

# Indistinguishability and Pseudorandomness

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## Pseudorandomness

Def. (Next-bit unpredictability)

$x \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,  $x \leftarrow D$  is next-bit unpredictable

if  $\forall$  nppt.  $M \exists$  negligible  $\epsilon(\cdot)$ , s.t.

$\forall i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $\Pr_{x \leftarrow D} [M(x_1, \dots, x_i, 1^n) \rightarrow x_{i+1}] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(n)$

*non-uniform*

Def. (Pseudorandom, Yao).

$x \leftarrow D$  is pseudorandom if  $\forall$  nppt. Adv.,  $\exists$  negligible  $\epsilon(\cdot)$ , s.t.

Also. def of  $\leftarrow$  Indistinguishability

PseudoRandomness =  $D \approx U_n$

$\left| \Pr [x \leftarrow D, \text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow \text{"random"}] - \Pr [x \leftarrow U_n, \text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow \text{"random"}] \right| < \epsilon(n)$

*some literals write "i" in place of "random"*

*Uniform from  $\{0,1\}^n$*

*- namely, hard to distinguish distribution from unif. given sampled strings.*

(Yao 82)

Theorem: Def Next bit Indistinguishability = Def. Pseudorandomness (Yao)

Def. (PR Generator) boost the randomness!

A poly-time computable function  $G_n: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$ .  $m > n$  is PRG

if  $s \leftarrow U(\{0,1\}^n)$ ,  $G(s) = x \sim D$  and

$D \approx_c U(\{0,1\}^m)$

*indistinguishable*

*c: short for computational.*

Claim: If  $G$  is a PRG, then  $G$  is a one-way function.

Proof  $2 \Rightarrow 1$  is easy. (Def of NBU is a specialization of Def 2<sup>nd</sup>)

1  $\Rightarrow$  2. By contradiction. Suppose  $\exists$  nppt Adv. and non-negligible function  $\delta(\cdot)$

s.t.  $\left| \Pr_{x \leftarrow D} [\text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow U_n} [\text{Adv}(1^n, u) \rightarrow 1] \right| > \delta(n)$

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$$U = H^0 \approx_c H^1 \approx_c \dots \approx_c H^n = D$$

by assumption.  $\exists i. H^i \not\approx_c H^{i+1}$  ( $\frac{\delta c n}{n}$  still non-negligible)

$$\bar{H}^i = \{x \in D, u \leftarrow U_n \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n\}$$

$$\text{Then, } H^i = \frac{H^{i+1} + \bar{H}^{i+1}}{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \Pr_{x \in H^{i+1}} [\text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow 1] + \frac{1}{2} \Pr_{x \in \bar{H}^{i+1}} [\text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow 1] - \Pr_{x \in H^{i+1}} [\text{Adv}(1^n, x) \rightarrow 1] \right| > \delta'(c, n)$$

Not Next-bit unpredictable by Def 1<sup>st</sup>.