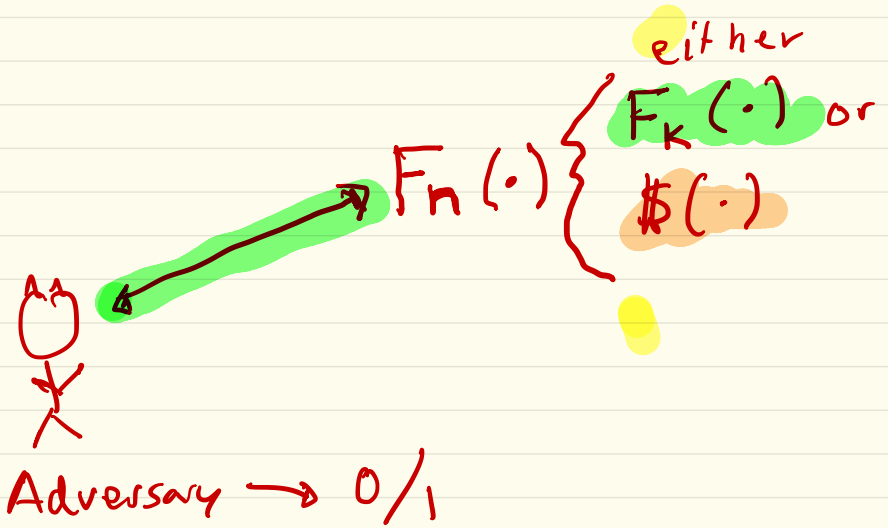
CUHF-then-PRF construction

Note: Compared to
hash-then-MAC, we

- * weaken assumption on H
- * strengthen assumption on F .
- * The conclusion is stronger

Theorem. If H is CUHF and
 F is a PRF then
 $\tilde{F}$ is a PRF.

$$F : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$\text{Adv}(A) = \Pr[\text{REAL}_F^A \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[\text{RAND}_F^A \Rightarrow 1]$$

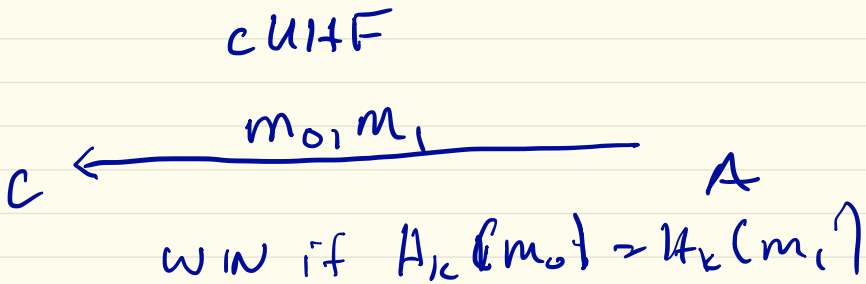
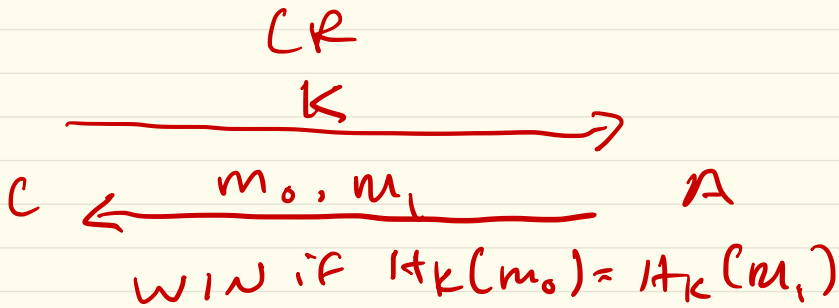
Computational universal
hash function

collision resistant

CUHF vs CR hash

Main difference:

CR adversary **LETS THE KEY**



CR much weaker!

practical CR hash fns are
unkeyed

Assume A makes distinct queries
proof of PRF(cU1F)

Let A be a PRF adversary
against $\tilde{F}$. Consider
a sequence of games played
by A :

G_0 : REAL game

$$K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_H \quad K_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_F$$

On i -th query m_i do:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\leftarrow H_{K_1}(m_i) \\ t_i &\leftarrow F_{K_2}(x_i) \\ \text{return } t_i \end{aligned}$$

G_1 :
 G_2

$$K_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{K}_H \quad t'_1, \dots, t'_q \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{R}'$$

On i -th query m_i do:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\leftarrow H_{K_1}(m_i) \\ t_i &\leftarrow t'_i \end{aligned}$$

If $x_i = x_j$ for some i, j

BAD $\leftarrow$ true $t_i \leftarrow t_j$
return t_i

G_2 is RAND game

Claim.

$$\Pr[G_0^A \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_1^A \Rightarrow 1] \leq \text{Adv}_F^{\text{prf}}(B_F)$$

actually equality (Joseph)

for some PRF adversary B_F .

proof.

Adversary B_F

$$K_i \xleftarrow{F} \mathcal{K}_H$$

Run A

When A makes query m_i :

$$x_i \leftarrow H_{K_i}(m_i)$$

$$y \leftarrow F_n(x_i)$$

ret y

Until A outputs b

Ret b

Claim.

$$\Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_2 \Rightarrow 1]$$

$$\leq \Pr[G, \text{sets BAD}]$$

proof: Fundamental Lemma

Claim. $\Pr[G, \text{sets BAD}]$

$$\leq \text{Adv}_H^{\text{mult}}(B_H)$$

for some BH multF adversary.

want to construct B_H
 that breaks multi-query
 CUF w.p. at least probability
 BAD is set.

Adversary B_H

Run A

On query m_i
 $t_i \leftarrow R$ [could also sample w.p. front?]
 ret t_i

until A outputs b
 return $(m_1, \dots, m_q)$

Observation: B_H simulates G, for
 A up to the point BAD would be
 set.

Observation: When BAD would
 be set, B_H wins the McUF
 game. game.

$Adv(A) =$

Hence, $P_1[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] - P_1[G_1 \Rightarrow 1]$
 $= \leq Adv(B_F) + Adv(B_H)$
 (telescoping sum)

GGM PRF

$$00 \rightarrow 1011$$
$$G_0(00) = 10$$

Given: length doubling PRG

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

PRG
Security
property

$$G(R) \approx_S$$

R uniform over $\{0, 1\}^n$

S uniform over $\{0, 1\}^{2n}$

Want: PRF

$$G^*: \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^l \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$$

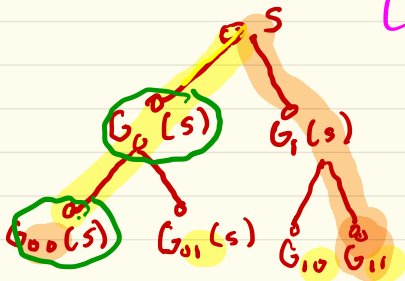
Algorithm $G^*(s, (a_1, \dots, a_l))$:

$t \leftarrow s$

For $i = 1$ to l do:

$t \leftarrow G_{a_i}(t)$

ret t



Can view GGM
PRF as a
walk down
a tree.

Theorem. GGM is a secure PRF.

Think of the real and random games.

We want to create a sequence of hybrids that move us from the real game to random game.

hybrids: Change level i of the tree to random labels.

Hybrid j :

$f \leftarrow \text{Func}[\{0,1\}^{\leq \ell} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n]$

On query $x = (a_1, \dots, a_\ell)$

$u \leftarrow (a_1, \dots, a_j)$

$v \leftarrow (a_{j+1}, \dots, a_\ell)$

$y \leftarrow G^*(f(u), v)$

ret y

$$P_j = P_v[\text{hybrid } j \Rightarrow 1]$$

We will show a PRG adversary A_G st.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}(A_G) &\geq \frac{1}{\ell} |P_\ell - P_0| \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell} \text{Adv}(A_{G^*}) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

Key for PRF = seed for PRG

In particular we will show that

$$\text{Adv}(A_G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^L p_j - \sum_{j=1}^L p_{j-1} = p_L - p_0$$

Adversary $A_G(\vec{r} = (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{L-1}, r_L))$

$w \leftarrow^* [L]$

$\text{Map} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$

$\text{ctr} \leftarrow 0$

On query $x = (a_1, \dots, a_L)$:

$u \leftarrow (a_1, \dots, a_{w-1})$

$d \leftarrow a_w$

$v \leftarrow (a_{w+1}, \dots, a_L)$

If $u \notin \text{Domain}(\text{Map})$

then

$\text{ctr} \leftarrow \text{ctr} + 1$

$\text{Map}[u] \leftarrow \text{ctr}$

$p \leftarrow \text{Map}[u]$

$y \leftarrow G^*(r_p, v)$

return y

Run A_G^*

$W_b := \text{" } A_G \text{ outputs b"}$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}(A_G) &= P_r[W_1] - P_r[W_0] \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_j P_r[W_1 | w=j] \\ &\quad - \sum_j P_r[W_0 | w=j] \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell} \sum P_j - \sum P_{j-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell} (P_\ell - P_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell} \text{Adv}(A_{G^*}) \end{aligned}$$

A_{G^*} is the assumed
adversary against the
PRF