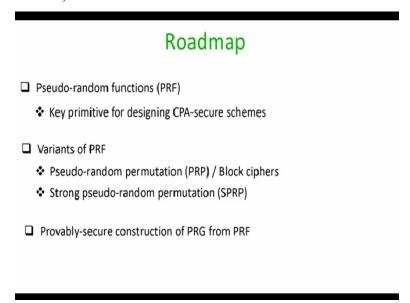
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# Lecture-14 Pseudo Random Functions PRFs

Hello everyone, welcome to lecture 13.

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The plan for this lecture is as follows. We will introduce a very important building block for the symmetric key cryptography namely pseudo random function. And later we will see that how the pseudo random function acts as a fundamental building blocks for designing many beautiful symmetric key primitives. We will also discuss variants of pseudo random function namely pseudo random permutation and strong pseudo random permutation. And we will see how to construct pseudo random generators from pseudo random function.

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# Pseudo-random Functions (PRF) A deterministic algorithm with two inputs and a single output: $\frac{k \in_R \{0,1\}^n}{(\text{Key})}$ $\underline{x \in \{0,1\}^\ell}{(\text{Block})}$ Usage: A random key is generated and fixed at the beginning of the session. The algorithm is then called with different blocks (under the same key) to obtain the outputs $\mathbf{F}_k: \{0,1\}^\ell \Rightarrow \{0,1\}^L: \text{denotes the single input keyed function } F(k, \cdot)$ Usecurity property (informal): If k is unknown, then the output of $F_k$ should almost resemble the output of any truly random function from $\{0,1\}^\ell$ to $\{0,1\}^L$

So let us start our discussion on pseudo random function. On a very high level, a pseudo random function is a deterministic algorithm with 2 inputs and a single output. So the first input for the function F is actually a key, which is going to be uniformly random. And we will assume that the key sizes little 1 and very little 1 is some security parameter. So that is why we often call the function F as a keyed function because it is going to be operated by a key and a second input for the function F is actually an input x, which we also call us the block.

And the size of this block is going to be little 1 bits. And output of the function is F denoted as y which is basically the function F on the input k and the input x and it is going to be a big L bits. So in practice the size of n, 1 and big L can all very and later on we will see various instantiations of pseudo random function we are indeed n, 1, and little 1 and big L are different, but asymptotically everything has to be some polynomial function of your security parameter.

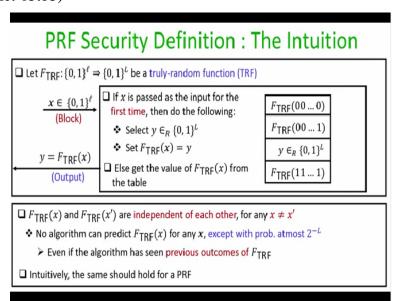
Now, how we are going to use this pseudo random function. So, whenever we are designing any cryptographic primitives, the way we use this pseudo random function is as follows at the beginning of the instantiations of the cryptographic primitive, which uses this function F, either the sender or the receiver is going to use a generate a uniformly random key. And somehow it will be established with the receiving party as well.

And it would not be known to the attacker. And once the key has been fixed, we are not going to change the key throughout that session or throughout that instantiation the key will remain the same. Now, once we fixed the key, right, you can imagine that the function F is now behaving as a single input function, namely taking little l bit blocks and producing big L bit output. So, we do not that single input from as the keyed function F k okay, where k is going to be fixed and it would not be known to that.

That is the way we are going to use a pseudo random function. Now, what exactly is the security property we require from the pseudo random function. And informally we required the following. If the K is unknown, and uniformly randomly chosen from the domain of the from the key space, then we basically require that the behavior or the output of the key function of F k should almost resemble the output of any truly random function mapping little l bit strings to big L bit strings.

So, remember, a truly random function is an unkeyed function. So, what basically want is that keyed function F k, once the key has been randomly chosen, its behavior should almost resemble the behavior of a pseudo random function.

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So, let us go a little bit deeper into what exactly I mean by the formal statement. So imagine you have a truly random function which is an unkeyed function, it does not have any key, it just takes

an input of size little 1 bits and it produces an output of size big L bits. So it is easy to imagine the behavior of a truly random function as follows. So what does truly random function basically takes is an input of size x, and it produces an output of size big L bits.

And you can imagine that basically, this truly random function maintains a table consisting of 2 to the power little I rows right. Where basically the first row stores the value of the function at all 0s. The second row stores the value of the function at input all 0s and 1 and the last row stores the value of the function at the input all 1s. So whenever this truly random function receives an input x, what basically does is it internally checks whether there is already an entry for the value of this truly random function at the input x.

If it is not there, then fill that row, namely F of x by a uniformly random bit string of length big L bits and denoted as y, and for the future invocations of this truly random function said that y to be the output of this truly random function on the input x. On the other hand, if the value x which has been passed, you have already have an entry corresponding to that an key x in this table than just pass on the value which is stored in that corresponding row as the output y.

So that is the way you can imagine the behavior of a truly random function. The important thing here is that since this function is a truly random function, each row here is an independent string of length big L bits. That means if you consider the entry or the value of the truly random function at input x and input x dash where x and x dash are different than the corresponding y outputs are independent of each other.

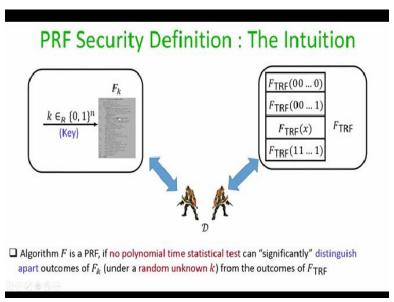
That means, if there exist an algorithm, which has been not yet seen the value of the truly random function on some input x, it cannot predict what exactly the value of the function is going to be for that input x, except for guessing the output, and the guessing will be successful with probability 1 over 2 to the power. Apart from that, there is no way to predict outcome of the truly random function on some an input x.

And this holds even if that algorithm which is actually trying to predict outcome of this truly random function on the input x has already seen the output of this truly random function on

several previous x values, which might be related to this new x values. But this is because each row in the table of this truly random function is independent of each other. The security property that we require from a pseudo random function is that wants to fix the key by selecting the key uniformly randomly.

And once you fix the key, then that keyed function should also have the similar properties except with a negligible probability.

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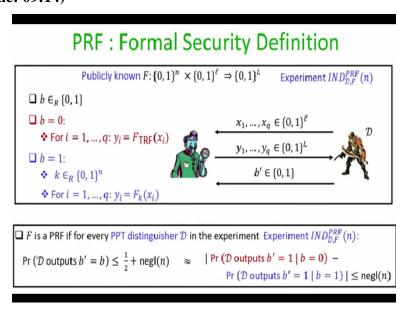
So, what exactly that means is that on your left hand side you have a keyed function F k, where the description of the function F is publicly known, I stress the description of the function is publicly known, what is not known is basically the value of the key and on the right hand side, you have a truly random function which basically consists of 2 to the power little I rows each entry consisting of a uniformly random string of length big L bits.

And when I say that my function F is a pseudo random function, what basically I mean is that they are exist no polynomial time statistical test or statistical algorithm, right, which can significantly distinguish apart an output of the algorithm F k from the output of this truly random function, right. That means, if our distinguisher or the statistical test is basically given outputs of either the function F k or the output of the random function on several inputs of adversaries or distinguisher choice.

From the viewpoint of the distinguisher, those output could be as likely to come from the function F k, as it is likely to come from this truly random function. Now, before we go further, this condition is similar to the way we have actually defined the notion of pseudo random generator. So, remember in the pseudo random generator that security is defined by saying that there exist no statistical test, which when given a sample cannot distinguish apart whether that sample is generated by running a pseudo random generator, or by running a truly random generator.

In that experiment, that distinguisher was given only one sample because our pseudo random generator is a single input function. For each invocation of the pseudo random generator, the sample is going to be different, because the key for the pseudo random generator is going to be different. But in the context of pseudo random function, the way we are going to use a pseudo random function in via the application is that the key will be fixed once for all at the beginning of the session. And then the x inputs are going to be varied. And each invocation of the function will be with the same key.

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So what we are now going to do is that in our formal definition, basically the adversary is going to be given many samples, and he has to distinguish apart whether those samples are generated by running a keyed function F k, or by running a truly random function. So let us see what

exactly are the formal details. So you are given the description of a publicly known function, and the experiment we call as indistinguishability experiment against a PRF with respect to a distinguisher algorithm against the function F and little l is the security parameter.

The rules of the games are as follows. The distinguisher is allowed to ask for the function output at many x inputs of his choice, and it can ask its queries adaptively that means it can first ask for the function output input x 1 and then based on the response, it can decide what should be x 2. And then based on the response, it can decide what should be x 3, and so on. So we put absolutely no restriction on what kind of queries distinguisher is asking.

Now, once the distinguisher submits its queries, the challenger here has to come up with the response, namely, the output of the functions at those inputs. And the way the challenger would have prepared those response is as follows. Basically, the challenger is going to toss a uniformly random coin, which is either going to output 0 or 1 with probability 1 by 2. If the coin toss is 0, then all these responses y 1 to y q are basically generated by running a truly random function on those x inputs.

In a more detail all this y strings are basically independent of each other and each of them is basically a uniformly random bit string of length big L bits. On the other hand, if the coin toss of the challenger is 1, then this y outputs are basically the output of a keyed function F k, where the key is chosen uniformly randomly by the challenger. And now the challenge for the distinguisher is to find out how exactly this responses y 1 to y 1 are generated.

Whether they are generated by mechanism 0 or whether they are generated by mechanism. That is a challenge for our distinguisher right. So, distinguisher in this case outputs are b dash which is going to be a bit which basically says whether it feels that a samples y 1 to y q are generated by mechanisms 0 or by mechanism 1. And our security definition is we say that the function F is a pseudo random function.

If for every probabilistic polynomial time algorithm D participating in this experiment, there exist a negligible function such as that the probability the distinguisher correctly identifies the

label or the nature of the samples y 1 to y q is upper bounded by half plus negligible right. Again, the probability is taken here over the random choice of the challenger and the random queries of the distinguisher.

Another equivalent formulation of the same definition is that we say that the function F is a PRF. If the distinguishing advantage of our distinguisher is upper bounded by a negligible function, that means it does not matter whether b = 0 or whether b = 1 that means it does not matter whether the y samples are generated by a truly random functions or whether they are generated by a pseudo random function.

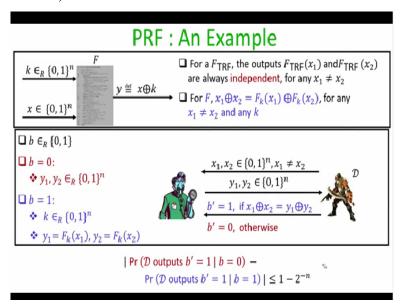
In both the cases distinguisher should output the same output, say b dash = to 1 except with negligible probability. And again, we can prove that if we have a pseudo random function which satisfies the first condition, then it applies it is also satisfies the second condition and vice versa. So depending upon our convenience, we can use either of these 2 definitions. So that is the definition of a pseudo random function.

And basically the intuition in this experiment is that we are giving our distinguisher an oracle access to the function where the function is either a truly random function or a keyed function. And basically distinguisher has to distinguish apart whether it is or interacting with a truly random function oracle or whether it is interacting with a keyed function oracle. And security definition demands that except with negligible probability, it should not be able to distinguish.

Notice that here, we are required to upper bound the success probability of the adversary by half plus negligible we cannot put a definition saying that a success probability of the distinguisher should be 0 because there is always that distinguisher who can just guess that it is interacting with say either TRF or PRF and with probability half it can actually correctly identify or the probability half is guests could be actually correct.

So, we can never put a condition that the success probability of the distinguisher should be 0. The additional negligible advantage is basically due to the necessary I will associated with the fact that we are in the computational world.

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So, now let us see, whether it is easy or whether it is how easy or how difficult it is to construct a pseudo random function. So, imagine I design a function F as follows and for simplicity, I assume that the key length and block length and output length are of same size namely say in bit strengths and the way the output of the function is defined is basically to perform XOR of the key and the block. That is the way output is computed.

And our goal is to either prove or disprove whether this function is a pseudo random function. In fact we want to disprove this construction is not a PRF. And for that, we basically want to argue whether indeed, the outputs of this function F is going to produce pseudo random outputs once we fix the key. And if you go a little bit deeper into the algorithm, you can clearly see the following fact.

If we have a truly random function mapping n bits strings to n bit strings than the output of the truly random function on 2 different inputs x 1 and x 2 will be completely independent of each other. On the other hand, for the function of that we are considering, it does not matter what key you use, it could be any random key of size little 1 bit, once you fix the key k, then the behavior of the function k as follows for any input k 1 and k 2 which are different.

Their outputs y 1 and y 2 will be related by the fact that XOR of the outputs y 1 and y 2 is exactly the same as XOR of x 1 and x 2. That means you now have a test which will always pass or which will always hold for the samples which are generated by the function F k. And you have a test, the same test may not always be applicable for the samples for PR generated by a truly random function.

So, this basically gives us an infusion to design a distinguisher which can distinguish apart the outcome of this function F from the outcome of a truly random function. So, here is the instance of the distinguisher. It basically asks for the value of the function at input x 1, x 2 which are different and in response, the challenger replies with outputs y 1 and y 2 and the way it is y 1 and y 2 would have been generated as per the PRF indistinguishability game is as follows.

The challenger would have basically tossed a coin if the coin toss is 0 then y 1 and y 2 are random in bit strings, whereas if the coin toss is 1 then y 1 and y to the outcomes of the keyed function F k for the uniformly random key known only to the challenger. And now distinguisher can act smart and can act smartly and basically distinguish apart whether y 1 and y 2 are generated by a truly random function or a pseudo random function by just performing this test.

It checks whether x 1 and x 2 their XOR is the same as the XOR of y 1 and y 2. If that is the case, then it says that, k, the samples y 1 and y 2 are generated by the mechanism b = 1, namely, it submits b dash = 1. Whereas if the test fails, and it says, k the samples y 1 and y 2 are generated by mechanism 0, namely b dash = 0, right. Now, let us analyze what is the distinguishing advantage of this particular distinguish.

So let us first analyze what is the probability that our distinguisher is correctly labeling the samples y 1 and y 2 generated by a pseudo random function indeed being the samples of a pseudo random function namely the probability D outputs b dash = 1 given b = 1 and I claim that this probability is equal to 1. Because if indeed b = 1, that is a case, the samples y 1 and y 2 are as per the outputs of a pseudo random function.

And in that case, this condition, the check that the adversary or the distinguisher is performing

will always pass right. That is why the probability 1, if b little b = 1, the strategy of the

distinguisher will indeed output b dash = 1. On the other hand, let us calculate the second

probability that what is the probability that our distinguisher incorrectly labels truly random

samples y 1 and y 2 being the samples of a pseudo random function.

Well, if little b = 0, that means our samples y 1 and y 2 are independent of each other. Then the

only case the only way the distinguisher can still output b dash = 1 is that for you uniformly

random y 1 and y 2 this condition holds or in other words, the probability that distinguisher

output b dash = 1 given b = 0 is same as for a uniformly random y 1 and y 2 this condition hold.

And this can hold only with probability 1 over 2 power m.

So that gives us the distinguishing advantage of the distinguisher that we have designed. And if

you take the absolute difference, it is almost equal to 1 that makes with almost 100% probability.

If n becomes larger than this 1-2 power of -n almost becomes 1. So that is why with almost

100% probability of a distinguisher can distinguish apart the outcome of key function F from the

output of a truly random function.

And that is why this function F is not the pseudo random function right. So that means designing

pseudo random function is indeed a challenging task. We will see the candidate constructions

later on.

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# Pseudo-random Permutation (PRP) /Block Ciphers

- ☐ Security property (informal):
  - If k is unknown, then the output of F<sub>k</sub> should almost resemble the output of any truly random permutation from {0, 1}<sup>L</sup> to {0, 1}<sup>L</sup>
  - Modeled as an indistinguishability game

Now let us just define some other variants of pseudo random functions with more stronger properties and security guarantees. So the first variant is called as the pseudo random permutation, which is also known as block cipher. And here again we have a keyed function F. The only difference here is that the keyed function F k should be now a bijection, namely, the size of the block and the size of the output should be same big L bits. That is the only difference.

And informally, the security property that we required here is that we required that once we fix the key by selecting a uniformly random key, and the key is not known to the attacker or a distinguisher then no polynomial time distinguisher can distinguish apart the output the behavior or the nature of this key function F k from a truly random bijection mapping big L bit strings to big L bit strings, which again can be modeled as a as an indistinguishability experiment.

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## PRP: Formal Security Definition

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Publicly known F: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^L \Rightarrow \{0,1\}^L Experiment IND_{D,F}^{PRP}(n)

b \in_R \{0,1\}
b = 0: let F_{TRP}: \{0,1\}^L \Rightarrow \{0,1\}^L be a TRP

for i = 1, ..., q: y_i = F_{TRP}(x_i)

for i = 1, ..., q: y_i = F_k(x_i)

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□ F is a PRP if for every PPT distinguisher \mathcal{D} in the experiment Experiment IND_{D,F}^{PRP}(n):

Pr (\mathcal{D} \text{ outputs } b' = b) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{negl}(n) \approx |\operatorname{Pr}(\mathcal{D} \text{ outputs } b' = 1 \mid b = 0) - \operatorname{Pr}(\mathcal{D} \text{ outputs } b' = 1 \mid b = 1) \mid \leq \operatorname{negl}(n)
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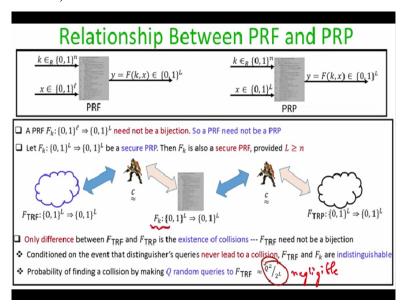
So this is indistinguishability experiment we call us the PRP indistinguishability experiment and we have a bijection here keyed bijection. And basically we want to capture the intuition that no distinguisher should be able to distinguish apart the behavior of this keyed bijection from an unkeyed truly random bijection. So the rules of the experiments are as follows distinguisher queries for several x inputs of its choice.

And in response the challenger gives packs the answer, where the answers are prepared by pulling either of the following rules, it tosses a coin it to be called coin is 0, then all these samples y 1 to y q are basically generated by running a truly random permutation. Whereas if the coin toss is 1 that all these samples are generated by running the keyed function F on a uniformly random key not known to the distinguish.

And the challenge for the distinguisher is to find out what exactly is the way this the samples are generated. That means attached to output a bit and our security definition is that we say that keyed bijection F is a PRP, if the probability that n polynomial time distinguisher can correctly identify the nature of the sample is upper bounded by half plus negligible or equivalently saying that the distinguishing advantage of our distinguisher should be upper bounded by a negligible function.

So, in essence everything is same as for the case of pseudo random function, the only difference is that we are now basically our PRP in the case of PRP the function is now bijection.

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So, it is interesting to see the relationship between these 2 primitives pseudo random function and pseudo random permutation. So, on your left hand side part you have a pseudo random function. The difference here it is it is a function, that means the input length, the block length and output length could be different. Whereas in the case of pseudo random permutation, it is a bijection. That means, in the case of pseudo random functions, it could be a many to one function.

Whereas in the case of pseudo random permutation, it is a one to one mapping right. So since our PRF may not be a bijection, it is easy to see that a PRF may not be a PRP right, what about the other way around. Interestingly, we can prove that if the output size big L is greater than equal to little l, or in more generic terms, if the output size is some polynomial function of the security parameter n then we can view a pseudo random permutation as a pseudo random function. And the intuition for this statement is as follows.

Since we know that our we imagine we are given a keyed permutation right, so this is a F k is a keyed bijection. And since it is a secure PRP that means no polynomial time distinguisher can distinguish apart and interaction with this keyed function F k from a truly random unkeyed

bijection right That sense both this primitives F k and F TRP are computationally indistinguishable.

Now, if we compare a truly random function mapping big L bit strings to big L bit string, how exactly it is going to be different from a truly random permutation, well, the only difference between a truly random function from a unkeyed truly random function and an unkeyed truly random permutation is that a function in not be a bijection that means there are chances of collisions that means it could be a many to one function where several x inputs could give you the same y output.

Whereas in the case of truly random permutation, there are no chances of collisions. So the only way any distinguisher can distinguish apart unkeyed truly random function from this keyed bijection F k is the following. If it so happens that our distinguisher is interacting with unkeyed truly random function and if so happens that some of its queries gives you the same output and it can clearly identify that it interacting with a unkeyed truly random function.

Because if it is interacting with this keyed bijection, F k the collisions are not going to happen, that means we can say that conditioned on the event that our distinguisher queries are never going to lead to a collision, then the interaction of our distinguisher with F k and F TRP F TRF is almost the same as if the distinguisher is interacting with F k versus F truly random permutation and since our function F k is a keyed permutation.

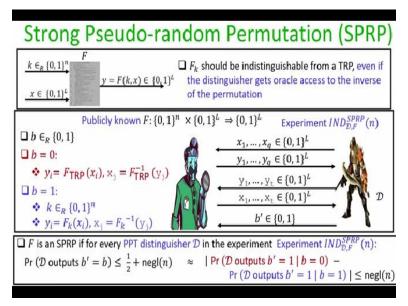
We know that that interaction is computationally indistinguishable. So condition on the event at our distinguisher is not getting collisions from his queries, the interaction of our distinguisher with the unkeyed truly random function and keyed bijection F k are almost going to be identical. Now the question is what is the probability of the distinguisher getting a collision by making q random queries through the unkeyed truly random function.

If it is making q random queries then using a well known result, which we call as the birthday paradox pound, which we will discuss more rigorously in the context of hash function, we can prove that the chances of getting a collision can be upper bounded by the probability q square by

2 power L. And that is why if your big L is some function polynomial function of the security parameter n.

And then clearly, this is a negligible quantity. That means the chances of collisions being happening is negligible. And that is why we can say, or we can treat the keyed bijection F k, also as a pseudo random function. So that is the relationship between pseudo random functions and pseudo random permutations.

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Now let us see the final variant of pseudo random functions which we call a strong pseudo random permutations or SPRP, which is a special kind of pseudo random permutation. And basically here we require that the keyed bijection F k should be indistinguishable from a truly random permutation, even in the distinguisher gets oracle access to the inverse of the permutation. What I mean by that is demonstrated in this experiment.

So, this indistinguishability experiment is called as the SPRP indistinguishability experiment. And here the distinguisher now gives access or response for 2 types of queries. It has got oracle access to the values of the permutations, and it also has oracle access to the inverse of the permutation. What I mean by that is it can adaptively asked for the value of the permutations at several x inputs of its choice and in response, it gets back to corresponding y outputs.

And it is also allowed to ask for the inverse of the permanent of several y values of its choice and

c is the corresponding x values. And the way the challenger would have responded is as follows

it would have tossed a uniformly random coin if the coin toss is 0, then all these queries are

responded by evaluating a truly random permutations. That means all these x values are

evaluated as per this truly random permutations.

And all this inverse queries are also answered by querying the inverse of that corresponding truly

random permutations. On the other hand, if the coin toss b = 1, then all these y values and all

these inverse values are computed by running the keyed function F k and inverse of that keyed

function F k. And the challenge for the distinguisher as usual is to identify whether it has

interacted with a oracle which represents a truly random permutation or whether it is interacted

with an keyed oracle.

And our security definition is we say that function F is a strong pseudo random permutation if

for no polynomial time distinguisher can correctly identify the nature of its oracle, except with

probability half plus negligible or put it in other words, that distinguishing advantage of our

distinguisher should be upper bounded by a negligible quantity. It turns out that, if we have a

strong pseudo random permutation, then by definition, it is also a pseudo random permutation.

And we can give constructions where the construction will be a pseudo random permutation.

That means, it will be secure only the adversary gets access to the oracle queries for the function

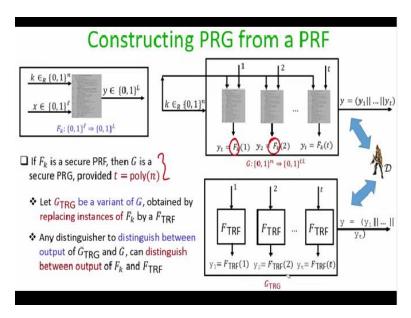
output, but it may not be a strong pseudo random permutation that means, as soon as we provide

the distinguisher access to the inverse oracle the adversary can distinguish apart. That means the

strong pseudo random permutation is a more stronger primitive than the pseudo random

permutations.

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Now, let me end this lecture with by giving an example of how to construct a pseudo random generator from a pseudo random function. So imagine you are given a secure PRF, which is a key function mapping little 1 bit strings to big L bit strings. Now, using this I can construct a pseudo random generator G, which takes the key of size or seed of size n bits and it produces an output of size t times big L bits.

And basically, the way this algorithm G operates is as follows it takes the seed k for the algorithm G and created as the K for the pseudo random function F. And the pseudo random function F is now evaluated at publicly known inputs 1 2 3 up to t. That means the block inputs that are used inside this algorithm G are publicly known they are 1 to up to t, it is only the key which is not going to be known to the distinguisher.

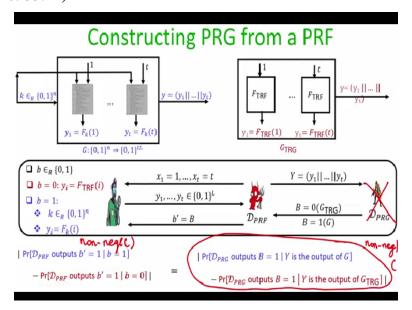
And each invocation of dysfunction F is with the same key, which is actually the input of our pseudo random generators. And the output of the pseudo random generator is basically the concatenation of the individual outputs which are obtaining by running the t instances of the keyed function F k, that is the way our pseudo random generator is going to be operated. Now we want to prove that if the function of F k the key function F k is a secure PRF as per our notion of indistinguishability.

Then the algorithm G which we have constructed is also a secure PRG. As per the PRG indistinguishability game provided the number of times we have invoked the pseudo random function F k, namely t is some polynomial function of the security parameter. And to prove that, let us first understand our intuition. We basically consider another version of the algorithm G, which I call us G TRG, where each instances of keyed function F k is replaced by an instance of a truly random function mapping little l bit string to big L bit string.

That means the only difference between the algorithm G TRG and the algorithm G that we are actually considering is the nature of the function that we are invoking inside the construction. In the case of G it is basically the keyed function F k. And inside the algorithm TGR G, it is a unkeyed truly random function. The intuition behind our claim that we want to prove here is the following.

If there exist a distinguisher, who can distinguish apart this kind of sample from this kind of sample, then we can prove through a reduction that using that distinguishes as a sub routine or as a black box, we can design another distinguisher who can distinguish apart the output of a truly random function FTRP from the output of the key function F k, which is a contradiction to our assumption that the function F k is keyed PR.

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So, let us formally establish the intuition that we are stating here. So, you have the 2 algorithms on your left hand side you have the PRG construction that we have constructed. And we want to basically prove that these 2 constructions are almost identical right on the right hand side part you have a corresponding truly random generator, which is actually generating t blocks each of size big L bits by running t independent invocations of pseudo random functions on input 1 to t.

Now imagine you have a PRG distinguisher right, who can distinguish apart y sample generated by the algorithm g from a y sample generated by G TRG. Now using that PRG distinguisher we are going to design another polynomial time PRF distinguisher and a PRF distinguisher works as follows, it basically invokes an instance of the PRF indistinguishability game.

So, this part of the experiment which I have highlighted is the PRF indistinguishability experiment, where basically the distinguisher asked for the oracle queries at inputs x = 1, x = 2 and x = 1. And in response, it gets t blocks each of size big L bits, we are asked for the PRF indistinguishability game, the y samples are generated as follows. If the coin toss of the challenger is 0, which can happen with probability 1 by 2, all these samples y 1 to y t are actually outcomes of a truly random function and unkeyed truly random function.

Whereas if b = 1, then the samples y 1 to y t basically are the outcomes of the keyed pseudo random function for an unknown key k, which is not known to the distinguisher. And the goal of this distinguisher is to find out whether the samples are as per the mechanism b = 0, or are they are as per mechanism b = 1. Now, before we go a little bit further, let us understand what exactly is happening in this PRF indistinguishability experiment.

If you see the way, our distinguisher for the PRFS queried this challenger and got the respond, it knows that if the samples y 1 to y t are as per the mechanism b = 0, then it knows that if it concatenates all this y block, then basically it corresponds to a sample generated by the algorithm G which we want to prove to be secure. On the other hand, if this blocks y 1 to y t are generated as the outcome of the keyed function F k.

Then the PRF distinguisher knows that the concatenated y 1 to y t are the same as if it generated by running an instance of the truly random generator TRG. And I will notice that our PRF distinguisher itself does not know what exactly is the nature of y 1 to y t, because that is what is goal is. But it knows the fact that if it concatenates the samples y 1 to y t then either it is going to get a sample that an algorithm G would have produced or the algorithm G TRG would have produced.

So that is a fact which you have we are now going to utilize. So the PRF distinguisher is now going to invoke our PRG distinguisher as a sub routine, and it challenges the PRG sub routine to identify what exactly is the nature of this big L sample y capital Y, right. So this big Y is basically the concatenation t samples which are thrown to the PRF distinguisher. And this PRG distinguisher is used as an article here as a subroutine here.

The PRF distinguisher cannot go inside the PRG distinguisher and find out how exactly the PRG distinguisher attacks, what the PRG distinguisher is going to output it is going to output a bit, which are denoted by big B, big B = 0 indicates that the PRG distinguisher is labeling the sample big Y to be generated as per the truly random generator. Whereas the output big B = 1 is interpreted as if the PRG generator is labeling the sample big Y to be generated by the algorithm.

Now based upon the response that our PRG generator has output, what the PRF distinguisher is going to do is it outputs the same output in the instance of the PRF experiment. So what exactly we have done here is this PRF distinguisher is playing a dual role. On the left hand side part is acting as a distinguisher in an instance of the PRF indistinguishability game, whereas on the right hand side part of the experiment, it is acting as a challenger.

And creating an instance of the PRG indistinguishability game. Now, let us analyze the success probability of our PRF distinguisher. I claim that the probability that our PRF distinguisher output b dash = 1 given b = 1 is same as the probability that our PRG distinguisher outputs big B = 1 given the big Y is the output of the algorithm G. This is because of the falling fact, if we are in the case where little b = 1, right.

That means the sample is y 1 to y t are actually the outputs of the keyed function F k, which further means that the sample, big Y which is the concatenation of this y samples are actually the output of the algorithm G. So with whatever probability the PRG distinguisher labels the sample y to be the outcome of G with the same probability of a PRF, distinguisher is going to output b dash = 1. That is the first case right.

On the other hand, I claim that the probability that PRF distinguisher outputs b dash = 1 given b = 0 is same as the probability that our PRG distinguisher outputs big B = 1 given that the big Y is the output of TRG. This is because of the fact that if little b = 0, that means the samples little y 1 to little y t are generated or they are the outcomes of a truly random function, then it implies that the bigger sample big Y is actually a sample generated by the truly random generator.

So with whatever probability our PRG distinguisher would have labeled a bigger sample y to be the outcome of the algorithm G with the same probability the PRF distinguisher is going to output big B=0. So that is the second factor. So, what we have established here, we have basically established that distinguishing advantage of our PRF distinguisher is exactly the same as the distinguishing advantage of our PRG distinguisher.

That means, if the distinguishing advantage of the PRG distinguisher is non negligible, if then the distinguishing advantage of our PRF distinguisher is also non negligible. But this is a contradiction to the fact that we are assuming that the function F k is a keyed secure permutation is a secure pseudo random function because when I say it is a secure pseudo random function, that means there exists no polynomial time distinguisher who can significantly distinguish apart that output of that keyed function from the outcome of a unkeyed truly random function.

That means the construction G that we have constructed is indeed a pseudo random generator. That means no such PRG distinguisher exist and that established a fact that the construction G is a pseudo random generator. So, that brings me to the end of this lecture. Let me summarize what we have discussed in this lecture we have discussed, we introduced the concept of pseudo random function, we saw the definition.

And we introduced various variants of pseudo random functions like pseudo random permutation, strong pseudo random permutation, and we had seen how to construct provably secure pseudo random generator from secure pseudo random function. Thank you.