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## Problem 1

(20 points) Let F be a strong pseudorandom permutation, and define the following fixed-length encryption scheme: On input a message $m \in\{0,1\}^{n / 2}$ and key $k \in\{0,1\}^{n}$, algorithm Enc chooses a uniform $r \in\{0,1\}^{n / 2}$ and outputs the ciphertext $c:=\mathrm{F}_{k}(m \| r)$. Prove that this scheme is CCA-secure.

Solution We prove the security by contradiction. Assume an adversary $\mathcal{A}$ with nonnegligible advantage in CCA-security game. We construct a distinguisher $\mathcal{D}$ to attack F with non-negligible advantage. On any encryption query from $\mathcal{A}$ (like $m$ ), the algorithm $\mathcal{D}$ generates a random number $r$, queries F on $m \| r$ and gives the answer to A . On any decryption queries from $\mathcal{A}$ like $c, \mathcal{D}$ queries $\mathrm{F}^{-1}$ on $c$ and gives the first half of the output back to $\mathcal{A}$. At the end, on input $m_{0}, m_{1}$ from $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{D}$ chooses a random bit $b$ and returns $\mathrm{F}_{k}\left(m_{b}| | r\right)$ to $\mathcal{A}$. If $\mathcal{A}$ can not guess $b$ correctly, then $\mathcal{D}$ guesses random permutation, otherwise it guesses $\mathrm{F}_{k}$.
It's clear that the following probabilities are equal:

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\operatorname{Pr}\left[\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{F}_{k}(\cdot), \mathrm{F}_{k}^{-1}(\cdot)}\left(1^{n}\right)=1\right]=\operatorname{Pr}\left[\operatorname{PrivK} \mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{CCA}}=1\right]
$$

so we have:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{Adv}(\mathcal{D})=\operatorname{Pr}\left[\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{F}_{k}(\cdot), \mathrm{F}_{k}^{-1}(\cdot)}\left(1^{n}\right)=1\right]-\operatorname{Pr}\left[\mathcal{D}^{f(\cdot), f^{-1}(.)}\left(1^{n}\right)=1\right] \\
=\operatorname{Pr}\left[\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{F}_{k}(\cdot), \mathrm{F}_{k}^{-1}(\cdot)}\left(1^{n}\right)=1\right]-\frac{1}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

so $\mathcal{D}$ has non-negligible advantage which contradicts the assumption about F being a pseudorandom permutation. Therefore, our scheme is CCA-secure.

## Problem 2

(20 Points) Let F be a pseudorandom function. In each of the following cases, prove or disprove the security of the given MAC. (In each case Gen outputs a uniform $k \in\{0,1\}^{n}$. Let $\langle i\rangle$ denote an $n / 2$-bit encoding of the integer $i$.)
(a) To authenticate a message $m=m_{1}, \ldots, m_{l}$, where $m_{i} \in\{0,1\}^{n / 2}$, compute $t:=\mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle 1\rangle \| m_{1}\right) \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle l\rangle \| m_{l}\right)$.

Solution This scheme is not secure. We construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}$ for the MAC. On input $1^{n}, \mathcal{A}$ queries $m_{0}=0^{n}, m_{1}=0^{n / 2} 1^{n / 2}$ and $m_{2}=1^{n}$. We denote the tags as $t_{0}, t_{1}$ and $t_{2}$. Now it holds that

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\begin{gathered}
t_{0} \oplus t_{1} \oplus t_{2}= \\
\left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 1 \rangle \| 0 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 2 \rangle \| 0 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 1 \rangle \| 0 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 2 \rangle \| 1 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 1 \rangle \| 1 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\left(\mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle 2\rangle \| 1^{n / 2}\right)\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.\right. \\
=\left(\mathrm { F } _ { k } ( \langle 1 \rangle \| 1 ^ { n / 2 } ) \oplus \left(\left(\mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle 2\rangle \| 0^{n / 2}\right)=\mathrm{MAC}_{k}\left(1^{n / 2} 0^{n / 2}\right)\right.\right.\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{A}$ outputs $\left(1^{n / 2} 0^{n / 2}, t_{0} \oplus t_{1} \oplus t_{2}\right)$ and wins with probability 1.
(b) To authenticate a message $m=m_{1}, \ldots, m_{l}$, where $m_{i} \in\{0,1\}^{n / 2}$, choose uniform $r \leftarrow\{0,1\}^{n}$, compute $t:=\mathrm{F}_{k}(r) \oplus \mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle 1\rangle \| m_{1}\right) \oplus \ldots \oplus \mathrm{F}_{k}\left(\langle l\rangle \| m_{l}\right)$, and let the tag be the pair of $\langle r, t\rangle$.

Solution This schemes in not secure. We construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}$ for the MAC.
Let $m \in\{0,1\}^{n / 2}$ be an arbitrary message. Then $\mathcal{A}$ outputs $\left(m,\left(\langle 1\rangle \| m, 0^{n}\right)\right)$. This is a valid message-tag pair as MAC could choose $r=\langle 1\rangle \| m$ and output
$t=\left(r, \mathrm{~F}_{k}(r) \oplus \mathrm{F}_{k}(\langle 1\rangle \| m)\right)=\left(r, 0^{n}\right)$
Consequently, $\mathcal{A}$ wins with probability 1.

## Problem 3

(15 points) Show that the CBC mode of encryption does not yield CCA-secure encryption.
Solution We construct an adversary $\mathcal{A}$ with non-negligible advantage in attacking the system. The adversary queries the challenger on $m_{0}=0^{2 n}, m_{1}=1^{2 n}$ and recieves $\left(c_{0}, c_{1}, c_{2}\right)$ which is the encryption of $m_{b}$. Then, $\mathcal{A}$ queries the decryption oracle on $\left(c_{0}, c_{1}, c_{3}\right)$ such that $c_{3} \neq c_{2}$ to get the plaintext $\left(m_{0}^{\prime}, m_{1}^{\prime}\right)$. We can easily see that:

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m_{0}^{\prime}=\mathrm{E}_{k}^{-1}\left(c_{1}\right) \oplus c_{0}
$$

So $\mathcal{A}$ outputs $b^{\prime}=1$ if $m_{0}^{\prime}=1^{n}$ and otherwise $b^{\prime}=0$ and wins the game with probability 1.

## Problem 4 (Optional)

(20 points) Let $(S, V)$ be a secure MAC defined over $(K, M, T)$ where $T=\{0,1\}^{n}$. Define a new MAC ( $S_{2}, V_{2}$ ) as follows:
$S_{2}(k, m)$ is the same as $S(k, m)$, except that the last eight bits of theoutput tag $t$ are truncated. That is, $S_{2}$ outputs tags in $\{0,1\}^{n-8}$. Algorithm $V_{2}\left(k, m, t^{\prime}\right)$ accepts if there is some $b \in\{0,1\}^{8}$ for which $V\left(k, m, t^{\prime}| | b\right)$ accepts. Is $\left(S_{2}, V_{2}\right)$ a secure MAC? Give an attack or argue security.

Solution Let $\Pi$ denote the system $(S, V)$ and $\Pi^{\prime}$ denote $\left(S_{2}, V_{2}\right)$. We prove the security of $\Pi^{\prime}$ by contradiction.
Let $\mathcal{A}^{\prime}$ be an adversary for $\Pi^{\prime}$ with a non-negligible advantage. We construct an adversay $\mathcal{A}$ for $\Pi$. On each query from $\mathcal{A}^{\prime}$, the adversary $\mathcal{A}$ queries its challenger on the same text and returns the output except the last 8 bits of it to $\mathcal{A}^{\prime}$. Then, when $\mathcal{A}^{\prime}$ outputs the $(m, t)$ pair, $\mathcal{A}$ generates 8 random bits and concat them to the end of the output tag to obtain $t^{\prime}$. At the end, $\mathcal{A}$ outputs $\left(m, t^{\prime}\right)$. considering that the probability of the random 8 bits to be exactly as the same as the last 8 bits of the correct tag is $\frac{1}{2^{8}}$, we have:

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\left.\left.\operatorname{Adv}(\mathcal{A})=\operatorname{Pr}\left[\operatorname{MacForge}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}=1\right)\right]=\frac{1}{2^{8}} \operatorname{Pr}\left[\operatorname{MacForge}_{\mathcal{A}^{\prime}, \Pi^{\prime}}=1\right)\right]=\frac{1}{2^{8}} \operatorname{Adv}\left(\mathcal{A}^{\prime}\right)
$$

which is non-negligible and contradicts our assumption on the security of $\Pi$. Therefore, $\Pi^{\prime}$ is also a secure scheme.

